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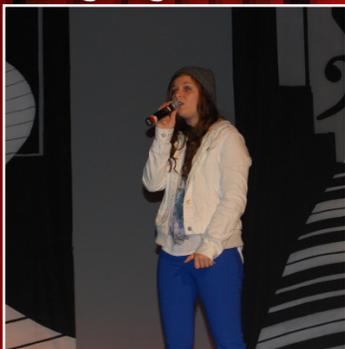
Follies

Audri Bornamann '14

This year's follies was nothing less than spectacular. Pennfield's best talent was shown in magnificent fashion. Mr. Bowen was the director and organizer of the show with the help of Mr. Gehrls. They did a fantastic job of picking the right people out of auditions to put together a perfect show. The night started

out with the emcee's, Avery Naas, Shailyn Walker, and Spencer Prater introducing the show. They did a great job of bringing smiles to the faces of everyone in the crowd. They had a number of different ways to creatively introduce the acts. Follies opened and closed with two performances from the dance team. They started by dancing to "Royals" and finished by dancing to "Mirror Mirror." Many singing acts were featured, along with acts showing off many talents at the same time. Katherine Blocker showed her talents by singing and playing "Lonely" on the piano. Her performance was absolutely breathtaking. Adam Rifenburg gave a unique, and peaceful performance on his ukelele. Maria Quispe proved her potential to be the next American Idol with her performance of Carrie Underwood's, "Just a Dream." Sydney Shelton sang "The Middle." She did a great job of showing her comfort on the stage for the audience. Ashton Amaro gave some variety to Follies by beat boxing for everyone. Montel Wiggins shocked the crowd with his amazing creativity by freestyling. There were many Dancers featured at Follies as well. Rachel Dehart and Kelly Seech both showed the skills of being a ballerina. Gracie Henderson danced to "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz. Stormy Johnson danced to "Titanium." Many other great dancers performed as well. Austin Walker, Tim Ferris, and Spencer Hunt performed "Daughters." Austin Walker was the lead singer and backup guitar player, Tim Ferris was on the drums, and Spencer Hunt was the lead guitarist. Taylor Flood was one of the last acts. She had great energy and showed that she was fit for the stage by singing "Brave." Overall, there were no disappointing acts throughout the entire night. Everyone who performed did an amazing job of showing the community the talent Pennfield has to offer. From singing to dancing, from beatboxing to rapping, Follies was absolutely amazing.

Sydney Shelton



Kelly Seech



Maria Quispe



Avery Naas



Austin Walker



Erin Geering



Taylor Flood



Katherine Blocker



Graciana Henderson



Pink Games Brooke Lenz '16

The Varsity Volleyball program recently hosted a pink game against Parchment to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. All three of Pennfield's teams wore pink jerseys, and decorated the gym with pink balloons to get into spirit. There was a great turnout, and everyone seemed to have an amazing time. Even though Varsity did not come out with a win, it was more important to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. Before the game, each of the girls had to find a fact about Breast Cancer that they had not heard before. After the National Anthem, each one of the girls took the microphone and said their fact. It was a very interesting way to start the game, and everyone learned a lot. Freshman and JV did well, and came out with another win! Volleyball is not the only sport that supported Breast Cancer this season. Football did a great job against K-Christian and defeated them without any trouble. The game raised awareness for Breast Cancer and turned out great. While the game was going on, students walked around and asked people in the stands if they would like to make a donation. The boys wore their pink socks, cheerleaders wore pink bows, and everyone in the student section dressed in pink to support the cause. It was also cool to see the pink ribbon in the middle of the field all through the game. It was a great game, and everyone will remember this night for a lifetime. Both Volleyball and Football raised a lot of awareness for Breast Cancer and played great games.



Refuse To Lose Connor Clark '14

The Pennfield Panthers took on Paw-Paw during the first round of playoffs in one of the muddiest battles fought in Pennfield history. Pennfield pulled out a well earned victory over Paw-Paw 21 to 17, and would then take on Dowagiac for the second round of the playoffs. Dowagiac met the Pennfield Panthers on our homefront here at Pennfield High School. Pennfield started strong and finished the same way with a victory of 35 to 21 Panthers on top. This made Pennfield the 3rd team in the past twelve years to win the District title and bring home the district trophy. The Pennfield boys have proved to be a team not to be reckoned with. Being the underdogs of the past two rounds, we still came on top of the game with huge wins. "We have grown so much as a team throughout the year, we aren't just a team anymore. We are a family. People continue to doubt us and we continue to give it our all, and we will never stop doing just that." Says senior half-back, J.J. Clements. The Pennfield Panthers advanced to take on Grand Rapids South Christian in round three of playoffs. Grand Rapids South Christian is the current defending state champions and they played to defend that. There is no doubt that the Pennfield Panthers stepped up and fought all the way through the game. Unfortunately the score was not on our side, and we're sad to report that the season's over. All of their hard work and dedication truly paid off, considering how far they went this season.

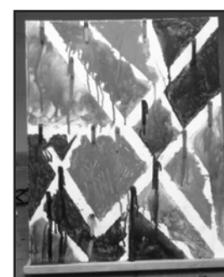
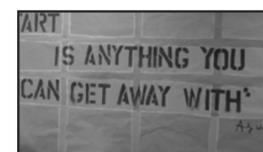


Connor Clark, Jesse Coppess, & Nick Burnett

ACADEMICS

Ready, Set, Draw! Audri Bornamann '14

Art class is a place where students can express themselves through visual art. Junior Connor Brown says, "Creativity is just a pencil mark away." The teacher is Mrs. Haroff, and she has been the art teacher for two years now. In art class, students do different projects, such as drawing top view of city landscapes. Samples of those drawings can be seen in the showcase between the stairs and the senior hallway. Mrs. Haroff has classes busy with a ton of fun projects. In Art 1 they start off drawing contour, which is pencil and paper sketching. After that they advance to shading, and making their drawings look three dimensional. Students are required to draw in their sketchbook every week. Another project is the foil relief. Students draw and indent a drawing on a piece of tin foil. Then they paint over the foil with black ink. After the ink dries, they scrape off some of the ink, leaving a relief of the original drawing. During second semester, students will start three dimensional projects. They will make clay sculptures, and paper mache. Make sure to keep an eye out for the student's magnificent artwork in the showcases on both sides of the staircase and on the bulletin boards.



College is One Step Away Emily Morales '14

One of the best ways to learn more about colleges is to visit their campuses. A college visit can range from only a few hours, or to an overnight experience. I have had the pleasure to be on three college visits thus far, and I have realized that every visit consists of about the same schedule, but each school puts their own flavor on the day. Upon arrival, schools normally greet you with a ton of papers, booklets, and a college pen (every senior knows how many of these they have acquired this year when colleges come to visit our school.) After brief introductions, there is a tour of the college led by a student where you can ask them everything and anything, and they will answer it to the best of their ability. The tour is always my favorite part because I like to picture myself walking around the campus next year and dreaming about what it will be like to attend that school. It is also common for schools to allow you to sit in on a class so that you can get a feel for how many people are in each class, the professor, and how academics are taught there. When the visit is over, colleges want you to try their cafeteria food, because let's face it, this is the food you will be eating for four years of your life, it's pretty crucial. And of course, the campus store is my favorite place to visit, who doesn't love a college t-shirt. And P.S.: A lot of schools give you a coupon at the end of your visit, another bonus for going to check out a college you're interested in. Senior Taylor Wilcox recently went on a college visit with her best friend Shelby Miller and raved about her experience, "After my college visit to Central Michigan, I'm excited to hopefully continue my education at CMU! My favorite part was the presentation on the Leadership Academy. I think minoring in Leadership could really help me succeed in whichever career I choose." Before you make up your mind about which school you want to attend after you graduate, make sure to plan a visit with the college. You want to make sure it is a great fit for you before your move in date.



SPORTS



Practices plus Homework; How do they do it? Taylor Stout '15

Most of us have to deal with homework, and that's stressful on it's own, right? Well, how about adding the additional stress of a sport, or maybe even two on top of that? Every year, we have many students that participate in sports and do well, but also do great in their school work. To participate and be able to stay on a team, all Student Athletes must keep up a high standard with their grades, sports schedules, and school attendance. I asked Junior, Tyler Lahusky, how he manages to do it. "Actually, the answer is pretty simple. It's all about time management. I always have to use my time in the best possible way and make good use of every minute. I try and follow a routine every day after practice to get my homework done, and I use what time I can in class to work on homework also. Once you get good at it, you still have time left over!" Tyler plays football in the fall and does wrestling in the winter, all while keeping his grades high, and attending the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center. All of our student athletes work hard to represent their school during their favorite sports season. We are proud to have such prestigious students here at our high school. Students who work just as hard out on the field as they do in the classroom, and represent us well.

Winter Sports Megan Howard '16

Winter is right around the corner! With the new season comes the time for new sports. As the fall sports sadly come to a close, it's time to get prepared for the winter sports. One of the upcoming sports that is most popular is basketball. Hopefully, there will be a great crowd cheering on the teams at the games. Some other sports that are coming up this winter season are bowling, competitive cheerleading, and wrestling. Along with these fun sports, some Pennfield students spend their time in the ski and snowboarding club. Make sure to check your calendars and plan time to come out and cheer on our amazing sports teams. It's going to be an exciting season to see these sports in action.

Out With the Old, In With the New Connor Clark '14

Pennfield High School will be leaving the KVA conference at the end of the 2013 school/sports seasons. Pennfield will be joining a new conference called the "Interstate Eight." This conference will consist of other teams, like Pennfield, who will be leaving their conferences behind at the end of the season, to create this brand spankin new conference. Teams joining Pennfield in the "Interstate Eight" will be Harper Creek, Marshall and Coldwater, and that also includes several Jackson schools, Charlotte being one of them. Some may ask, "Why the switch?" Well, the logic behind the new conference is that pretty much the majority of the teams are along Interstate 94 and Interstate 69. Overall, this will make athletics events easier for the schools and parents to travel to. A football schedule for the 2014 season has already been set, and we are looking forward to the new challenges and opponents that await for Pennfield Athletics in the upcoming 2014 season!

Making History One Kick At a Time! Connor Clark '14

Goal after goal, the Pennfield Panthers Boys Varsity Soccer team glides through their season with great confidence, taking on teams they haven't beaten in years. They recently beat Lakewood, making them the very first Pennfield Boys Soccer Team to win the District Championship. The Panthers would then take on the number one ranked team in the state, Grand Rapids South Christian. The boys were put to the test against this great team and sadly, in the end, came up short. The Panthers lost 0-5 against Grand Rapids South Christian. Regardless of the loss, the team is more than satisfied with their season's turnout. Here's what captain Jamie Collige had to say about the season wrap-up, "We played more as a team as the season went on, and we accomplished more than we ever thought we could. We won the first District title, and that's



Seniors with District Trophy

something we will remember forever." The Pennfield boys are already looking forward to the 2014 season and bringing home maybe another District title!

The PHS Roar Samantha Penland '15

The Advanced Broadcasting class has started off with a bang this year. The group of twenty students has made a news show called, "The Roar," something everyone is proud to show off. The news show comes out every two weeks, with a lot of exciting hot topics to talk about. The show consists of anchors and news reporters, Chris Acton and Lexi Duncan being the main anchors, touching on important topics in our school and community, making it look like a lot of fun in every show. Also, Connor Waltman does a part of the show where he does funny pranks around the school. If you have any ideas about what Connor should do next, tell Mrs. Royer or someone in the class and you might see your idea on the next episode of "The Roar." If you haven't heard yet, you can watch these great news shows on <http://mrsroyerphs.weebly.com/> and from there, you click on the Advanced Broadcasting tab. Advanced Broadcasting is also working on the Ultimate Party DVD, so for all of you seniors, send Mrs. Royer your childhood pictures ASAP. They are also planning on making a music video, which will include all of the seniors rocking out to a favorite song of the class. The broadcasting team would like your feedback, so if you have any ideas for what you want to see in shows to come, let the broadcasting team know. Make sure you follow the twitter page @ThePHSRoar for updates on "The Roar", and you can also give them feedback there.



The anchors of "The Roar"
Lexi Duncan & Chris Acton



Emily Jackson & Gracie Henderson

Power and Control Kelly Seech '15

The pressures of being a teenager involved in any of the above with school, extra curricular activities, family, and friends can become too much to bare sometimes. We all have those moments of sheer panic, when all we can think about is that paper that is due the next day that we've barely touched, or even worse... life after high school. I am here to tell you, it pretty much a fact of life to become stressed every now and then, but you should not have to deal with excess stress on a daily basis. There is such thing as good stress, which is the kind, for example, that gives you that extra boost when you are giving a presentation. This sort of stress is even considered to be good for you, boosting your senses. When the good stress stays around for more than a short period of times is when it begins to become bad stress. Bad stress is what causes anxiety and health problems. You know those times when you feel so nervous about something that you get shaky and sweaty and sick to your stomach? Imagine feeling like that for weeks upon weeks. This is the point when your little burst of good stress has transitioned into bad stress and anxiety. This is a scary place to be, but the good thing is, it does not have to be permanent. One of the best ways to deal with stress is to open up to someone about how you are feeling. If you are able to talk with someone you trust, who will be there to listen, you may find yourself slowly letting go of whatever is bothering you. Sometimes you are not willing, or ready to talk to a person, that is okay too. Another way to deal with your emotions is to find a positive emotional outlet. By finding that one thing that truly distracts you from your problems, you may find that everything become a little bit easier to deal with. To have a healthy mind you have to nourish your body properly. To start off with, you must be getting enough sleep each night. The foods you eat and the things you drink are also a major part of how your body is acting. So if you feel like you have been stuck in a low place and you just can not seem to get out of it, just know that you can. There are people who will help you and you are also very strong and capable of helping yourself.

PENNFIELD HATE ACCOUNTS

Makayla Bennett '14

We have all seen something on the internet that we disagree with, or even receive messages that we didn't want to read. Several Twitter accounts have been created recently that are posting "crushes, compliments, and admirers." In reality, these accounts are posting extremely vulgar and disrespectful things about our very own Pennfield students. One account that has been deleted is the "Pennfield Crushes." This account had 332 followers, either posting, sending in, or receiving the unfortunate comments on this site. Following these kind of accounts encourages the maker to keep the site going. For this specific site, the student body is sending in comments about other students. Although not all of the comments are bad about our students, some can be very hurtful, and should not be posted. This problem isn't only present in Pennfield Schools, but schools worldwide. I am sad to report that about 15,000 tweets a day are bullying related. Although this account doesn't seem like it is a form of bullying to some of you, if you look at the big picture, it really is. Pennfield students, stand up to this account! Don't follow them back and do not send in any messages. It is for the best interest of everyone. No one should have to see tweets like these about them, because I'm sure that you do not want to see any about you. "I find it is a cowardly way of communicating your feelings with people," said one of our counselors, Mrs. Bailey, "It's like being a keyboard cowboy, you're safe and you can say whatever you want." Mrs. Bailey encourages kids to do the right thing, and these accounts are far from it, they are pathetic and cowardly, two characteristics that Pennfield Students should not possess.



MCDONALD'S MADNESS

Logan Messenger '16

Many students at Pennfield High School have jobs, or are applying for them. A popular spot for Pennfield employment is McDonald's: A famous food chain, with many locations in Battle Creek. McDonald's is a great place to work because of the abundance of workers there, which allows for students to receive flexible working hours. Within this job, students from our school have told me the different positions that you can work. All of our students either work with making the food, or work more with the public by taking orders, and making sure they receive everything they ordered correctly. Both Jenny Lahusky and Zach Callender work with the grills and making the food at the Pennfield location McDonald's. Everyone working at McDonald's agrees that there are some crazy moments when they work their long shifts. Zach says, "My craziest experience was when I had to make seventy sandwiches." A little different experience by Jenny was, "One night, a clown came through the drive through, and the person working the window was scared of clowns. I started crying because it was so funny." Senior, Makayla Bennett, works at the Charlotte location McDonald's and is the only student from our school there. "By working at McDonald's, I have learned that there so many different people in the world with so many different personalities. You learn how to treat people with respect, even when they are sometimes rude to you, which can be very hard at times." Many of our students working at McDonald's would agree that McDonald's is a great first job. If you'd like to apply, or hear a few more funny stories, make sure to make the trip out to one of the McDonald's to support the Pennfield students.

TEEN CERT

Charles Hollins '15

The abbreviation CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. It is a citizens group that is organized and receives special training that enhances their ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and take the edge off major emergencies, or disastrous situations. The Teen CERT is organized under the Calhoun County Emergency Management Office. The whole Teen CERT Installation is made to give teens the experience that is needed when a dangerous situation arises, albeit disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and so forth. The organization tries to prepare them for anything and everything, and giving them something to focus on, other than being on the streets, and getting involved in situations that will get them into serious trouble. The training received in the organization will also help reduce the loss of life will reduce disasters from happening. Teen CERT also volunteers at organized events such as parades, the Special Olympics, blood drives and many other community services. If you're wondering if the Teen CERT is effective, adults in the organization say that it is a very productive program and that people like the training they receive. Cody Shepard feels that "It's a cool program, and I enjoy most getting to help with the special Olympic events and walk around during football games." Students in Teen Cert last year had a lot of fun with the group and are excited for this year to begin!



POWDERPUFF

Emily Morales '14

Pennfield loves football season! Friday nights not being the only highlight of the season, the junior and senior ladies battled against each other to see who was the more superior class on Monday, October 28th. Not only being a competitive sport, anyone had the chance to play in this action packed game for fun. With the help of some football players as coaches, both teams learned unique plays and showed them off and participated in a tough game. The seniors had an unstoppable offence and a defense that only let in one touchdown. The juniors did not hold back, and fought through the whole game, trying to defeat the seniors. The seniors are happy to represent their class well and say that they won the powderpuff game with an ending score of 62-6. "Powderpuff is always fun, it's the girls chance to get under the lights. It's an awesome experience with all the girls on the team and I'm very happy the seniors came away with the victory." says senior Shelby Miller. Football season is looked forward to by most of the student body, especially the girls who look forward to their chance to show their stuff on the field.



PANTHER LACEY TRIBUTE

A special thank you to Lacey's mom for writing this and letting us put this article in The Emerald!

On the night of September 14th, Lacey came home from work and said she was going to her friends house. She got ready and left. About 10 minutes later she called, all I could hear was the sound of her horn going off and her saying "mommy I'm hurt, I'm bleeding" then the phone went dead. I tried calling back and no answer. My phone rang again shortly after. A couple had stopped and found her. They told me she had been in an accident and had hit a tree. When I got there the ambulance was already there and wouldn't let me get close to her. They took her to Bronson Battle Creek and realized she had lacerated her lung, liver, and kidney. She had broken her nose and a couple of ribs. They said that her liver was very serious so they would have to take her to Kalamazoo Bronson, so off we went. When we arrived, the doctors told us how serious she was. Her liver was over 40% gone which meant she would lose that much of it. The first week she was in the hospital she looked fine with pain in her abdomen. Had no clue that the next few weeks would be hell. After the first week they had to intubate her because her lungs had filled with fluid and also collapsed a few times (which required her being on a machine that did her breathing for her). She ended up getting pneumonia. They had to put drain tubes in each lung, one in her back that went to her lung. She had to have a drain-tube put into her gallbladder because that wasn't working correctly also a drain that goes by her liver to drain bile. While being intubated the Doctors had started giving her medicine to paralyze her because she was fighting the ventilator. It was hell watching this. So for two weeks she was induced into a coma. Lacey went in weighing 138lbs and had gained 100lbs in fluid. She went to 230lbs! They decided to put a trachea in cause of the risk of infection would drop. Her brain waves had to also be monitored and the nurses said if they were in the 70's she could hear me talk to her, so I did, everyday. Telling her to please get stronger and fight this. I loved her so much. So for the next week I begged this of her while she was out. Finally, one day when talking to her I noticed they were in the 80's. I said, "Lacey, can you hear me?" She nodded her head yes. I thought I was imagining it because I wanted her awake so bad. The more I kept talking to her the more she reacted.



The Doctors and nurses were shocked considering she was paralyzed. They had decided to let her come off the medicine. She then started to progress, she started losing the fluid weight. Tubes started coming out and pressure on the ventilator started going down. Things were finally getting better and Lacey made it out of this horrible accident alive. The Doctors had said there were a couple times they weren't too sure she would (make it out alive) and if she were older she more than likely wouldn't have. After six weeks and two days Lacey came home. She had to come home with two drains still in her side, but she's home with me again and that's all that matters. She is very weak and gets tired going to the bathroom. It will be a long road to recovery for her, but she will get there. She will start physical therapy soon and gain her strength back. The most important thing that I think Lacey could have got from this is to never text and drive again. All because of one text that she thought couldn't wait, she could have lost her life. I could have lost a daughter and her sisters could have lost a sister. She has said numerous times, I just never thought something like this would happen to me. If every kid could read this and know that this could happen to anyone. It only takes a second for something to go wrong.

MERRILY WE SING

By: Kelly Seech '15

When I asked 12th grader Tyler Cushman what her favorite class was, she happily replied, Choir. This is the case for many of the kids that walk through the doors of F101 on a daily basis. Each year the senior class graduates and the choir feels like they won't be able to go on without them but alas, they always pull through, getting stronger and stronger each year. The biggest challenge for this year would have to be the amount of new male singers the choir has acquired. These guys have really done a great job at picking up on all the music and they have become a great addition for the choir. From the beginning of the year, to now, the choir has been preparing for a very big performance. On Wednesday October 30th the choir traveled to Western Michigan University to perform for a group of music majors. They really pulled through, to make this performance a great one. Another new addition to the choir is Mr. Gehrls, the student intern from WMU. This year, the Choir is expected to be great, as it has already started out with a bang. Be sure to be listening for the choir performances in the future, you'll be sure to like what you hear.



PENNFIELD BAND: STRAIGHT ONES

By: Sam Penland '15

The band has been doing a great job so far this year. Playing at every home game, they have made the crowd happy with their halftime show. The band recently went to the marching band festival in Jackson, where they competed, along with other bands, and showed off their amazing show. The weather was great and that contributed to the band having an amazing performance. After all the bands performed, we all stood on the field for our rating. There were three judges for three categories including marching, music, and overall performance. The scores are ranged between one and five, one being the best. The Pennfield Band received a division one rating and the whole band was proud, mostly because the sheets read straight ones from top to bottom. To get a one you have to have two A's of any kind and one B of any kind for the categories. We had a fantastic show, according to the judges, and we received some great feedback for things we should work on for the future. After festival, the band is not going to stop practicing the show because they will be performing at the play off games, showing their support to the team. All the hard work and dedication of the band has brought the band to where they are now. We're proud of our high step band, they've done great things this year!





Kelly Seech

Hey guys! Obviously I'm Lexi. :) This is my third year on newspaper. I have been on the layout team all three years. I am also currently a Senior. This year is my last, and I plan to enjoy every second of it. Also, I am a Varsity Competitive and Sideline Cheerleader! I love being able to cheer on our boys every Friday night. When I graduate, I either plan to go to Grand Valley State University or KCC, & I have not decided on what major I want to go into.

Hi, my name is Kelly Seech, and I am currently residing as a Junior. One of the things that usually consumes my mind the most is dance. This year is my first year on the dance team, but I have been dancing outside of school for the past 13 years. I also teach dance, to the cutest tots you'll ever see. Along with loving dance I love Africa and nature. When I grow up I'm going to be a singer, and a philanthropist, and a dancer, and I'm going to have red haired children that run around barefoot on the side mountain farm in Africa. I can't wait.



Megan Howard

What's up I'm Sydney Brown, I'm a junior here at Pennfield and this is my second year on newspaper, I'm 16 and I have the same birthday as Bob Marley so I guess that's pretty cool. I like superhero movies, sledding, watching movies, and watching the Lions play each Sunday, and I also sing a little. You'll catch me playing guitar or hanging out with my niece in my free time (2 years old and she is definitely my BFF). My favorite place to be is California visiting my dad. In simplest terms, that's a little overview of the life of Sydney Brown.

I'm Megan Howard and this is my first year on the high school newspaper. I have been in the newspaper in previous school years and enjoyed my time being on it. In my spare time I like to play volleyball and dance, I also enjoy playing with my four year old niece and spending time with my friends. I am a sophomore and have gone to Pennfield my whole life. I enjoy traveling, I find it fun to experience different places and see things outside of Battle Creek.



Marlee Denton

Hi, my name is Makayla Bennett. I am a senior, and this is my first year writing articles for the newspaper. My family and friends are very important to me. My favorite thing to do is play softball. I have played on the Varsity softball team for 2 years, this year being my 3rd. I hope to play softball at Kellogg Community College when I graduate, I also plan to attend Kellogg Community College in the fall. After college I want to be a Special Education Teacher for the grades Pre-K-2nd.

Hey, my names Marlee. I wasn't named after Marley and Me or Bob Marley, if that's what you're thinking. My name came from the actress Marlee Matlin. There's something I really enjoy and that's sports. I play volleyball, basketball and I'm trying out for softball. Every weekend I basically hangout with the three most important people in my life, my sister Hannah, and my two friends Lark and Emmie. I work on the layout for the Newspaper. I'm a freshman and I'm 15.

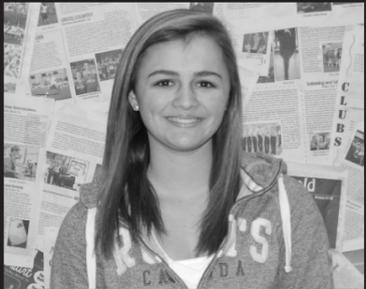


Connor Clark

My name is Audri Bornamann, and I am a senior. I have run Cross Country for 4 years, and track for 1 year. I play soccer as well. I have played soccer since I was three years old and I have played varsity soccer since I was a Freshman. I was born in Grand Rapids, but I spent my early years growing up in a small town outside of Traverse City called, Lake Ann. My plans for college are to run, and study physical therapy.

Hi, my name is Connor Clark and I am a senior at Pennfield High School. Some of the things I enjoy doing are playing sports, especially football, and I snowboard all winter. Also I enjoy hanging with my friends when I'm not busy. I like working to make money, but don't exactly like my job. My favorite subject is history and I occasionally enjoy writing. I'm not very shy, as many already know. My plans after high school are going to college and studying Political Science.

Lexi Duncan



Sydney Brown



Makayla Bennett



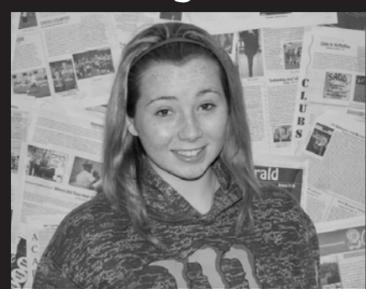
Audri Bornamann



Camarie Smith



Ashley Tate



Tabitha Haskins



Montana Rensch

Hey, my name is Charles Hollins and I'm currently a junior at Pennfield High School. This is my first year being in newspaper, and honestly, I'm enjoying it so far. I love listening to music and reading on my down time. I'm a very straight forward, honest person. I love cold winter days, and taking hikes through the forest. I love most animals. Once I graduate from high school, my first goal is to move out of Michigan.

I am Camarie Smith. I am a sophomore this year. I am 15. This is my first year on the newspaper. I am excited to be on the newspaper. I hope it's as fun as everyone says. I love my friends, family, and animals. I am always there for my friends. I don't do much outside of school. I have 2 horses that I ride in the summer. I have a dog that I love and I have one hamster named Stormy June.

My name is Samantha Penland and I'm a junior this year. I am 17 years old and my birthday is in the summer. I like to hang out with friends and being with my family. This year is my first year on the cheer team and I am having a blast. I am also a part of band and I play the clarinet. My favorite subject in school is math. I know that is weird, but I love doing math problems. I do math when I am bored.

Hi, My name is Ashley Tate, I'm a junior here at the high school. This is my first year being in newspaper, so far I enjoy the class. I have been going to Pennfield since 6th grade. I like to take pictures, listen to music, and hangout with my family and friends. After I graduate high school, I plan to attend KCC and then maybe transfer to a university. I want to go to college to become a neonatal nurse.

Hi, my name is Ryan Owens and I am a high school junior. some fun activities that I like doing are watching the Tigers play, camping, and playing video games. The bands that I enjoy listening to are Skillet, Nickelback, and Daughtry. I enjoy the subjects math and science in school, but I'm not a big fan of English. When I finish high school I plan on going to college and becoming either a lawyer or work my way up into homicide.

Hello my name is Tabitha Sue Haskins. I enjoy the simple things in life. Being happy is a state of mind, and I don't think people should settle for less than they deserve. I always look toward the next best thing. I like seeing other people happy. When someone else is down, it breaks my heart. I've been through more than most people my age, but hey, it's what has made me stronger. Life has thrown me challenges, and so far, I've come out on top. I realized that my family always comes first. always. Photography and art is a passion of mine. I love music and movies. 2 Broke Girls and Girl Code are my favorite TV shows. It's just me and that's all I can be.

My name is Brooke Lenz, I am a sophomore and this is my first year on newspaper. I play volleyball, basketball and softball. My favorite color is purple. My favorite animal is an elephant. My favorite things to do are play sports and hang out with friends and family. I love to travel and meet new people. My favorite college teams are Michigan State and UNC. After highschool I plan to go to college and become a physical therapist or veterinarian.

First off, my name is Montana Rensch. I am a sophomore and I am involved in a lot of activities. I play many sports which include volleyball, basketball, soccer, and dance. I am also participating in an after school group called service learning. I have gone to Pennfield my whole life and plan to finish high school here. I love spending time with my family and friends. My favorite color is purple, and my favorite subject is English. After highschool I plan to go to college and become either a psychiatrist or a radiologist.

Charles Hollins



Sam Penland



Ryan Owens



Brooke Lenz



Emily Morales

Hi! *Insert waving emoji here* This is my third year in newspaper and my second year being the editor, it's not as easy as it looks, trust me! You could say that I suffer extremely from Senioritis, even though there are many perks of being the oldest in the school, and I love it! I'm a Varsity Cheerleader for both the Sideline and Competitive seasons. I love watching football, and never wanted this season to end. I am so thankful for my friends and family because I know I can always count on them. After high school, I want to go to Grand Valley State University and eventually become a speech therapist.

Taylor Stout

My name is Taylor Stout, I am currently a Junior. It's my 2nd year on Newspaper, and I love it. I hope to become a photo-journalist, because I love writing and taking pictures, so why not do them together. I also love reading and being with the people I love. I don't play any sports for the school, but I love playing softball and basketball. Helping people is another thing that makes me who I am, it's the joy of seeing people's smiles that keeps me going. Love you all!

Logan Messenger

Hello, My name is Logan Messenger, I'm 16 years old and have been attending Pennfield since Freshman Year. I'm a nice guy, and get my school work done to the best of my ability. My Favorite movies are The Madea Movies, Tyler Perry is an amazing actor and makes The Madea Movies very hilarious. My favorite book series is The Mortal Instruments and my birthday is on October 4. My favorite classes that I am taking this year are Newspaper, Broadcasting, and Sophomore English. I hope to become a Fiction Writer someday. That's a little bit about me, thanks for getting to know me :)

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MICHIGAN SPORTS TEAMS

Ryan Owens '15

Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings, oh my, are some of our very own Michigan sports teams, but don't forget the countless college teams that are soaring to victory this season. The Wolverines have the record of 7-3 with a 3-3 conference wins and this places the Mighty Wolverines third in the Big Ten conference. The Spartans have had a spectacular year, they have a 9-1 record and their conference win is 6-0, this puts the Spartans first in the Big Ten Conference. The records are still changing every week, and it's exciting to see how well the college teams are doing. The Tigers ended with an awesome season. The mighty mighty Tigers won their division with a 93-69 record, reluctantly beating the Oakland A's, but had an unfortunate stop in the championship when the Boston Red Sox beat the Tigers 4-2. The Lions are having a better season thus far, having a record of 6-4 this is a major improvement from last season, they will hopefully finish the season with a 9-7 record, and maybe win the wild card and get into the playoffs. Now that the Red Wings have worked out the corks from the rookie last season, the Red Wings are going strong with a record of 10-6 and is continuing to win.



BREAST CANCER SURVIVERS

Candis Mosteller '14

Battle Creek. The 60 teams and 348 participants raised \$13, 606.90. We may not have raised nearly as much money as Kalamazoo but every little penny counts when it comes to fighting breast cancer. These events are held every year by The American Cancer Society. All of the money raised from these events goes to helping fund research, get information and services for those fighting the disease and access to mammograms for women who need them. When you walk and raise money for these events, you are joining one million volunteers across the country who are all trying to end this disease. Senior, Alia Hack, participated in this walk. "It was a really amazing experience to see all the people out in the freezing cold, showing their support for breast cancer. I was happy to be a part of something as great as the walk and for my group to be awarded with the breast cancer spirit cup, was an honor. I definitely will do this again next year!" One step at a time we are racing to end this fight against cancer.



Lisa & Alia Hack

On Saturday October 19th, 113 teams and 712 individuals walked or ran a 5k in Kalamazoo to raise money to help fight breast cancer. All of the participants together raised a whopping \$49, 216.85 to help make strides to defeating this terrible cancer. On the following Saturday October 26th, there was a walk held at the C.O. Brown Stadium in

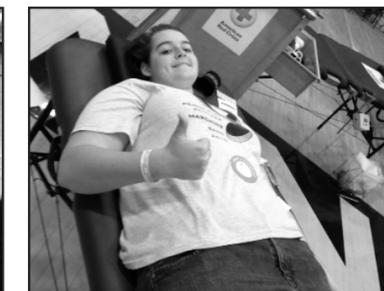
Charles Hollins '15



BLOOD DRIVE

Camarie Smith '16

On November 5th, Pennfield had their annual scholarship blood drive. The blood was flowing, and the turnout was great. Students were thrilled this year to save lives by donating their blood to the Red Cross. A record high of about 55 pints of blood was donated. If you were sixteen years of age, with parents permission, or seventeen years and older, you were eligible to give blood. It was nice to see everyone who donated blood, from not only the school, but the community. Thank you to everyone who donated. Hopefully it will be as good of a turnout for our next blood drive on January 16, 2014!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Makayla Bennett '14

The Emerald likes to recognize previous Pennfield graduates and see what they have done after high school. I had the opportunity to talk to not one graduate, but two, their names are Sarah and Kate Shields. After graduating from Pennfield in 2007, Sarah went to DePaul University and Kate went to Michigan State University. In 2009, both girls decided to study abroad together in a program called A Semester at Sea. The girls lived on a ship for a whole semester, traveling the globe. They visited 14 countries in 108 days! After returning to the United States, Kate moved to Chicago and transferred to Loyola University Chicago. Both girls were extremely involved in college, participating in numerous campus activities. Sarah was a cheerleader and also a member of Chi Omega sorority and a Resident Assistant. Kate was on the MSU Rowing Team, Habitat for Humanity, and also a Resident Assistant. Sarah graduated from DePaul in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with a minor in French. Sarah then enrolled as a graduate at Florida State University. Sarah is in her second year at FSU and will graduate in May, with a Masters of Arts in Higher Education and Student Affairs. Sarah hopes to have a career in Student Affairs at a university after she graduates. Kate graduated from Loyola in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. In the fall of 2012, Kate moved to Charlotte, N.C. where she taught 7th grade Social Studies. In the summer she moved to Washington, D.C. after



accepting a job in the Education Department at the American Institutes for Research in Georgetown. Currently Kate is a crew leader with Habitat for Humanity and is working toward a master degree in Arts in Educational Technology. Kate hopes to return to teaching in her future. In the girls spare time they enjoy traveling, spending time with friends, reading, running, and volunteering. Two weeks ago the girls completed their first marathon. It was the Chicago Marathon on behalf of the Make A Wish Foundation. Both Kate and Sarah were asked who their favorite teacher was at Pennfield, they responded with, "Our favorite teacher at Pennfield? That's like asking us to pick our favorite ice cream flavor, or the place we've traveled to!" The girls both said that many teachers had made a huge impact and influence on who they are today. The teachers include Mr. Lamb, Mr. McCafferty, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Philo, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Schneiderhan and Mrs. Everson. Kate and Sarah gave some special advice for graduating seniors. "Our best advice for seniors is to set goals and do whatever you can to achieve them. Follow your passions, whether that is traveling, medical school, athletics, service, or a career. Don't lead your life for other people if it makes you happy, do it."

BLEED ORANGE

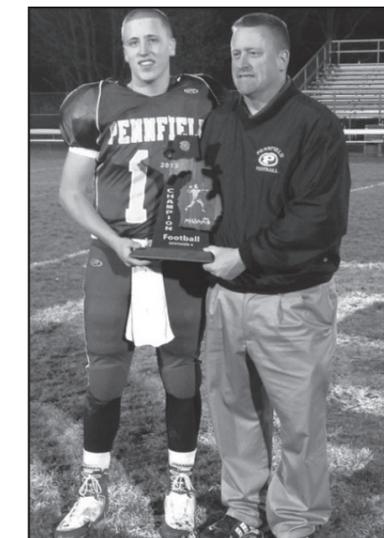
Logan Messenger '16

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and in order for bullying to stop, people wear orange to stand. Bullying is when innocent people are taunted, teased and sometimes physically hurt for being themselves, something no one wants to ever have to experience. Bullying can come in any form, either physically, verbally, or through the internet. A big form of bullying is cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is bullying someone using technology, such as cell phones, computers, and tablets. The 2012-2013 Annual Incident Report indicated that there were 1, 801 reported incidents of bullying involving 9th through 12th grade students. "Bullying is like penalties in football. It's not right to do, but it's going to happen regardless," says Junior, Brandun Rugg. There are many ways to prevent bullying. Some are telling a trusted adult, accepting people for who they are, regardless if they are different than you, and don't participate in gossip. If you personally see someone being bullied, stand up for them. Marissa Owens strongly thinks, "I don't like seeing people being hurt or pushed around because of the fact that they are different." You might think that you are only saying a joke, while another person is taking your words more personally. Bullying can lead to extreme circumstances, don't be a bully, be a friend.

PENNFIELD PARENT STAFF

Taylor Stout '15

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a parent work where you go to school? Pennfield has a couple of our very own "parent staff" members. Kendall Sidnam, Parker Bowen, Tyler Driscoll, Zoey McCleary and Jake Grimes are just a few of our fellow classmates that have gone along side their parents during the school day. Parker Bowen, son of the choir teacher, Mr. Bowen, has been in his father's class since middle school. I asked him what it was like to be in his father's class, he stated, "It's not really that different, except he's my dad. So if I need anything, I can just go ask him, other than that, he's just like a regular teacher." Junior, Tyler Driscoll, had a different opinion. Tyler was in his mother's class in Middle School, he says, "It was weird, and I didn't like it really at all." I guess depending on what your mom or dad is like, it could be good or bad going to the same school they work at. We are lucky as Pennfield students because all of the teachers are kind enough to consider us their children.



HALLWAY CHALLENGER

By: Ryan owens '15



Why did the turkey cross the road twice?



Nathan Suver:
Just to cross the road again

Mrs. Sare:
Trying to lose weight

Thank you guys for trying our monthly riddle, but better luck next time!!

The correct answer was the turkey wanted to prove that he wasn't chicken.



Courtney VanHyfte:
To have a death wish



Zac Hultink:
Trying to lay on eggs

WHAT ARE TEACHERS THANKFUL FOR

By: Sydney Brown '15

'Tis the season to be thankful! It's that festive time of year again as everyone falls into good spirits waiting for the holidays to come around. As Thanksgiv-

ing approaches, people naturally begin to count their blessings. Expressing the different things you are thankful for is the whole idea of getting together every year and pigging out at Thanksgiving feasts. The staff here at Pennfield have a long first semester just like the students do, and when the holidays roll around, they're just as excited. Some of the teachers were asked what they're going to be thankful for this year at the dinner table. Mr. Lamb shared a few things he feels blessed with: "I am thankful for the health of my family and myself, as well as my friends and colleagues. I am thankful for a career that I enjoy, and for all of our Michigan sports teams- University of Michigan, Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and the Pistons." Mrs. Bailey is also getting in the spirits for Thanksgiving. She said, "I am thankful for my great spouse and my twins Ben and Emma! I am always thankful for good health, weekends, and time with my friends laughing, being able to travel, and the greatest job working with my Pennfield buddies and some amazingly cool and diverse kids. Finally, a plug in for my hometown..thankful for the Red Sox winning the World Series!!" There are countless things to be thankful for this November. As the staff at Pennfield begin to appreciate their blessings and get ready for another Thanksgiving with their family, the students should be doing the same. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! The Emerald is thankful for you.



WHAT DOES THANKSGIVING MEAN TO YOU

By: Camarie Smith '16

Michael Hoban '17 "To me Thanksgiving is all about spending time with my friends and going out and having a good time with them."



Aaron Swanson '17 "Thanksgiving means food. I love the smell of turkey, and mash potatoes. I love to stuff my face with food and be with my friends."

Sarah roller '14 "Thanksgiving is the time to give thanks for the things that I have and the family I get to spend it with."



Hailey Johnson '16 "Thanksgiving means cuddling up with my grandpa, watching football and the amazing smell of turkey cooking in the oven. This is one of the only times your family can get together and not fight, kinda like the Indians and Pilgrims once they got to know each other. I love the feeling I get when I can see all my family together it makes me feel all warm."

BLACK FRIDAY



CYBER MONDAY

By: Megan Howard '16

The time has come again for extreme sales! Everyone knows that the biggest day for savings has to be the day after Thanksgiving, Black Friday. People stand in mile long lines for hours and hours waiting to get the hottest deals for Christmas presents to give to their friends and family. The biggest name brand items have their prices cut down dramatically! I have experienced Black Friday shopping myself and I witnessed the madness. People fight over this years biggest toys and hot items! Usually Black Friday would start the day after Thanksgiving, but in the recent years, stores have started opening as early as 8:00pm on Thanksgiving night. Stores such as Target, Macy's, and Walmart will be open between 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm on Thanksgiving night this year. I believe as the years go on, that the times will get earlier and earlier. When I experienced Black Friday, police were everywhere to make sure that nobody would cut in line or rush in and crowd the doors. If you want to stay home cuddled up, but still get the great deals I recommend Cyber Monday, which is the Monday after Thanksgiving. All the online stores have great deals and super savings. I think this is a great alternative for people who can not make it out early on Black Friday because of the outrages time openings. Black Friday should be interesting this year and also be a lot of fun. I recommend going to get the good deals and savings.

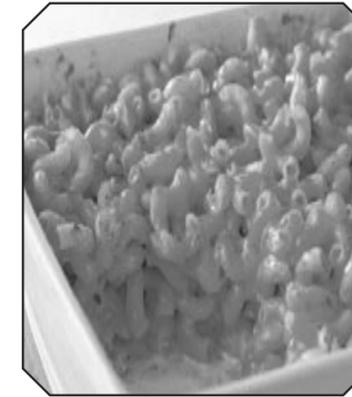
THANKSGIVING RECIPES

Sydney Brown '15

Baked Mac & Cheese

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup butter or margarine, cut into small pieces
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) elbow macaroni, cooked
- ½ lb. (8 oz.) VELVEETA, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 egg
- 2-1/2 cups milk
- Paprika



Heat oven to 350°F.

Place butter in bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish; cover with layers of half each of the macaroni, Velveeta and cheddar.

Whisk egg and milk until well blended; pour half over ingredients in baking dish. Repeat with remaining ingredients except paprika.

Bake 15 min.; stir carefully until well blended. Bake 15 min. or until macaroni mixture is heated through and top is golden brown. Sprinkle with paprika.



Pumpkin Cheesecake

Ingredients:

- 2 pkg. (8 oz. Each) fat-free cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4tsp. ground cinnamon
- dash of ground nutmeg
- 1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup thawed cool whip sugar free whipped topping

Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, just until blended. Remove 1 cup of batter; place in medium bowl. Stir in pumpkin and spices. Spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray; sprinkle bottom with graham crumbs.

Top with layers of plain and pumpkin batters. Bake 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool completely. Refrigerate 3 hours. Serve topped with cool whip.

HEALTHY LIVING

Ashley Tate '15

Healthy living is becoming a growing topic all around. More health related shows, activities, and overall programs are becoming more popular. The media is making more shows about fitness, weight loss, and health in general. T.V shows like "Biggest Loser" and "Extreme Weight Loss" are helping people in America lose weight and make better, healthier choices. Other shows like "Dr. Oz" and "The Doctors" provides you with healthier food options, ways to help prevent serious health risks, and better lifelong options. More companies are creating apps for your phone such as "Lose It," "My Fitness Pal," and "My Calorie Counter." These are apps that help you track what you eat, count calories, and to help you make better decisions. Everyone has something they want to improve on, or a goal they want to achieve. Some staff at the high school participated in an event called the Corporate Cup. The Corporate Cup was an athletic competition, where a team consisted of a maximum of 60 team members from Pennfield to compete for different events. The Corporate Cup was open to businesses and corporations in the Battle Creek area. All together there was a total of twelve different events that took place. Living a healthy lifestyle is important. It's always good to try to help yourself before something bad happens. "Prevention is better than cure," is something that Desiderius Erasmus said. All in all, healthy living needs to become a way of life. Eating right, exercising and maintaining a healthy weight are essential to being healthy and living a better life.

\$ Make that Money: Sell that Dough \$

Cookie dough, that is. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors please make sure to sell your cookie dough over Thanksgiving break! Orders are due December 2nd. Please help fundraise for your prom. See your class advisors with questions.



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Candis Mosteller

Well my name is Candis. I've gone to Pennfield since the 6th grade and I am now a senior, and it's a crazy feeling. I work at Pizza Hut, and between work and school I don't have too much time to do anything else. But when I do have time to myself, I like to go for walks at this little park in Lakeview. Im not to sure what I

want to do after graduation, but I do plan on continuing my education. Thats a little bit about myself.



Karena Karns

My name is Karena Karns. I am a senior at Pennfield High school. I came to Pennfield in 8th grade. I enjoy reading books and learning about different cultures and religions. I want to be a Special Education teacher. My dream is to travel the world and experience other cultures. Another dream of mine is to open an animal shelter before I die. I like helping clean up

the environment and helping animals. I am in the service club as well. Well thats just a little bit about me :)

Important Yearbook Reminders!!!

Senior Pictures are due before Christmas break to Mrs. Royer! No exceptions!!!

Make sure to buy your yearbook before it is too late! This year's book will include a 3D Cover with 3D Glasses!!!

If you play a Spring Sport, make sure to purchase a \$15 Spring Supplement with all 2014 Spring Sports included!

