

ONE WHEEL WORKS

What started as a new-found love for juggling freshman year turned into a mash-up of unicycling while juggling for one talented senior

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With one hand grasped on his mailbox, senior Michael Kuhl steadies his balance. He swings his leg over and mounts his unicycle. He begins a slow pedal down the street and starts tossing the clubs.

Red, blue, yellow.

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Above him, there are three brightly colored juggling clubs cutting through the air.

"He's definitely unique, that's for sure," Mike's brother Scott Kuhl, who introduced him to unicycling, said. "His ability to juggle and unicycle just goes to show how unique he is and how much fun he likes to have and just do things no one else really does."

Scott was introduced to unicycling through a friend involved in a cycling club during his senior year at North. This sparked Mike's interest in unicycling. He began learning to ride this past spring after receiving his unicycle from his parents last Christmas.

"I wanted one, and I didn't expect to get one really, and I was just so excited that I got it," Mike said. "I just thought it's such a cliché for a kid to get a bicycle for Christmas. I just thought it's so awesome that I'm 16 and getting a unicycle."

Unicycling alone is a challenge. Mike took it one step further: he threw juggling into the mix. He uses tennis balls and juggling clubs when he unicycles for

a special show of his talents.

"I was quite impressed and a little bit jealous my brother took something that I was decent at and became 10

times better at it," Scott said. "So, like any brother, it kind of makes me want to beat him at it now."

The longest distance that Mike has ever gone on his unicycle is from his house across the street from FHN to Henderson and back.

"I was very proud of him for keeping up with it and continuing to try," Brenda Kuhl, Mike's mother, said. "The time that he rode around Henderson I couldn't believe he went that far."

Mike tries to ride four times a week for 30-45 minutes around his neighborhood to practice and better his skills.

"If he's interested in something he tries it until he perfects it," Brenda said. "I guess that's what I like about him. He doesn't give up."

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Check this link for a video of Mike performing his unique talent.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: TAKING ACTION ABOUT ACCREDITATION

Crow writes another education bill with the help of a state representative

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Government teacher Chip Crow is now working on writing his second bill for the Missouri legislature with Representative Bryan Spencer.

"There's a lot of people outside of education who try to write bills and they're completely unrealistic; whereas, I'm a teacher, I at least understand how the system works and what's realistic," Crow said.

His first bill, also written with Spencer last summer, was called Teacher Merit Pay, which means the more a teacher educates and involves him or herself with the school system,

the more the teacher should get paid. They're working on trying to find a way to use merit pay and create a system on implementing it in schools. The bill has not been filed or voted on yet, but it will be ready for session in January.

The bill that they're currently writing deals with how to fix the accreditation problem and under performing schools in Missouri. Right now, they're in the brainstorming stages. Spencer is touring the state, as part of the House Educational Committee Tour, listening to ideas from people on different levels of education. Once they figure out something that they think might work, they will write it in bill form.

"This is what I teach," Crow said. "A lot of people spout a lot of theories, I actually get to do it, walk the walk if you will."

