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COMING UP

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Remembering 911

By Britney Spinks & Chris Nalley

Exactly 10 years ago on September 11, 2001 at 8:46 a.m, American Air Lines, Flight 11 from Boston struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center Complex at 470 mph. What some would say felt like hours, were actually only minutes. It was 9:03 a.m, less than 17 minutes later, United Air Lines Flight 175 with 65 aboard, struck the

The South Tower only lasted 56 minutes after being struck by the plane before it collapsed at 9:59 a.m. Not long after the South Tower collapsed, the North Tower buckled at 10:28 a.m. The call of chaos began to scream as the power failed and the phone lines began to jam with the last words of love, sacrifice, and fear.

It was the day America was changed forever. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in the fundraisers for the survivors of 911 and/or family members whom have lost love ones due to this devastation. 911 is no longer be just a day on our American calendar, but a day we will never forget.



Students travel all over the world

By Morgan Jennings

On June 13th, 2011, the Herrin High School Travel Club took a bus to St. Louis, got on a plane to Atlanta, and flew to London. They spent eight days in London and went to the Tower of London, Victoria Theatre and toured the city.

"I really enjoyed the trip," says student junior Mary-Kate Herman. "Everything from the food, to the driving was a new experience." A small group of students also went to a museum to see the Rosetta Stone. They took the channel to Paris, where they spent two and a half days, and went to the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and Versailles. It was a trip of a life-time for these students.



(Top) The Parliament Building in London. (Bottom) Students and Ms. Hickman pose in front of the famous Eiffel Tower in France. -Photo submitted by Mrs. Lutz.



Weird Facts

By Jonathan D.

- 1) New York City has 11 letter
- 2) Afghanistan has 11 letters.
- 3) Ramsin Yuseb (The terrorist who threatened to destroy the Twin Towers in 1993) has 11 letters.
- 4) George W Bush has 11 letters.

THIS COULD BE A MERE COINCIDENCE, BUT THIS GETS MORE INTERESTING:

- 1) New York is the 11th state.
- 2) The first plane crashing against the Twin Towers was flight number 11.
- 3) Flight 11 was carrying 92 passengers. $9 + 2 = 11$
- 4) Flight 77 which also hit Twin Towers, was carrying 65 passengers. $6 + 5 = 11$
- 5) The tragedy was on September 11, or 9/11 as it is now known. $9 + 1 + 1 = 11$
- 6) The date is equal to the US emergency services telephone number 911. $9 + 1 + 1 = 11$.

SHEER COINCIDENCE..?! READ ON AND MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND:

- 1) The total number of victims inside all the hi-jacked planes was 254. $2 + 5 + 4 = 11$.
- 2) September 11 is day number 254 of the calendar year. Again $2 + 5 + 4 = 11$.
- 3) The Madrid bombing took place on 3/11/2004. $3 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 = 11$.
- 4) The tragedy of Madrid happened 911 days after the Twin Towers incident.

NOW THIS IS WHERE THINGS GET TOTALLY EERIE:

Open Microsoft Word and do the following:
1. Type in capitals Q33 NY. This is the flight number of the first plane to hit one of the Twin Towers.
2. Highlight the Q33 NY.
3. Change the font size to 48.
4. Change the actual font to the WINGDINGS

YOU DECIDE...



Top 4 humorous films of the summer

By Allyson McKinney & Lynsey Hentrich

The Hangover II

Personal Rating 3/5 stars

If you've seen *The Hangover*, you've essentially seen the *Hangover II* directed by Todd Phillips. Actors Ed Helms (Stu), Bradley Cooper (Phil), Justin Bartha (Doug), and Zach Galifianakis (Alan) and Mason Lee (Teddy) do it again...literally. The original *Hangover* kept the audience on their toes, rolling in their seat; part II clings so close to the original *Hangover* story-line.

The sequel still manages to constantly keep people laughing but as Matt Goldberg said "The stale stench of been there, done that, pervades the entire film." After a night of drinking, the original trio wakes up in a hotel room with no recollection of the night's events. Repeat all the shenanigans of the original *Hangover* and you have part II! Buy on DVD December 2011 for an entertaining night.



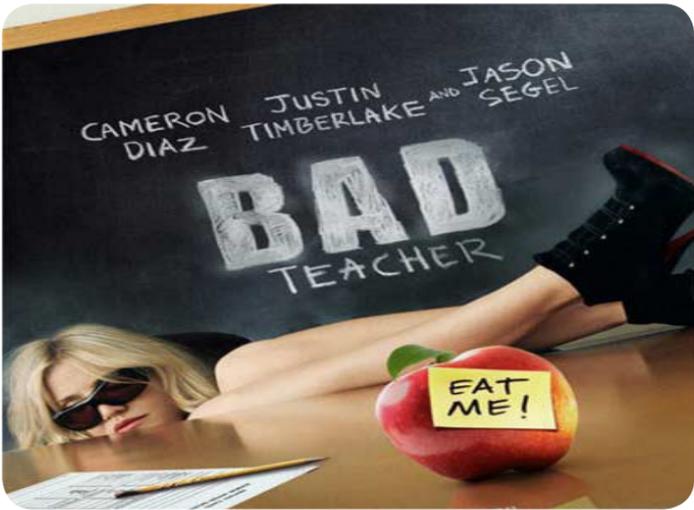
Bad Teacher

Personal Rating 4/5 stars

Bad Teacher directed by Jake Kasdan, is a must see movie of 2011! Yes, Elizabeth Halsey (Cameron Diaz) is really a bad teacher! After being dumped, Elizabeth, a foul mouthed, gold digging, seventh grade teacher sets her sights on a colleague Scott Delecorte (Justin Timberlake) who plays a goofy looking substitute teacher.

Meanwhile, Russell Gittis (Jason Segel) patiently wants for

Halsey to recognize his charm and to a lesser extent, get the fake breasts she's scheming money to buy. "Bad Teacher" has a tone of "broad, crowd-pleasing, and apologetically commercial. It's agreeably nasty and dotted with moments of cruelly satisfying cultural specificity" says film critic Nathan Rabin. Nothing short of raunchy, this film is definitely one to give you a wicked belly laugh!

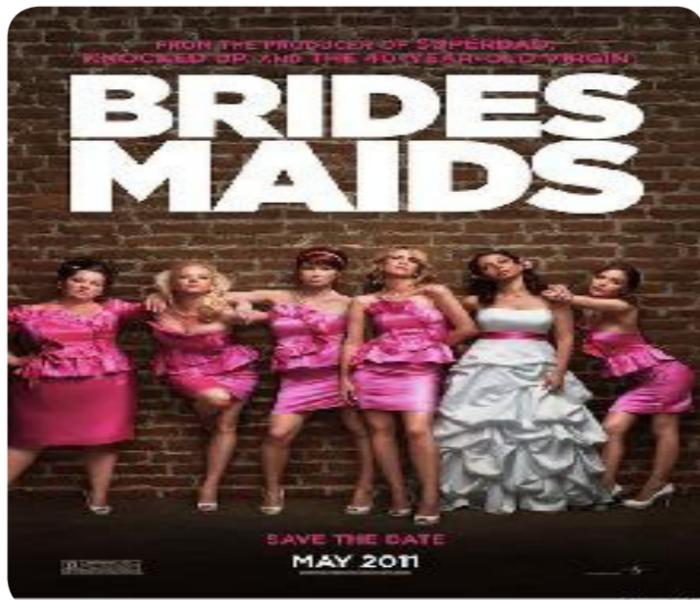


Bridesmaids

Personal Rating: 4.5/5 stars

The movie *Bridesmaids* directed by Paul Feig, gives the word "bridal party" a whole new meaning. In this movie, Annie (Kristen Wiig) has a messed up life. Pretty much everything that could go wrong --goes wrong with her. But when she hears that her best friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph) is getting married, she tries to pull her life together to be her maid of honor.

Along with the help of a wild bunch of bridesmaids Helen (Rose Byrne), Megan (Melissa McCarthy), Rita (Wendi McLendon-Convey) and Becca (Ellie Kemper) Annie helps Lillian down the hectic path to the wedding chapel. This movie highlights the idea that you will do anything to make the ones you love, happy. If you want to see a feel good movie with laughs galore, this is the one for you! It's a must have movie, being released on DVD September 20, 2011!



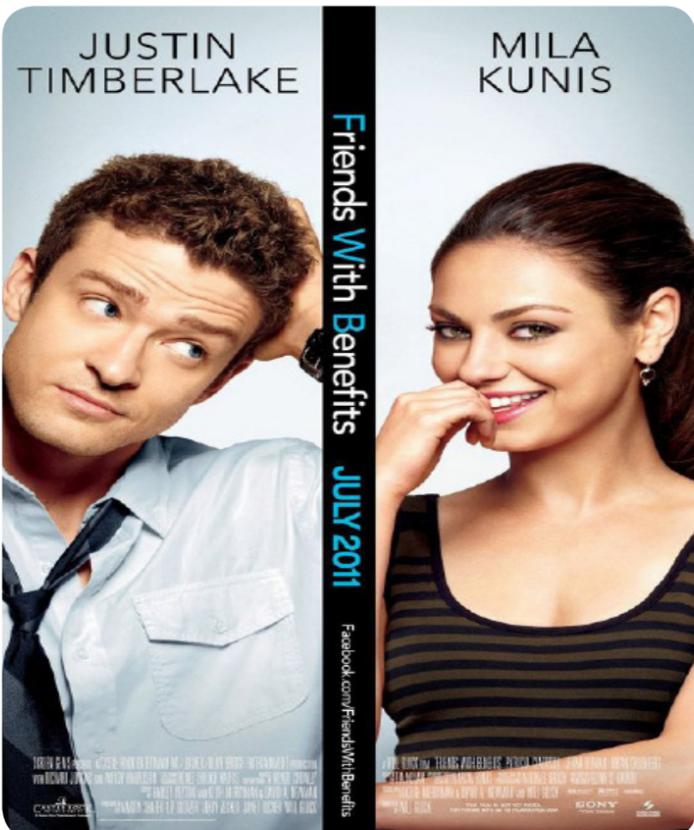
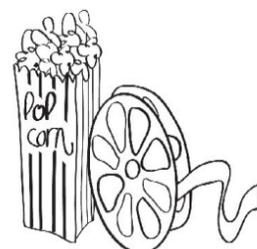
Friends With Benefits

Personal Rating: 3.5/5 stars

This movie truly lives up to its name. *Friends with Benefits* directed by Will Gluck, starts out in New York City with Jamie (Mila Kunis) talking to her boyfriend about being late for their date. Then there is a sudden flash to Los Angeles, where we meet Dylan (Justin Timberlake) arguing with his girlfriend about being late to a John Mayer concert. Clearly neither of them are having the best of luck with relationships. Then both hear those dreadful words "we should start seeing other people." Months later Jamie, who is an executive recruiter for a leading job agency, is meeting Dylan, who is an art director for a small internet company.

After taking a magical tour around New York City, Dylan

decides to take a job in New York along with sparking a friendship with Jamie. As the friendship grows, both decide to be intimate with no strings attached a.k.a "friends with benefits." As any love story goes, they find out they have feelings for each other and fall in love. Although this movie does keep the audience rolling in their seats, be aware that it does get a little raunchy! I wouldn't recommend watching this film with a parent or grandparent. *Friends with Benefits* is released on DVD December 2011.



Name that teacher!

By Layton Chiaventone

Take some time and read the clues to guess who the mystery teacher is. The answer will be posted in the next issue.

- He went to Maryville University in St. Louis.
- He teaches because he loves kids.
- He has one child.
- His favorite hobby is to go fishing and ride his motorcycle.
- He has two Harley Davidson's and a Yamaha
- He has NEVER tried Rogaine.

Quote & Message of the Month:

Martin Luther King Jr once said, "On some positions, Cowardice asks the question, "Is it safe?" Expediency asks the question, "Is it politic?" And Vanity comes along and asks the question, "Is it popular?" But Conscience asks the question "Is it right?" And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must do it because Conscience tells him it is right."

As high school students, it is sometimes easier to follow the wrong crowd, to do the wrong things, and make the wrong decisions. However, what we have to do a better job of making the right choices, even if they don't make us look cool, or they make us uncomfortable. We have to remember that we are living for our futures; although, we are living in the present. Our choices we me today will affect our lives tomorrow. So come on Herrin High, put away those sticks, walk away from that negative situation, and make a life decision. Make a conscience decision and do something positive that will change your community, family, and yourself.

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Appreciating the Music...can you hear us?

By Brandy Prather

Early in the 1920's, Herrin High School started a program for students who had an interest in classical music. Over the years the band grew from a simple class to playing at concerts, parades, in competitions, and the number of members has grown abundantly.

There are 90 students in band this year. Each excited for different opportunities that the year will bring. The Herrin band will perform at football games, possibly a parade in Christopher, Herrin's parades, basketball games, holding a special concert at the elementary school, solo and ensemble for selected members, a contest, and, of course, their yearly Christmas and spring concerts. Also, this December the band has a very special chance to play at a Christmas concert in Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida. No wonder there is so much excitement.

"Every student needs an opportunity to do something that they are good at and like," said Mr. J.T. Lewis

when asked why band is important for high school students. "They need creative outlets" he goes on. Herrin High School would definitely be different without the band program. So many students have made their creative ties through the program, and it would affect many aspects without it. Entertainment is a big purpose for the band. "That is the whole reason they perform for the crowds at football and basketball games" said Mr. Lewis. Band also allows students amazing opportunities to learn and grow that not many young people get. Solo and ensemble allow students to have a judge view their skills and offer advice on how they may improve. Contest also provides the same chance for the entire band as a whole. "It's important for others to hear you play and hear what others think," said Mr. Lewis about contest. "It helps with focus and motivation." But, the big performance this year for the band is Disney. "It's a professional concert. They decorate with lights, and trees, and

there are the celebrities; and, lots of people will be there watching," explained Mr. Lewis. "It's a great opportunity for the students and it should be fun."

With such a busy schedule, it's good that Mr. Lewis has help. His drum majors have their work cut out for them this year. "We direct the band for parades, football and basketball games and assists Mr. Lewis," explains senior Katie Butler when asked about her position as one of two drum majors for the band. Drum majors picked by Mr. Lewis according to how their musical background, their grades, and behavior. Being a drum major does seem like a good job for anyone in the band, but it does come with worries. "Since I'm a clumsy person, I am afraid I will fall backwards," said Butler.

Being in band is great. It's not only a learning experience, but it can also be a bonding one,' says sophomore Aaron Steele. "Band is giving a learning experience a new twist by having social interactions, and music into

it," he goes on. But for some students, the social interaction of band this year is bittersweet. "I am incredibly sad this is my last year in band. I will miss it very much," says senior band member Rachel Vaughn. With all sadness aside, the future for the Herrin High band seems very bright. I would advise for future members to have fun," says Steele. "When you are in the band room, everyone is usually relaxed. So as long as you make friends with the ones that surround you, and know what you are playing, I know you will love band! Oh, and make sure to listen to Mr. Lewis." Vaughn says "Don't slack off! When someone tries to give you advice on playing, do it. And most of all, never give band up. It provides tons of opportunities and allows you to meet great people."



(Top left) Freshman Cheyenne Sherrells shows school spirit and poses for the camera. (Top right) Band members play for the HHS fans during the 3rd quarter of the game- photo submitted



“Its a Grand Night” - 2011 Herrin High School Musical

By Gerri Miles



Junior Spencer Gualdoni and sophomore Abby Craig warming up their vocals with Mrs Simmons- Lynsey Hentrich photo

Mrs. Simmons the teacher of the Music Departments Chorus is putting together the musical by Rodger and Hammerstein titled “Its a Grand Night”. Rodger and Hammerstein have written music to some of the favorable musicals, such as the *Sound of Music*, *Cinderella*, and many more. Mrs Simmons told me she was inspired to chose the theme Rodger and Hammerstein because “Well, as a young girl I used to watch all of the musicals all the time and they are my favorites.”

The performers of the musical work hard to perfect

the songs and the small dance moves. She told me that the costumes for the females will be colored skirts and the males will wear all black with colored ties. I asked if she felt the performers are able to do well with Rodger and Hammerstein music, such a difficult piece? Her response was “yes, most definitely, I have confidence in my students. There is a great amount of talent in Herrin High School.” Songs such as Oklahoma, State Fair and many more, the are amount of solo’s and duet’s within the musical. She feels that her participants will grow to love this

musical will grow to love this music its part of America our cultural.

The musical “Its a Grand Night” by Rodger and Hammerstein is Showing October 27-28 at 6:30pm at Herrin Elementary School. Make sure to show your support and buy a ticket!



(Left) Students Bri Meizerka and Samantha Taylor warming up for practice. (Above) Fallon Scillufo, Samantha Taylor, and Bri Meizerka practicing a dance routine. - Lynsey Hentrich photo.

The FBLA club members are making a difference

By Kaitlyn Fix

Herrin’s chapter of Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA), is very excited to start its 4th year. FBLA is sponsored by Mrs. Frankel, computer and business teacher. FBLA is an extracurricular designed to promote the integration of education and the business world. FBLA members can compete in a variety of events that range from speaking, improvisation, math, English, computer programming, and problem solving.

The first FBLA meeting of the 2011-2012 season was held September 13, 2011 where the new officers were introduced. President- Brandon Ryker, Co- Vice-presidents- Shau-na Bayles and Mary Kate Herman, Treasurer- Danie Stricker, Secretary- Luke Hampleman, Reporter-Haley Pangburn, Parliamentarian-Taylor Eisenhewer, and Historian- Trevor Bolen are all the new officers of the Herrin chapter this year. All of which

attended this late summer’s Summer Leadership Conference to help educate themselves about the leadership skills required to maintain the positions they are in.

On the state-wide level, Nicloe Gharbawi was selected to be the Illinois State Reporter and is obligated to attend to the Illinois State FBLA website and help host the 2021 FBLA State Conference. Also this summer, the FBLA National Conference was held in Orlando, Florida. Elizabeth Gillespie, Alyssa Bayles, Brianna Bartelsmeyer and the late seniors Nicole Staples, Craig Bartelsmeyer and Nick Gregory all attended and competed on this highly- competitive, national level. “I like to see students have fun while learning about the business world” says Mrs. Frankel about her club. She is right, too. FBLA is centered on business, but there are plenty of fun things to look forward to.



One main event that students tend to love the most is the State Conference; being allowed to get the opportunity to meet kids from all over the state is exciting for everyone. In this way FBLA is comparable to a mullet; business in the front, and party in the back.

Students ... are celebrating their leadership activities at Officers Summer Workshop.-Photo submitted



Silently Giving

By Kaitlyn Fix

Every day when all the Herrinites drive down Park Avenue, we see the same things that we have seen since we were six years old. We see the Park-Avenue Motel, we see the shiny City Hall, and we see the coolest middle school kids ever run across the street. There is one thing; however, that we see that never ceases to put smiles on our faces: the names of our friends and family on those little orange and black jerseys on every light post downtown. What about at game time? We see the cheerleaders cheer, the band play, and the opposing teams do squats. When do we know it is game time, though? When we see the tiger tunnel take its inflatable shape. Where do these things come from? Simply said, the Renshaw family.

Carl and Kathy Renshaw have been true Herrin Tiger

fans to say the least. Both of their children graduated from Herrin High school. In fact, the Renshaws moved to Herrin from Carterville mainly for Herrin's schools! Their children were actively in sports, so naturally they would join a Football Parent Involvement Club. That club was originally in charge of putting the jerseys on Park Avenue. When the club disbanded, they felt that it was very important to keep up the jerseys on Park Avenue. Not only do they hang jerseys every season, but they also provided the Herrin Football Team with the "Tiger Head" that is the beginning of the popular spirit line that begins all football games. They love Herrin for its sports and they love for its kids, too. They started a program that allows students that could not otherwise eat food on the weekend with healthy snacks to take home on Fridays.

Perhaps most astounding, though, is the way this family goes about the way they do things for our community. They do not ask for recognition nor do they expect it. When I called to interview, it was even questionable as to whether I was going to be able to write this for the newspaper being that Mrs. Renshaw didn't want any recognition. Needless said, I think all of us have been touched by the Renshaws unknowingly one way or another. "God puts us here for a reason." said Mr. Carl Renshaw. After talking with both the Renshaw family, I know that this is certainly true.

Just Wanted To Say by Red

I just wanted to say,
You've helped me in so many ways.
You've lifted my spirits and my heart,
And I'm glad in my life your a special part.

You can see something in me,
That very few people take the time to see.
You've made me have faith that I thought I
had lost,
That Id yearned to regain no matter the
cost.

Thank you for the time you have spared,
To talk, listen and understand, and to care.
You've enhanced my life and have given
me hope,
You've made me feel special, and that I
could cope.

You've made me see that there are still,
People on this earth,
That can help renew your life

Our gratitude can't be expressed...

Gone to soon...

By Dr. Terry Ryker, Principal of HHS



Bart Allen
October 7, 1960
September 13, 2011

the school. I remember Bart and Ray Bennett making up two songs around that time, entitled, "The Ballad of the Second Man in Charge." It was about me as the assistant principal, and the second song was, "Riding with Randy" an ode about detention picking up trash around etention students riding with one of the custodians and picking up trash. Both songs were hilarious and still make me laugh today.

I worked with Bart for 16 years at Herrin High School and saw him work wonders with some kids. Bart knew that all kids were not the same. Bart knew that no matter how hard society tried to fit everybody in the same peg, you just can't get a square peg in a round hole. Bart excelled with these kids! He was often able to reach many of them through humor. Bart's sense of humor was one of the greatest characteristics. I still laugh when I remember what Bart told me one of his students said when he was making up a humorous story about me. The young man said, "well you know Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryker is not the sharpest tool in the shed." When I was the assistant principal, I often had students from a mentor.

For the students who were lucky enough to have Mr. Allen as a teacher or coach, he was more than a teacher or a coach, he was more than a teacher or a mentor. He was one of the few individuals that truly cared about them. I saw, on many occasions, Bart working with younger children during the summer for the Stars Program. He knew that some of these kids had no one in their corner and he wanted these kids to realize that they were somebody; that they did matter, and that someone truly cared about them. Bart has been taken from us far too early. In life; however, it is not about the length or quantity of your life, it is about the quality of your life. Sometimes we have to ask ourselves, do we live only for ourselves, or do we live to make this world and our



(Above) Bart Allen and his wife Christy and son Cory. (Below) Students of the HHS Fishing Team along with coach and friend Bart Allen. - Photos submitted by friend of the family



All students should get involved...what are you doing?

Spencer Gualdoni

Homecoming and fundraisers are in planning as HHS Student Government held their first meeting Monday, August 29.

Student Government, sponsored by Mrs. Stanley, is consisted of students from each class, who act as representatives of the other students in the school body. They take part in all of the major decisions about school events; promote an understanding among the Board of Education, the faculty, and students, and also to coordinate the major social activities that occur throughout the school.

The first big event for Student Government was Homecoming. This year's theme is "Autumn in the City." The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2011. The dance will be held at Herrin High School in Gym B from 8:00pm - 11:00pm. Tickets can be purchased beginning that Monday, October 3, 2011.

Prices are \$8.00 for one, and \$15.00 for a couple. If you purchase your tickets at door, they will be \$10.00. Spirit Week Themes were also chosen at this past meeting. They are as follows: Monday - Eldery Day, Tuesday - Disney, Wednesday - Blast From the Past, Thursday - Celebrity Day, and Friday - White Out Day.

The fundraisers Student Government are participating in are the SIK Starlight Trivia Night, held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. All the proceeds are benefiting the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center. They are also participating in the Diabetes Walk, held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Come out and support our student government in their various fundraisers and activities this year!



Students of the committee are collecting recyclable items from teachers. Just another activity where Student Government members are willing to lend a hand.-Photo by Sabina Bennett



- Photo by Mrs. Stanley, French Club Sponsor

New activities for the Student Chamber of Commerce

Ashley Kuan

Student Chamber of Commerce is an organization that has been around since 1993. This club helps the community by volunteering to help with different activities that take place throughout Southern Illinois. In the past, Student Chamber of Commerce has done different community services such as helping with the Trail of Treats and helping with an annual blood drive.

This year, the club intends to do more fun activities. In October, they will help with the Trail of Treats around Halloween

and a bocce tournament on October 19th. They will do a Thanksgiving dinner downtown and the annual blood drive in November, as well as the Santa House in December. The first meeting is on September 19th in the library. All students are welcome to attend. If there are any questions about Student Chamber of Commerce, see Mrs. Fitzgerald in the library.

Bienvenue dans le Club de Français!

By Layton Chaivonte & Ali Pinkard

French Club is one of Herrin High School's most popular clubs at HHS. Mrs. Stanley, French, Spanish and Italian teacher, is the advisor for the French Club. Mrs. Stanley said that, "This year we have 62 members, which is the most I've ever had." They is a growing interest in French Club because "We are very active and kids won't get the opportunities they wouldn't have if they weren't in French Club." said Mrs. Stanley. Over the summer

the French Club went to France, for an educational and adventure experience. "The trip was fantastic, no problems at all" said Ms. Stanley. They went to London for the first time and saw famous monuments such as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, rode on "The Eye", a giant ferris wheel, such as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, rode on "The Eye", a giant ferris wheel, and went to see the Billy Elliot play. French Club has a number of events coming up in the next few weeks.

On October 26th there is their annual Hayride Party at Ms. Stanley's house and like many years in their past the club will have their annual cheese-cake fundraiser starting on October 12th and continues through November 4th. This looks to be an exciting year for the Herrin High School French Club!



Alpha Leadership

Elizabeth Elliot

Three years ago Mrs. Shelton, John Shadowens, Mrs. Cornelius, and Mr. Long brought ALPHA to Herrin High School. ALPHA is a program where some seniors, juniors, and sophomores are chosen by teachers in our school to lead our freshman students to a better freshman year.

ALPHA was made to educate freshman students on their 40 key assets and teach them how to increase them. It also introduces them to upperclassmen that can help them if needed.

ALPHA takes the freshman students out of their PE classes every other Friday, and takes them to the testing room to teach them about the 40 key assets. Mrs. Shelton says that her favorite thing about ALPHA is the "bond that she creates with the teachers and she loves to see them grow as they teach others."

Mrs. Shelton would also like encourage teachers to become apart of ALPHA as a Peer Group Leader. If you are interested in becoming a part of ALPHA or helping as

a group leader, please contact Mrs. Shelton in the guidance office.



Freshmen Feature: Meet the new students!

Jerri Coffman



Becca Porritt

Becca is 14 years old. Her favorite subject is Math. She wants to become a veterinarian. A favorite hobby she has is collecting rocks.



Poppie Mezo

Poppie is 15 years old. Her favorite subjects are French and English. She likes video games, art, and music among other things. Also she is the freshman president in Student Government and plays baritone in the band.



Donovan McCarthy

Donovan is 15 years old. His favorite subject is History. He is in football, track, and wrestling. He enjoys hunting, fishing, girls, football, and hanging out with friends. Donovan also enjoys swimming.

Joseph Dunkel



Joseph Dunkel is 14 years old. His favorite subject is Keyboarding. He is in Football, Basketball, and FBLA. Joseph enjoys going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and playing baseball.

Kayla Davis



Kayla is 13 years old. Her favorite subjects are science and biology. She plays the trumpet. Kayla is in FCCLA and enjoys being around her friends and TIGERS FOOTBALL!!!!

Teacher of the Month

Brock McGee



Miss Hickman smiles as she receives her new title. -Photo submitted

Some of the responses were “a good teacher uses humor to help us learn” another student said, “a good teacher positivity respects students, enjoys kids, and being helpful in and out of school.” We had these students choose a teacher from our master school list to be named Herrin High School Teacher of the Month. This week we are proud to announce **Miss Hickman as the Teacher of the Month.**

Every now and then, we come across teachers that make an impact on our lives. Sometimes they teach us how to write perfectly, how to divide and multiply without frustration, or how to identify a rock from a gem. And every now and then, we come across a teachers that teach the basic curriculum and teach us how to respect and love ourselves. A teacher like this takes their job to the next level and really intends on helping those students in need.

Miss Hickman is in her 16th year of teaching and she says that “I love exposing students to new authors, literary movements, and works of literature. I love teaching grammar--especially with my fancy new Promethean Board! I also have love for prom, term papers, and the ACT test.” Because of her many years of dedication and her love for helping students in and out of school, we can't help but to acknowledge her as our 1st Teacher of the Month.

In our journalism class, we were challenged to write a weekly assignment that would give praise and gratitude to those teachers whom go beyond the “everyday” teaching. These teachers inspire, impact, love, and most respect us as young learner. This week we gave Mrs. Taylor's 6th hour journalism class a survey on the what makes a good teacher.



Fight until the end

Ben Abney & Shawn Jacques



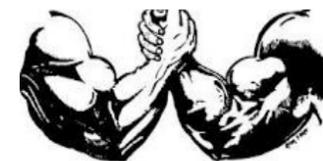
Junior Tyler Craves shows his wrestling injury after a high school practice- photo submitted

Wrestling is a dangerous sport. Getting injured is very easy, whether its getting slammed on your head, breaking your arm when you fall, or as you will find out, taking a elbow to the eye.

However, wrestling is also appealing for many spectators. Sometimes its the feeling of fighting until the last moment. Fighting to win at any cost. January 2011 of last school year, Herrin High School senior, Tyler Craves (10 year Veteran), had a mishap at wrestling practice. While practicing with other team member Drake Holland(12 year Veteran), Tyler ended up with four stitches below his right eye along with a weeks worth of swelling. In Tyler's words “Drake shot in and I sprawled. Then Drake sat though[sat down on the mat] and I caught an elbow to the face.” Tyler learned the risk of wrestling the hard way. It was the competitive drive inside of him that made him stay and compete as a wrestler.

That is what wrestling is all about. It's about the drive to win. It's all about how hard you work. He wouldn't just throw away all of the countless hours of training, just because his eye was hurt. Although if it was some other athlete from some other sport I would almost guarantee would have quit. Its not like getting injured is a rare thing. Tyler and Drake has had their fair share of injuries, everything from bloody noses to dislocated elbows.

The only way either of these wrestlers will stop wrestling is if the referee stops the match. It takes that kind of mentality to be a good wrestler; to fight until the very end.



Freshmen Eli Roberts in competition with a Johnson City wrestler- Daily Republican photo

For the love of Tennis

By Brittany Franklin

The boys' and girls' tennis teams have made a recent appearance at Herrin High School and have been competing against local qualifying teams such as Marion, Carbondale, Massac County, and Carmi-White County. This fall, it is the season of the girls' team which is head coached by Matt Snell and assistant coached by Matt McManaway. The varsity top six lineup has kicked off as follows : Rhea Leinweber, Brianna Bartlesmeyer, Maddy Kramer, Tina Black, Marlo Hughes, and Ashley Franklin. So far, their records add up to 2-2 in their wins they crushed Massac County, 9-0, and Carmi-White County, 8-1.

One special addition to the team this year is junior Rhea Leinweber who has come to be a foreign exchange student from Germany. She has been playing tennis for almost seven years and is the top player for the Lady's Tennis team this

season. Along with playing singles matches, she is partnered with Tina Black (freshman) for number one doubles.

Another aspect of the lady tigers tennis team this year that Coaches Snell and Mc Manaway are excited about this year is the large amount of new players. There was great interest in sophomores and juniors this season with seven girls playing their first year. This large number of underclassmen players will provide for the opportunity to have seasoned players once the seniors, Brianna Bartlesmeyer and Brittany Franklin, graduate.

The girls' tennis team meets for practice every day after school from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. The coaches and continuing players always welcome new participants and interest and hope to have a successful end of the season this year along with many more successful seasons to come.

Herrin sports has plenty to offer

By Mike Mooneyham, HHS Athletic Director

Herrin High School sports has done an amazing job over the years providing students with the opportunity to learn and excel at any sport of their liking. Not only are our students excelling in the classroom, they are competing and placing at competitions all around Illinois. Last year the Boys Cross Country

team won Conference Champions, for the second year in a row. The Girls Cross Country team qualified for sections for their seventh year in a row. Our wrestling team qualified for state three out of the four times that they have been competing. And our Football team made playoffs for the fifth time.

This fall is looking like its going to be a great season for all of the sports involved. Please come out and support our Herrin High School teams as they show off their talents and take our school to the next level!



HHS Girls Cross Country Team -Cody Lynch photo



(Above) Sophomore Alyx Starkweather in mid swing at hole three. (Below) Senior Allyson Shitby practicing on her swing.-Cody Lynch photo



HHS Boys Cross Country Team -Cody Lynch photo



HHS Girls Golf Team (left to right) Asst. Coach James Starkweather, students Shelby Lamb, Maci Starkweather, Alyx Starkweather, Taylor Nugent, Allyson Shitby, and Kailee Murphy -Cody Lynch photo

