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Photo by Clay Brigham.

Band stomps parade competition

Rheis Wasson, staff writer

The band is continuing the success they found last year, taking two first places in their first two parades.

The band practices outside with their instruments beginning with two weeks before the beginning of school. This contributes to the band's success, as they are already used to the heat.

"Our band typically performs very well. We have went undefeated since I've been here," senior Landon Gates said.

This excellence is something that band members expect of themselves, and of each other. They expect to keep on winning their competitions and parades.

"(I think we will be) undefeated with several new trophies lining our shelf. That's what I like to believe," junior Blake Eversmann said.

Of course, the band's victory record is not all there is to talk about. The physical and mental stress the members undergo is rough, according to Eversmann, who plays for the drumline in the band.

"Having to meet the standards of those who came before you can be stressful, (as can) having to memorize sheets of music and play it with accompanying crescendos, decrescendos and accents," Eversmann said.

Parades, like practice, are often hot and long.

"At the Murphysboro parade we marched for a mile in 90-100 degree weather," sophomore Neva Wasson said.

In addition to the parades, some of the band members perform in the musical. Others do jazz band and other solo performances such as the field show, which is comprised of music from "The Greatest Showman."

The soloists for the performance are seniors Landon Gates and Mackenzie Gidcumb.

Members in band have other interests whether it be football or the play. There are several in the band who are in other extracurricular activities as well.

"Quite a few members are involved. I'm not exactly sure on the count, but many members of percussion especially are in a variety of sports," Gates said.

Even though this is a challenge, students manage to juggle it all.

"Balancing band, football, homework and work is challenging but I always find a way to make it through with the help," Eversmann said.

(Top) Junior Avah Businaro stands at attention as she prepares to lead the Harrisburg band to another win.

(Bottom) Sophomore Hannah Bolin plays snare drum as freshman Skylar Perkins Performs her color guard routine during the Homecoming field.



Photo by Sara Wangler.

Vaping epidemic blamed for deaths, increasing illness

Madison McClusky, news editor

So far this year there have been seven known deaths in the United States due to vaping.

According to Jacqueline Howard of CNN Health at least 450 people in 33 states and the United States Virgin Islands fell ill due to exposure of chemicals through vaping.

"The first death from lung illness linked to vaping in the United States was reported in Illinois in August," Howard said. "The person who died was an adult. Oregon saw the second death in the nationwide outbreak, then Minnesota and Indiana. The fifth death, reported Friday, was in California."

According to Education Week, there have been dozens of cases of teens being hospitalized due to the "epidemic" of e-cigarettes. Administrators are taking new measures to prevent the use of them in schools.

"Many administrators were caught flat-footed as the vaping trend started to take off several years ago—including stealth use of the sleek products in class—

and tried to stem the problem with a hodgepodge of approaches, from strict zero-tolerance policies that came with mandatory suspensions for students caught vaping or with vaping paraphernalia on campus, to programs that teach high school and middle school students the dangers of vaping," Denisa R. Superville and Arianna Prothero of Education Week reported in an Aug. 2019 story.

In an attempt to reduce the number of teens vaping, administrators are planning to install devices that detect vaping.

"We are actually putting vape sensors in the bathrooms that detect vaping and send alerts to our phones," assistant principal John Crabb said. "If I'm sitting in my office and someone is vaping in the bathroom, it will alert me of what bathroom it is in."

Crabb believes students understanding the risks and long term side effects of vaping at such a young age is important.

"With the rising number of deaths, intensive care cases, popcorn lung, teens lungs collapsing, being on ventilators at age 16, and on life support, I think it's

something teenagers need to be more aware of," Crabb said.

According to Crabb, students need to understand what is going into their bodies.

"In my opinion, it's just a matter of time before we have a student who ends up dying or ends up in intensive care because of it, and I don't want to see that happen," Crabb said "If we can bring awareness to the issue, then we've done our job"

There are common misbeliefs about vaping, which is causing teens to go to e-cigarettes with the mindset that there won't be consequences.

"The biggest myth is that they are safer than cigarettes," school nurse Angie Shires said. "One pod contains as much nicotine as one pack of cigarettes and most teenagers are smoking as many as 3 or more per day."

In Shires' opinion, teens are sacrificing their health for the approval of their peer group.

"They think it's cool, but it's damaging them faster than they really think," Shires said.

Theater program kicks off show season with Grease by popular demand

Clay Brigham, Staff Writer

The drama department is kicking off their season with a production of "Grease." This year will show changes in terms of production and concepts that the department does.

"I think one of the main differences are the shows we will have to choose," junior Alyssa Irvin said. "With the males that we have this year we can pull off shows with princes and teen boys as opposed to the last few years which were much more mature and emotional."

Although changes have been made, the audience can expect the same level of excellence from previous years, according to Irvin.

The recent injury to junior Ravyn Gauch, who plays Rizzo, has thrown a bit of a hiccup in rehearsals.

"Ever since I broke my foot, I haven't been able to attend any rehearsals," Gauch said. "I don't think I will be able to do much dancing in the show unfortunately."

Irvin feels that getting ready to play a character as iconic as Sandy has some challenges.

"Preparing for a role such as Sandy is a bit

more difficult than some in the past because everyone knows and loves Grease," Irvin said, "Which means everyone has an expectation for what Sandy should act and sound like. So there is a lot less room for interpretation with the character."

Director Hannah Drake revealed that an unusual and exciting prop has been added for one of the most iconic scenes in "Grease."

"This is our first time using an actual car as one of the set pieces," Drake said. "I think we are excited about our "Greased Lightning" but a little anxious about the logistics of using it."

According to Drake this year's cast looks promising.

"This is a very strong cast," Drake said. "We've been asked to perform "Grease" for so long, but I was waiting for the right cast. This is that cast."

The overall goal is always going to be the same, according to Drake.

"Our ultimate goal is to put on an entertaining musical," Drake said. "We want to make sure all aspects of the show are clean and high energy, and that the music sounds good."



Photo by Alta Thomas.

The Pink Ladies pose after the Homecoming parade.

What's New at HHS?



The school now has a license for software to help avoid plagiarism. It will be used in English classes as well as others.

Lunch is provided to students free of charge.



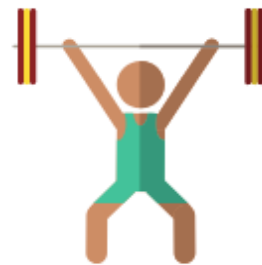
The school has a new touchscreen display board for students to access near the cafeteria.

The district has a new website and app to keep students and their families up to date.



The school has a new graduated discipline policy that allows for more severe consequences as students continue to break the rules.

A new weight room was created in the old ag space under the bleachers in Davenport Gym.



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Kai Schlabitz has been commended by the Nation Merit Scholarship Corp. for scoring among 50,000 students of the 1.5 million that took the PSAT.



Chelsea Jaegers received a Congress of Future Medical Leaders award for outstanding academic performance, leadership, potential, and dedication to serving humanity through the profession of medicine. They observed surgical procedures at a Boston Massachusetts this past summer.



Savanna Haney received a Congress of Future Medical Leaders award for outstanding academic performance, leadership, potential, and dedication to serving humanity through the profession of medicine. They observed surgical procedures at a Boston Massachusetts this past summer.

Dorian devastates the Bahamas

Madeleine DeNeal, staff writer

Hurricane Dorian swept through the Bahamas in early September, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

The category 5 hurricane was the first major storm of the 2019 Atlantic storm season. According to CNBC News, it reached peak intensity on Sept. 1 while hovering over Abaco Island with wind speeds recorded at 185 miles per hour.

Dorian then proceeded to strike Grand Bahama with similar strength.

"It was all right until the eye passed over us," junior Bobbie Ginton said.

Ginton is from Freeport, Grand Bahama. She is currently enrolled at Harrisburg while she stays in the United States.

After stalling north of the area for nearly 24 hours, beating the territory with relentless winds, the hurricane made direct contact. The damage was unparalleled. Most structures were completely destroyed and swept out to sea.

"There was a lot of flooding," Ginton said. "It just stayed there."

Following its attack on the Caribbean islands, Dorian weakened considerably and turned northward, moving up the east coast of Florida and causing extensive damage on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

A small Outer Banks island, accessible only by ocean-going ferry, the island was cut off from the mainland, stranding many.

Dorian then visited Nova Scotia and Newfoundland before dissipating near Greenland. While Dorian has disappeared, the damage it left has not.

"Water got into the buildings, and then they fell apart," Ginton said. "They just got blown somewhere else."

In total, Dorian inflicted an estimated \$7.5 billion in damage. Over 50 people have been reported dead, but the island's news sources estimate that number to be in the thousands. Dorian left the Bahamas with

little food, shelter, and other resources needed for survivors.

Eric Gregg was the mayor of Harrisburg during the Leap Day tornado, and relates his experience with disaster relief to Dorian.

"First and foremost, you have to take care of those who have been injured," Gregg said.

Relief organizations have sprung up all across the internet in efforts to provide aid to those in need. While any relief efforts are encouraged, CBS Local News warns donors of organizations that use times of tragedy to scam the positive intentions of others.

Ginton saw first hand the need for relief supplies. "We needed water and canned goods," Ginton said. "[Scams] are using other people to get money for themselves."

When considering a charity, donors should do extensive research through their website or internet page. According to the IRS, if a foundation is listed as "tax exempt", the majority of donated money should go directly to the cause.

Charity Navigator, a website that ranks charitable organizations, has a full page dedicated to vetted organizations.

Harrisburg Student Council is currently discussing a school-wide project to benefit hurricane victims in an attempt to pay forward the assistance Harrisburg received during the Leap Day Tornado.

"One of the things you have to do is immediately determine what the extent of the damage is and then try to focus on what's the top priority," Gregg said. "One of the key components to that is identifying what exactly is needed by each group."

Though the Bahamas were struck with tragedy, according to NBC New York, an overwhelming number of people have banded together to see the island through their difficult times.

"Just by shipping canned goods and water over," Ginton said. "We need more people to come and help."

Ellis, FFA sunflower field makes local news, elicits donations

Rachel Myers, staff writer
Autumn Rain Harrawood, FFA reporter

Harrisburg FFA recently made the evening news, The Daily Register, and The Southern Illinoian with the field of sunflowers they planted at HMS. The flowers are a popular photo spot, especially this weekend when several groups took Homecoming pictures there.

Ag instructor Cacy Ellis's father Pervis Ellis planted the package of 100,000 sunflower seeds on July 26.

"The middle school plot has been owned by FFA for about eight or nine years. This is the first time we've ever planted sunflowers," Ellis said. "We didn't expect it to be this popular."

FFA usually uses the plot to plant corn or soybeans, but this spring was damp, and by the time it was planting season, the conditions weren't great for corn or soybeans.

"Sunflowers can be planted any time throughout July," Ellis said.

Ellis believes after they wilt, they're good for roughly two weeks. They'll attempt to harvest the seeds to make birdseed.

"The crop planting helps fund scholarships, career development events, and leadership conferences," Ellis said.

But this year, with the plot planted for the community, FFA has been accepting donations instead of receiving their usual funds.

The FFA also attended a horse judging contest and a bow shoot earlier this month.

The varsity horse judging team placed third with junior Autumn Rain Harrawood second overall and junior Julia Keith eighteenth. Others on varsity included senior Grayson Osman and junior Jesse Buchanan.

Harrawood is a three-year FFA member.

"Both sides of my family are very involved with agriculture," A.R. Harrawood said. "My dad was also a big part of it because he served in his FFA chapter when he was in high school. My parents are a big inspiration. They have always supported me in wanting to follow my dreams and pushed me to do my best. I hope to carry that attitude into my team this year."

The JV team placed first with freshman Lane Shover placing third overall and junior Vivian Feurback placing sixth. Placing 33rd and 36th were juniors Lauryn Gribble and Hannah Procter.

The alternates were junior Dylan Vandenboom, freshman Doc Harrawood and senior Tucker Bryant.

The contest consisted of six judging classes—two halter classes, two hunter under saddle classes, and two western classes.

Osman is one of the more experienced members of FFA.

"My friends and family pressured me into FFA. I'm glad I gave in," Osman said.

"FFA is a great way to get experience in any agricultural field."

Osman feels his experience has benefitted him when it comes to his future.

"I might use these skills in a job, it just depends," Osman said.

The future in agriculture is bright according to A.R. Harrawood.

"I would love to go into the agriculture business," A.R. Harrawood said. "I've grown up on a small farm where we've always had horses, so I would like to go into a career involving them."



Photo provided.

Senior Tucker Bryant scored a 145 at the recent FFA bow shoot, placing third individually and helping the team earn a ninth place over all.

Other members include junior Dylan Vandenboom, sophomores Bryant Lester and Blake Stacey and freshman Doc Harrawood.



Tech Talk

Disney offers to streaming

Clay Brigham, staff writer

Disney has a new source of income. They have introduced a new streaming service called Disney Plus, but will it be a strong competitor for other streaming services?

Disney Plus will have shows made by companies like Pixar, Marvel, Lucasarts, National Geographic and, unsurprisingly, Disney. Finally, the most surprising show is 30 seasons of The Simpsons. Pricing starts at \$6.99 a month and \$69.99 a year.

Some may ask "But Clay, doesn't Netflix already have Disney shows?" That is where I would say, yes, but not for long. According to CNet Disney is pulling all of its movies from Netflix, so they can put them on Disney Plus.

Netflix is \$8.99 a month compared to Disney Plus being \$6.99 a month. Even though Netflix is losing the Disney brand shows, they still have shows like "Grey's Anatomy," "Criminal Minds," "Lucifer," and "Johnny Test."

Netflix isn't the only streaming service with a new competitor. Hulu is another streaming service that has to compete with Disney Plus.

Hulu may only be \$5.99 a month but that includes commercials and does not include all of their content. They have popular shows such as "American Horror Story," "My Hero Academia," and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine."

Netflix and Hulu have large selections of shows, but not all of the shows are kid-friendly. Parents wouldn't have to worry about what their child is watching with Disney Plus as everything will be kid friendly, according to USA Today.

The contents of Disney Plus will give Netflix and Hulu a run for their money. Disney Plus will bring in people of all ages, including our age group. Disney's service will offer old nostalgic show like "Good Luck Charlie" that will take teen viewers back to their childhood.

In my opinion, I think Disney Plus will be better than Netflix, because Disney's service will be better priced, and it will have more show that I would be interested in watching. I will be canceling my subscription to Netflix and signing up for Disney Plus.

Do you like the idea of Disney Plus?

"I like the idea of a Disney only app. But the Lady and the Tramp live action doesn't look good. I wish they would leave some movies alone,"

-Victoria Thai, senior

"I'm excited to see what the service has to offer. I don't know how I feel about paying monthly though,

-Kayla Lawrence, freshman

"I didn't really know it was a thing but it sounds cool,"

-Breanna Beal, junior



Bully for you

Time is running out for Tik-Tok

Rheis Wasson, staff writer

TikTok. We all know about it, we've all seen the videos, and best of all for us sane folks, other people make them. TikTok is pretty much Vine, if Vine was full of 12-year-olds desperate for fame, and overall not as funny. But if you're in the mood for the next best thing, I'd say that this app fills the void that Vine left in our empty hearts.

Now, I know you all must be dying to know how I came to the conclusion that TikTok is cringy. The answer is simple. The videos are frequently made at school in plain view of literally everyone. It gets annoying to try and move around these desperate attempts at comedy when I am late on my way to class just because you felt the need to make them in the middle of the hallway.

Of course, some may find fame on the app, and some of the videos and people are funny. I will admit some have made me chuckle. And most would argue that TikTok is harmless and good fun. But, personally, I find it strange when people tell me that they have to dodge others to avoid becoming a TikTok starlet as they attempt to exit the bathroom and just move on to class. (FYI - filming in the bathroom is a violation of privacy not protected by the First Amendment, so if you're in the mood for a casual court case, keep filming.)

The app may be cringy, but looking at the users might explain why. They are mostly teenagers to young kids, but quite possibly the worst users of all are adults. Whenever I'm scrolling online and I see a video made by some 20-something year-old guy with patchy facial hair and skinny-muscles, it makes my brain hurt with confusion. Why is he here? Why am I still watching this? How did I end up here? These questions float in my head as the man lip-syncs to some heartbroken musician whining about lost love.

Personally, I don't use the app. I have friends and coworkers who use it, but the info I've gathered from them and seeing reposts of the videos from the app have left me baffled that people don't see the cringe associated with it.

I'm not against the use of the app, but there are so many better apps that have a much bigger following like, iFunny, Reddit, and Instagram for those into posting memes and videos. As for posting your life story? Stick to Youtube.



Sara's skin care cheat sheet

High end skin care, low end price

Sara Wangler, feature editor

Anyone who knows me knows I follow a religious skin care routine. I am a firm believer in the idea that healthy skin leads to a happier life. Out of all of the products I have used, only some will keep me buying regularly.

Masqueology has to be one of my favorite drug store brands. You can find it anywhere and the most expensive product is around \$8. Walmart carries Masqueology's Gold cleanser. This is the best cleanser I have ever used. I have really sensitive skin, and this product is super gentle. The key ingredient is gold, but green tea and royal jelly have been added to calm redness and soothe the skin.

Not only is this product good for your skin, but it looks really nice on a counter. The cleanser itself is a really rich gold color, and it's sparkly when you squeeze it out. And I know what your thinking- "Pretty product equals chemicals," but that is not the case. Hate to break it to you, but when a product is made with gold, it's going to be shiny. I was skeptical at first, but after using it a few times I was hooked.

I would compare this to the Bingju gold cleanser. It offers the same anti-aging and cooling properties. But Masqueology is available at local drug stores and won't break the bank. I have never seen another cleanser like this available at Walmart. If you think gold cleanser, you would likely imagine this holy grail product that only celebrities use. But this is posh for the rest of us.

I recommend this for people of all skin types. It is gentle but will cleanse all the gunk out of your pores. But just like with any product, test it on your wrist the night before to ensure you have no allergies to the ingredients. Remember every product isn't meant for everybody.

My belief in skin care grows from personal experience. I went through a really rough time in middle school up to junior year. I was extremely self conscious of my skin. I went to doctors, estheticians, and specialists and nothing helped until I ventured out with my skin care regimine. I burned and irritated my skin time after time, but I finally found the products that work best for me.

My best advice is to search, read things like this and gather as much information as possible. Youtube, Pinterest, Intstagram, you name it, there is most likely information about your product out there. My favorite beauty expert is Joan Kim. She reviews copious amounts of skincare and makeup products from Korea and the US. I recommend her channel for any and all of your skin care needs.

The Clarion Call

Long line limits lunch time for students eating in cafeteria

Students who eat lunch in the cafeteria are concerned about the organization of the school lunch lines. Ever since the school lunch fee was waived for all students, the number of students eating lunch at school has increased substantially. Once the number of students having lunch at the school grew, the problems started occurring.

Lunch lines have become longer, and the wait for food has increased. The average wait time for students in line is approximately 11 minutes as timed by the Clarion staff. With the extended wait, the student who receives their lunch last has only an average of 18 minutes to eat and report to their next class period. For some students, it's shorter due to the time the students take to stop by their locker. The distance students travel from class before lunch to the cafeteria also affects the time students have to eat, especially those in the English wing or the Matrix class. Sometimes students are unable to eat

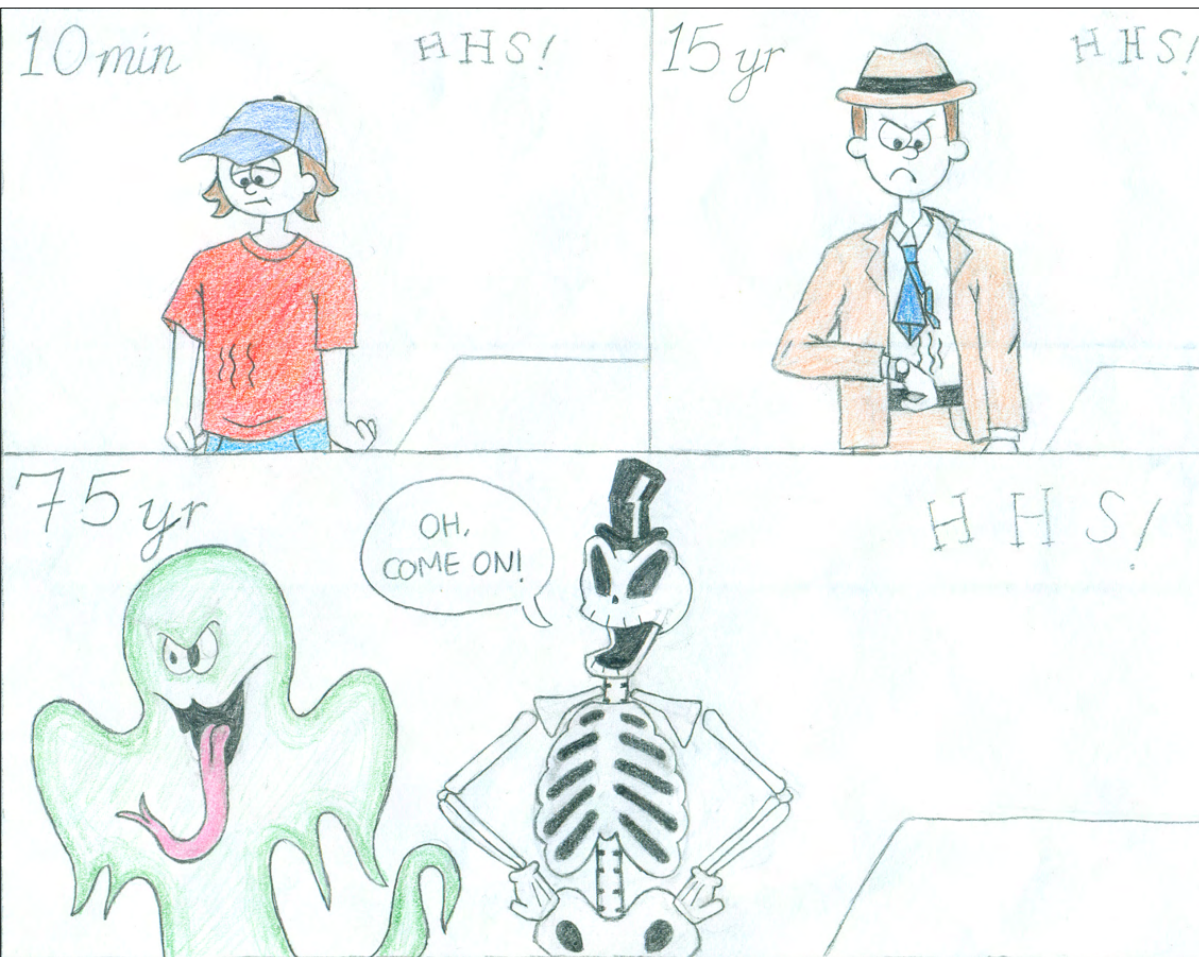
their food at all due to the time being insufficient. We have seen students throw their lunch away as they simply do not have time to eat it.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 20 minutes for lunch, beginning when students sit down with their food, allowing enough time to socialize and finish their meals, but also enough time to notice when they are full. "The Harvard school of public health found that students who had less than 20 minutes ate significantly less of the healthy food on the plates." The students who were rushed normally prefer eating the foods that are the easiest to eat. Most students who are short on lunchtime are more likely to typically eat a bag of chips compared to an apple or a sandwich.

Another problem that has emerged from the long lunch lines includes students cutting and disrespecting the order placement of those already in line. The prob-

lem emerges when one student jumps from the very back of the continuous line to the front of the line. Then many students will start following resulting in a group of students cutting the line. The students who typically gets in the front of the line fairly early becomes frustrated over the students who are cutting.

We believe there are steps that could be taken to remedy the problem. The lunch period could be lengthened to provide additional time or a schedule created that splits the lunch hour into two parts so that only half the student body is in the cafeteria at any one time. It's also important that the lunch lines are monitored by adults to insure that students proceed in an orderly fashion. The new cafeteria and free lunch program are great benefits to the student body. With a few changes, we believe that they would be better enjoyed.



"The lunch line lasts an eternity, literally."

Cartoon by Rachel Myers

What do you think?

How is the lunch line different from last year?

"I think that the lunch line is ridiculously long and unorganized, which comes from it being free. It's annoying and just not a good situation for anyone."

-Langdon Jerrell, senior

"The line is a lot longer, I think a lot more people are staying and eating lunch at the school because it is free."

-Lydia Miller, senior

"The line is really long and stretches to the back of the cafeteria. I think it's because lunches are free, and people like free food."

-Hannah Haney, senior

"It gets really old having to sprint everyday, last year I didn't have to run to eat lunch."

-Marisol Walle, senior

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SO MUCH FUN



"I liked dressing up and seeing everyone dress up for spirit week. The interactions students have with others is another one of my favorites," said sophomore Skye Krahel.



"My favorite part of Homecoming week was the night of the dance. The main favorite is when the teachers served drinks and cookies outside of Davenport," said freshman Wekey Wang.



Photo by Selina Wang.



Photo by Cathy Wall.

The Greatest Homecoming on Earth

From drum major's stand to throne Winkleman wins queen's crown

Sara Wangler, feature editor

Student body president and drum major Sophie Winkleman was crowned Homecoming queen for this year. Winkleman is no stranger to Homecoming court as this year was her fourth nomination.

"Being the Homecoming queen is such an honor," Winkleman said. "It makes me extremely happy to know that I mean something to our school. I hope that throughout my four years at HHS, I've been able to show everyone that I care for them, for our school and for our community."

High school has been full of life changing lessons for Winkleman.

"High school has been great for me," Winkleman said. "I think it's really shown me who I should surround myself with, and by doing that, I've found some of my best friends. It's also shown me that you have to work at something you want to be good at. I've always struggled with getting good grades, so it helped me see that I have to study and go the extra mile to get the grades I want."

Throughout high school, one thing has remained most important according to Winkleman.

"The most important thing to me is definitely my faith," Winkleman said. "Jesus has saved me and changed my life forever, so I want to spend everyday living for Him. If that means giving up my life for the sake of the gospel, then so be it. I want to please Him and look more like Him each day." Throughout high school teachers come and go but the lessons stay forever according to Winkleman.

"Although there have been times that I have despised a teacher for giving me homework or a hard test," Winkleman

said. "I truly believe that each of them want the best for my classmates and me. I feel as though they want us to succeed in college and in life."

Winkleman's biggest supporters have always been her parents.

"My biggest supporters are my parents," Winkleman said. "They've always been my cheerleaders whether that's in the bleachers while I'm performing at a field show or flipping through flash cards the night before a test. They are my biggest role models that I look up to, and they show me what it's like to live a Christ-like life. I love them so much and am so thankful God chose me to be their daughter"

Winkleman leads as the head drum major of the HHS band. "I decided to audition for the drum major because I knew how much they lead and represented the band as a whole," Winkleman said. "I was already loving being a part of the band, so I wanted to get even more involved. I'm so happy that I decided to try out because I absolutely love it."

A lot goes into preparing and practicing for field shows according to Winkleman.

"Preparing for field shows and parades is hard work," Winkleman said. "We only have one class period to rehearse, so we really have to work in order to get it done. Sometimes we have to practice after school or before a parade if we are needing a little extra time."

In her four years of high school Winkleman has been involved in most activities that HHS offers.

"I'm involved in Music Club, Youth for Christ, Art Club, and Key Club as well as being drum major, student body president, and a cast member in school plays. I am also a member of First Baptist Church Harrisburg," Winkleman said.



Photo by Selina Wang.



Photo by Sara Wangler.



Photo by Sara Wangler.

THE MAIN EVENT

(Left) Juniors Lauren Gribble and Maya Robinson participating in Tacky Tourist Day. "Spirit week was super fun with being able to participate and show school spirit," said junior Maya Robinson. "Personally, I think that Tacky Tourist day is the easiest day for me to dress up. Most of my outfit was quick and easy to be put together," said junior Lauryn Gribble.

(Left) Juniors Colby Morse and Javie Beal, walk beside the junior float and pass out candy during the Homecoming parade. Beal is dressed as a magician and Morse is dressed as a bunny. "It was fun and a good time just being around friends," junior Colby Morse said.

(Left) Seniors Lauren McDaniel and Kara Futch next to senior Homecoming queen Sophie Winkleman. "It was very nerve wracking standing in front of all those people, plus I'm not that good of a public speaker in the first place," said sophomore Ashton Hall who announced with senior Lydia Miller. "It was really exciting to see the reaction on everyone's faces, especially Sophie's."

What was your favorite part of Homecoming?



"Well I don't understand football, but I liked the band at the game and that there were so many people. I liked the food and taking pictures with friends and the music at the dance," said Lena Honnenf.

"I think that my favorite thing about the Homecoming game is the atmosphere and the band I don't know why I didn't go to the dance. I think it was maybe from being a little bit scared. I don't really like to dance," said Stan



Devilder.

Senior Rhey Wasson pulls weeds out of the purple and white flower garden by the main entrance of the school during Homecoming day. Seniors, Rhey Wasson, Addie Hanks, Clay Brigham, Ashley McDonald, Brooklyn Miller, Hannah Foster gave tours of the high school the morning of the Homecoming dance.

(Left) Junior Hayden Gaskins and (Right) Senior Clay Brigham work Pancake Day at Presbyterian Annex. Key Club organizes Pancake Day the morning of Homecoming day.



Golf strives for consistency

Hannah Reid, staff writer

The girls' golf team entered their conference tournament with a record of 19-16 and boys with a record of 38-22.

The members of the HHS golf team have worked on their skills and have improved since last year according to junior Krayton Morse, creating a thirst for winning.

"One of the main techniques I have acquired is the ability to hit more versatile shots, such as being able to hit a fade or draw," Morse said. This will be his second year on the golf team.

As golf team has added many new players, Morse says that this opens up opportunities for upperclassmen to acquire more responsibilities.

"The biggest change is probably the responsibility aspect," Morse said.

The golf team is shooting to be Sectional bound and improve individually as well.

"The main goal that all of our players want is to make it to Sectionals as a team," said Morse.

New foreign exchange student, sophomore Stan Devilder, joined the golf team and has high hopes for the season.

"I really like golf. There is a very good atmosphere and mutual help," Devilder said.

Devilder is new to America but not to the sport.

"I started when I was young, about eight or nine years ago," Devilder said.

The team is building in numerous ways to improve themselves as individuals, to help make the team stronger.

"The team plans to improve by trying to be more consistent and playing safer," Morse said.

According to Morse, the team spends a lot of their practice time working on fundamentals.

"During practices we spend a lot of time putting and chipping since most of the careless mistakes happen that way," Morse said.

With the plans of improvement and many new talented players, the team has a high outlook for the rest of the season, according to Morse. While the season is just beginning, many possibilities await for the future.

As the new foreign exchange student, Devilder plans on improving and meeting new friends while in America.

"It's a good experience to discover the play of other people," Devilder says.

Overall the HHS golf team plans to improve throughout the season and advance to the next level as a team, and individually, according to Morse.

"My scores are a lot better, but still not as good as they can be," Morse says.



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Top: Freshman Grant Wilson lines up a putt while warming up for a match against Marion High School on Sept. 12.

Junior Andrew Bittle finishes his swing in a match against Mount Vernon High School on Sept. 24.

New runners increase CC roster

Hannah Reid, staff writer

Opening up many opportunities for new runners, the HHS Cross Country has improved tremendously, according to junior manager Vivian Fuerback, while new freshmen have worked their way up to the top with the help of upperclassmen leadership.

Cross country has become a growing sport and has helped many focus on responsibility and teamwork.

"We're all starting to become closer than we were, and we're slowly improving our times," third year runner senior Caleb Bethel said.

An addition of new runners has improved the chances of the cross country team advancing to the next level to Regionals and Sectionals. This year the cross country team has ran in three meets so far and they run around two to four miles each day at practices.

"We have a very small girls team, and that's what has thrown us off these past few years, but we make the best of it," Fuerback said.

Running 2-4 miles every day is hard work considering Coach Ingram expects a lot out of his runners, according to Fuerback.

"Coach Ingram has pushed a little harder this season just because we have a lot more runners," Fuerback said.

Cross country also helps out with teamwork as well.

"It helps me learn how to work in groups bet-

ter," Bethel said. "I feel more confident leading our group than I ever have."

Overall, the cross country team in starting strong this season with Sean Pruett being the number one runner and placing 17th overall with a time of 17 minutes.

"I think the season is going as well as it can," senior Lydia Miller said. "I can tell that most of us are really trying."

The team has different ideas of improvement from previous years.

"We plan to do more paperwork because we have a young team," Bethel said.

According to Fuerback, it seems to be working.

"Yes they're improving a lot this year even though we have a lot of new people running and improving every practice," Fuerback said.

Running daily also helps runners pace themselves and learn to adapt to different courses, according to Fuerback.

"Our goals are to improve more and more every practice or meet we have," Fuerback said.

As the season progresses, the team continues to push one another towards reaching their own personal goals.

"We encourage each other to continue running when it feels like we can't," Miller said. "We also push each other to run faster."

With encouragement can come leadership.

"I feel that the underclassmen look to me because of my attitude and work ethic, although I don't feel that I've been on the team long enough to truly be a leader."

Three up, three down Demanding coaching can lead to mental strain on athletes



Haley Sullivan, sports editor

As children grow up, many of them try new activities such as sports, theater, band, and clubs. Children may lack focus on one activity when they are beginning, which can lead to frustration among coaches, educators and directors.

Former NBA star Kobe Bryant is receiving backlash after including in a recent Instagram caption that a junior high student lacked focus on basketball because she missed a game to perform in her dance recital.

The controversy began when Bryant posted a two-year-old photo of his AAU basketball team, the Mambas, receiving their fourth place trophy after losing 22-21. He shared this post after the Mambas beat that same team two years later with a score of 115-27.

He later edited the caption in an attempt to clarify that it is okay that she enjoyed dance more than basketball at the time.

While it is understandably frustrating to coaches that young athletes sometimes lack focus, this could be for a good reason. Athletes at such a young age cannot be expected to know just where their heart is until they have some experience.

The Child Mind Institute advocates encouraging children to expand their boundaries through new activities, but they warn that pushing too hard can cause students to retreat from the activity or experience anxiety.

Another effect of this undue pressure is high school students who decide they have had enough and leave the activities they pursued with such passion at a younger age.

"Seventy percent of children leave organized sports by the age 13, according to research by the National Alliance for Sports."

Psychologists studying this phenomenon cite students who say "this is not for me. It might be for you, but it's really not meeting our needs."

John O'Sullivan, a former college and professional soccer player, lays the blame for this dropout rate at the feet of those who push too hard.

O'Sullivan believes that youth athletics need more emphasis on play and less on competition.

O'Sullivan said in an article for CNN Health, "This isn't a sports issue. This is a wellness issue," said O'Sullivan, citing how this generation is the first generation to have a shorter life expectancy than their parents and it's due to inactivity. "We know all the benefits of activity from better grades to less drugs, less pregnancy, more likely to go to college and on and on and on and yet at the same age when most kids are walking away from sports is that critical age where if they're active then, they're likely to be active for life."

Children should be allowed time to give new activities a try, but teens and adults who coach can sometimes become irritable when a child would rather try a new interest instead of continuing in one they have already started.

Parents and coaches of young athletes should avoid shaming these children for not focusing strictly on one sport. With optimism and reassurance they are more likely to find their niche and less likely to experience burnout.

Weird facts about running



- The youngest person to run in a marathon was 5 years old
- The fastest man in the world Usain Bolt, has a max speed of 27.8mph
- French ultramarathon runner Serge Girard holds the record for longest distance in 365 days. He traveled 16,783 miles.
- Kenyan Dennis Kimetto holds the record for fastest marathon ran. Completed in 2 hours, 2 minutes and 57 seconds



Girls on the gridiron

Team sees larger female presence

Sara Wangler, feature editor

There are three girls playing football for the Bulldogs this year.

Senior Lauren McDaniel is a varsity kicker while freshmen Joey Quinn and Graci Hunt are on the freshman team. This is the largest number of girls on the football team in around five years.

Freshman Joey Quinn has participated in many sports, however, this is her first year playing football. Quinn is positioned as guard on offense.

"I've been wanting to play since seventh grade," Quinn said. "The Peacock twins wanted to play so badly. I wanted to play for the Peacocks, and to prove that girls can do it."

Football is also mentally challenging according to Quinn.

"I broke my finger in practice just a few weeks ago but I'm getting back soon," Quinn said. "You do tons of tackling drills, and you have to remember tons of plays, but you eventually just adjust to everything. The coaches are great. They help me when needed and are never harsh, even when I forget."

Supportive team members are crucial for new players on a team.

"Lauren McDaniel has been such an inspiration to me," Quinn said. "I look up to her in football. She always talks to me before she goes to practice and she's given me rides. She's a great person overall and doesn't give up even after her injury. I hope she carries all that to college."

Senior Lauren McDaniel is in her second year on the football team. This year she says that she has felt even more welcomed by other members.

"The guys on the team never really ever made me feel out of place," McDaniel said. "Now that there are other girls on the team I have other people to talk to and understand me better."

Starting the sport was intimidating at first according to McDaniel.

"I have always wanted to play football, but I never felt that I could do it," McDaniel said. "Seniors Tucker Bryant and Ronnie Giscomb talked me into it last year, and I really enjoyed it, so I went out again this year."

Physical education teacher Josh Allen is one of the coaches for the freshman players. This is the first time in five years that Allen has coached girls.

"I've been coaching for about 20 years," Allen said. "It's been a while since I taught girls, so it's taken a bit of readjusting. So far Joey has not been able to play due to an injury. She's close to being released, so I'm looking forward to seeing what she can do."

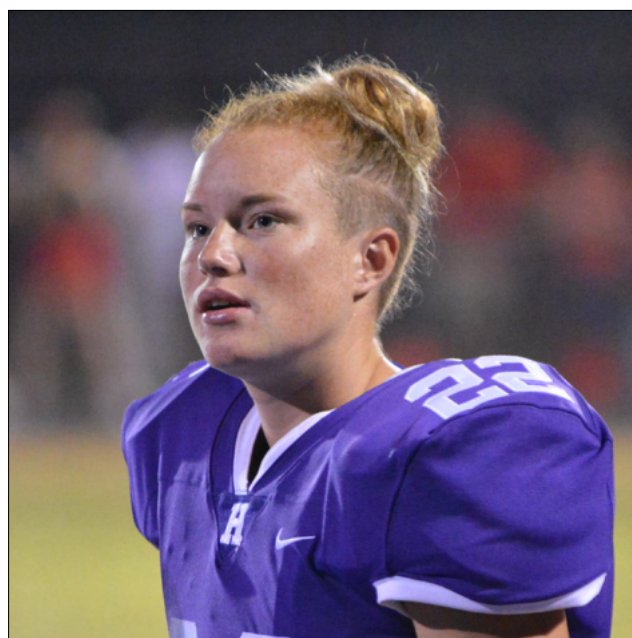
Allen has also worked with McDaniel in the past year.

"Lauren has been very promising," Allen said. "She's the first girl that I have had on varsity."



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(Top) Senior Lauren McDaniel watches the Homecoming plays while gnawing on her mouth guard.



(Bottom) Senior Lauren McDaniel receives advice from coaches during Homecoming game.



Photo by Sara Wangler.

Seniors Olivia Leckron, Nick Hunter and Danny Nguyen watch the performance by the cheer squad. This is Hunter's first pep rally as a Harrisburg student.

Pep Club holds first rally of year

Selina Wang, CPS editor

Prior to the the one held before the first home game, the last pep rally was conducted six years ago in old Bonnell Gym.

The cheerleaders and Pep Club organized the most recent pep rally.

"This is my first pep rally as a freshman. It was a cool thing to experience," freshman Abbie Graham said.

This is also the first pep rally the senior class has ever experienced during their high school career. Senior Jack Martin is a member of the Pep Club.

"I thought the pep rally went really well. It's been a long time since we've done one of those at the high school, and I thought most people participated and had fun," Martin said.

Senior Olivia Wilson has been a member of the Pep Club for all of her high school career.

"I think it should definitely be something we do more often," Wilson said. "The pep rally helped get everyone more excited for the game, and I think it also helps the players get pumped up."

Most students enjoyed participating and watching the class competitions during the pep rally.

"Hopefully we have the next pep rally Oct. 18 for the night of Senior Night," English teacher and club sponsor Hilary Ford said

Martin wishes that the events were held more frequently.

"I think a pep rally should be assembled every home game because it really gets the team and school excited for the game. I also think it's really important for our students to have school spirit," Martin said.

The cheerleaders and club members helped make signs for their own class for the competitions, but Martin would like to see input from the student body at large.

"I think maybe we could do a class vote on some activities, that way if some of the other students have cool ideas then their opinions and suggestions can be known," said Martin.

Many of the senior class would like the underclassmen to help and enjoy themselves.

"I think the underclassmen should not be afraid to go all out with school spirit," Wilson said. "It makes it way more fun when everyone participates. The more spirit we have the more often we will get to have the pep rallies."



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Soccer team struggles against youth, injury

Madison McClusky, news editor

As of Sept. 27, the boys' soccer team holds a current record of 3-10-1. According to senior Eli Shires, the season so far hasn't met their expectations.

"I feel the season so far has been a let down from what was expected of us," Shires said. "We have had plenty of games that we should have won."

The new school year has brought new freshman along with it. Shires hopes they help improve the team within their next years of high school.

"While the freshman group is a very stubborn group, they have many talented guys who will hopefully pick this program up where it should be in the next few years," Shires said.

The team has improved compared to past years according to senior Christian Oliver.

"We have come a long way in this season from the past ones," Oliver said. "Our drive is what keeps us going to improve for each other, and the ones who have brought us this far; Jeff Cowsert and Jared Butler."

According to sophomore Talon Thurston, the team consider themselves more than just regular teammates.

"I feel like the team overall does not just consider each other as teammates that play a sport together for four months out of the school year. We have definitely become more of a family," Thurston said.

Being a part of a team isn't only about focusing on the team as a whole, but also focusing on yourself as in individual according to Shires.

"For me I personally feel I have to do my part and not worry about everyone else around me so much," Shires said.

Communication has had a large improvement since last year according to Oliver.

"I believe the team communication has improved greatly," Oliver said. "We are beginning to blend, know each other's strengths and weaknesses and know what standard to hold each other to play to our true potential."

Thurston hopes to see improvement with the team as he continues playing throughout high school.

"I feel like the team has improved on being closer and overall we have played a better season than last year, but we can become better," Thurston said. "I hope to see it in my high school career of playing soccer."



Photos by Hannah Reid.

Freshman Kelsyn Fricker dribbles the ball towards the goal

Sophomore Mitchell Quisenberry is out this season due to an ongoing medical condition.

"The worst thing is that I can't be with the rest of my team on the field and I don't get to share our wins and losses in the same way they do," Quisenberry said. "I'm still there for the games but I don't get to contribute anything if we win, and I don't get to learn as much about the other teams as my teammates do."

He plans on playing soccer in college if he is healthy enough.

"College is a definite thing in my future," Quisenberry said. "I'm not sure where I plan on attending but I would like to get a scholarship to play soccer in college. I would like to play as long as I possibly can."

According to Quisenberry, he plans on playing next year if his condition allows.

"I do plan on playing next year if it is possible," Quisenberry said. "I would like to return to my strongest position if it is possible but I trust that my coaches will put me where I need to be."



Photo by Jack Martin.

Sophomores Chelsea Davidson and Riley Harrison await service.

Young roster provides hope for strong future seasons

Haley Sullivan, sports editor

As a new season rolls in, the volleyball team is facing new challenges as they face their schedule with minimal upperclassmen. The team has a current record of 1-8, as of post date.

Playing sports as an upperclassmen can require new levels of leadership skills that had not formerly been necessary for them, especially when the team lacks seniority.

"Being the only senior, I have to practice leadership more than usual," senior Dazha Locke said. "When some of my other teammates look up to me for an answer or help, I don't have anyone else to consult besides our coaches."

In an effort to make up for the curtailment of seniors on the roster, the juniors are doing their part to lead the team.

"Even though we are down to one senior this year, the juniors are filling the rolls," junior Lauryn Gribble said. "We are using practice time to focus and prepare, while we use game time to see improvement."

According to junior Carlea Fuerback, some of these improvements include hitting, blocking, communication, confidence, and aggressiveness. Fuerback continues to say that these improvements have promoted progress throughout the whole team.

"I am really happy with our performance this season," Fuerback said. "Everyone has their own personal goals that they have been working towards. I am really proud of all the progress that we have made since this summer, as well as how much the underclassmen have been stepping up this year."

In relation to some of these personal goals, Locke is using her passion for the game to achieve her own targets.

"I have been playing volleyball since sixth grade, with the exception of my freshman year, due to an injury," Locke said. "I think that my passing has definitely gotten a lot better. A big part of me getting better as a whole has a lot to do with how hard I have been working on practicing my intensity when I play and practice."

Despite the hardships that a predominantly young team may face, they are working towards overcoming any obstacle in their way.

"Playing with so few seniors is really no different with as hard as we all push ourselves," Gribble said. "I truly believe we are all very close for a team. Everyone is unbelievably supportive of one another and everyone is always trying to help each other out. At the end of the day, we all have the want to go out and compete."

Despite their record, the team is performing at a higher level of ability, though still leaving room for improvement.

"We have plenty of areas that need strengthening," Gribble said. "The level we play at definitely forces us to compete, though."

With so few upperclassmen, a young roster provides many new faces to build skill.

"I think this season is definitely one that is going to help us in future seasons," Fuerback said. "Right now, it is all about preparation and improvement for the future."

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College degree optional

Local man finds success as mechanic

Selina Wang, CPS editor

Remember sitting in class and hearing teachers explain the importance of having a college degree? Well, as it turns out, they are not entirely correct.

Several sources report that there is a shortage, perhaps even a critical shortage, in blue collar workers.

To spotlight this shortage, The Purple Clarion will be running a monthly column that highlights the career of a person who found a rewarding career without attending college.

Harrisburg resident Tim Artis is a mechanic who works for Larry Stovesand Kia.

"When I was seven, I wanted to be a mechanic," Artis said. "The reason being was because I have never seen a mechanic that wasn't a man."

Artis has been employed in the industry for 15 years, but did not earn a degree.

"As a mechanic I have never had any college in my career," Artis said.

While research claims that people with degrees make more money than those without one, a person cannot make any money if he or she cannot find a career in that field.

While some employers prefer to hire some post-high school training, others are willing to train the employee themselves. According to most sources, those with some formal training will have an edge over those who don't, but that does not mean college is required for all positions.

College debt is also something most students fear. According to Student Loan Hero, among the class of 2018, 69% of college students took out student loans, and they graduated with an average debt of \$29,800, including both private and federal debt."

On the other hand, those who choose to pursue blue collar careers find that that they are making money instead of borrowing it, some while they are being trained.

Artis said his hourly rate is \$25 per hour.

"The reason why I chose to be a mechanic is due to my love to be hands-on, and I used to work on the farm, so I already had a huge chunk of experience," Artis said.

While his working conditions are less than ideal, Artis feels he made the right choice.

"There isn't really much regret in my career choice, other than the fact of not having air conditioning in my workplace. The worst is during the summer when it's hot and humid," Artis said.

Additionally, Occupational Outlook Handbook states that mechanics are at risk for cuts and bruises as a condition of working with heavy equipment and in tight spaces.

The Handbook also states that work schedules fluctuate. Most mechanics work full time and many work evenings as overtime.

According to Advanced Technology Institution, "The need for automotive mechanics will never disappear, and it shows no signs of leveling off. With an increasing desire for not only family cars and work cars, [people] also have recreational vehicles, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, farm equipment and many other wheeled contraptions needing mechanical work."

Mechanics can work in a variety of settings from car dealerships to private shops.

Business owners who have fleet vehicles also employ mechanics to keep things running smoothly.

A quick search on Indeed indicated 27 mechanic positions available within a 25 mile radius of Harrisburg.

For those who are interested in being a mechanic, Artis offers this advice.

"Don't be afraid to start, and if something doesn't work out, don't be afraid to give it another attempt," Artis said.

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Education: Options for mechanics include an associate's degree in auto technology or a related field. They should really hold a high school or vocational training program diploma. A college degree is not generally required.

Apprenticeships: Either an apprenticeship working under an experienced mechanic or on-the-job training can be beneficial.

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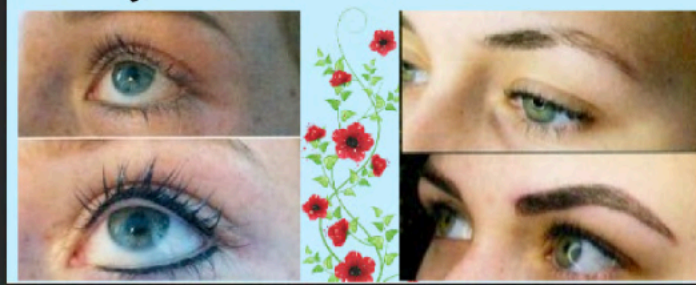
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Shelter adoption month promotes adopting over shopping when selecting family pets

Madeleine DeNeal, staff writer

According to the American Humane Society, there are 3.3 million dogs in U.S. shelters. On average, only 25% of shelter dogs are adopted each year. Along with the chance of never seeing a new home, these dogs also face the possibility of euthanasia.

SIC Speech instructor Paul Cummins is the owner of two rescue dogs.

"It's troubling to think of the number of animals that are put down each day that could be adopted," Cummins said. "There are so many dogs in need of adoption."

To combat this, the American Humane Society offers online help to those looking to adopt. There are several articles that can be accessed through their website, as well as a location-based shelter program called Petfinder. These and other resources can help people find their new friend.

"[Dogs] will give you a friend that won't let you down," freshman Matt Watson said. "You can play with them if you're bored, and they can always cheer you up."

According to Psychology Today, dogs have been proven to increase positive feedback regarding mental, physical, and emotional health.

Senior Maison Hale currently owns a rescued husky named Jazz.

"[Jazz] is like an emotional support dog," Hale said.

Jazz had been abused by a previous owner. When considering a shelter dog, possible owners may encounter behavioral issues that stem from a dog's upbringing.

"She has a fear of kennels, and you can't walk up to her with a stick," Hale said. "But, she likes being picked up. That's the only way to calm her down."

A contributing factor to the lack of adoptions, aside from behavioral issues, is public demand for

specific breeds. Vocal instructor Melody Ossi rescued her two dogs, Biscuit and Muffin. Biscuit was adopted from a rescue group, and Muffin was found near-dead on a road. Ossi nursed Muffin back to health.

"I prefer to adopt my dogs from a shelter or rescue group," Ossi said. "Many of these dogs would make great pets, but they're often overlooked because they aren't a particular breed."

Through the Petfinder website, a potential dog parents can search for any breed. The site filters through their database, giving the user a number of dogs that are available for adoption. Simply visiting a local shelter is another option.

"My advice would be to look local first," Cummins said. "There are so many animals in our area that need homes."

While adopting a dog is especially encouraged in the following month, there are other ways to help canines in need of a home. Donations, such as time, money, or resources, can aid the cause as well, according to PetMD and the American Humane Society.

Overall, being aware and supporting Dog Adoption Month could turn a shelter dog's life around and perhaps the human who adopts them as well.

"[They give] unconditional love and loyal companionship," Cummins said. "They will always give more love than they will receive."



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Top: Muffin when she was found on the road, with no tag or collar.

From: Muffin today, healthy and happy in her new home.

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4-H offers members benefits like job skills, scholarships

Mazie Tillery, staff writer

4-H is a national youth organization with the goal of teaching students important skills in fields from agriculture all the way to STEM. The club hosts activities with the intent of helping the needy, in addition to organizing educational events.

"We strive to give youth the tools they need to thrive, [and] to make a difference," 4-H representative Mica Iyer said. "The variety of skills that are available to be learned in 4-H are widely varied, and the local chapter works to instill and develop these in the younger community. That could mean almost anything from cooking, to caring for the environment, and in some instances, even building robots."

Adults typically remember the skills they learn in 4-H.

"[I] learned how to do repairs on computers, [and] we helped to fix the school computers," former local 4-H member Kevin Durham said.

Although building robots may seem like a very niche skill set, the organization remains useful to students by training participants in ways that are helpful regardless of the career field they choose.

"You learn to be responsible, as well as developing communication and leadership skills," senior Hannah Haney said.

These opportunities include competitions for public speaking, as well as raising and selling livestock. They also teach members about the importance of being financially literate, as well as living and maintaining a healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise.

Other efforts to improve the current and future community include providing

basic necessities for those in need. Local 4-H members regularly host food drives, as well as volunteering at Heaven's Kitchen.

There are many benefits that come from being apart of 4-H. Students learn skills that will help them to better manage life as an adult, and it could even earn them a scholarship.

According to the 4-H website, those who participate in 4-H perform better in school and are healthier on average. Although it is too late for some students to join, there is still time for young, uninvolved members of the community to reap some of the benefits of this program.

Interested students can find out how to join by contacting a local extension leader through the official 4-H website. Information is also available at local events hosted by the Saline County chapter.

"We have several major [events] coming up," Haney said. These events include National Youth Science Day at the library, 4-H Achievement Night, and several other affairs for the upcoming 4-H week taking place from Oct. 6-12.

In addition to learning new skills, members also meet new people.

"You meet a lot of people, so you can make lots of new friends," Haney said.

Joining 4-H is as easy as visiting the website and choosing the join a club link. Follow the instructions there and you can begin your membership.