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# THE CYCLONE SPIN




## IMPORTANT INFO

- **Student Highlights**

Since we now have the daily Cyclone Connection page for announcements, we are going to change the layout and format of the Cyclone SPIN. Instead of using it as a space for announcements, it will now be used as a highlight for students and all of the amazing things that you all do here at school and in your everyday lives.
We hope that this will help build stronger connections and community across EHS.





# GRACIE FIELDS: LIFE BY DESIGN

EHS Junior Gracie Fields on how exploring nature has inspired her desire to create.

My name is Gracie Fields and I'm a junior at Elizabethton High School. I work with the school in order to produce graphic designs that include all aspects of our school. Along with designing I love doing all things outdoors. I enjoy hiking on the Appalachian Trail and kayaking at Watauga Lake. I've been surrounded by nature my entire life and I'm very thankful to grow up in a place full of outdoorsy opportunities. I often go on overnight backpacking trips with my brother.

As hiking has become more important to me, I have started to become more focused and concentrated on training myself in order to hike the Appalachian Trail fully. I want to take about five months and dedicate my time to finishing the trail. I look forward to meeting new people and extending my strength beyond the physical aspect.

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When I’m not outside I’m indoors painting and creating new designs. Designing is something that is very important to me for many reasons. I plan on using my artistic skills in order to promote justice and unity throughout my community.

A goal of mine is to work for myself designing products for companies and organizations, so that I have time to be outside and focus on my hobbies. I hope to partner with environmental and social brands to create a more inclusive and nature driven world.

I continue to work on my skills and academic abilities at school in order to achieve the future I want. I’m constantly thankful for the wonderful opportunities and teachers at Elizabethton High School that motivate and encourage me.




## STARTING THE FUTURE TODAY

Gracie has already begun taking opportunities to get her work out into the world. Through her Digital Design II course she has created a logo for the Tennessee Association of School Librarians first Microcredential, is working with Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park on redesigning the walking pathway to the pollinator garden, and has even begun selling stickers that she designs.

She is always looking for new ways to add to her design portfolio and is a true benefit to the EHS community.