The Prophet Post

Lady Prophets place 2nd in State!



Congratulations Lady Prophets on this amazing feat! You have made the Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico community proud!

A PHS musical different than any other

By Catherine Cooney

Lights, camera, action! This year's musical is off to a fantastic start.

PHS will be presenting *The Carol Burnett Show* this year! The musical is filled with a bunch of skits, with singing and dancing scattered in between them.

The musical *The Carol Burnett Show* will be performed on Friday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Friday showing will include a dinner theatre.

The dinner theatre tickets are available at Farmers National Bank. Go get your tickets before they're all out! Less than 30 tickets are still available. The dinner will be a decadent pasta dinner with salads, breads, and desserts.

There will also be performances Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m.

This year, Mrs. Bohms is hoping to do a performance for the students on Friday, April 4th during the day.

The students have been practicing since February 3rd three nights a week, in addition to some extra rehearsals on the weekends and during school.

Mrs. Bohms is very excited for the musical this year. How-

ever, she is a little nervous because she knows that the kids are spread thin with other activities, and it is hard to get everyone together to practice.

Even though she is nervous about getting everyone together, she knows that it always works out wonderfully. Mrs. Bohms has no favorite part of the musical; she says, "I have a favorite part in every skit".

Senior Madeline Wold's favorite part of the musical this year is "Getting to fall down the stairs twice."

The Carol Burnett Show was chosen to be this year's musical because it showcases more kids and gives non-musicians a chance to participate in the musical

Non-musicians can participate because this musical is not like a usual musical in the aspect that there are not as many speaking roles that must sing certain songs.

Senior Olivia Morris said, "Face slapping, southern accents, lisps, falling down stairs, gun fights, and new friendships are a part of our daily practices."

Mrs. Bohms would like to thank everyone that helped to make this musical possible. She sincerely appreciates all of the people behind scenes to make



Photo by Becky Herbig

The musical cast shows off their goofy side.

this happen: the pit band, set builders, choreographer, accompanist, costumers, and all the students

Most of these people are volunteers that participate and help because they like the musical. Also Mrs. Bohms would like to give a thank you to the girls' dance team for helping with the musical. She says "the girls have been an asset, and it is fun hav-

ing them."

The students and volunteers have put a ton of time into this play. Please come out and support them by watching one of their shows!

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Team Wetzell emerges victorious in fitness challenge

By Shelby Kuepker

The competitive side in the PHS teachers is coming out this school year as they compete in a fitness challenge.

Mrs. Miranda Wetzell came up with the idea to bring the staff together.

The teachers get together and individually exercise and eat healthy, recording their progress as the semester goes on.

The team captains are Mrs. Wetzell and Mr. Patrick Henre-kin

Last semester, the teachers tracked how often they exercised and ate healthy.

Team Wetzell came out with the win at the end of the semester; her team exercised and ate better than Team Henrekin.

This semester, Team Henrekin is back for redemption.

He claims, "even though we lost last semester, I was the overall point leader."

With basketball going on, "it was even harder to find time to workout."

The teams rate their workouts from 1 to 3 on how intense they believed they worked.



Photo by Shelby Kuepker

Mrs. Wetzell's team shows off their bright yellow shirts to show off their fitness pride.

They rate how well they eat from 1 to 5.

The team with the most points at the end of the school year will win

Team Henrekin is ahead at the moment.

Henrekin helps out his team

by lifting "heavy weights, and a lot of them."

He also eats a "bunch of junk food" after his workout.

He says, "As team captain, I have to set the tone. It's a team thing. My team, top to bottom, is pretty strong."

Henrekin says that his team is better because "we have a better looking poster in the teacher's lounge."

He goes by the motto "eat, sleep, exercise."

Team Wetzell won last semester "because they're amazing."

Her team even has team shirts!

She claims that Team Henrekin doesn't have shirts because "they don't have as much team spirit." Wetzell contributes to her team by doing the casual insanity or Julian Michaels workout.

She also does "little things like run marathons and guzzle protein shakes for breakfast."

Team Wetzell's MVP is Mrs. Carolyn Allen. Wetzell says that "Mrs. Allen is fierce. I want to be like her when I grow up."

Allen runs half marathons like they're nothing.

Unfortunately, Team Wetzell's "workhorse," according to Henrekin, got injured recently.

Mrs. Karen Wiersema racked up a lot of points for Team Wetzell last semester, but with her injury, she can't contribute as much.

Wetzell says "Team Wetzell may be behind for now, but we save the best for last."

Henrekin's team got an early lead this semester, and he says "we're killing them now."

It will be a nail-biter to see who comes out with the win this semester! The results will be posted soon!

Ed Foundation sponsors field trip to buy books for library

By Clare Kramer

For the past five years, with the exception of last year, our school has had the privilege to take a field trip down to Barnes & Noble in Davenport, Iowa.

At Barnes & Noble, students get the opportunity to look through many books and even buy one if they wish to do so.

In years past, there have been a numerous amount of books bought from PHS students. This year, students can look forward to participating in a scavenger hunt taking place in the store.

Also, kids will have the time to "choose books that are of high interest to them" says Mrs. Miranda Wetzell. Our school does not go to Barnes & Noble just to skip a day--there is a purpose.

Mrs. Wetzell says, "It seems like students who get to pick what they want to read will read more. Getting to go to a huge library like this will also in-

crease their literacy habits."

As far as other shopping goes, Mrs. Wetzell states that "we will be shopping for books." Mrs. Wetzell is planning to take the trip down to Barnes & Noble hopefully sometime in April.

For the students who care about how much school we are going to miss, the answer is about a little more than half of the day.

"The goal is to leave around 11 or so, or probably after 4th hour; we want to be back in time for the school buses to pick up the young cherubs," Mrs. Wetzell says.

Last year our school did not get to go to Barnes & Noble because the school board did not approve the trip. So, take advantage of the time we will have there!

Take the time to look through a ton of books, pick out a book, and maybe enjoy a latte while you read for a little bit--just have fun!



Many freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be going to Barnes & Noble to pick out books of their choice for the PHS library.

Middle schoolers get their science on

By Karlie Stafford

The STEM project is a new program happening in Ms. Vandermyde's 8th grade science classes. STEM stands for science technology engineering mathematics.

The new program is only for the middle school this year, but will hopefully expand to the high school science classes in the near future. Ms. Vandermyde hopes that in five years every science class in both the middle school and high school will be a part of the STEM project.

Ms. Vandermyde's students

have come up with some really cool ideas in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Some students are studying black holes and exactly what they are. Another group of students are building a hovercraft that is big enough to ride in.

One group of students is even in the process of building a piano out of bananas. These students are working with the computer to read the sound of a note on the banana to create the perfect notes.

Each of Ms. Vandermyde's students picked different topics

to explore. She explained, "I wanted to give them a long time to choose a topic that is fascinating to them."

Her students have been work-

ing very hard on their projects since the day back from Christmas break.

She gives them about one day

a week to work on their projects in hopes of getting them finished in time for judging.

Ms. Vandermyde's high school physics students will be doing the judging for the middle school science classes.

Good luck to all of the middle school contestants!



2014 IHSA Solo Ensemble Contest is success



Photo by Breanna Sandrock

Madeline Wold, Taylor Wood, and Mikayla White sing "Wishin' and Hopin'."

By Breanna Sandrock

On Sat., Mar. 8th, 2014 the Prophetstown High School Band and Chorus traveled to West Carol High School for the solo/ ensemble contest. Each student that was in an event worked hard to practice their performances months before contest.

The chorus teacher Mrs. Stephanie Bohms made recordings of the student's songs so they could practice on their

The students also got 1st hour chorus time to practice the last two weeks before contest. The high school band students practiced daily in 7th and 8th hour. The middle school students practiced during their band hour every other day and many of the students also chose to practice every day at lunch time after they were done eating.

The band teacher Ms. Jane Davis said, "The band also had an open band room opportunity on Wednesday and Friday evenings the week before contest, which helped a great deal in preparing students for contest." Ms. Jane Davis and Mrs. Stephanie Bohms were both very happy with the outcome of everyone's performances.

Mrs. Stephanie Bohms said, "I am very happy with the outcome. As of right now the high school chorus is placed second in the state out of sixty-three schools."

Ms. Jane Davis agreed by

saying, "Contest always throws some curve balls at you where some events experience a bit of set back from what you would usually expect, while others are rated and performed beyond expectations. For the minimal amount of practices all of the soloists and ensemble members really performed exceptionally well. All together the results were wonderful."

There were 25 chorus events and 39 band events. Claire Milnes and Olivia Franks got a perfect score and a best of the day on their duet, which was "For Good" from the musical Wicked. Morgan Kruger received a high score of a one on her clarinet solo and Alec Wetzell did a superb job on his tuba solo. The brass choir received a nearly perfect score and very impressive comments from the judge which is even more impressive since it was one of the first events in the morning and was made up of many middle school students and three high school students.

Senior Madeline Wold said, "Contest is a very rewarding experience, especially after all the hard work you put into it." Ms. Davis's number one goal was for the kids is to have fun and put forth their best effort. She also wanted to get valuable experience for the young group.

None of the soloists had ever done a solo at IHSA contest before, which is a very challenging experience, as they now had to do scales and rudiments as directed by the judge.

They had to memorize them and perform them at a tempo and style acceptable to the judge. Mrs. Bohms knew all her students were prepared, so her only goal was for them to all do their best.

"I am very proud of my students and their dedication and talent," said the high school teacher Mrs. Stephanie Bohms.

The high school and middle school band teacher. Ms. Jane Davis said, "I would like to congratulate all of the Prophet Band students on a wonderful performance at IHSA State Solo/ Ensemble contest, you represented PHS to the very best of your abilities and brought home phenomenal results.

All PHS students earned at least one Division I rating including senior: Breanna Sandrock, juniors: Taylor Wood, Seth Lilly, and Jerid Coffin, sophomores: Taylor Becker and Stephanie Kierczynski, and freshmen: Morgan Kruger, Alec Wetzell, Brody Hanabarger, Jennah Russ, and Jacob Burke.

Along with our incredible PHS vocal department we are currently in 3rd place in IHSA sweepstakes music department rankings in Class C, which is schools with enrollments of 201-362 students.

Congratulations to the Prophetstown High School Band and Chorus on their achievements!. You're making us proud.

NHS welcomes sophomores



The new inductees pose for their first picture in NHS.

Photo by PHS Yearbook

By Heather Strike

When the lights went out and a line of glowing candles started walking in, the audience knew it was that time of year again - time for the National Honor Society induction.

National Honor Society, also known as NHS, took place on Tues., Mar. 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

This year there were thirteen sophomores, seventeen juniors, and fourteen seniors.

As the students took their seats, it was time for the

induction to start

Every year there is a special speaker and this year it was Keith Stewart from the graduating class of 2006. He talked about how special it was to be in NHS and what qualities each and every student had that was there. NHS has four major qualities that all have to deal with the description of a member: leadership, service, scholarship, and character. Katie Fringer, Rebecca Arnolts, Catherine Cooney, and Taylor Hinrichs all had lovely speeches prepared, each describing one quality.

After the speeches, it was award time.

The sophomores received a blue and yellow ribbon, the juniors received a membership card, and the seniors received a certificate and a metal pin.

After the ceremony was over, the students, family members, and friends were invited into the commons for cookies • and punch.

Next year we hope to see many new faces added to the list to enjoy this memorable experience!

Tutoring takes positive toll on PHS students

By Mikayla Bolton

Students at Prophetstown High School are teaming up to take PHS academics to a new

You may see a large group of people in the commons throughout the week during study hall.

These students are getting tutored in order to improve their grades in the classes they strug-

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors give up their study hall three days a week to help out younger students in their areas of expertise.

The various tutors help their assigned tutees with any homework that they have, such as math homework, studying for tests, or science worksheets.

Those who would not interact otherwise are now becoming closer because of tutoring.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, a large group of students get together, pairing into groups so that students may get the individual aide they need.

Tutor Erin Heflin feels that tutoring is becoming a good influence in the school due to its success and "improving the grades" for the students in need.

Tutoring is also giving students a chance to meet students from other grades, "I never would have felt comfortable talking with certain people if it weren't for getting the opportunity to tutor them," states Erin.

The students who attend tutoring are also seeing positive results. Freshman, Kamryn Titus feels that tutoring is a great opportunity to "get her homework done while working with her favorite tutor Shelby Kuepker".

Tutoring is just what PHS needed to help students out.



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Prophet Player of the Month: Clare Kramer



Photo by Kathy Knutson

Clare Kramer spots up for a free throw at Redbird Arena.

By Shelby Adams

Growing to love the game over the years, junior Clare Kramer has had a passion for this sport ever since she laid hands on a basketball.

This center/forward for the varsity Lady Prophets basketball team is willing to do whatever it takes when it comes to the game.

As a freshman, the coach asked if she wanted to play the six quarter rule on varsity and she said, "challenge accepted."

Since her friends played the sport and her parents wanted her to play, Clare decided to start playing in second grade.

All the hard work has paid off since the Lady Prophets made it

to state this year and placed second.

Since senior year is right around the corner, Clare just wants to "be awesome, not stress as much next year, and live my life."

For the basketball aspect of senior year, Clare wants to "work hard and hopefully achieve the dream and go back to state again next year."

College is in the future for this stud baller. Clare wants to get a degree in nursing and hopefully play either basketball or softball when she goes to college.

Clare would like to give a shoutout to Heath Heath Strike for being the bomb, to A-Wizzle

for spending the time with her to put in the extra hours to help her become a better player, and to the Sleeman triplets for being her number one fans.

Favorite Restaurant? -KFC

Favorite basketball player?
-Lebron "Bron Bron" James

Favorite team?
-University of Michigan Wolverines



Congratulations to Nick Williams for placing 6th at the class 1A state wrestling tournament in the 170 lb weight class!

Panther Player of the Month: Kerrick Cameron

By Clare Kramer

Every month, *The Prophet Post* staff picks what we call "Panther Player of the Month." This student to us has achieved great things in their sport and has stuck out to the student body as well

This month's "Panther Player of the Month" is Kerrick Cameron. For a freshman, the EP Panther wrestler tore up the mats all season long.

Not only is he just a freshman

that had a great season, but it was also his first time ever that he participated in wrestling-turns out he's pretty good.

Kerrick started wrestling this year mainly because of two big influences asking him to go out-Nick Williams and Jared Cole. Each player counts to a wrestling team, so it is a good thing that those two encouraged Kerrick to start wrestling.

Before each meet, Kerrick ate his usual candy and prepared himself to take on his opponent. His best strength to him was his "determined mind."

In this season alone Kerrick got nine pins. His first pin was against a Fulton Steamer, which was also the highlight of his season

In the off-season, Kerrick stays in shape for wrestling by playing in his other sport, football.

Kerrick is looking forward to working hard to achieve his high school goal of "going to state." With his determination, hopefully his goal is not far off from reality.

Kerrick enjoyed the time he spent with his team the most during wrestling season. His favorite thing about wrestling was simply "messing around with the team at hotels."

With a smile on his face, Kerrick says, "The thing I liked the most about the team was the friendship we all had and how nice everyone was."

Towards the end of the season, Kerrick got the privilege of

being an alternate for sectionals as a freshman. "If I were to have wrestled at state or even sectionals, it would have felt great; without ever wrestling before, it would have been a big achievement" Kerrick states.

Besides being on the wrestling mat, Kerrick enjoys playing football and hiking. His favorite meal is fettuccine alfredo.

We wish the best of luck to the EP wrestling team and Kerrick as they take on future seasons!



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Kerrick poses on the heating vent.

E-P girls softball step up to the plate under Coach Bob Phelps's watch

By Breanna Sandrock

E/P Panthers softball had their first practice on March 3rd, 2014 at the Prophetstown High School.

The practices switch from Prophetstown High School to Erie High School each week. The first game was scheduled to be Tues., Mar. 18th, but because of the weather the game was cancelled.

Varsity coach Mr. Bob Phelps and fresh/soph coach Mrs. Jamie Mosher are very excited for the season, but the weather is putting a damper on the upcoming season.

Coach Jamie Mosher says, "I always get really excited for the softball season to start. It is always fun to see the new talent and how much the current players have improved throughout the off-season."

The inside practices have been going pretty good but everyone agrees that outside practices is something everyone is looking forward to.

Coach Phelps says, "For the areas we have to work in they have been going pretty good. Not having the space to work on different drills and being able to put all the players together definitely hurts us."

Coach Phelps's goals for the season are to win more games

this year than last, and also to compete for conference and regional titles.

Coach Jamie Mosher says, "This year looks very promising. We have 39 girls between varsity and fresh/soph and there is a lot of talent throughout."

The E-P Panthers biggest rivals are Bureau Valley, Morrison, and Fulton. They have a lot of competition this year.

Coach Bob Phelps states, "Morrison is always tough, but I think we can compete with them."

Coach Bob Phelps started coaching softball because of his two daughters.

He said "I wanted to help them as much as I could. Both of them went to college on a full ride scholarship so we must have done something right."

Coach Phelps favorite part of coaching is being able to help young ladies achieve their dreams about playing at the next level.

Coach Jamie Mosher says, "My favorite part of coaching is definitely watching the girls' progress throughout the year and how much they change throughout their high school career."

Home games should be in full swing soon, so keep an eye out. Hopefully when the girls finally get to start playing games it will be a successful season!

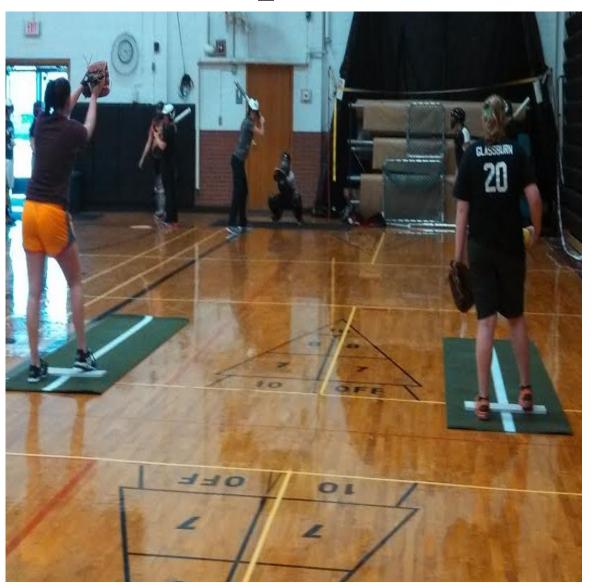


Photo by A-Wizzle

Kylie Ackerman and Addie Glassburn pitch during one of their practices.

Boys E-P baseball: better at the ballpark

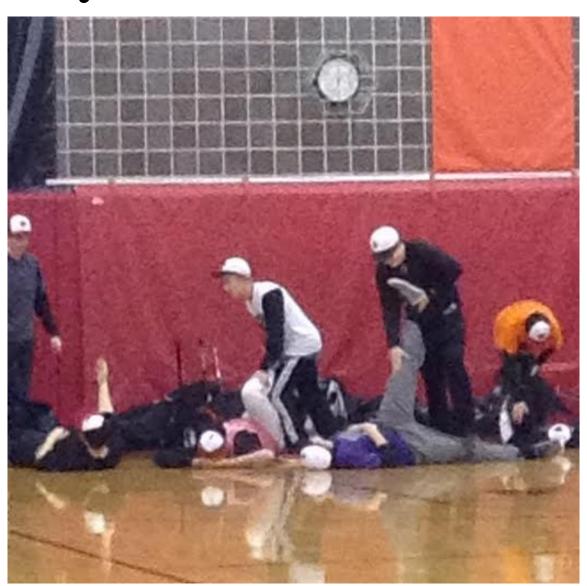


Photo by Corrin Reiley

By Corrin Reiley

America's favorite sport is back in business and of course everybody knows what time it is!

It is the start of EP Panthers' baseball season and a chance to shine under the dazzling spotlights.

The seniors this year were only freshman when the standout 2011 EP Panther's baseball team received an outstanding third place finish on the state field.

The varsity this year is looking to fulfill their dream of going to state towards the end of the season.

After a heartbreaking season of a broken thumb, second baseman Austin Meadows is hopeful to win another regional championship with his team.

"After coming back stronger this year, it really gave me extra motivation to step-up this year's performance. I have been going to batting cages all winter long and I am definitely ready to start the season off successfully," he says

Pitcher, Ethan Howard who has been pitching at the varsity level for two years already is looking to end his career with a successful season.

"All the guys have been working very hard the first few practices and we are not looking to just settle for regionals this year. This team has the potential to be a state team and we are going to practice every day and play every game with that mentality," Ethan says.

been typical for baseball season, the guys are still working exceptionally hard indoors.

At practice they have been

Although the weather has not

fielding ground balls, even though fielding a ground ball on a gym floor is not ideal, so they are forced to cope with it.

They have also been doing

numerous hitting stations involving a batting cage and hitting off of tees to get their form down before their first game starts.

The coaches have been a tremendous help watching the guys take cuts and fixing the tiny mistakes to improve their swing.

The varsity coaches are Mr. Howell and Mr. Orman. The JV coaches are Mr. Longeville and Mr. Tichler.

Mr. Howell and Mr. Orman have many years of coaching under their belts and are well experienced.

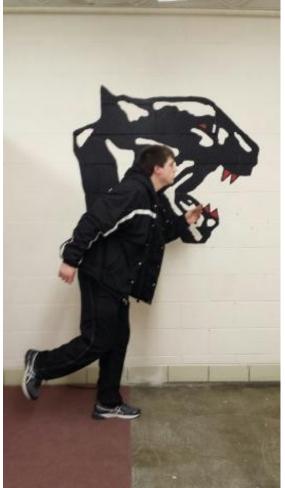
Mr. Tichler coached at Morrison for eight years and is also a well-experienced coach. Mr. Longeville played baseball, so he obviously knows the game very well.

Go support the Panthers as they prowl their way to victory!

The E-P boys baseball team warm-up before beginning practice.

Male Panthers pounce towards another successful season





Photos by Jared Cole

The track boys goof around at practice.

around at practice.



Girls: catch them if you can

Photo by Mikayla Bolton

Aly Wetzell is in the blocks waiting for gun command.

By Karlie Stafford

The girls' track team has a big dream to chase this year. Last year, the girls earned second place at state so this year they have hopes of making another state appearance.

Don Robinson quickly switched from his successful basketball season to coaching girls track.

Coach Robinson has two main goals every year—try to win the conference title and get as many girls to state as possible. The girls have been working extremely hard at practices to make this happen.

This year, the E-P girls track team has more competition as the conference is expanding to 14 teams.

Coach Robinson will be looking to his top athletes to bring in high numbers at the track meets.

Corrie Reiley, Heather Strike,

Kassi Henrekin, Breanna Jensen, Brooke Remley, Emily Hanover, Olivia Dewitte, Shyan Dessing, and Aly Wetzell will be the athletes from Prophetstown that Coach Robinson will be looking to.

He will also be relying on Rachael Cobert, Courtney Cobert, Courtney Kruthoff, and Alyssa Howell from Erie. Of course, Coach Robinson will be looking to all 35 girls to make their dream of conference champions come true. First, E-P has to get through Sherrard, their biggest competition this year.

Luckily, the girls have already beaten Sherrard by 43 points in their second indoor track meet.

The girls participated at Illinois Top Times on March 28. They are also looking forward to their first outdoor track meet on April 3 at Hall.

Coach Robinson finishes off every practice and meet with inspirational quotes like "giving all it seems to me is not so far from victory." By Mikayla Bolton

The Erie-Prophetstown boys track team came out stronger than ever for the 2014 track season.

After winning third place at state last year in Charleston, Illinois, the boys will work hard this season in hopes to make it back to the bright blue track.

With several returning athletes on the Panther track team and a variety of newcomers, the boys of the E-P track team are in good shape for the upcoming season. They even took a successful first step into opening the year up with a first place at the indoor Rock Falls Invite at Westwood taking place on Mon., Mar. 10.

The boys came out and performed to the best of their abilities, starting off in the right direction.

Team member, Grant Ames is looking forward to this season

and has several goals in mind for his junior year which includes "winning conference and sectionals" just as they did last year.

Of course, the Panthers ultimate goal would be returning to state and bringing home hardware for the second year in a row.

The boys lost several senior state medalists, but are coming out just as strong.

Nevertheless, the returning athletes have confidence in the season to come because "several other members have a lot of talent and are stepping up this year," states Ames.





Scholastic Bowl scores big at Masonic bowl!

By Catherine Cooney

This year, the PHS scholastic bowl team traveled to Riverdale High School on Feb. 15th to compete in the Masonic bowl.

The Masonic bowl is a scholastic bowl meet sponsored by the area masons.

The masons sponsor this meet by paying for the entry fee so the community teams can get together and compete against each other.

The top four teams receive a money prize. The students that participated in the Masonic Bowl this year were the team captain, senior Jordan Juhola, senior Olivia Morris, freshman Faith Morris, senior Nathanial Ramirez, sophomore Jimmy Biba, and freshman Jennah Russ.

Mrs. Wetzell was very excited about the outcome. It was a great day for the team.

The team faced tough competition and came out with a 4th place win. That win gave the scholastic bowl team \$100 in winnings.

The key performer in the meet was Jordan Juhola. Jordan was a major asset on the team this year.

Congratulations to Jordan Juhola as she ended the season being 3rd in the conference for toss-ups. She scored a total of 500 points on toss-ups alone.

The team will use that money to throw an end of the season party since there are not a lot of costs associated with scholastic bowl.

The team has still not decided on what kind of party they want to have

In previous years, the team has gone out to eat or gone bowling. Whatever they do, Mrs. Wetzell is sure it will be fun.

Mrs. Wetzell was going to buy some sweat bands for the members this year, but they never got around to that.

However, it may happen in the future, so watch out for the members as they are getting serious.

The team will miss the seniors next year as they go on to bigger things, but they are excited to see the new talent.

Mrs. Wetzell believes that next year Faith Morris will be a force to be reckoned with.

Mrs. Wetzell would like to encourage people to try Scholastic Bowl next year because it is always a great time and a ton of fun!

The Scholastic Bowl team had their last meet on Mon, Mar. 10th

Congratulations scholastic bowl on an awesome season this

Teacher of the Month: Ms. Megan Vandersee

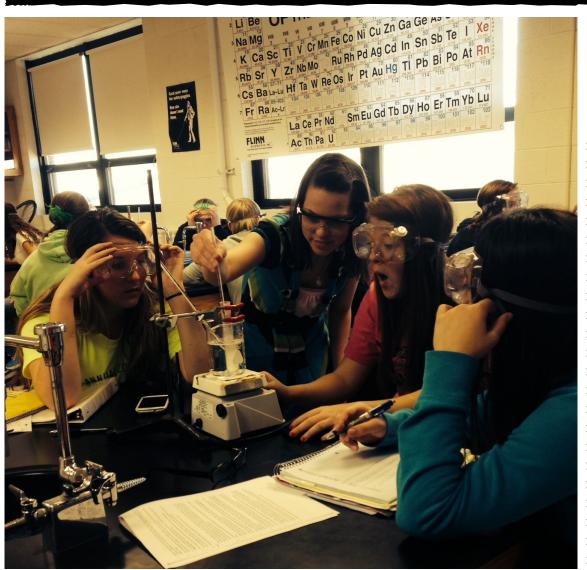


Photo by Shelby Adams

Ms. Vandersee works with her Chemistry students on a very exciting lab!

Board Member of the Month: Mike Kramer

By Clare Kramer

Working hard and caring for others are two characteristics that the newest member of the School Board has always had.

These two characteristics of Mike Kramer are what make him a good man for the job.

Although in his teenage years



Photo by Clare Kramer

Mike Kramer proudly shows off his motorcycle

he was "carefree with little to no sense of direction," Mike has always had a helping hand.

At 15 years old, the Prophetstown High School graduate started working as a lifeguard at the Prophetstown swimming pool.

Later, he started working at the Sterling steel mill where he worked countless hours doing labor work.

In his twenties, he worked as a self-employed carpenter, working with wood and building a variety of things; he was also a carpet installer in his later twenties. After attending Morrison Institute of Technology, Mr. Kramer became an engineering technician at McClure Engineering at age 30 and continues to work there to this day.

When he was a youngster, Mike initially wanted to be a spy. Unfortunately, he changed his mind about his thrilling occupation and wanted to become a psychologist instead "...or a rock star," he adds.

Although none of his childhood dreams came true, he still worked hard and settled to be a part of McClure

By Shelby Adams

In each issue of *The Prophet Post*, a special teacher is recognized to be the Teacher of the Month. This month, Ms. Megan Vandersee has been selected. She was interviewed and asked questions about everything from her childhood to what her students may not know about her. Now you get to see her answers.

- Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?
- A: Interacting with students and giving them new experiences
- Q: Favorite teacher when in school?
- A: My Chemistry teacher Mr. Johnson because he was enthusiastic and made learning fun
- Q: What is something about you that your students may not know?
- A: I grew up in Wichita, Kansas
- Q: What is your favorite food?
- A: Pretzels and Nutter Butters
- Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
- A: Disrespect
- Q: What are your hobbies?
- A: Golfing, reading, and watching sports
- Q: What was your first job?
- A: YMC Day camp in Sterling, Illinois
- Q: What is your greatest achievement?
- A: Finding a job with the youth and making an impact on their lives
- Q: What are your future plans?
- A: Continuing experiencing new opportunities and new things
- Q: What is the day you look forward to most in the school year?
- A: The first day of school because you get to meet new students and see new faces
- Q: Why did you choose to teach science?
- A: It relates to everyday and everything around us, and you can also connect it to your life
- Q: What is your favorite movie?
- A: Pitch Perfect
- Q: What is your favorite sports team?
- A: Wichita State, the Bears, and the Cubs

Engineering.

Mike is married to Dyan Kramer and has raised two daughters, Ella and Clare. He calls his daughters "my greatest accomplishment."

Mr. Kramer is always on a busy watch. He is one of those people that has to constantly be doing something. Mike spends a lot of time riding, customizing, and restoring his three motorcycles. He also tries to find anything obscure about his house because making home improvements is one of his favorite hobbies. Mike also likes to keep his yard looking nice and enjoys "mowing my lawn like Forrest Gump."

One thing that many people do not know about Kramer is

that he used to have luscious blonde hair. He states, "My hair used to be in my eyes and down to my shoulders. I miss my hair," he adds.

Mike was influenced to become a part of the School Board because he has had experience performing with public services. "I had been a trustee and mayor in Lyndon," he states.

Mike also adds, "I've always been interested in participating on the School Board rather than complaining about it." Mike is excited to begin being part of the group that contributes to making the Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico school district as successful as possible. He knows "there is a lot to learn and a lot to know"

Matthews' family donates taxidermy dog Freshmen Sketches

By Shelby Kuepker

Many have caught a glance of the random taxidermy dog relaxing in the office window this school year. This dog previously belonged to Mrs. Cathy Matthews's grandparents.

Her grandparents ran a feed store and the dog was commonly seen wandering around while people came in for their coffee. The dog became part of the group and was normally hanging around the feed store.

The dog is believed to be named Mitzy, but it is not confirmed. When Mitzy died, Mrs. Matthews's grandfather had the dog stuffed.

When Matthews's grandfather passed away, the dog was passed around from family member to family member. The family "just couldn't get rid of it," as Mitzy

was an important part of their family.

Even though "nobody could stand looking at it," the family held on to Mitzy. She has been passed on to many different basements and storage areas.

Matthews's father used to 'get a kick out of showing the dog to little kids." When her parents passed away, Cathy sent Mitzy to an auction. Two days before the auction, Matthews felt that her mom was watching down on her "telling me, 'keep the dog."

She called her brother and sent him to get Mitzy back. She felt guilty auctioning it off to a stranger where nobody knew what would happen to it.

Now, Mitzy chills in the Prophetstown High School office window on a regular basis. Mrs. Kristie Cady has even given the dog the nickname 'Ruby."

As the year has went on, Matthews and the high school secretaries have dressed up the dog to fit the season.

The dog fits into American Girl clothes quite well.

She has had special Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Olympic outfits. There are also rumors that she may be strutting special Easter and Graduation outfits in the near future as well.

At the moment, the taxidermy dog is surrounded by PHS's Girls Basketball and Girls and Boys Track plaques and trophies. She even has pom-poms to show her support to PHS sports. Even though Mitzy has been passed around to many people in the past, she is now in the hands of PHS, and we welcome her with open arms!



Photo by A-Wizzle

The taxidermy dog sits in the office in her Olympic outfit.

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Thomas puts his hands in the air as he is so excited to be a freshman!

Name: Thomas Warren Birthday: April 27, 1999 Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite movie: Saving Private Ryan

Favorite music: Country Favorite book: Lord of the Rings

Favorite video game: Assassins Creed: Black Flag

Favorite class: History

Favorite teacher: Mr. Ringenberg Favorite drink: Mountain Dew Favorite TV-show: The Simpsons

Friends: Michael Valdivia and Elliot Casson

Interests: Going on walks Desired place: Ireland



Brittney strikes a pose to show off her sassy personality

Name: Brittney Bender Birthday: August 6, 1999 Favorite food: Tator-tot casserole Favorite movie: 8 Seconds Favorite song: "Kim' Favorite book: *The Outsiders* Favorite shopping store: Rue 21 Favorite class: Math Favorite teacher: Ms. Bogatitus Favorite drink: Dr. Pepper Favorite TV-show: Pretty Little Liars

Friends: Celeste Coleman, Kamryn Titus, and

Kacey Batten

Interests: Going on walks and dancing

Desired place: Hawaii