



# The Tom-Tom

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## Homecoming Winners

By SAVANNAH HOPKINS

Hancock County High School's annual homecoming game was held on September 29th. The week leading up to the game was Homecoming Spirit Week. This was a busy week for candidates for Homecoming Queen and Princess, Dawn Helton, Alicia Seal, Lauren Linden, Haylee Nichols, Cidney Brewer, Gracie Bolden, and Ashlyn Crawford. Each of the contestants created campaign posters and spent a great deal of time preparing and giving out lots of yummy food and drinks in hopes of winning the hearts and votes of her classmates.

After a week of campaigning, the big moment arrived. During halftime of the football game, the seven queen and princess candidates were escorted to the football field for the nerve-wracking moment in which the winners of the crowns were revealed. Congratulations to the 2017-2018 HCHS Homecoming Princess, Lauren Linden (escorted by Jadon Royston), and to 2017-2018 Homecoming Queen, Cidney Brewer (escorted by Tyler Jenkins)!



Homecoming Queen, Cidney Brewer and escort, Tyler Jenkins; Homecoming Princess, Lauren Linden and escort, Jadon Royston



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## Judging Begins

By SAVANNAH HOPKINS

On September 9th, a few 4-H'ers participated in the Eastern Region Fall Judging Day and came home successful. The Jr. High team of Storm Ramsey, Kristen Welch, Maddox Dalton, and Madeline Dalton placed 2nd.

Individually, they each placed in the top 10. The middle school winners are as follows:

2nd place - Storm Ramsey

3rd place - Kristen Welch

4th place - Maddox Dalton

10th place - Madeline Dalton

There was also a Sr. High individual, Jeremiah South, who placed 8th. Congratulations to each of these ambitious 4-H'ers!

## Seniors for the Win!

By AMBER ESTES

On September 25th, high school students kicked off Spirit Week in anticipation for the Homecoming football game. The first theme of the week was Mathletes vs. Athletes on Monday. The next day's theme was Tacky Tourist Tuesday, and it was followed by Wacky Wednesday. Thursday, the final day of spirit week, was themed "Take It Back", which was Student Council's variation of "Throwback Thursday." Students wore awesome costumes all week in the hopes of pushing their classes ahead in the race for the Spirit Stick, the prize awarded to the class with the most participation during Spirit Week and the highest scores during the pep rally. Although the underclassmen did not seem very stoked to compete for the Spirit Stick, the juniors and seniors duked it out all week long, and after the costumes were counted on Thursday, the senior class only held a ten point lead.

At 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, students began filing into the gym where they were met with loud, energetic music and an atmosphere of excitement. The first event of the pep rally was the introduction of the Lady Indians volleyball team who played a ten-minute scrimmage against each other before they had to leave for an actual game of their own at 2:00 p.m. After the

student body said farewell to the Lady Indians, the grades competed in their first head-to-head game--the suitcase game. One representative from each class participated in the game in which players dressed themselves in weird, oversized clothing and raced up and down the court; Hunter Holt easily won this game for the junior class. The next event of the pep rally was the backpack game in which each class had one representative to run the common (and uncommon) items that were being announced over the speaker from their own classmates to the student council member who was collecting for his class. By gathering thirteen of the sixteen items announced, Branson Delph pulled out another win for the junior class, thus making the competition between the upperclassmen even fiercer. The backpack game was followed by a single-elimination volleyball tournament between all of the grades and a surprise team of elite athletes--the 1943 Indians! This team of living legends was composed of Brian Greene, Evan McCoy, Nolan Campbell, Jonah Belcher, Michael Willis, and Mitch Cantwell. The tournament began with a game between the freshmen and sophomores; the freshmen won this game and advanced to the next round. In the next game, the juniors faced off against the 1943 Indians. It was a close game, but the juniors could not manage a win this time. Through



Photo Credit: Kip Collins

The Class of 2018 wins the Spirit Stick!

hard work and a lot of trash talking, the 1943 Indians advanced to the championship game. In the third game, the freshmen challenged the seniors, and the seniors won this match, advancing them to the championship game against the 1943 Indians. The final game was a nail-biter. The two teams were neck and neck the whole time, but in the end, the seniors emerged victorious and gained enough points to earn their class the honor of winning the Spirit Stick.

The first pep rally of this school year was

a huge success. Not only did it get everyone pumped for the Homecoming football game, but, by charging one dollar or one canned food as admission to the event, the pep rally also raised funds to go towards future student council endeavours and gathered a hefty donation of canned foods for Shepherd's Corner. Student Council would like to give a big "thank you!" to everyone who participated, and we encourage even more participation for the basketball Spirit Week!

## Fighting the Devils

By ASHLEY SMITH

Friday, September 29, 2017, the Hancock Indians prepared to face the Jellico Blue Devils on their home field for the homecoming game. Before the game, Joe Davis prayed and Katy Gibson sang the National Anthem. The coin toss determined that the

Indians would kick off. In the 1st quarter, the Indians' defense looked defeated until #22 Logan Sellers made an interception, giving the Indians possession of the ball. After losing the ball, the Indians defense picked up the pace. Between #51 Andrew Parson, #54 John Ross Wilson, and #56 Preston Hatfield, the Blue Devils could not break through the defense for a touchdown.

Coming into the second quarter, the Indians immediately gained six points when #34 Seth Hipshire scored a touchdown. Again, the defense gave them some trouble and #13 Ethan Short had a few good tackles, but the Jellico Blue Devils managed to make two touchdowns and two 2-point conversions. As the teams left the field for halftime, the score was Hancock 6 and Jellico 16.

Coming back out for the third quarter, the Indians received the ball. Jellico's defense

was able to shut them down and gain possession of the football, afterward, gaining another touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, Jellico was able to gain yet another touchdown, but this time the Indians answered back. #34 Seth Hipshire ran the ball for another touchdown. In the end, the Blue Devils gained another touchdown. #22 Logan Sellers tried to bring the score up six more points in the final seconds but was unsuccessful. The ending score: Jellico 34 and Hancock 12.



## Club News

By SAVANNAH HOPKINS

### FFA

- Regional Soil Judging will be on October 5th.
- State Soil Judging will be held October 30th.

### 4-H

- Regional Soil Judging will be on October 5th.
- Come by the Fall Festival and get some tasty 4-H chicken October 7th and 8th!
- State Fall Judging Day is October 7th.
- State Outdoor Meat Cookery will also be October 7th.

### FBLA

- CTSO Fall Leadership Conference will be October 20th.

## Sneedville Chapter Dominates Districts

By TORI MARION

On Wednesday, September 20th, our local FFA took a trip over to Rogersville, Tennessee to compete in the District Soil Judging competition. The FFA Soil Judging Contest educates students on how to evaluate the soil and land use for both rural and urban applications. Teams are required to evaluate each pit site for agricultural purposes and determine slope, erosion, soil texture, depth, and drainage. After almost three hours of evaluating pits and shooting slope, the Sneedville chapter arose victorious as the first place team. Our top seven contestants were as follows: Walton Collins (366/400), Tori Marion (335/400), Savannah Collins (331/400), Jasmine Ramirez (331/400), Devon Blevins (331/400), Joce Ferguson (330/400), and Blake Jones (330/400). The chapter will now move on to the State Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee on October 5th, 2017.

## Notes from Guidance

October 5: College Summit at Hancock High. Each 12th grader will be encouraged to complete (1) College/ Technical School Application. Also, all teachers wear your college shirt and share a college experience with your class. The unknown can be very scary.

October 19: Josten's will be here to meet with 10th & 12th graders  
10th grade – Class rings at 11:30am

12th grade – Graduation Supplies at 11:00am

## Hurricane Season

By MADISON HATFIELD

Recently, the Atlantic Ocean has produced six different hurricanes. The first hurricane, Hurricane Harvey, hit many different places with its category 3 force. One of the main places affected was Houston, Texas.

Next, Hurricane Irma hit Florida, killing almost 70 people. This very powerful storm was classified as a category 4 hurricane.

Then, Hurricane Jose blew into New Jersey and stretched from there to Leeward Islands. Tragically, this storm killed around three people.

Mexico was then slammed by Hurricane Katia, a category 3 storm, causing the deaths of 61 people. Katia's winds exceeded 135 mph!

Then, there was Hurricane Lee which attacked the Caribbean. Hurricane Lee killed 18 people and was a category 2 storm.

Finally, there was Hurricane Maria which hit Puerto Rico. It was a category 4 storm that killed at least 38 people.

# Make God Great Again

By ASHLEY SMITH

On Monday, September 11th, 2017, all students enrolled in Hancock County Middle High School who turned in a signed permission slip were given the opportunity to attend the annual Crusade meeting held in the field beside the school grounds. Students from 6th through 12th grade were escorted from the school to the worship site by volunteers.

As the students were walking to the grounds, they were greeted by music performed by Mike Gibson and other musicians. Mr. Gibson continued to pick and sing until all students were settled in their seats. Then, prayer was led by Chris Seal.

After prayer, students who volunteered were given the chance to sing or give their testimony. Testimonies were given by Tyler Mullins, Dylan Bell, and middle schoolers. Afterward, Alonzo Collins, pastor of Faith Freedom Baptist Church, preached the message, and an altar call was made; however, no one went to pray. It was decided that the pre-scheduled days would be changed since bad weather was expected for Tuesday. The group would return on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, the students returned and were again



Photo Credit: Rhonda Hurd

The annual Area-Wide Crusade

greeted by Mike Gibson's music. A few testimonies were given by Austin Seal, Treybeon Cooper, and Cassie Seal. Some of the singers included Sarah McCoy, Jeremiah South, Ashley Smith, and Storm Ramsey. Again, Alonzo Collins preached and made an altar call. This time, souls were sparked, and kids went to the altar to give their lives to God or ask for forgive-

ness. Anyone who pleased gave his or her testimony, a few of whom were Preston Hatfield, Kip Collins, and Sarah McCoy. Souls were saved, and God Squad sang "Ten Thousand Reasons."

The students were given New Testaments, bracelets, and t-shirts; finally, they were sent back to class feeling blessed.

## Sneedville FFA Tops at Tennessee Valley Fair

By EMILY HOPKINS

At the 2017 Tennessee Valley Fair in Knoxville, the Sneedville FFA Chapter entered exhibits in the agricultural division competition with high school students throughout East Tennessee. The quality of these exhibits earned the chapter the honors of the best in the mechanics, tobacco, potato, corn, egg, and canning show. Overall, Sneedville FFA was the top exhibition at the fair for 2017 in addition to being the most successful chapter at the Tennessee Valley Fair. Many members brought home awards for their hard work on exhibits; the most successful exhibits were as follows:

### Trailer Livestock

1st- Sneedville FFA

### Large Metal

2nd-David Vice

### Large Wood

1st-Sneedville FFA

### Gooseneck Mover

1st-Sneedville FFA

### Small Metal Project

4th-Walton Collins  
5th-John Ross Wilson  
6th-Kip Collins  
7th-Cody Sexton  
9th-Josh Scott

### Farm Gate

1st-Sneedville FFA

### Toolbox

3rd-Sneedville FFA

### Best Braze

1st-David Vice  
2nd-Rock Seals

### Best Mig Weld

3rd-Parker Rasnic

### Best Soldering

3rd-David Vice

### Best Arc Weld

3rd-David Vice

### Fire Rake Exhibit

2nd-Walton Collins

### Honey Extracted (Dark)

2nd-Ellie Yount

### Honey Extracted (Light)

3rd-Hunter Kerley

### Honey Chunk Light Amber

2nd-John Ross Wilson

### Vegetables

1st-Payton Neeley (Sweet Potatoes)  
2nd-Aleigha Neeley (Yellow Tomatoes)  
3rd-Payton Neeley (Sliced Cucumbers)  
4th-Kassi Dean (Red Tomatoes)

### White Eggs (Medium)

2nd-Ellie Yount

### White Eggs (Large)

1st-Kassi Dean  
2nd-Keyora Sharp  
3rd-Dawn Helton  
5th-Jasmine Ramirez

### White Eggs (Extra)

1st-Savannah Collins

### White Eggs (Jumbo)

2nd-Alicia Seal

### Brown Eggs (Small)

2nd-Josh Scott

### Brown Eggs (Medium)

3rd-Hannah Kimbrough

### Brown Eggs (Large)

1st-Kassi Dean  
2nd-Ruby Livesay  
4th-Aleigha Neeley

### Drill Jig

1st-David Vice

### Small Wood Ag Project

2nd-Sneedville FFA

### Corn Field Pumpkin

4th-Brooklyn Wilson

### Corn Production Exhibit

1st-Blake Jones  
2nd-Tera Collins  
3rd-Josh Scott  
4th-Dara Holt

### Corn Ten Ear Exhibit

1st-Blake Jones  
2nd-Tera Collins  
6th-Josh Scott  
7th-Dara Holt

### Open Corn Show

1st-Blake Jones  
2nd-Dara Holt

### Tobacco Lug Hands

7th-Ethan Lawson  
8th-Brooklyn Wilson

### 9th-Ryan Seals

### Green Stalk Tobacco

Creditable-Ethan Lawson  
Creditable-Dara Holt

### Partially Cured Stalk Tobacco

5th-Blake Jones  
6th-Brooklyn Wilson  
7th-Emily Hopkins  
8th-Ethan Lawson

### Cured Stalk Tobacco

6th-Jason Lawson  
6th-Emily Hopkins  
7th-Ethan Lawson  
8th-Brooklyn Wilson  
9th-Blake Jones  
10th-Jerry Jones

### Late Variety Potatoes

2nd-Blake Jones  
3rd-Tera Collins  
4th-Jerry Jones  
5th-Aleigha Neeley  
6th-Payton Neeley

### Kennebec Potato Exhibit

2nd-Tera Collins  
4th-Jerry Jones  
5th-Blake Jones

### Open Potato Production

1st-Blake Jones

### Open Potato Exhibit

1st-Blake Jones

### Cushaw Winter Squash

1st-Brooklyn Wilson  
4th-Aleigha Neeley  
5th-Ethan Lawson

### Canning Show

1st-Tera Collins (Soup Mix)  
2nd-Tera Collins (Other Fruit)  
2nd-Erica Seal (Dark Jelly)  
1st-Joce Ferguson (Butter)  
1st-Tera Collins (Peaches)  
1st-Erica Seal (Fruit Juice)  
1st-Erica Seal (Other Vegetables)  
1st-Kip Collins (Salsa)

The top three exhibitors at the TVA were Blake Jones, Ethan Lawson, and Tera Collins.

In addition to ribbons being awarded to the winners in the agricultural show, prize money is distributed to these individuals with the amount based upon the placing earned. Combined Sneedville FFA members earned over \$2,100.00 this year which they will invest into their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program to offset production expenses.



# Spooktacular Sweets

By HANNA KERLEY

## Strawberry Ghosts:

### What you will need:

Strawberries  
White Chocolate Melts  
Mini Chocolate Chips

### Directions:

First, melt your chocolate melts in the microwave according to the package directions. Next, dip your strawberries and lay them on wax paper. Then, take three mini chocolate chips and stick them in the chocolate in the shape of an upside down triangle to make the face.

## Rice Krispie Monsters:

### What you will need:

Rice krispies  
Marshmallow Creme  
Colored White Chocolate Melts (various colors)  
Wilton Candy Eyeballs

### Directions:

First, melt the marshmallow creme and pour in the rice krispies. Pour this into a cake pan and spread it evenly. When

cooled, cut it into rectangles. (Or you could just buy rice krispie treats!) Then, melt your chocolate melts in the microwave according to the package directions. Next, take your rice krispies and dip them  $\frac{1}{4}$  into the melted chocolates, and sit them on a plate. Next, put the candy eyeballs on the chocolate, and put them in a fridge to cool. Serve when ready.

## Freaky Fun Dipped Pretzels:

### What you will need:

Large Pretzel Sticks  
Chocolate Melts (various colors)  
Sprinkles  
Candy eyeballs

### Directions:

First, melt your chocolate melts in the microwave according to the package directions. Next, dip your large pretzel stick into the melts  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  way in; then, put them on a plate, and put sprinkles on top. Next, put them in a refrigerator to cool. Serve when completely set up. For more fun, see below:

## Mummy:

Use white chocolate melts, and roll the pretzel in coconut shreds. Add candy eyeballs.

Frankenstein: Use green chocolate melts, and roll the top end in chocolate sprinkles. Add candy eyeballs.



# Halloween Costume Ideas 2017

By ALICIA SEAL

## Wonder Woman:

This will be a big hit this halloween because of the big box movie that came out this summer. Plus, Wonder Woman shows the strong and independent side of women.



## Toss Back:

Toss Back would be fun for this year because it's super simple; just go raid your mom or dad's old trunk in the attic.

## Beauty & the Beast:

Beauty & The Beast would be good this year because of the new movie, but also for those "cute" couples who are always stuck like glue. We all know there are a few more beasts than beauties around here, but let's try to stay positive in the spirit of the holiday!



## IT:

IT would be a great costume this year because who wouldn't want to dress up like a freaky demonic killer clown, right?

# Halloween DIY

By EMILY HOPKINS

## Canning lid pumpkin

- Take canning lids and tie them together using a string and put cinnamon sticks in the middle as a stem.



## Pumpkin votive

- You pick out a cute baby pumpkin and hollow it out and stick a candle in it for a cute table decoration.



## Glass Ghosts

- Raid your recycling bin to make these glass ghosts in four easy steps: First, remove labels and caps from bottles. Spray-paint them white, then draw faces on with black marker. Finally, throw in colorful straws for cute centerpieces.



## Cheesecloth ghosts

- Spread garbage bags on your table to make things easier to clean up.
- Pour Elmer's glue in a large bowl or container, and then dilute the glue by 50 percent.
- Dip the cheesecloth in the bowl and saturate it with the glue/water mixture.
- Pull it out of the bowl and form your ghost. You will want to stretch out the cheesecloth so that it doesn't adhere to the can.
- Let it dry overnight. When the cheesecloth is dry, pop the balloon with something sharp, then gently peel it off the cheesecloth. The head may sink in when you do this, but after removing the balloon you can easily reshape it.
- Cut out your eyes and mouth with black felt and glue to the ghost. (You can also use googly eyes.)



# Staff Spotlight

By SAVANNAH HOPKINS

Many of you may already know the new Algebra teacher from her bright smiles in the hallway. Ms. Tonya Michael is a new face here at Hancock County High. If you haven't already, stop by her classroom, say "hey," and let her know we appreciate everything she is doing. Here is a look into the life of Ms. Michael.

**Q:** How did you get to Hancock County High School?

**A:** "After hearing about the positive impacts Hancock County High School has been making on the youth, I decided to come to Hancock County High School."

**Q:** What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

**A:** "Spending time with my family, playing the piano, going to the park, or outdoor activities."

**Q:** What inspired you to become a teacher?

**A:** "I have always enjoyed working with children; I understand the challenges students face on a daily basis and strive to help children learn how to overcome learning challenges. I also want to provide students with the best

# Top 10 Fright-Tastic Movies

By ANGELA SINGLETON

Ah, it's that time of year again. It's October, meaning pumpkin spice everything, hayrides, and, of course, Halloween. With Halloween approaching, that means scary horror movie marathons will be all over TV. As a horror movie fan myself, I'm very much looking forward to scary movies everywhere. It's probably one of my favorite parts about October. Sure, you can watch them any day, but it's a great way to get pumped up for Halloween. However, sometimes it's hard to choose the best of the best horror movies. You have your classics like *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, *The Terror*, and, one of my personal favorites, *Scream*. Then you have your newer movies such as *The Conjuring II*, *Don't Breathe*, and some of the most talked about movies lately, *It* and *Mother!*. What are the best horror movies to watch this October, though? Here's a list of my top 10 picks!

## 10. Unfriended, R

Fun fact: The "Never Have I Ever" game scene was rewritten completely the morning before it was filmed.

## 9. Frankenstein, R

Fun Fact: Mary Shelley, author of the novel *Frankenstein*, was inspired to write the novel once her daughter, born premature, died 11 days after being born.

## 8. The Exorcist, R

Fun fact: It was the first horror film to be nominated for a best picture Oscar.

## 7. Halloween, R

Fun Fact: It was set in the Midwest but wasn't shot there.

## 6. Saw, R

Fun fact: The movie was filmed in only 18 days.

## 5. Friday the 13th series, R

Fun fact: The film was being advertised before it had any financing.

## 4. Carrie (2013 version), R

Fun fact: Since Chloë Grace Moretz was only 15 at the time of filming, she was limited to 8 hours of work a day.

## 3. Wish Upon, PG-13

Fun fact: It is based on W.W. Jacobs' "The Monkey's Paw".

## 2. It (1990 version), R

Fun fact: Pennywise appears in multiple Stephen King novels, such as *The Tommyknockers*.

## 1. Scream, R

Fun Fact: Wes Craven didn't want to direct *Scream*.

opportunities to learn collaboration, critical thinking, and life skills necessary for adulthood."

**Q:** Is this how you imagined your life would turn out?

**A:** "No, I worked in the factory and as a cosmetologist for several years while I attended college. Going to college seemed to be something very difficult to accomplish. I always wanted to be a teacher, but it took me a little longer to start pursuing my career. Once I started college, it was not difficult, and it was meaningful to me because I was going to be able to have a career I would enjoy. I really love my job."

**Q:** Where are you from?

**A:** "I grew up in Claiborne County, Tennessee."

**Q:** What schools have you attended?

**A:** "Tusculum College where I received an Associate's Degree of Arts in Education and University of Phoenix where I obtained a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree of Arts in Adult Education and Special Education Credits."



# Win Against The Cove

By ETHAN SHORT

On September 8th, 2017, the Hancock Indians boarded the bus and headed for Virginia to take on the Rye Cove Eagles. They were to receive the ball as the Indians had a good defensive stop. The first touchdown of the game was made by Logan Sellers, #22, and Seth Hipshire, #34, followed with a successful 2 point conversion. Later on in the game, the Indians were backed up, but, with a perfect pass from the quarterback TJ Poore, #17, and successful catch from receiver Ethan Short, #13, the team gained another touchdown followed by another 2 point conversion by Logan Sellers, #22. The score was 0-18. The Eagles scored shortly after. The Indians fought and fought; fullback Seth Hipshire, #34, made a 50 yard touchdown, and a 2 point conversion was made by Logan Sellers, #22. That brought the score to 8-24. The Eagles came back with another score right after halftime .... but so did the Indians. The touchdown made by Logan Sellers, #22, made the score 16-32. Then,



Photo Credit: Sherry Seal

The Hancock Indians celebrate a twelve point victory against Virginia's Rye Cove Eagles.

our defense was in a brutal fight to get the ball back. In the end, Seth Hipshire, #34, ran the ball in for a touchdown and Logan Sellers, #22, made the 2 point con-

version, making the final score Hancock Indians: 40 and the Rye Cove Eagles: 28. The Indians brought home a hard-fought victory!

# Highlanders at Home

By ASHLEY SMITH

On September 15, 2017, the Hancock Indians football team played the Cloudland Highlanders on their own home turf. The coin toss determined that the Indians were to receive the ball, but failed at attempting to score. The Indians' defense struggled to keep their ground. In the second quarter, the Indians tried to make an attempt for a touchdown. #25 Micheal Johnson made a catch allowing #22 Logan Sellers to make a touchdown after the play. Again in the second half, the defense struggled to keep the Highlanders out of the in-zone. In the fourth quarter, Austin Seal made a spectacular catch allowing #34 Seth Hipshire to gain another touchdown for the team the next play. The final score: the Cloudland Highlanders 48 and the Hancock County Indians 12.

# Patriots-1 Indians-0

By PRESTON HATFIELD

On Friday September 22, Hancock County traveled to Union County to face off against the Patriots. Hancock started their second half of the season. The first half was a struggle for the Indians, and they did not even score a point. The Patriots made an answer with the score 28-0 going into halftime. At the start of the second half, the Indians fumbled the kick return to give the ball back to the Patriots. The Indians had nothing going right for them, and the Patriots answered back with another score making it 35-0. Hancock finally got points on the board with a fumble recovered by #51 Andrew Parsons with an amazing run of 60 yards to score the touchdown. The two point conversion was failed making it 35-6. Hancock answered back again with another long touchdown by #22 Logan Sellers and a successful two point conversion making the final score 35-14. The Indians fall to 2-4 for the season and host a home game against Jellico on September 29.

## 2017 Football Schedule

Aug. 18	@Cosby	7:30	L 26-27
Aug. 25	Cumberland Gap	7:30	L 7-38
Sept. 1	@Unaka	7:30	W 30-28
Sept. 8	@Rye Cove	7:30	W 40-28
Sept. 15	Cloudland	7:30	L 12-48
Sept. 22	@Union	7:30	L 14-35
Sept. 29	Jellico	7:30	L 12-34
Oct. 6	@Thomas Walker	7:30	
Oct. 13	Unaka	7:30	
Oct. 20	Rockwood	7:30	

(Senior Night)

# Lady Indians Volleyball: Making a Comeback?

By SAVANNAH COLLINS

The first game of the September portion of volleyball season was a home game against South Greene on Tuesday, September 5. JV started at 4:30 followed by Varsity at 5:30. The South Greene game was once again a loss. The Lady Indians tried, but just could not seem to beat the team.

The next game the Lady Indians played was against Happy Valley on the following Thursday. Once again the game started at 4:30 with JV and 5:30 for Varsity. The girls were pumped up and really playing together as a team as they came out with a win! Happy Valley was disappointed but they had the best sportsmanship out of all the teams the girls have played.

Rye Cove came to the Home Of The Indians on September 11. The Lady Indians played against the Lady Eagles and still could not come out with a win. The Lady Indians are having a hard time winning games but they are not going to give up.

Cancer night was on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The game was against Thomas Walker. Middle School started the games, then JV started the high school games at 6:00. Before the JV game all of the high school girls came onto the court to tell a little bit about the cancer they were representing. After the girls finished they called all of the survivors and their families down to take pictures and receive roses. The Lady Indians started their games afterwards. The girls once again did not take home a win but they were ok

with it because they had come together and played as a team with good sportsmanship.

North Greene faced the Lady Indians on their court on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The girls had a rough game that night, because they had to play in a new rotation that they learned on the way to North Greene High School. The girls lost that night and was very disappointed, but they decided to not give up. The girls shook off that game and started to focus on the next on against Sullivan North on September 19.

The game against Sullivan North did not turn out as planned. With Lanie Dalton out for a hurt back and Karlie Bowlin not getting to be there, the girls were already a little down; but they got themselves together and played to their best abilities! The Lady Indians lost that night, but they had fun.

The next game was against South Greene on September 21, 2017. The Lady Indians come out again with a loss, but JV played the best game they had ever played that night. The score of the first match was 25-27 and the second one was 19-25. The girls were disappointed but ready to play again when the Varsity game started. The Varsity game was not that good. The girls started to get down on themselves by the third match. The game ended in a loss for them, but they did not give up on each other no matter how much they lost by.

# This Month's Featured Players

Featured players are nominated by coaches based on outstanding games or highest stats



#14 Bailey Hopkins had 9 serves and 1 assist in a game



#17 TJ Poore is playing his heart out and gaining yardage as a first year starting quarterback for the Indians



#3 Juliann Gibson had 6 assists and 6 serves in a game



Lineman #51 Andrew Parsons scored a touchdown after a 60 yard run in the Indians' game against Union County



#19 Lillian Bunch had 3 kills and 11 serves in a game



## The Most Controversial Movie of The Year

By TORI MARION

*Mother!* is proving to be one of the most disturbing, thought provoking, controversial movies of the year. Written and directed by Darren Aronofsky and starring Jennifer Lawrence and Javier Bardem, this movie will leave you transfixed throughout the entire length of the film. Lawrence gives a riveting performance proving her ability to absolutely captivate an audience while Aronofsky does a superb job at deeply disturbing his viewers in the best way possible, not to mention the exquisite cinematography. You are going to



Jennifer Lawrence and Javier Bardem in *Mother!*

watch this movie and see it as a masterpiece or a complete disgrace. Many critics are bashing the movie due to its intense content and overwhelmingly powerful metaphors. With that being said, there are variety of ways to interpret *Mother!*, and, personally, I think that is one of the things that makes it great. I would like to warn you that the latter part of this film is absolute insanity; I sat in the theater completely eviscerated by what I was seeing. *Mother!* was designed to unsettle audiences, and it will do so for years to come.

## We All Float Down Here

By AMBER ESTES

Stephen King is a master of all things disturbing, sickening, and horrific. His legendary novel, *IT*, that terrified an entire generation upon its release was recently remade into a modern movie which crept into theaters, perhaps through the sewers, on September 8th of this year. On September 19th, I strolled confidently into theater seven at AMC Theaters in Morristown expecting to see a sub-par, underwhelming film because I had been hearing many of my classmates saying how bad or laughable they thought the movie was; however, when I exited the theater, I was shaking.

I am no stranger to horror films; I am quite a fan of the genre which actually encompasses of one of my all-time favorite films, *The Shining*. I am not quite easily scared although I do enjoy feeling my heart race and my hands grow cold with the thrill of a good scary movie. *IT*, on the other hand, actually scared me. Pennywise the Dancing Clown and all of his mayhem honestly had me terrified.

King truly crafted a masterpiece with this incubus (in the figurative, not mythical, sense) of a story. All of the characters are compelling, and he allows you to become engaged in each

individual's life. You find out what scares each of them the most as Pennywise makes their most heart-stopping nightmares become their realities. The direction of this movie is pristine; Andrés Muschietti, director of *IT*, matched Stephen King's views perfectly and left out no details in his adaptation of the novel. The special effects in this movie were superb, and the actor, Bill Skarsgård, who brought Pennywise to life, put on a very believable and fear-inspiring performance.

Stephen King's *IT* is nothing short of genius. Although some people may not find it quite as frightening as I did, I would imagine that all viewers can agree that it was highly unsettling and a remarkable production in its entirety. The movie received great reviews from critics, including a near perfect  $\frac{3}{4}$  rating from *Rolling Stone*. Personally, I think the 2017 adaption of *IT* is one of the best horror films I have ever seen, and I would highly recommend making the trip to your favorite cinema to view it in all of its big-screen glory--that is, if you are brave enough.

Keep in mind, "we all float down here."

## Someone Is Always Watching

By LAUREN LINDEN

The book "I Know What You Did Last Summer" by Lois Duncan is an intriguing book that keeps readers wondering what will happen at the end. In the book, four young adults named Julie James, Barry Cox, Raymond Bronson, and Helen Rivers do something terrible that they regret, and it changes their lives forever. On the night of the incident, the characters make a pact promising to never say anything to anyone about what they did that summer. One year later, Julie James receives a letter stating in big box letter print, "I know what you did last summer." Raymond Bronson and Helen Rivers also received newspaper clippings that reminded them of what happened one night last summer. The four characters realize that someone

was watching them that night, but the identity of that person is a question that they cannot answer. The search for who is sending those letters becomes even more urgent when Barry Cox is shot in the middle of the night on the University's athletic field. Raymond reveals his feelings for Julie when he says, "[...]he [the killer] knew the worst punishment for me would be to stay alive in a world that didn't have you in it" (Duncan 200). Lois Duncan does a great job of making this book appealing to readers and keeping them interested throughout the whole book. This is a wonderful book for people who are interested in mystery and like to guess what happens next in a story.

## Resident Evil: Scariest Ever

By THOMAS ELLISON

In *Resident Evil VII*, you start out as Ethan Winters. You are searching for your wife Mia, and you are led to a plantation owned by the Baker family. Ethan uses various weapons and tools to fight the "molded", and the Baker family who are slowly being corrupted by the "molded". (The "molded" is a form of bacteria that has a humanoid form.) This goes back to the older games, making it become more exploration than action and fighting and resulting in a first person perspective, but there is still a lot of action to come.

Throughout the game, you are sometimes randomly chased by the Baker family, but they can be avoided by running fast enough or being really stealthy; the developers left a decent variety of playstyles on the table for the many different players to choose from. Shall you choose to fight, you cannot truly kill the Baker family; you can only incapacitate them.

This game has a grid-based inventory, and it can be expanded over time. Some items occupy two spaces, and you may have up to four

items assigned to hotkeys on computer and the D-Pad on PlayStation or Xbox. There are also many storage boxes throughout the game, but they are only in save rooms. The many puzzles in this game have a small variety of skill level required; there are also tape recorders that allow you to save progress before a difficult part of the game (that you may have died at before). There are videotapes that are used to give the player clues towards future puzzles so that they have some insight on what to do.

This is the first full game developed in the RE engine, and it had a team of 120 developers. *Resident Evil VII* was released for VR, too, which gained it a ton of praise because of the extra experiences that VR gives the game. PlayStation players can play in VR using the PlayStation VR headset, but computer and xbox players will have to wait until 2018.

## The Wrath of Lamb of God

By AMBER ESTES

In 2009, the dynamic groove metal band Lamb of God released its fifth studio album by the name of *Wrath*. Speaking on my own behalf, I think that *Wrath* is one of the greatest albums they have produced (in partnership with *Ashes of the Wake*). Lamb of God always presents new elements in each album it releases while remaining constant in its ability to instill anger and insurrection into its listeners. On this album in particular, the band explores clean instrumentalism more than ever before; this experimentation gives the album a more raw, natural sound. The band uses its power and emotion to attack what we know about ideas such as the military and religion, and the anger that the musicians bear in relation to the subjects of their songs is beautifully reflected in their lyrics. Many of



*Wrath* album cover

Photo Credit : Wikipedia

the songs contain potent political messages that are very easily recognizable to anyone who cares to pay attention to the words. For example, the song *Contractor* is quite obviously about the Blackwater private army that the US military sent to Iraq that mercilessly murdered civilians--innocent men, women, and children--supposedly for the sake of the "American Dream". Randy Blythe, the frontman, very clearly conveys how enraged this event makes him in this song, and that mood, that sheer passion and rage, encompasses the whole record.

Not only does this album penetrate political issues to the

bone, but it also rips through spiritual understandings. The song *Grace*, as far as I have interpreted it, is about Satan's descent from Heaven; however, the meaning of this song is completely debatable because, unlike tracks such as *Contractor*, many of the songs on this album are not unambiguous and require thought and reflection to understand. The writing of this album is supreme, and the instrumentalism is imperfectly organic as well as unbelievably advanced and impressive (as always). The beauty of this album is in its tactfully-presented aggression and attitude in addition to thought-provoking concepts and suggestive lyrics. Lamb of God never fails to deliver gut-busting, face-melting music, and *Wrath* is certainly no exception as it is one of the most cutting-edge albums ever to explode onto the shelves of record stores.



# Senior Spotlight

By TORI MARION

Sarah Hopkins is a seventeen-year-old senior here at Hancock County High School. She participates in an array of extracurricular activities including HOSA (president), Fine Arts (president), FBLA, and Spanish Club. Sarah also serves as the Senior Class President and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Beta Iota Chapter at Walters State Community College where she has been a student for the past year and half. Impressively, she has completed 36 credit hours. After high school, she intends on attending Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, and majoring in Biology Pre-Med and potentially minoring in English. We sat down with Sarah to discuss her dedication to education and high school experience.

Q. "I will always remember..."

One time when I was a Sophomore, I went to Kingsport to stay with Amber for a weekend, and we went to a NASCAR race. The bus that took us there forgot us though, so we were left sitting on the pavement until 3 AM. We ate Waffle House though, so it worked out.

Q. What was the longest paper

you wrote this year? Who was it for? What was it about?

The longest paper I have written this year was a compare/contrast essay for a professor named Kelsey Solomon who taught Comp I. It was over 1,300 words. I wrote about illegal immigration and whether or not it is a racial or economic issue.

Q. Which subjects do you think prepare you most for life after high school? Why?

Math because according to Mr. Davis, "If you have two idiots and one knows math and the other one doesn't, the 'mathy' idiot will still have a better shot at life."

Q. If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be?

I don't know what I would actually call the course, but I think that we definitely need a class that focuses on teaching the Metric System. Or maybe a "How to Avoid College Debt 101" course because I'd be really interested in taking that one.

Q. What has been hardest college course you've completed or will complete?

General Chemistry I.

Q. Do you regret having such an intense workload?

No. When I finish this degree, I'll be one step closer to the future

that I've been dreaming of, and I can't wait for that.

Q. Do you feel as if you've missed out on the "average" high school life?

No. I get my work done at school, except when I procrastinate...then I have to make up for it at home. I participate in extracurricular activities. I hang out with my friends, family, and boyfriend. I have a part-time job. I have sacrificed lots of sleep though. I don't really know what defines an "average" path, but I think I've managed to balance everything pretty

well.

Q. If you could change one thing about your high school experience what would it be?

I don't really regret anything in regards to my decisions...yet. Experience wise, I wish that this high school allowed more freedom. College is much different. You don't have someone constantly telling you what and when to do something.

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully saving lives in an ER somewhere.



Photo Credit: Savannah Hopkins

Hopkins takes time out of her busy schedule to enjoy a trip with the Spanish Club

## Just Something to Think About

By ANASTEY SEAL

Have you ever had a family member diagnosed with a terminal illness? If so, did you wish that his or her pain would go away? Did you want to help alleviate the pain in any way possible? All of these questions lead to one thing: Physician-Assisted Suicide. In a world where medical advances are being made everyday, the cure for any terminal illness is just within our grasp. However, when a loved one is lying on his or her deathbed, rattling out their last few breaths, it is hard not to wish it could all just stop. To some, it would seem unethical to let someone suffer; to others, it would seem unethical to allow a doctor help a person take his or her own life.

Imagine being the doctor asked to assist a person in this apprehensive task. Could you put your whole livelihood on the line? Do you let nature run its course, or do you help this person end the pain? Most doctors who participate in the practice of assisted suicide are discriminated against by religious groups. Although it is not something that is okay from any religious standpoint, the Hippocratic Oath states the following: "But it may also be within my power to take a life". Doctors are called to save lives, but what happens when they have done all they can to preserve one's life?

When lying in bed, imagine that is all you can

do. You can not feed yourself, and you have to lay in your own defecation, barely gurgling out a breath. Your children, possibly even your grandchildren, have to care for you in this state. Feeling like a burden to every face you look at, would this be the life you would want? When deciding on the ethics of this, consider the reality of terminal illness. It is not, nor will it ever be, sunshine and rainbows. It is times when you won't remember your family members, vomiting blood until you feel like your whole body will explode, using the bathroom on yourself because you have no other option. This is no way for a human being to live, but what if there was hope?

If your child tried-out for a team and did not make it, would you tell them to give up? A team is a light-hearted comparison to what a terminal illness is. However, are they not of the same desire? The same desire that some have for sports could be the same as what others feel to simply live. They cling to their faith in their religion; even when they have been given no reason to. Backs against the wall, odds stacked against them, they do not give up. Religion gives hope to the hopeless. These hopeless are the ones created by terminal illness. This is why they believe it is unethical for one to wish for death. All because of one tiny word: hope.

## Yearbook Announcements

By TORI MARION

Greetings from The Yearbook Staff! We have a few announcements to make this month:

First off, the back-to-school sale has ended, so free icons will longer be available; however, yearbooks will still be \$50 until October 13th. Then, starting October 14th, the price will go up to \$55. You may order online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) or see Ms. Drinnon in room 307.

Also, we are still accepting photos of students at work and with their pets. Please give those to Megan Brooks or email to [2018hchsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:2018hchsyearbook@gmail.com).

SENIORS! The deadline for your baby picture will be October 20th, which is the Friday after fall break. Please give those to Anastey Seal or email to [2018hchsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:2018hchsyearbook@gmail.com).

**SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS ARE ON SALE NOW! THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Full page: \$120

1/2 page: \$80

1/4 page: \$60

1/8 page: \$40

Order online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) or contact Ms. Drinnon in room 307. The deadline for senior ads is: November 17, 2017.

Most importantly, students, please remember to always smile for the photographers in the hallway; we want to preserve these precious memories.

Share your photos with us! Use our hashtag on social media

**#HCHSYB2018**  
(or dowlond the ReplayIt app)

## 4-H Hayride

By EMILY HOPKINS

The 4-H Honor Club hayride is always a fun-filled event to bring in the fall season. Although the temperature was in the high 80's, this did not stop the 4-Hers. They rode to the beautiful Elrod Falls where pizza was eaten, s'mores were made, and adventures took place. We all laughed and had a great time. Some 4-Hers went and hiked to the falls where our extension agent, Jacob Boone, fell right in and got soaked! Anastey Seal bet five dollars to Jeremiah South, Jacob Lamb, and Josh Helton, whoever could run up the hill the fastest. The race was on, and Josh won the 5 bucks!

## Birthdays

By BRINN CALHOUN

### September

Chase Jones	9-7
Lajaun Bell	9-8
Gary Dalton	9-8
Addison Fleenor	9-8
Zachary Surgenor	9-8
Austin Greene	9-9
Austin Nichols	9-10
Samuel Tabler	9-10
Tabitha Dykes	9-11
Kortni Fleenor	9-11
Dawn Helton	9-11
Carl Shulz	9-11
Brooklynn Wilson	9-11
Ellie Yount	9-11
Isaiah Collins	9-13
Stetson Collins	9-15
Aleigha Neeley	9-17
Aaron Drinnon	9-18
Peyton Murrell	9-19
Cameron Roper	9-19
Brittney Jackson	9-21
Macy Jones	9-22
Joy Bowlin	9-23
Morgan Anderson	9-24
Tera Collins	9-24
Odin Hill	9-24
Tyler Jenkins	9-25
Cora Roberts	9-25
Patrick Shelton	9-25
Broyce Woodward	9-27
Amber Estes	9-29
Devon Blevins	9-30

## Laugh Out Louds

By ALEIGHA NEELY

1. What kind of shorts do clouds wear?..... Thunder-wear!
2. How do you organize a space party? ..... You planet!
3. Why did the banana go to the doctor? ..... He wasn't peeling well!
4. What do you call an owl that does magic tricks? ..... A whoodini!
5. What does a nosey pepper do? ..... Get jalapeno business!

## Q&A With Lexie and Allie

By ANASTEY SEAL

Q: What has been your most memorable experience thus far?

Lexie: My most memorable experience so far has to be making it to sub-state with the middle school basketball team last year.

Q: Even though you just started high school, what are your plans following senior year?

Allie: I plan to go into dentistry at ETSU.

Lexie: After high school, I definitely plan on going to college, hopefully out of state. Arizona or South Carolina maybe. I'd like to travel.

Q: What is the toughest thing you have faced so far?

Allie: All the drama. It isn't as bad as middle school, but it is still pretty sad.

Lexie: The toughest thing I've faced thus far is not exactly one situation, but it's just all the times I've had to find out who my friends (or should I say who my true FRIEND is) and finding out that people who I'd take a bullet for were sometimes the ones pulling the trigger.

Q: How do you feel softball is going to go this year?

Allie: I think we will do good this year because our coaches are pushing us to do our very best!

Lexie: I absolutely hope it goes good. A lot has changed this year for the better, and I think this could be our year. I hope to see more students at our games this season, and I hope we don't let them down.

### October

Juliann Gibson	10-2
Ethan Short	10-3
Sarah Sutton	10-4
John Ross Wilson	10-4
Landon Kephart	10-6
Kaitlin Seal	10-11
Tanner Allen	10-14
Jasmine Stevens	10-14
Ryan Lawson	10-16
Janis Gillam	10-17
Dylan Bell	10-18
Angela Singleton	10-18
Madison Jarnigan	10-20
Isaiah Harris	10-21
Fancy Stillwell	10-25
Gracie Bolden	10-26
Jillian Heck	10-26
Summer Williams	10-26
Travis King	10-28
Austin Surgenor	10-28
William Collins	10-30

## Baby Announcement

By CIDNEY BREWER

On September 1, 2017, Hancock County Schools employee, Mr. Joseph Southern, and his wife, Mrs. Jessica Southern (former HCHS teacher), welcomed their baby girl, Jaycee Jo Southern, into the world. Jaycee Jo weighed 9 pounds 1.5 ounces, and she was 20 inches long. She has already won the hearts of many people within the community. Welcome to the tribe, little one!