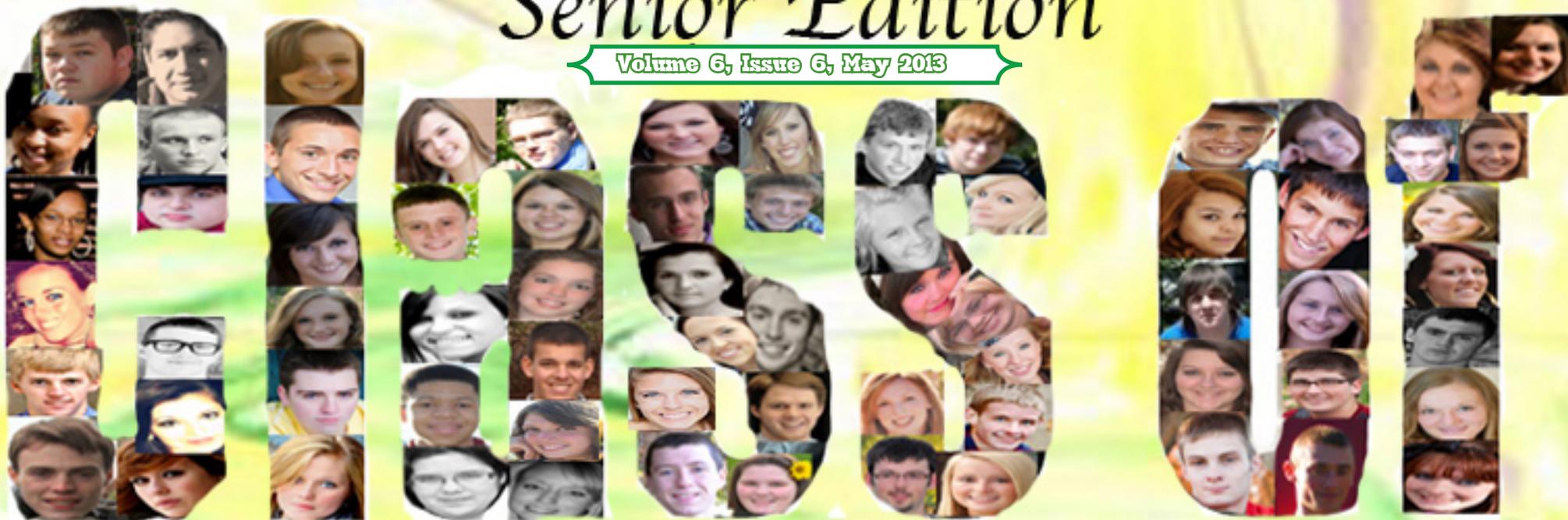


The Emerald Senior Edition

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Back In The Day..

- Dr. Seuss
- Spongebob
- Coloring
- Being the line leader
- Chasing boys around the playground
- Pokemon
- Legos
- Duck Duck Goose
- Barney
- Bratz
- Sharks and Lifeguards
- Show and Tell
- Blues Clues
- Hit Clips

What did the class of 2013 enjoy when they were children?

We were seniors when...

- Sep 9th, 2012- Serena Williams wins her fourth women's tennis singles at the US Open
- Sep 12th, 2012- Apple unveils its iPhone 5 and iOS 6
- Nov 6th, 2012- President Barack Obama is re-elected
- Dec 21st, 2012- The World did NOT end
- Jan 6th, 2013- The NHL reaches an agreement to end a 113 day lockout
- Feb 12th, 2013- North Korea confirms it has successfully tested a nuclear device that could be weaponized
- Feb 23rd, 2013- Baltimore Ravens win the SuperBowl
- Mar 19th, 2013- NASA's Mars rover Curiosity discovers further evidence of water-bearing minerals
- Mar 25th, 2013- Golfer, Tiger Woods returns to his world number one ranking
- Apr 1st, 2013- The world's first smelling TV screen is unveiled in Japan

April 15, 2013- Boston Marathon Bombing...

Have you ever felt like your world was about to end, like your heart is laying out on the floor, and your tears can form an ocean so deep? I've been in the stage before where I felt like nothing could go right and that my world was crumbling down. What you think was going to end just another normal day turned into heart ache and pain. The Boston Bombing turned my family's life around completely, my God-sister was one of the many victims hit by the bombing and she was seriously injured. I had no way to reach her and I had no idea what was going on. I didn't know if she was safe, or if I lost her for good. With so many thoughts and emotions running through my head, I felt like there was no way out. It took a moment for it to hit me that I could really lose her and life would change completely. With prayers from my own mouth and from the support of others my sister was able to come out of this dark time safely. She was injured, but alive. We never know what can happen in today's world and how it can affect each and every one of us. It's hard not knowing what could happen next and not being prepared for it. All we can do is hope for the best and pray through the worst. Live life up and don't be afraid to be who you are and succeed in life. Don't dwell on the bad things and don't be stuck on the past. Just live life to the fullest and be YOUNG, WILD & FREE.

IN THE FUTURE...



Marli Holcomb- I'm going to KVCC then transferring to Western Michigan to study Criminal Justice.



Kelsey Cronk- I'm going to move to Kentucky and go to school to become an ultrasound technician.



Morgan Klepsteen- I'm going to the Art Institute of Michigan for the culinary program.



Brook Byers - I'm going to KCC for generals then moving on to the honors program for nursing.



Alex Berry- I'm going to MCTI- for culinary then hopefully getting into Le Cordon Bleu.



Nick Mingle- I'm going to KCC for one year then transferring to Ferris State University for the welding program.

Stories from the Valedictorians

Emily Morales '14



Nathan Fishnick, always wanting to go into Architecture since he was a boy, will be attending KCC next year and then transferring to the University of Michigan to pursue a career in Architecture. Nathan's fondest memory of high school is of being in chemistry class with his pod, inventing and doing projects all year long. His last words were, "I don't think that I would change anything. I had a fun time in high school. I don't have a favorite teacher, but all of my teachers were really good and helpful." It takes true dedication to get to the place Nathan is today.

"My dream as a young girl was to become a marine biologist...and that was only because I thought I sounded smart when I said it! As I grew older I realized I was much more interested in understanding people and how to help them than I was with marine life." Caitlin Jackson is one of two Valedictorians for the class of 2013. She will be attending Cornerstone University to double major in Psychology and Social Work. While Caitlin admits that she doesn't have any regrets from her four years in high school, if she could go back in time, she would take herself less seriously. Every student has a teacher that they look up to for guidance, and for Caitlin it just happens to be not only our beloved football coach, but an amazing English teacher as well. "Mr. K is my favorite teacher. Not only has he written recommendation letters for me, but he has also provided my class with plenty of entertainment over the past two years."



Favorite Sport Memory

Toni Calhoun '14

"My favorite memory was from dance when we did the 'Whistle' dance. It was sweet and a lot of fun!" ~Cierra Wilson

"My favorite memory from volleyball was when we hid the stopwatches from coach." ~Amanda Sare

"I remember when we got into a fight with Delton in football, that was my favorite memory!" ~Taylor Brown

"In cheer, I loved that I got so close to everyone. We were all like family." ~Mercedes Moore

"My favorite sport memory would have to be getting beat by Delton 5-1 in soccer, and then coming back and beating them 5-1." ~Morgan Launder

"My favorite memory from track was when I jumped my best long jump. It was 17 feet!!!" ~Haley Shea

Mr. Corcoran & Mr. McCafferty



Class of 2013 Advisors

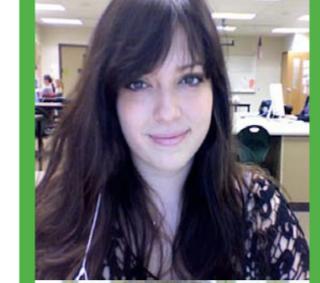
Bri Dukeman '13

"Both Mr. Corcoran and Mr. McCafferty helped me win the centipede race at pep rallies seven different times." Taylor Brown

"The most memorable moment I have had over my high school career would have to be my JV football season with Mr. McCafferty." DaVonta'e Miller

"My most memorable moment with our advisors was with Mr. Corcoran. We got to hollow out pennies, which was pretty fun. We also got to see how excited Corcoran always got!" Deineira Smith

"My great moment would have to be when my class and I were playing who wants to be a millionaire in Mr. McCafferty's class and one of the answers was related to my favorite game, Zelda, and Mr. M knew where it was from, and he told me he played the game too. Greatest moment of my high school career." - Jeff Lambrich





Prom 2013



Stormy Johnson '14

While the weather cooperated for a beautiful night, students attending Pennfield's prom spent the day getting dressed up for the 2013 Junior and Senior Prom. Just like any other dance, the girls spent their day getting their hair and nails done. While the guys had it easy, just putting their tuxes on and getting ready for pictures and a good dinner. This year's prom was held at the Federal Center. Although students found it weird to walk through metal detectors, and it was a little hot, it was a great place for prom. Senior, Bri Dukeman said, "I had a lot of fun at prom, it was a great experience." The gift for everyone who attended was pictures they took from the photo booth and also a key chain with one of the pictures. "I liked the location, it was really pretty. I liked my dress and the friends that I went with!" said Senior, Allison Pennock. It was a good night full of amazing memories, and there will be many more for years to come!

Honors Night

Taylor Stout '15

Honors' Night is the night when our graduating seniors are recognized for their good work throughout their years here at Pennfield High School. This year, Honors' Night will be on May 29th, 2013 at 7 pm in the High School auditorium. There are many things our Seniors are going to be acknowledged for. For example, there are scholarships and personal awards given along with recognition to the Academic Top Ten and the Valedictorian's. Seniors are going to be presented with Athletic Awards, Academic Awards, and Classroom Academic Awards, and much more. All teachers attend this special night, and it is suggested that all seniors and families attend. Mrs. Royer says, "Honors' Night is a very special night for our

seniors, and it would be nice to see all seniors there looking their best and happy to accept their awards."



WELCOME TO THE BIG LEAGUES



Amanda Sare '13

For some athletes sports end right along with high school. But, for a select few, they get to go off to college and keep playing the game they love. Many students from Pennfield have received offers from all different colleges to play college sports. Brayden Bennett, Sam Duckham, Travis Hartung, and Jeremy Purcell will be attending Olivet College to play football. Travis hopes to play safety for the Comets. During his senior season here at Pennfield he had three interceptions. Travis's advice for underclassmen athletes is, "Don't let anybody tell you that you can't do something." Sam Duckham, our All-State line backer, hopes to continue his impressive skills at the line backer position for the red and black next year. Sam ended his senior season with 85 tackles, he says that he will miss the student section the most as he walks away from Pennfield. Jeremy Purcell will play running back at Olivet and continue his scoring ways. Purcell was one of the leading scorer's this past season with 11 touchdowns. With only two years of experience, Brayden Bennett found himself in the college talk very quickly as a kicker. Brayden was a great asset to our team the past two years and his talent will be missed at Pennfield, but greatly appreciated at Olivet. Brandon Rau will be attending Trine to play center after turning down offers from Adrian, Alma, Northern Michigan, Albion, and Olivet. "I'm most excited for this new experience," says Brandon. Amanda Sare will be attending Adrian College to continue her softball career. Amanda will be used as a utility player for the Bulldogs, seeing most of her playing time at short stop and on the mound. Sare chose Adrian over Alma, Albion, Sienna Heights, Central Michigan, and Ball State. We also would like to congratulate all the athletes going on to play at Kellogg Community College. Good Luck to all these talented athletes as you start a new chapter in your athletic career.



Senior Projects

Rachel Casey '13

Some teachers assign an exam for the end of the year, others assign a senior project. Students who are in Mrs. Delano's Senior Honors English class have a senior project that determines whether or not the student graduates from high school. This project is about social action issues and each student was asked to choose one at the beginning of their senior year. Most students choose an issue that is close to the heart, or something that they are passionate about and would like to see change. Each student is asked to complete six hours of volunteer work per semester. Students volunteer at places that can help make a difference in the community, such as the Food Bank, Haven of Rest, Animal Shelter, The Soup Kitchen, The Humane Society, Salvation Army, and the list goes on. The process of completing this senior project includes an endless amount of hard work and dedication to get a nice result. Mrs. Delano started this senior project as a part of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, she liked it so much that she decided to continue with it. In the month of May each student will present their senior project on their social action issue in the auditorium in front of a three person panel. Mrs. Delano gets very excited to see what each student has put together for this presentation. She said, "Students do very well with the projects and usually surprise me with their inspiring presentations. I think it is an important and significant project that hopefully prepares students for college, and a life of service and a sense of community."

Teacher Superlatives

Best Dressed

Most Athletic

Hardest Class



Mrs. Nolin & Mr. Lamb

Mrs. Andrysiak & Mr. Corcoran

Mrs. Metcalf & Mr. K

Most Quotable

Most Likely to be Mistaken
as a Student



Mrs. Royer & Mr. Miknis

Mrs. Blum & Mr. Forton

Most Entertaining

Most Organized

Most Unforgettable

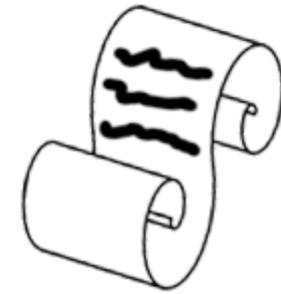


Ms. McCreight & Mr. Shauver

Mrs. Schneiderhan & Mr. McCafferty

Mrs. Fleisher & Mr. Berg

Senior Will



Haley Hutcheson will give her wise advise to
Tayler Morey.



Marylou Washburn will give her positive
attitude to Becky McIlroy.



Kenzi Turner will give her base skills for
cheerleading to Briana Everline.



Emily Bower will give her photoshop skills to
Sydney Brown.



Brennan Lancaster will give his wise thoughts
to Riley Boles.



Brandon Babcock will give his deep singing voice
to Parker Bowen.



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Taylor Stout '14

**"Where
do you
think the
Ultimate
Party will
be?"**



"Six Flags"
Connor Knapp '13



"South Haven"
Bridgitt Watson '13



"Cedar Point"
Danielle Case '13



"Kalahari"
Morgan Launder '13

Maybe these seniors guessed the right place, but unfortunately the trip details won't be released until June 2nd. We hope that wherever you go, it'll be a trip to remember for a lifetime!

Graduation Speaker

Madison Schaffer '13

This year the graduation committee proudly nominated **Mr. McCafferty** to be the class speaker. He has had many of the seniors in one of his classes before and has had the opportunity to get to each and every one of us. The graduation committee couldn't have picked a better graduation speaker. After being told the great news, he said, "I am excited and flattered for the opportunity. Being a Class of 2013 sponsor for the past four years, has allowed me to watch these 'kids' grow into many wonderful, bright, enthusiastic young ladies and young men. Hopefully, the address will be able to convey my high regard and the optimism I have for the seniors. Every year, graduation is one of my favorite events." Congratulations to Mr. McCafferty, this is a great honor and we all look forward to what you have to share with us on Sunday, June 2nd.

