

Hebron High School 2013

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Vocational open houses give specifics about programs



By Kate Vaughan

The option to take vocational classes is offered to high school juniors and seniors. It allows students to get hands-on experiences before going into their careers of choice. Some programs even have the benefit of earning college credits.

The welding and aviation programs each offer 18 college credits for 1 year or 36 college credits for two years in the program. The welding credits are offered through Ivy Tech. The aviation credits are offered through Vincennes University. The aviation program is the newest addition to the list of programs offered.

Vocational open houses are being held January 24, February 6, and February 23. The open houses are held at different locations and times depending on the program. There are about 20

different programs to choose from.

"I made it mandatory this year for students to go to open house so they can get a preview of the program to make sure it's the right one they want to do," said Michelle Morris, Hebron High School Guidance Counselor. Going to the open house allows students the opportunity to ask questions about different programs of interest.

The most popular and competitive programs are the health occupations, criminal investigation, computer aided design, and video production.

"The cosmetology program is the most expensive, but it actually saves a lot of money if that's what you go to college for," Morris said.

Permission slips to attend the open houses are available in the Guidance Office. Students should select the date of the open house, have a parent signature, and turn it in to the Guidance Office two days prior to the day of your open house.

A permission slip is not needed for evening open houses, only daytime ones in order to be excused from school.

Students can pick their top three program choices for the application and may attend all three open houses, but only one program is allowed to be taken at one time.

"At each open house attended, make sure you pay attention to the building that the program is at because not every program is at the Porter County & Career Technical Center," Morris said.

The school does not provide transportation for the programs. The student is responsible for his or her own transportation to and from their program.

Students should pick up the Porter County Career & Technical Education Schedule in the Guidance Office for more details.

Putting the focus back on 'student' in 'student athlete'



By Jon Moneta

Here at Hebron High School, it came to Athletic Director Rhonda Walker's attention that many winter athletes may become ineligible to play report cards come out this week.

"I sent a list to every winter sport coach of kids that have two or more Fs, and I counted about 14 kids that will be ineligible," Walker said. "That's not counting the kids with D minuses either. However, the coaches are doing extremely well, and being very supportive on helping these kids get their grades up."

Walker stresses great importance on athletes' school work, despite how good of an athlete one is.

"Students need to realize that they are 'student-athletes,' not just athletes," Walker said. "As sports do indeed teach kids a lot about life, most of these students aren't going to be

paying their bills with athletic abilities, so it's vital that they realize that the student does come before the athlete."

The rule to stay eligible for athletics is athletes must be passing seven core classes. Some students don't understand how their friends aren't passing.

"Passing classes is easy; I'm one of the smartest kids in my grade and would happily tutor any one of my teammates if I was asked to do so," said Spencer Sheets, a senior basketball and volleyball player.

Although school is a breeze for Sheets, some kids don't find it as easy.

Sophomore Drew Wheeler openly said he was on the wrong track with grades.

"It's not that school is hard for me, I just did not do my homework," Wheeler said. "I had too many F's, and it was only because I was too lazy to do my homework. So what did I do? I did my dang homework, that's what I did, and

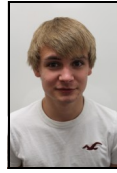
now I have zero F's, and am no longer worried about failing."

Wheeler isn't the only student with this problem; many athletes share the same problem, especially with managing time. Freshman bowler Corey Duck has no problem managing his time.

"I just do my homework during school, whenever I have time, and at home when I get out of practice," Duck said. "I get straight to it, and I'm not lazy. It's all about the effort."

All of Hebron's teachers are doing their jobs to the best of their abilities, and would undoubtedly help any athlete who needs it. The athletes just have to make an effort to talk to the teacher about his or her grades, discuss study options, what's going wrong, and what exactly they can do differently to raise their grades.

Dating: The times, they are a changin'



By Zack Neely

What happened to the good old days when a first date consisted of going to the movies and getting some ice cream afterward, a young couple sitting in a booth, sharing a strawberry shake? They learn about one another: talking about their families, sharing interests, and really trying to see if this is a person who "gets them."

Dating in high school has taken a dramatic change over time. What was once a common romantic couple back then has changed to a drama-filled and stressful connection in today's time.

We all remember watching movies of romantic couples in the 50s. There was the stereotypical quarterback and his girlfriend, the head cheerleader. In today's world, it is much more uncommon to find an honest and simple relationship like the

one portrayed in those movies.

Drama with friends and outsiders over time has destroyed many relationships. The typical jealous ex is more involved in today's relationships. With the constant availability of social sites like Twitter and Facebook, comes the possibility of constant drama.

More and more often, drama is tearing relations apart among high school students. Relationships seem to only last weeks at a time compared to previous generations where it was all too common for high school sweethearts to get married.

A simple rumor will spread like a wildfire, and then, without warning, a breakup will happen over text, with no chance of talking about anything.

The fact that troubles me the most is that not only do these sorts of things happen often, but they have almost become the normal thing to do and expect.

Some people may search for months at

a time to find the right person, but many will just find someone to be with just to be able to say they are dating. Others head into the world of dating with the intention of avoiding serious commitment.

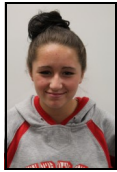
In previous generations, you would see couples last throughout all four years in high school.

Like previous times, we need to begin dating with the intent to actually date. Too often we go out with the image of hooking up and not the intent of trying to get to know a person and seeing where it takes them.

Dating was never made out to be an easy thing that takes no effort, but if you put in the required work of trying to start something new the result will be worth it.

Dating may take some time and courage to go out and try something new, but the rewards may last a lifetime.

Wednesday late start, 20 minutes isn't much



By Hope Bontempo

Many people have been debating on and off about late start Wednesdays. Some say they are helpful, but others say they are useless. Even some teachers agree that late start Wednesdays can be stressful. In my opinion, even though we are getting the extra sleep that everyone loves, we are missing out on more than we gain.

Students argue that when they need help with homework on Wednesdays, they feel so disconnected. Normally we can go to school or get help from teachers in study hall, but with all the teachers in meetings and having study hall taken away, that is not possible for us.

"I don't know if it's worth it for students because they don't get study hall and

depend on it." Business teacher Laura King said.

Students also debate on the extra twenty minutes of sleep they get. I enjoy the extra time in the mornings to sleep. Sometimes the extra time could be used to get ready for school, but several argue that 20 minutes is not helpful for anything.

Not only does late start Wednesday's mess up our mornings and study halls, but it messes up our entire daily schedules. Instead of keeping study hall, the school takes it away so that we can keep the same amount of time in our normal classes. So, every time we check the clock, we get confused thinking class is almost over and every time we think class is almost over, we tend to rush to get our work done only to find that we have twenty more minutes of class left.

Students think instead of taking away the study hall on Wednesdays, it would be a

good idea to take five minutes away from each class. This way we would have the right amount of time in study hall to work on whatever we need.

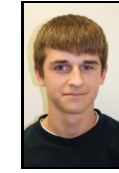
Not only does it affect the students, but it also affects the teachers.

"I think that it is good that we meet as departments, but I feel like it is rushed because class starts immediately after," King said about the Wednesday morning meetings.

The meetings that used to take place from 7 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. and now take until 8:00. Having class start so soon after can be a hassle to teachers.

"I feel like we benefit from them but we need to cut them short so we can get to our classes," King said.

Boys' varsity basketball keeping it classy



By Jarrett Majcher

After a shaky start for the boys' varsity basketball team, the boys are on the path to redemption with a four game winning streak. The Hawks switched the season around by now having a winning record of six wins and four losses.

"The start of the season has been up and down," coach John Steinhilber said. "We are trying to get the new people used to what is going on around here."

The lack of an outstanding start was also noticed by the team.

"It was an awful start," senior R.J. Griffin said. "We didn't try as hard as we should of."

Despite the lack of effort, the Hawks have not been completely winless.

They won their first game against Covenant Christian. The Hawks outscored the night by 30 points, ending the game with a score

of 63 to 33.

The Homecoming game against the Lacrosse Tigers was expected to be a tense game due to existing circumstances.

"We took care of business in a very classy way," Steinhilber said. "We didn't worry about the distractions around us."

The Hawks skinned the Tigers with a score of 61 to 54.

"Going into the Lacrosse game we were ready to get back on track," Steinhilber said. "We were looking to get more momentum so we can get more comfortable with ourselves as a team."

Over the winter break the Hawks were unbeatable and carried on their winning streak. They played a total of three games and did not lose a single one.

Hebron's first competitor was Hammond Clark. The Hawks held them to only 31 points the whole game.

On December 28, the Hawks slaughtered North Newton at their

home court with a score of 73 to 30. This was the Hawks' highest scoring game this season.

The final game of winter break was at South Central. South Central was on the Hawks' tails, but the Hawks controlled the game and came away with a win, 54 to 49.

The Hawks are looking to keep their five game winning streak alive when they face the Lake Station Eagles on Saturday January 12, even without starting sophomore Spencer Sutherland.

Sutherland injured his wrist this past week.

"I was playing basketball outside of school with Layne [Plomann], and I went up to dunk and came down on my arm weird," Sutherland said.

Despite Sutherland's injury, he doesn't expect to be benched for long.

"I should be back on the court sometime next week," Sutherland said.



Left: Driving past, towards the basket. Senior Ryan Patz keeps his focus as he drives past a Lacrosse player at the Homecoming game on December 7.



Right: Who's open? Sophomore Bryce Hanaway scans the court to get rid of the ball against Lacrosse. The Hawks won their Homecoming game against Lacrosse with a score of 61-54.

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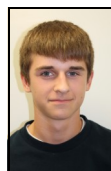
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Big improvements mark boys' jv basketball



By Jarrett Majcher

With a mix of wins and losses for the boys' junior varsity basketball team, one could say they are working to find a rhythm that works for them. However, as the season has progressed, they boys are showing their strengths.

"I think they've done good, big improvements since the beginning of the year," coach Brian Anderson said.

As with most teams at the start of a season, the players didn't have everything in place to be as successful as they could have been.

"They still had a lot to learn," Anderson said. "JV is a big step up from the C team."

The team has faced other challenges as they've progressed this season. Learning sets and an offense have given the boys some trouble, according to Anderson. They boys have been used to going out and just playing basketball, but now they have to go out and learn the structure of the game.

Anderson said the hustle and work ethic of the junior varsity squad has been one of the strongest aspects of this season's team.

"I've had a lot of coaches after games, even teams that have beat us that tell me, 'Hey, you got a team that hustles a lot. They never quit,'" Anderson said.

Despite the efforts noticed by Anderson, freshman Donovan Friel feels the team hasn't done well and is lacking in their overall spirit.

"We haven't showed any competitiveness to the teams that we lost to," Friel said. "We could have probably been undefeated this whole year."

Teammate freshman Stephen Doelling thinks the team has failed to close games where they're leading.

"We kind of lose it for ourselves at the end of the game," Doelling said. "We come out flat because we have the lead, then end it after that. We think we won the game, that it's over, and we end up losing."

From what Anderson's observed with his team, he's optimistic about the upcoming junior varsity PCC

tournament.

"I can't wait for it," Anderson said. "We have a serious shot at winning it."

The boys have yet to face Washington Township this season, so Anderson doesn't know what to expect from them, and possibly Hanover Central will give the Hawks a run for their money.

Going in to the tournament, both Friel and Doelling would like to work on team chemistry.

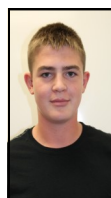
"Everyone yells at each other," Friel said.

While most teams have an occasional tear in the comraderie, Doelling thinks it goes a little too far at times.

"Sometimes we don't mean it (the yelling at one another), but sometimes it gets a little harsh," Doelling said.

The junior varsity boys being their PCC tournament play on Monday, January 21, at 7 p.m. at Hebron High School.

C team boys' basketball continue to learn on court



By Colton Jones

With a record of four wins and three losses, this year's boys' C team basketball squad has endured its ups and downs.

"I feel this season is going pretty good," freshman Tyler Wrench said. "We have a much better record than last year."

During the boys' last contest, they pulled out a victory over South Central. Before that, they showed their competitive edge by securing a win against Washing-

ton Township's Junior Varsity team.

Coach David Ortiz has been satisfied with the team's performance to this point.

"I am proud of the team so far," Ortiz said. "They have adapted really well to the high school level of play."

This statement holds true; the boys have faced some tough teams and prevailed.

"The biggest thing we have to work on is our confidence, which can lead to success in the rest of the

season," sophomore Drake Earley said.

The team's main focus right now is a tournament this Saturday at South Central High School.

"We want to show what we can do in this tournament," Earley said.

The boys play their first game at 10 a.m.

While not the crowd drawing team that varsity is, the C team boys are providing entertaining ball.

Homecoming week full of successes and fun



By Kaylea Malcolm

They've done it again. Seniors have managed to triumph over the classes in this year's Homecoming Olympics, securing their places as Homecoming winners.

"It's really exciting and I kind of expected it just because they [the seniors] win every year," senior Emily Wilson said.

The juniors were able to take second with their participation in Spirit Week and bringing in items for the food drive. The sophomores, although they straggled during Spirit Week, were able to win many of the games for the Homecoming Olympics and pull off a third place finish, and the freshmen took fourth.

A victory was earned for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams in the Homecoming game. The boys' Varsity team won 64 to 49

against Lacross and the girls won 40 to 36. According to principle Mark Lutze, the dance was an overall success as well, though it shut down five minutes early.

"I think that from what I understand is that they shut down the dance early because everyone started grinding on the last dance," Lutze said. "I believe it was not appropriate for the students to do that, but I still think the dance was an overall success."

For those hoping future dances will lighten up on the dance policy, there is no hope for that.

"The no grinding rule will remain a permanent rule," Lutze said.

While the Homecoming Dance remained as popular as it always had, freshman Gabby Dapkus felt there could have been more decorations, more slow dances, and perhaps even a new location for the dance.

"It felt just kind of bland," Dapkus

Making the holiday season brighter: NHS provides for 25 kids



By Jenna Giacomini

How would you feel if your parents told you Santa Claus was not coming this year?

This is reality for thousands of children around the world. However, with the help of the Hebron chapter of the National Honor Society, 25 kids in the community did not have a giftless Christmas this past December.

Each year NHS sponsors an Angel Tree, provided by the Family and Youth Services Bureau of Porter County.

"Each child has a card with their first name and it tells the age of the child, their size, and any special gift requests," NHS sponsor Barbara Kraker said.

Many students and teachers choose to participate in the Angel Tree program by selecting a child's card

and buying specific gifts for the child.

"Someone chooses a card, they go shopping, and they bring their unwrapped gift to the library," Kraker said.

Clubs such as Business Professionals of America and 4-H have also participated.

The BPA purchased many gifts including nestling cups, building and alphabet blocks, and Dora bathtub toys for a 22-month-old girl.

"It was late on Sunday night, I was tired, but I felt good knowing that I was going to make a little girl's Christmas brighter," said Laura King, BPA sponsor and Angel Tree shopper.

This year, the NHS found the true meaning of Christmas.

"I'm very appreciative to who went out and shopped for a child and made a child's Christmas a little merrier!" Kraker said.

said. "It just felt like the regular old cafeteria, not a dance floor."

Through all the competitions and dance controversy, the 2012 Homecoming went off well.

"It looks like Homecoming went smoothly besides the grinding at the very end," Lutze said. "We hope to keep the school excited about dances and the Homecoming Olympics. I also wish to thank everyone who donated to the food drive and everyone on the Homecoming committee."



Above: Who doesn't love pjs? Freshman Payton Schatz sports her pajamas during spirit week.



State changes mean tougher curriculum



By Elizabeth Medrano

As one of the top 50 schools in the state, many wonder why there is a need to increase academic standards. New state standards will soon be implemented here at Hebron High School.

Not only will the students need to begin preparing for the new tests being issued, but teachers are being required to switch-up their curriculum.

However, not all students will be seeing these new tests. For any students graduating in 2013 or 2014, their academic requirements will remain the same. Sophomores and younger will be the first to

break in the new tests.

Though the new tests won't be introduced for a couple years, teachers have already started modifying their lesson plans to go along with their new curriculum.

"The first thing I will be rolling out is much more document analysis for all classes," said Michael Witzel, an English and history teacher. "Students will have to spend more of their own time gathering historical facts in their reading."

The new tests students will see are called PARCC. The state is introducing these new tests in hopes to further prepare young people for their futures and to compete with other nations for jobs.

"Their (the state's) idealistic agenda is to raise the difficulty of school in an attempt to stay competitive with education globally," Witzel said.

Like with anything new, there will be new challenges to go along with the new curriculum. Due to the fact that the state is trying to further the education a student receives while still in high school, students will have to be prepared to start taking on more work and have to take on more responsibility for their education.

"There will be an adjustment period where students and staff will struggle but over time students will be alright," Witzel said.

Fall play kept audience laughing



By Amber Wolfe

The actors and actresses are on stage. The lights go out. The curtains shut. End of show.

The Hebron High School play had another fantastic year, according to Business teacher Laura King.

"The play, I enjoyed it," freshman Emily Nilsen said. "It made me laugh, and it was really funny."

Everyone had their own favorite parts of the play.

"[My favorite] was when Dani (played by Kyle Doelling) was getting hired," freshman Nicolette Saliwonczyk said. "Also, when everyone was doing their own thing on dancing."

Junior Ryan Gilman echoed Saliwonczyk's statement.

"I liked the dance scene the most because I had the most fun with it," Gilman said.

While Gilman enjoyed showing off his dance moves, it was not his favorite part of the show.

"The dinner scene was my favorite because everyone was sitting at the table to meet Dani's coworker," he said.

According to a lot of students, junior Chase Hines' role as "Grandpa Otis" in the motorized wheelchair was their favorite part.

"I laughed every time that kid came out," junior Austin Gunter said.

Nilsen agreed with Gunter.

"When the grandpa would come out, I just about lost it," Nilsen said.

The play did have a sad ending, according to Saliwonczyk.

"The mom was giving a speech to Dani, and her mom was dying," she said.

Some people did not want the play to end, according to King.

The ending did bring everyone together and they took their bows, according to junior Haley Miller.

"The play was nice, and I had a lot of fun in it," Miller said.

"[In] This play, I had a lot of fun experiences with all of the actors and the actresses," Gilman said.

No grinding at Midnight in Paris



By Sam Brumley

Prom can be one of the most important events in one's high school experience. It is a special night to look forward to for months.

Prom is that special time of year when high school students dress up formally and go out to dance the night away.

This year's Prom theme is Midnight in Paris. The Grand March will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the high school on Saturday, April 20. Prom will commence at the Sts. Peter and Paul Banquet Hall in Crown Point; doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Tickets will go on sale the week before spring break.

Many upperclassmen are enthusiastic about prom this year. Among them anticipating the dance is junior Kayla Harney.

"It's fun to socialize and hang out with your friends and dance your butt off," Harney said.

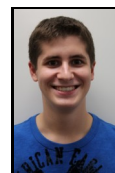
Although many are eager, some are still wondering if the rules for the Homecoming Dance pertain to prom as well. Principal Mark Lutze has only simple thing to say.

"It's a permanent rule," he said.

Prom sponsor Cindy Brown seems hopeful for success of the dance despite the dance rules.

"We always seem to have a really good time so, my fingers are crossed," Brown said.

Girls' varsity staying positive as season continues



By Matthew Hernandez

The Hebron High School Girls Basketball Team currently has a positive record of 7-6 overall and 3-1 in the PCC. They have already accomplished their goal of winning the prestigious Kup this season. The Lady Hawks earned the Kup from the Boone Grove Lady Wolves in a great matchup.

"Getting the Kup was a big moment for all of us," sophomore Madison Bell said. The players took the Kup to her house and painted it all red and white to show their pride for their school and team. This is the first time the Lady Hawks have had the Kup since their 2005-2006 season!

However, the girls' season so far hasn't been all smooth sailing.

"We had a tough loss against Hanover, that was hard for us," Bell said. "It was just really disappointing." As a result of this loss, the Lady Hawks had to give up their recently won Kup to the Hanover Wildcats.

"I think we are just in a rough patch

right now," Bell said. "But, we I know we definitely have the potential to get better."

Bell has something to be cheerful about though. She has already accomplished one of her personal goals for this season.

"I am so happy I reached my goal of starting this season," Bell said.

In her first game against Covenant Christian, Bell helped lead the team to a swift victory. This game has proven to be a memorable one for her.

"I wish we could play like our first game because we all played really well together," Bell said.

Despite any recent setbacks, Bell is still looking toward a successful future for her team. There is still the PCC Championship and Round Robin Award up for grabs.

"I'm really excited to see what will come later in the season for my team," Bell said. "We are all looking forward to a great win at the PCC Champion-

ship."

The Lady Hawks' next game is Friday, December 28. They will face North Newton and playing at their gym as well.

There are some other individual successes on the team as well.

Senior Bre Lewin scored her 237th career point at the game against Boone Grove. This has put her on into the top 50 on the All-Time Scoring list.

All in all, the Lady Hawks are extremely proud of what they have accomplished so far, and they are eager to accomplish more.



Left: Blocking from all directions. Juniors Rachel Pauer and Shelby Yankauskas apply pressure to River Forest on January 10.

photo by:
Kate Vaughan

Speed and near perfection fueling girls' JV season



By Dani Heath

The junior varsity girls' basketball team started its season off smoothly with five wins against Covenant Christian, Griffith, LaCrosse, Washington Township, and Wheeler.

Loosing many players last year to fulfill positions on the varsity squad, the young Hawks have started their season with a new group of girls. Many players are beginning to adapt to the transition from middle school basketball to high school basketball.

The team has spent many hours practicing and working hard to have a successful season. Looking to always improve on their weaknesses, the Lady Hawks however have many strengths that have led

them to victories within their conference and other opponents as well.

"We have a lot of speed and we run our plays practically perfect every game," freshman Jewel Elam said.

Having had some experience already in the varsity games, Elam manages to be a leader on the court when asked to step up and fulfill whatever duty is being asked of her.

Looking ahead at the schedule, the Lady Hawks have improvements to make before the Porter County Conference round begins, where they will face their toughest opponent so far, which is the Hanover Central Wildcats.

"Hanover Central has been our strongest opponent because

they were the only team that was faster than us," sophomore Joann Keys said. "They also had a couple of strong players which we have not really been faced with from the other teams we've faced."

Wrapping up the second half of the season, the girls anticipate a lot of excitement with the competitive teams coming up.

The lady Hawks completed two victories over Christmas break against Andean and South Central. Knowing what they need to accomplish will help lead them to a successful finish with the Porter Country Conference ahead of them.

Bowling teams show strength as they improve



By Brittany Dopiriak

“Our scores are getting better and our averages are getting bigger and bigger week by week,” freshman Corey Duck said.

The boys’ bowling team is now ranked third, trailing behind Lowell and Hanover Central, according to the Indiana High School Bowling web site. This is not discouraging to some members of the team.

“I don’t really have any expectations; I just want to bowl better and improve,” senior Sawyer Kekelik said.

The boys are bowling against Hanover Central on Friday, December 14. Hanover is currently in first place in the conference, which makes them tough competition.

“We expect to take first place, but it’s going to be hard because we are bowling against Hanover Central [on] Friday,” boys’ coach Dave Denton said.

According to the Indiana High

School Bowling web site, the girls are also in third place, behind Lowell and Boone Grove. The girls’ team, which is small and made up of mostly freshman, are holding their own.

“I think that it’s better that we are getting new people that haven’t been bowling as long or as competitively because now we can grow more as a team,” freshman Anna Wilson said.

With a new coach and a new year, the bowling team has made some improvements and continues working on them.

“Their scores are going to improve greatly and their attitude towards bowling is going to improve,” girls’ coach Frank Berdine said.

With a meet coming up on Wednesday, December 19, the girls are practicing almost every Wednesday and Friday.

Both the teams have shown great improvement and have come together as a team.

“They congratulate each other whether they bowl good or bad and can keep their moral up as a team,” Berdine

said.

The teams have also been getting better averages and improving their skills.

“Their averages are coming up,” Denton said.

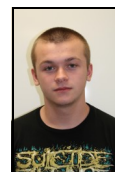
The members on both teams have had proud moments, like freshman Tyler Roop bowling a 209 or freshman Rachel Nellett earning a score of 173. The teams’ expectations are high this year.

“I hope to get at least second to Boone Grove,” Nellett said.

The goals that some of the players are striving to achieve are very inspiring and can only prove how hard the players are working towards their goals. The freshmen are even showing how dedicated they are.

“We should achieve winning conference, winning sectionals, and make it past regionals,” Duck said.

Wrestling team stronger than expected, turning heads



By Hunter Barbian

The Hebron boys’ wrestling team recently had their first and only home meet of the year against Hammond Clark High School on December 6. The ending score of the meet was close, but unfortunately, the Hawks didn’t come out on top with the win.

Winning their matches for the Hawks were sophomores Brandon Sanchez, Danny Wallace, and Tommy Fritsch, and seniors Danny Titak and Nathan Bateman. Freshmen, Jordan Giacomini, and junior, John Eurick, received forfeits on the day.

Later on during the meet after the varsity matches were complete, the JV team took the floor. Starting it off for the Hawks with a victory was junior, Mike Morales.

“So far my season has been a little rough, but I’m glad I could pull out a win and help out my team,” Morales

said.

On December 8, the Hawks competed in the Rensselaer Invitational, which consisted of a total of 16 teams. Leading the way for the Hawks was Danny Wallace, taking first place in the 152 weight class and going undefeated for the Hawks on the day. Also placing for the Hawks were Fritsch in second and Bateman in third.

“The season is going a lot better than I thought,” coach Todd Adamczyk said. “We are turning some heads this year and we are going to continue to do that throughout the season.”

Adamczyk has high expectations for his team this year when the sectional and regional meets roll around the corner, which take place later next month.

“We have five kids who can qualify for the regional meet and two that can qualify for the semi state meet,” Adamczyk said. “They just have to have more confidence. They’re a lot better than they think they are.”

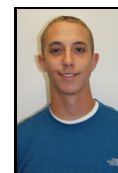
Even though the season has just got underway, the Hawks have already picked up numerous wins, such as winning the Boone Groove Invite a few weeks ago and beating Hammond High earlier during the season.

“We started our first meet out shaky, but we’ve progressed,” Morales said. “Winning the Boone Groove Invite was definitely a confidence booster.”

Upcoming meets for the Hawks include Kankakee Valley varsity meet on January 14 and a meet against Hammond Bishop Noll on January 16.

“The rest of the way is going to be tough because of the hard schedule ahead, but I’m looking for us to do well at sectionals,” Adamczyk said.

Officer breaks from typical drug speech



By Kyle Joyce

Students have heard it thousands of times: Don’t drink. Don’t do drugs. Don’t smoke. So, when officer Mike Grennes recently visited John Steinhilber’s health education classes, students were prepared for another typical speech about drugs and alcohol. However, the expectations of the health students could not have been more off.

Officer Grennes has been a Valparaiso for many years and visits schools to talk about alcohol and drugs. However, his speech is not one’s typical “Don’t Drink, Don’t Smoke” speech.

Grennes brought in several props and examples that help students get

involved and stay interested in the speech. Among these items were devices used to smoke illegal substances and goggles that simulate being intoxicated.

Having been on the force for several years, Grennes also had several stories that the students probably won’t forget anytime soon.

“He had a lot of stories that really opened up my eyes to how certain drugs can mess with your senses,” senior Aaron Plomann said.

Grennes had one student put on the simulator goggles and then tossed him tennis balls. The student missed badly more times than not.

Grennes also brought in several marijuana pipes and bongs that were confiscated during arrests, many of

them smelling foul and stained black from smoke.

As high school students in such a rural area, many simply brush aside the warnings, thinking that these substances could never ruin a town as small as Hebron; however, Grennes informed the students that our county, as well as those around us, have very serious drug and DUI problems.

After the speech, the students had a very positive reaction to the speech.

I definitely learned a lot,” sophomore Chris Wall said. “He was straightforward with what he was saying and got his ideas through to many of the students.”

Band performs before Pacers’ game



By Mitch Burgess

The Hebron high school band has a standard of excellence. Because of this effort toward flawlessness, the band receives many opportunities to travel in order to play for large audiences. Most recently, this experience came in the form of a trip to play a pregame concert at the Indiana Pacers’ game, in Indianapolis.

Not just any band can apply to the Indiana Pacers’ for a pregame show and succeed in gaining the time slot. In spite of the looming possibility of being denied an appearance, somehow the Hebron band managed to secure this position twice.

“I think the band goes on trips like this because we’re good enough,” sophomore Jacob Wilber said.

These trips might appear to be all fun and games to the ones watching; however, to the band members, there may be a larger meaning behind the trips.

“We do this to show the people that a small town can still do anything,” Wilber said. “And, just to have fun, that’s the most important part.”

Jerry Smith, a sophomore trumpet player, thinks differently. “[The trips are] For stress relief and as a reward for being in the band, probably,” Smith said.

Drawing in a crowd from the front atrium of an NBA stadium may seem like a daunting task. However, some did not find it all that difficult.

“They (game attendees) were all lined up at the ticket booths, so they didn’t really have a choice [to hear us],” Wilber said. “But, they were paying attention and clapping, so I think we did pretty good.”

Not everyone had thought the crowd was drawn in by the band’s music but instead drawn to the Pacers’ cheerleaders.

“I think it could have been better; the cheerleaders kind of ripped us off on that one.” Smith said.

Clemens steps into new role at HHS



By Nicki Seabolt

With the unexpected departure of former secretary Sondra Reese, Hebron High School had find a replacement in a short amount of time. The school board decided on hiring Amy Clemens to take over and pick up where Reese left off.

Starting in the middle of the year would be a challenge for anyone when applying to the secretary position at our school, but Clemens said the most challenging part was just trying to get into the routine quick.

Before accepting the job at Hebron High School, Clemens worked as an aide for third grade and then, later, for first grade.

The transition from elementary aid to high school secretary has been a relatively easy one, though. Clemens had already been doing many things that a secretary would have to do here, while she was in the elementary.

Clemens started her new job at an interesting point of the year. She started during the Homecoming week with everyone dressing up and participating.

“I enjoy the spirit,” Clemens said. “It’s fun and a good thing. I like it.”

With only a little more than a month as the secretary and treasurer, Clemens has been quickly learning the ropes and adjusting the high school life.

“I really enjoy it (the job),” Clemens said. “Everyone has been really nice and welcoming.”

The secretary job is rewarding and frustrating at the same time because they work with each student as they come in to our front office. The frustrating part about the job, is starting so late in the year.

Despite all there is to learn in such a short time, Clemens enjoys working here.

“Yes, I do,” she said. “I really do.”

Basketball players help displaced barber



By Tiffany Berdine

Brian Mager, a well-known Hebron barber, lost his home to a house fire on September 16, 2012. A grease fire caused his house to go up in smoke.

When boys' basketball coach John Steinhilber heard about Mager's house, he was very upset to learn this happened to a person like Mager, especially a month from the holiday season.

After informing the team on the situation, the ball players had no problem helping a fellow community member.

"I didn't realize how many of my play-

ers have gotten their hair cut by him," Steinhilber said. "I was really surprised."

Steinhilber has also been going to Mager for 15 to 20 years now.

When Steinhilber asked the team how they wanted to raise the money for Mager, they had decided to pool money together. Everyone wanted to help, both the varsity and the junior varsity teams. The team raised \$110 for Mager.

"It was so nice and very appreciated," Mager said. "What they did completely surprised me."

Mager is happy to live in Hebron and was completely surprised with all the people who helped him, everyone being so warming and

supportive.

"I could never repay anyone that has helped me and my family," Mager said. "All I can do is express my gratitude and help the community out; I am so surprised with the amount of people willing to help."

Not only did the basketball team chip in to help the Mager family, but so did the rest of the town. Many people even brought the family clothes.

"The holidays are about family, and no one should have to worry about something like this," Steinhilber said. "Doing this made me feel good. It was nice to put our own problems aside to help someone out."

Choir and band perform Christmas programs



On Monday, December 17, 2012, the Hebron High School choir performed a variety of Christmas songs for the community.

The choir, back under the direction of Carol Roy, worked for weeks to prepare their songs.

photo by: Amber Wolfe

Following the high school choir, on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, the high school band filled the school auditorium with its versions of favorite holiday music.

The band, under the direction of Rick Cheek, practiced many hours in order to bring the concert to the public.



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In flight ... Hawks doing their things.



Above: Peace and quiet in the hall, perfect for doing math. Sophomore Zach Halajcsik gets comfortable in the math hallway to get some work done. Since most students always have their cell phones on them, calculators are always available.



Above: Getting close to get a better look. Freshman Jayne Anderson utilizes her class time to get some homework done in her English class.



Left: Only Pappy J can beat Chuck Norris. Freshman Nick Pappas can barely contain the excitement he has for being at school.



Above: Careful of your vocal pauses. Junior Daniel Barzycki confers with business teacher Nancy Anders after his presentation in Careers while sophomore Brad Blank looks on.



Above: Wax off, home skillet. Freshman Rachel Nellett takes a break from her class.

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