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NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Bluffton High School welcomes four new exchange students this year. Continue reading about them on Page 4. (photo by Jessica Bricker)



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Mrs. Cocanower Named Finalist for Teacher of the Year

by Ali Mygrant

Mrs. Tara Cocanower has been chosen as a top ten finalist for the Indiana Teacher of the Year Award. She has been teaching in the United States for 13 years, 9 of which were spent at Bluffton. The following two years she spent in Romania teaching for the Peace Corps.

She developed a love of history from time spent with her grandfather as a child and she says, "I think understanding the world around you, helps you move through the world in a very intentional and

purposeful way." She uses research and experience to help students in her classroom understand and learn from her love of History.

Cocanower admits that she is humbled and grateful as well as nervous, but overall proud to be a Tiger and represent Bluffton High School. The recognition made her feel as if it was a team effort. She says, "The only reason I applied for Indiana Teacher of the Year is to represent Bluffton well. I want

Bluffton to get the credit, not just me."

As a Top Ten Finalist, she has to travel to Indianapolis for an interview. She must stand in front of a panel of 12 judges to deliver a speech. Her speech must be 2-3 minutes long and convey her Teacher of the Year message. If the judges choose her for Indiana Teacher of the Year, she will help the Indiana Department of Education throughout the state, encouraging teachers, and participating in planning.



Mrs. Cocanower will present to a board for the final round of the process. (photo by The Comet staff)

Gunman at Ind. Fair

by Erica Hartman

Friday, August 19th, 2022, Indiana State Police confirmed that a man was found to possess disassembled rifle parts in his bag at the Indiana State Fair. According to Fox59.com, Indiana State Police (ISP) troopers were dispatched and apprehended the man before any harm could be done. There was only a verbal altercation that took place prior to arrest.

A viral video of the scene unfolding in real time was posted to TikTok by angietx956. The video starts off with people shouting and hiding behind amusement park attractions.

"We thought it might have been a fight. It was worse; this person pulled a rifle. Everyone starts running and screaming," the video says. The video cuts to the next scene where ISP troopers are seen seizing

the suspect and pulling rifle parts out of his backpack.

The man has been issued a trespass warning and permitted not to return to the fairgrounds. No charges have been pressed.

Severe Storms in Chicago

by Aldon Zoll

Information from NBC Chicago states that Chicago had a severe thunderstorm that hit on August 29, 2022. The winds picked up to 80 miles per hour during the thunderstorm. Warnings were sent across the county and areas of the moving storm. The state of Chicago, as well as Indiana, was under a severe thunderstorm warning until around 6 PM.

Around noon that day, reports came in of fallen trees and damage from winds could be seen from suburb to suburb. The storm affected and impacted the streets and

neighborhoods, as well as houses and cars, from Peotone to Grant Park in Illinois and then to Lowell to Wheatfield in Indiana. Information from the National Weather Services. Also says that more storms were created the evening the storm hit. A storm of hail was produced and hail the size of golf balls was reported.

Flooding Hits Pakistan

by Bailey Yates

There have been devastating floods in Pakistan due to monsoon rains. The worst affected are the southern districts of Balochistan and Sindh. More than 1,000 were killed with more than 1,600 injured by landslides and flash floods.

The climate change minister reported the rains are heavier than any recorded in the last decade. The Indus River has had overflowing banks due to glaciers melting as well as record

rains. Food rations and medical help is on the way in the next coming week in hopes of receding waters and lessening rain.

Trump Raided

by Gavin Thomas

On Monday August 8, the FBI got a search warrant, and it searched Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida.

The federal agents found over 300 classified documents in Trump's estate. The documents' contents included nuclear weapons and other top secret documents. The FBI spent nine hours searching Mar-a-Lago for the classified documents.

The documents were found in the basement and in Trump's office. Trump said that the raid was "out of nowhere and with no warning."

Earlier this year, Trump gave the Agency 15 boxes of documents which caused the investigation on Mr. Trump.

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Russo-Ukrainian War

by Izzi Curless

CNN reports that Ukraine's armed forces have begun a push to liberate Russian-occupied areas. Some cities affected by the fighting are Kherson, Beryslav, and Kakhovka. Meanwhile, both countries continue to point blame at each other over who fired missiles around a nuclear plant. Workers at the plant report, "God forbid you look at a guard the wrong way. You could be thrown into the basement" (CNN).

The International Atomic Agency is discussing stationing a presence at the power plant. The United Nations nuclear agency chief says his experts are staying put after they cross into Russian-held territory. As of right now, Russian leaders in Moscow welcome the idea of leaving the plant.

While this is happening, the EU has discussed a possible ban on Russian tourists. The conclusion they have come to makes it difficult for Russians to travel. However, it stopped a complete ban on Russian visas. Multiple countries supported the visa ban as a step in the correct direction but several stated more needed to be done. A substantial increase in Russian border crossings has become a security concern for those neighboring countries. More than one million Russian citizens have fled to Finland and Estonia.

As of 9:15 AM on August 31, Russia cut off the gas supply to Europe. While the gas is shut off, Russian officials are stating that the cut-off is due to scheduled maintenance.

On the other hand, German officials are accusing Russia of using its energy resources as a weapon.

The energy crunch has seen a 400% increase in wholesale gas prices within the past year. Resulting in governments spending billions to ease the burden. The situation is expected to get worse and some countries have said fuel rationing is possible. More information on this subject can be found on CNN.com.

The State of California vs. New Gas Vehicles

by Lily Sheets

While California is battling climate change and air pollution they are cutting gas emissions from gas powered vehicles. In the *Los Angeles Times* the California Air Resources Board voted all motor and gas powered vehicles to be sold by 2035.

California's mission is to stay away from oil in the future. Stating again, by 2026, the plan of California's cars sold to dealerships would be electric cars. 35% of electric vehicles would be sold to California dealerships. All new gas powered vehicles will no longer be sold in California instead electric vehicles will be sold.

Gas Prices in Calif.

by Canaan Troyer

Gas prices in California have been soaring. The average gas price of California is \$5.252, with some counties within California having prices at an

astounding \$6.481 per gallon.

This conflicts with the national trend shown across the United States. In May 2022, the national average price-per-gallon was \$4.62. This price further decreased to the beginning of September where the price-per-gallon stands at \$3.829 currently. This shows a downward trend across the nation. Which is good for those outside of the state of California.

California's rising gas prices as compared to the decrease across the nation can be attributed to the Gas Tax that California has levied. It is a tax that increases incrementally year by year. With the tax being bumped up to 53.9 cents per gallon in July of 2022. The tax was meant to increase along with inflation; however, it has led to more money being pulled from drivers in California than other states. The tax has been refuted and many proposals have been made to replace the bill and get money back into the hands of the drivers. Politics and infighting between parties has led to all of these being shut down fairly quickly. With really no end in sight, drivers are left with waning gas supplies as their income slowly stops being able to keep up with the price.

Midterm Elections

by Ali Mygrant

Midterm elections will occur Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Out of the 100 seats, 35 in the senate are up for reelection. 435 seats in the House of Representatives will also be contested.

The key races in Indiana are for Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, U.S. Senator, and the U.S. House of Representatives. 20 county positions will also be contested this midterm election. Overall, 87 people will be on the ballot in November.

In Wells County voting is available at the 4-H Park, First Presbyterian Church, the Ossian Lighted Gardens, Tower Life Center, and Southern Wells Community Church.

For those of you who have recently turned 18, have you decided to vote? The Clerk's Office in the courthouse can help you get registered. You can also submit a voters application at indianavoters.com. You will need an Indiana Driver license or any other valid state-issued identification.

Queen Elizabeth Passes

by Publications Staff

In breaking news, Queen Elizabeth passed away at the age of 96. Her son, Charles III, will now assume the role, title, and responsibilities as King Charles III.

Her reign of 70 years and seven months serves as the longest reign of any British monarch history.



Meet the Exchange Students of Bluffton High School

by Ameen Lababneh and Hannah Withers

"I like the diverse cultures here in America. The hardest part of leaving was saying goodbye to family and friends. In my school we use uniforms and each lesson is an hour. I'm excited to visit Kennedy Space Center, and I am passionate about engineering. The super-size food and drinks are weird, and I miss traditional meals from home. I really like deep-dish pizza, and cheeseburgers. I don't like tacos."

"I like the diversity in America, in Thailand, we have uniforms for school. I think the process to become an exchange student is the hardest part of leaving home. I find a bit of culture shock such as the restroom stuff, eating rice with a fork, and school system. I miss Thai food so much. My favorite American food is my host grandmother's chicken and noodle recipe!"

Aziza Yeleussin,
Kazakhstan, 15



Ameen Lababneh,
Israel, 17



Hasanah Pradungsit,
Thailand, 17



Farangiz G'aybullayeva,
Uzbekistan, 17

Photos by Jessica Bricker

"Saying goodbye to my family and my friends was the hardest part of leaving. I miss them so much. Back at home, you stay in the same classroom for the whole day. The teachers move between classes. We don't have sports in my school, and we have 7 periods a day. I am excited to go to prom and homecoming. I like to read and draw, and I aspire to become a chemical engineer. My favorite American food is corn dogs."

"I like the view in America, especially the clouds and sky. The hardest part of leaving was saying goodbye to my family. In Uzbekistan there are 18 classes and there is no elementary, middle, or high school. In Uzbekistan, there's just a school. I want to improve my English and do the SAT. I read, swim, play volleyball, and play basketball. I want to become a lawyer. My favorite American food is burritos and pizza, and my least favorite is cheeseburgers."

Popular Euphoria Actress Leaves Show

by Lydia Athan

HBO's *Euphoria* is a beloved series that many viewers enjoy. The show holds viewers' attention with its eye-catching fashion and makeup, its stunning visuals, and its twists and turns that keep people talking.

Although *Euphoria* has been renewed for Season 3,

a beloved actress will not be returning. Barbie Ferreira, who plays the character Kat, has left the show after reports



that her screen time was cut in Season 2 following a fight with the show's creator over her character's arc. This news has thrown *Euphoria* fans into madness and they have said she "deserves better." Even though Kat was a fan favorite character, many are still excited for the new season to arrive late 2022 or early 2023 at the earliest.

Street Fair: Previewing the Week of Downtown Fun

by Lydia Athan and Darren Early

Street Fair is an annual event that many Bluffton residents enjoy. Many friends and families get together to enjoy this week-long fair. One of the most popular attractions at this event is the rides. Some of the most popular rides include The Wipeout, The Freakout, and 1,001 Notches. Out of a random group of students surveyed, 71.4% voted for The Freakout as their

favorite ride.

Another eye-catching feature of Street Fair is the food. With such a unique and large pool of options to choose from, the dining possibilities for the week are endless. With so many options, we figured there were bound to be hundreds of different opinions. Of the students surveyed, 35.7% voted bubble tea as their favorite with Z.U.M. Sticks

coming as a close second with 28.6% of the votes.

Another one of Street Fair's most popular features, if not Street Fair's most famous feature, is the games. Fairgoers spend an arm and a leg on the games in hopes to win any sort of prize. Funny enough, out of all the game options for Street Fair, only two games were voted for, The Mouse Game and The

Bowler Roller. The Bowler Roller barely won as the favorite game of BHS students with 57.1% of the votes. Surprisingly, not a single student voted for the fishing or rope climbing games, which seem to be the busiest games every year. Whether you agree with the students or not, Street Fair has something to offer for everyone as a fun-filled week.

Music: Brittany & Elton

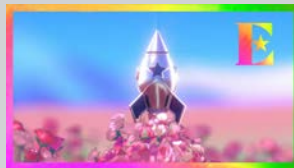
by Lauren Mann

On August 26, 2022, Elton John and Britney Spears came out with a new song called "Hold Me Closer", "Hold Me Closer" is a mashup of multiple Elton John songs, including "Tiny Dancer," "The One," and "Don't Go Breaking My Heart."

This song is Britney's first release in six years. People weren't sure if Britney was ever going to preform again after being freed from her 13-year conservatorship, but Elton John swooped in to

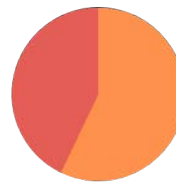
help her get her feet back into the music industry.

"Hold Me Closer" is currently at No. 24 on the Adult Pop Airplay chart and hopes to rise higher on the chart in the next weeks.



Street Fair Favorites

Mouse Game
42.9%



Bowler Roller
57.1%

BHS Students Favorite Street Fair Ride

Ice Cream
14.3%

Elephant Ears
7.1%

Bubble Tea
35.7%

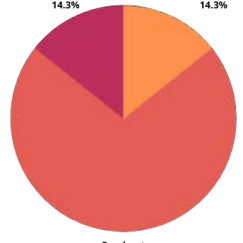
Fried Pickles
14.3%

Zum Stick
28.6%

BHS Students Favorite Street Fair Food

Wipeout
14.3%

1001 Notches
14.3%



Freakout
71.4%

BHS Students Favorite Street Fair Ride

Homecoming Week Preview

by Bailey Yates and Amarah Robles

Welcome to the "ber" months! As you should know, starting Monday, is Fall Festival week. Kicking off the dress-up days is Monday's theme of Adam Sandler Day. Continuing the fun filled week is Tuesday's dress-up day: Nerd vs Jock. Wednesday extends the BHS tradition of Class Color Day. Freshman wear green, sophomores wear blue, juniors wear red, and, last but not least, seniors wear

black.

Wednesday after school, come to the track for games night and compete in a variety of games against the other classes.

Thursday is Senior Citizen Day: a new retro and radical theme makes us ready to take a trip back in time with Bluffton High School. Finally, get hyped to show your school spirit with Friday's iconic Gridiron theme.

Also on Friday, there is a slew of other activities to show your patriotism towards BHS.

Firstly, during the school day, your cheerleaders will lead you in a chant to compete against the other grades. The loudest grade earns more points towards being the winner of Fall Festival Week. Dressing up also gets your grade closer to winning.

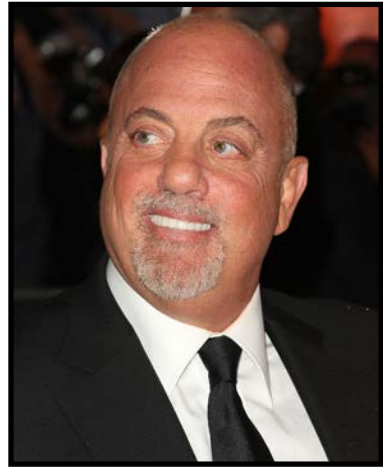
After we compete

against the Patriots of Jay County, there will be a Homecoming Dance in the Commons featuring a DJ. Dress casually, come as you are, straight from the football game. Be there and bring your dance moves!

Show your Tiger Pride, participate in events, and be loud to make this Fall Festival Week the best yet!

Student & Teachers Celebrity Look-a-Likes

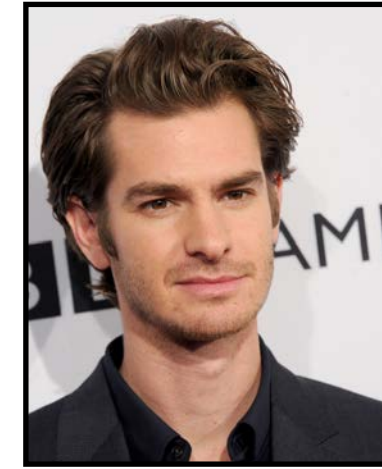
by Griffin Linderwell, Ayden Teeple, and Amarah Robles



Billy Joel



Mr. Bueter



Andrew Garfield



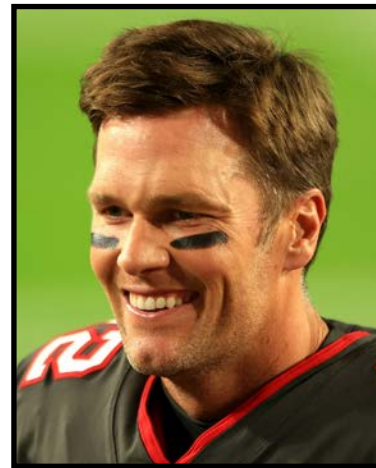
Elija Robles



Squints



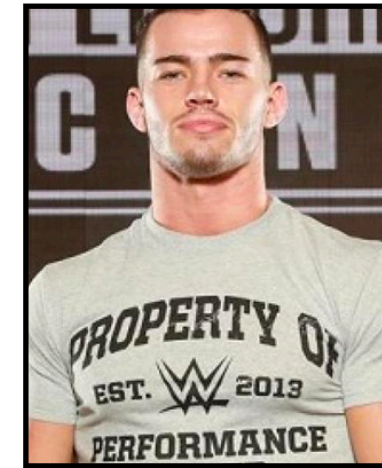
Jed Logan



Tom Brady



Austin Davis



Austin Theory



Mr. Baxter



Mr. Morgan



Griffin Morgan



Tony the Tiger



Tracy the Tiger



Edna Mode



Mrs. Zadylak

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BeReal is Here!

by Lily Sheets

The Newest social media trend is here: BeReal.

BeReal was first created in 2020 only to become popular mid-2022. BeReal is designed to show the current updates of people "without filters." The camera takes photos from both the back and front camera, to show you and your surroundings.

Classmate Lauren Mann says, "I just think it is funny to see what people are doing, but some people stage it, then it's not funny anymore, because that's not the point. The point is to be real."

BeReal sends a two-minute countdown timer one time each day. You can send photo reactions of yourself on

posts, and make comments.

Senior Olivia Priester says "Mrs Chaney is my favorite part of BeReal, she is so funny when she takes BeReals."

BeReal is becoming more and more popular each day. Everyone seems to be loving it. It's such a fun and unique way to keep updated with your friends and family!

Students beware of that countdown popping up in class, because your next post may be from Mrs. Morrison's office.



BeReal.

by Ayden Teeple

Last week on September 2, 2022, the prequel show to the beloved stories of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien and their film counterparts by Peter Jackson premiered its first two episodes on Amazon Prime. The show is titled The Lord of the Rings: Rings of Power. The main characters of this show will be the Elves Galadriel and Elrond, played by Morfydd Clark and Robert Aramayo respectively. The villain will most likely be the Maia, Sauron, though we have not seen him officially nor have the creators came out and said that he will be the villain. Other characters will be Isidur, prince of the kingdom of Númenor, High Elf King Gil-Galad,

Dwarf Prince Durin IV, and a few new characters like the Dwarf Princess, Disa, and the mysterious Elf Arondir.

The show takes place thousands of years before The Hobbit in the first and second ages of Arda and Middle Earth, while The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings takes place in the third and very early fourth ages.

The content in the show is based on the events talked about in The Appendices of the Lord of the Rings and other events talked about in The Lord of the Rings. The show will explore the forging of the twenty rings of power and the rising threat of Sauron as he builds an army to conquer Middle Earth. On September 2, Rotten

Tomatoes had the show rated at an 84% on the critic review and a 37% on the audience score. Some fans are big fans of the show and some are not.

In the first two episodes of the show, delves into the history of the Elves in the first age and the major events that they participated in that lead them to where they are in the second age and the beginning of the show. The episodes focus on Galadriel intent on finding Sauron, but she is alone in this because all the other Elves have accepted that Sauron is gone. The episodes delve into the life of the Harfoots, who are the ancestors of the Hobbits, a group that aren't fond of the Elves' rule. The men descend from people who

served Morgoth. The Dwarves are settled in Khazad-dûm and in the second episode they interact with Elrond as he attempts to mend a friendship with Durin IV.

The show so far isn't bad, but it isn't great either. The characters don't act like characters from Tolkien's stories. Plus the fact that Amazon doesn't have the rights to The Silmarillion, which has most of the stories from this time period, means they have to change the stories in drastic ways which will lead to a story that isn't accurate and one that does not honor the original stories.

New episodes come out on Fridays on Amazon Prime until October 14.

Harry and Harlow Win at VMAs

by Avery Hunt

- Kane Brown makes VMA history for first male country artist to perform
- Taylor Swift wins video of the year, and announces new album "Midnight"
- Bad Bunny wins artist of the year
- Billie Eilish wins song of the year with "Happier Than Ever"
- Dove Cameron Wins best new artist
- Jack Harlow and Lil Nas X wins best collaboration of the year
- Harry Styles wins best pop with "As It Was"
- Nikki Manaj and Lil Baby win best hip-hop with "Do We Have A Problem"
- Red Hot Chili Peppers win best rock.
- BTS wins group of the year.
- Jack Harlow wins song of the summer with "First Class."
- Harry Styles wins album of the year with "Harry's House."



Grilled Cheese vs. Cheese Toastie

by Amarah Robles

The difference in names for the gooey sandwich is relatively based on your background. What the cheesy sandwich is called varies from person to person. Last year, I noticed the ongoing argument between Mr. Baxter and Mr. Baker. So this year, I joined the comet staff and we decided to let the student body end the debate once and for all.

We took a poll, and the results are in: 58% of students call this sandwich a grilled cheese, even though it is not prepared on the grill. In comparison, 42% of students prefer the name "cheese toastie." Which, in contrast, is a sandwich consisting of two pieces of toast sandwiching a piece of melted cheese.

With these results, we can now indisputably declare on lunch menus and other official documents that grilled cheese is the rightful name.



Waffles vs. Pancakes

by Darren Early

The lifelong debate has finally come to a close. Out of all the arguments about which food is better, this has been the most misunderstood. Which is better, waffles or pancakes? In order to get the best results possible, we decided to ask on our followers on Instagram.

With 78% of the viewers voting, 55% of the participants voted waffles over pancakes. A few of the students who participated in this study were interviewed.

Karli Anderson said, "Waffles hold the syrup so much better than pancakes."

Ali Mygrant also spoke on the matter saying, "Pancakes absorb the syrup. They're ten times better than pancakes."



Is 'Bad Habit' by Steve Lacy a Bop or Flop?

by Darren Early

It's no question that everyone likes music. Some people love some newer songs, while others swoon over the classics. After narrowing down a list of song choices, our Instagram followers were asked to determine if one song was classified as a bop or a flop. For those who are lost, a bop is a really good song. A flop is the complete opposite, a very bad song. For each issue of the Comet, we will be ruling out another carefully picked song to have you guys vote on to determine if it is a certified bop or a flop.

"Bad Habit" by Steve Lacy recently just went viral on TikTok for its catchy chorus and rhythm. Many TikTok users also quickly related to the song's meaning of missing an opportunity to be with a person who they really cared about. A large debate quickly spread across social media about whether this song was considered a good song or not.

In this round of Bop or Flop, we asked if "Bad Habit" by Steve Lacy was a bop. Out of 55 that answered the poll, 79% voted that this song was a certified bop. Some participants spoke as to why they thought the song is a bop, with many answers sounding similar. One person said, "The relatable lyrics of the song make this one easy to vibe to." Another spoke on the catchy tune of the song, saying that is the reason it is a bop.

Be on the lookout for our Instagram to help us decide what song is a bop or a flop. In the upcoming weeks, we will be featuring new songs, old songs, and even some fun songs. Feel free to leave any song recommendations for future issues on Instagram.



Boys Tennis Serves up Strong Start to the 2022 Season

by Ben Maggard

The Boys' Tennis Team experience has been pretty successful so far. In the third match, and so far. Their record as of Tuesday is 6-2. In the second match of the season, the Tigers defeated Bellmont 5-0. Keegan won the season the Tigers lost a close one 3-2. The number won 6-0, 6-0, and Anthony one doubles team of Hartman won by forfeit. Preston Daugherty and Blake Moser and the number two doubles team The Tigers defeated Logan Reifsteck and Blackford in their third Max Worth won their straight win and second matches 6-2, 6-0, and 6-2, straight sweep. All three 6-2 respectively. singles matches were won in two sets. Both doubles

Bluffton defeated Manchester for their fifth win of the season 5-0. Keegan Schwartz won 6-1, 6-2, Drew won 6-0, 6-0, and Anthony also won 6-0, 6-0 to finish the singles for the night. The doubles team of Preston and Blake won 6-3, 6-4, and Logan and Max won 6-4, 6-0 to complete the sweep. In win number six, the Tigers defeated Fort Wayne Wayne 5-0. The JV also swept Wayne 5-0. Keegan, Drew, and Anthony all won in two

straight sets. Both doubles teams of Preston and Blake and Logan and Max won in two straight sets as well. On the JV side, all three singles of Kaden Grau, Ethan Hunt, and Kade Abbott took home a win. Also both JV doubles teams of Nolan Lambert and Ben Maggard and David Pence and Jed Logan finish the JV sweep for the tigers. Over the weekend the JV team travels to Homestead for an invitational, while the Varsity team travels to Madison-Grant. Next week the Tigers will play Norwell on Monday, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers on Wednesday, and South Adams on Thursday.

won a close 3-2 match over Winchester. Keegan swept his opponent while both other singles players, Drew and Nolan, won in two sets.

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Girls Golf Targets History at ACAC

by Lydia Athan

The Lady Tigers golf team started their season strong with a third place team finish at the Belmont Invite. Senior Kennedy Nash carded a personal record (PR) during this match.

Senior Lillian King has played great so far this year. She shot 90 (a PR by 10 strokes) at the South Adams Invite. She has continuously led her teammates to victories throughout the season as the top golfer each match while being a great role model for the underclassmen.

Not only Lillian, but freshman Emma Schwartz has finished with many low scores as well. Both girls tied with a 50 during the match against Southern Wells and

Northfield.

The Lady Tigers have done well with receiving a great deal of PRs and meeting their goals. Other new members of the golf team include Eve Corkwell, Leah Brown, Averil Petty, and Tressa Renner. These ladies have flourished during the season considering it is their first year.

The girls will prepare to take the win this Saturday at the ACAC match in Celina, Ohio at the Celina Linx.

South Adams has been the only school to defeat the Lady Tigers this season by one stroke. The lady golfers have a great chance this year to win their first ACAC championship.



They Have Fun, They Run, and They Get It Done

by Jude Baumgartner

The boy's cross country team is doing well this year. So far this season, they have placed second at Oak Hill, and third at the Bob Dahl invitational at Norwell, the Bellmont invitational, and the Bi-county meet. Up front for the boys, they have the front runners consisting of Tyler Godwin, Sam Baumgartner, Jude Baumgartner, and Levi Johns. Behind them, there is Jackson Rockwell, Brett Kuhlenbeck, Griffin Linderwell, and Ayden Teeple all competing with each other for the final varsity spot. They are pushing each other hard and the varsity spots vary in almost every race. Next,

the team has Elija Robles, Dalton Rodgers, Jonah Cole, Owen Lesh, and Manning Wutz who all have already run PRs this year or are running new season best just about every meet.

At Norwell, this year Ayden and Elijah both ran personal record (PR) in the first meet. The Bluffton Boys finished 3rd out of 11th.

The second race of the year was Belmont, Sam, Jude, Levi, and Griffin ran season-bests (SB). Also, Jackson Jonah and Owen ran PRs. The Bluffton boys finished second out of nine teams bringing home a plack for Bluffton.

At Oak Hill, they had a

great race; almost everybody on the team ran season bests or PRs. The season bests were Tyler who got 5th, Sam who got 12th, Jude who got 17th, Levi who got 19th, and Griffin who got 84th. Brett, Ayden, Jackson, Manning, Owen, and Dalton all ran PRs. A couple highlights of the Oak Hill meet were Tyler breaking 18 minutes, and Brett breaking 20 minutes. The boys got third.

Next was the Bi-County invitational, where the boys got third again. Up front was Tyler and Sam on a team together getting 2nd, and Jude and Levi getting 4th.

Next was Griffin and Brett placing 18th. Ayden and Jackson got 20th. Elijah and Manning got 28th, and Dalton and Owen got 31st. The boys have had a great start to the season and hope to finish it stronger.



Running Together and Getting The Victory

by Amarah Robles and Bailey Yates

The girls cross country team recently hosted a meet. The girls competed against Norwell, Southern Wells, Bellmont, Adams Central, and South Adams. Leading the girls was the duo Gabrielle VanCamp and Dakota Lee. They placed 13th together. Annika Linderwell and Alydia Bertsch came in right behind, placing 14th. As a team, the girls were not able to place due to the lack of teammates able to participate.

Prior to the Bi-County Conditioner, the girls have also participated in invites at various schools, the first being Norwell. The Bob Dahl Invite was a great way to kick off the season. At the front of the pack for Bluffton,

Annika Linderwell, came in at a time of 25:37. Behind her was Gabrielle VanCamp

running at a time of 26:00. Dakota Lee finished a minute behind with a time of 27:01. Then with a 28:21 minute finish came Amarah Robles. Finishing up for the Bluffton girls, with a time of 29:52, Alydia Bertsch.

The second invite the lady tigers have participated in was Bellmont. At this meet multiple girls either got a personal record or a season-best time. Having the best time of the night from the Lady Tigers, Annika Linderwell ran a 25:43. Then with a PR of 25:54, Gabrielle VanCamp came in second for the tigers. Amarah Robles, running a personal best time of 26:24, came in third for the tigers. Dakota Lee finished right behind her at 26:27, a personal record. Alydia Bersch also

having a great night, ran a season best coming in at 27:02.

A few days later, the lady tigers ran at the Oak Hill Invite. Having a hilly course, rough terrain, and high temperatures, this meet was especially difficult for the tigers. Persevering, Dakota Lee hit another personal best (25:12), leading the tigers. Alydia Bertsch then finished with a season best time of 26:32. Third in the pack for the tigers, Amarah Robles ran a 27:26. Finishing up for the girls was Gabrielle VanCamp and Annika Linderwell, running a 27:55.2 and 27:55.7 respectively.

The heartbreaking Manchester course proved difficult for our lady tigers. Out due to prior injuries and illness,



Gabrielle VanCamp and Amarah Robles cheered on their teammates from the side of the course. Now down to three runners the tigers continued on. Annika Linderwell ran a season best time of 24:53. Behind her with another personal record came Dakota Lee with a 25:09. Alydia Bersch did not finish this course although trying her hardest.

The girls next meet is held tomorrow at Indiana Wesleyan University starting at 11:25 AM. Come on out and support your Lady Tiger's cross country team!

September 9, 2022

Setting Up the Season

by Bailey Yates

The girls varsity volleyball team started off this season on a losing streak, but are coming back by winning against Marion and Manchester. Maryn Schreiber led the tigers against Marion with 13 kills and 1 block. Helping in sweeping the Marion Giants, Emma Baumgartner had 14 assists. The JV Tigers also defeated Marion with the help of Konley Ault with 9 kills and 5 digs, Lexi Grady with 11 assists, and Haddie Yergler with 5 aces.

Manchester, on the other hand, was a hard fought match ending in a win for the tigers. In the 5 games that night, Lauren Reiff led with 14 kills. Haley Gibson also assisted her fellow lady tigers with her 36 assists and 8 aces of the night.

Football regrouping after first game

by Aldon Zoll

The boys varsity football game at a halt for football team of Bluffton the home team of High School has started Manchester. The seven the season 1-2. touchdowns were scored by A.J. Streveler, Braxton Betancourt, Khame Moore, and Anthony Cruz, did not score a touchdown. Hunter Wenger.

The Tigers played at home against Northfield. The team unfortunately did not score a touchdown. The Tigers recorded 51 tackles total, and junior Alex West led with 11.5 tackles. The final score was 21-0 to hand BHS its first loss of the season. 50-35 defeat to the Bluffton rebounded to beat the Manchester Bluffton returns to football team on Aug. 26, action tonight at The 2022. The Tigers won the game with a final score of 42-14. With a total of a dominating seven team touchdowns finishing the



2022-23 NFL Season Preview

by Lauren Mann

Last night, the 2022 NFL Season kicked off with a very special game. Reigning Super Bowl Champions, the Los Angeles Rams, hosted the Buffalo Bills. The last meeting of these two teams was on September 26, 2020, and the Bills got the victory with a score of 35-32.

Following last night's Seahagame, it will be a jam packed NFL weekend with fourteen Sunday games and one Monday night game to start week one out of 18 with a bang.

ESPN's Top 10 Teams

10. Philadelphia Eagles
9. Cincinnati Bengals
8. Baltimore Ravens
7. San Francisco 49ers
6. Green Bay Packers
5. Kansas City Chiefs
4. L.A. Chargers
3. L.A. Rams
2. T.B. Buccaneers
1. Buffalo Bills

My Top 10 Teams

10. Minnesota Vikings
9. Denver Broncos
8. Seattle Seahawks
7. Pittsburgh Steelers
6. Cincinnati Bengals
5. Buffalo Bills
4. Green Bay Packers
3. T.B. Buccaneers
2. Los Angeles Rams
1. Kansas City Chiefs

Serena Williams Retires from Tennis

by Avery Hunt

Serena Williams announces retirement to grow her family.

In Round 1 of the US Open Serena defeated Danka Konovic of Montenegro, 6-3, 6-3.

Then in the second round, she played Anett Kontaveit of Estonia and defeated her with a score of 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-2. the match ran 2 hours, 26 minutes.

Serena and her older sister Venus Williams played doubles against Czech duo Lucie Hradecka and Linda Noskova and lost with a score of 5-7, 4-6. This will most likely be Serena's last doubles match.

Serena was eliminated by Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic. The match set a tennis viewership record with 4.6 million viewers.



Fall Sports Teams 2022



Varsity Volleyball



JV Volleyball



Girls Golf



Boys Cross Country



Girls Cross Country



Football



Varsity Boys Tennis



JV Boys Tennis




Varsity Fall Cheer



JV Fall Cheer

Upcoming Schedule

Sept. 9	VFB vs. Woodlan @ 7 PM
Sept. 10	JVT @ Homestead @ 8:15 AM
	VT @ Madison-Grant @ 9 AM
	GG @ ACAC @ 9 AM
	XC @ Indiana Wesleyan @ 9 AM
Sept. 12	VT vs. Norwell @ 4:30 PM
	JVFB @ Woodlan @ 6 PM
Sept. 13	VB vs. Woodlan @ 6 PM
Sept. 14	VT vs. Ft. Wayne Luers @ 5 PM
Sept. 15	GG vs. Bellmont @ 4:30 PM
	VT vs. South Adams @ 5 PM
	VB @ Southern Wells @ 6 PM
Sept. 16	FB vs. Jay County @ 7 PM
Sept. 17	GG Sectional @ 9 AM
Sept. 19	VT @ Adams Central @ 5 PM
	JVFB @ Jay County @ 6 PM
Sept. 20	VT @ F.W. North Side @ 5:30 PM
	VB @ Adams Central @ 6 PM
Sept. 22	VT vs. Concordia Lutheran @ 5 PM
Sept. 22	VB @ Eastbrook @ 6 PM
Sept. 23	VFB @ Southern Wells @ 7 PM
Sept. 24	XC @ New Haven Classic @ 9 AM
	VB @ ACAC (Heritage) @ 9 AM



On the Banks of the Wabash



Marching Band Competition

Sat., Sept. 10
First band on the field @ 1pm
Bluffton performs at 5:05 pm

Location :
Fred H. Park Field
Please park in the middle school parking lot

Ticket Prices
Adults - \$8
Students/Seniors - \$5

Cash/credit accepted at gate & concessions

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Seniors! Submit your Senior Spotlight questionnaires to be featured on the @BHSNewsroom Instagram! The link can be found in the BHMSD tab on your Chromebook.

BANNER DECORATIONS

Monday, September 12th

- 3-5 PM
- FREE
- UPPER CEMENT SIDE OF THE GYM



BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL GAMES Night

Wednesday, September 14th

- Games at 6:00
- Live Entertainment
- 9:00 PM
- Free Food & Drink

Kickball, Bat Race, and more



BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL TAILGATE

SEPTEMBER 16TH

START TIME: 1:30
AT THE PARKING LOT
- FREE -

COME PLAY

- CORNHOLE
- SPIKE BALL
- 9 SQUARE



BLUFFTON STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

homecoming DANCE

FEATURED ARTIST
JERRY BERGHOFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
11:00 PM - 1:00 AM

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