

ST. PATRICK'S DAY—ONE OF THE MANY EXCUSES FOR COLLEGE KIDS TO "CELEBRATE" IRISH HERITAGE AND ELEMENTARY KIDS TO PINCH THEIR PEERS.

What's so "Mad" About March?

- Unpredictable weather when Mother nature can't decide which season she prefers.
- The Ides of March, a creepy holiday that made even Julius Caesar nervous.
- Crazy basketball tournaments where upsets are likely to ruin your entire bracket.
- For sophomores, OGT week visits with only your high school diploma on the line.



The Chatter

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The Luck of the Irish

BY: KAILA RUDD

Many people use the term "luck of the Irish" as a way to describe good fortune in a person's life; however, Ireland is widely known as a place of many misfortunes—1,000 years of invasion, colonization, exploitation, starvation and mass emigration just to name a few. So why would we use it in an opposite manner?

Although the country itself had bad luck, some of its na-

tives came to prove that the luck didn't necessarily rub off on its people. The term "luck of the Irish" actually refers to Irish men who became wealthy during the gold and silver rush in America in the second half of the nineteenth century. For example, James Fair, James Flood, William O'Brien and John Mackay were collectively known as the "Silver Kings" after they hit the famed Comstock Lode.

Over time, this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression "luck of the Irish." Of course, it carried with it a certain tone of mockery, as if only by sheer luck, as opposed to brains, could these Irish men succeed.



Fashion Police

BY: HALEY STRATTON
and KAILA RUDD

In the 1960's, tight bellbottom's covered in patches, along with leather vests and oversized blouses were what the "cool kids" wore. In the 1970's fabrics like polyester, acrylic, and lycra became popular. Men often wore gold chains around their necks and leisure suits. In the 1980's, women were seen wearing suits with shoulder pads and men were seen with leather jackets instead of vests. Bright and tight spandex was popular for "casual" clothes, and hair was bigger than Mt. Everest itself. Later, in the 1990's, platform shoes came back in style; along with black clothes

and straight legged jeans. Although many adults frowned on these new fashions, teenagers were the first to embrace the fads of their time. After all, fashion is just one outlet in which we express ourselves as individuals and adolescence is often a time for such expression. It seems though that in the 21st century, fashion rules (especially at school) are getting stricter than ever.

A couple of weeks ago it was announced at Peebles High School that leggings (without a long shirt) and off the shoulder shirts are no longer allowed. Even though school should be about our education and learning, it

seems that we focus on clothing excessively in this school. Should schools really put more focus what students wear, what color our hair is, or what piercings we have, than on learning? Students have enough rules to follow with what we should be wearing; and now there are rules dictating what not to wear.

With OGT's right around the corner for sophomores and ACT's happening for juniors and seniors, it would only be logical if our teachers and staff members were focused more on our academics and preparing us for these tests rather than concentrating on the way we dress.

SENIOR Spotlight

BY: AMANDA KREAL

Katelynd Marie Williams is the daughter of Amanda and Chad Williams and the sister of Jaden Williams, who is five years old.

Her favorite activities include, going to the movies, going bowling, and hanging out with friends.

Her favorite memories at PHS (or PES) are: Elementary- "Eating green eggs and ham in my kindergarten class" and High School- "In eighth grade Caylah Baldwin and I

sprayed Pledge in the junior high hallways during opposite day of spirit week. It didn't work like it was supposed to though."

Her favorite elementary teacher is a tie between Mrs. Worley and Mrs. McDaniel because both of them did interesting things in class to go with the lessons.

She plans to attend Shawnee State for an Associates Degree In Registered Nursing and some minor photography classes.

Before she is thirty, she

would like to have a stable job on a hospital maternity wing and be doing some minor photography work.

A random fact Katelynd told us about herself is, "Purple is my favorite color but I don't like any food artificially flavored or colored grape."

2011 SENIOR: KATELYND WILLIAMS

*"True terror is to
wake up one
morning and discover
that your high school
class is running the
country."*

- Kurt Vonnegut, Jr

2011 SENIOR: DYLAN RINCK

Dylan Lee Rinck is the son of Tonya Tolle and the brother of Shate Phipat, Brittney Bray, Misty Libson, and Destiny Rinck.

His favorite activities include hanging out with his friends and his girlfriend, Abby Rogers.

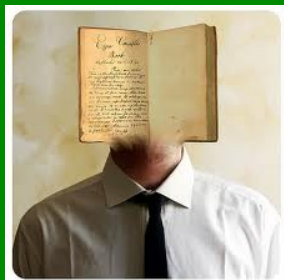
His favorite memory at PHS is when Derek broke the sprinklers before basketball practice.

In the future, Dylan plans to attend college. Before he is thirty, he would like to

have a good job, a nice family, and good health.

A random fact Dylan told us about himself is, in his words, he is a "super, duper, friendly person."

Facebook. Literally. Feel free to "lol" now...



You Know You're Addicted to Facebook When...

BY: KAILA RUDD

- When someone asks you how you know something, you say "Facebook told me..."
- Your new relationship doesn't start until you make it "Facebook official."
- Thinking about going a day without it is like extreme forms of torture.
- When you hear someone say something funny or inspirational, you automatically update your status with their quote.
- You know more about your friends from what they post on Facebook than what they tell you.
- You think you know everyone in the surrounding

area because they are one of the 600 "friends" you have.

- When someone mentions someone you actually don't know, you say "I'll Facebook them."
- The only way your parents know where you are is if they check your Facebook page.

Pep Club

BY: CYNDI RADER

Although we got a late start, the Pep Club came together and supported the cheerleaders in cheers and chants at home games. It has been quite a while since PHS has had a Pep Club and trying to start one up has been a challenge. Just like any other club we tried to look uniform by making our own t-shirts and wearing them to the games. With the help of Mrs. Turner we were able to buy pom-poms and other items for the club members to use at games. We sold Indian head car magnets and can holders during

games to help raise money for a new headdress. Our school mascots were introduced at the homecoming game and succeeded in their enthusiasm of helping the cheerleaders maintain the spirit. We have four mascots that alternate games or fill in when needed. Our mascots for 2010-2011 are Eddy Lane, Amber Latham, Matthew Mahoney and Kayleigh Humphrey. With the help of Seniors Carrie Chalker and Kayla Keidel our club members began to come together. They made signs to hang in the gym and helped keep members enthused at

games.

My goal for next year is to have a new headdress for our mascot and to assist in a structured routine for our mascot and club during home games. The main purpose of the Pep Club is to support our cheerleaders in making their cheers be heard and entice the crowd in joining in. The mascot is to bring pride and enthusiasm to the fans. So, if you like to support our teams but don't like doing it by yourself then join our Pep Club next year and help the cheerleaders keep the spirit going in the stands!



*"I am a member
of a team, and I
rely on the team,
I defer to it and
sacrifice for it,
because the team,
not the individual,
is the ultimate
champion."*

— Mia Hamm

National FFA Convention

BY: MRS. MINTON

The Peebles FFA Chapter traveled to the National FFA Convention on Friday, October 22, 2010. The 83rd National FFA Convention; which was held at the Indiana Convention Center; presented FFA members with a world of possibilities. Students explored the many opportunities available to today's agriculture students and learned how to tap into their own Infinite Potential. Students listened to speaker Kevin Carroll; the Retiring Addresses from National FFA Officers Chase Rose & Randa Braune, as well as, viewed the Distinguished Service Citations and VIP Awards, Honorary American Degrees, Officer Advisor and School Recognition, National Officer Candidate Introductions, and Agri-Entrepreneurship Awards. Students explored 1,300 booths representing colleges; agriculture related companies, fundraising companies, U.S. armed Services, auto and truck manufactures, as well as State FFA Associations. Students had the chance to discover numerous agricultural careers and explore opportunities in post-secondary job training and education. We would like to thank all of those that supported us by purchasing mums from our Mum Sale in September; the funds that were raised went directly to our National Convention trip.

A Perfect End to a Perfect Season

BY: BEAU JUSTICE

The eighth grade boys completed a perfect sweep winning the regular league and tournament this season. The young Indians started their season against their toughest opponent (Ripley) a team they defeated to previously in the seventh grade tournament in 2010. The Indians showed why they would be favorite this year by defeating the Blue Jays 46-33. The Indians continued to go undefeated during the regular season with their closest contest being against West Union,

but they prevailed in a 51-41 victory.

After an undefeated regular season, the Indians prepared for tournament play. The tournament championship matched the Indians against their closest competitor the Dragons from West Union. This time though the contest was not as close and the Indians jumped out to a 19-6 lead at the end of first quarter. Peebles continued to stretch their lead by two as Beau Justice hit a shot just past half court to send them in with a 33-18 halftime lead. The Indians went on to dominate

the second half and win the game 67-42. Beau Justice would lead all scorers with 27 points with six three pointers. Eric Schmitz added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Cody Ireton contributed offensively as well. Overall, the Indians had a great season. The championship was a perfect end to a perfect season.

Lady Indians: Sectional Champs

BY: HALEY STRATTON

Even though our 2010-2011 Girls Basketball season ended on February 26, 2011, the players and coaches consider this season a success. The Junior Varsity girls went undefeated with a 19-0 season, and the Varsity team ended our season with a 17-5 record. Our Varsity team accomplished something that hasn't been done in thirteen years at PHS: winning the Sectional title. After beating Northwest at Lucasville Valley the final score ended up being 48-29. We then played at Waverly High School against Zane Trace and our season ended

down by eleven, but we fought back and only lost by two points on a last minute shot. The game was back and forth during the final quarters. It was definitely a heart-breaking loss for all of us.

We, as a team, have grown and learned so much about each other. I personally consider every girl like a sister; not only did we play basketball together, but we grew as friends and teammates. This season has given us memories that will last a lifetime and has also given us something to look forward to next year.



For the Record Books Girls Teams:

Seventh Grade—17-0

League—First
Tournament—First
UNDEFEATED

Eighth Grade—16-3

League—Second
Tournament—Champs

Junior Varsity—18-0

League—First
First in McDonald's Classic
UNDEFEATED

Varsity—17-5

League—Second
Tournament—Sectional Champs

Boys Teams:

Seventh Grade—11-4

League—First

Eighth Grade—18-0

League—First
Tournament—First
UNDEFEATED

Freshmen—10-6

Tournament—Advanced to Semifinal game

Junior Varsity—17-3

League—First
First in McDonald's Classic

Varsity—20-1 (right now)

League—First
Tournament—Sectional Champs

Blake Justice: Heart of a Champion

BY: AMANDA KREAL



Blake Justice, a senior here at PHS, has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember. He has been breaking records since his appearance in high school basketball and is working on breaking one more before he graduates high school in May. With dedication and effort he put forth and guidance he has received from teammates and coaches, Blake has placed himself in the record books of both PHS the SHL and in the State of Ohio.

Sophomore Year

-1000th point Peebles vs. Fairfield

Junior Year

-School record for points in a game (48 pts), Peebles vs. Green

Senior Year

-2000th point Peebles vs. St. Patrick (Kentucky)

-School record for points in a game (50pts) Peebles vs. St. Patrick

-School record for most 3's in a game (13, 3's) Peebles v Manchester

-SHL record (for boys) in Scoring

-PHS record most 3's in a career

-PHS record most 3's in a season

-19 away from most 3's in a career in the state of Ohio (2nd place)

Blake hopes to add to his point total as he leads his team to the Convo for tournament play. Blake plans to attend and play for Akron in the fall. Years from now we'll all be telling our grandkids that we were witness to the great Blake Justice—one of Peebles High School's basketball legends.

Cure the Bieber fever, Dr. Bieber, Dr. Bieber!

BY: KAILA RUDD

Recently, students at Peebles High School have been feeling a little under the weather with a sickness known as “Bieber Fever.” Bieber Fever is defined as, “the act of being in love and/or obsessed with Justin Bieber.” The disease usually only affects people between the ages of 5-14, but it seems that most girls (and unfortunately, some boys) at Peebles High School have forgotten to get the vaccination. So far, doctors have found no cure for Bieber Fever, as they are too busy researching other well-known diseases such as Swift Insomnia (the loss of sleep caused by listening to Taylor Swift sing about what you swear is “your life” all night long) and Whip-Lash (which is usually defined by the sudden urge to whip your hair back and forth), or Lautner Hotner (the urge to bake cookies on Taylor Lautner’s abs).



“Justin Beaver”

If you or someone you know has been affected by Bieber Fever, please inform your family doctor as soon as possible; even if they can’t be cured, it’s best to get them locked away in a psychiatric ward for as long as possible.

Symptoms of Bieber Fever may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- You get the irresistible urge to touch his hair when you see him.
- You are sure you would faint if you were at his concert.
- You have been to one or more of his concerts.
- You have seen the movie made about his life, or own his CD.
- Your heart skips a beat (or two) when you hear his song come on.
- You get furious when people make fun of him by calling him “Justin Beaver.”
- You have thought up your own nicknames for him, such as: The Biebs, Bieb-y, or J.Biebs.
- You are a fifteen year old boy who has yet to hit puberty.
- You insist you are the future Mrs. Bieber (or Mr. Bieber, we’re not here to judge).

Text-a-holic?

BY: KAILA RUDD

You can do it one handed, with your eyes closed, walking, and even when you’re in the middle of a conversation with your mother—texting has become the newest addiction in teenagers everywhere. Studies show that American teenagers send and receive over 2,000 text messages a month—that’s almost 80 messages a day.

Physicians and psychologists have agreed that texting has become a serious problem, leading to things such as anxiety, distractions in school, failing grades, and

even sleep deprivation. I admit, I have stayed up until 2 or 3 in the morning just because I’ve been too involved in my phone to put it down. I could probably even name ten people who have done the same.

Some kids admit that if their phones were taken away, they wouldn’t know what to do; it’s like taking alcohol away from the alcoholic. Even though the use of cell-phones is banned in almost every U.S. school, students still find ways to use them during class. They hide them in purses, pockets, even books, and manage to text consistently throughout the day without

getting caught; they can’t stand to turn their phones off and give their thumbs a break for the short seven hours of school a day. Teachers and parents both agree the habit is out of control.

Would you agree if someone called you a “text-a-holic” or would you laugh at the idea? Next time you hear your phone ring, try to let it sit for at least five minutes before you pick it up. Not only are you saving yourself from serious damage to your thumbs, but you can squeeze in a couple more minutes of studying or sleeping while you’re at it.

