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Farewell Class of 2023

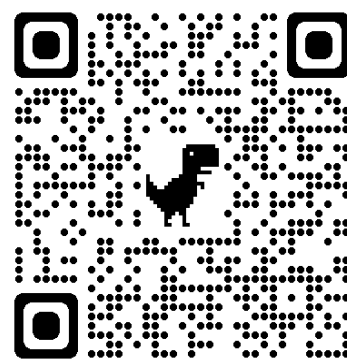
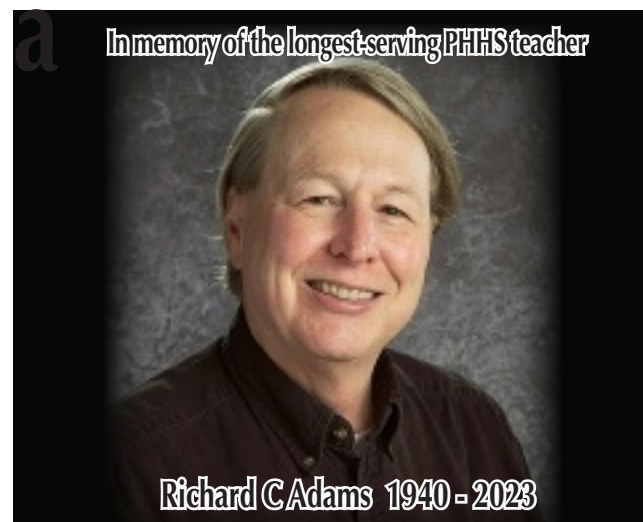
Billies celebrate busy spring with triumphs on the field and a loss off. With the Jazz Band taking the State Title and all teams heading into tournaments PHill was in the thick of athletic achievements. PHHS continued the return “normal” with a celebration of Springfest marked by a rousing and tight duel between staff and seniors in basketball. Early on the cheering students aligned themselves with the plucky staff who continued to battle back against the athletic seniors. Floor heroics by the ageless Joe Neill and the silky moves of newby, Caleb Wilson, brought

the students roaring to life. Despite a last-minute three-pointer launched by Mr. Neill, the seniors prevailed 49-48. But it may have been a pyrrhic victory as the student body celebrated a thrilling game. Then other contests proceeded outside with Powder Puff football, boys volleyball and more. The weather was perfect!

Recently we learned that 50-year science teacher, Richard Adams died of a heart attack. Mr. Adams was brilliant at so many fields and an inexhaustible raconteur of interesting facts. His dry wit and imperial demeanor could be intimidating but he attracted kids who might have been called

“nerds” but probably now run million dollar start ups. His cluttered classroom holds all kinds of science experiments and tricks. His love for learning extended to history, literature, music, physics, foreign languages, and calligraphy. Teaching was his passion and his vocation.

In recent years he battled Alzheimers and readily admitted to his Prosopagnosia (an inability to recognize faces). Still he savored hooking students with a kaleidoscope of facts and then to top thing off, he loved to write people's names in calligraphy.



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Working Students: Where to Start?

by Carson Bernardo

Everyone needs a job at some point, whether right after school, college, or intertwined with either. It's hard to juggle a full-time job and school at the same time, without one conflicting with the other. Having to be absent from school to attend work, and being absent from work to catch up on school can make both experiences miserable. But why not have both a job and school? That's where summer jobs come in. You don't have to worry about school over the summer, and typically the most you would have to do in an average student's summer is go on vacation.

A summer job is exactly what it sounds like; going to work over the summer. When Late August–Early September comes around, you get released and back to school for you. For students, this is an option to make money as a student and gain work experience for the future. Summer jobs can range from working at local businesses to even working at the school.

I worked at PHHS this last summer as a “tech intern”. Along with two other students, I had the task of preparing the tech around PHHS for the 2022-2023 school year. This included cleaning Chromebooks, swapping out projector filters, etc. Hours were Monday-Thursday, 9-2. I got paid \$13.50 an hour, and I gained valuable work experience including work ethic, time management, and thoroughness. This experience will take me to bigger and better jobs in the future.

If you, the reader, are interested in possibly working this summer, then I would recommend looking at local job postings or even looking at what the school is offering through the daily announcements. Ms. Kathy Duvall has several job opportunities and is eager to help students. Any job is a great starter job, and it helps to aim you to what you want to do in the future.

In the last issue of the Billie Bulletin, I wrote about blocked sites on Chromebooks. You all listened to what I had to say (although not all of it since it, unfortunately, got cut off midway through...), now it's your turn. If there are any blocked sites I didn't mention last time you read from me, you can scan this QR code below to be sent to a Google Site to fill out a form about any websites you think are unjustly blocked. Please be reasonable with your request, as if a site gets a certain number of requests, it has an opportunity to be sent to the Administration to be put in for review on being unblocked.



Blueberry Business

by Aurora Brott

Blueberries have a fruity flavor, just sweet enough to not need sugar. Imagine, fresh picked blueberries straight from the farm, eating them by the handful on a hot summer day. You won't have to daydream for long around here!

Blueberry season is just around the corner. At the Adkins' Blueberry farm, you can pick buckets of blueberries and pay by the pound! If you don't feel like picking, you can get some freshly pre picked! The blues come ripe in July.

On July 15th, the 12th annual Blueberry Festival will be held at the farm. It's the talk of the town! There will be: live music, food vendors, shop vendors, branches from each military, and more! The blueberry festival is a fundraiser, and all donations from the festival will go directly to CASA of Lane County! Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a group of people who provide a powerful voice for abused and neglected children. They volunteer to work and prevent children from being re-abused and move them to a safe home.

Now envision getting paid for selling blueberries. That's easy money! You won't have to daydream for long. This summer the Adkins Blueberry Farm is looking for employees. They are looking for motivated, people-friendly, outgoing workers to work in the shed doing sales and customer service. Some heavy lifting required. Business hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8-5 and Sunday 12-4.

For the past 22 years, the farm has been run by Bryce and Erron Mertz. The farm was built by Bryce's grandparents in 1983. That's four generations that have worked at the farm.

I would highly recommend checking out the Blueberry Festival! And getting to know this wonderful family and their farm, while bringing in a little bit of cash. Find them at 85995 Gossler Rd Eugene.

To inquire about a job at the farm, email Brycemertz@hotmail.com.

Optimistic VS Pessimistic

by Andrew Taylor

Are students nowadays more pessimistic than in the past?

It seems the media, and public sensibility says that this generation is more pessimistic, but is that true? I gave multiple students around the school surveys about if they're more pessimistic or optimistic, and the results contradict conventional wisdom.

It seems students are optimistic about the future, but why are they so optimistic? The general consensus for optimistic people was if you're not optimistic, good things will never come, so why not hope for the best.

While for the pessimists the essential approach was “nothing matters, and everything is terrible so why try?” 33% were pessimistic while 67% were optimistic, out of 12. I suppose people are looking forward to the future I asked students how being optimistic or pessimistic affects them.

Optimistics said optimism enhances their outlook on life. take chances. Pessimistics said they're more cautious, and don't really care about anything.

Being pessimistic makes you take fewer chances, and obviously leads to unhappiness. Being optimistic makes us take more chances because everything in the end will be ok.

What is Asian American & Pacific Islander Culture?

by Josie Heacock

Did you know that different months of the year celebrate different cultures? For example, in February we celebrate Black History Month and in March, we celebrate Women's History. But in the month of May, we celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

When people hear about Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, they might not know what it really means. AAPI month is a chance to celebrate the contributions and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions in sports, cinema, writing, as well as engineering and medicine. Even politics have seen the contributions of AAPI. In the film world, AAPI people, stories, and traditions have become more important with Bong Joon Ho. Bong Joon Ho is a South Korean director who won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2019. He also created the first Asian superhero, Shang-Chi.

In the literature community, authors such as Grace Lin and Kelly Yang have been advocates for diversity in children's books. Grace Lin is recognized as a Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling. Some of her books include Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, Dim Sum for Everyone, and When the Sea Turned to Silver. All of them tell beautiful stories of different Asian folklore, culture, and heritage. Kelly Yang is the winner of the 2019 Asian Pacific American Award for Literature and Amazon Best Book of the Year among many others. Her famous Front Desk Novels tell the story of a girl who helps her parents run a motel and learns to deal with the racism in her community.

The K-Pop industry is one of the largest music industries in the world! Some of the more popular bands include BTS, Blackpink, Stray Kids, etc. A lot of people, however, don't know that K-Pop bands are based in Korea, or the fact that they can sing in both English and Korean. K-Pop is a huge part of Korean culture along with K-Dramas. Treat yourself to some good music and movies by watching and listening to K-Dramas and K-Pop.

Asian American and Pacific Islander culture includes some of the most diverse and beautiful cultures. The term “Asia” actually refers to 48 separate countries and “Pacific Island” includes 15 different islands. Asian American and Pacific Islander culture doesn't just mean one specific country. It refers to all of the cultures, heritage, and people that make up this region.

AAPI Month is a way we can recognize and celebrate this distinctive culture that I, as a Korean American, am proud to be a part of.

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Working with kids who need help

by Kyra Bebb

Working with behavioral and medically fragile kids is interesting and demanding. I know. This is what my family does.

Sure you can buy books on how to help and how to understand the kids but those never work. They're just not realistic.

Those books seem to suppose that your kids have the same issues or have gone through the same things, but that's impossible!

Sure your kids could have the same disease or mental condition but they are not the same. And you also have to remember they are still kids, not clones.. They learn from those around them.

My second youngest brother looks at how my third youngest brother reacts to certain things and then repeats those actions even if they are not good. Each kid has different things that trigger them.

When we meet people who have never dealt with medically fragile, behavioral, or kids who look different on the outside like a wheelchair, hearing aids, etc, it's kind of embarrassing. Some people treat my kids like they are stupid or they will never be able to do anything. My oldest brother has autism but he still makes his bed and puts his laundry away.

Does he need help with some things? Yes.

But that doesn't mean he's useless.

Or when my second youngest brother goes up to random people anywhere we go. These people often open up their arms which encourages his behavior. They think it's fine, but realistically it's not ok. It's not OK for the kid when you're trying to teach them stranger danger. Well-meaning strangers may show the kid that if you go up to random people and touch them, hug them, or get in their space they will be nice.

I always get really embarrassed when he does that. I apologize and kinda explain the situation. It's reassuring for me when they say “it's ok.” But when we pick my brother up, we move away and say “it's fine,” he can do whatever. That is not the safest experience for the kid.

Consider when we go out into public and kids stare and the parents are like “stop, don't do that, or let's go this way instead.”

Really?

Medically fragile kids are humans. Why do some people act as if a strange kid touches them, they will get what they have? When we talk about how it is at home it's always so complicated to explain to people that one kid might be crying because you told him “no, you can't eat that.” Then you have another kid hitting you, then another kid crying because the one kid is trying to hurt them. Then two out of two kids might be crying. I have to figure out how to calm those two kids while also trying to help resolve the other situation.

Although there are a lot of rough days there are also good days too. Some people ask me “if you could, would you ever change what your family does?”

I have thought about it and my answer is “no.” I would never change what my mom does, what life is like for me. One reason is that this life is all I have ever known. Two, I think about where those kids could be if not for our home. Every time I have a slight wish my life could be different, I consider how rough our kids lives could be without us then my thoughts instantly change.

We are the only stable thing in their lives. We are the only ones loving and caring for them. We are the only ones trying to help them.

My life is crazy and busy but I wouldn't change my home for the world. I wouldn't be the person I am today without our kids. I think my life is hard then look at them and have a new source of motivation.

They are my rock. They are why I strive to do my best, to create a world where we focus on their needs and the kids' needs alone.



8th grade perspectives

by Anna Crawford, Siena Shaddon & Ellie Thebo

Have you thought about all the great memories and stories you might have had in middle school? We collected 8th grade students' favorite and least favorite memories about their last year in middle school. We also asked how they feel about going into high school next year, and their responses might surprise you!

As we were interviewing students, a common response was that they were scared or nervous to begin high school—but why?

"I'm not excited, it's scary, I don't want to have that many responsibilities," said Teagan Roche.

"I'm just excited to get away from the 6th graders," said Aurora Brott.

Some students responded that they were scared to go into high school because of how much school work there seems to be and that it might be harder to keep good grades.

A few girls have shared their concerns about negative comments and body language about their looks from older students.

But others think that it will be exciting and they are happy to try new classes. Some people were excited to go into high school, like Laynie Reed and Sarenity Peters.

"I'm excited for the new classrooms, and more learning opportunities," said Sarenity, "I'm just excited to get out of middle school," said Laynie.

A repeated response we gathered was that students enjoyed that grades weren't as strict. Also reward trips and concerts were a fun time and were great for making memories. Along with extra curricular activities, 8th grade students enjoyed metal shop, math, and the amazing teachers they got to have.

Although there were many things that students loved about this year there were also a few

things that they didn't enjoy. 8th graders did not appreciate being unable to choose what classes they are in; the amount of school drama, and a common reaction was having to run the mile in P.E.

Regardless of what we 8th graders like and dislike, we are heading into high school soon and we are going to be exposed to new opportunities and new people.

The Silence: Racism in Pleasant Hill

By: FS

"One day our descendents will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings."

-Franklin Thomas

"Well, I'm not racist."

Many people say this in response to comments about racism in our country. Ask just about anyone and this is a backstop statement. In most cases and according to one definition of racism, that is technically true.

But there is more to unpack regarding "being racist."

This is but one of the many excuses used to justify behavior that makes life even harder for people of color in our community to simply live their lives without fear.

The official definition of racism by the Cambridge English Dictionary is 'the belief that some races are better than others, or the unfair treatment of someone based on his or her race'.

Here is an additional definition of racism: 'Behavior or attitudes that reflect and foster this belief: racial discrimination or prejudice.'

Unfortunately, the issue of racism in our community and abroad goes deeper than skin. Racism is a perpetual part of our daily lives as Americans, whether we realize it or not, and the verdant grounds of Pleasant Hill are no exception. It can be subtle, but racism can manifest and metastasize into the way we act, the way we treat others, and the way we think about complex issues, as well as ourselves. It can come in many forms, from direct hatred to stereotypes that impede the way we connect with others, often without us realizing it.

Before we talk about how racism impacts us at school, what is race? Race is defined as 'Any one of the groups that humans are often divided into based on physical traits regarded as common among people of shared ancestry.' The main difference between race and ethnicity is that while race is based on physical characteristics (skin color, eye shape, etc.), ethnicity is based on culture and place of origin. (i.e, 'French or 'Swedish' as opposed to simply 'White') Here's an article discussing the difference between race and ethnicity:<https://www.dictionary.com/e/race-vs-ethnicity/>

Many of us have experienced racism at one point or another here at this school, from supposedly innocent name-calling involving the use of racially-charged language to outright hatred. The problem is, though, that many don't see this as an issue, or massively understate the danger in this behavior. The main perpetrators of this kind of language or behavior don't view what they do as hateful, instead they often view it as a joke, or in an attempt to be divisive.

The definition of prejudice is a 'Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience'. Prejudice sounds like a loaded word, but it's probably a lot closer than many of us realize.

Our entire lives, we are pelted with stereotypes and opinions about things, and these influences come from a variety of sources. Television, books, social media, and even the attitudes of the people around us can play a role in how we think. The culture we are surrounded by can have an immense role in how our beliefs develop, whether we're aware of it or not. We all have prejudices, and they can vary from the mundane to the extreme.

Another form of racism that tends to get people riled up, especially in the political climate following the death of George Floyd in May 2020 is **systemic racism**. Here's an article discussing systemic racism: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2021.01394>

This entry defines systemic racism, something that many conservatives reject, but it is worth explaining what it is, because some folks feel the system is stacked against them. People of color may feel that they face disadvantages that white folks do not. Like how the cost of housing is so high for poor people. Consider closer to home how high gas prices might make it expensive for people who like to drive giant trucks, so they blame gas taxes and feel that the liberals or Big Government has it out for them. They believe that the system is rigged against them.

Many people deny the influence of racism in our government system, but believe that the system is prejudiced against them, whether it be because of their political beliefs, their faith, or some other part of their identity. There is undeniable proof of racial bias in the law, even today. Racist language is generally being phased out across the United States, but much still exists in lawbooks and constitutions. There are some statistics regarding arrests and convictions that are commonly used against people of color, but these are largely ignoring the issues of class divide between racial groups, or the exact makeup of these convictions.

Now that we've discussed what racism is in an academic sense, how does it affect Pleasant Hill, and is Pleasant Hill racist?

The obvious literal answer is no, Pleasant Hill as an institution

is not racist. As a school in Oregon, it is held to a certain standard about the treatment of students and staff, and part of this includes protection from discrimination and equal access to education. However, the argument has been presented that the culture and environment of Pleasant Hill fails to prevent hate and prejudice, and allows for the spread of discriminatory behavior and ideas.

One factor that can add to this is the lack of diversity here—the overwhelming majority of Pleasant Hill is white, leaving people of color as a minority, and one that can often be ostracized or harassed by negative actors within the community. Another is the normalization of jokes and stereotypes from various sources, including social media. Many people will tolerate hateful language and behaviors when they're presented as a joke, or in a not serious manner. This is still a problem, as the toleration or enabling of stereotypes or derogatory names allows it to be propagated in our environment.

For an example, it would be useful to look at how Nazism spread in pre World War II Germany. First came a generalized belief that Jews were "auslanders" (outsiders)—people not committed to Germany. It was easy through religion and culture to see Jews as both foreign and sinister. Nicknames for Jews sprang up and were bandied about; jokes were common.

What common jokes about ethnic groups do is belittle such people and allow more cruel people to up the ante for entertainment and attention purposes, then conspiracies are spread in hard times. No one wants to accept blame for problems, as it's much easier to blame others.

After the disastrous loss in WWI, Jews and Marxists became whipping posts for master manipulators like Hitler. Then it was a small step to begin to see Jews not only as Auslanders, but enemies within. This is how racists use humor to begin the process of dehumanization.

Nearly every day here at Pleasant Hill, there are examples of these kind of 'jokes' being made, as well as other behaviors and attitudes that indicate a larger hostility. From casual use of slurs to comments and actions that come across as insensitive and derogatory, I consider racism to be alive and well in the culture of Pleasant Hill, even if the school itself is innocent as an institution.

While it is true that the majority of people do not participate, this kind of behavior from students going unseen or tolerated to any extent only makes life harder for people of color and other minorities in our community and reflects long-standing issues in our society itself—not only as Americans, but as Oregonians. All of us have our role to play in combatting racism.

Here are some anonymous quotes from students about racism at Pleasant Hill:

"I think it's just that people here don't really have experience around people who aren't like them, or what's acceptable to say. I don't think a lot of people here are really racist."

"Yes, I have experienced racism here. Not to the extreme, but I have heard racist jokes made about other kids. It honestly made me mad that this is how people treat others. It's also sad that this how people treat each other."

"I have seen many acts of racism through comments and 'jokes'. Every time I hear comments like that I feel disgusted by them and mad that derogatory speech is used so often at this school. I often hear racial slurs or stereotypes of races which are said with humor when they aren't funny at all. It's upsetting because it seems like no matter how many times things like this are reported, nothing changes."

"Almost everyone here is racist, whether they know it or don't. That's due to either not being taught about racism and the effects on others or just due to what they hear their parents say and repeat it."

"Yes, I have a friend and classmates that joke around about different things and think it is funny but it is not! It doesn't make me feel good when I hear those kind of "jokes", even though they aren't jokes."

"It makes me uncomfortable and like this school isn't a safe place or somewhere I want to be associated with."

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How to think about

RACE

by Jacqueline Pineda

Have you ever heard or been a part of a conversation where people were making comments or jokes about race? Did you object to those sorts of comments, knowing that they are wrong OR did you think they were funny and actually join in?

My guess is that you said "yes" to one of those questions. If you said "yes" to being involved with those conversations, then you may want to keep reading. Making bigoted comments in a group of people is NEVER okay and is NEVER funny.

There are ways you can change behavior that encourages bigotry by learning and listening to why certain comments are not okay and learning how you can approach discrimination.

First and foremost, actively listening to people who experience racism on a daily basis is crucial when learning about race. Hearing people of color's voices and feelings on how comments and "jokes" about their race or racial stereotypes affect them, is vital. Along with hearing from your peers, you can look to films, articles, books and documentaries that focus on bigotry, racism and discrimination.

Where have your biases come from? What do you think of people who are different from you? You may want to consider the community you grew up around and the ideas that were taught to you. Asking yourself why you think or say things that are harmful and hurtful toward a group of people can help you understand the reasoning behind your actions.

Although your actions may be thoughtless and aren't necessarily geared with bad intentions, they can have a lasting effect on an audience. By taking a step back and reflecting on why you make the comments or jokes that you do, you may understand the weight of your actions better.

It is never too late to recognize that you want to learn and change going forward. It is okay to acknowledge that you may be in the wrong. Everyday is a new opportunity to make small improvements.

No one should have to feel uncomfortable in their environment due to ignorant or hateful actions from others.

Here is a simple test: How would you feel if others were constantly making comments about a core part of your identity?



Riley Summers

I will: No one.

Favorite Memory: Hanging out with friends

Confessions: Don't have any.

Legacy: Friendship with people.

Prophecy/plans: Be well set in life and working a good job.

Landon Hawkins

I will: I will not come back to this school, if I don't have to

Favorite Memory: Don't have any

Confessions: Don't have any

Legacy: I have no legacy

Prophecy/plans: hopefully in 10 years I'll be alive

Jennah Kopperud

I will: my will to live to the incoming freshmen.

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is sleeping through my first period almost every day

Confessions: I confess to breaking the exit sign in the girl's locker room freshman year

Legacy: My legacy is being the swaggiest person to ever walk these halls

Prophecy/plans: My prophecy is to travel

Brasen Holliday

I will: nothin'

Favorite Memory: Junior baseball season when we went to the quarter finals, playing tennis with my buddies Adrian and Ian

I confess to: I confess that Ian saved the bus full of kids falling into the Willamette river freshman year with Adrian.

Legacy: My legacy is baseball

Prophecy/plans for the future: to stay alive and living

Adrian Arellano

I will: I will my Rizz to Landon Melvin

Favorite Memory: Playing tennis with my buddies Ian and Brasen. And High school soccer.

Confessions: I confess that I didn't save a bus full of kids from falling into the willamette river freshmen year. (It was Ian)

Legacy: My legacy is my Soccer abilities.

Prophecy/plans: In 10 years I will be done with school

Maddy Monteith

I will: I will my parking spot to Caleb Monteith

Favorite Memory: Covid break when I got to hangout at my friends houses for weeks straight

Confessions: I eavesdrop to all the drama being talked about by underclassmen in the bathroom

Legacy: Being Noell's best friend ever

Prophecy/plans: Hopefully be rich and away from everyone living my best life

Tyler Bahen

I will: My Parking Spot to Karley Bloxham

Favorite Memory: Hanging out in the library and playing Magic with Tyler. (The other one)

Confessions: I confess to NOTHING, YOU CAN'T MAKE ME SAY ANYTHING!

Legacy: My legacy is Alto 1 in Solar Jazz.

Prophecy/plans: I will be a software engineer.

Tyler Bernardo

I will: I will my tech support duties to my brother.

Favorite Memory: Hanging out in the library and playing Magic with Tyler. (The other one)

Confessions: I confess to barely doing any band practice during my second year.

Legacy: My legacy is my love for computers, and being a source of tech support.

Prophecy/plans: In 10 years I will be a software developer.

Balin Brown

I will: I will nothing to anyone.

Favorite Memory: Leaving this place.

Confessions: I confess to not knowing the names of most of my own graduating class that I have spent the last twelve years around.

Legacy: There will be no legacy, no memory of my time here.

Prophecy/plans: I will be as far away from this place as possible.

Trenton Neuharth

I will:I will leave nothing to no one

Favorite memory: rolling truck during lunch

Confessions: I like sh*boxes

Legacy: having the loudest truck

Plan/Prophecy: building fast trucks

Shyanne Fenley

I will:I will my parking spot to Bella Black, I will my athletics to my brother, and I will my hate for math to a kid who LOVES math.

Favorite memory: My favorite high school memory was the Dayton basketball tournament, where we stayed over night and made so many memories.

Confessions:The freshman softball team spray painted all of our opponent's schools rocks.

Legacy:My legacy is how I barely went to school my entire high school years and still graduated with a 4.03.

Plan/Prophecy:In 10 years , my plan is to be a registered nurse working in labor and delievey, married and have at least one kid.

Mason Buckley

I will: not give anything away

Favorite memoryAngela White's class

Confessions:I confess I like loud vehicular vehicles

Legacy:hitting a wall

Plan/Prophecy:workin' hard with fat money

Brooks Wilcox

I will:I will my height to Matt Nguyen

Favorite memory:Printng pictures of Smead and putting them in the hallways

Confessions:I confess to being the best basketball player in my grade

Legacy:My legacy is being a better basketball player this year and my notorious entrepreneurship

Plan/Prophecy:MY plans for the future are marathon running

Brennen Bell

I will: I will my Juice box suppliers to Braedon Hazel and to my juice box suppliers, I leave one big favor or a few small ones and my unending gratitude.

Favorite Memory: My favorite high school memory is all of it. If it wasn't for high school, I wouldn't be who I am today and I will really miss it.

Confessions: I confess that the wind that blew off the Frisbee from the roof when I was a junior was actually me. I was the wind.

Legacy: My legacy is my outrageous amount of free juice boxes I received on the daily. 6-10 everyday.

Prophecy/plans: In ten years I believe that I may be living under a bridge or living in my own house happily working the job I have always wanted to. there is no in-between.

Jillian Placko

I will: I will my parking spot to Jackson Weller.

Favorite Memory: Going home everyday after school.

Confessions: I confess to making a meme with Jennah of Mr. Jury next to Sid the sloth and it going around the school.

Legacy: My legacy is absolutely nothing.

Prophecy/plans: In 10 years, I will have 10 dogs and have a happy life as a dog mom.

Kelcie Goddard

I will: will my locker 666 to Mr. Meinzen.

Favorite Memory: Anytime that I wasn't at school.

Confessions: my confession is turning in a biology project that was actually a color edited background swapped version of Lorena's and still getting 100%.

Legacy: My legacy is overdrawing my lunch account.

Prophecy/plans: Being a rich Italian mafia boss.

Elijah Brenn

I will: I will my glorious hair to Noah Bernacki. Ethan Bahen and Levi Ross will inherit my unending rizz. I will my massive piles of gambling debt to Carson Bernardo.

Favorite Memory: Singing and playing piano at all our school's festivals and concerts.

Confessions: I confess to being mighty good looking, and to being a perfect human being in every possible way.

Legacy: I leave behind eternally traumatized pianos. That's it.

Prophecy/plans: I will keep playing and making music until the day I die, hopefully.

Liesel Everett

I will: I will my parking spot to whoever wants it

Favorite Memory: When I left sophomore year

Legacy: My legacy is non existent

Prophecy/plans: In 10 years I will be rich

Lorena Albright

I will: I will my collection of ice sculptures to Carson Bernardo and my mouse to Mr. Meinzen.

Favorite Memory: Watching El Internado in 7th period Spanish junior year and mourning the death of Alfonso.

Confessions: I confess to keeping track of my locker combonations over the years and opening other people lockers. I also confess to breaking Ms.Kays printer in 6th grade, maybe it was an accident, maybe it wasn't.

Legacy: My legacy will forever and always be take a nap on a boat. Prophecy/plans: In 10 years I will have lots of money, cats, and a cutie little house.

Lena Daniel

I will: I will my incredible music taste to Mr. Meinzen. I will my love for the Spanish TV show El Internado to Mrs. Watne.

Favorite Memory: Anything with Lorena and Kelcie cause we are hilarious.

Confessions: Skipping 5th period TA to go to Torero's with Lorena and Kelcie.

Legacy: my swag

Prophecy/plans: I will be rich, living with my cat, Phin.

Kaia Taylor

I will: I will my ways with teachers to get extra credit and get out of class to Bella Black

I will my ability to show up to school at least three days a week to Sophie Longworth

I will my painting skills to Raigan Obie because

I will my ability to be rude to people I don't like to Gabby Roper

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was ...

Confessions: I stole a jolly rancher from Neill every Monday so I didn't have to try on the kahoot

I made the middle school science seating charts.

Prophecy/plans: In ten years I will be rich.

Brazen Ellis

I will: My lineman skills to Dom, we all know he needs them. My skills with the bowstaff go to Camble. (He'll understand)

Favorite Memory: Wrestling and other sports but mainly wrestling

Confessions: Nice try.

Legacy: I leave the coolest yota title to Caleb. Camble can buy my spot when he wants to, I'll allow it.

Prophecy/plans: Hopefully a plumber/pipefitter with Tuff being old and calm and listening to me.

Gavin Hoellrich

I will: I will my ability to run in wrestling practice to Jace Harris.

Favorite Memory: Dance battles in football locker room.

Confessions: I confess that google translate did all my Spanish 2 assignments.

Legacy: My legacy is football jersey #7 and being the most out-standing senior wrestler

Prophecy/plans: In ten years I will be in crippling student loan debt.

Chase Smith

I will: Nobody. Not I don't will it, I want no one else to have it.

Favorite Memory: When I left.

Legacy: I am so annoying I have ingrained myself into every single person I have interacted with in this school.

Prophecy/plans: Not here.

Marc Griffiths

I will: the ability to rizz up any and all substitutes

Favorite Memory: skipping periods to go to chicken bones with the boys

Confessions: I confess my dislike to all the kids who act gangster and ghetto, just be country like everyone else, you live in Springfield not L.A.

Legacy: I leave my legacy of being everyone's favorite little Mexican

Prophecy/plans: somewhere hot and surrounded by fire

Allie Bennett

I will:I will my commitment issues and driving abilities to Kyra Hill

I will my ability to turn assignments in late, and still get full credit to Erin McAllister

I will my preparedness to, Caleb Monteith

Favorite memory:My favorite high school memory is, our parking lot hangouts after all of us are done for school but we have to wait around for games, practice's, or other events. During these times are when some of my best memories were made and the best conversations were had.

Confession:I know too much, I can't say anything! :))

Legacy:My legacy is wearing leggings and a sweatshirt with a messy bun pretty much everyday of the week.

Prophecy/plans:In 10 years, I hope to have a couple years in my career field, and ready to settle down and start a family in a sunny warm place!

Kiley Campos

I will:I will my parking spot to Mrs Katherine Dutton

Favorite memory:going to state 3 times

Confession:I confess to spray painting every schools rock in our league

Legacy:my legacy is having the most drip to ever walk through these halls

Prophecy/plans:in 10 years I see myself hopefully married if not already had one kid

Zach McGuire

I will:I will my parking spot to Caleb Montieth, I will my life choices to Taylor Gielish, I will my skills too Caleb Montieth, I will my driving skills to Lydia, I will my time in the office to Colton Kaiser.

I will my skill to install a door to Kyra Hill
 Favorite memory:Bonfires with the boys, racing motocross, late night drives with the boys
 Confession:I confess to getting through school simply because of Clarissa
 Legacy:My work ethic, thankfulness to Clarissa, Motocross, Jack of all trades
 Prophecy/plans:BE an Electrician still racing motocross
Chelsea McAllister
 I will:I will my way with keys to Karley Bloxham
 I will papa smurf to Erin McAllister
 I will Piper Fisher money for lunch
 I will my mom abilities to Kendall Carey
 I will Jayden Heffron the ability to graduate
 I will Skylar King my phone charger
 Favorite memory:My favorite high school memories was being the football team manager and the snow ball fight between the base-ball and softball team headed to Sisters
 Confession:Don't ever talk to younger guys... go for the older ones
 Legacy:I will leave my A in every math class I took behind
 Prophecy/plans:In 10 years I will hopefully be rich or at least married to someone rich

Blake Richardson

I will:I will my positive thoughts to the office Mrs.D
 Favorite memory:the dance battle with Garret Brown and Gavin Potter
 Confession:I let the run away middle schooler hide in my truck bed
 Legacy:IDK
 Prophecy/plans:In 10 years I will be still be looking good and feeling good

Garett Foglio

I will:I will a couple inches to Hunter Drews so he doesn't have to be short.
 Favorite memory:All of the snow runs and the mountain trips with buddies.
 Confession:I confess to having nail gun fights in wood shop.
 Legacy:I leave behind my ability to make people laugh and leave my brother to carry it on.
 Prophecy/plans:My plan after high school is to get my CDL and be a lineman. Travel around to different jobs, wherever the work takes me.

Morgan Perkins

I will: I will my driving skills to Lydia Whitney, I will my sarcasm to Nate Curtis , I will my common sense skills to Kyra Hill
 Favorite memory:Being on the cheer team, going to get Dutch with my friends on our off periods and sitting in student section cheering my friends on
 Confession:I confess to being late more then twice a week to a class
 Legacy:Being able to wake up at 6:30 and still be late to my first period
 Prophecy/plans:Working full time in the ER as phlebotomist and EKG tech

Jazzie Valencia

I will:I will my happiness to Mr Gardner
 Favorite memory:back when we played corn hole, spike ball, and had a bbq in the parking lot and Mr Fisher came out and played with us.
 Confession:I confess to partying on school nights all the time
 Legacy:my legacy is being Steve Smith's favorite student
 Prophecy/plans:I plan on being rich

Isaiah Leishman

I will:i will my driving skills and parking spot to Carl
 Favorite memory:classified information
 Confession:parting on schools nights when I'm single
 Legacy:my legacy is being called pablo because I'm Mexican
 Prophecy/plans:in 10 years I see myself being very stable with my money and having all the cool toys

Adrian Arellano

I will:I will my ball handling skill to Hunter Allen (in basketball)
 Favorite memory:high school soccer, and playing tennis during 3rd with Ian and Brasen
 Confession:I confess to seeing Ian Vanderlip save a bus full of kids from falling into the Willamette river.
 Legacy:my soccer skills
 Prophecy/plans:in 10 years I will be 27

Dakotah Johnsen

I will:I will my cows to anyone but Garret Foglio
 Favorite memory:Hunter calling me to tell me he is in the office for riding on the hood of a car
 Confess:What is your legacy at PHHS?
 All my FFA banners I won for Angela
 Prophecy/plans:In 10 years I will be living on a ranch, running a cattle breeding business and working in the hospital as a labor and delivery nurse

Hunter Drews

I will: my locker whatever number it is to John Doe
 Favorite memory:getting in trouble for dumb things
 Confession:I instigated the fight between Travis Bushnell and Tracy
 Legacy:red triangle in Kahoot
 Prophecy/plans:In 10 years I will be running hundreds of head of cattle on my ranch and having 2 club calf sales a year putting on cattle jackpot shows with my wife and 3 kids starting to show cattle

Autumn Smith

I will:> I will my "senior wisdom" to the new 9th graders coming into high school, and those who just need the advice in general.
 ~ I know people always shove the importance of grades in your faces, but they never tell you how to combat the resulting motivation loss when you mess up or when things get too difficult. Whether it be a test, an assignment, or life itself, I'm sure you've wanted to give up on something before. My advice is, don't let the challenges drag you down too much. You're only human and it's impossible to be perfect at everything you do. Take breaks, don't overwhelm yourself because that will only cause harm. Pace yourself accordingly, but don't procrastinate because that can cause similar issues. If you are not feeling well mentally, then it's time to pause and help yourself, either by asking for help or trying a new way to work; you simply can't be efficient if you aren't feeling motivated. Don't be afraid to ask for help or extensions on assignments. You have a life outside of school, sometimes deadlines just don't work for you. Lastly, enjoy your high school years. I never understood when people told me that before either, because I always hated homework and waking up all those mornings to get on the same loud bus rides (=v=), but I realize now, it's because leaving school is a big change, and comes with a load of responsibilities.
 Favorite Memories:> Getting "married" at the gazebo to one of my friends.
 > Making new friends this year upon returning to public school.
 > Receiving several cards, and a combined gift, my 9th grade year from my vocal class. [This was my year of illness, it made me incredibly happy]
 > Receiving a blessing this year from Ascensions. My classmates came together to come up with funding for the choir trip to Reno and my mic# sweater because of my financial situation at home. I am forever thankful to them for it, it means a lot. [I even cried after hearing the news]
 Confession:> I confess to never having a significant other.
 > I confess to never having eaten at Chipotle, Chick-fil-A, Panera Bread, KFC, or Popeyes [Potentially several more]> I confess my love of singing ^^
 What is your legacy at PHHS?
 My legacy is my love for the people around me and my odd humor. I really like all of the teachers and staff I've met over the years -- even the substitutes -- and I've always found the most random things amusing.
 Prophecy/plans:> After high school, I plan to help my dad and grandma out more since they don't really have anyone else to take care of them. Both are disabled in their own ways.. I just like taking care of people.
 > I also plan on working for some kind of community service center as well, just do something in my free time to help out others or the environment. There's a pretty bad issue in the area I live with people littering on the side of the road, It's horrible to walk past.
 > Someday, perhaps in 10 years or less, I hope to potentially open up my own bakery which specializes in vegan goods. My mother is vegan and I like making sweets for her when I can.

Ian Vanderlip

Will:I will my speed to Landon Melvin.
 Favorite memory:My Junior soccer season when we went undefeated in league.
 Confessions:?
 Legacy:?
 Prophecy/plans:In 10 years I will be 10 years older.

Luke Templin

Will:I will my Spanish dancing skills to Jamon Heacock and Jack Perini
 Favorite memory:I don't know
 Confessions:I confess to taking a day off of school for no reason.
 Legacy:Asking a question that just got answered.
 Plans/prophecy:I don't know

Travis Gielish

Will: Steve my left arm
 Favorite memory:nothing
 Confessions:Nothing I walk on water
 Legacy:1 menace
 Plans/Prophecy:on a corner

Paige Schenfeld

Will:I will my hacky sack skills to Soleis Jones
 Favorite memory:playing hacky sack and spikeball whenever it's sunny out
 Confessions:I confess to learning more from brainly than zoom

sophomore year
 Legacy:idk
 Plans/Prophecy:in 10 years I will be travelling more and having fun

Cassidy Perkins

Will:I will my will to Will who will willingly will his will to Wilson
 Favorite memory:Classical choral festivals and free days in APUSH and AP Lit
 Confessions:I learned nothing from online biology
 Legacy:My legacy is petitions I worked too hard on and the music library (mostly) organized
 Plans/Prophecy:In 10 years I will be pregnant and barefoot in the kitchen.



Above, Steve Smith advises his students on building storage sheds. One project the wood shop worked on was supplying beds for kids and sheds for St. Vincent's.

Below, the Garden Club works on clearing weeds and planting kale in the veggie bed. The Club worked all year long to maintain the courtyard gardens. Members include, Robbie Casey, Ellie Epperson, Sophia Brock and Jacqueline Pineda.



Above: Jacqueline Pineda's NHS project displays PHHS history through the decades. Pineda researched and designed the display with funding from the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation. Below and on succeeding pages: meet the students who put together the Billie Bulletin AND the yearbooks.



Fleet, strong and determined: Track&Field

by Jack Perini

This year our Track and Field team put the “put” in shot put... scratch that. (But don’t scratch it from your events)

Bang! The gun fires, the smoke rises and the sprinters are off. A matter of seconds later and another race is done. Meanwhile across the field a shot put lands in a cloud of red dust.

This 2023 track season saw the return of many athletes of last year’s team as well as Head Coach Kevin Smead (sprints) and Coaches Beth Sprague and Michele Stowell (distance). However, new blood still came to us in the form of Coach Maxwell Jones (throws), and Coach Kristi (sprints), Coach McKenzie (hurdles).

Our team also saw the addition of many freshmen, who went on to excel in jumps, throws, distance, and sprints (the new kids on the block(s) if you will)...Also this year, many athletes have branched out and tried new things, whether it is throwers trying running or jumping or something else. Our athletes are striving to improve as a team—and individuals.

Another new thing that happened this year was that our girls four by four relay team took part in the Oregon Relays at Hayward Field. So far this season our athletes have competed in nine meets, many of which were in a double meet week, although this didn’t daunt our athletes.

The long practices —some in rain, snow, hail, unbearable heat, or even weekends or over Spring break have paid off, and nearly everyone on the team has broken one of their personal records.

On May 18 and 19 2023 Districts were held at Siuslaw High School in Florence, and then a week later State was/will be held on May 25 and 26, 2023 at Hayward Field.

Our program hasn’t fully bounced back from Covid yet. This is apparent when you see the small number of seniors (despite their leadership which is of paramount importance). Another handicap is the fact that we do not have a pole vault mat. Nevertheless our team has performed strong all year, because they practiced hard.



Brasen Holliday steps into the swing. Brasen had a knack for making things happen.



Pleasant Hill is only school to send all spring sports to the State tournament!



Karley Bloxham fires her pitch home in a season of domination as the Billies battered their hapless foes.



Caden Richardson slices his pitch frustrating the opposing batters inning after inning.



Paige Schenfeld soars over the bar in an easy clearing of an opening height. Paige was a multi event threat on the field.



Steven Gunn pushes Camble Ellis in their race. This year Camble became something of a breakout star.

Christopher



Billies BATtle their way to State

by Sari Strinz

Pleasant Hill’s varsity softball team and varsity baseball team have been fairly successful so far this year. The varsity softball and baseball teams records this year are impressive. Pleasant Hill is the 3A-4 Mountain Valley conference champs. Softball’s overall game outcomes this year are 21-6 overall. And they are 16-2 in the Mountain Valley Conference. The girls beat Glide in the tournament, but then were felled by Burns/Crane in the Quarterfinals of the State tournament.

Baseball’s overall game outcomes are 17-11 overall. They are 12-6 in the Mountain Valley Conference (currently in 4th place). The boys hustled into the State tournament falling only to Brookings-Harbor in the Quarterfinals, 8-2.

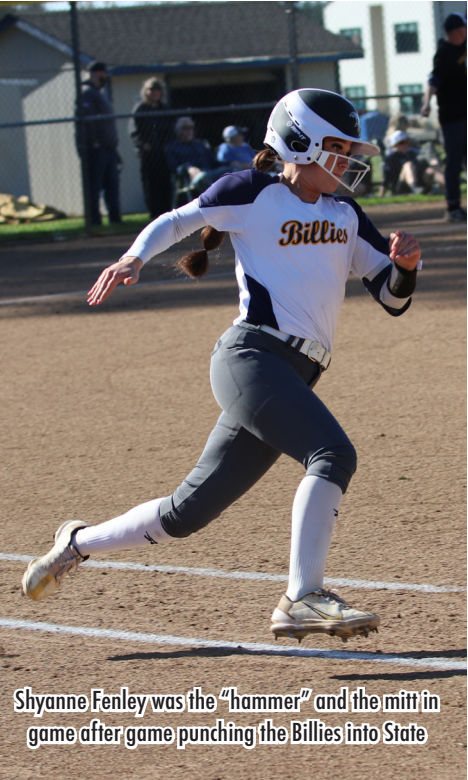
The Varsity softball coach this year is Steve Williams, and he said that, “This season has been interesting. Lots of rain and snow early on, which forced us inside a lot. All in all it’s been good.” Steve Williams is an experienced coach who has coached for many years and learned from many other coaches. Some advice Coach Williams would give to a future player/athlete after talking with many wise men and women is, “If you enjoy softball, give it a try! Lots of things change over the course of high school and life. Don’t have regrets in the future that you didn’t play sports in high school. Try as many different things as possible.”

Our varsity baseball coach, Johnny Bowden said in the “Creswell Chronicle” that the season so far has been pretty good and that “They get after it every single day, and the reality is that this is a good sign for us.”

Coach Bowden thinks of his team as “grinders.” And even though our varsity baseball team has lost a few games to some of the schools that are a little bit bigger than Pleasant Hill (4A schools), it is a good sign that they can keep up with them.

Both varsity coaches have a lot of experiences through their careers in both sports and both try their best to not only coach their kids on the field, but also coach them for their lives off the field.

As a Pleasant Hill athlete you should not only aspire to play well on the field, but to also be able to connect and work well with your teammates off the field.



Shyanne Fenley was the “hammer” and the mitt in game after game punching the Billies into State



Working Woman

by Kelcie Goddard

May 14th was my first day at my new job at McMenamins restaurant.

I have never had a restaurant job before and I haven't had a job at all in a couple months, so this was a change for me. I was trying to get a job for a long time but found it very challenging to get one. Applying for jobs on the app "Indeed" was not working out. It's not a very good resource and wasn't useful, because it wasn't getting me anywhere.

After not receiving any job opportunities from "Indeed" I decided to go into some places I wanted to work at and turned in my resume. I mainly wanted to work at either a coffee shop or a restaurant and McMenamin's was one place I really wanted to work at. So a couple weeks ago I decided to apply to jobs in person. I walked in with a positive attitude, a smile and gave them my resume. I really didn't think that I was going to get the job so I was prepared to keep looking for another opportunity.

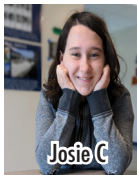
The day after applying I got a call from the manager at McMenamins asking to set up an interview. I was excited to get an interview but also very nervous because job interviews are scary. The interview was set up for the following day. I went into it thinking the questions wouldn't be too hard to answer. In fact some of the answers were a little hard to come up with on the spot.

After the interview I thought it went pretty well, but I knew there was still a chance I wouldn't get the job. But the next day I got a call offering me the job. I was very excited and felt relieved. I finally got a job after looking for so long. The whole process of the job was very fast, I got scheduled for an orientation the next day and received my schedule for the next two weeks.

A week later I finally had my first day. At first I was nervous and scared but after the first 30 minutes of my shift I wasn't so nervous. These first couple shifts are all training shifts and I have a really good trainer who is helping a lot. My first day was on Mothers Day, and it was also 95 degrees outside. So it was a busy and overwhelming day. Being a hostess, I have to learn where everything is, so I was told a lot of information that was challenging to remember. All the tables are numbered and it's hard to memorize which table is which. Certain sections have certain names in the restaurant. So learning that is also very challenging. I chose to work at McMenamins because I really liked the environment of the place and it was a chance for me to make a little extra money in tips.

Being a hostess includes a lot of responsibilities. I am tasked with greeting people, seating, bussing, and more. Being a hostess is challenging in many different ways. When seating people you have to sit in order going through all the servers. If I sit one server multiple tables then that overloads the server and the kitchen. I have to answer the phone, do to-go orders, keep the lobby clean, and sometimes bring food to tables if needed. As a host I'm always busy and there are a lot of tasks I need to do.

Overall I've only had two shifts so far and they have been going very well. I still have a lot more to learn but I am very excited to continue on with this job. I'm thankful for the trainer I have. She is fun to work with and I'm happy she is taking her time to teach me everything.



Josie C



Alex



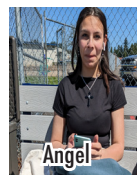
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Ellie



Angel

A look at members of the Class of 2023

by Ellie Epperson

Brasen Holliday has attended Pleasant Hill for a mere two years but that hasn't limited his influence or success one bit.



Holliday came to Pleasant Hill last year as a junior and is graduating this year. Brasen considers his best accomplishment to be just that: making it to his senior year.

Brasen's high school years have been filled with sports and activities. His favorite memory is "7th period speed and strength senior year." (why this?) He has been involved in multiple sports including football, baseball, basketball and tennis. Holliday is a natural athlete and quickly became integral to all of the teams he played on.

In addition to being a great athlete, Brasen is an excellent student.

"Brasen is dependable and hardworking. He is thoughtful in his daily work and asks great questions about topics we're covering in class. He always comes to school with a positive attitude and works well with others. He is a pleasure to have in class," said Mr. Neill, who teaches Brasen in History.

One of Brasen's defining moments was "making varsity baseball junior year."

His advice to students still in high school is "to have fun with it."

This summer Brasen has plans that also consist of sports. "[I'm] playing in a men's softball league. Probably [going to] try out for Legion baseball."

Brasen is also going to work, go camping and make lots of lake and beach trips.

After high school Brasen plans to go to college to play baseball and become a firefighter.

When asked what his hopes are for the first ten years after high school, Brasen said, "To have my own little house and a good paying job with a car."

by Rosie Paredes



Many may know senior **Adrian Arellano**, as a star soccer player who has spent years at Pleasant Hill and gained wonderful friends. Other than soccer he has more different passions that include tennis, basketball and being outdoors.

In 10 years he hopes to have his own house and a good job doing something he loves. Things he definitely will remember after high school are beautiful memories with his friends and memories playing soccer.

He also has three other siblings, something people might not know about him. When summer finally begins, he plans on working and spending as much time with his friends as he can before they all head off to college.

Through all his schooling years at Pleasant Hill he has become a better student, classmate, and even teammate.

by Alex Ramos Gutierrez



People often say that when you put in hard work, you'll see the results. I think that logic tracks...

Landon Hawkins is an amazing friend who isn't afraid to be himself. He is a funny guy. He drives a big red Chevy and he loves riding his 4 wheeler. In his 4 wheeler, he flies across the beach like a hawk. Landon will 100% ride this summer but besides having too much fun, he is responsible and is working too. Where does he work you may ask? He works at the friendly Pleasant Hill Feed Store.

Landon has changed over the last four years in that he put some muscle on and lost weight—definitely a good change.

And if we wanna go further into Landon's past we can't because he remembers absolutely nothing. But something we can know about Landon are his passions. Landon loves to work on his truck and his ATV. People know about Landon because he is really tall and funny, and for the next 10 years Landon's going to "be living life".

by Kelcie Goddard

Lena Daniel plans to work this summer and save lots of money to move out. She also plans to spend a lot of time with her two amazing friends Lorena and Kelcie.

Her plans for the summer include going to the lake, Taylor Swift concert, camping, getting ready to move out, and thrift a lot.

Lena has changed a lot over high school. She has become more of her own person with strong opinions. She has settled into her personality, and has grown as a person. Lena feels that she knows what she wants out of her life, with big dreams she wants to achieve. Lena has become very happy with the people in her life. #

A lot of people don't know who Lena actually is. People don't know her ambitions and her love for Taylor Swift and Harry Styles. She expects the worst but hopes for the best. Lena is extremely loyal and fiercely confident in her comfort zone.

In 10 years she will have her degree in journalism and communications. A bachelor's degree for sure and maybe a masters degree depends on whether she likes school. She hopes to one day own a business, and be financially stable.

She hates kids with a passion so definitely not in her future. She wants a dog and her cat phinkle. Lena will remember the teachers, Mr Meinzen, Ms Watne, Stacy Paszkiet, and more.

She says the teachers are the best part about the school. She will look back and remember all of the memories she made with her friends outside of school. Lena has learned that you are responsible for your own success and that there's always more to learn. Quality is better and quantity and if you don't listen to Taylor Swift then you can't be trusted.

by Camille Hicks

After graduation, **Brazen Ellis** plans to continue working and fitting in fun activities whenever possible. Some fun activities he enjoys at the moment are snowboarding, dirt biking, fishing, and shooting. Along with these, Brazen is working towards a career in the trades. He



hopes, in the future, to own some land, work on projects, and be a journeyman in his trade which currently is plumbing. When asked, "how have you changed over the four years at PHHS," Brazen responded, "I have found a closer group of friends and have tried to step up more in sports."

Brazen expects to remember sports and friends the most from his high school experience. Something that not everyone knows about Brazen is that he "enjoys being around other people—sometimes."

by Camille Hicks

Payton Wolbeck, for her last summer before college, is planning to prepare and hangout with friends. Out of her three years at PHHS, minus a fourth for early graduation, Payton expects to remember her junior(senior)



year the most, because of the friends and memories she's made. She says that most people don't know that she's a bookworm, her favorite book series at the moment is the Night Angel trilogy. Which is probably a little *spicy* if I had to guess.

Payton's current passions are (for the sake of the rest of us, not driving) art, music, and writing. She is going to LCC for art and creative writing, with hopes of someday becoming a successful business owner and owning her own tattoo parlor (I call dibs on being the first person she tattoos). She has drawn up several tattoos she's going to get when she turns 18, saying that tattoos are "fun."

Personally, I would say that Payton is an adventurous and dedicated person, willing to go out and work for what she wants, while also knowing how to have fun. We've done everything from acting like little kids with \$100 in a candy store to blasting Carrie Underwood on the way to the mall. She introduced me to "high school fun," with daily trips to the Darimart, horror movies at night (The Ritual isn't scary until you watch it IN THE WOODS), and laying on top of cars in the parking lot with the music on high.

How you become YOU after high school

by Lena Daniel



Throughout the four years of high school, teenagers become more independent as their personalities grow. However, the years following high school are arguably the most formative time in a

person's life. According to the Boston Children's Hospital, ages 18-25 are the years where humans form critical thinking skills and go through extreme cognitive and self development.

Whether you go to college, a trade, or the workforce after high school, you will change enormously. You find yourself in new environments surrounded by new people with different beliefs, opinions, personalities, and perspectives.

In this in-between period, you'll be faced with half the world expecting you to be an adult with everything figured out, and the other half believing you're still a kid and have nothing figured out. Some days you will feel certain in your choices and life path and some days you will have no idea where you are going. This is normal. All young adults face these issues.

Mr. Meinzen said that he became much more confident and passionate about things in college. He learned to love his friends and became more humble in his knowledge, understanding that he didn't know everything. "There will be twists and turns and the best thing you can do is be good and kind to people and curious about life," is Meinzen's advice.

After being asked how they changed after high school, a parent at PHHS responded, "After high school, I became far more independent working full-time and going to the university." They said the hardest lesson they learned was to detach from people who were causing drama or who were not true friends.

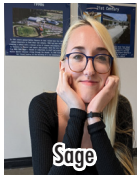
"I had to learn to tell the difference between people who had my best interests at heart and those who didn't."

They also added "I don't remember a lot of what I thought was so monumental at the time. You get past high school and you realize so much of it doesn't matter. The drama or hurtful things that seemed so bad at the time, really don't matter once you graduate. You realize it's just a moment in time in the scope of the rest of your life."

You don't need the studies showing the internal development that happens between the ages of 18-25 because you can see it. You've likely seen your siblings, family members, or friends change dramatically throughout those ages and you'll see it in yourself too. You might take on different political viewpoints, value different qualities in friends than before, or simply just change your mind about something minuscule. Nonetheless, something is going to shift in some capacity.

Graduating high school and having your whole life change is scary in one way or another. Make new friends, go to a new school, quit your job and get a new one. Fail then succeed then fail again. Move out and move back home. A million things are going to change at once and you are allowed to change your mind too.

As Taylor Swift once said, "You're on your own, kid, you can face this."



Clayton

Payton

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Kinders on High School

by Bella Malekzadeh

Most of us don't remember a lot from when we were in Kindergarten but we often wish we could go back to those easy times.

Those in kindergarten have big dreams about high school—although what they think of high school is a little different. A few students from Ms.Yates' kindergarten class think high school is "gonna be very cool."

River said, "In high school you get to do backflips because you're older!" Max said, "I am excited for homework!"

These kids in kindergarten are really excited about homework. Macie said, "You get to do lots of homework which means a lot of math!"

Other kids have a different view on high school. Phoenix is really excited about high school because "being in high school means you're a grownup." "I would really like to be grown up," she said. "In high school you get to be cool and a grown up."

Another plus of high school, according to Harlin, is you get to see more people. Macie says, 'there is only one recess.'

So, we know kindergarteners dream of high school being pretty cool and are really excited for the homework load but what do high schoolers recall about kindergarten?

Aurora Brott said "I really like how we could sleep and get free food. That was pretty cool. I definitely liked kindergarten more because you didn't have to worry about things." Ellie Epperson said, "I really liked the books we read and I liked kindergarten because my mom packed my lunches and it was easier. It was a pretty big jump from kindergarten to high school."

So even though most of us wish we could go back to the easy times of being in kindergarten, kindergarteners wish they could be in high school with the big kids.

by Alea & Abigail Blatch and Liesel Everett

We asked some questions of kindergartners on their views of what high school is like. It is true that several kinders had only the vaguest notions of high school fitting for a 6 year old, but their perspectives were cute and fascinating all at the same time?

Three of us, Liesel Everett, Alea Blatch and I went to Mrs. Yates' class and took two kids each to ask them a couple questions. These were the results:

What Do you think Prom is?"Promise people?"
"Promises to keep the toys out of their house!"
"During prom I will get a little smile, because a bunch of people will watch." --Max
Rowan-I have a cool dance.
Averee-You play a guitar.
"She said she wouldn't want to know what Prom is."-Delilah
Reagan - yes,would like to go because the beach

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Harlan - yes, because you like wearing your jeans
What is high school ?

Reagan - a big school, look forward watching rain
Harlan - its school, look forwards to crafts in highschool

What is your favorite thing to do on your free-time ?

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What sports do you like or play ?

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What do you think I do at school ?

Reagen - do projects,

Harlan - make crafts

Do you have a dream job ?

Reagan - being teacher because kids are nice and cute

Harlan - magician because I like Seeing magic tricks

Ward: Gonna be excited, And I am excited

" Singing"

"A famous singer "

What do you think graduation is ?

"Halloween! Christmas! Happy Birthday!"

"Big Ball at the Beach"

Max-You get to keep the hat, but not the gown.

Averee-I looked at my phone.

"So graduation is kind of like getting out of school but you got to go on to your adult life and you get to go find a job that you want. "

What do you think High school is all about?

"Math, No recess lots of math"

"Pickup lunch buddies!"

Max- "It was pretty big, but it wasn't that cool. They get pictures.

Rowan-It will be cool and it will be bigger.

Averee- It will be amazing. The whole class wins. Ward-pretty good. Going to have fun. But high school is harder. You live by yourself.

Kellen-Classes will be easy cause I'm going to learn a lot. High school will be harder in ways.

Grace- "we don't get to do recess"

Delilah- you get a really fun day and field"

"You get graduate stuff, you get called up and say something"--Marshall

"I am not in high school yet...but you get driving lessons."--Weston

"We don't get to do any recess."-Grace

"You do math...lots of math" --Zailie

"You super fun, maybe when you get home, you can play in the pool"--Paisley

"After high school, you go to college"--Clayton

What will you do when you are an adult?

Max-It will be really cool and fun. Like whoa! I will be an inventor.

Rowan-I am going to be a monster superhero. My power will be biting and scratching.

Averee-I will become maybe a kitty superhero. I will have pencil power. I will live in a pink house with a pink rainbow.

Ward-I want to be a police officer.

Kellen- I want to be in charge. Like the principal.

If you had to choose a dream pet what would you choose?

Tiny fluffy dog-blake

"German shepherd"

Are you scared for high school?

Grace - "I don't know"

Bodhi - "yes, I get super scared"

Is there anything you're excited for in high school?

Grace - "We hope that we will be all together, our group of best friends and we will have the same classes"

Did you know that we don't have recess in high school?

Bodhi - WHATTT?!

All these answers came with funny views and insights on what they think high school life is all about. But the best part about interviewing these kindergarten students was the excitement they got when they saw us. They seemed to enjoy being questioned as much as we enjoyed interviewing them.Below are more in-depth Q&A

Delilah - is six years old

What is prom?

She doesnt know what it is and she wouldn't want to know

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of school so graduation is kind of like getting out of school but you getting leave you you got to go on to your adult life and you get to go find your a job that you

What would like to do in the future?

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What do you what would you like to be in the future ?

a famous singer

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Blake - six and a half

What do you think high school is?

Cool

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By Josie Chevalier

Thomas Nichols

is a senior at Pleasant Hill who was described in his approach to Dungeons and Dragons as being "chaotic" Most other students also don't know about "what [he] act[s] like when [he's] angry." Despite this, he enjoys calming hobbies such as crocheting and fishing.

Over the past four years, Thomas says that he's become more social and that he'll be most likely to remember the people that he met.

Thomas is planning on working in construction once he's finished with high school. He also plans to "eat, sleep, game it out, and maybe swim a 'lil," over the summer.

"Very over-exaggerated in my free time, but that's just me," Thomas describes the feeling of being a senior.

Thomas Nichols has the potential to be either chaotic or calm, but has a collection of interesting hobbies and personal experiences.

By Sage Campbell

Cassidy Perkins, graduating senior, has quite the exciting summer plans. She is taking a trip to Hawaii with Eli Brenn. After her trip

she is going straight to a two week Stageland Family Youth Choral Academy at the U of O.

The rest of her summer will be spent teaching at dance summer camps for kids at the Identity Dance company and attending more classes at Hosanna Performing Arts.

Over her years at Pleasant Hill, she has grown more "tired". Her friend groups have changed immensely with her changing opinions, ideas, and passions.

Eli has been a consistent person in her life and she is grateful for him. Looking back on her years here, she will remember her time with the

Cassidy's current passions are dance, teaching, band and choir. What most people probably don't know about Cassidy is that she has never gotten her ears pierced.

She looks forward to her future, she plans to have a family and wants to keep busy with her future kids.

By Angel Calva

When people think of **Jacqueline Pineda**, they probably think that she's "quiet" and that she has great music and style. But of course, there's a lot people don't know about her.

Jacqueline has strong opinions and some of her passions include music and pop-culture. She hopes to focus on those passions in her future. Some artists she likes include Taylor Swift,

The Cure, Beabadoobee, and Wallows.

She will remember the most from being here at Pleasant Hill is Publications. She says that it has been her favorite class for the last four years,

"that class has been one of the few things I enjoyed while being at this school," said Jacqueline.

While being here she has changed quite a bit she says. Jacqueline has matured as a person and now has a better grasp on who she is. She still has a lot to figure out about herself within the coming years but she has developed a solid foundation of who she is and who she wants to be. In 10 years Jacqueline wants to be in a big city with some sort of journalism job and have a career oriented life with multiple cats. She also wants to be financially stable enough to go to concerts frequently.

By Payton Wolbeck

During her last ever summer break,

Natalie Ryan

plans to work hard, establish her career, and train her horse to enter the circuit barrel racing. Over the course of her high school years, Natalie has been bringing her dreams and aspirations to life by working hard to achieve what she believes. She established an all-or-nothing mindset contributing to her success. With her bubbly and outgoing personality, she met her quite the opposite other half. She cherishes this memory and the hard work of her wingman Lauren.

Her current passions are leather-working, training Kelly, and of course the gym. Natalie hits the gym consistently pursuing her love for fitness



To the left, Bree Haley reads to kinders during her Billie Book Club service project. Kids helping kids.



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