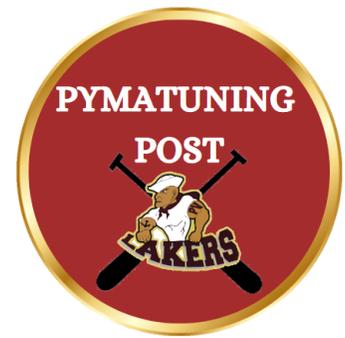


Pymatuning Valley High School Pymatuning Post

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Student Spotlight: *By Kendra Wallace & Ainslee Scribber*

Cecelia Hall – Equestrian Competitor



Cecelia Hall, most people know her for her role in the band, and look past her connection with horses. Her love for horses started as soon as she was born. Horses have been with her family for a long time and she naturally fell in love with them. She began riding when she was only two years old. When asked why she fell in love with horses she replied with, “I do not know, they are therapeutic.” She likes to take her horses to the fair also. This year she took her horse, Rose, to the Ashtabula County Fair where they won 6th place in their advanced league. She has done fair her whole life and does not plan to stop anytime soon. Cecelia's

passion for horses is not just a hobby, but a lifelong love affair that continues to bring her joy and success at the fair. With her determination and love for these majestic creatures, there's no doubt that Cecelia's equestrian journey is far from over.

Rylee Young – Americanism Essay Contestant



Rylee Young has been a contestant in the Americanism Essay Contest, hosted by the American Legion, since she was in 3rd grade. She participates in the contest as a way of representing her patriotism, being that her great grandfather, grandfather, and mother are all veterans. So far, Rylee has won every year in the Council Division. As well as, last year, she succeeded in winning overall in the State of Pennsylvania. However, she lost at Nationals by only 1/100th of a point! When asked how she felt about it, she said “It was the first year of my essay going to nationals, so I’m just proud it was good enough to make it there.” We look forward to her achievements in the future!

Student of the Month: *By Emily Blanford*

Anna Poole



Anna has won student of the month for October! She deserved it because she is a well rounded student and a great person! She was nominated by Mr Jackson and Mr Jackson also said some very kind words about Anna.

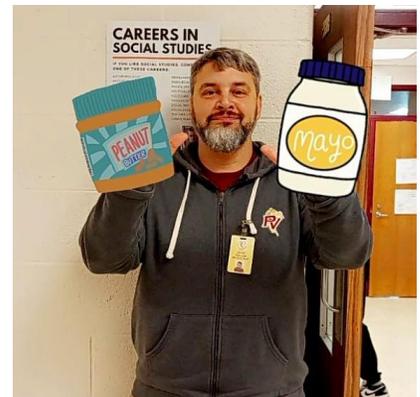
Mr Jackson stated “While the data would tell you that Anna is a great kid because she achieves at a high level in her classes, she is so much more than that at PV. She's a student who loves to be challenged. She's a student who is very involved, and manages her time well among multiple activities like marching band, cross country, and show choir. Anna is a good friend to her classmates, and courteous to her teachers. Anna contributes regularly in class, and pushes those around her to be better, as well. Anna comes from a caring family who supports her and pushes her, as well, and they

also deserve some kudos for their role in her achievement. I'm very proud of Anna and her successes so far, and if she keeps up the hard work, I know she'll continue her success at PV and beyond.”

Dear Mr Miller: *By Thomas Byrge*

What made you want to become a teacher?

This is complicated to explain as it was a rather long and winding road to get to the point that I became a teacher. The easiest explanation is that I wanted to help people to become the best they could be so that they could achieve success in their lives. While other jobs I had worked at allowed me to help people, the circumstances surrounding those situations were very difficult and could be traumatic with many less than desirable outcomes. Teaching was a much better fit to have the maximum ability to help others.



What is your opinion on mayonnaise?

Good with tuna or some kind of lunch meat and cheese sandwich. It can even be paired with peanut butter if you are brave enough for a bitter, salty, sweet combination. Doesn't belong on a hamburger. I said what I said.

How could you fix the American political system?

That is a very complicated question with no easy solution that will be certain. A few things that would help move things in a better possible direction would be term limits in Congress, greater restrictions to campaign financing and donations, and reduced influence and restrictions on lobbyists.

What is your favorite snack?

Chili Lime Cashews, Pretzels, and anything that is Peanut Butter and Chocolate.

What is your dream vacation?

My fall back is to always go to Puerto Rico and see more of the island and finally make it to see the places that my grandparents were raised. A strong fall back would be to go on a tour of Europe.

What are your thoughts on Italy?

Definitely a place I would like to visit for its rich history, culture, and food.

Next Time

On the next addition of the Pymatuning Post, Mr. Jackson will be answering questions. Please send us questions for him to answer.

Parking Spot Winner *By: Faith Whitt*

Congratulations Ruby Beck on winning our contest. Thank you to everyone who voted!



Pops Pizazz and All That Jazz: *By Katelyn Blanford*

Pops Pizazz is a performance where show choirs around Ashtabula County get together and perform their shows for their friends and family. These shows happen in both the fall and spring bringing in different show choirs each time to have a variety of performances both from the show choirs and PV Jazz.



At this fall's performance there were appearances from PV Soundwaves, Edgewood Soundsations, Geneva Image, The Conneaut Spartones, and PV Jazz.

Each group sang a multitude of songs that showed off the hard work they put in this season. PV Soundwaves bedazzled the audience with "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" featuring soloists Isaac Varela and Ella Poole, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," and a Peaches medley featuring two iconic songs about peaches.

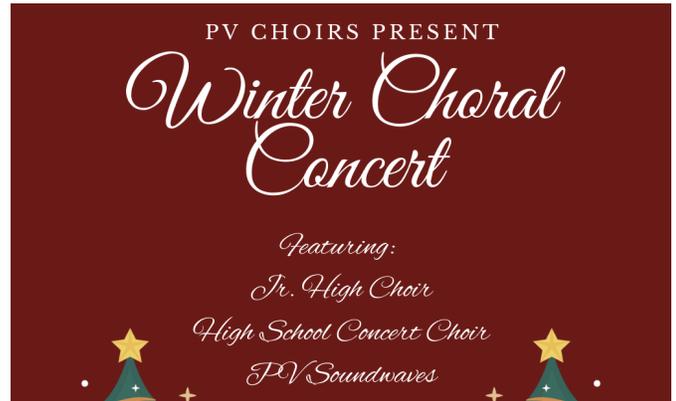
The Soundsations, Geneva Image, and The Conneaut Spartones did a spectacular job in each of their respected performances. PV Jazz played in between each show choir so they could get ready for their performances and they wowed the crowd with songs such as "Leap Frog," "Mood Indigo,"

"Embraceable You," "Cruella Deville," "You've Got A Friend in Me," "Zoot Zoot Riot," and there was an amazing performance of "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" by our own jazz vocalist, Ella Poole. Both groups did very well in their performances and you'll get to see each group at future performances.



Winter Choir Concert: By Faith Whitt

The Winter Choir Concert was Wednesday 29th, at 7 - 9 p.m. The concert is something that the choir works really hard to achieve. Mrs. Brown is the choir director and she puts on a spring and winter concert, along with directing Show Choir and yearly musicals. The junior high choir sang two songs, the high school choir sang five songs, the Soundwaves sang six songs, and at the end everyone sang two combined songs. Mrs. Brown along with her students put everything into entertaining and performing. Every choir gave their best and sounded great. We were very impressed with their performance.



Give Thanks To Giving Back Food Drive: *By Isabella Limestoll*



The National Honor Society hosted a Give Thanks by Giving Back canned food drive this November. NHS collected over 1,500 cans! The cans were taken to the Methodist church's food bank right off the square to be distributed to those who needed a little help this year. All the food will be distributed around Andover so your food will be kept locally. NHS would like to thank everyone that donated and the food bank was very grateful.

Ms. DeMott-

- ➔ What was your goal for the drive?
 - ◆ Our goal was to collect 1,000 cans, which is 2-3 cans per person.

- ➔ Why did you want to do the drive?
 - ◆ We wanted to give students the opportunity to give back to the community

- ➔ Who does the drive benefit?
 - ◆ The drive benefits the direct local community and goes to the food bank. The drive benefits people in Andover and the surrounding areas.

- ➔ Where do the cans go after we collect them?
 - ◆ The cans go to the food bank at Andover UMC right next to sparkle. They hand out the canned goods twice a month.

An up and coming fundraiser that NHS is doing is called Letters to Santa. So if you have any siblings in the Primary School make sure you fill out a permission form so we can help Santa!



Meet Your Senior Editors!

Emily Blanford:

- **Why did you want to be an editor?**
 - ↳ I honestly thought it would be really fun and it has been a good way for me to express myself and my abilities!
- **What is your favorite book and movie?**
 - ↳ My favorite book is 100% Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross. My favorite movie is probably Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith.
- **What do you do in your free time?**
 - ↳ If I have any free time I'm probably either reading, playing video games, or watching YouTube.
- **What makes you laugh the most?**
 - ↳ I laugh the most when Mia and I absolutely cry laughing during 2nd period calculus over the stupid stuff we do.
- **If you could have dinner with any 4 individuals, who would it be?**
 - ↳ If I could have dinner with any 4 individuals it would probably be Emma Watson, Andrew Garfield, Rebecca Ross, and Dave Filoni.



Katelyn Blanford:



Why did you want to be an editor?

I became an editor because in the future I want to become a journalist and thought it would be a good idea to get some experience in.

What is your least favorite movie/film?

My least favorite movie/film has to be “Dune” with Timothée Chalamet.

What is your favorite music genre?

My favorite music genre is between punk rock and indie.

If money was no object, what would you do?

Just travel around the world, it doesn't really matter where, just anywhere.

What is your favorite zoo animal?

My favorite animal at the zoo is an Elephant.

Faith Whitt:

→ **Why did you want to be an editor?**

- ↳ I wanted to become an editor because I wanted to leave something important behind after I graduate. This is a club that others can carry on now, it's nice to think about.

→ **Who is your favorite film?**

- ↳ The Greatest Showman is my FAVORITE film.

→ **What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

- ↳ My favorite thing to do in my free time is sleep and read.

→ **What is the last book you read?**

- ↳ Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. An amazing Novel by the way.

→ **Which person has influenced you the most?**

- ↳ Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Smith, they are some of the best English teachers I've ever had. I'd also have to thank Mrs. Kuhn because she helped me find my passion for learning.



Upcoming Events:

- 🎄 **Boys and Girls Basketball games** start on December 1st.
- 🎄 **Auditions for the PVHS Spring Musical** are on December 5th & 6th afterschool in the VMPAC.
- 🎄 **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band Concert** is on December 13th at 6:00pm in the VMPAC.
- 🎄 **5th Grade and High School Band Concert** is on December 13th at 7:30pm in the VMPAC.
- 🎄 **Pymatuba Christmas** is on December 19th at Conneaut Area Senior High School.
- 🎄 **Swim's First Meet** is on December 2nd at the Spire against Edgewood.
- 🎄 **Wrestling Starts on** December 9th at Hawkin for the Hawken Invitational
- 🎄 **Winter Break!** No school for staff and students December 21st-January 1st.
- 🎄 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!**