Softball team continues to improve, adjusts to new coach

By Mike Mikulich

The Hebron Hawks softball team has had a shaky start to their season, currently holding a record of three wins and four losses. However, the record does not tell the whole story.

“There have been a few games that, take away an error here or there, we should have won,” head softball coach Doug Doelling said. “We have played a lot of bigger schools (Chesterton, Hobart, Portage), and the girls have really played well. It’s a learning experience, playing against those schools, which will only make us a better team when it matters most.”

Just like all sports, the first few weeks are a good indicator of the problems that need to be addressed before the conference tournament.

“We need to learn how to win close games,” Doelling said. “There have been a few games that were close and we made mistakes when the pressure was on, and we fall apart after that. We have also had a problem with leaving runners on base; I think we left nine on base against Chesterton, and maybe 10 against Hobart. We can’t leave that many runners on and expect to win against schools of that caliber.”

As of right now, the Hawks are a perfect 2-0 in conference games, wins against Westville and Washington Township.

“The biggest conference game is going to be against Boone Grove on Friday, but conference is conference,” Doelling said. “They are all important for us.”

In just his first year coaching at Hebron, the players have had to adjust to a new coach.

“The girls are going through a learning experience, getting used to a new coach and a new style of play,” Doelling said. “It may take some time, but we are heading in the right direction. I like the high intensity that we have when we take the field.”

Doelling is also looking toward the future.

“I want to build a program that will be competitive for a long time,” Doelling said. “I cannot express how happy I am that Mr. Eriks has agreed to coach the junior varsity team. If we can continue to have a full JV team, as sort of a feeder program, that would allow the younger girls to get more playing time, then our softball team will continue to improve.”

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Extended cold temps make one dream of Florida

By Colton Jones

The weather of 2014 has been very aggravating to many, including myself. I am still patiently waiting for summer to come around. I miss the beach, temperatures above 60 degrees, swimming pools, bonfires and hanging out with friends. But most of all, there’s no school.

This winter has been so cold and long that it makes me want to move to Florida so I never have to be cold again. Don’t mistake me for totally hating the cold. I still like snow sometimes, because of winter sports like snowboarding, but I’m definitely tired of snow for a while.

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“Chicago was the place to be this year; my group decided to go so we could meet up with our other friends that were also heading up there,” junior Colton Jones said. “You really can’t run out of things to do in a city like that. [I] Can’t wait to go to Chicago next year for my senior post-prom.”

Some people decided to keep it simple and go to the extreme, like staying in town and going to a local restaurant or even seeing a movie in theaters. This proves how one can still have a great time without burning a hole in his pocket when it comes to money.

“I decided to take my date to the movies to see ‘Brick Mansions’ in theaters with another couple from another school,” junior Drake Kearley said. “Then, we decided to snatch a bite to eat at Panera Bread in Valparaiso. Overall, it was a good day: no stress, not very expensive and we still had fun and enjoyed ourselves.”

Post-prom is definitely a tradition that has gained popularity over the past few years, and by the looks of things, it isn’t going anywhere. An additional day out with friends and dates puts the cherry on top of any memorable memories and makes the weekend a non-stop adventure. Post-prom is just another reason to grab a date and have the time of your life at the most important dance of the year.

German 3 takes third place honor

By Daniel Clemens

German 3 students won third place with their fictional play about a German town full of unintelligent people.

Theatrefest was held on Thursday, April 17, at Valparaiso University. The Hebron German students were invited for the 11th year in a row and decided to prepare a fictional play this year.

The play, “Die Dummte Schildbürger”, was about a small town in Germany that started out smart, but after a long time of acting dumb to save their town from falling apart, they became dumb.

This year Layne Plomme, Lorenz Lichtenberg, Karin Rademar, Sam Brunelli, Matt Gertz, Kate Stockman and Mitch Burgess were the German students who put on the play.

“It gives the students something to prepare for,” German teacher Carrie Slussner said.

The students used props for visual effects and humor too. After their performance, they were judged by two native German speakers. They were given third place and received a trophy.

“We got them to laugh at funny parts,” Slussner said. “Last year was really funny.” Theatrefest is usually mandatory for German three students.

“I went ok,” said junior Matt Gertz. “We forgot a lot of the lines, but we came back in the end.”

THE DAY AFTER PROM MAKES THE WEEKEND PERFECT

By Jarrett Majcher

The tradition of adding excitement to the Prom weekend by going out with your group the day after the big has become an anticipated event. Groups get together and plan an adventure they will have the day after the big dance. It may be something as little as everyone grabbing a bite to eat, but for some, they take road trips to popular places.

For example, this year Chicago was the place of interest for many Hebron students.

“My group ended up picking Chicago because of the endless things you can do there,” junior Layne Plomme said. “There are so many restaurants to choose from, from classy diners, to the typical fast food restaurants. Shopping in Chicago is also incredible, so many different types of stores that you can shop at. It is the ideal, beautiful city getaway for a fun time with friends.”

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Basketball and wrestling hard. It is difficult to perform at your highest potential when you have a cold, or allergies.

“I hate the weather this year; it is way too cold for me,” junior Matt Chambers said. “I like 70s because I can play baseball and sports do rely largely on the weather. You can play baseball in any weather because it is inside, but nobody can have a baseball game or track meet while there is a snowstorm going on throughout the day. “We (baseball players) still work during the winter, but it becomes ten times harder with the cold and snow,” senior Mike Mikułach said.

Work does become much harder with the cold, whether you are working in the yard or on a jobsite; the weather is a big part of one’s livelihood.

The Hawks work hard every day to keep their field clean. There is constant raking, picking up garbage, dragging the field, and putting a tarp on the mound after every practice.

“The field gets better every year and we constantly work on it to keep it nice,” Steinhilber said.

The Hebron baseball team is currently holding six coaches on their roster this year. Steinhilber, Steinhilber, Ryan “Wubb” Schmidt and Zac Hernandez is the role of leader.

“This proves how one can still have a tremendous week even for the 11th year in a row and decided to prepare a fictional play this year. The Hawks baseball team is known for being one of the most friendly teams in the conference. The Hawks host every game winning streak and hope to continue that streak. There next two opponents are Marquette Catholic and Boone Grove. The Hawks have a great opportunity for their season to score a win.
Tight-knit team of 18 drives girls’ track team

By Amber Wolfe

Another track season is underway. The girls track team has had three meets.

The first meet was against Knox, which the girls took home the win.

The second meet was dual meet again River Forest and Covenant Christian. The ladies lost to River Forest but won against Covenant Christian.

The third meet was another dual meet against Morgan and Westville. The team tied with Morgan and won against Westville.

The team is smaller than in past years with 18 girls on the team.

“We have a talented group of freshmen this year,” junior Kelly Stef-fan said. “But, all together this season has been going well.”

Due to a small number of girls, there are girls in events that never have tried. “I never wanted to be a sprinter, I just wanted to be a thrower,” junior Karen Rademar said. “But, I wanted to do what Coach Walker wanted me to do.” Coach Rhonda W. asked needed people, so several girls stepped up.

The track team even convinced a man- ner to get into the competition. “I was just a manager because I didn’t want track to overlap with drama,” sophomore Gabby Dakpus said. “I have never sprinted or ran in track before. I think a lot and running helps me forget about thinking for a while.” The desire to help is one that is prevalent in the student body. “Walker told me she needed a sprinter, so I joined to help the team,” Dakpus said.

Track is a family sport, and the team sticks together.

“Track for me is like a family,” said senior Hunter Yates. “We always have each other backs and we will cheer on everyone for their races.”

Everyone has their own outlook on how the season will unfold.

“I feel like this season will be a good one because many of the girls have improved from last year,” Dakpus said. “I am looking to have a successful and fun season with my team.”

Some girls have no idea what to expect.

“Since I have never competed in track before, I have no idea what to look for or how we get our points,” Rademar said. As with every year, students hope to see new records set.

“I hope to break the shot put rec- ord this year because I feel like I will be a good goal for me and some- thing to look forward to at the meets,” Stef-fan said. “If I do not break it this year, I hope to break it my senior year.”

With having many different combi- nations, Qdoba Mexican Grill can put in their curri- tos, Qdobra provides many meats, cheeses, salsas and condiments to fill your burrito. I can’t forget mention how great each item tastes. You can also purchase Qdobra’s quesos dip and chips, which was my favorite thing to eat. The dip was very creamy and flavorful, and the chips were salted just right with a great crunch to them.

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Boys’ track starts strong and eyes PCC title in 2014

By Austin Riese

The Helion High School boys’ track team is currently undefeated in their 2014 sea- son. With a loss of a few sen- iors last season, the team believes that they are doing well.

“The season is going pretty well,” junior Brad Blank said. “We are win- ning.”

Other members of the boys’ track team also feel it’s positive season so far. “I feel like we are doing amazing,” sophomore Hunter Yates said. “However, it is a lot harder than I ex- pected, but we will win PCC.”

Although the season is off to a great start, members of the team have their own goals they hope to ac- complish throughout the current sea- son.

“To beat Nathan [Pucka],” Yates said. “I want to out throw him in shot put.”

Senior Mike “The Beard” MacNeill also has his own goal he hopes to achieve before his last season of track comes to an end.

“I hope to gain worldwide-fame as the fastest, most handsome runner with a beard,” MacNeill said.

The boys’ track team event roster is diverse.

“I do the one mile and four by eight,” MacNeill said.

Track is not simply just running events, there are also throwing and jumping categories.

“I am a thrower for shot put and discuss,” Yates said.

There is also a category of jumping events within the track spectrum.

“I participate in high jump, four by four, and the four by one,” Blank said.

Coaches are a necessity in any sport, especially track. They instruct their team and also cheer and support them in hope they reach success. The boys’ track team feels they have one of the best coaching teams in the area.

“The coaches are great,” Blank said. “They know what they are doing.”

Most teammates on the team roster agree that the coaches are doing an ex- ceptional job coaching but also have their own list of expectations from the coaches.

“The coaches are very sympa-thetic,” MacNeill said. “I feel like they should be doing the work out with us, in all fairness.”

The team is made up of respectable guys who have good sportsmanship and character. However, there is always room for fun and a little competition to drive each athlete to strive to be their very best.

“I personally think that I could beat Eric Bubener in the one mile with my eyes closed,” MacNeill said.

Will Bubener step up to the chal- lenge? The next meet will tell.

‘Divergent’ delivers the goods with first movie

By Nikki Fieser

This restaurant review will look at one of Valpo’s more popular dinner spots, Qdoba Mexican Grill. With being in a busy area for dining, Qdoba frequently receives many cus-tomers. By having many diners, it can be noted that Qdoba is well known for friendly service, good food and a clean area in which to dine.

My first impression while dining at Qdoba was an overall great experi- ence. The menu was very easy to understand and was helpful for new customers because Qdoba is known for creating one’s own meal. One well known thing Qdoba is known for is creating your own burrito. With having many different combi- nations diners can put in their burri- tos.

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By Shelby Wright

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“Divergent” is all about finding who you are as you transition from a teenage into a young adult. Director Neil Burger does a tremendous job in turning the intensive novel into a movie. The characters are a mystery to many, the four main characters are doing a great job in the movie. Theo James plays the mysterious Four, and Woodley are a great duo in the film.

“Divergent” was released into the theaters March 19, and instantly be- came a hit, earning $56 million dollars on opening night. This action thriller was adapted from the novel by Veronica Roth and is the first in the trilogy series.

The story is based on the fictional world created in Veronica Roth’s novel. Outsiders are given a chance to move within the walls of the city and become part of a new faction. The novel follows the girl named Tris Prior who has special powers. Tris Prior is a member of the Ab- negation faction along with her mother and father and brother, Caleb. But, Tris has a wild streak in her and Abnegation is just cut out for her. All teenagers must undergo a apti- tude test that tells them their best cadre test that tells them their best faction. This faction has a job and lifestyle that is most suited for them. But, Tris has a wild streak in her and Abnegation is just cut out for her. All teenagers must undergo an apti- tude test that tells them their best choice of where they should be placed for the rest of their life. When Tris takes her test, her results are inconclu- sive. Tris is “Divergent,” which makes her dangerous.

Tris begins to have a rough time becoming Dauntless, failing a lot of tests and looking weak to others until Four comes in to help her. I could go on and on talking about the film. I look forward to the second movie in the trilogy, “Insurgent,” and I encourage everyone to go check out the film and the book. One cannot simply enjoy a novel-based movie without reading the book first.

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La Dispute blends many genres for unique sound

By Elizabeth Medrano

Music is an expression of a person’s feelings. There are so many different genres and a multitude of songs within each of the genres. When a person hears a song, he or she can almost immediately form an opinion about it.

Falling in love with a song can be instantaneous. It can take just a few bars of a song to love the way the artist strung notes together to create the perfect sound. Anymore though, most people don’t really explore their music tastes. They can get stuck in a music rut.

Taylor Swift, for example, has so many songs that to me all are pretty much alike. With a few exceptions, all her songs are pretty much the same.

La Dispute is a band that, much like coffee, is an acquired taste. The first time I heard them, I hated them. I thought I definitely not a group for everyone. The music and lyrics are passionate but very sad and depressing.

Just a bunch of small town kids, La Dispute is a group that broke out of the norm of music to create something special.

Johnny Cash was known for how he would more or less speak the lyrics of his songs. Jordan Dreyer, the lead vocalist, also talks and screams the lyrics of his songs. However, apart from this small similarity, the two have nothing else in common.

The more I was forced to listen to this eccentric sound, the more I warmed up to them. Songs like “Fall Down and Never Get Back Up Again” is a song about a man watching the love of his life being caught by the ocean during a storm and drowning because he wanted to sit on the beach and watch the storm. Their music is a genre of its own, combining genres like screamo, rock, spoken word, and punk. They are unique and original. Though it is not one of my personal favorites, La Dispute is a group worth a listen.

La Dispute’s fourth album, “Rooms of the House,” was released March 18, of this year. Like all the others, it was a success on all levels, but what put it over the top of the rest is how the songs flowed from track to track. There’s no question La Dispute is something special. I strongly recommend that everyone give this album a try. It may break your heart, but it may also save your life. That’s the beauty of music. Let’s not take them for granted.

In flight ... Hawks doing their things.

Left: Bro love. Seniors Josh Lohiser and Maggie Lindeman were crowned Prom King and Queen.

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Above: Cupid shuffle. Everyone hits the floor to line dance.

Right: Prince and Princess. Juniors Emma Asberg and Lorenz Lichtenberg were crowned Prom Princess and Prince.

Below: But first ... let us take a selfie. Sophomore Jordan Burke snaps a pic of her and senior Jessica Steininger.

Bottom: Slow it down. Junior Kasie Sass enjoyed one of many slow dances with her date.

Things might be getting colder: Ukraine analysis

By Ryan Gilman

In 1991, the Cold War came to an “end.” But, the tensions have never gone away.

In February, Russia annexed the Crimea Peninsula, a region in the country of Ukraine. Since then, tensions have been escalating while Russia continues to push more troops towards the border and into Crimea.

The Pentagon is now sending about 600 troops into Crimea in order to train Ukraine soldiers and ensure protection from Russian advancements.

The United States has been issuing sanctions against Russia, but Putin still continues to advance his troops and ignore the demands of NATO, the United Nations and the United States.

The sanctions are however being quite effective. In only two months the Russian economy has suffered a 20 percent drop of stock revenue. This is quite effective. In only two months the Ukrainian government is suffering a 20 percent drop of stock revenue. This is quite effective.

Russia continues to advance in its mission to take over Ukraine.

The results of this can be seen even in our small town of Hebron. A question many ask is how does this affect Hebron in any way?

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China has decided to stay out of all of this and are neutral in this ordeal. How this will turn out nobody knows. Both sides have to find a compromise that will match each others’ needs.

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One simple word, gasoline.

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Many go above and beyond to find Prom date

By Stephen Doelling

When you start to see lockers covered in balloons, car windows paint all over them and countless amounts of girls with flowers, it’s easy to tell Prom season is here.

But, coming up with new ideas to ask that special someone to be a date is becoming more difficult, especially since nearly every way out there has been done, so people need to really think outside the box on what to do - otherwise they may not have a date.

More than a handful of teens are now resulting to getting their ideas online since many lack creativity or are just too lazy to think of something outside the box.

“To be completely honest with you, I got my idea off of Pinterest,” Junior Drake Earley said. “It involved some donuts and a little bit of money, but it got the job done and now I’m going with a girl from Kouts.”

Earley is not the only one who has done this either. Several kids are finding their ideas online but are just altering them to fit specific desires that they want.

But, in a different vein, some people feel that going out of their way to ask for a Prom date is unnecessary.

“I just didn’t really feel the need to do anything super special; since we’re dating. I just figured it was a given that we were going together,” senior Jason Reick said. “The only way I can see someone going above and beyond, is if they’re not together already and if they wanted to impress the other person.”

This is also how numerous people decided on going to prom, but there are some people who got asked in ways that they didn’t see coming.

“I figured it was just another day with my girlfriend, Natalee, but it turned out to be a lot more than that,” senior Jay Fieser said. “I took her to a White Sox game so we could spend the day together doing something fun. But, I guess she ordered a message from the Sox website, and asked me to prom by having it projected on the big screen in the out-field. I’m a little upset I’m not going to prom at Hebron because it’s my senior year. But, I’ll still have fun at Washington with her.”

All together it’s obvious that some people like to keep it simple while others go way above expectations, but that’s what makes Prom such an exciting event that everyone enjoys.

Students visit schools in exchange program

By Morgan Morrow

The Student Exchange Program is a partnership sponsored by student council where students get a chance to travel to another school for a day and experience what it’s like.

The vibe there was extremely different as soon as students walked in the door. Portage is divided into two sections – the east side and the west side. The east side is completely re-arranged for the freshmen, and the west side is for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each side has its own cafeateria, gym, auditorium and office. Also, the school consists of about seven times as many students who attend Hebron High School.

Portage has two pools, an indoor field house, six tennis courts, four baseball and softball fields and a football field. One thing that really shocked students was there are two principals, six vice principals, and four guidance counselors. Also, students at Portage do not have block scheduling, so they have eight classes per day as opposed to four alternating classes a day. Unlike Hebron, Portage students do not have a study hall implemented into their schedules.

Classes at Portage are only 45 minutes long compared to Hebron’s 90 minute classes, so classes attended during the exchange went by super fast. Also, because the school is so large, their passing periods are six minutes long, whereas we only have four minutes to get from class to class.

The Portage teachers there were tremendously nice and laid-back, so it was easy for the Hebron students to fit in with the Portage students, helping them feel like an Indian for the day, Portage’s school mascot.

Marisol Barajas is a junior at Portage High School who is on the swim team, track team and sings in advanced choir. She got quite a culture shock when she came to Hebron for the day.

“My favorite part was going to Hebron was experiencing what a small school was like,” Barajas said. “It was definitely a different, but good, vibe.”

Although Marisol liked Hebron overall, she wasn’t a big fan of the block-scheduling system we have. “My least favorite part was the block scheduling,” Barajas said. “I would not be able to sit in one class for that long!”
First musical in 53 years draws large crowd

By Bryce Hanaway

Hebron High School produced its first musical since 1961, under the direction of Jared Grisby on April 11, 12 and 13.

“I have limited singing abilities, so I didn’t know how to coach kids vocally,” Grisby said. “Luckily, I had Mrs. VandeBunte to help. We also had to rely on CDs, songs without lyrics, which is unforfiting when it comes to missing a song cue or words.”

The musical brought in a new group of people for the Hebron High School Drama Club.

“This was the first play where we brought up students from the middle school, which was cool because I got to make new friends,” senior Hayley Sowers said.

Along with it being Hebron High Schools first musical in more than 50 years, there were also new people taking roles.

“It was and wasn’t what I anticipated because I knew it was going to be a lot to learn and memorize, but it wasn’t. It wasn’t because it was a lot of fun and it wasn’t that hard to memorize everything,” junior Matt Frey said. “I also thought the people would be mean to the new people, but they were nice and very helpful.”

Since this was Hebron High Schools first musical and there were lots of new faces on stage, more people attended this show than any others since Grisby has been the director.

“It was a huge success,” Grisby said. “We had more than 660 people attend three shows. The kids were so excited. We will have another musical in the future, and the kids are excited with what the future will hold.”

BPA attends state conference, Steffan installed

By Sam Neely

Despite an unusual start to the school year for the Business Professionals of America, losing President Sarah Witt due to her transferring schools and junior Kelly Steffan taking over in the role, the organization has stayed strong.

Steffan was also elected as District One President for the BPA. Steffan was inducted into her role as president at this years’ state conference in a special ceremony.

This year several students advanced to the state competition in a variety of events. This events took place onto the state conference in Indiana, Indiana. Representing Hebron High School were senior Daisy Heath for fundamental accounting procedures, Steffan for advanced interview skills, sophomores Jourden Bixeman and Maddie Kleine for administrative office procedures and freshman Danielle Roeseke for entrepreneurship.

“The girls did not place this year, but they did behave like professional women and made Hebron proud,” BPA adviser Laura King said.

The girls and King had a fun trip to Indianapolis; however, at the hotel the Indianapolis Comic Con was going on at the same time. “We got to see some fairly interesting people for free,” King said with a laugh.

The conference attendees enjoyed a humorous dinner at Dick’s Last Resort.

“The hats were hilarious; it was a nice break from all of the stress the competition gave us,” King said. “It was a fun experience that all the girls needed that weekend.”

They also got to take reduce stress levels with something most women love, retail therapy.

“The shopping was a great stress reliever for me, personally,” Steffan said. “It was also a great way for me to get my mind off of things for a little bit.”

Part of the success of this year’s BPA chapter was the growth of the chapter. This year there were 18 members, which is significantly more than last year’s membership. A lot of the new freshman took an interest in joining the BPA. Next year, however, is going to be a bigger and better year for the BPA as members of King’s business class will be required to join BPA, which will raise memberships.

The Hebron chapter of BPA has established itself as self-sustaining. Thanks to the efforts of the members and King to keep the school store up and running, the group pays for everything it needs. The morning coffees, snacks, school supplies and everything else offered takes care of all the group needs.
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Some people have different opinions about Grand Marches.

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Prom was just not one fun night, it is one fun weekend. “Prom was a success,” Winn said.
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When having stressful times in your life, someone who may notice more than others are your teachers. Teachers can record your behavior in the classroom and also determine your self-esteem from test scores and homework. Teachers can be very aware of their students and the student’s mental state.

“I keep an eye out for changes in behavior, acting out, becoming withdrawn from others,” said Hebron High School business teacher Laura King. Teachers look for the best interest of their students. If someone with life-threatening problems confided in a teacher and the teacher was not suited to handle the situation, they still have duties to report the situation.

“We need to go to the Mr. Lutze and Miss Morris for help and guidance, and they will make sure things are properly addressed,” King said. “The student can come to any of his or her trusted adults and express their concerns, and we are all trained to make sure that trained people can help them.” Teachers are trained to help their students, in other ways then just teaching academics. Suicidal thoughts are extremely dangerous and if you are experiencing any of those thoughts, always remember, talking out the problem can save your life or the life of a friend.

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By Sara Jen

May is here, which means another chance for the Celebration of the Arts. Hebron High School began this tradition of celebration about seven years ago. During the month of May, there are a variety of different art and music events that come together to make this all possible.

How did this all come about? Art teacher Karen Jania explained how May was always full of art and music events, so a few teachers brought their heads together and decided to call it the Celebration of the Arts.

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The Hebron High School junior class took the ACT Test on April 23, 2014. The test was timed and took about four hours to complete. This test is important because it is a determining factor in being accepted into many different colleges.

The test was taken through the school.

“There is something called (district choice which allows Hebron to offer the ACT to students for free),” said Hebron High School Guidance Counselor Melissa Morris.

The test has five different parts. It consists of math, English, science, reading and writing parts. The ACT Plan has all of these sections except for the writing. The ACT Plan is the practice test for the ACT. The ACT Plan is taken by the sophomore and freshman classes.

“The Plan has 50 English, 40 math, 25 reading, and 30 science questions,” Morris said.

Since the ACT is sealed, there was no way to determine the amount of questions before hand. The amount of time that each test would take was not a secret. The first test was 45 minutes, the second test was one hour, the third test was 35 minutes, the fourth test was 35 minutes, and the writing was 30 minutes.

As far as scoring goes, there is no “passing.”

“There is no pass or fail because it tests to see what you have learned,” Morris said.

The test gives students a score, and the higher the score the better a person did.

“A 26 is a good score to have,” Morris said.

The highest one can score on the ACT is a 36.

“Colleges look at their scores, and it lets students see how good they are at certain sections,” Morris said.

Students who score well are also able to get scholarships for certain colleges.

It is also important to prepare for the ACT. This does not necessarily mean studying for it.

 “[To have improved my score] I should have gotten more sleep and paced myself better on the questions,” senior Sydney Marrs said.

Marrs took the test with the school during her junior year.

There are parts of the test that were more challenging than others.

“(I did) good on the critical reading but bad on the math,” Marrs said.

Although most people do not enjoy taking the test, the ACT is very useful tool for looking at your improvement. Doing well on the ACT can lead to scholarships, which can help students continue their educations.

May choir concert is end for seniors

By Daniel Clemens

The May choir concert marks the end of the seniors’ year, along with the end of their choir careers.

The choir performed their last concert of the year on May 1, helping kick off the annual Celebration of the Arts. The concert was the seniors’ last concert, and they were recognized during the performance by their peers and director.

“There will be a variety of songs,” choir teacher Carol Roy said. There will be many Latin pieces along with “Let it Go” from the movie “Frozen,” “My Favorite Things,” “Wings (a Ballad),” and more to be heard.

The seniors planned a special song to be sung, which commemorated their year. The song was, “Let It Be” and the seniors sang it without the rest of the choir. The seniors in the concert were Katie Clemens, Haley Miller, Nicole Jones, Lauren Carlson, Hope Bontempo, Jenna Giacomini and Taylor Miley.

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Senior Lexie Schatz competed in an art show at Purdue Calumet along with nine other students from Hebron High School and an additional 13 schools from the region.

Schatz dominated the competition, placing first out of all the various students from various schools. For winning this contest, Schatz won $150 cash.

In order to receive her prize, Schatz had to submit one piece of art work as well as attend a banquet. But, she did not receive the actual money until the actual art show was over, which was two weeks later.

The judges came in without knowing any of the students and decided that Schatz’s was the best. She felt honored to win the award.

“I did not expect to win, so it was a nice surprise,” Schatz said.

While the cash prize is nice, Schatz said the money had already been spent.

Currently Schatz is applying for the Bervanger scholarship. This scholarship requires an art portfolio containing all of her artwork. If Schatz wins this scholarship, the money has to go towards her future art programs. Schatz has been accepted to Valparaiso University for the fall.

“Like the Grand March; I get to be with all my senior buddies,” Hinkle said.

Some people have different opinions about Grand Marchs.

“I get really nervous going on stage, so I do not like it,” Winn said.

Each year the Prom Committee has to come up with a different setup for the Grand March.

“I love the Grand March,” Slusser said. “It seems like each year the classes go out with different personalities and gives the audience a show while they are out there.”

The Prom Committee came up with a new idea for the party for this year’s dance.

“We were looking at what other Proms around the area have done and T-shirts were very popular, so we thought maybe we should give it a try,” Winn said.

Nowadays, people asking their dates to go to the big event are more creative than years ago. Hardly anyone goes up to someone and asks “Will you go to Prom Chicago or bowling or anywhere where they can have a good time.”

“Post Prom is always fun, but I’d have to say Prom day is probably the best part about the whole weekend,” Hinkle said.

Prom is just not one fun night, it is one fun week. “Prom was a success,” Winn said.
**First musical in 53 years draws large crowd**

*By Bryce Hanaway*

Hebron High School produced its first musical since 1961, under the direction of Jared Grigsby on April 11, 12 and 13.

“I have limited singing abilities, so I didn’t know how to coach kids vocally,” Grigsby said, “Luckily, I had Mrs. VandeBunte to help. We also had to rely on CDs, songs without lyrics, which is unforgiving when it comes to missing a song cue or words.”

The musical brought in a new group of people for the Hebron High School Drama Club.

“This was the first play where we brought up students from the middle school, which was cool because I got to make new friends,” senior Hayley Sowles said.

Along with it being Hebron High Schools first musical in more than 50 years, there were also new people taking roles.

“It was and wasn’t what I anticipated because I knew it was going to be a lot to learn and memorize. But it wasn’t because it was a lot of fun and it wasn’t that hard to memorize everything,” junior Matt Frey said. “I also thought the people would be mean to the new people, but they were nice and very helpful.”

Since this was Hebron High Schools first musical and there were lots of new faces on stage, more people attended this show than any others since Grigsby has been the director.

“It was a huge success,” Grigsby said. “We had more than 660 people attend three shows. The kids were so excited. We will have another musical in the future, and the kids are excited with what the future will hold.”

*BPA attends state conference, Steffan installed*

*By Core y duck*

Starting next year, all seniors are required to get a second meningitis shot. The state is requiring this shot in order to prevent a spread of disease across college campuses.

The students are already receiving one shot as a requirement, and the state increase the shot requirement by one as an additional booster, which is not state law.

“It is expected that every grade level going into senior year will be required to receive this shot,” said Kris Hallberg, school nurse for MSD of Boone Township.

While students may not be keen on another shot, it does serve a greater purpose.

“I think they’re (the booster shots) very necessary,” Hallberg said. “We have eradicated most diseases from the United States school systems.

“Ending disease is a good thing.”

“We want to try to eradicate these diseases so that we can prevent an outbreak,” Hallberg said.

When students get these vaccines and people travel to various locations around the world, the help prevent the spread of any diseases that could cause problems in other countries. These vaccines are beneficial because other people from around the world do not have these vaccines, making travelers susceptible to them.

“We are very fortunate that we have these vaccines,” junior Jake Wilber said.
Many go above and beyond to find Prom date

By Stephen Doelling
When you start to see lockers covered in balloons, car windows painted all over them and countless amounts of girls with flowers, it’s easy to tell Prom season is here. But, coming up with new ideas to ask that special someone to be a date is becoming more difficult, especially since nearly clever way out there has been done, so people need to really think outside the box on what to do - otherwise they may not have a date. More than a handful of teens are now resulting to getting their ideas online since many lack creativity or are just too lazy to think of something outside the box.

“To be completely honest with you, I got my idea off of Pinterest,” Junior Drake Earley said. “It involved some donuts and a little bit of money, but it got the job done and now I’m going with a girl from Kouts.”

Earley is not the only one who has done this either. Several kids are finding their ideas online but are just altering them to fit specific desires that they want.

But, in a different vein, some people feel that going out of their way to ask for a Prom date is unnecessary. “I just didn’t really feel the need to do anything super special; since we’re dating. I just figured it was a given that we were going together,” senior Jason Reick said. “The only way I can see someone going above and beyond, is if they’re not together already and if they wanted to impress the other person.”

This is also how numerous people decided on going to prom, but there are some people who got asked in ways that they didn’t see coming. “I figured it was just another day with my girlfriend, Natalee, but it turned out to be a lot more than that,” senior Jay Fieser said. “It was our three month anniversary, so I took her to a White Sox game so we could spend the day together doing something fun. But, I guess she ordered a message from the Sox website, and asked me to prom by having it projected on the big screen in the outfield. I’m a little upset I’m not going to prom because it’s my senior year. But, I’ll still have fun with Washington with her.”

All together it’s obvious that some people like to keep it simple while others go way above expectations, but that’s what makes Prom such an exciting event that everyone enjoys.

“Don’t be a jerk,” Spanish teacher Eric Summerville said. “It’s true. Don’t be afraid to talk to one another about anything. Secrets held within a relationship don’t help you make your partner question your honesty.”

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“Don’t be angry or sad, forgive them,” Summerville said. If you have ever had a fight with someone, and let the fight ruin the relationship, then it is both of participants’ faults. Everyone has had some sort of relationship, whether it is friend, or courting. Relationships have problems if you don’t communicate. “If I could go see her, I would definitely see her,” Summerville said. “The plan is to see her this summer, actually.”

Relationships may seem difficult, but they can be established and maintained by following some of the simple advice of both Burnette and Summerville.

Students visit schools in exchange program

By Morgan Morrow

The Student Exchange Program is a partnership sponsored by student council, where students get a chance to travel to another school for a day and experience what it’s like. This year, students at Hebron High School, and is lost. Also, some people think that the lyrics mean something different than what they really do.

“I expected the song to mean something different than what it did,” Burke said. “Like the ‘cold never bothered me anyway’ part, I wasn’t expected to mean something different.”

Other students disagreed though. “I found the lyrics to mean the same thing as the song,” Sorales said. The students did listen to the song twice though, so it gave them time to really understand the lyrics more.

“We didn’t pause the part where the song came on during the movie, so you couldn’t really think about the words that much,” Burke said. Using this technique to talk about feelings is a different one but seems to work for the IPR class. All the students seem to enjoy it and like learning that way opposed to using textbooks.

“It is a very useful way and lets us talk about our feelings in a different way,” Burke said.
La Dispute blends many genres for unique sound

By Elizabeth Medrano

Music is an expression of a person’s feelings. There are so many different genres and a multitude of songs within each of the genres. When a person hears a song, he or she can almost immediately form an opinion about it.

Falling in love with a song can be instantaneous. It can take just a few bars of a song to love the way the artist strung notes together to create the perfect sound. Anymore though, most people don’t really explore their music tastes. They can get stuck in a music rut.

Taylor Swift, for example, has so many songs that to me all are pretty much alike. With a few exceptions, all her songs are pretty much the same. La Dispute is a band that, much like coffee, is an acquired taste. The first time I heard them, I hated them. They are definitely not a group for everyone. The music and lyrics are passionate but very sad and depressing.

Just a bunch of small town kids, La Dispute is a group that broke out of the norm of music to create something special.

Johnny Cash was known for how he would more or less speak the lyrics of his songs. Jordan Dreyer, the lead vocalist, also talks and screams the lyrics of his songs. However, apart from this small similarity, the two have nothing else in common.

The more I was forced to listen to this eccentric sound, the more I warmed up to them. Songs like “Fall Down and Never Get Back Up Again” is a song about a man watching the love of his life being caught by the ocean during a storm and drowning because he wanted to sit on the beach and watch the storm.

Their music is a genre of its own, combining genres like screamo, rock, spoken word and punk. They are unique and original. Though it is not one of my personal favorites, La Dispute is a group worth a listen.

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Boys’ track starts strong and eyes PCC title in 2014

By Justin Rieze

The Hebron High School boys’ track team is currently undefeated in their 2014 season. With a loss of a few seniors last season, the team believes that they are doing well. “The season is going pretty well,” junior Brad Blank said. “We are winning.”

Other members of the boys’ track team also feel it’s season so far. “I feel like we are doing amazing,” sophomore Hunter Yates said. “Our season is on fire! However, it is a lot harder than I expected, but we will win PCC.”

Although the season is off to a great start, members of the team have their own goals that they hope to accomplish throughout the current season. “To beat Nathan [Pucka],” Yates said. “I want to out throw him in shot put.”

Senior Mike “The Beard” MacNeill also has his own goal he hopes to achieve before his last season of track comes to an end. “I hope to gain world-wide fame as the fastest, most handsome runner with a beard,” MacNeill said. The boys’ track team event roster is diverse. “I do the one mile and four by eight,” MacNeill said. Track is not simply just running events, there are also throwing and jumping categories. “I am a thrower for shot put and discuss,” Yates said. There is also a category of jumping events within the track spectrum. “I participate in high jump, four by four, and the four by one,” Blank said.

Coaches are a necessity in any sport, especially track. They instruct their team and also cheer and support them in hope they reach success. The boys’ track team feels they have one of the best coaching teams in the area. “The coaches are great,” Blank said. “They know what they are doing.”

Most teammates on the team roster agree that the coaches are doing an exceptional job coaching but also have their own list of expectations from the coaches. “The coaches are very sympathetic,” MacNeill said. “I feel like they should be doing the work out with us, in all fairness.”

The team is made up of respectable guys who have good sportsmanship and character. However, there is always room for fun and a little competition to drive each athlete to strive to be their very best. “I personally think that I could beat Eric Bubener in the mile with my eyes closed,” MacNeill said. Will Bubener step up to the challenge? The next meet will tell.

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‘Divergent’ delivers the goods with first movie

By Shyster Wright

I walked into the movie theater not expecting much. It was a new film. I was wrong. I walked out a new fan of the “Divergent” trilogy.

‘Divergent’ is all about finding who you are as you transition from a teenage into a young adult director. Neil Burger does a tremendous job in casting the intenseiveness of Beatrice “Tris” Prior and the mysteriousness of Four.

Shailene Woodley portrays Tris in the movie. She may not be as captivating as Jennifer Lawrence in “The Hunger Games,” but she has a type of realism and subtlety that makes her appealing. She keeps you holding on to Tris the entire movie, sticking by her side and rooting for her when there’s a need to crank up the heat, she doesn’t oversell it.

Theo James plays the mysterious man who goes by the name Four, the hunky, good looking trainer in the Dauntless faction. As the story intensifies, Four’s conflicted character becomes more in depth although he was quiet and intimidating at first. James and Woodley are a great duo in the film.

‘Divergent’ was released into the theaters March 21, and instantly became a hit, earning $56 million dollars on opening night. This action thriller was adapted from the novel by Veronica Roth and in the first in the trilogy series.

The story is based in the fenced-off post-war Chicago in the future. The population in been broken down into five factions arranged by a primary, defining trait. “Divergent” which makes her dangerous.

Tris Prior has to have a rough time becoming Dauntless, failing a lot of tests and looking weak to others until Four comes in to help her. I was a little disappointed, I was expecting them to talk about the plot. I look forward to the second movie in the trilogy, “Insurgent,” and I encourage anyone to go check out the film and the book. One cannot simply enjoy a novel-based movie without reading the book first.
The day after Prom makes the weekend perfect

By Jarrett Majcher

The tradition of adding excitement to the Prom weekend by going out with your group the day after the big has become an anticipated event. Groups get together and plan an adventure they will have the day after the big dance. It may be something as little as everyone grabbing a bite to eat, but for some, they take road trips to popular places. For example, this year Chicago was the place of interest for many Hebron students.

“My group ended up picking Chicago because of the endless things you can do there,” junior Layne Plomann said. “There are so many restaurants to choose from, from classy diners, to the typical fast food restaurants. Shopping in Chicago is also a great time without burning a hole in his pocket when it comes to money.

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Extended cold temps make one dream of Florida

By Colton Jones

The weather of 2014 has been very aggravating to many, including myself. I am still patiently waiting for summer to come around. I miss the beach, temperatures above 60 degrees, swimming pools, bonfires and hanging out with friends. But most of all, there’s no school.

This winter has been so cold and long that it makes me want to move to Florida so I never have to be cold again. Don’t mistake me for totally hating the cold. I still like snow sometimes, because of winter sports like snowboarding, but I’m definitely tired of snow for a while.

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“Chicago was the place to be this year; my group decided to go so we could meet up with our other friends that were also heading up there,” junior Colton Jones said. “You really can’t run out of things to do in a city like that. I [can’t] wait to go to Chicago next year for my senior post-prom.”

Some people decided to keep it simple and go to the extreme, like staying in town and going to a local restaurant or even seeing a movie in theaters. This proves how one can still have a great time without burning a hole in his or her pocket when it comes to money.

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German 3 takes third place honor

By Daniel Clemens

German 3 students won third place with their fictional play about a German town full of unintelligent people.

Theatrefest was held on Thursday, April 17, at Valparaiso University. The Hebron German students were invited for the 11th year in a row and decided to prepare a fictional play this year.

The play, “Die Dumme Schildbürger,” was about a small town in Germany that started out smart, but after a long time of acting dumb to save their town from falling apart, they became dumb.

This year Layne Plomann, Lorenz Lichtenberg, Karin Rademar, Sam Brumley, Matt Gertz, Kate Stockman and Mitch Burgess were the German students who put on the play.

“It gives the students something to prepare for,” German teacher Carrie Slusser said.

The students used props for visual effects and humor too. After their performance, they were judged by two native German speakers. They were given third place and received a trophy.

“We got them to laugh at funny parts,” Slusser said. “Last year was really funny.”

Theatrefest is usually mandatory for German three students.

“It went ok,” said junior Matt Gertz. “We forgot a lot of the lines, but we came back in the end.”

List of coaches help lead 2014 boys’ baseball

By Zac Hernandez

The Hebron Hawks baseball team has a record of three wins and three losses. They have some big conference games coming up, and they are looking to continue their winning streak. Hebron is currently 2-0 in conference play, beating Westville (18-1) and Washington Township (3-2). The Hawks have a big span of conference games coming up, and they are getting prepared as best as they can.

The Hawks have five total captains this year. The two seniors, Jason Reick and Mike Mikulich, are assisted by juniors Jarrett Majcher, Bryce Hanaway and Zac Hernandez in the role of leader.

Coach John Steinhilber thinks there is room for improvement with this year’s team.

“We have a lot more work to do with our leaders,” Steinhilber said. “It has been pretty good for the most part, but there is definitely room for improvement.”

The Hawks work hard every day to keep their field clean. There is constant raking, picking up garbage, dragging the field, and putting a tarp on the mound after every practice.

“The field gets better every year and we constantly work on it to keep it nice,” Steinhilber said.

The Hebron baseball team is currently holding six coaches on their roster this year. Steinhilber, Riley, Chris Wilfing, Sean Ryan, Tim Joyce and Damon Wallace. They split their roles as coaches to make practices easier on players, so everyone can focus on the players that need most attention at the time.

“It’s great because we don’t have to share different duties, and we can focus on the main things we need to get better at,” Steinhilber said.

The Hawks baseball team is known to battle every day. The Hawks lost their first two games by one run, but they made effort to come back and held their own against Wheeler and KV.

The Hawks were trailing Washington Township by two runs until the bottom of the seventh inning. Sophomore Stephen Doelling started the rally with a bunt down the third base line. Hanaway followed up with a walk, having runners on first and second when Reick was up at the plate. Reick hit a two RBI triple, scoring the tying runs. That was Reick’s second hit of the game. Following Reick’s at bat was a game winning single by Hernandez.

“We’re going to battle every day,” Steinhilber said. “We should have won our first two games, so I don’t even realize what’s going on in the loss column.”

Hernandez is currently on a three game winning-streak and hope to continue that streak. There next two opponents are Marquette Catholic and Boone Grove. The Hawks have a great season in store for them.
Softball team continues to improve, adjusts to new coach

By Mike Mikulich

The Hebron Hawks softball team has had a shaky start to their season, currently holding a record of three wins and four losses. However, the record does not tell the whole story.

“There have been a few games that take away an error here or there, we should have won, ” head softball coach Doug Doelling said. “We have played a lot of bigger schools (Chesterton, Hobart, Portage), and the girls have really played well. It’s a learning experience, playing against those schools, which will only make us a better team when it matters most.”

Just like all sports, the first few weeks are a good indicator of the problems that need to be addressed before the conference tournament. “We need to learn how to win close games,” Doelling said. “There have been a few games that were close and we made mistakes when the pressure was on, and we fall apart after that. We have also had a problem with leaving runners on base; I think we left nine on base against Chesterton, and maybe 10 against Hobart. We can’t leave that many runners on and expect to win against schools of that caliber.”

As of right now, the Hawks are a perfect 2-0 in conference games, with wins against Westville and Washington Township.

“The biggest conference game is going to be against Boone Grove on Friday, but conference is conference,” Doelling said. “They are all important for us.”

In just his first year coaching at Hebron, the players have had to adjust to a new coach. “The girls are going through a learning experience, getting used to a new coach and a new style of play,” Doelling said. “It may take some time, but we are heading in the right direction. I like the high intensity that we have when we take the field.”

Doelling is also looking toward the future. “I want to build a program that will be competitive for a long time,” Doelling said. “I cannot express how happy I am that Mr. Eriks has agreed to coach the junior varsity team. If we can continue to have a full JV team, as sort of a feeder program, that would allow the younger girls to get more playing time, then our softball team will continue to improve.”

Scholarship Watch

The following scholarships are coming due in the near future. To stay updated on other opportunities for free money for college, check out the guidance department website. Scholarship applications can be found in the guidance office.

Timothy A. Wielgos Scholarship
Great Clips Scholarship Program
Braces For All Ages

More scholarships at www.student scholarships.org

Congratulations to Hebron High School, once again a Four Star School!!

Don’t forget to vote on May 6.

By Zach Hillestad

“As you know, the referendum did not pass by four votes last year,” said George Letz, superintendent of Hebron Schools.

Last year, several cuts were made that affected the schools a great deal, and more will be made if it does not pass this year. The school has been making minor cut backs over the past years, but last year’s referendum gave the high school the hardest hits with several teachers cut and many classes eliminated. The elementary and middle schools were not directly impacted as much. However, if this year’s referendum does not pass, the middle school will cut one teaching position and eliminate its Response to Intervention program, curriculum that has helped students who are struggling with reading and math skills. The middle and elementary guidance counselor position will no longer exist. And, the elementary school will eliminate another teaching position.

“The amount of money that we are asking for is $497,315 each year,” Letz said. “This will go on for seven years. But, we will be able to stop the tax when we want to during those seven years, if we feel that the school system will be fine for quite some time.”

That total amount collected over the seven years would be $3,355,205.00, which will be added to the general fund. The general fund is used to support the salaries of all of the staff and faculty.

Some wonder why the school cannot take money out of one fund and move it over to the General Fund. “We are not allowed to move money from one fund to the other,” Letz said. “One fund is used for buses, while the cafeteria has its own (fund) for the food.”

Both those for the referendum and those opposed to it would like to see all of Hebron visit the polls on May 6 to cast their votes. If the referendum passes, an increase would be added to Hebron’s property taxes. The increase would be based on how much one’s house and property are valued. The majority of the houses within the Hebron area are worth around $155,000. For a house worth that much, approximately $143.39 would be added to the current tax bill, which would go to the school each year. The average monthly tax increase would round up to about $12.

One consequence that might happen in the future for failed referendums is MSD of Boone Township would have to consider consolidating with nearby towns. Some school districts have done this in the past. By consolidating, Hebron Schools would combine with nearby schools to create a larger school township. It’s imperative that everyone vote on May 6.