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Homecoming 2024

Peoria High defeated Manual 86-12 in the varsity game at the stadium on Friday September 20th. The attendants were presented to the public at halftime after the winners were announced at the assembly. During the week students participated in spirit dress up days and an assembly on Friday. Saturday evening students donned their finest to show off at the homecoming dance. Jordyn Lewis, pictured right with her date Terrill Rickman from Richwoods, was voted Queen.



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The homecoming court was presented at halftime. From left to right: Kim'marri Bell, Ty'sean Barnett, JJ Simmons, Chassity Johnson, Jordyn Lewis, Cortez Irby, Ca'myjah Hunt, Fenix Foy.



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What was the best part of homecoming

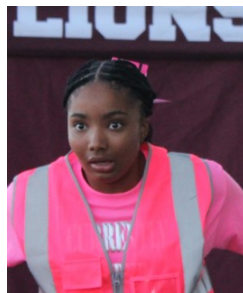
“It was fun representing the freshmen class in dodgeball.”

~ Landon McDonald



“Be able to make plays that defeated Manual.”

~ Teylynn Jordan



“Helping the seniors against the teachers showed that I have their backs.” ~ Officer Kwan.

“Dancing the Cuban shuffle with all my friends.” ~ Sencere Rayford

“The stairs where we took pictures was decent.”

~ Spencer Russell

“It was a lot of fun.” ~ Janaya Hendon

“I got a TD.” ~ Jalen Rayford

Editorial Policy

The Opinion has a tradition of as one of the oldest school newspapers in the country. The advisors and editors wish to honor the diversity represented in the school and greater Peoria community. Contributors to the Opinion will be held to basic journalistic principles and standards.

Student editors will work with advisors to develop a content plan. Staff writers will submit planned articles. Any student may openly submit an article for consideration. It is the intent of the editorial staff to produce five electronic issues during the 2021-2022 school year.

It is undeniable that students are protected in their exercise of freedom of expression by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of school officials to insure the maximum freedom of expression of all students.

It is the policy of the Peoria Board of Education that The Opinion has been established as a Peoria High School sponsored forum for student expression. As such, it will provide students an opportunity to inquire, question and exchange ideas.

The Opinion stands behind the policy set in the Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act that states that *shall be no prior restraint of material prepared for official school*

publication EXCEPT for material that is libelous, slanderous or obscene; constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy; violates federal or state law; and/or incites students to commit an unlawful act. (105 ILCS 80/15)

The freedom of speech does not prevent the school staff editing work to address professional standards of journalism and English. School staff may work with students to edit and revise articles to meet these guidelines. All Opinion staff have been made aware of this act and how it applies to their writing.

No expression made by students in the exercise of their freedom speech or press shall be deemed to be an expression of school policy.

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Penny Joins PHS Staff

By Ms. Slutz

PHS is excited to introduce Penny. She is our building's new facility dog. She is a Goldendoodle.

She was trained and donated by Paw Giving Independence (PGI). PGI trains both personal service dogs and facility dogs. The difference being that service dogs are trained for specific tasks for a specific person. A facility dog is for a whole building, usually they are the dogs that are a little too social to be a personal service dog and. PGI has facility dogs in school, nursing homes, courts, and other therapy settings. Penny is ADI trained and can perform most tasks that an individual service dog does. She loves to visit, get pets and cuddle. She is also trained for pressure therapy where she will lay across your legs with her weight and help calm.



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Homecoming 2024: Roaring Elegance (Met Gala)

All photos from the Peoria High School Facebook page.



Braylen Wilson and Jayla Wilson.

Lakaysha Page and Altea Cameron.

Symone Jackson, Demya Ross, Demaria Ross and Demarco Zapata.



Homecoming 5



Top, Neriah Avant and Martell Pate pose for a picture.

Jharyiah Elam, Janeiah Rosethal, Aiden Wilson smile for the camera.

Iyonna and Aziah Ashby

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Sports

On Sept 26th, PHS defeated the Rams 86-12. The Lions scored 12 touchdowns and gained 780 yards.



The offensive line protects the quarterback.

Breon Green speeds past a Ram.



Jaylen Rayford carries the ball.

Kendall Netters adds another touchdown to the scoreboard.



Sports

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Quarter back Tyson Ward protects the ball from the Rams.

Alexander Tytavion, Julian Lowe and Tylan Ward move in to take down the Ram ball carrier.

Center, #15 runs it across the line.



Kicker Varela Chris kicks off to Maunal.

The Lions attack Manual.

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Dodge Ball

The SRO's join the seniors against the other faculty in the last round of dodge ball.

"I'm going for a stealth approach," Mr. Daubs hides behind Mr. Savings to sneak up on a senior.



"Hit and Run!" Mr. Grimm throws and then heads back to the back row.



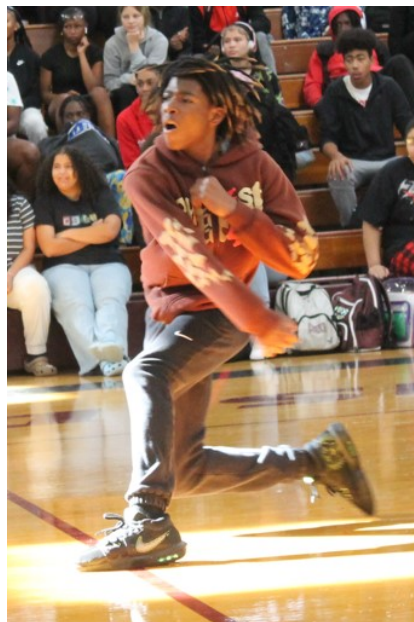
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Leshawn Stowers keeps an eye on the opponents as he gathers balls for his teammates.

The seniors use their speed off the block to charge the line and get all the balls.

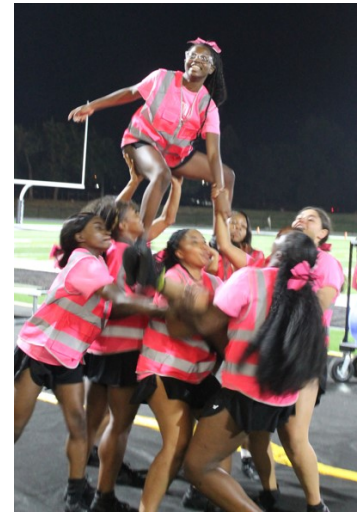


Juniors

Jamarion Suggs and Malakai Sims rush to the line.

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David Shockley got first place in the scramble at Brimfield on September 14th.



The dance team in action on field at half time and on court for the assembly.

The cheerleaders selling concessions at the CC meet.



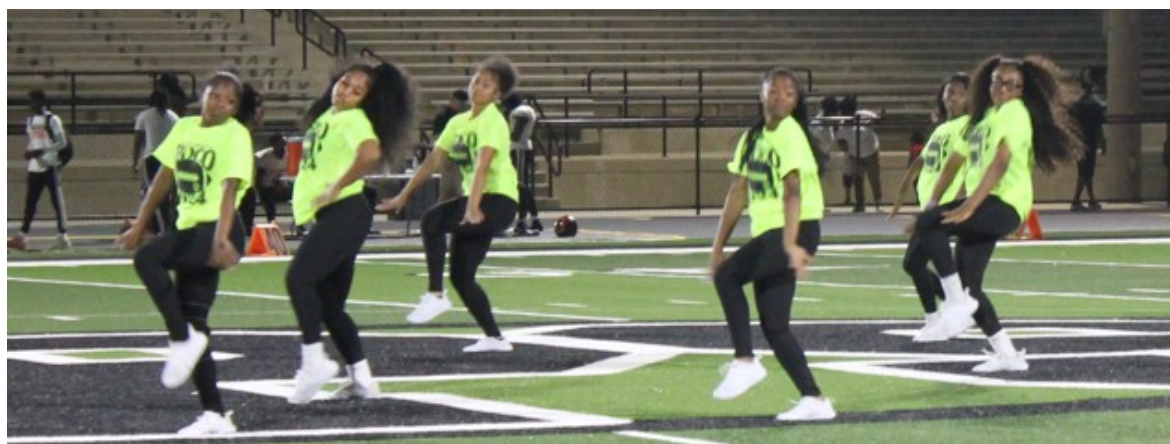
Activities



Color Guard Returns to PHS

Ms. Holly is working with students to bring a color guard team back to PHS. Here they practice in the small space by the teacher parking lot.

Zyan Gilbert, Hannah Carruthers, Angel Neal, Tay-a visitor to practice, and Raven Turner



The dance team performs at half time showing off their funky moves.

Ms. Shepard readies the band.

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Events

Take Back the Night

On Sept 18th, PHS Key Club and hosted a Take Back the Night event. Food carts, games, music and other vendors all provided an evening of fun.



Busch Stadium Field Trip

The counselors took a group of selected students to Busch Stadium on September 12th. The career day allowed students to learn about sports related jobs and careers.



Events



College and Career Fair

On Thursday Sept 26th students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various colleges and trades in the area. It was a chance to talk about various jobs and colleges.



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Sports

Girls Golf Finishes Season

The girls golf team finished their season on September 19th. It was a growing season for the young lions as many are new to the sport. "I'm so proud that they improved they each improved their game tremendously over the season," commented Coach Wiltz.

L-R: Dreanna Beck, Janiya Matthews, TaVanna Allen



Wide receiver TQ Webb shows his speed as he blurs past the Rams.



Candid

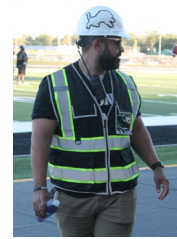
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The PHS Admin team Ms. Suggs, Dr. Tate and Mr. McGinnis are joined by Ms. Malahy, now at Sterling, and Mr. Roper.



Mr. McGinnis rocks his construction attire as part of the theme week.



Breon Green runs the ball before getting pushed out bounds by a Manual player.



Senior Quran Ferguson is ready to start this game.

The class of 1989 came as part of the reunion to cheer on the Lion.

Mrs. Lemont, Mr. Wuellner and Mr. Zevnik work the game from above.



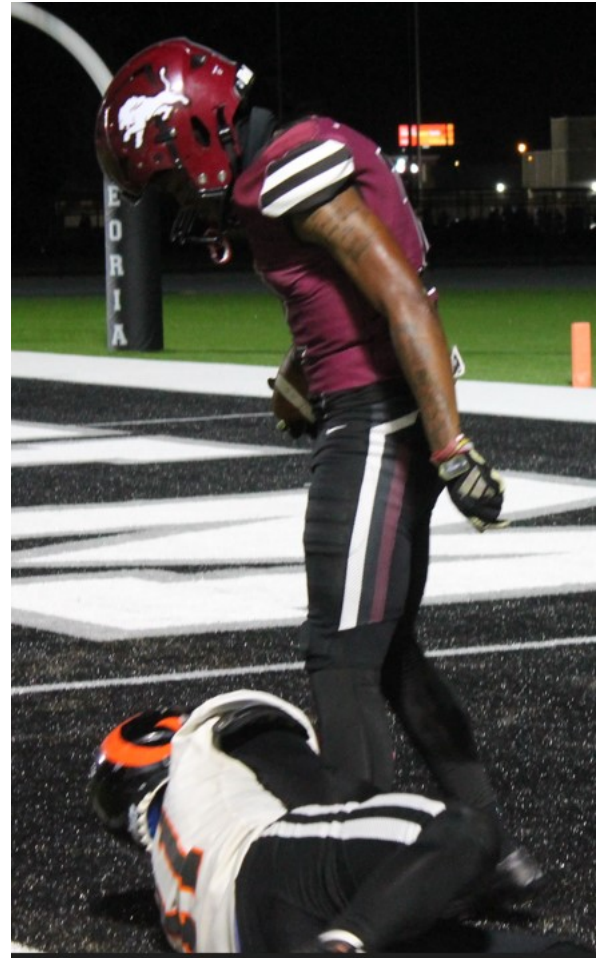
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Candid

"I always stick my tongue out," junior Gabby Arreguin Quintero calls a cheer.

"You thought you could block me. I don't think so." Breon Green scores another touch-down with a Ram hanging on his legs.

Ms. Hansen supervises Ariyah Philpot for news production.



"I'm not tired." Janaya Hendon is caught yawning at homecoming.

Mr. Mahan sets up for dodge ball.

Sage Skaggs, left, and Samiyah Grady, right, perform a stunt at the game.