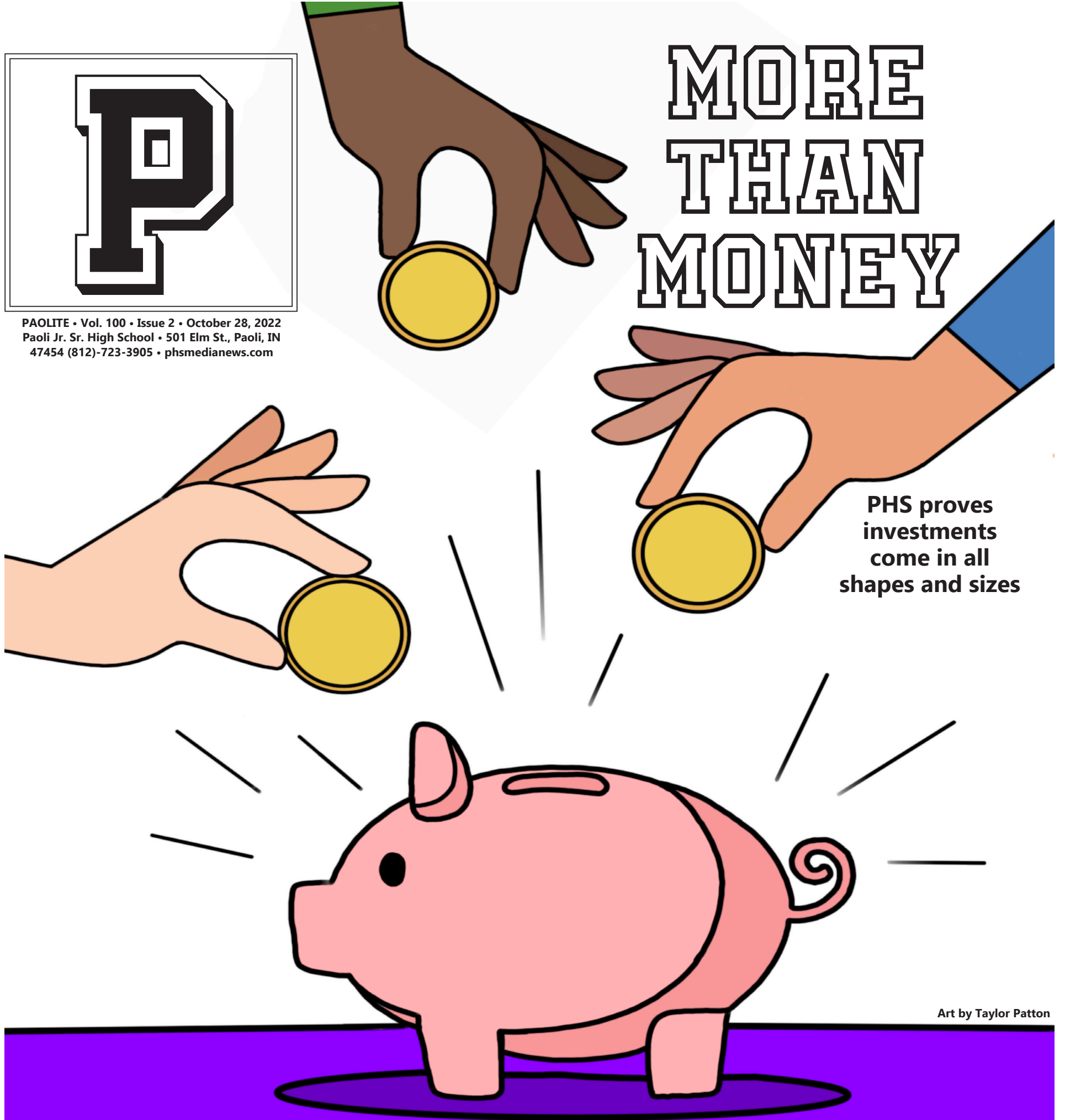


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MORE THAN MONEY



**PHS proves
investments
come in all
shapes and sizes**

Art by Taylor Patton

Veterans Day Planning In Progress

Veterans Day was established by the U.S. government as a day to honor all of America's veterans. Veterans are living Americans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces at sometime in their lives. Celebrated each year on November 11, the same date that World War I ended.

The annual Veterans Day program will be held in Chambers Gymnasium, beginning around 10 a.m. and will end at around 11 a.m. with the playing of taps. The student body, staff members, veterans who are being honored and guests from the community will be in attendance.

U.S. History Teacher Chris Lindley is in charge of coordinating the program and has been since 2005.

Lindley and students in his AP U.S. History class will present various readings, including patriotic poetry and the history of Veterans Day also. The choir and band will perform. The highlight will be the recognition and honoring of local veterans.

The program will feature a guest speaker, Chris Higgins, who is now a retired U.S. Navy veteran.

By Indiana law, all schools are

required to hold some version of a Veterans Day program, but each year Lindley feels compelled to make the assembly meaningful.

"Since we have a legal requirement, why not go ahead and make it excellent and give our school the opportunity to provide a great community service in honoring these men and women who have done so much for our nation and are still a

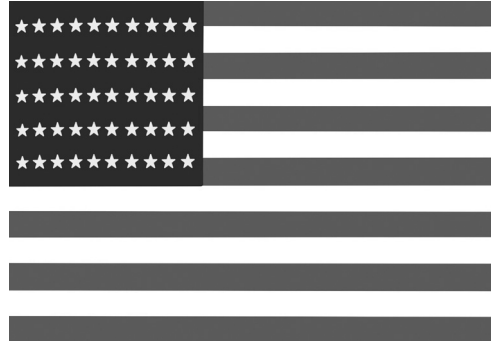
significant part of the life of our community?" said Lindley.

He hopes that the program will leave an impact on students, ranging from inspiring them to serve to giving them an understanding of their loved ones

Art by Taylor Patton

who have served. Overall, Lindley wants the Veterans Day convocation to teach students about what it means to be both a Veteran and an American.

"However, my greatest hope is always that [students] will be more appreciative of the veterans, understanding what our nation has asked of these men and women and knowing more about themselves as Americans," said Lindley.



FRESHMAN
SHELBY
CHAPMAN



JUNIOR
CARLEY
HIGGINS

Lunch Money Mishaps

The new lunch program, Opaa!, kicked off the year with a great start. More recently, however, an issue has arisen during lunch. Some students have been told to remove food from their trays.

Last year's lunch program offered students and staff free breakfast and lunch if they just ordered the main. With Opaa!, at first this was not the case. It only took a few days for this to change though.

"Our school corporation is operating a program called Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which allows each student to qualify for one free breakfast and lunch per day. We qualify for this program because our school corporation had 40% or more students who were directly certified to receive free meals last school year," said Corporation Treasurer Courtney Brown.

With the change during lunch and breakfast, students and staff could get the main meal for free. These meals change each day, and can all be seen on the Opaa! website and app. If students wish to have

more than the main meal for lunch, they will get charged for it. Depending on the amount of food they add determines how much money they will have to pay. It is their own responsibility to make sure that they can afford what they are trying to eat for lunch and breakfast that day.

"Students are at liberty to purchase additional items at a cost. When the student makes all their selections and goes to check out with the cashier, if the student doesn't have the funds or if their account is overdrawn by \$25 or more they have no choice but to take the additional goods off the tray," said Principal Ed Wagner.

Now that the issue is brought out into view, the solution can be as well. Students have two options on what to do. They can either just get the main meal for free or pay their tab and deposit money into their lunch accounts at the front office.

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Meet the Candidates

On November 8, voters will select a candidate from each district to serve on the Paoli School Board. Read about each candidate below.

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RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 1



Arielle Shipman

Education: Paoli Jr. Sr. High School Class of 2007, ATA College and University of Louisville, graduated in 2011

Career: I've been a Dental Assistant for 11 years and

have been at Springs Valley Dental Care (formerly Cave & Cave) for three years.

Connection: I'm an alumni and past employee of PCSC and currently have two kids attending. I also manage two Facebook groups where parents can communicate, ask questions, and support each other as our kids move through each grade.

Why I'm Running: I've been a parent in the school for over seven years and have thirteen more to go. My kids learn in different ways and have different abilities. I've gotten to personally know many children in this community and can relate to a lot of what these kids and their families go through to make it to the end of just one school day. I'm invested in these kids and their futures and I want to see them all succeed, not just the ones who get straight As or are naturally good at things.

Hope to accomplish: I hope to ensure that decisions are made to benefit, and opportunities given, to ALL students, and not just a select few. Because each child deserves a chance to better their life.



Lila Tucker*

Education: Paoli Community Schools, Northwood Institute, and Indiana University

Career: President, Paoli School Board

Years Served: Eight

Connection: Retired Paoli High School teacher, 40 years; current board member, Board Chair

Why Running: I am running for another term on the board to continue to improve opportunities for students as they hone their skills or select courses that prepare them for a successful career.

Hope to accomplish: In recent years the board has been instrumental in selecting

programs that are beneficial in preparing our students for future endeavors. Proudly we are experiencing success in increased test scores, a safer and welcoming environment, as well as smaller class sizes to accommodate more personal teacher and student interaction. I hope to continue to facilitate Paoli Schools' student learning by extending valuable resources to all stakeholders as they become available. Everyone benefits from successful schools.

RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 2



Scott Blankenbaker

Education: 1988 graduate of PHS. Two years at ISU

Career: Insurance Salesman
Years Served: Four

Connection: Since 1992, I have served as a coach for several different sports. From elementary to high school. I have served on the Lost River Board as well.

Why Running: I am running to stay involved with our schools corporation and help in any way I can to serve our community and our youth.

Hope to accomplish: I would like to see our schools become financially stronger, and to help in any way that I can to provide the proper tools for our students to become stronger as students and as young adults. We must get them ready for life after school.



Julie Hopper

Education: High School Graduate

Career: Receptionist
Years Served: 15

Connection: My connection to the Paoli School System has been and always will be my children and grandchildren, volunteering in their classroom, supporting extracurricular and athletic events and being a past member of the Paoli School Board.

Why Running: I believe all children should be provided an education to fit their specific needs and goals to be successful.

Hope to accomplish: To focus on student achievements and implement policies that

will insure success for all students in the Paoli Community School system.

RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 3



Bill Hoke*

Education: Paoli High School

Career: Pipe Welder

Years Served: Four

Connection: School Board

Why Running: To continue work from my first term.

Hope to accomplish: To help all students become successful adults whatever that might be college or trade school.



Christopher Mavronicles

Education: Portage High School 1997, BA in sociology and psychology from Purdue University 2003, MS in

Gerontology from University of Indianapolis 2008

Career: Care Manager/ Social Services

Connection: I have two children in fourth grade and one in 10th grade that attend Paoli Schools.

Why Running: Our school's success impacts the lives of so many in our community, including my children. I believe that our school board should contain a parent of current Paoli students. I am running to advocate for the needs of all children, parents and teachers.

Hope to accomplish: Being a School Board member isn't about power or conversations behind closed doors. It's about being involved, advocating and respecting those you represent. If elected, I would like to ensure that our teachers, assistants and staff have the resources they need. I would like to enhance transparency and communication throughout the school and the community. Paoli School Corporation has been graded as a "C" level school since 2011. It's time for a change. Our students deserve policies and processes that foster their success. I want to give our students the opportunity to experience an "A" level education.

*Asterisks by candidate names signify current board members who are running for re-election.

NEWS

RIVER FLEMING



(Left) The Pride of Paoli performs at Regional.

(Below) Senior AJ Lopez plays the saxophone at the Evansville competition. Photos by Olivia McSpadden

Pride Eyes Semi-State Contest

A Look Back on the Band's Season and Steps Towards State

The Pride of Paoli is currently gearing up for their performance at Semi-State which will take place tomorrow, October 29.

At the start of the season, the band performed at various contests to prepare for the official ISSMA contests. The Pride started their season on September 10 at Columbus North, earning first place and Best Percussion, Visuals, General Effect and Music. Two weeks later they took home third in Class D at Floyd Central. At Springs Valley on October 1, the Pride took first place Open Class D, earning Best Percussion and Music. At Valley they also earned the Grand Champion title in both Class C and Class D.

In ISSMA contests, at the Jasper on October 8 they earned Gold and distinctions in music, visual and effect, and at Regional held in Evansville on October 15, the Pride received Gold with a distinction in effect, advancing them to tomorrow's Semi-State.

"We are having a really successful season so far. We have won first place at three competitions, and just advanced from Regionals competition to the Semi-State competition. We have had to work through a lot of obstacles but the journey has been very rewarding so far," said Band Director Chris Karkosky.

Led by junior Drum Major Liliann Woodsmall, band members are putting their full attention on their arrangement for Semi-State. The show titled "In Focus" presents a variety of pieces including "Clarity" by Zedd, "Symphony No. 8 Finale" by Anton Bruckner and "Original Music" by Bill Spencer Pierce.

"We are working towards mastering everything in our show. Our goal at Semi-State is to have lots of 'wow' moments in our performance from all sections of the Pride of

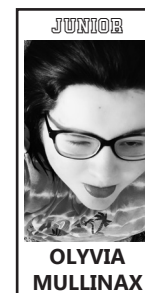


Paoli. This stage of the season is all about being as precise, consistent and confident as possible," said Karkosky.

Karkosky is both impressed with and proud of how well the Pride is doing. He is happy with the abilities they have demonstrated this season, not only as instrumentalists but as people overall.

"The band has improved immensely this year. Our upperclassmen are doing an excellent job of leading the band and being good role models, and our younger members are stepping up to the plate and giving their maximum effort. We are pleased to say that everyone is outdoing themselves from last year which is really nice to see," said Karkosky.

Tomorrow the Pride will compete at Franklin Community High School at Semi-State competition at 1:30 p.m. Awards for the contest will take place at 7 p.m.



OLIVIA MULLINAX

NEWS TO KNOW

Time Stops at PHS

This summer, a month before school began, all of the clocks in the PHS building stopped. The master control panel which controls all of the clocks lost function due to age.

Issues arose when students were doing time-constrained work like tests and quizzes, struggling with time management.

Facilities Director Tim Guthrie is working on getting the clocks back to normal as soon as possible to enable things to run smoothly for students and staff.

"The company that looked at [the master control panel] informed us that there are no parts available for it since it's so old," said Guthrie.

As a result, a completely new master control panel will have to be purchased and installed. The quote given for this was \$3850 and an order was placed on August 29.

"Once they receive the new panel they will give me an install date. I'm hoping maybe they will get it done in the next week or two," said Guthrie.

While students and staff await the new panel, the problem has been temporarily solved by placing individual analog clocks in each classroom that needs them.

• By Ayla Anderson

Speech Contest Closes In

The annual Speech Contest is back and will be held on Wednesday, November 2. Typically held in the spring, the event was moved due to an unoccupied early release Wednesday.

High school students in advanced English classes are required to participate, though any other high school student may choose to do so.

"I am almost always very excited to see what the students come up with for speech contest. It is a little strange to have it in the fall this year, but I still think the students will put on a great show," said Speech Contest Coordinator Carol Eubank.

• By Masden Embry

Fall Production Raises the Roof

Last week, Thursday through Saturday, the PHS Drama Club performed “Fiddler on the Roof Jr.” on the Uyesugi Auditorium stage.

The plot followed senior Adin Monroe in the lead role of Teyve, as he played matchmaker with his wife Golde, portrayed by senior Isabell Shipman. Their daughters, played by eighth graders Cheyenne Carter and Piper Frank, along with sophomores Mary Cook and Lilyanna Beatty, faced the challenge of convincing their father to let them marry for love instead of marrying for money.

The story is set in pre-revolutionary Russia, specifically in 1905, in an impoverished Jewish village. As the tale progressed, the familial, financial and faith-based struggles of Teyve, his wife and his children were laid out. Differences and inequalities in the roles of men and women were also depicted. These hardships were contrasted

with warm portrayals of the Jewish culture, community and tradition and the sense of unity within them. Anti-semitism, or prejudice against Jews, was also shown — ultimately ending the play with actors showing how Jews were forced out of Russia.

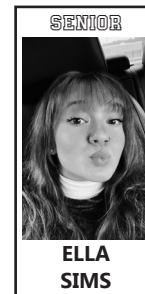
Although this was a smaller PHS Drama production in comparison to previous plays, the cast managed to both put on performances and learn a lot about how Jews faced adversity throughout the years.

“I’d say my favorite part was learning about the tie-in between the songs that we were singing and their relationship to Jewish culture. It was very

enlightening to see that the songs [from the musical] that I had grown up listening to weren’t just songs, but were reflections of how real Jewish people felt at that time,” said Monroe.



Senior Ellie Sims dances around the stage as the fiddler. Photo by Olivia McSpadden



SENIOR

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(Top) Senior Adin Monroe as Teyve dances at the front of the stage in celebration of the wedding of his daughter Tzeitel and Motel. **(Above)** (From left to right) Teyve’s daughters Chava, played by sophomore Lilyanna Beatty, Shprintze, played by eighth grader Sophie Holliday and Hodel, played by sophomore Mary Cook peel potatoes as Perchik, played by senior AJ Lopez, teaches them a Bible lesson. **(Right)** Senior Isabell Shipman as Golde holds a candle while watching her daughter get married. **(Far Right)** Freshman Cannon Lambdin steps on a glass in honor of Jewish marital tradition after wedding eighth grader Piper Frank under the canopy. Photos by Olivia McSpadden

Media Staff Says Spend Time Wisely

When one hears the word invest, their mind typically goes straight to finances. Stocks. Bonds. Economics. However, investing is not limited to monetary matters. There is a wide range of assets one invests daily, whether intentionally or unconsciously.

The entirety of PHS just recently invested their time in giving back to the community on Service Day. The volleyball team managed to get a multitude of people to invest in cancer research with their fundraisers. Some students are investing in their futures by getting a head start at working in the veterinary field. The school overall is investing in sports with baseball and softball field renovations. The list goes on.

To get more insight on what our student body is personally investing in, we asked our media staff how they are using they are spending their time productively as well as the reason behind those choices.

Many students mentioned their involvement in clubs and sports. A plethora of organizations were provided. Some were agriculture based like FFA and 4-H. Others centered around the arts such as band and theatre. Several staff members thankfully replied with media-related activities including photography and design. Basketball, cheer and football were the sports students revealed they invested time in.

Hobbies were another common category people's answers fell into. Students stressed the importance of spending time doing things they enjoyed — consisting of gaming, watching movies and television and hanging out with friends and family.

Moreover, students were surveyed on how they invest their talents. Some said they are good singers and they use that ability at in church choirs and in drama productions. Others used their musical aptitudes to play instruments like guitar. Additionally, staff members talked about using their knacks for drawing, painting and sculpting to create beautiful pieces.

Looking forward, we asked students what they are doing now to invest in their future selves and lives.

Hard work and discipline was the top

response, the majority of students referring to academics and work in sports with the hope of getting scholarships for college. Staff also said they invested their effort into the gym — working out to both stay in shape and to maintain their health so that they set good habits for themselves. Other students put work into working a job in order to get a jumpstart on financial security.

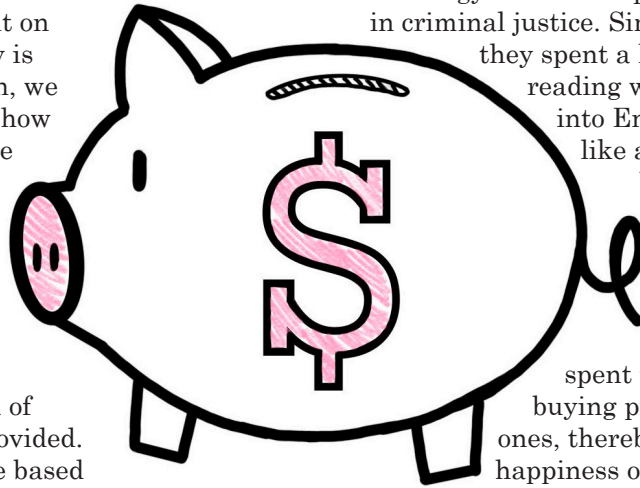
Students brought up things they are doing for their future career paths as well. More specifically, some staff members are taking health science classes to later become certified nursing assistants, registered nurses and doctors. Other students said they are taking criminology courses for possible occupations in criminal justice. Similarly, students said

they spent a lot of time writing and reading with the hope of going into English-based careers like authoring books.

When it comes to the more traditional type of investing, also known as monetary investments, students said they spent their money on buying presents for their loved ones, thereby investing in the happiness of their friends and family for special occasions or

just at random. Others spent their money on necessities like gas. Staff responded that they spend a lot of money on accessories that catch their eye like clothes and jewelry. Some students are making more permanent purchases with tattoos being a common expense for them. Rewarding themselves with smaller gifts for academic and other personal accomplishments was also frequently found among student responses.

Investing is not something that people should dismiss just because of their financial circumstances. It is important to understand that one can use more than money as an investment and that an investment itself is an umbrella term for putting work, time or talent towards any goal. In order to grow and better things for oneself and one's world, one needs to be constantly investing in something — no matter how big or how small. Because of this, our staff thinks one should have intention behind their investments. Check out the quote collection at left for ideas on how to pass time purposefully.



Making an Investment

We asked our staff what they think it is important for people to invest in.

“Everyone should put more time into having relationships with people and experiencing things.”

• Senior
Ellie Sims

“Things that will help them with their future as an adult.”

• Junior
Carley Higgins

“People should start investing more of their time into taking care of themselves.”

• Sophomore
Olyvia Mullinax

“I would recommend investing in your grades or your dream job.”

• Freshman
Dane Padgett

“People should invest in being a good person because nothing good comes from being a bad person.”

• Senior
Clara Henderson

“Spend time on things that make you happy that don't mess with other people's happiness, that's all that matters.”

• Sophomore
Brian Fullington

Senior Looks to Lend a Hand

Giving Back for Monroe not only act of service, also redemption

I am what I have invested in. The choices I have made in the past 18 years now reflect who I am on a deep and personal level. For better or for worse, our decisions make us.

I am lucky enough to live in a situation where I have been presented with great opportunities and a variety of choices. Combined, these have led me to be the Paoli High School senior and Indiana University admit who is writing this column.

In a small, rural town like Paoli, I have not had to face many dead-end, lose-lose choices or obstacles that have barred me from succeeding. Because I was raised here, a small place with low diversity, I have not been subject to the many adverse or complicated choices that others may be plagued by.

Yes, I am a very successful student and have overcome hardships to get where I am today — whether those were bad test scores, difficult classes or problems at home. But this truth is not due only to the privilege of my circumstances but to the work I have put into making certain that I am on a path that will lead me to success.

I have been fortunate enough to make these choices that have benefited me, choices like putting as much effort as possible into my schoolwork and school-based activities.

However, I do not plan to use this platform to talk about what I have done and how everything went well for me. Rather I hope to convey that even if you have not always made the best choices, it is not too late to start now.

The most important moments in life are those in which you fail to make the correct choice. These are the most pivotal because they force you to learn. To overcome adversities created by poor decision-making, I look to right my wrongs and ensure that others will not make the mistakes I may have made. I seek to do so by giving my time to others and helping whoever I can, whenever I can.

In an optimal world, we would make every right decision but we do not live in such a utopia. Even when we are dealt a “bad hand” in life, so to speak, we should do everything we can to pursue the choices that give us the opportunity to secure a better future. That comes with investing in things like community service and education.

Something I think many people need to be reminded of is that you do not have to be a part of a service organization like the National Honor Society to do good or to make a difference. You can volunteer or lend a hand independently to help make an impression on the world. Even the smallest act of goodwill can have a positive impact. The choices you make to better your community will inevitably lead you to become a better person, living in a better place.

While I have put considerable work into school, I know that simply being an educated individual is not enough to improve your community. Educational choices are essential to becoming wealthy and successful but it is more important to use your education to further your ability to help others.

The most recent valuable decision I made was to commit to Indiana University where I will pursue higher education in business. My choice after I complete my degree

is to lend a hand to businesses that aid those in need. It is my goal to be a part of a foundation that seeks to help others like a nonprofit. I choose to use my “good hand” to increase the chances of another person like me making the choices they need to make to do good.

While I may not have always made the choices that I should have made along the way, I am now choosing to invest my time in things that matter.

“I look to right my wrongs and ensure that others will not make the mistakes I may have made. I seek to do so by giving my time to others and helping whoever I can, whenever I can.”



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Freshman Necia Owens sorts and breaks down boxes at the Paoli Recycling Center.
Photo by Olivia McSpadden



(Top) Junior Gracie Brown walks one of the dogs with Mr. Reynolds at the Orange County Humane Society. (Above) Eighth grader Easton Patton makes a card for Safe Haven.
Photos by Olivia McSpadden

Students Offer A Hand to the Community

Following a three year hiatus, PHS hosted the sixth annual Service Day on Thursday, October 6. The last Service Day was held in October of 2019 and was unable to be held in 2020 and 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

PHS Service Day is a day dedicated to lending a helping hand to others in our area. Students and staff ventured out into the community to help participate in one of 26 service day projects.

Some groups stayed on campus to offer their service. Spanish Teacher Crystal Shellenberger took high school students to Throop to help teach younger students basic Spanish to allow them to interact better with their classmates who are native Spanish speakers. Football Coaches Neil Dittmer and Brian Wilson's group went to the football field to help renovate the bleachers and picnic tables, along with other maintenance.

Others traveled around Orange County. Media Teacher Heather Nichols and Math Teacher Jeremy Reynolds took students to the Orange County Humane Society to help clean, organize and show the animals some love. Science Teacher Laurie Jo Andry and English Teacher Brooke Goerres went to the Paoli Public Library to help clean up the inside of the building and assist in outside maintenance. Nichols is also the Service Day Coordinator who organized the event.

"We are so grateful that we were able to bring back this tradition for our students. I have only heard positive things from students and staff and I hope this year marks the beginning more many more Service Days," said Nichols.



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LOVING OUR ORANGE COUNTY

Service Day is one day a year where all students at PHS help to improve our community. We asked them, "How does Service Day impact our community?"



"It helps us socialize, work together, bond stronger as a community, and to bring joy to one another."
• Sophomore Jericho Hopper

"Service Day is a great day for the community around us. Many different projects are happening all around the county. People get to see that the students of PHS care about our community. Many make friends during their service day project whether it's with a kid, adult, or even an animal."

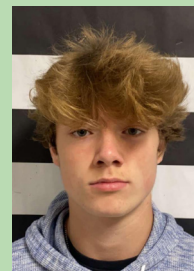


• Senior Treyvin Street



"It makes us be aware of our environment, and appreciate everyone that does stuff in the environment."
• Eighth grader Kaylee Baxter

"It helps keep the environment and woods clean in Orange County."
• Freshman Dane Padgett



(Left) Eighth grader Justin Thornton paints yard posts at the Paoli Health and Living. The group decorated the facility for fall and hung bird feeders. "I learned how to work efficiently and as a team," said Thornton.
Photo by Olivia McSpadden



Sophomores Ian Drake and Gavin Judd lay down tarps around the LRCC building's sign to improve the property's landscape.
Photo by Olivia McSpadden



(Top Left) Sophomore Elena Carmona digs up mulch at Head Start in Paoli. (Above Left) Eighth graders Moise Woods and Zaden Taylor pull weeds at the Paoli Public Library.



(Right) Junior Faith Gammon, senior Lara Brace and sophomore Ashlyn Campbell clean floors at Addy's House in Paoli.
Photos by Olivia McSpadden

Lady Rams Come Together in Honor of Windhorst

Each year in the United States, around 600,000 people die of cancer. Stella and Willson Windhorst experienced this firsthand over the summer when their mother, Sarah, unexpectedly passed away after her short battle with brain cancer.

Both Stella and Willson are juniors at PHS and Stella is a member of the Lady Rams volleyball team.

The Lady Rams came together this fall and decided to raise money for the American Cancer Society in honor of Sarah and in support of the Windhorst family as a whole. They held several different fundraisers throughout their season with all proceeds going towards the cause.

The team started by selling shirts in early September. They sold these shirts for \$15 to students and staff, as well as people around the community. Shirt raised \$970 total.

Additionally, the Lady Rams hosted a dance after the football game on September 9. It was offered to students in grades 9-12 and admission was \$5 per person. In all, the students raised \$395.

The team also hosted a

dinner at the Green Acres Golf Course restaurant. They offered "Sarah's Special" including a 10 oz. rib-eye steak, creek baked potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw for \$35. Half of the proceeds from the night went towards the team, making a \$800 overall.



Junior Stella Windhorst hugs junior team captain Lily Stroud after receiving her gift from the team. Photos by Olivia McSpadden

The Lady Rams raised a grand total of \$2,936 after all of their fundraisers. Stella and Willson's father, matched the amount, making the final total donated to the Orange County American Cancer Society to be \$5,436.

"I thought it was very thoughtful that [the volleyball team] did that.

We appreciated it a lot," said Willson.

On Tuesday, September 27, William and Sarah's wedding anniversary, the Lady Rams hosted Orleans. Both teams came together to honor the night in Sarah's memory. The Lady Rams wore pink jerseys with gray lettering and the Lady Bulldogs wore black jerseys with pink lettering. The gym was decorated with gray balloons for brain cancer and fans filled the stands wearing their fundraiser shirts.

Furthermore, the girls presented a gift to Stella and her family. Stella was given



(Top) Volleyball Coach Alexis Speer gifts William Windhorst a bouquet of flowers on September 27. Photo by Olivia McSpadden (Above) (From left to right) Willson, Stella, and William Windhorst, pose with Varsity Volleyball Coach Alexis Speer and Principal Ed Wagner, as she presents a check to Norma Free and Robin Brown, representatives from Orange County Cancer Patient Services. Courtesy Photo

a necklace and both she and William, were presented with a bouquet of flowers.

"It meant a lot for the team to pull together because it showed how in the good times and bad, we will always be there to lift each other up. It helped bring some peace to the situation,"

said Stella. "I hope that people will continue to spread awareness and I thank them for all the support they have shown."



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Rams Win Game One; Game Two Tonight

On October 21, the Rams defeated Mitchell in the first round of football sectional. The Rams won with a final score of 47-26.

"We did a nice job of starting fast. We played physical and were able to come away with a win. Excited for our guys to be able to play another week!" said Varsity Head Coach Neil Dittmer. The boys are now lined up to play North Posey tonight, kick off time 7:30 p.m.

"Friday night will be a tough game against a very good North Posey team. If we focus on ourselves, pursuing perfection every single play, we will be in a good position to win at the end of the game." said Dittmer. Moving back to the regular season, both varsity and junior varsity ended with winning records. Varsity's season record was 6-3, and junior varsity's was 4-3. This year's team was senior strong, being made up of 10 seniors. Those seniors are Austin

Benales, Brandon Cook, Braxton Elliott, Braydon Hayes, Marty Higgins, Camron Meehan, Max Newkirk, Chris Nunez, Brice Robbins and Nolan Walker.

"I am proud of this season because the guys battled through adversity with all the injuries to have a successful season," said Benales.

Benales is one of the team's captains who has played a large role in this season's success. Looking back, one of the big games for the Rams was against Eastern Greene.

As a whole, the team had 566 rushing yards, junior Trey Rominger contributing 276 of that. Junior high's season came to an end on October 6. Eighth grade's final record was 4-4, and seventh grade was 3-5.



JUNIOR
CARLEY HIGGINS



Senior Brandon Cook runs the ball down the field into the endzone. Photo by Olivia McSpadden

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VOLLEYBALL



Junior Gracie Brown serves the ball to the opposing team. Photo by Olivia McSpadden

The volleyball team ended their season over fall break. Varsity's final season record was 15-12, and junior varsity's was 5-11. They lost to Austin in the first round of sectionals, hosted by Brownstown.

"We played the best we have played all year against Tell City. I felt like we had a lot of momentum moving into sectional week. When we got to Austin, we had a great first set and then completely went flat. Our Austin game was probably

the worst we played all year. Just wasn't our night and it definitely wasn't the way we wanted our season to end." said Varsity Head Coach Alexis Speer.

The team is graduating two seniors, River Fleming and Ashleigh Garcia, who have both been assets to the team. The returning players will have some big shoes to fill next year.

Junior high's season ended at the end of September. Eighth grade's final record was 1-10, and seventh grade was 3-7.

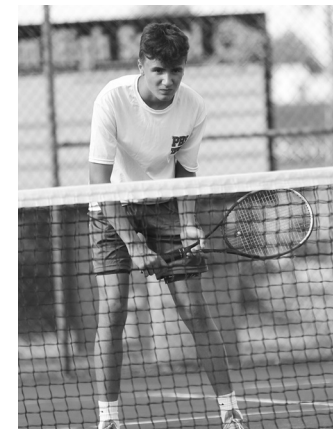
BOYS TENNIS

The boys tennis team's season ended at sectional this season. Varsity's final record was 15-3, which was the high school's best team record since 2003. Junior varsity's final record was 7-6.

"The boys played great tennis all year. Worked really hard at it and helped bring Paoli boys tennis back to life," said Varsity Head Coach Matt Wolfe.

Another huge accomplishment for one of the players was senior Isaac Cornett-McBride's individual record. He had a total of 43 wins across his career.

This is the highest number of wins, made up of all four years of high school combined, that Paoli boy's tennis has seen in 20 years.



Freshman Kirkland Hughes gets ready to play defense. Photo by Taylor Morgan

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team ended their season with sectionals. Neither team placed first in any meets, although many were close.

"The season went well. Everyone ended the season with their personal bests and had improved greatly from the beginning of the season." said head coach Summer Hudelson.

The team graduated three talented seniors, so the team has a lot of work to put in during the off-season. Seniors include Cailyn Baechle, Braven Cook, and Jacob Workman.

Junior high's season ended at the beginning of October. The girls placed first in one meet, and the boys in no meets.



Senior Jacob Workman races ahead of a Crawford County runner. Photo by Olivia McSpadden

SPORTS

RIVER FLEMING



(Above) Senior Tucker Hooten measures medicine in a syringe.
Photo by Cory Scott

Veterinary Students Learn Hands-on Lessons

Seniors Tucker Hooten and Taylor Lashley began working at vet clinics in August, through their Veterinary classes offered here at PHS.

The Veterinary Medicine I class has been offered for four years now with the typical class size of twelve students. The second class has been offered for three years now with its classes ranging from two to four students. This year, another Veterinary class has been introduced, Principles of Veterinary Science.

Previously, the two seniors completed 200 hours of classroom instruction in their Vet I class. For their Veterinary Medicine II class, Lashley and Hooten must complete 300 hours at the clinics before taking their final exam. If they pass the exam, they will receive their Certified Veterinary Assistant Level 1 License.

Both students have gotten jobs at local veterinary offices which they co-op out for. These positions have enabled them to get involved in the veterinary field and learn about what vets do firsthand.

Veterinary Instructor Cory Scott stresses the importance of giving Hooten and Lashley adequate time at multiple clinics for more experience.

“They rotate through the clinics so they can see how multiple Veterinary clinics work. By switching it up, this gives them a well rounded experience. They depend on Dr. Cooper for the large animal experiences while they can go to either clinic for the smaller animals,” said Scott.

Hooten works with Veterinarians Bradley Cooper, Alissa Allen and Brianna Elliott at the Orange County Animal Clinic in Paoli Tuesday through Friday.

“I enjoy getting hands-on experiences with the animals,” said Hooten.

Lashley at Kirk’s Veterinary Clinic in Orleans Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Veterinarian Kelly Kirk. He is also employed at Orange County Animal Clinic where he works Monday and Wednesday.

“Working in a vet clinic has taught me how to work with others and how to talk to people. Somedays are harder than others, but if you love animals and are as passionate as I am, then it’s a piece of cake,” said Lashley.



TAISHA ROBBINS

FFA Officers on the Road to National Convention

As the end of October approaches, the FFA officer team is preparing for the next FFA National Convention. The National FFA Convention is held in Indianapolis and takes place the week of October 26 through October 29. The convention consists of many activities including Opening Session, College and Career Fair and a concert.

FFA President Carley Higgins is looking forward to going with the team.

“I’m excited for the National FFA Convention because this is my first time going. It’ll be fun to see how this convention compares to Indiana’s FFA State Convention,” said Higgins.

The Paoli Chapter officers have a full itinerary planned for the convention. They will be leaving Thursday, October 27 at 5 a.m. to attend the College and Career Fair. The last event of the night is the concert. Students will next go to their hotel rooms to change out of their official dress before heading to the final event of the night, the concert. Country stars Russell Dickerson and Mickey Guyton

are scheduled to perform.

This year will be FFA Vice President Abby Tapp’s first time attending as well.

“I want to see what the convention is like. I’m really looking forward to the concert,” said Tapp.

Tapp and Higgins are two of the nine members of the officer team going. Seniors Tucker Hooten, Taylor Lashley, Braydon Hayes, Serenity Sweet and Aliza Allen and sophomores Keeley Scott, Haylie Gilliatt and Chloe Smith will be in attendance.

FFA advisors Cory Scott and Kyle Woolson will be going with the Paoli FFA officer team.

“[It is] a great opportunity for students to see the many possibilities for them beyond high school and to see what other FFA chapters are doing across the nation,” said Woolson.



TAISHA ROBBINS

'Lemon Cake' strange, never a dull read for Mullinax

"The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" by Aimee Bender is a work of psychological fiction that came out in June of 2010. The book is classified as an adult book, but it did win an Alex award in 2011. Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

"The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" is a story about the difficulty of loving someone when you know too much about them. Throughout the book, the protagonist Rose Edelstein's main struggle is coming to terms with her newly-unlocked magical ability. Her power allows her to know things about the people around her without them telling her. Rose's character arc is learning how to deal with this curse.

In the very beginning, a nine-year-old Rose comes home to her mother making lemon cake for her birthday — the plot point that warrants the novel's title. Rose eats the cake, and for the first time, she can taste her mother's emotions. She discovers that under her mother's happy and outgoing exterior, her mother is actually very depressed and unhappy with her marriage. Naturally, it is a lot for the young girl, and it only gets worse for her from there.

As she grows older and her brother, Joseph, grows more angry and distant from her, she finds out through her mother's cooking that her mother is having an affair. Joseph has always been distant and preferred to keep to himself, finding company in books

instead of people. When he randomly starts to disappear at night, it starts to become a problem for the family.

Rose finds solace in her brother's outgoing friend, George. That relationship ends as George goes to college while Rose remains in high school.

Rose's life seems to be spiraling out of control right from under her feet without anything she can do about it — her ability becoming more of a burden than ever. She starts to make

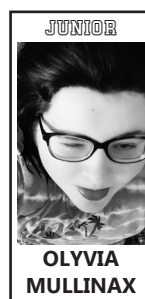
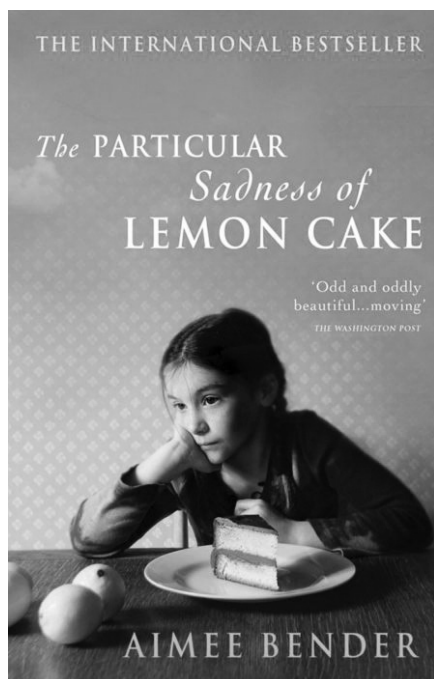
poor decisions and does things that she regrets. Throughout the trying times she faces, Rose finds out who her true friends are.

The interesting plot presentation, defined and detailed characters and contrastingly beautiful and light-filled setting of Southern California combine to form a book unlike any other. Bender's prose is accessible for many reading levels but is still beautifully written,

As the title implies, this story is nothing short of

strange. It may be out of the ordinary, but "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" is truly innovative in terms of the ideas it delves into. The novel is consistently less sweet and more so bitter in the best way possible.

Potential readers should be warned that the negative themes can become overwhelming, sometimes reaching the point where one may need to take a breather, but overall the novel makes for a read without a dull or predictable moment.



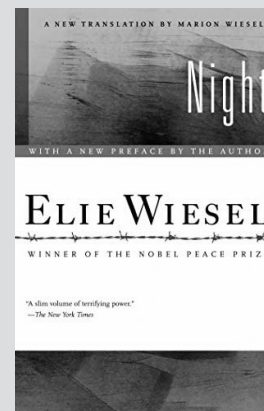
YOU SAY:

READ THIS BOOK!

We surveyed students on what their best read has been and what everyone should be reading now.

"Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. This book teaches people that no matter what you look like, you still matter, and you're no different than anyone else."

• **Sophomore**
Rylee McKenna

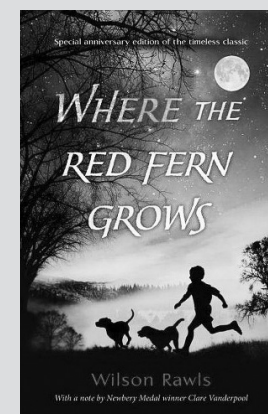


"Night" by Elie Wiesel. It gives students insight on what happened during the holocaust and a survivors first hand account of his experience."

• **Senior**
Clayton Money

"Where the Red Fern Grows" was really sad and is probably one of my favorites."

• **Seventh grader**
Hannah Jones



"Artemis Fowl" because that's what I read when I could read normal books."

• **Freshman**
Charlie Higgins

Junior Class Strikes Down Competitors

Student Council Hosts Macho Man and Powder Puff to Celebrate Football Sectional

Macho Man volleyball and Powder Puff football are back at PHS for the first time since 2019. Hosted by Student Council, the athletic events let students swap typical gender roles — with boys out on the court and girls taking the field.

On Tuesday, October 18, Macho Man took place in the upper gym. The first game started at 6:30 p.m., which was seniors versus sophomores. The seniors swept the sophomores, winning 25-18.

“[Senior] Isaac [Cornett-McBride] spiking it on their faces was definitely the best part,” said senior Austin Benales.

The next game was the juniors versus freshmen. The juniors dominated the set with a score of 25-11.

“I was really proud of their skills. I was also impressed that they were actually diving for the balls,” said junior Abby Tapp who helped coach the boys.

The juniors showed their skills early on in the championship match. The seniors fought a good battle but were ultimately defeated 19-25.

“It felt really good to win. We were focused and locked in, which got the job done,” said junior Trey Rominger.

The juniors then took on the faculty team and were left speechless. The staff members walked away with the win 25-18.

“Before the game, [junior] Andrew [Kumpf] had lots to say. After the game, it was quiet at home. It was a great time. I am looking forward to next year,” said Elementary Physical Education Teacher Tyler Kumpf.

Powder Puff football was held Thursday, October 20, kicking off with the seniors versus sophomores game kicking off the event. The seniors shut them down with a score of 22-0.

“It was a fun activity to do with my senior girls and I think it brought us closer,” said senior Jackie Crews.

The next game was the freshman against the juniors. The juniors took the win with a score of 16-8.

“It was a good warm-up game for the better game later on and it helped set us up for success,” said junior Carley Higgins.

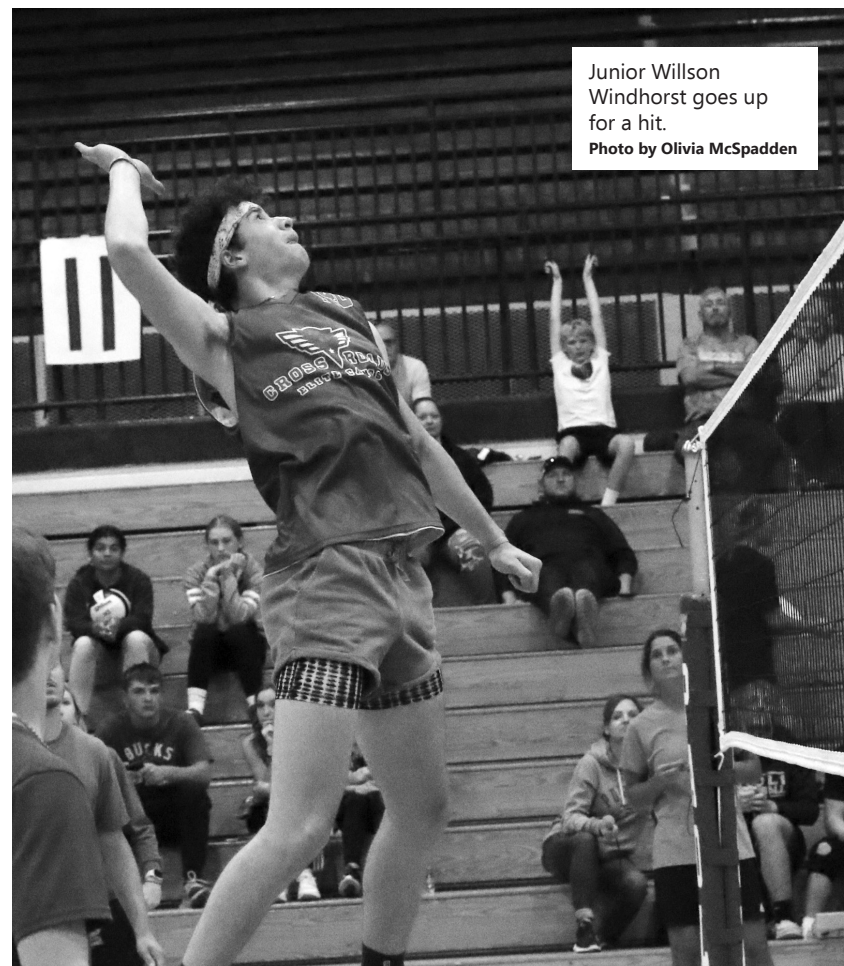
The championship game started with the juniors scoring a touchdown in the first few minutes. The seniors battled back with a touchdown of their own, but were unable to keep up with their opponents, who ran play after play. The junior once again took the championship win 18-6.

“It felt great to win. Our team really pulled it together to beat the seniors,” said junior Lily Hall.

Overall, both Macho Man and Powder Puff were a success, with a large turnout of both student and parent spectators at each event. Macho Man volleyball and Powder Puff football’s return boosted student morale, involvement and interaction and will likely continue in the coming years because of such positive feedback.



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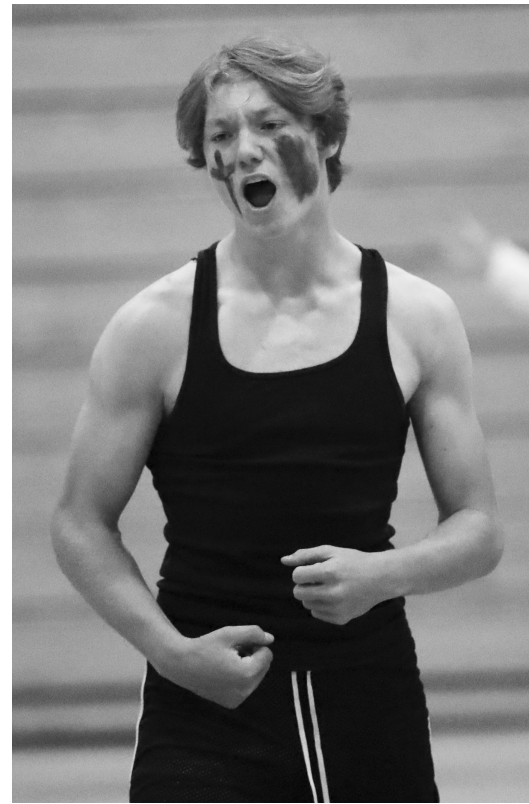
Junior Willson
Windhorst goes up
for a hit.
Photo by Olivia McSpadden



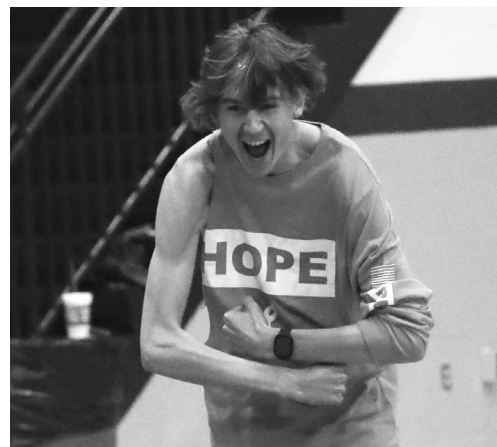
Powder Puff Champions



Macho Man Champions



(Far Left) Junior Carley Higgins runs the ball for a touchdown with freshman Maddie Vernon following close behind her.
(Left) Freshman Dane Padgett celebrates with his team after they get a point.
 Photos by Harleigh Poe and Olivia McSpadden



(Above Left) Sophomore Garrett Hickman serves the ball to the senior team during the first game of the Macho Man tournament.
(Above Right) Sophomore Jae Walker runs the ball up field against the seniors with her team following behind her. **(Far Left)** Senior Kyrsten Fehribach avoids a tackle from sophomore Haylie Gilliatt while running the ball.
(Left) Senior Jacob Workman flexes after his team scores a point.
 Photos by Harleigh Poe and Olivia McSpadden



(Above) Bill Johnson poses with the doctors and nurses who threw him a celebration after helping him during his time at IU Health Oncology Bedford. (Right) Bill Johnson rings the bell at IU Health Bedford hospital after his final round of chemotherapy treatments.
Courtesy Photos



Beloved Staff Member Battles On

On Friday, October 21, Resource Aide Bill Johnson rang in a new stage of his life while putting another one to bed. With the ringing of the hospital bell, Johnson celebrated his last round of six chemotherapy treatments. The following Monday, October 24, Johnson completed his 34th and final radiation treatment.

These treatment plans were designed by the medical staff at IU Health Oncology Bedford and were dedicated to defeating Johnson's bronchoalveolar cell carcinoma, also known as adenocarcinoma, which is a type of lung cancer.

This is not the only type of cancer Johnson has had to fight. In 2017, after a severe and unrelenting cough, a doctor's visit led to Johnson's diagnosis of a kidney cancer called renal cell carcinoma, which prompted the removal of his right kidney in the following year.

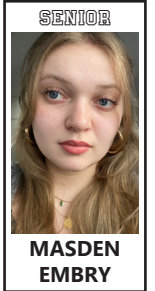
This procedure required Johnson to have routine CT scans of his chest and abdomen, the former of which discovered a growing shadow in his lung. This past June, the shadow had both solidified and increased in

size. This led to his new lung cancer diagnosis.

Johnson credits his strength and wants to give thanks to the many people that have held him up throughout his battle.

"I have a tremendous support team. I really need to give [my wife] Brenda more credit for her support throughout this and my kidney ordeal. Without her support, I have no idea where I would be right now. I am truly blessed to have her in my life. My wife, my brothers and sister, my wife's family, my tremendous team of doctors and their staff and especially all of the staff here at school. Everyone has been great in showing their support for me," said Johnson.

What is next for Johnson is a CT scan on November 8, followed by a waiting period. Due to the strength of the treatments he underwent, Johnson has a lot of inflammation that he has to wait 6-8 weeks to fade away before getting a follow-up PET Scan.



PHS RECOMMENDS:

What is the best movie to watch during Halloween?



"Hocus Pocus'.
It has everything. Zombies, witches, black cats. You can't go through Halloween without watching it."

• Freshman
Madi Collier



"Hotel Transylvania'
it's fun and hilarious."

• Seventh grader
Lilly Terrell



"Halloweentown'
because it reminds me of when I was younger."

• Junior
Gracie Brown



"Halloween' (1978) because it's a classic."

• Sophomore
Oscar Lewellyn

"Edward Scissorhands' because it's just a good movie."

• Senior
Tabitha King



"Friday the 13th' because it has the perfect amount of cheesiness and gore."

• Eighth grader
Sylas Washington



"Jeepers Creepers' because it is really scary."

• Freshman
Hannah Chesnut

