

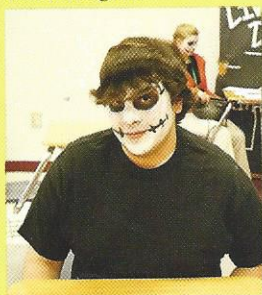
## Catch the Effect

Painted faces and silence for a few put a shadow over the rest. One person every thirty minutes is killed from a drunk driver. Drinking and driving is a serious issue with teenagers, and the Journalism Staff sponsored Ghost Out week initiative is organized to help bring awareness to the consequences of teen drinking and driving. Adam Smith, a junior in LEAPs said, "I think it's a very good event that makes people realize the seriousness of drinking and driving." During this week long initiative, students first lined up to sign the Prom Promise, saying they would not drink and drive or use drugs on prom night. On Tuesday, students were given the opportunity to complete a field sobriety test, under the direction of local law enforcement, while wearing "drunk goggles." Wednesday, junior and senior classes were invited to the Performing Arts Center to watch a touching presentation by local Mothers Against Drunk Driving. On the final day of Ghost Out, volunteer students were removed from their classrooms to be transformed into the living dead. These students served as a visual reminder of someone who lost their life because of drinking and driving.

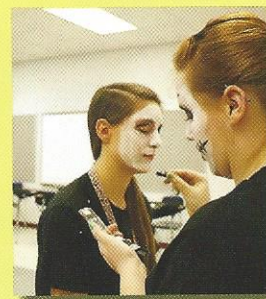


Junior Kirkland Bennett explained, "I think Ghost Out went well; the teacher in charge did a good job of presenting the facts and consequences of drinking and driving."

Senior Nathan Ezernack said, "people don't take Ghost Out as seriously as they should, maybe it will help to remember people that have gone."



Sophomore Courtney Padgett is prepped by journalism staff member, Shyann Donoho to "die."



"I promise not to drink and drive because I care about being safe and I want to remember this night!" Stephanie Beach pledged as she signs the Prom Promise.