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Spring Break

By Kensey Schol

We're back from spring break! Did everyone have as much fun as I did on spring break? This year Gabby Williams and I went to Gulf Shores, Alabama. Beautiful place, beautiful place. Most of the time everyone in Peoria is complaining about the weather during spring break. This year there was no complaining. Most of the days the weather was in the 70's. We asked students if they went somewhere for spring break or if they stayed in Peoria. Most students stayed in town for the break, especially those participating in baseball and track. A handful of students went on vacation. Most of them went to warm weather locations, such as Florida. Spring Break is a bit of tease for summer, but it is right around the corner!



Most people probably wish they could have been here over Spring Break. Courtesy of Google Images.

Bloomington Tragedy

By Madison Schneider

Tragedy struck the Bloomington-Normal community early morning on Tuesday, April 7 when seven passengers of a plane were pronounced dead after the plane crashed into a farm field in Bloomington. Investigators have not yet determined the cause of the crash.

Among the seven people who were on board were two staff members of Illinois State University, Deputy Director of Athletics Aaron Leetch and Men's Basketball Associate Head Coach Torrey Ward. The ISU community is greatly mourning the loss of these two well-respected men. President of the University Larry Dietz released a personal statement after the news of the crash was made public in order to console the students who were close with the faculty members.

Although investigation is still underway, there are many facts that are known. It is known that Bloomington was covered in dense fog when the plane approached the airport. The plane was returning from Indianapolis, where the passengers were attending NCAA men's basketball championship game. Although the NTSB usually releases an initial report about a week after plane crashes, the full investigation of the Bloomington crash may take up to 18 months. The pilot, Hileman, did have a valid flying license and about 12,000 hours

of flying experience. The last radio transmission from the plane, about five minutes before the crash, indicated that the plane was arriving as planned with no trouble at Central Illinois Regional Airport. It is due to these odd conditions of the accident that the full investigation will take longer than usual.

The passengers who were on the plane, including the two ISU staff members, along with their families will be kept in our thoughts and prayers throughout this rough time.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-plane-carrying-5-people-crashes-near-bloomington-airport-20150407-story.html#page=1>



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Sports Corner

By Cody Schindler

MLB- We are now in the month of April, which means that the MLB season has begun. The Cubs and the Cardinals share identical 5-3 records entering Friday.. The teams began their season in Chicago for a three game series. The Cardinals would take game one, game two would be postponed, and the Cubs would take game three to earn a series split. Last Sunday, both teams had dramatic wins. St. Louis would defeat Cincinnati 7-5 in 11 innings. Matt Carpenter hit the game-winning homer in the top of the inning. The Cubs trailed Colorado 5-4 in the ninth, when Dexter Fowler stepped up to the plate. With a runner on first, Fowler crushed 0-2 pitch into the second deck to give the Cubs a lead they would not relinquish, winning 6-5. The Cubs also made some big headlines with the announcement that baseball's top prospect, Kris Bryant, would be making his MLB debut on Friday. The Cubs host San Diego at 1:20.

College Hoops- The college basketball season came to an end in Indianapolis with the Duke Blue Devils cutting down the nets. Coach Mike Krzyzewski won his fifth title, as Duke defeated Wisconsin 68-63. Wisconsin had all the momentum coming into the game, as they handed Kentucky their first and only loss to advance to the final. Duke got major contributions from four freshmen. In fact, 60 of Duke's 68 points were scored by freshmen. Duke freshman Jahliil Okafor will most likely declare for the

Movie Review

By Kirstan Bennett

[Fast and Furious 7](#)

☆☆☆☆: 4 Stars

Even the family theme of the previous films is given less room this time. Most of that theme is expressed by Vin Diesel using the word "family" in a sentence. Letty, played by Michelle Rodriguez, goes on something like a vision quest early in the film, and then simply returns, with a last-ditch scene late in the movie to explain what her inconsequential disappearance was about. The sheer spectacle of "Furious 7" — Universal Pictures crashed at least 230 vehicles during filming — led to enormous chatter on social media networks after its arrival on April 3, which in turn has kept demand high: The movie took in about \$60.6 million between Friday and Sunday, for a two-week total of \$252.5 million. That early total is simply massive. To compare, "Fast & Furious 6" took in less — \$239 million — during its entire 15-week domestic run in 2013. "Furious 7" has sold an additional \$548 million in tickets overseas. With \$800 million worldwide, "Furious 7" is on track to be the first \$1 billion movie of the year. Some say that there will be a [Fast and Furious 8](#) but who knows what the future holds.



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Prom!

By Cole Reilly

Prom, a new experience for some and the end of a long list of attended dances for most. There's the pictures of you and all your friends looking snazzy, the great meal provided to all in attendance, and of course the intense gyrating that takes place on the floor. Organized by the junior class officers, the Hollywood themed dance will ensure a memorable night for all. All of those things are cool and all but, in my personal opinion, the promposals are the most important part of prom. From simply popping the question to adding a bit of a more personal touch the promposals are always the most exciting for me. Some are asking the person who they would have attended vice versa with, others are simply attending with their significant other, and the more romantic of us are planning on reliving it with our 8th grade sweethearts. Regardless of whether you will be making a solo or duo appearance at this year's prom, I guarantee a wonderful time to all. Prom ticket sales have been going on for quite a while now and they end on the 17th of April, so we hope you don't miss out on your opportunity to go! Directions to and information about the location of prom are available at the ticket selling station set up at lunch.



Class of 2014 alum Laurence Henderson at last year's prom.

It's the New Website!

By James Janis

The new town crier website is up! After a major web redesign, the site is live and ready for viewing. Go check it out! phhstowncrier.weebly.com

Have you ever wanted to see your pictures in color, but not have to wait for the yearbook? The site can solve that. On the home page, there is a slide show of over one hundred photos from this school year, and more are being added constantly.

Also on the website there is a comment section and a share button for each article. Now you can share your thoughts on the article and even share it to Facebook or Twitter!

After all these new changes, the new site is sure to be a hit. Go check it out now! www.phhstowncrier.weebly.com !

National Honor Society

By Madilyn Tortat

The new National Honor Society members were inducted on Tuesday night. They were honored with a ceremony where their families were in attendance. Ms. Wenzel did a great job organizing the event! During the event, she clarified to everyone what being a part of National Honor Society actually meant. To be a member one must have knowledge, scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Each member lit his/her candle meaning they were finally inducted! The new inductees were Christian Messner, Tiffanie Miller, Shannon Son, Brittney Williams, Seth Boyer, Tanner Coleman, Michelle Dang, Sabrina Flatley, Taylor Hess, James Janis, Sarah Knott, Rachel Seitz, Shawna Stewart, Taylor Strickler, Emmy Tiethoff, Madilyn Tortat, and Gabby Williams. We expect great things from all members. Also, thank you to all who were involved in this event, including teachers, administrators, parents, and students.



The 2014-15 National Honor Society inductees.

Leadership Academy!!

By Sarah Knott

A night of opportunities is coming your way! Peoria Heights High School is hosting a job fair Wednesday, May 6 from 4-7p.m. in the Roger Bergia Gymnasium. All students that are eligible to work and allowed to attend the job fair. Peoria Christian, Peoria Quest, Peoria Central, and Richwoods are all going to be at the job fair and are excited to join us and support our Leadership Academy. They meet every Thursday with Mr. Roger Larson. Jessi Webb and Shannon Michael are on the planning committee to help plan for the future leaders. If you are interested in joining the Student Leadership Academy next year, applications are available in the office area.



The inaugural Student Leadership Academy!

Baseball

By Cody Schindler

The baseball team played their best game of the season on Friday, defeating Hartem 28-6! The Patriots got contributions from every member of the team, including Tyler Gregory and Rylee Miller, who each drove in multiple runs. Cody Schindler picked up the win on the mound.

On Saturday, the Patriots were in Abingdon take on the Tornados. Abingdon entered the game with a record of 11-1. In game one, Blake Begner had great stuff on the mound, striking out 10 batters. Unfortunately, the Patriots could not provide Begner with any run support, and would fall 5-0. In game two, the Patriots would also fall.

This week, the Patriots hosted Midland on Monday. Quinn Miller picked up his second win on the mound, and Blake Begner, Rylee Miller, and Cody Schindler each added 3 RBI. Tyler Gregory contributed three hits and 2 RBI. On Thursday, the Patriots were on the road as they took on Tremont. The Patriots would win a wild one 7-6 in nine innings. Rylee Miller pitched the best game of his career striking out 6. Blake Begner would get the win in relief, and Trent Sherlock scored the winning run. They host Brimfield/Elmwood Saturday in a doubleheader. Game 1 starts at 10 a.m.



Rylee Miller drives a ball to the outfield, scoring Tyler Gregory. Courtesy of Sarah Knott

Start Strong, Finish Stronger!

By Shawna Stewart

The track team is continuing to practice every day after school. They have participated in a few small meets and many people have beat their personal bests! On April 13 the freshmen, sophomores, and some juniors ran in a JV meet at Lewistown. The next meet is the Lewistown Relays and it's on April 16 and the rain date will be on April 17. The next week there will be two big meets. The first one will take place on April 21 at Elmwood and the second one will be on April 24th at Hayworth. The next home meet will be on May 7 against Peoria Christian, Deemac, and Henry. That will also be the last home meet this season. Good luck to all the athletes competing and come out and support your Patriots!

PATRIOT PRIDE!

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Future Plans

By Shannon Son

What would you like to be when you grow up? Whether it's a doctor, nurse, or even a teacher there are many different jobs out there for everyone. This month in Mrs. Adkins English class we are working on our career unit. This is where we write up our own resumes and do research on a career that we would like to pursue in the future. For example, Kirstan Bennett would like to become a special education teacher. She will do her research on that career and someone educated about it will come and interview her to get her ready for that step in pursuing it. Another example would be Cody Schindler; he would like to major in sports communication. Or Madison Schneider who would like to be employed in English Education.



The Town Crier Weekly Review crew consisting of Madilyn Tortat, Cole Reilly, and Cody Schindler may already know what they want to do.

Scholarships

By Seth Boyer

Would you like a free sum of money to help with living expenses, travel, and normal life in college? Then it looks like you are interested in a scholarship. Everyone that is attending college would love to get one, but how exactly do you get a scholarship? There is no for sure way to assure you will get one, but there are some tips to help you. Ask your school counselor. They may be able to direct you in the right path for a scholarship. Here at the school, we offer a lot of scholarships. The deadline for most of them is April 30, so you still have time! You can also search online for scholarships. It also helps to have a good GPA, good grades, and a good ACT score, because most colleges look at these things when you attempt to enroll in a college. All of us students need to consider to try to get a scholarship, as it will make life easier financially when you enroll in a college. Keep reading the Town Crier for more updates!

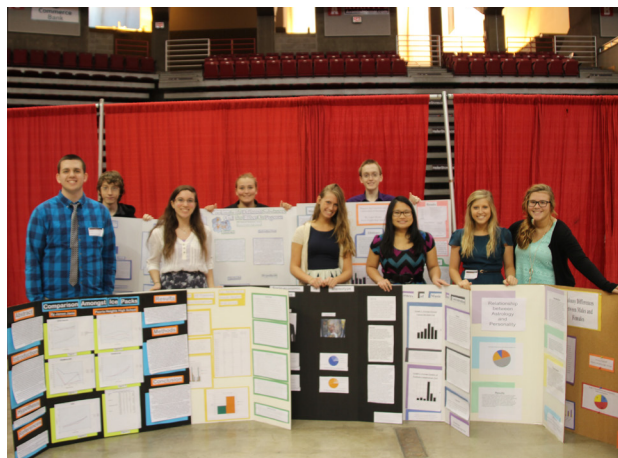
Time to get your smarty pants on

By James Janis

Doors opening to the beat of a drum, fruit flies with Alzheimers, making ice packs, magnetism, psychology experiments, and many more were all found at ISU last Friday at the annual high school research symposium, and Chem II got a chance to participate! The symposium this year had over 115 projects, 9 of which were from students here at Peoria Heights. We got a chance to show our projects other students and teachers, as well as a few ISU professors and students.

Also there was an activity station called the Smart Grid. The Smart Grid showed us about new technologies in electric power and it also showed the amount of power different appliances used and how each little appliance can affect our power bills.

Overall, we really enjoyed the science fair. We put in a lot of time and effort into our projects and were glad to get a chance to show off our work. If you would like to participate next year, or want to know a little more about it, take a stop my Ms. Markovich's for more information.



The Chemistry II class show of their own work at the research symposium at ISU.

Senior Pictures

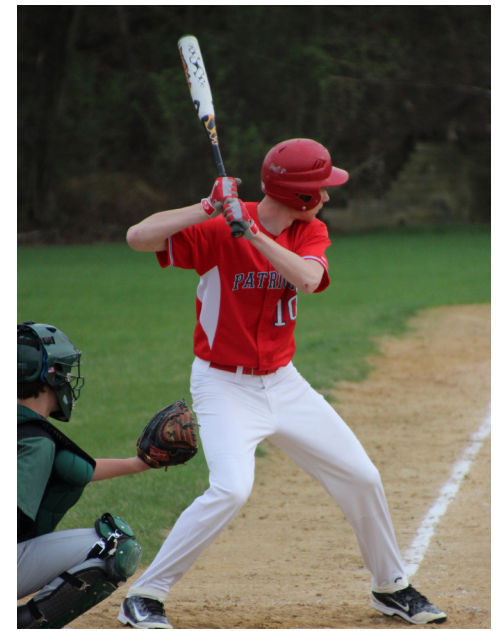
By Wanda Rogers

We want YOU to be a part of this year's yearbook. If you're a senior, please come up to the computer lab with someone from the Journalism class to pick out five pictures to put on your page. However, if you don't like any of the pictures provided, go ahead and bring some in on a flash drive.

Oh, and as always, buy a yearbook! They're currently at the low, low price of \$50!

Thanks much!

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