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On Wednesday, October 23rd, Park View was the host again for a cheer competition; this time they hosted districts.

It was an eventful day but nowhere near as eventful as Saturday’s Spirit Fest.

Unfortunately, the Patriots did not make it to regionals, but they received 6th place and are now more determined to get to regionals next year.

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Park View Breaks Streak, Defeats Heritage

Park View football got their first win of the season on Friday, October 18th, at Heritage High School’s Homecoming game. Senior Bryan Martinez kicked a game-winning field goal in the third quarter, putting his team up 17-14.

“I knew when I made it that it was critical to the game,” Martinez said.

When the clock wound down to zero in the fourth quarter, the crowd went crazy.

“It was a feeling I had never felt before. It was a feeling of joy, excitement, and pride in my school,” Martinez said.

Senior captain Mike Hotz said he was only thinking of three words once the game ended.

“We did it,” he said. “We finally did it.”

Hotz talked about the process of getting to this position of getting their first big win saying, “You just have to be patient; everything will come when the time is right.”

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in our schools,” according to Dr. Hatrick. However, if hundreds of people come out to the School Board and Board of Supervisor meetings, those boards would be witnessing the fact that people do care and are ready to support the schools.

Citizens are already starting to assemble new coalitions to advocate for better education.

“I want to support our schools. When we have strong schools, it benefits the entire county,” said Ashburn resident and leader of the new group Support Our Schools Loudoun, Ms. Joy Maloney. She is concerned about Loudoun County’s ability to attract and hire high-caliber teachers and acquire the latest technology.

“Technology has a real effect on the quality of education,” Ms. Maloney said.

Overall, community members left the session understanding more and ready to act. “It was really informative – loved the PowerPoint,” Ms. Maloney said. “It’s a good starting place,” said Sterling resident Ms. Chris Mason. Ms. Mason thinks the next step is recruiting assistance from family, friends, and neighbors. “I think everyone needs to have more conversations.”

No matter what side of the budget battle they are on, most can agree with Dr. Hatrick’s general plan. “[Our] chief goal is to improve the academic experience for students and give them everything we can to prepare them for their future,” Dr. Hatrick said.

In its first year, Park View High School’s Athletic Leadership Council is working hard to improve the athletic programs and leadership qualities in all of Park View’s sports.

The group, which meets twice a month, is comprised of athletes of every sport.

“We’re talking about the framework of what leadership is,” said Athletic Director Jason Testerman.

The important lesson that Mr. Testerman has been emphasizing is the idea of resilience and staying positive even when things are not going well.

“Persistence is huge,” he said. “A lot of athletes just think that it’s going to be easy all the time; if it’s easy, sports wouldn’t be fun.”

Mr. Testerman, along with many athletes who play many different sports, talked about one huge key: patience.

“It’s a work in progress but it’s going to take more than one or two years before changes start to show,” said senior Jake Burch, a member of both the Varsity Golf team and a member of the Varsity Lacrosse team.

Along with the goal to improve Park View athletics in the present, there also has been a big focus on plans to hopefully reach the youth in the elementary schools and at Sterling Middle School to get them interested in playing sports at Park View.

To Micah Hotz, a senior captain for Varsity Football and a four-year varsity wrestler, it is all about teaching kids to be active and relying less on electronics. “Being active is cool; don’t let electronics ruin your life,” Hotz said. “Kids need to learn to be active.”

Hotz also has talked about the role the captains need to have in times of view of adversity and cooperation.

“We may not always know the answer, but maybe the other captains will shed some light on the subject,” Hotz said.

Hotz also spoke very highly of the potential impact the Athletic Leadership Council could have on all aspects of the Park View High School community: “I think it [the Athletic Leadership Council] will give us an idea of who our captains are and how to lead our teams and our school.”

The main word around the Athletic Leadership Council is persistence. That is what they are trying to accomplish. Day in and day out, no matter what, to keep working hard in everything they do, and represent our school and our community in the best way possible.
Smokeless Does Not Equal Safe

Emily Mooney
Editor-in-Chief

Everything seems to be going digital: online assignments and portals, digital writing and reading tablets, online Skype and messaging. The latest electronic invention? E-cigs, short for electronic cigarettes.

These new electronic cigarettes are battery-operated and reusable yet packaged to look like any regular cigarette. These new devices are smokeless—they heat liquid nicotine and transform it into a vaporous form that can then be inhaled and exhaled. However, the absence of smoke does not necessarily mean that they are safer.

“When the FDA [Food and Drug Administration] analyzed samples of two popular administration e-cigarettes as of 2012. Moreover, in 2012, an estimated 160,000 students who reported ever using e-cigarettes had never used conventional cigarettes.”

The next time you watch an e-cig ad, do not believe everything that e-cigarette manufacturers are telling you. There is no certainty about their safety. They cannot always be used in public places, and there is too much not known about them. Just because something is electronic does not mean that it is better.

My Wild Ride with Park View Golf

Kirby Struhar
Associate Editor

I cannot remember thinking much. I just wanted to hit this tee shot down the middle just like every other one I had hit that day. I felt like I could not miss with the club in my hands. Unfortunately, things have a habit of not going according to plan. One bad swing later, I made a seven on my second shot at the 2012 District Championship.

Even with a birdie on my last hole of the tournament, I ended up one shot short of making the Region Championship as an individual.

Now as a senior, things were different. I stepped up to the tenth hole of the 2013 Conference Championship, halfway through my round, and I remember thinking one word: fortitude. If I have learned one thing in four years of playing for Coach Hinders, it is that no matter what happens you have to keep pushing and keep fighting. You cannot give up no matter how bleak things might look.

There were thoughts about the year before. I thought for a second about how I was so close last year and about that empty feeling I was left with when the defending state champion Sam Stilwell from Dominion told me I had missed by a shot. But those thoughts vanished pretty quickly. I was not taking no for an answer, not this year. I had a job to do. What followed was pretty cool. I played my last ten holes of the golf tournament really well to shoot 74 and finish third individually, which also qualified me for the Region Championship in Harrisonburg on October 8th.

I had finally accomplished a goal that I had set for myself at the beginning of high school.

The next day back at school was a lot of fun. I have a lot of great friends here at school, and getting to share it with everyone was the best thing I could have asked for.

A lot of people congratulated me and wished me luck at regionals, and that support definitely motivated me to do well at the next level, and return as a qualifier for the State Championship. The greatest part was coming home to “The Park” the day after regionals and telling everybody that I had made states.

I had a goal, a goal that I had not achieved my first three years of high school, and to accomplish it in my last year was the best way to end it. While states did not go quite my way, at least on the leaderboard, the experience was awesome. It was a great step to end my high school career.

I got to reminisce on a great four years and play the game I love for a school I

Disney Gone Wrong

Lizzy Sammy
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We all grew up watching Disney Channel or Nickelodeon. Remember Miley Cyrus, also known as “Hannah Montana,” and Amanda Bynes from “All That,” “The Amanda Show,” and “What I Like About You?”

These days all we hear on the news is about Miley Cyrus’s, VMA performance and Amanda Bynes in rehab. What happened to these once lovable “role model” girls?

They were the ones that were supposed to set a great example for us and the younger generation, but now more and more teens and young adults have been following their habits and bad behavior.

What went wrong in their lives that they turned out like this?

When I think about Miley I feel some sympathy for her. Some people I have spoken to think that actor Liam Hemsworth, her ex-fiancé, may have been a bad influence on her. Think about it... she was still sane when they first met and appeared in the movie “The Last Song.” After that they started dating, and things went haywire.

If you take a few minutes to think about her side of what is going on, you will realize that Miley is a person just like us.
Marching to the Top

by Kensy Maradiaga

Although our band is traditionally known for their fantastic performances at the Park View football games every Friday night, that is not all they do. On September 21st our Park View band hosted the band competition. It was quite a busy day for our fellow band members and not to mention the terrible weather that day - it was raining cats and dogs.

For the band competition they had about nineteen different bands come and compete. The number of members in each band varied from 40 all the way up to 260. Each band is put in a division; each division is determined by the number of members. Also each division has its own placement. Every band is given some time to warm up then each get fifteen minutes to perform. Some bands choose to compete with color guard while others choose to compete with dancers.

Since our Patriot band was hosting, they did not get to compete, but fortunately they still got to perform at the end. “Even though we aren’t competing, we still have to take it very serious,” said sophomore Kirby Desierto. For every competition the band does a thing called “spirit buddies.” Spirit buddies buy one another their favorite food, drink, candy, or toy for the competition.

The band usually practices two and a half hours a day from Tuesday to Thursday. Then for every varsity home game, they perform during half time.

The Rivalry of Two Schools

by Ronald Henriquez

On September 27th, Park View’s Varsity Football team fought against their old rival, Potomac Falls, in an intensified match for both schools. The official rivalry started when Potomac Falls built their school near Park View in 1997. However the real rivalry began with little league football where all Sterling kids were able to see the competition they would have in high school. “They wanted to beat each other just because they know each other,” said Coach Eways, Park View’s varsity football coach.

Before the game began, Coach Eways gave his opinion about his idea of a perfect team. A great team is a team that works together. He knows that his team is a good team because they know what they are doing. He expects them to play their hardest from the beginning to the end of the game.

Middle linebacker of the varsity football team, senior Isam Shaban, also believes in his coach’s words. They both believe that hard work is better than luck; according to Shaban, hard work will put you in a good position to succeed in whatever you are doing.

Hours before the game between the two rival schools, Park View showed its support for their beloved football players by having the fans dress in all white.

Minutes before the game began, Park View senior, Jacob Burch, was fired up for the game; although he did not know how the game would go, he hoped for a good game in our favor.

When the clock struck seven, the show-down between the two schools began. In the first quarter of the game, Potomac Falls dominated the beginning of the match with two touchdowns. However, the Patriots were able to retaliate in the second quarter by preventing their opponents from scoring another touchdown and being able to score one themselves, leaving the score 7-14.

“They’re doing great,” Mrs. Schmidt, Park View’s orchestra teacher, said. She, and many other Patriot fans, believed the Patriots could make a comeback due to a more competitive second half, a great defense, and an improving offense.

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Freshman Jessica Molnar is one of the newest additions to the Park View community. This nice and fun freshman has quite the talent in soccer and basketball and she hopes that she will make both teams. At first, Molnar was anxious to be a new freshman at Park View. “I was nervous at first because I thought I was going to get lost, but I’m not nervous anymore. I love Park View, it is really fun,” Molnar said. She loves the book The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky because “it is a great story.” Her favorite teacher is Mr. Roth because “he is nice and really fun.” She really loves science, and is also her favorite subject. “It is fun to learn new scientific things,” Molnar stated. Friends are very important to Molnar, even if she was stranded on a deserted island. “I would bring a friend on the island so I wouldn’t be lonely,” Molnar said. Jessica Molnar is a very persistent and hard working girl. “Giving up isn’t an option,” Molnar stated.

Sara Pendley, a girl with a great sense of style, is the focus of this edition’s Park View Spotlight for the Class of 2015. Pendley is not currently involved in sports of any kind and does not have any plans to join any of the activities this fall. Junior Sarah Pendley is also looking forward to her senior year. Although Pendley does not really have any favorite quotes of any kind, she does have something to say to other people. Her advice to others, including children, adults, and those in between, is to “do what makes you happy [and] don’t let other people control your life.” She has the idea that no one should be able to curse what you do and that you should be who you want to be; and she has taken her own advice as a creative, spirited person.

Andres Merida is an athletic, exciting, and common sense loving sophomore. He is an intelligent guy whose favorite subject is history. “History is exciting to me because I get to know what has happened in the world,” Merida stated. Some of his favorite hobbies are running, swimming, and listening to music. Merida is on Park View’s track and cross country teams and hopes to make the swim team as well. This interesting sophomore is definitely very practical. “My favorite book is Lord of The Flies by William Golding because it shows the reality in society,” Merida said. If he was stranded on an island, Merida would bring a boat so he would be able to leave the island, which is yet another example of how he is very practical. Merida loves our Park View community “Park View has good people and teachers, and they make school exciting,” he exclaimed.

The first Park View Spotlight for the class of 2014 this school year is featuring Micah Land. Land is very outgoing, easy to talk to, and has a lot of Park View school spirit. One example of how he found his true passion was an unexpected happening Spirit Week when on Monday night Land wore a leopard-printed onesie to school. A friendly smile can often be seen on his face and he has a great sense of humor. When describing himself Land hesitated only a moment before answering with a joke: “Well… I’m sexy.” Land has a passion for art and enjoys talking and socializing with other people. A few of Land’s hobbies include making art, eating good food, having fun, playing football, and just hanging out with his friends. Land runs track and field and is looking forward to another season this spring. After he graduates, senior Micah Land wants to be remembered by his friends and fellow peers as a “great guy…friendly and a model for other students.” Land is looking forward to graduation and is ready for wherever his life takes him.

Fall Fashion 2013

by Lizzy Sammy

These days most people are into fashion, and with the weather changing it means that it is time for warm clothing. What better way to stay warm than with big chunky sweaters and boots? The must-have item this season is leather. There are leather leggings, leather purses, leather boots, and other leather accessories. Everyone is wearing leather, leather, and more leather. Do not be afraid to experiment with various colors such as black, gray, ruby red, and emerald green when trying out this new trend. Leather also comes in different monochromatic styles, various lengths, and interesting textures. However, be careful not to layer too much leather when getting dressed.

Another thing to definitely invest in is eye catching outerwear such as furry coats and oversized parkas. This season classic plaid and leopard prints are also fashionable. Chunky sweaters are longer this year. You can easily pair them with short white shorts and some amazing knee-high socks and casual boots or booties. Make-up wise, this season it is all about looking natural with slight blush, a little mascara, and some nice neutral colored lipstick or gloss. The great thing about the fashion this fall is that it is comfortable. You can wear it anywhere – to school, work, or even just go outside for a walk. Have a fun time trying out these fall fashion trends!
Her goals this year are to win district games and to keep improving as a team. Volleyball is a fast-paced sport with even quicker reaction times, and Pierson loves that about it. “I get a rush,” she said with bright eyes and a faraway look. What Pierson does not like about the sport is the height of the net, but she does enjoy spending time with her team. “They’re like a second family to me,” she said with warm eyes.

With that being said, Park View was phenomenal. Although there is still room for improvement, the team should be delighted to receive such a high compliment from a well-respected coach, not to mention the achievement of such breathtaking times. Most of all, they are lucky to have a team that is close, and more importantly, a team that is family.

Head Coach Ferris Eways spoke highly of this year’s team. The players, staff, and all students that are around Park View football are getting right back to work. “Now, they know they can do it [win],” Coach Eways said. However, Eways said it does not really change anything day-to-day. While there is more “swagger” and confidence around the locker room and the field, they still need to focus on the next opportunity according to Coach Eways.

Hotz says that the team feeds off the student section every Friday night, especially when Park View’s on defense, because it ends up distracting the opposing offense, and somebody might miss the snap count. “We want to get you guys [the students] into it,” Hotz said.

With three more regular season games at Briar Woods, Dominion, and Senior Night against John Champe, the Patriots are getting right back to competition.

Joe’s Pizzeria serves lunch and dinner, including the popular buffet option that runs Monday through Friday.

Joe’s Pizzeria also provides the pizza we sell every Friday in the school foyer!
Homecoming 2013:
A Night with the Stars

Photos by Larry Wharton, Amy Hensler, and Emily Mooney

The Class of 2014 worked hard on their hallway design, featuring the movies Peter Pan, The Lion King, and The Little Mermaid.

Park View Classes Show Their Spirit in the Halls

by Amy Hensler

During Park View’s homecoming week you can normally expect entertaining spirit days, a wonderful dance, an exciting football game, and a super fun parade, but this year Park View replaced the parade with controversial hallway decorations. Park View students were not able to make up their minds on whether or not they liked doing the hallways. The hallways did not live up to junior Jonathan Kessel’s expectations. “There is no comparison. The floats are bigger and better,” Kessel exclaimed. Junior Bryan Walser also agrees that a parade is a better way to celebrate homecoming. “I like the floats better, it is a big morale booster because it gets everyone in the spirit for homecoming.”

Not all of the students agreed with their opinion. “I like the hallways better because I actually get to see what everyone did without having to go to the parade,” sophomore Barak Nichols stated. “I like the hallways better because you can see them more often,” senior Kristen Perkins said. Some students at Park View cannot make up their mind on the matter, like junior Emily Kennerly. “In one perspective it’s kind of cool because you get to see the hallways every day before homecoming, so you get pumped, but it is not as fun as the floats,” Kennerly argued.

In this debated issue at our beloved school, some students are staying neutral on the topic and just enjoying homecoming. “I kind of wish we were doing the floats, but the hallways are still really fun to do,” said freshman Daulton Roach.

Based on the arguments students have made it is easy to determine that we, as a school, are split on the issue, but Park View has not let this ruin its spirit. Parade or no parade, the school is still pumped for all of the exhilarating events that occur during homecoming week.