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## Tanner Coleman

By Seth Boyer

It was another great season by our wrestler Tanner Coleman. Tanner put in tons of hard work and dedication, like he does every year, and it paid off. He is a prime example of if you put in hard work, you will get good results. TC placed fifth in state at the IHSA state wrestling tournament at the University of Illinois, with an incredible record of 33-2. It was his second straight top five finish at state! We are very proud of him, and we all should give him a big congratulations for putting our school on the map with his wrestling abilities. Keep reading the Town Crier for more updates about school and other events!



Tanner Coleman stands on his head, as he makes his move at the IHSA Sectional. Courtesy of the Peoria Journal Star.

## Season Coming to an End

By Sarah Knott

The boys' basketball season has come to an end. The season did not turn out how they wanted it to. It had its ups and downs, but they never gave up. The team was at South Fulton last Friday, and after a slow start, had a chance to win the game at the end. However, they would fall to the Rebels. On Tuesday, the team took on the number two-seeded Brimfield Indians. The Patriots' season would come to an end after a tough loss. We would like to thank the two seniors, Dominick Hutchinson and Deantre Mixon for all their efforts this season. As for the regional, the championship game is tonight at the Roger Bergia Gymnasium.

The team has high hopes for next season, with four returning starters. A lot of underclassmen saw playing time on this year's team, and they hope that the extra playing time will help next year's Patriots.



Senior Dominick Hutchinson shakes hands with Coach Persich on Senior Night.

## Go Adrienne!

By Shawna Stewart

Adrienne qualified to participate in the three point showdown during the shootout between the basketball girls at our school. A three point showdown is when you get 45 seconds to shoot five balls from three different spots. At Regionals Adrienne made six three pointers ending up in a six way tie. The tie breaker includes shooting 5 shots from each baseline. Adrienne made five three pointers, and that was enough to advance her to Sectionals. At Sectionals she only made five three pointers. Even though she didn't advance past Sectionals, she did a great job and we're all so proud of her! Congrats Adrienne! You had a great season and we're going to miss you next year!



Adrienne Summers-Reynolds gets ready to knock down a free throw in an earlier game this season.

## The Key to Life

By Madilyn Tortat

Key Club has some big events coming up. On Sunday, many members volunteered at the kids wrestling meet that was held at our high school. There were various jobs done by the members including runners, score keepers, and table help. The blood drive will be today, February 27. Come out and donate blood for a good cause! This year our Key Club will not be attending March Madness during the school day, but they will be going Tuesday, March 17 after school. They will assist with the special needs basketball games at the Experience. The annual Key Club convention will be March 13-15. This year's officers will be attending along with the recently elected 2015-2016 officers. The new officers are: President Madilyn Tortat, Vice-President Jarin Wallace, Editor Cole Reilly, Secretary Katie Markovich, and Treasurer Michelle Dang. The convention is held in Bloomingdale, Illinois. The main objective of this convention is to gain knowledge about international and future opportunities Key Club offers. Sign up for all these opportunities in Mrs. Gorman's room!

## Scholastic Bowl

By Cody Schindler

The Scholastic Bowl season is almost over, and your Patriots are trying to finish strong. On February 19, the team was at Knoxville for a Prairieland Conference meet. The team went 3-0. On Saturday, the team went to the Masonic tournament at Bushnell. They won their pool to advance to the semifinals. They would lose to United in the opening round, but would bounce back by defeating Cuba for third place.

The Prairieland Conference tournament will be held in March. The team tied with Farmington, and advanced based on a coin flip. On March 9, the team will be in their IHSA regional, as they look to advance in the state tourney.



The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team, coached by Miss Markovich.

## Baseball

By Cody Schindler

The boys' baseball team held an informational meeting two weeks ago. The team had 19 players at the meeting, but they are still looking for more players. Baseball practice will begin in March.

The team has some high expectations for this season. Coach King has the same expectations as every year; win a regional title. The Patriots return all their pitchers from last year's 14-13 campaign. Sophomores Blake Begner, Tyler Gregory, Noah Nelson, and Rylee Miller join junior Quinn Miller, and senior Cody Schindler in the rotation. The team is excited to get going, and they hope to have a lot of students come out and support the team this year.

Lastly, the best part about baseball starting means that warmer weather is right around the corner!



Last year's team stands for the National Anthem at Dozer Park. The Patriots would win the game 6--5.



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## Congratulations to Kaylee Dudley, Student of the Month for January

Senior Kaylee Dudley was selected student of the month for January. Kaylee is the daughter of David and Dawn Dudley. She has four older sisters Brittany and Jackie Hamilton, Kyrstyn Dudley, and Alyssa Vaughn. Kaylee came to the Heights schools in first grade and has been here ever since.

As an active member of the PHHS community, Kaylee has been a member of Key Club all four years. She has been a member of the Dance team and the track team for three years. She was part of the stage crew for the play her sophomore year and has been volleyball team manager this year. Kaylee has also been part of the studio art group painting in the locker room.

An honor student, Kaylee has been a member of National Honor Society for two years, on the high honor roll for all four years, and part of the top ten all four years.

Kaylee's future plans include ICC for two years and transferring to ISU to complete a bachelor's degree in education. She will graduate third in her class.

Kaylee's teachers had some great things to say about her. "Kaylee Dudley is an excellent student that is very talented and always a hard worker! She has great attendance and is always eager to learn. I never have to remind her to get to work, and she has good grades in both painting and studio!" "Kaylee has always been an active member of the Class of 2015. She was always willing to work on the float whenever she could. Kaylee has been someone I could count on all of her four years here at Peoria Heights High School. She will be missed next year!" "She not only is a very hard worker in physical education but has gone above and beyond by doing painting in the weight room and girls' locker room. She's just a great all around helper and person to be around. She's always smiling." "I've had the pleasure of coaching Kaylee on the dance team the last two years. She was very respectful and responsible. She always had a positive attitude and was incredibly encouraging to the younger girls on the team. It is no surprise to me that what I see in her on the dance team others see in the classroom."

We at PHHS wish Kaylee the best and expect great things from her in the future!



## PHHS Senior Night

By Madison Schneider

Congratulations to the class of 2015 seniors involved in boys' basketball, cheerleading, dance team, and band. Senior night was held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The senior basketball players recognized were Dominick Hutchinson and DeAntrae Mixon. Along with the basketball players, others recognized were cheerleaders Kirstan Bennett, Aliyah Boyd, Kristina Hitesman, Madison Schneider, and Haley Shearburn; dance team members Bethany Dillow, Kaylee Dudley, Cassy Powers, and Brittney Williams; and band members Jessica Carter, Ryan Klute, Logan Monast, and Kurtis Welch. Although there was a wide range of future plans within this group of seniors, many had plans of going to college after graduation. The class of 2015 seniors collectively had a very impressive list of school involvement including clubs, student government positions, academic accomplishments, and other sports.



Cassy Powers, Kaylee Dudley, Brittney Williams, and Bethany Dillow pose before dancing one last time on Senior Night.

## ACT Prep

By Kensey Schol

The ACT is right around the corner for the juniors. The ACT is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's time to start prepping. A good way to prep for it is to take some practice tests. The ACT is very tough and you want to be prepared for it. If you need any tips for the ACT pop into Mrs. Wenzel's office for a visit. If you have any free time you can also go to [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). Remember to get a good night of sleep the night before and to eat breakfast the day of. Good luck juniors!

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## Mardi Gras 2015

By Cole Reilly

Apart from the spectacular parades orchestrated across the country, the all night celebrations, and the festive masks that usually accompany a Mardi Gras week in New Orleans the city made many other improvements from last years questionable acts of conduct of the citizens. The number of arrests decreased by an astounding half from last year's outrageous numbers! I guess the new generation of Mardi Gras celebrators take the law a little more seriously than the past. This didn't take away from the fun of course! Locals and visitors alike have been recorded saying this has been one of if not the most enjoyable Mardi Gras experience they have had to date. What I personally found most interesting about the event was the extraordinary outfits that some of the participants wore to the parade and of course the after party. I think it's worth giving them a look.



Courtesy of Google Images.

## The Weather

By Wanda Rogers

Doesn't it seem like winter will never end? Gertie the Groundhog predicted six more weeks of winter this year, and so far, it seems like her prediction was correct. Snowstorms are covering the nation, and it seems as though it will never be warm again.

Internationally, this winter has hit very hard. For example, in Boston, the seasonal snow has been nearly 100 inches, which is close to beating the all-time record. Mississippi and Alabama have also experienced a lot of snow—only recently they had one of the heaviest snow storms on record. Locally, Illinois has experienced freezing weather and multiple snow storms as well.

Spring officially begins on March 20, however, so these cold days should be over soon. Who else is looking forward to sunny days? I know I am...