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Savannah by Starlight

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According to Dictionary.com, prom is “a formal dance, especially one held by a high school or college class, at the end of an academic year”; But according to Peebles High School, prom is the highlight of the year and a time to celebrate the end of the year and congratulate the graduating class.

I know I can’t speak for everyone, but let’s face it—prom is kind of a big deal. For us girls, the process of finding a dress (even the horrible time of trying on dozens of dresses) is an exciting one. It’s all about which one fits perfectly, has the best shade of blue (a majority of this years dresses were in fact blue), and,—of course—finding a dress that no one else will have. For guys, the most exciting part of prom is figuring where they’re going *after prom*. Don’t say you weren’t thinking the same thing.

This year, our prom theme was “Savannah by Starlight.” When I first heard that was

going to be our theme, I was a little disappointed. It just sounded like something a high school class from Georgia would have as their theme. However, when I actually saw the way it had been decorated, I was surprised; it looked beautiful. Walking into Norlyn Manor was definitely a nice surprise.

Our D.J. was Melford T. Edwards. To be honest, I still have mixed feelings about him. He was really friendly and definitely tried his hardest to make sure we were up dancing instead of sitting at the tables like losers (okay, so maybe I did sit through a lot of it anyway). The first few songs he played I had no idea how to dance to, and I knew I wasn’t the only one thinking this because as I looked around, I noticed a lot of people were still in their seats. After awhile though, he played songs that managed to satisfy everyone. I’m

almost positive that every person there danced at least a couple times that night.

Our king and queen for the night were Eli Scott and Shaylin McDaniels. They were accompanied on the dance floor by our prince and princess, Joshua Denzik and Ainsley Camp. They danced to *At Last* by Etta James, which probably would have been a lot cuter if Eli and Josh didn’t already have girlfriends.

Overall, I would say that prom was definitely worth all the hype. I was a little nervous I wouldn’t have any fun but it’s hard not to have a good time when you’re with your friends and there’s loud music playing directly in your ear. I’m now thoroughly excited for my senior prom. I have an awesome prom theme too in case anyone cares; party like it’s the end of the world.

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FOCUS ON THE
CLASS OF 2011

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On the first day of
kindergarten...

Future Plans

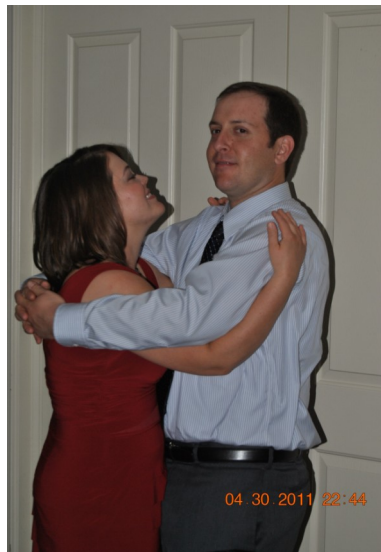
Outstanding
Achievements

What’s in Your
Time Capsule?

Recommendations

Teacher Reflec-
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Graduation and
After



"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"
- Dr. Seuss

Only 47 years until you're seniors again.



Mikey Watson

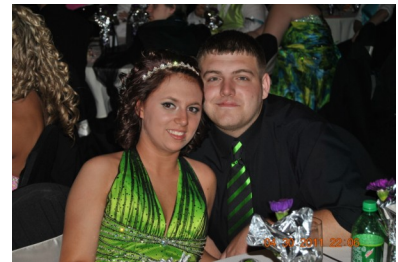
Robert Michael Watson is the son of Robert Lee Watson and Paula Kay Watson. He has one sister, Ashley Nicole Watson. He enjoys weight lifting and participating in track. His favorite memory from PHS includes all the "shenanigans" in 7th period with his friends. After high school he plans to go to Wilmington College to be a personal trainer. Before he is thirty, Mikey wants to have a good career. A random fact about Mikey: He's never been in trouble in school.

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Senior Stacey Hauck Spotlight

Stacey Ann Hauck is the daughter of Terri Rhoads and Tim Hauck. She has a brother named Keith Hauck. Her favorite activities include walking her dog and chillin' with her homies. Stacey's favorite memory here at PHS is playing paper baseball in Mrs. Burke's class. After high school, she plans to become either a physical therapist or a dental hygienist. Before she is thirty, Stacey would like to get married and have children. A random fact about Stacey: She makes crunk faces when she dances.



Where in the World is Emily Douglas?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an exchange student? Our very own Emily Douglas is about to find out because she will be living in Russia for six weeks this summer! Emily is one of only 130 high school students accepted from the United States to study abroad through the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y). Without any previous exposure to Russian, she faces the challenge of an intensive language program while living with a Russian host family. Plus, she will have plenty of opportunities to explore and travel. And the best part? All expenses paid! Be sure to tell Emily congratulations when you see her in the hall. We are proud to have our very own global ambassador representing Adams County and PHS!

You Know You're From Peebles When...

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- You hear things about yourself even you didn't know.
- You consider Hillsboro to be a big city.
- When someone asks if you want to go eat, the only choice you have is McDonalds.
- "I got stuck behind a tractor" is a legitimate excuse for being late.
- When someone mentions going to Hollywood, you're not impressed because it's not the one in California.
- Mowing your yard is an all-day task.
- When someone asks where you're from, you have to explain, "Well, it's close to Cincinnati..."
- You know who everybody is, even if you don't talk to them.
- Your parents take forever in Save-A-Lot because they talk to everyone in there like they're an old friend.

Taking Things for Granted

BY: KAILA RUDD

Imagine this: Your mom takes away your cell phone because you were “smarting off” even though you swear you were just responding to her question. You get mad so you run to your room, slam the door, and lay in your bed complaining about how unfair she can be. Maybe you don’t come out for the rest of the day, or maybe you just give her the cold shoulder. Your little sister runs around crying because she broke her favorite toy, or your little brother won’t pick up the mess he made; you have the worst siblings ever.

Now, imagine this: A kid the same age as you has to take care of his mother after she comes home drunk—every night. He makes sure she’s okay, puts her to bed, and deals with it the next night, too. They can’t

afford a house, much less a cell phone, so they’re living in a run down shack with barely enough food to get by. He works after school to support himself, and maybe he even has a little sister or brother just like you. He takes care of them the best he can but he knows he’s getting desperate.

It’s hard to imagine living a life like that if all you’ve ever been used to is a nice house, nice clothes, and warm food every evening, your cell phone never leaving your hand... Even if your house is half the size of your friend’s house, your clothes came from Walmart, not Hollister, your “warm food” consists of a frozen pizza thrown in the oven last minute, and your cell phone isn’t as high-tech as everyone else’s; you have more than a lot of people in the

world. Everyone tends to forget about how amazing everything in their life is the minute they have a bad day. We focus on all of the negative things surrounding us that we forget about the simple things. We take for granted the fact that we can walk, talk, breathe, eat, and sleep soundly every night. Next time you *think* you have a problem, ask yourself this: “Is this going to matter in a month?” If the answer is no, then stop worrying about it. Take a look at the big picture and focus on all of the good in your life instead of the bad. Your life will start looking better the minute you change your attitude and thank God for what you do have instead of crying over what you don’t have.

MAPLE FRENCH TOAST AND BACON CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS

For the cupcakes:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup cake flour
- 1 3.9-ounce box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon potato starch
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated [nutmeg](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons [vanilla extract](#)
- 4 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup maple syrup

- 1/2 cup half-and-half, at room temperature

1/2 CUP CHOPPED COOKED BACON (5 STRIPS)

FOR THE FROSTING:

- 1 8-ounce package [cream cheese](#), at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups sifted confectioners’ sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons ground [cinnamon](#)
- 3 strips bacon, cooked and chopped (optional)

Directions

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Place paper liners in a 12-cup muffin tin. Prepare the cupcakes: Combine the flours, [pudding](#) mix, baking powder, potato starch, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a bowl with a [whisk](#). In a separate bowl, cream the

butter and sugars with a [mixer](#) on low speed until combined, 6 to 8 minutes. Gradually mix in the vanilla and egg whites. Scrape down the sides of the bowl; continue mixing until light and fluffy. Add the flour mixture in 3 batches, alternating with the [maple syrup](#) and half-and-half, mixing after each addition and ending with flour. Mix until the ingredients are just combined; do not over mix. Fold in the bacon.

Pour the [batter](#) into the prepared muffin tin, filling each cup about three-quarters of the way. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool completely.

Meanwhile, prepare the [frosting](#): Beat the cream cheese and butter with a mixer on medium speed until creamy. Add the confectioners’ sugar, maple syrup and cinnamon; beat until combined. Spread on the cooled cupcakes; top with chopped bacon, if desired.



Best PHS Memories

BY: MRS. REED

As many of you know, this school district and this high school specifically will look a lot different next year than it does this year. Right now, it appears that I will be transferred to a different school in the district. Even though I am very sad about this, I am grateful to have a job and very appreciative of all the students I have had since I returned to Peebles in 2004. For these reasons, I have decided not to write a sappy goodbye article, but rather list some of my favorite PHS memories from the last six years.

Evan Meade asking me daily if he can open the window and howl at the moon.

Winning the SHL for junior high volleyball (and Ciera Seaman serving a majority of our points).

Party at Tanks! This was the daily after-lunch cue for freshmen boys to pile on top of Travis Crothers' desk before the tardy bell rang.

Taylor Huffman sneaking FFA oranges in class in the pocket of his Carhartt. He always denied it, but the class smelled like citrus the entire period.

In April of 2007, taking bids from Jasmine, Drew, and Nathan to see whose birthday my last child was going to be born on. And no, Eric Collier, I couldn't just wait until December.

When students were teaching poetry terms to the class and Shaylin McDaniels taught "alliteration" for the entire blocked period. The best part was when she threatened to send AJ to the office for not paying attention.

Mikey Watson writing messages on my whiteboard too high for me to reach (still not funny Mikey).

When Joel Sturgeon and Taylor Huffman wore costumes to emulate Juliet and Lady Capulet (proof in the 2008 yearbook).

Austin Daniel trying to scare me by hiding behind doors and under desks.

Sitting on the keyboard near my classroom VCR and I asking the class if anyone else could hear that beeping noise.

Viewing Nick Warfe's propaganda video for *Animal Farm* complete with flying pigs, talking horses, and credits. I still use it in my classes today.

Asking Chris Luna how many seconds we had until the bell rang and counting down with his synchronized watch.

Finally getting a notebook from Jacob Daniels fourth nine weeks only to open it and find only a Table of Contents inside. Hint Jacob: You must have contents in order to have a table for it.

Making fun of Drew Copas for reading the Twilight books as part of his parents' punishment for low grades (it's okay Drew, I've read them too.)

Forming the term "Pentachicks" for Mariah and Marissa Phipps, Ashely Miller, Chelsea Rumfield, and Megan Thomas. They truly do make a five-headed giggly monster that few can handle.

Telling Derek Eberle to "shut up" and violating my self-rule of never telling a student to shut up.

Failing to win an Oscar with Romeo and Juliet tapings in the band room in 2010.

Being asked by a student if he could go to the hall and when I asked why he said, "because I need to pass some gas."

Baking cupcakes for Cody Hemming before his knee surgery. He thought that I was wishing him well, but really I was celebrating that I didn't have to put up with him anymore!

Playing Hangman during Yearbook. Nathan Stephens may claim the title, but the Phipps' were pretty good too.

Being conspired against by some male teachers downstairs and being made into a human sundae as part of FFA week.

Hearing Anthony Seaman and Jerison Harper tell the "how we lost a phone in the sewage drain, witnessed a car crash, and was mistaken for a casualty" story on the way to Beta convention.

Rallying together as a class when hearing about Spencer Kelley's diagnosis.

Telling Kodi West that the school menu had changed on the day of General Tso chicken. Gotta love that chicken!

