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**BREAKFAST CLUB**



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## Sending the Wrong Message

Breakfast Club's 'criminal' has a sensitive side, desire to help others

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Walking down the hallway at Chillicothe High School, sophomore Josh Bone may seem a bit unapproachable.

"By my body language, just walking down the hallway at the school or walking outside, it always looks like I'm mad," he said. "I'm not."

Overall, Bone thinks he's a good person, even though sometimes he gets into fights or gets detention from time to time.

"I don't look for trouble, but it seems like every now and then, I get in trouble. But I think I'm a good kid. ... I'm not what they think I am. I just like to go have fun. They just have to get to know me real well, and actually I'm a cool person to hang out with," he said.

After school, Bone says he often goes home and “makes over” his six cats, meaning he gives them attention. Sometimes, he said, he sleeps on the floor because they take over his bed. Bone also enjoys going to the skate park, where he prefers to do tricks on a bike rather than a skateboard. Many of his interests are typical of the area — mud running, fishing, swimming, riding ATVs and dirt bikes.

“I wish they’d see the actual true side of me ... Just look past all the stuff they know me for, just, like, get to know the real, true side of me,” Bone said of his classmates. “I’m not afraid to cry. I’ll cry in front of ya; it don’t bug me. I’m a sensitive person. I care a lot about people. It’s just the way I am, it’s the way I was raised. Not to look down on other people, not to say, ‘Hey, I’m better than them,’ just to be on the same level as them. It don’t matter how popular or unpopular I am, I include everybody in everything that I do.”

Before school, Bone wonders if the day is going to go well, if he’s going to pass his school assignments, if he’s going to get in trouble and if his dad will want to go do something when he gets home from school.

While Bone’s favorite part of school is lunch and collecting paper to deposit in the recycling bin, it doesn’t mean he doesn’t have hopes for the future. He thinks he may go on to college or enlist in the Air Force because he loves his country and would like to help protect it. But first, he would like to be a firefighter.

“The firefighting is dedicating my life to save somebody else, to help them out if their home’s on fire to go put it out ... Even if I don’t come back, as long as they’re safe,” he said.

Bone isn’t 100 percent set on any one future plan. “I’m just waiting for it (life), to see what happens,” he said.