

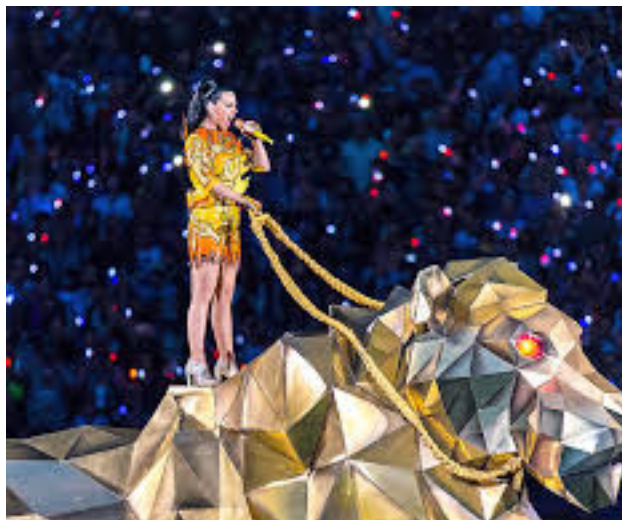
# THE TOWN CRIER

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## Super Bowl XLIX!

By Sarah Knott

Did you know that Americans are expected to eat 1.25 billion pounds of wings on Super Bowl Sunday? That is a lot of wings to eat on one day. There are different varieties of food that are cooked on Super Bowl Sunday. Besides the enjoyment of food on this particular day, what about the commercials they show during the game. What did you think of them? Which one made you laugh till you cried or which one was your favorite? You have multiple favorites and that's okay. I would have to say my favorite was the Budweiser commercial with the horse and the puppy. They had a lot of other good commercials and some that just weren't all that good. Now, what do you think about the Katy Perry halftime performance? I think she did a phenomenal job. One of the best ones the Super Bowl has had in a while. The beginning of her performance when she started on a tiger and it walked down the field. I say Super Bowl XLIX was a great success. This has been probably one of the best Super Bowls I have seen in a long time. I hope you enjoyed watching the commercials, enjoyed eating the food, and Katy Perry's performance.



Katy Perry performs at Super Bowl XLIX. Courtesy of Google Images.

## Alumni Night

By Seth Boyer

Last week, we had a flash from the past. We celebrated Alumni Night on Friday 2/6/2015. Some people might not know exactly what Alumni Night is. Well to break it down for you, Alumni Night is simply a day we take the time to remember and appreciate all of our fellow students, graduates, faculty, and Patriots. Our Patriot cheerleaders wore the throwback Cheerleading sweaters from 10 years ago, and the journalism staff is made posters that have a collage of pictures dating from early 2000's. It's a nice thing to do to honor our fellow patriots and we all appreciate them greatly. Keep reading the Towncrier for more updates!

## A Scout's Honor

By James Janis

Rifle Shooting, leatherwork, archery, woodcarving, and kayaking all have something in common, but do you know what that is? They are all merit badges in the Boy Scouts and these are just some of the most popular merit badges out of over 130 of them.

Boy Scouting is much more than knots, it consists of everything from camping and fire building, all the way up to recent technologies such as electronics, chemistry, and nuclear science.

But those are just the merit badges, and there is so much more to scouting than those. One of the best parts of scouting is the campouts and trips we take. We go on a campout every month except December. During these campouts, we cook with our campfires, and even use Dutch Ovens to cook.

But, there are even more parts of scouting that I haven't mentioned yet! If you wish to learn more about the scouts and what all we do, I encourage you to come to our next meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We meet over in the Grade School cafeteria at 6:30 pm, and go till 8pm. Or if you can't make it to the meeting, find me, James Janis, and I can answer any and all questions you may have.



Courtesy of Google Images.

## Yearbooks!

By Kensey Schol

We've been making a lot of progress with our yearbooks since our last article. Yearbooks cost a total of \$50. We've done some cool and updated themes in it this year. The seniors have their own half page and it's starting to look awesome. We've also taken a bunch of survey questions to the underclassmen that will be featured in the yearbook. Don't forget to purchase a yearbook at the end of the year to cherish all your high school memories. You can buy a book online or bring a check to Mrs. Hendricks.

## The Weekly Wrap-up

By Cole Reilly

The journalism class undertook a new project at the beginning of this school year. We wanted to make a broadcast that captured the events of every week and put them on display to all those who cared to watch.

Every Wednesday we go into our "studio" and get ready to record. Seth Boyer, our set up man, sets up the lights and positions our reporters where he feels is best, then I set up the camera and prepare the microphone, and then we run through the news a couple of times to get the talent comfortable. So far that has been Cody Schindler and Madilyn Tortat, ably assisted by Shawna Stewart and Shannon Son.

The environment in that room is probably one of the most enjoyable in the school. There is no pressure on anyone and mistakes are welcome to spark a couple laughs. We've made many advances in the broadcast so far, and I expect to keep getting better at editing, so stay tuned!



The crew of the Town Crier's weekly review. NOT PICTURED: Set-up man Seth Boyer.

## Happy Valentine's Day!

By Shawna Stewart

Who's going to be your Valentine? February has been celebrated as a month of romance for many decades. Valentine's Day is a day where you show your love and affection for people you care about. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. Valentine's Day all started with a man named St. Valentine who was executed more than a thousand years ago. He was executed due because he preformed weddings for young soldiers who were forbidden to marry. This was due to the belief that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers, because they didn't have anything to lose. While Valentine was in prison he helped heal the warden's daughter, who was blind, and as a result the warden himself became Christian. The last words Valentine wrote were in a note to the wardens' daughter. He inspired today's romantic saying by signing it, "from your Valentine." So whether you're spending time with your family or going on a date, enjoy and be thankful for the ones around you. Have a great Valentine's Day!

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## Tristan Hosbrough is Student of the Month for November

Congratulations to freshman Tristan Hosbrough, Student of the Month for November! Tristan is the son of Raye and Rick Hosbrough, and he has an older brother, Ricky, and a younger sister, Sienna, who goes to PHGS. Tristan also attended PHGS.

Tristan was nominated by Mrs. Kathleen Smallwood. Tristan's favorite subject is math. He has been an active member of the PHHS community. He has been in football, Key Club, Bass Fishing Club, and Bowling. He plans to stay in football all four years as well. His future plans include doing something with computers as his job.

Faculty members have good things to say about Tristan. "Tristan is extremely kind to his fellow students- always willing to help, and he always has a smile on his face and is always pleasant in class." "Tristan always offers to help with whatever project is going on. He has a positive attitude and a lot of enthusiasm."

"Tristan is always interested in the topic at hand, and is all doing his best work."

We at PHHS know that he will do well in the next four years and we wish him the best!



Mr. Bob Schlink of the Lions' Club stands with Tristan and Mrs. Smallwood, who nominated him.

## Poppin' The Three!

By: Kirstan Bennett

Congratulations to the Senior Girls'. We will miss you. On Monday, February 2, the Lady Patriots played against the Lady Tigers. Senior Adrienne Summers-Reynolds scored 21 points with Senior Tiffanie Miller with 10. Brittney Williams Fouled out. On Thursday February 5, the Lady Patriots played against the Lady Spartans. The Lady Spartans won. On Friday, February 6, the Lady Patriots played against the Lady Ducks. The Lady Ducks came out with 72-15. The Lady Patriots went to Princeville on Monday, February 9. The score was 22-41 with Princeville winning. One more congratulation to the seniors, and hope all future plans go well.

## Charles Schneider is Student of the Month for December



Mr. Bob Schlink from the Lions' Club with Charles Schneider and Mrs. Gina Gorman, the Key Club sponsor who nominated him.

Freshman Charles Schneider has been chosen Student of the Month for December. Charles is the son of Annette and Mark Schneider. He attended PHGS and is now here at PHHS. Charles has one sister, Madison, a senior at PHHS. He also has two dogs, a Beagle named Buddy, and a Meagle named Fender.

Charlie is a very active member of the PHHS community. He is the president of the freshman class, a member of Scholastic Bowl, Bass Fishing Club, Key Club, Student Council, and MOJO.

Outside of school, Charlie's interests include volunteer work, golf in the summer and baseball.

While his favorite subject is math, Charlie does well in all of his classes. He is on high honor roll and number one in his class.

Charlie was nominated by Mrs. Gina Gorman, sponsor of the Key Club. "Charlie Schneider was elected as the 20W Illinois-Eastern Iowa Lieutenant Governor for Key Club. He will be in charge of our division of clubs. He will be attending various club meetings and attending training sessions throughout this year and next. This is a great leadership opportunity for him and something someone from Peoria Heights has never held. I believe he will use this as a stepping stone and continue to strive for higher levels of leadership within Key Club International. This is a great leadership role and it is pretty awesome that Charlie has wanted to pursue this role his freshman year! He has taken an active role in Key Club from day one. He has volunteered at every event possible, often multiple times if able to. He is a great role model for our school." "Charlie is a great student, always polite and prepared." "One of our best - talk about a hard worker!" "Charlie is very deserving of SOM recognition. Always respectful to his teachers and his classmates, he is a great role model for his peers. He attends school regularly, is always prepared for class, participates in discussions, and asks thoughtful questions about course content. He is also involved in extra curriculums here at PHHS."

Charlie's future plans include a four year university and right now his main interest is political science. We at PHHS expect great things from him!

## PHHS is the WYSEst school around!

By James Janis

The Wyse regionals are over, but this year's WYSE season has just begun! Congratulations to our WYSE team placing first in regionals, but this means that they must now head back to ICC in April for the sectionals.

Our school competes in the small school division, which is for schools with less than 300 students. This means we competed with schools such as Brimfield, Delavan, Hartsburg Emden, Peoria Christian, Princeville, and Quest. Out of all these schools, we won first place, with Princeville taking second, and Peoria Christian third.

After those amazing results on the overall scores, how did we do on the individual tests though? Again, we competed against the other schools in the small division, and here is how we ranked: In computer science, Logan Monast received second place. In engineering, Cassy Powers received third, and in biology, Rachel Seitz and Sabrina Sedekum tied for third, and Ryan Klute got first.

Congratulations to all of the WYSE team and best of luck to you guys in April at the sectionals!



L-R: Cassy Powers, Ryan Klute, Logan Monst, Sabrina Sedekum, and Rachel Seitz proudly show off their WYSE medals for finishing in the top 3 at regionals.

## Boys Basketball

By Madilyn Tortat

The varisty boys' basketball team demolished BPC 50-24 on February 6th. Noah Persich scored a team high 22 points. On Tuesday, the Patriots lost to Peoria Christian 56-39. The players remained competitive throughout the game, and even went on an 11-3 run in the third quarter. Peoria Christian's head coach was quoted in the Journal Star saying, "It's a win, but there were minutes when Heights was the better team." Tanner Doerr led the team with 14 points and DeAntrae added 12 rebounds. The Patriots have all conference games coming up facing Brimfield, Elmwood, and South Fulton. Friday's game against Brimfield will be a red out to support St. Jude. Senior night is Tuesday, February 17th. Come out and support your Patriots!