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Blood Drive

By Kailey Klute

The Key Club held a blood drive on February 26th. This was the second and final blood drive of the school year. This blood drive was a success with receiving about 26 pints of blood which will save about 78 people's lives. Thank you to everyone who donated blood this time. The Key Club is already looking forward to next year's blood drives!



Katie Markovich donates blood and Michelle Dang stands by her side. Thanks to Katie and others like her, we collected 26 pints of blood.

Race to the White House Update

By Charles Schneider

The last couple weeks of the "race to the White House" have seemed to never lack excitement. On Tuesday, March 1st, also known as Super Tuesday, delegates from nine states gathered in their respective primaries to vote for who they want to be the candidate representing their party. Four more states held caucuses, which are much like primaries, but with much less commitment to a candidate. The candidates remaining in the race are Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders for the Democrats. With Dr. Ben Carson dropping out of the race, the Republican candidates are now Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and John Kasich. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were the clear winners, but Ted Cruz-on the Republican side- and Bernie Sanders-on the Democratic side- trailed closely behind. In total, there are now 18 states that have held their primaries. For the Democrats, Hillary Clinton leads with 1,130 delegates, with Bernie Sanders in second with 499 delegates. Democrats need 2,383 delegates to win the nomination. The Republican side requires 1,237 delegates for its party's nomination, and Donald Trump leads with 384. He is followed by Ted Cruz, who has 300 delegates. In the coming weeks, there will be many more primaries, including the Illinois primary on March 15th. So, by the end of March, we should have a clearer picture of who will be the nominees for President from both parties!

Congratulations to Rachel Seitz, student of the month for January

Senior Rachel Seitz was voted student of the month for January. Rachel is the daughter of Mark and Christine Seitz. She has one sister, Jasmine, a PHHS alum.

An active student, Rachel started Scholastic Bowl in 7th and 8th grade. She was Spelling Bee Champ in 7th and runner up in 8th.

Here at PHHS Rachel has continued with Scholastic Bowl, and added the WYSE team to her activities. She is a member of Student Council as well.

An honor student, Rachel was inducted into National Honor Society as a junior, and continues to be in the Top Ten of her class. Her favorite classes include Forensics, First Aid, and Studio Art.

In her spare time, Rachel likes to read, watch TV, and write.

Rachel's future plans include a four year university, Illinois State is her choice. She plans to get a degree in English and become a high school teacher. We at PHHS know that she will do well in the future.

PHHS faculty members has some things to say as well. "I would like to nominate Rachel Seitz. I think she is more than deserving! I have her for studio this year. She works very hard every day and always turns everything in on time. She is very talented and isn't afraid to ask questions or receive advice. Her overall attitude, work ethic, and respect for me and for those around her are outstanding! I think she represents our school and staff very well!" "I nominate Rachel Seitz. She is an outstanding student. She works hard in every class and asks great questions. She readily welcomes new students and is always willing to help catch them up on the material. She helped to recruit other top students for WYSE." "I agree completely with the nomination for Rachel Seitz. She is a good student who is willing to help other students and teachers at the drop of a hat. Even though it's been a few years since I had her in class, she continues to be friendly and personable in the halls. Rachel is a great student who always is willing to go above and beyond!" "Rachel really deserves to be named Student of the Month! She was a joy to have in class (English and Humanities) and has been fun to work with on Student Council. She takes her role as senior class president very seriously. She gives her all to whatever she is involved in, be it WYSE, Scholastic Bowl, or Student Council. And, she is always friendly to both students and teachers. I've truly enjoyed having Rachel at PHHS these last four years and wish her the best in her future endeavors."

Congratulations to Rachel!! Great Work!! and the very best for the future – we know you'll make us proud.



Congratulations to Rachel Seitz for receiving Student of the Month for January

MOJO

By Madilyn Tortat

A couple weeks ago the juniors participated in their MOJO day. This session was focused mainly on teamwork, and getting the students to work together. The day featured the usual dancing, and also a new game where the students must guess the song being played. Overall, the students gained valuable knowledge about how to communicate, and work as a team to accomplish a goal. The next MOJO day will be for the seniors, and will take place on March 24th, the day before spring break. The MOJO students are already planning the day, and it's sure to be a great one.



The Juniors have some fun and break loose while doing the Cha-Cha Slide

Spring Time

By Seth Boyer

Spring time is near, and this is a favorite for many students. It's a time where flowers grow and everyone gets prepared for summer! Everyone will start to get their pools back up, trampolines back up, garden back to colorful. Along with spring starting, there is also spring break starting for students. March 25th is when spring break will start for Peoria Heights High School. The day prior to the 25th, we also have a half day for school improvement. So think of it as an early start to the spring break.

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Criminal Justice Field Trip.

By Sarah Knott

On February 26, Mrs. Wenzel took Sarah Knott, Shakeysha Collins, Josh Beeney, Zoie Potter, Jessica Quinn, and Jacob Jones on a field trip to the Peoria County Jail to explore their interests in the criminal justice field. They arrived around 9:45 and to start of the day, there was a tour of the jail at 10. The Heights was not the only school there though. We were accompanied by Farmington, Dunlap, and Brimfield. Once the tour started, we walked over to the crime lab and we were given a better insight on what exactly they do and how they handle their homicide investigations. After that, we got to meet with the K-9 unit and to listen in on how their dogs were trained in Germany and you have to speak to the dogs in German for them to understand you. One of the guys that works there got in this big padded suit so we could watch the dog in action with his officer by his side. It was pretty entertaining to watch. Once that was over, we got to take a tour of the jail. It was really interesting to see everything and learn what the plan is when things happen. We actually got to sit in a jail cell to see and feel what the inmates see for days on end. The tour was almost over, so that meant we got to eat because you know when teenagers get hungry, they start to get cranky. Anyways, while we were eating, people from different positions stood up and talked to us about what they do and how much they love their job. We arrived back to school around 2-2:30, so we were there pretty much all day. I know I had a good time and would not mind going again. Mrs. Wenzel thought it was a really great experience for all for us to have and wouldn't mind going back again. I know after the field trip, I still want to go further on in the criminal justices field.

Library Club

By Cole Reilly

Some people share a love for reading much more profoundly than the rest of us. They escape the present with alternate realities that they can dive into head first. It's a safe net for some people, and they use it religiously to fill up the free time that we high schoolers are gifted with so much of. Ranging from Fiction to Biographies, all books have a story that wants to be heard, and every person is searching for the right one. Mrs. Poole not only set up a gateway for the children of the library to explore their novelty options, but also brought all of the kids with similar interested into one group, Library Club. Library Club has hosted Hunger Games parties, taste test meetings, and even just simple informational meetings delegated to discussing books. She has broadened our range so widely, and it goes unnoticed. So, the journalism class thanks you Mrs. Poole, for all that you have done for our student body.

Baseball

By Kensey Schol

Baseball season is finally here! This year, there's very high expectations of winning conferences and regionals. Offensively, the team will have last year's top hitters: Blake Begner, Noah Nelson, and Rylee Miller. Along with Rylee Miller and Blake Begner, again Tyler Gregory and Quinn Miller all return this year to make up a strong pitching staff. The team will have the same coaching staff as last year along with the addition of former Peoria Heights player, Jon Lowry. They will play their first game on March 19th at Monmouth-Roseville. The first home game will be March 24th against Central. In other future events, Senior Quinn Miller will be attending Illinois College to continue playing baseball while majoring in Business. We wish the team the best of luck for this season!

Three Point Shootout

By Noah Nelson

The boys' basketball team had four people go to regionals for the three point shootout on Friday February 26th at Lewis-town. Those four people were Jacob Heid, Martarius Haywood, Tyler Gregory, and Noah Nelson. Jacob made 7 shots, Martarius made 5 shots, Tyler made 8 shots, and Noah made 8 shots out of 15 taken for each athlete. Then, Noah and Tyler both had to shoot against three other people for a shoot off. They both made 5 and tied for third. Noah and Tyler both advanced to sectionals on Friday March 4th at Bushnell. At sectionals Noah made 5 and Tyler made 9. Tyler got 3rd place and advanced to State. Tyler shot on March 11th at the state three point contest at the Peoria Civic Center. He made 5 shots out of 15 and did not advance to the next round. Congratulations to all the shooters on representing our school at the three point contest.

Track

By Taylor Peterson

This year's track season has just begun. Practices have been held since last week. The team has been working hard as they prepare for their first meet that is on March 22, at Stark County. If you're interested in participating in track this season, it's not too late! Contact Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Lowe, or Mr. Smith if you have any questions.

Honor Band

By Madilyn Tortat

Congratulations to our high school band on being selected to participate in the honor band concert at VIT High School in Table Grove. The students traveled to Table Grove on Thursday to practice all day, and then participated in a concert that night. Emmy Tiethoff, Caitlyn Faulkner, Zander Schail, Zack Piper, Zach Rogers, Quinn Miller, LeighAnn Tiethoff, and CJ Piper were invited. We're sure the students had a great time participating!

Sports Corner

By Shawna Stewart

MLB: Spring training in the MLB has officially started and the players are heard at work preparing for the actual season to start. There are two leagues in the MLB spring training. The first one is Cactus, and the second one is Grapefruit. They decided what team is on which league depending on where your team is located. The Cardinals have taken quite a few wins so far, but it's still early in spring training, so anything can happen. On Friday, March 11th they play the Braves. The Cubs, on the other hand, are not off to a great start. They have taken many loses and a couple wins, but they have many games this week to catch up. The regular season for MLB will officially start on Sunday, April 3rd. The Cardinals will play the Pirates, the Mets will face the Royals, and the Blue Jays will go against the Rays. More games will continue on to April 4th, where the Cubs will face the Angels and the Astros will play the Yankees. This season is already shaping up to be a good one.

NBA: The NBA is well into their season now. On March 7th, the Bulls took the victory against the Bucks. The score was 100-90. On this day, the Warriors also beat Magic 119-113. On Sunday March 15th, the Celtics will face the Rockets. The Miami Heat will also be going against the Chicago Bulls. So make sure you tune in!

NFL: Peyton Manning officially announced his retirement for the NFL on March, 7th. This was a tough decision for him but after having so many injuries and surgeries, he felt like it was time. So after many records broken, 5 MVPs, and 2 Super bowls, Peyton Manning is finished creating himself into a quarterback, who will forever be missed and remembered. Other news in the NFL is that there are many important players whose contracts are up and they are technically free agents. For example, Matte Forte, a running back for the Chicago Bears, his contract is up. Brock Osweiler, the quarterback for the Denver Broncos, is also a free agent. The NFL preseason and schedule has yet to be announced.



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