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The King Holiday

By Madilyn Tortat

The third Monday of January celebrates the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. The holiday was first observed in 1986, but was not celebrated in all states until 2000. The way the holiday is celebrated varies. Some schools stay in session while others give their students the day off. Most non-essential government departments are closed. The day is seen as a day to promote equal rights for everyone.

Martin Luther King is often considered the most influential civil rights leader of all time. His most well-known work is the "I Have a Dream" speech. He played an important role in ending segregation of African Americans in the South. King was assassinated by James Earl Ray in 1968.



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The Super Bowl

By Seth Boyer

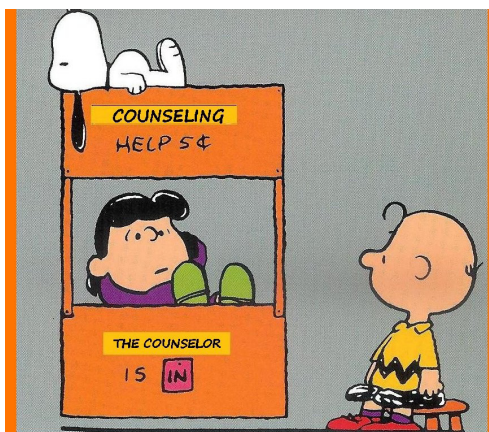
It is almost that time of the year again, the Super Bowl! All the teams in the National Football League fought extremely hard to make it to the playoffs. After many weeks, the last 4 remaining teams were the Indianapolis Colts, New England Patriots, Green Bay Packers, and the defending champs, the Seattle Seahawks. The Green Bay Packers lost a nail bitter in Seattle, losing in overtime 29-22. The Packers blew a big lead late in the 4th quarter. The AFC game wasn't as close. The New England Patriots completely demolished the Indianapolis Colts, 45-7. However, the game is being remembered for something else. The NFL has found out that the Patriots used deflated footballs for the game. You may ask, why does that matter? A deflated football makes it easier to grip, and easier to catch. However, the deflated footballs did not make a 38-point difference. The Patriots have denied doing any wrongdoing. That includes quarterback Tom Brady, who could feel the footballs before every hand off, or throw.

As for the big game, the Patriots took home the title, winning 28-24. The Seahawks were driving late in the game, and got the ball to New England's one yardline, thanks to a miracle grab by Jermaine Kearse. Instead of handing the ball off to running back Marshawn Lynch, the Seahawks threw a quick pass to Ricardo Lockette. Patriots' cornerback Malcolm Butler stepped in front of the pass to seal the victory. Tom Brady won Super Bowl MVP, and took him his fourth Super Bowl win.

Counselor's Corner

By Kensey Schol

Seniors, it's time to get ready for college. The time for applying for scholarships is now! If you're a senior you can go to fasfa.ed.gov for federal grants. Mrs. Wenzel also has a list of a bunch of links for even more scholarships! There are many of them offered. They go from academics to athletics. There's also scholarships for things you didn't even know existed. January first of every year is when seniors can start applying. The best advice for the juniors this year is to keep a file of everything you've ever done. Things like volunteering, work, leadership, and activities. Also a heads up to all the juniors that the ACT is coming up on March 3rd. It's very soon so it would be best to start studying. You can see Mrs. Wenzel if you have any questions about the ACT or if you need help on studying.



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WMBD Field Trip

By Cole Reilly

The Journalism Class took a field trip to the WMBD News Station last week to further learn what opportunities you could pursue in this field of work, and to just see the pros in action. We got a full tour of their facility and an in-depth explanation of what goes on throughout the day and week. The staff was incredibly kind and didn't just treat us like some kids coming to their job on a field trip.

Towards the end of the field trip we got a hands on experience with the studio and cameras used to record channel 31's broadcasts. We learned the true possibilities of a green screen and got a chance to try out some of the massive cameras they use to record the news. We were able to sit down in the same seats that some of the faces you see on your T.V. screen do every day.

We got to sit in on their noon broadcast before we left. I think the journalism class as a whole gained a lot of knowledge from this experience. It will further help our endeavors as a team. Big shout out to WMBD, thanks Dave!

Around The School



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Hoop, There It Is!

By Sarah Knott

The Varsity boys came out with a big win on Friday, January 23 against the West Prairie Cyclones. The score was 40-39. The Patriots were up one when the Cyclones' big man was fouled with five seconds left for a one and bonus opportunity. He would miss the first free throw and the Patriots would secure the rebound to hold on to win. The JV team also came out with a win.

Both teams came home with a win against the North Fulton Wildcats on Tuesday, January 27. The varsity team grinded out a low scoring victory over the Wildcats 43-34. Noah Persich scored 16. The win pushed the Patriots to 6-1 in conference play.

On Friday, the Patriots fell at Abingdon. It was a tough loss for the team, as they were trying to keep pace with Brimfield and Elmwood at the top of the conference standings. The Patriots will be busy again this week. They will be at Havana on Tuesday, and they will host Bushnell on Friday. It is alumni night, and the Red Storm theme is a blackout.



The Patriots walk out of their huddle at West Prairie.

It's time to wise up for WYSE

By James Janis

You've heard the announcements and maybe you thought about joining, but what exactly is WYSE? WYSE is a "competitive test-taking" competition. It is taken at the ICC East Campus during school and you get to have free roam of the campus after the tests.

WYSE stands for Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, and many of the tests fall under those categories. The two most popular, and easiest tests are English and biology, but there are many other tests besides that. There are other tests such as physics, graphics, computer science, math, and chemistry.

If you seem interested in WYSE, take a stop by Ms. Markovich's room during one of our practices and take a look at the test. We always have room for more people on our WYSE team, and we would love to have you. For any other questions, or to participate, please see Ms. Markovich for more information.

Hands Up! Block That Shot!

By Kirstan Bennett

On Monday January 26th the Lady Patriots lost against the Lady Bullets. On Thursday January 29th the Lady Patriots played against the Lady Tornadoes. The Lady Tornadoes came out with the victory 62-36. Senior Adrienne Summers-Reynolds had 14 points with Junior Jessi Webb 10 points. The Lady Patriots had 15 Fouls. Congratulations to the JV Lady Patriots on their victory over Abingdon. Senior Night is on Monday February 2nd the Lady Patriots are looking to get a victory against the Beardstown Lady Tigers.



Senior Adrienne Summers-Reynolds delivers a pass against Knoxville.

Scholastic Bowl

By Cody Schindler

The Peoria Heights scholastic bowl team was very busy last week. On Tuesday of last week, the team was at Eureka. The team defeated the host Eureka, but would lose to Richwoods and Limestone to finish the meet 1-2. On Thursday of last week, the Patriots were at Valley. The team went 2-1, defeating Knoxville and Valley, and falling to Peoria Christian. Last Saturday, the Patriots were at Mercer County. The Patriots won their pool, going 4-1 to advance to the final eight. Unfortunately, the team would go winless in their three afternoon matches, to finish eighth. All things considered, eighth was a pretty good finish considering the size of some of the other schools.

This week, the team was at Canton on Tuesday. The varsity team went 1-2 while the JV team went 0-3. On Thursday, the team had another meet, this time at Brimfield. The Patriots went 1-2, defeating Farmington. The team will host a home meet on Tuesday.



MOJO

By Cody Schindler

On Wednesday, the MOJO group hosted their second activity day. This time, the group welcomed in the sophomores. The theme of the day was "Super-Sophs," to help the sophomores realize how important they are to the school, and to tell them what they can get out of their four years at PHHS. The group did some fun activities with group. They did a competition where you had to roll a hula hoop around a group of cups stacked near half court. They also did a contest where you had to move an oreo from your forehead to your mouth, without using your hands. It was a fun, successful day.

The MOJO group also added new members. Taryn Minor, Charlie Schneider, Brianna Varvil, and Tyler Webb now represent the freshman class. The group also includes sophomores Josh Beeney, Shay Collins, Anna Kelly, and Zephen Schaille. The junior class includes Michelle Dang, James Janis, Quinn Miller, and Emmy Thietoff. The seniors include Alex Campbell, Shannon Michael, Cody Schindler, and Adrienne Summers-Reynolds.



Sophomores Davion Patterson and Davon Patterson bust a move at the sophomores' MOJO activity day.

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