



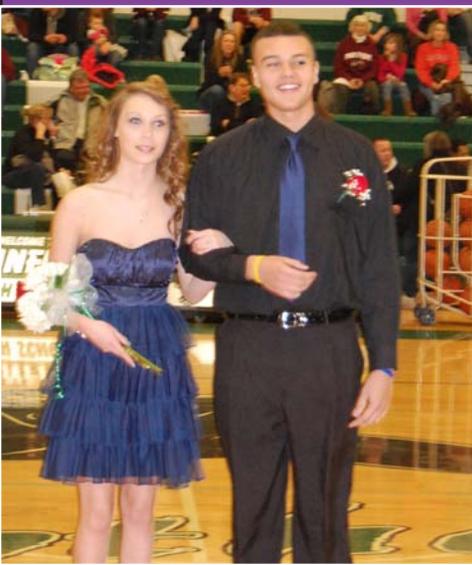
Winter Carnival Court

Madison Schaefer '13

Growing up, every little girl dreams of becoming a princess and meeting their prince charming. They put on beautiful dresses, do their hair, and put on some make-up. On Friday night, eight chivalrous young men carefully escorted eight princesses in beautiful dresses, with their hair up, and make-up done across the basketball court. Steffen Kinne and Dayna Allen represented the Freshmen class. Ian Stemplewski and Amanda Griffin represented the Sophomore class. Tyson Banker and Taylor Wilcox represented the Junior class. Next to those three wonderful couples stood five boy representatives and five girl representatives of the senior class. The five honorable boys were Brayden Bennett, Hunter Hoogakker, Jacob Gillet, Jeremy Purcell, and Justin Heffron. The five beautiful girls that stood next to them were Hanna Boles, Elizabeth Jarrard, Megan DeHart, Cierra Wilson, and Emily Gallagher. Each one was like a celebrity.

Proud parents, ecstatic family members, and supportive friends took their turns taking pictures to capture the special moment. However, the moment that last year's Winter Carnival King and Queen, Nic Acton and Michelle Tanner, stepped out on the court, all eyes were on the crown and the tiara. Although each person out there would be fit to wear them, only one lucky boy and girl would have the honor. The crowd was equally as nervous as the court members. They sat on the edge of their seats anxious to see who would be crowned. Nic walked slowly with the crown in his hand before finally placing it on Justin Heffron's head. Next to be crowned, was the queen. She was about to make one little girl's dream finally come true. She held the tiara in her hand as she walked behind the beautiful young ladies with butterflies in their stomachs until she nestled the tiara into the finely-crafted hair of Emily Gallagher (whose victory was shared by the architect of her fantastic up-do: Madison Schaefer). The crowd couldn't have been more pleased with the chosen Winter Carnival King and Queen of Pennfield High School.

The excitement continued the next night at the Winter Carnival Dance. The court members could not wait to have that special moment in the spotlight. After waiting very patiently the time finally came for everyone to part as each couple walked across the floor. The last couple to follow was King Justin and Queen Emily. Justin said, "It's great to be king. I am so thankful for all of my friends. I feel very honored." All of the court members then shared a memorable dance as everyone looked on at them. The underclassmen watched them with hope in their eyes wishing that someday, maybe that could be them dancing in the spotlight. The next Winter Carnival King and Queen could be anyone. In the midst of all of the excitement and shock Emily said, "It feels so unreal to be crowned Queen. I feel ridiculously honored and I'm super excited to come back next year to crown the new Queen."



Layout by: Lexi Duncan



Boy Dance

Taylor Stout '15

What a pep rally, am I right? Thanks to our dance team and their boys, the pep assembly had great entertainment again this year. This is the time of year that the members of the dance team ask a boy from the senior class to join them in a dance for the Winter Carnival pep assembly and game. The boys included Doug Herzing, Jake Gillett, Winston Stephenson, Taylor Schott, Josh Mosier, Brandon Rau, Jacob Yeager, Connor Knapp, Jeremy Purcell, Darin Blocker, Hunter Hoogakker, Jared Jacobs and Justin Heffron. These boys attended every practice, and learned every step. Dance team member Bri Everline said, "After every practice, Brandon Rau gathered us all in a circle and said 'training rules are now in effect.' It was good to know he was dedicated." The theme this year was 'The Sounds of Dance.' The songs included the word 'dance', the things about dance, and the beats that go along with a good dance. Doug Herzing enthusiastically told me, "I did it mainly because I see it as a really cool thing, and almost as a rite of passage for a senior. And it was a blast!" While the choreography was great, the girls had to keep the guys in line, and make sure the steps were right on time. "It was really fun to come up with the dance with Amber and Megan this year." Said captain, Kayla Briggs. Well, the dance team never seems to disappoint, and everyone had a great time, with a laugh or two in between. Thanks ladies, oh, and thanks too guys.



Pictured Above: Autumn Brown, Josh Mosier, & Allison Pennock



Pictured Above: Megan Dehart & Hunter Hoogaker



Pictured Above: Briana Everline, Doug Herzing & Amber Chapin



Pictured Above: Brandon Rau & Stormy Johnson

Girls Basketball

Emily Bower '13

The Pennfield girls' basketball team's record is seven wins so far this season and five losses. The Winter Carnival basketball game is not much different than any other. The girls prep with intense practices and prepare for either the worst or best. The girls were the first to step up on the court against the Parchment Panthers. With their warm-ups on and them running onto the court, you could tell that they were ready to defeat. Two key contributors to the team and this game are Shelby Miller and Taylor Wilcox. "The team this year is meshing better than last year and trying to get our record going. A goal our team has is to be in the top KVA and to make the team work together better. Success comes from the trust within the team and all of us being unselfish." Enthusiastically said Shelby Miller. Taylor Wilcox also says, "I love this team, it's always a great atmosphere, and we play as team. A goal I have for myself is to get off the bench and make a three pointer. I believe our team has succeeded through everyone getting along and working



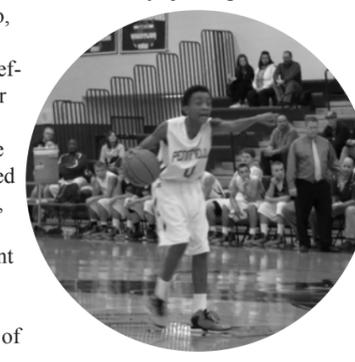
Pictured Above: Baylee Shelton

together." The team contributed and gave it their all, but unfortunately the girls' team had a big loss for the winter carnival game. Ashley Peterson says, "After the big loss it was hard on all of us, but Coach Saldana gave us a talk and inspired us to work harder during practice and push for a win on the next game. My goal for this season is to score ten points and help win the next game." If you weren't at this big game, make it a priority to come out and help cheer and support our girls Varsity Basketball team. The next game takes place on Friday, February fifteenth at six o'clock they are going up against the Constantine Falcons. Good luck Lady Panthers!

Boys Basketball

Jeff Lambrick '13

Just recently on Friday, January 25th, the Varsity Pennfield boys' basketball team faced off against the Parchment Panthers in the gymnasium at 7. Right before school ended all Pennfield students attended a pep assembly to help hype them up for the Winter carnival festivities taking place over the course of the weekend. Coach Grimes announced the names of all of the players in order to familiarize us with our spectacular basketball team. The boys practiced extremely hard in anticipation of their upcoming game against the team which shares the same mascot. The stands were filled with exhilarated fans who came to support their favorite players, family members, and admired athletes. All of those in attendance sure did get their money's worth as the game remained relatively close the entire time. However, luckily, the tension was broken by two performances by our always entertaining dance team. They once again performed a hilarious dance which included various boys joining the ladies and putting on quite a show for the basketball fans. Also, prior to the game the winners of Winter carnival court were announced. Seniors Emily Gallagher and Justin Heffron were pleasantly surprised and donned the crown for their first time ever. Once the game began viewers were on the edge of their seats practically the entire time. The two teams went back and forth consistently and remained close in score for most of the game. The Pennfield boys, with the support of their well prepared coaches and screaming fans emerged victorious in the end. Parchment lost the game by a mere four points, with the final score being 59-55. A large portion of the points for our team came from Senior player, Darin Blocker who scored 22 of our 59 points.



Pictured Above: Aaron Brown

Pep Rally

Sydney Brown '15

Winter Carnival week is one of the most anticipated weeks here at Pennfield. A week where students can get away with dressing ridiculous, supporting our Panther basketball players, and of course, getting amped up at the traditional pep assembly. The pep assembly is something that is looked forward to every year, but never fails to get students and teachers excited to cheer Pennfield to victory at the game. One of the most entertaining things about the assemblies are, of course, the games. This year was no different in providing fun and creative games at the assembly, from the custom Tug-O-War to passing a banana down a line using only your feet. Overall scoring in these games may have surprised some, with Sophomores taking the lead with 125 points, Seniors and Juniors following with 105 points, and Freshman falling short with 75 points. Seniors took back their victory, though, with their deservingly winning Scooby-Doo themed cart, and it didn't hurt that they took the lead in points with the dress up days. With no surprise, Seniors defended their title with a winning 320 points by the end of the week, once again, stealing the Spirit Cup. Despite any scores or competition, the Pennfield dance and cheer team both contributed to the pep rally, performing routines that undoubtedly got the crowd riled up. All in all, the assembly was once again a success in getting everyone prepared to cheer Pennfield to victory in their game against Parchment and will be looked forward to again next year.



Where Are They Now? King & Queen

Emily Morales '14

Many things can happen in a year. One year ago, around this time, Pennfield High School crowned a new Winter Carnival King and Queen. Since then, both Nic Acton and Michelle Tanner have experienced so much through college life and growing up. Michelle currently attends KCC where she is pursuing a degree in Human Services and since she dual enrolled in high school, it allowed her to be able to graduate with her associates in Human Services this summer. Her next step is that she will be starting Western in the Fall to pursue a degree in Social Work. Michelle stays extremely busy with school, her internship, and also her job at McDonalds where she works as a crew trainer. She is also excited that she was able to move out and have her own apartment. For the future Michelle has set her goals high to get a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, a Masters in Social Work, and also a degree in Counseling. All of this is so that she can eventually become a Bereavement Counselor for Hospice. Michelle says, "I don't have any regrets from high school. I feel like every choice you make is one that you wanted at some point in time." Enjoying every aspect of high school, she wants to share that you should not take high school as a joke. Get all that you can out of it because it can be well worth it if you do. Out of all of the wonderful staff at Pennfield, Mr. Lamb left a great impact on Michelle's life in high school. He was her favorite teacher, "Mr. Lamb was one of the best teachers I have ever had, and such a great person inside and out. I miss his class very much." Remembering back on that special night and the basketball game where her and both Nic were crowned, she states, "My first reaction to being crowned was disbelief. I couldn't believe I was the one chosen by my peers, but also because I got to share it with Nic, which was the best part of all. Also I felt extremely happy. I learned that it's amazing to think of the affect that I must have had on my peers for them to allow Nic and I to get to share this experience together, and it was an honor."



Nic Acton is attending Siena Heights University where he is pursuing a degree in business administration. College is even more exciting for him since he gets to play football for his school. Nic feels that his greatest personal achievement this school year has to be starting his first college football game, on the season opener, at a position he never played. How awesome! Some advice that Nic wants to shower on high school students is to, "Win the day. Don't just try to get through the day, attack it." Since high school he has looked back and remembered many memories. Nic's most fond memory was when Pennfield won districts for football his senior year in 2011. In the future, he wants to graduate with a business degree and get a good job. "My first reaction of being crowned was that the crown didn't fit my head, the crown was too small," is what Nic says is what he remembers most. Both Nic and Michelle were back this year, crowning Emily Gallagher and Justin Heffron. Just imagine what the next year will bring for those two, along with the rest of the senior class.

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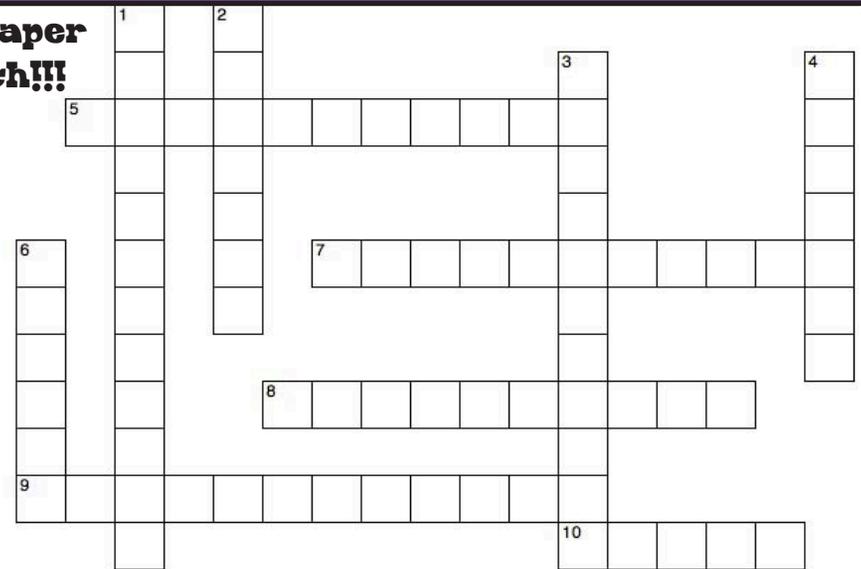
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