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Cross Country

By Seth Boyer

This year, be prepared for another competitive and fun year in cross country! Mrs. Cocquit mentors our cross country runners: Josh Beeney, Zephen Schaille, Cody Bachman, Noah Raices, Mason Hill, Kelsey Walton, Brandon Mirabal, Jacob Heid, and Seth Boyer. This year we have already had impressive times by all of our runners. It is just the beginning of the year, so we expect all of their times to better before the end of the season. Come support them at our home meets, which will take place at the old Donavon golf course. Keep reading the Town Crier for more updates.



The 2015 Cross-Country team.

Changes at the school

By Kailey Klute

How do you like all that is going on outside? Over the summer the old parking lot was torn up and a new concrete lot was made. You may have also noticed that they are still working on the press box and Mr. Smith's class is working on the ticket booth. On these, they are putting blue siding on and a new roof. Also, new stairs and new railings were made, along with a new ramp for any handicap people so they can get to the stands and watch the games. Make sure you go check out all the new changes at the next home football game.



Work is still being done on the pressbox, but it is looking great!

Go, Fight, Win!

By Shawna Stewart

As you may remember, there was a pep assembly held on Friday, August 28th at 2 p.m., and it was a blast. It was great practice for the dance and cheerleaders, and it helped get the boys ready for their first game! At the pep assembly, the dance team, cheer squad, and band performed, then the coaches introduced their sport and players. To wrap it all up, the classes did the spirit challenge, which the seniors won. The pep assembly was followed by the first

Go, Fight, Win! (cont.)

game at 7 p.m. The game was home and the boys put up a huge fight to come out victorious, winning with a score of 40-34. Their second game was on Friday, the 4th at 7 p.m. in Princeville. The boys lost with a score of 6-27. Giving them a record of 1-1. Their next game will be on Friday, the 11th at 7 p.m. in Bushnell. Come out and support your Patriots!



Mrs. Adkins brings the cheerleaders up during the pep-assembly to congratulate them for all their hard work.



The PHHS band watches the pep-rally from the back and gets ready to play the school song.

The Yearbook Award

By Taylor Peterson

Did you like last year's yearbook? The administrators of Walsworth seemed to love it! They had given the last year's staff with an award and inducted the yearbook into the "Walsworth Yearbooks' Gallery of Excellence." Yearbooks are selected based on the high quality of their design, coverage, copy, and photography. The yearbooks chosen are used as examples at regional, state, or even national conventions, as examples to help aid other designers. Congratulations to last year's staff on the outstanding work!



This year's yearbook staff poses with the Gallery of Excellence award.

Student Council

By Kensey Schol

The student council members have had a couple of meetings these past two weeks. T these, they discussed homecoming themes, spirit week days, and colors for homecoming. This year's homecoming theme is Disney, and the spirit week themes will be posted soon. This year, Mrs. Allen told the members that they're doing much more this year instead of just homecoming. The members will now be attending the Peoria Heights Village meetings and the school board meetings. This year's members include:

Freshmen:

- Hannah Corey
- Zoe Galladora
- LeighAnn Tiethoff
- Hailey Walton

Juniors:

- Anna Kelly
- Katie Markovich
- Jacob Heid
- David Dellit

Sophomores:

- Kimya Collins
- Charlie Schneider
- Zak Schneider
- Jaron Webb
- Brianna Varvil
- Peyton Marfell

Seniors:

- Lily Quinn
- Rachel Seitz
- Kensey Schol
- Emmy Tiethoff
- Dylan Hrdlicka
- Quinn Miller

Student Council:

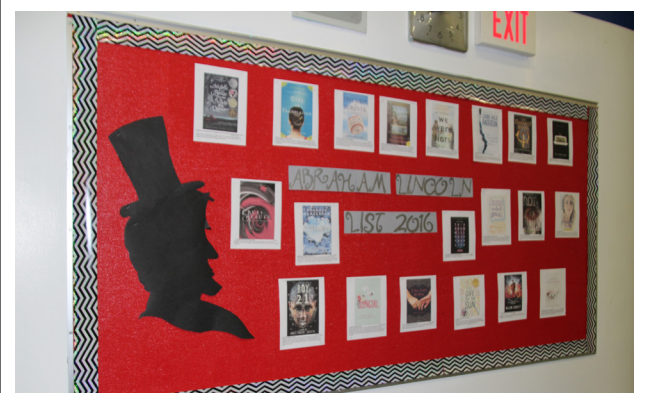
- Cole Reilly
- Madilyn Tortat
- Michelle Dang

If you have an interest in student council and would like to be a part of it, elections will be at the end of this school year.

The Library Club

By Taylor Peterson

Do you like to read books? If so, the library club might be the perfect thing for you! The library club is for people to come together and discuss different books. Around Christmas time you will also go to the grade school and read books to the children. This month the library club will be meeting multiple authors and learning about their experiences. It's not too late to join! Meetings are held during "A" lunch. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Poole.



Mrs. Poole's bulletin board with the Lincoln award books.

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PHHS Career Survey

By Charles Schneider

Recently, all of the students here at Peoria Heights filled out a survey and on the survey they were asked to fill in their top career choices. Well, the results are in! After going through all of the surveys, we now know what careers students at Peoria Heights are most interested in. At the top of the list was the medical category, which includes doctors, nurses, surgeons, vets, etc. Medical was by far the top choice. However, there was a tie for second most popular career. The sports industry and law both came in as the second most popular, followed by technology and education/teaching. There also seemed to be interests in media (journalism, newspaper editing, etc.), construction, and the military. So, knowing now what careers Peoria Heights students are interested in, we can use this information to plan career fairs and speakers. In doing this, we hope to help PHHS students succeed in whatever career choice that they choose!

Football

By Madilyn Tortat

"We're #1, Peoria Heights High School, Go Heights!" Those words rang out from the stands frequently during the season opener on August 28th, with the Patriots scoring several first half touchdowns. The Patriots upset Ridgewood 40-34 in a back and forth battle. Several players had big games. Geno Hess was second in the area with 180 rushing yards, Jarin Wallace was also second in the area, picking up 120 receiving yards, and quarterback Blake Begner threw for 160. The atmosphere was electric throughout the game, with the cheerleaders, band, and fans cheering on the team. After the game, the students stormed the field and joined the players in the singing of the school song. It was the Patriots first season opener victory since 2007. The next game didn't have the same outcome, but the Patriots were still competitive, losing to Princeville 27-6. The team will travel to Rushville-Industry to take on the team many people have predicted to win the conference. Come out and support your Patriots at Rushville!



The football team makes their way onto the field during the first game of the season.

And the results are in!

By James Janis

Yesterday, September 10th, the special elections were held for the vacant seat for the 18th Congressional district in Illinois, left vacant from Aaron Shock. After a long and difficult campaign, Darin LaHood came

And the results are in! (cont.)

out over Rob Mellon.

LaHood took 69% of the vote with 33,319 votes, and Mellon earned 31% of the vote with 15,127 votes.

Congratulations to Darin LaHood for your win and we look forward to you taking your seat in congress. Darin will be sworn in sometime in the near future to take our spot back in Congress. Congratulations again to Mr. LaHood and we are all excited to see what you will do.

Volleyball is here!!

By Sarah Knott

Volleyball has finally begun. The lady Patriots had a meet the team Saturday, August 28, they worked on their warmup and then scrimmaged against each other to get ready for their first game. The season actually started Monday, August 31st against Henry. Jv team won in two games. Varsity is a different story, they played very well against Henry and lost. They had some good time, but then they fell apart and struggled a bit to get back in the game. Tuesday, September 1 we played Williamsfield and yet again Jv won. Varsity did better against Williamsfield than Henry, but they still didn't come out with a win. Thursday, September 3 they played against Lewistown, both teams lost that night. Tuesday, September 8 was the girls' first home game against Bushnell Prairie City. Each team played three matches, but lost. No one is disappointed on how the games went, you could tell we were fighting to win. Thursday, September 10 against Farmington. Both teams fought hard. Varsity is still looking for their victory. Everyone should still continue to come out and support your Lady Patriots. Courage, Fire, Desire.



Sarah Knott makes a dive to hit the ball.

The Little League World Series

By Noah Nelson

The Little League World Series is a baseball tournament for kids in between the ages of 11 and 13. In the Little League World Series, there are teams from all over the world, and this year some of the international teams were from places like: China, Taipei, Australia, British Columbia, Dominican Republic, Uganda, Japan, Venezuela, and Mexico. From the United States, there were teams from Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Rhode Island, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and California. The Little League World Series is played in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Kids playing baseball have always dreamed of playing at the Little League World Series. They get to meet new kids from around the

The Little League World Series (cont.)

world, they get to go on a vacation, and they get to play baseball on TV. The team from Texas played the team from Mexico for third place. Texas beat Mexico 6-4 for third place. In the championship game the team from Pennsylvania played the team from Japan. It was a high scoring game but Japan ended up winning 18-11.



A shot taken from the stands at the Little League World Series. Courtesy of Google Images

PHHS Golf Team

By Charles Schneider

This year, for the first time in a couple decades, Peoria Heights High School has a golf team! The golf team, which consists of Freshman Trevor Heath and Sophomore Charles Schneider, has already had four golf matches. Even more, both players on the team have had matches where they finished in the top five players. The most recent match was the Prairieland Conference Tournament at Wee-Ma-Tuk Golf Course. The team has been practicing daily at Peoria Area Golf Courses and at the Peoria Golf Academy. Though the golf team is small, that has not stopped them from competing with and defeating some golf teams in the area that are much larger. The golf team's next match will be Monday, September 14th. The match will be at Parkview Golf Course in Pekin, Illinois and will be hosted by Pekin High School.



Trevor Heath and Charles Schneider stand with their coach Mr. Lewis.