



THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

WELCOME BACK TO VIKING NATION

NEW YEAR, NEW EXPERIENCE, SAME CLASSIC SCHOOL

BY AUBREE BEYER

Hello Viking Nation! Welcome back to yet another year of school! As we enter the 2023-2024 school year we hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer. Whether you were able to take a vacation, spend time with friends, or even take a few extra naps, a couple months to take a break from school is always a positive thing!

First off we would love to individually welcome all of our new staff members and students. We are beyond thrilled to have you join our family and can't wait to see all of the wonderful things each and every one of you will do as a Viking! It is such an amazing feeling being a part of such a close-knit group of people and we hope you feel the same. It is super exciting to see the school family grow together!

As we near the end of the first month of school, we are thrilled for the remainder of the year. We want to wish everyone a great 23-24 school year! Good luck to all of our sports teams and clubs as well, it will be a joy to see all of the awards you receive representing North Posey High School. Have a great year everyone, and remember to... Protect The Brand!!





FEATURE

SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY!

JOIN B.P.A TODAY!

BY AUDREY FISHER AND MACKENZIE CARRIER

Are you in a business class and you want to get more involved? If so, then BPA is for you. BPA, or Business Professionals of America, teaches students valuable business and leadership skills. As a member, you can do competitive events at the regional level and, if you qualify, move on to state and national competitions. There are events for finance, business administration, information systems, digital communication and design, management, marketing, and communication, and health administration. With this variety, there is something for everyone and you are sure to learn a lot by doing any of these events. This year's theme is "Seize the Opportunity" which is meant to showcase all of the opportunities that BPA provides.

Other important parts of BPA are the Torch Awards and BPA Cares programs. Members can earn Torch Points in seven categories: Leadership, Service, Cooperation, Knowledge, Friendship, Love, Hope, & Faith, and Citizenship. Torch Awards encourages members to participate in service learning activities, which will earn them points. BPA Cares also promotes service learning and teaches students valuable lessons about service. Both of these programs award outstanding members and those members will be recognized at the state and/or national conferences.

Overall, the best part about BPA is the friendships and memories you make over the years. You will meet new people from other schools at conferences and have a lot of fun. BPA is a great experience for everyone involved, so if you are interested, please join! If you have questions contact Mrs. Schickel or any BPA member. It's time to "Seize the Opportunity" and join BPA for the 2023-2024 membership year!

Twelve BPA members qualified for the State Leadership Conference last year. Members are Ava Lowe, Audrey Fisher, Piper Rollins, Lia Fifer, Ady Gamblin, MacKenzie Carrier, Dharma Fribley, Ever Warren, Reagan Koester, Katelyn Seiber, Jacob Pugh, and Gavin Wheeler.





ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER YEARBOOK

WHEN TO EXPECT THE 2023 YEARBOOK?

BY **THE NORTHERN LIGHTS STAFF**

With the school year beginning fresh and, if you go outside, especially hot, North Posey is abuzz with anticipation for many things, such as sports, band, and academic teams but also the imminent arrival of its cherished yearbook, *The Valhalla*. As we finish out this first month of classes, students can hardly contain their excitement to flip through the pages of memories that capture the essence of the entire academic year.

The Valhalla yearbook, a tradition deeply ingrained in the North Posey experience, is much more than just a book. It's a time capsule that encapsulates the spirit, camaraderie, and achievements of the school year. This year, under the stewardship of the new Journalism teacher, Mr. Nolan Wiethop, the Valhalla team has been hard at work to get last year's Valhalla out to everyone but to also help bring back what you are reading right now, *The Northern Lights* newspaper.

The yearbook's release date, which is coming up rapidly as we hope to get last year's yearbook to everyone by the end of September, adds an extra layer of excitement to the school atmosphere. As students eagerly await their copies, they'll have the chance to relive unforgettable moments, smile at candid snapshots, and perhaps even uncover hidden gems they might have missed during the hustle and bustle of the year.

The Valhalla isn't just a book; it's a tangible connection to the experiences that shape our high school lives. From the friendships that were forged during lunchtime chats to the jubilation of a hard-earned victory on the field, The Valhalla encapsulates the essence of being a North Posey Viking.

As we look forward to another full year in the halls of North Posey, the imminent arrival of The Valhalla serves as a reminder that while time may move forward, the memories we've made remain with us. So, Vikings, get ready to embrace the arrival of The Valhalla yearbook, a treasure trove of memories that will forever link us to the moments that made our high school journey truly remarkable.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ASHTON ELPERS & VINCE SELLER

ALL ABOUT OUR SENIORS

Every edition of the Northern Lights will be spotlighting two of our current seniors. The spotlight will include facts about said seniors as well as questions about their time here at North Posey and plans for their future. This week we will be spotlighting Ashton Elpers and Vince Sheller.

BY **HANNA SCHMITT & OLIVIA ESCHÉ**

For our first senior spotlight we will be highlighting Ashton Elpers. Throughout high school, Ashton has been involved with lots of activities. She has played Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball for 4 years. She is also a member of the Student Council, HOSA, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Peer to Peer Leadership, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the IHSA Student Committee, and We the People. In her free time, Ashton likes to spend time with her friends and family and lay out by the pool. A fun fact about Ashton is that she can juggle! After high school, she plans to attend Indiana University and study optometry or law. But when Ashton was younger she wanted to be a radiologist. Ashton's favorite candy is Twix and her favorite television show is The Kardashians. Ashton's favorite high school memory so far is winning state in softball her junior year. Ashton particularly enjoys classes with her coaches. Her favorite class at North Posey has been Anatomy. After graduating Ashton says she will most miss seeing her teachers every day.



BY **MADELEINE POWERS & AVERI GOEBEL**

The second senior we will be spotlighting is Vince Sheller aka "The Weatherman." During his time at North Posey, Vince has played tennis all four years. Vince's hobbies include helping his brother mow lawns and landscaping. Vince also says that he works on his own tree farm where he works with many different types of trees. He also mentioned he was really into meteorology. One of Vince's goals for the next year is to make \$50,000 from mowing and landscaping. In his free time, Vince likes to plan for the next day, and spend time with his friends and family. After high school, Vince plans to go into the workforce with his brother and maintain a healthy and successful business. Before Vince realized that he wanted to do landscaping, he wanted to be a meteorologist. Vince's favorite class at North Posey has been Mass Media Productions (NPTV). Vince says that after he graduates, the thing he will miss the most will be making memories with his friends.





OPINION

SCARY'S IN THE AIR

HALLOWEEN IS ON THE WAY

BY ANNELIESE MAYES

It might seem a little early to start preparing for Halloween but looking closer, it's really not too far away. Stores are already starting to get out the Halloween decorations, so it's never too early to start stocking up. Some people are also already starting their to-be-watched lists and bucket lists for the season.

Many people start off the Halloween season with decorating their homes. Some stores are already putting Halloween themed items and decorations on the shelves. It is not too early to stock up on some Halloween decor. There are many people who are also decorating early to prepare for the Halloween season. Everybody loves a house that always gets festive early. There are also many different activities that are specifically for the Halloween season. Some activities are decorating your house, carving/decorating pumpkins, visiting a pumpkin patch/corn maze, baking, and watching horror/halloween movies. There are many other activities to do as well. Some of these activities are seasonal so make sure to make time for some of these things through the season.

Mentioned in the paragraph above, horror movies are very popular during this time of year. Some classics like, Nightmare on Elm Street, Friday the 13th, and Halloween are usually watched during this time of year. Some more family friendly movies are, Hocus Pocus, Halloweentown, and Corpse Bride. Some people even have viewing parties for movies like these. Of course these movies can also be watched throughout the year. Halloween is a holiday that is known for the candy, parties, and gatherings of friends or family. There are many things to do to prepare for the Halloween season but preparing early certainly helps!



LIFE VS ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

BY CHEYENNE NIEMEIER

In my opinion, the attendance requirements for school have begun to move into what I would call ridiculous. You can only miss so many days before you start losing privileges. I understand that the school has to have rules for student attendance but the fact is that life happens and that might require a day out of class.

The first major concern that some of us have revolves around medical absences. The rule is, when you're out for a medical reason, you need to have a doctor's excuse. But what happens when you are just not feeling well and you don't go to the doctor? What about a medical condition that you can't just go to the doctor for and just have to stay home for a day or two? How about when a student or a student's family doesn't have the money to go to the doctor? In my opinion, being sick or possibly not being able to go to the doctor shouldn't affect our ability to celebrate school pride by going to prom or homecoming.



What about family or friend stuff that is happening in the students life? There are extenuating circumstances that might not technically be excused but should be. Adults get personal days or "mental health days" but, as students, that idea is thrown out. I believe that, if staff members have that luxury, maybe we should get them as well.

How about prom? That is a huge part of a student's high school experience. When you miss so many days, you lose your citizenship and what does that mean? It means that you can't go to prom. Prom is a high school tradition that everyone looks forward to, so when a student doesn't get to go but all their friends and or date gets to go it makes them feel really bad. The only reason that students can't go isn't because of an attendance problem, it's because the school doesn't get or care that all us students are human and have our own personal stuff that goes on and we can't prevent that, it's just life.

There is so much more that the students lose because of these attendance regulations. Students just want to have that high school experience that our parents and grandparents talked about but we can't have that because of all these rules and regulations like the attendance ones. High school is supposed to be good and bad but the only things that us students are getting from high school are the bad parts. It shouldn't be like that, we should be allowed to have personal lives that affect us in whatever way. We should be allowed to miss some school without losing the high school experience.



ENTERTAINMENT

SHE'S EVERYTHING AND HE'S JUST KEN

THE BARBIE MOVIE HITS THEATERS AND THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS

BY KYLEE HIGGINSON, KAYLEE LAYMAN, AND ELLE EPLEY

The Barbie Movie was the movie of the summer, everyone wanted to watch. Girls and guys would go all out to watch the movie. The movie is about women and all that they go through in life.

In the beginning of the movie, you were shown Barbieland and all of the women who have jobs. The men had no jobs and would just watch. In Barbieland, it was ruled by women only, unlike the real world. When all the Barbies were partying Barbie had a thought about death. No Barbie has ever had those kinds of thoughts. She had to go to the real world to fix her problems.

When Barbie entered the real world she was met with many things that she had never seen in Barbieland. She faces men overpowering women and being praised all the time. She faces problems with womanhood and thinks that Barbie always solved their problems. She goes through an adventure with a mother and her daughter. They go back to Barbie Land and help all of the Barbies against the Kens.

In the end, Barbie finally understands what many women throughout the world go through. She decides she doesn't want to be a Barbie anymore and wants to be human. Barbie is a great movie and everyone should go see it 10/10





TEAM JEREMIAH VS. TEAM CONRAD

THE PERFECT SHOW TO SUM UP ROMANCE AND FRIENDSHIP

BY REESE BASHAM

Since *The Summer I Turned Pretty* came out on June 17, 2022, there has always been one question: Are you Team Jeremiah or Team Conrad? Many people are all in or all out when it comes to the Fisher Boys. In my opinion, I can't choose one who I feel is the best for Belly.



I have watched every episode of every season and am constantly going back and forth on who is better for Belly. There are pros and cons to each. Conrad is

better with Belly but has emotionally hurt her in many ways. Belly also has trouble reading him because he bottles up his emotions, which causes them to break up. The pros of Conrad is he understands her better. As we saw in this season, there are little things like Belly's favorite candy and knowing when she is cold that Conrad can see and is always prepared to fix it. Even though Conrad has hurt her, it is hard to deny their chemistry, as with Jeremiah.

Jeremiah is just the perfect boyfriend for Belly because he has been there for her emotionally. The only con for Jeremiah is that he is still learning the little signs that make Belly happy. I feel that by next season, even though Jeremiah is better for her emotionally, the one thing that I don't think Belly will ever get over is the fact that she has loved Conrad since she was little, and you can not just turn off the love you have felt for them all these years.

All in all, I don't know if I can ever choose which is better for Belly. All I know is that they each help her become a better person in different ways. Even though she is with Jeremiah, that might change when this next season comes out. We will just have to see. What are you, Team Jeremiah or Team Conrad?

Reese Basham

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AMERICAN ROYALS

ALTERNATE HISTORICAL FICTION WITH A ROYAL TWIST

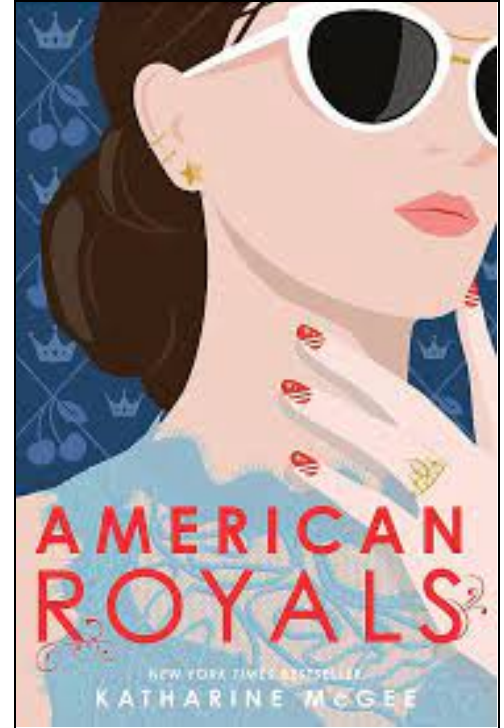
BY **AUDREY FISHER**

If you are looking for a good series to read, American Royals might interest you. This alternate history series written by Katharine McGee tells the story of the American Monarchy; yes, you read that right. Princess Beatrice is the first female heir and is training to become queen one day. Her sister, Princess Samantha, feels overshadowed by Beatrice since she is the “spare” of the family. Third in line is the youngest child, and Samantha’s twin, Prince Jefferson. Jeff is the heartthrob of the kingdom, and two girls are out to win his heart...or his status.

These two girls live very different lives, but their hopes are quite similar. Samantha’s best friend Nina has had a crush on Jeff for years. Her mom works in the palace, so she spends a lot of time with the twins. Nina likes Jeff for who he is, not for his social status, unlike his girlfriend Daphne. Daphne’s only goal is to climb the social ladder of the country, and Jeff is her ticket to success. She will go to any length to keep the prince wrapped around her finger. But when Jeff is not around, Daphne has a whole different personality that is not so perfect.

Another character who tends to throw a wrench into Daphne’s plans is Jeff’s best friend, Ethan. He has a crush on Daphne, and, although she does not admit it, she has feelings for him. He is one of the only people who gets to see her true colors, and she trusts him with all of her secrets. However, Ethan might not just have feelings for Daphne...could he also have them for Nina?

The series currently has 4 installments: American Royals, Majesty, Rivals, and Reign, which was released on August 29. There is also a prequel novella entitled Inheritance. The books are available in print and digital formats, while the novella is only available as an ebook.





ATHLETICS

THIS IS VIKING TERRITORY

VIKING FOOTBALL STARTING OFF STRONG THIS SEASON

BY AUDREY FISHER, MACKENZIE CARRIER, AND KATELYN CORNE

This year's football season is starting off strong. The team currently has a 3-0 record. We just had our home opener against South Spencer winning 41-7. According to the PAC Barstool page, North Posey is currently ranked 3rd out of 13 teams in the conference, closely following Gibson Southern and Heritage Hills.



The players are happy with how the season is going so far and they are ready to take on tough teams. Sophomore Seth Gentil said, "We have a good quarterback, but I think we are going to come out on top." When talking about this year's team as a whole, junior Jackson Tucker stated, "The team is working really hard. We all have a lot of determination and grit." We asked senior Liam Stone what his thoughts were, to which he replied, "[It has been a] great start to the season but [we are] remaining humble, healthy, and optimistic... [these] will be keys to future success." Freshman Asa Spencer simply says "Hard work pays off." The team consists of a group of tight-knit individuals. Even though they are all competing for playing time, everyone is always supporting each other and all in all, understand that the end goal is to win the game. The team frequently does team bonding activities, such as every Thursday night before a game, they eat dinner together after practice. Also, every Friday morning on game days, they all eat breakfast together.

We talked to Coach Waylon Schenk about what he is looking for in the team's performance in games, and he said that he is "looking for consistency for 48 minutes." When asked about the team this year, he said, "We have really good depth, and [we have] the pieces to go a long way if we put them all together."



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