

Panther review

October/November Calendar of Events

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Spidergram form due date
Turn in forms and money at lunch

31

Happy Halloween!
PLAN test
8:00 a.m. in the little theatre

1

Area volleyball begins

2

Costume contest deadline
Send pictures of your Halloween costume
to be featured in the *Panther's Paw*

5

Participate in a mock vote
Submit your ballots at lunch

6

Election Day
2nd Issue of the *Panther's Paw*
comes out

Students plan for festive Halloween

by Shelby Lowell and Austin Haug

In America, October 31 is a well known date. Halloween is a holiday full of festivities and tradition.

"It is tradition for me to go trick or treating with my friends on Halloween," senior Dynesha Madden said.

Although plenty of students would like to get their share of treats, many students prefer to take part in Halloween tricks.

"I'm a real Halloween fanatic; I love everything about it," senior Casey Rice said. "I'm going to dress up for sure and hand out candy while my dad scares the kids in the front yard."

Halloween originated as a way to celebrate the spirits of the dead, so going to haunted houses is another favorite way to spend a night full of scares.

"I am looking forward to going in a haunting house for the first time," junior Alex Von dem said.

Halloween also provides a rare opportunity for people to dress up as anything from TV stars like Snooki or more traditional things like a ghost or vampire.

"Jacob and I are dressing up as Johnny Cash and June Carter," junior Rachel Reistenburg said. "We're going to be the cutest couple ever."

Regardless of how students choose to spend the annual holiday, they are sure to have a good time.

A fright to remember

by Brenna Boudreaux and Aaron Cline

Halloween is a time for trick-or-treating, ghost stories and often, haunted houses. Many students go every year to see creepy corn mazes, horrifying hotels and ghost-infested houses.

Every year, haunted houses usually have different themes and new twists to keep people guessing what the next fright might be.

"The haunted house I went to was a big funhouse that had a lot of mirrors and slanted walls," senior Gage Bryant said. "Then I was chased through the house."

Haunted houses introduce people to different types of phobias and fears that will scare them senseless. Claustrophobia, pitch black rooms, spiders and clowns are just a few of the tortures that could be unleashed upon visitors to a haunted house.

"Haunted houses make me feel trapped," senior Shelby Lowell said. "It's just a walk of terror where I hate my life the entire time."

These haunted houses can range from a short walkthrough of an abandoned house to a long, seemingly endless tour of many floors filled with effects and actors. Regardless, these buildings are designed to terrify each customer and leave their hearts racing.

"I'm so glad that there was only one chainsaw," junior Hailie Gilbert said. "That is the scariest part of any haunted house."

Some of the haunted houses in Longview around Halloween are Graystone Manor and Doc Wilkes's House of Horror. Several students have elected to work in these haunted houses so they can be involved in the holiday's festivities, as well as make money.

"I just started this weekend at Graystone Manor, so I don't have a permanent position right now," sophomore Haileigh Bingham said. "I was a clown this weekend and a murdered victim last weekend."

Classic Halloween characters are involved in many haunted houses. Jason, Jack the Ripper, Pennywise and Mike Myers are just a few of the infamous and memorable Halloween icons sometimes found stalking visitors.

"I'm in the Jack the Ripper scene," senior Cassie LeGrand said. "During the scene, I'm dragged away by Jack, and I scream bloody murder. After that, we follow people around the haunted house."

Haunted houses consistently scare all who go to them, and because of this, they have become a tradition that will last for years to come.

Let your vote be heard!

The Panther's Paw is holding a mock election Monday, November 5th for all students.

Students can pick up a ballot at a table outside of the cafeteria and choose between presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Barack Obama; there is no write-in option.

Upon completion, students should return the ballots to designated poll boxes. The votes will then be tallied and the winner will be announced in the Election Day issue of *The Panther's Paw*.

Spidergrams are on sale now

Spidergrams will go on sale tomorrow during all three lunches. Proceeds from the journalism department fundraiser will go towards the printing of the *Panther Preview*, *the Panther's Paw* and prizes for contest winners.

Spidergrams are spider-shaped plastic rings attached to a personalized message. The messages cost one dollar and will be delivered to students during class Wednesday.

The Panther's Paw is looking for the best Halloween costumes

Think you've got the best Halloween costume this year? Send a picture of yourself wearing your costume, along with a description of the costume, to Mrs. Tucker's room by Friday, November 2.

Winners of the costume contest will have their photo printed in the upcoming issue of *The Panther's Paw* and will receive a gift card to the Spill.

Volleyball aims high for postseason play

by Megan Hix

The Lady Panther varsity volleyball team has gone 10-0 in district play and 32-2 overall so far this season, and will advance to the playoffs. The team will play their last district game against the Gilmer Buckeyes tonight at 7:00 in Gilmer.

With a win in tonight's game, the team will skip the bi-district game and move ahead to play in the area volleyball tournament beginning Thursday.

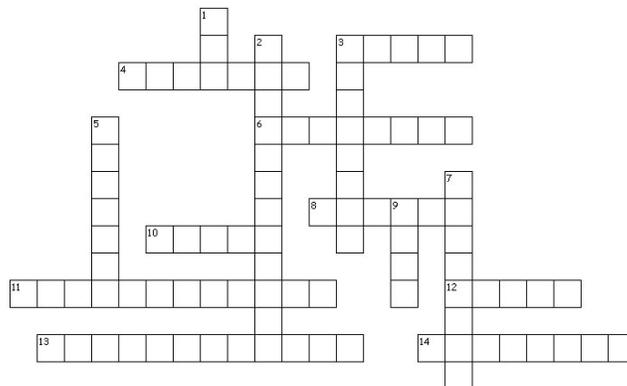
"Last year, we went pretty far in competition," senior Aly Curtis said. "So we have really high expectations for how well we can do this year."

The team has grown to be well-respected in the community due to their successful seasons over the past few years.

"It would mean so much to us if everybody would come and support us," Curtis said. "It's a big game for us and we could really use a loud crowd supporting us."

Turn in your completed puzzle to Mrs. Tucker to be entered into a drawing. The winner of the drawing will have a feature story about them printed in the next edition of the paper!

Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. The head of a skeleton.
4. "I want to suck your blood!"
6. A witch's pot of brew.
8. The walking dead.
10. Ghoul, spook, phantom, apparition, spirit, etc.
11. Mary Shelley's famous book about a monster.
12. She'll put a curse on you.
13. Headless Horseman's head.
14. When this creature crosses your path, you're sure to have bad luck.

Down

1. Standard gravestone acronym.
2. Common greeting on Halloween.
3. The remains of a long-dead corpse.
5. A jack-o-lantern before it's cut.
7. Man by day, monster by night, but can be fought off by using silver.
9. It goes _____ in the night.

Look for more games and brain-teasers in the upcoming issues of *The Panther's Paw*!

What you didn't know about Halloween

- Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
- Trick-or-treating comes from the Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to please restless spirits.
- According to tradition, if a person wears his or her clothes inside out and walks backwards on Halloween, he or she will see a witch at midnight.
- Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years.
- More than 93% of children go trick-or-treating each year.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters.
- Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday; Christmas is the first.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Signs of a werewolf include a unibrow, hairy palms, tattoos and a long middle finger.
- To this day, there are vampire clubs and cults with people claiming to be real vampires.
- If you see a spider on Halloween, the spirit of a loved one is watching over you.
- Candy corn has been made with the same recipe by the Jelly Belly Candy Company since around 1900.