

# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

## HOMECOMING 2023

HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS FOR THE 2023 FOOTBALL SEASON

BY ANNELIESE MAYES

Fall Homecoming is often one of the most exciting times of the year for many people. North Posey goes all out with dress up days, hallway decoration contests, games, and many other ways to rack up points for the spirit shield contest. This year we had some new additions to the conclusion of Homecoming week. Friday we had a fun-filled afternoon Pep Rally which included many different field day games, a powder puff football game and a pep assembly so that each class would be able to participate in the events and add up more points quickly. The Pep Rally on Friday was held outside in the Football stadium. Many different games like a bat spin relay, 3-legged Race, Tug of war, and of course the annual Powder Puff football championship were played. The fog on Friday morning might have delayed the start of the day but did not cancel the competition for which all grades were determined to have the Spirit Shield. In the end it was a close race but the winner of the Spirit Shield was the Class of 2025.

Friday night was a very eventful night for almost everybody there. It started with the homecoming parade at 5:30 in which each class, the Junior High and both grade schools had their own float. The parade was followed by the crowing of the Homecoming 2023 King and Queen. Jackson Graff was crowned Homecoming King and Ashton Elpers was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Kickoff of the homecoming game was at 6:30 sharp while the entire student section was all decked out in their neon clothes that could be seen all the way across the field. The Vikings ended the game with the final score of 41-7, beating Forest Park. This game was followed by a bonfire held until 10:30pm. It's safe to say that Football Homecoming 2023 was a very successful week!





# FEATURE

## SPELLING THEIR WAY TO A CHAMPIONSHIP

SPELL BOWL PREPARING FOR COMPETITION

BY **AUDREY FISHER**

Among the many events that fall brings, the Spell Bowl team is getting ready to compete for what could be their third consecutive state title. The team, coached by Ms. Cox, was given a list of 2,200 words back in May and has been studying ever since. They practice three times a week to prepare for their competitions.

In the competitions, ten members spell nine words each and contribute to the total team score. Spellers who get eight or nine words right get a ribbon at the conclusion of their round. There are three of these competitions over the course of the season: an invitational, the area competition, and, if the team qualifies, the state finals competition at Purdue. The team is optimistic that they will qualify and perform well at state this year.

In addition to the team competitions, there is a virtual competition for spellers who get a perfect score at the area competition. In this competition, all competitors spell 75 words. Last year, our team had five spellers competing, and four out of the five spelled all 75 of their words correctly, getting a gold rating in the state.

Members of this year's team are Olivia Woods, Lora Commens, Maggie McCutchan, Brant Oakley, Lia Fifer, Lacy Baehl, Braylon Games, Shawnee LaMar, Audrey Fisher, Katelyn Seibert, Aiden MacMunn, Haven Barton, Ady Gamblin, Makayla Helfert, and Maya Mauck. Great job to the Spell Bowl team and good luck in your upcoming competitions.



Pictured is the 2022 Spell Bowl team at the state competition. This team got first place in Class 3 and sixth place overall.



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## A MONTHLY LOOK AT THE ELDER VIKINGS

### 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 Ava Lowe and Luke Donner.

## LUKE DONNER

BY HANNA SCHMITT & OLIVIA ESCHÉ

The first senior we will be spotlighting this week is Luke Donner. During his time at North Posey Luke has been a four-year member of FFA and a three-year member of the Trap Team. Luke has many hobbies including; riding, working, fishing, trap shooting, farming, and hanging out with friends. An interesting fact about Luke is that he attended St. Wendel throughout elementary school. When Luke has free time he usually spends it hanging out with friends and family. After high school, Luke plans to attend Vincennes University and study Advanced Diesel Technology. Some of Luke's favorites include; his favorite color which is red, his favorite candy which is Skittles, and his favorite movie which is Talladega Nights. So far Luke's favorite high school memory is having early morning cookouts in the parking lot. His favorite memory from junior high is having parties during class. Luke's favorite teacher is Miss Bender. He has been in Miss Bender's class for the past four years. Luke said Miss Bender is super easy to talk to and she has even helped him get multiple degrees in FFA. When Luke was younger he hoped to become a mechanical engineer. After Luke graduates he will most miss going to AG class every day.



# AVA LOWE

BY MADELEINE POWERS & AVERI GOEBEL

For our second senior spotlight we will be spotlighting Ava Lowe. During her time at North Posey High School Ava has played softball for four years and volleyball for three years. She has also participated in FCA, student council, national honors society, We the People, BPA, Peers Project, and 4-H. In Ava's free time, she likes to hang out with her family, practice softball, and go to youth groups. She would like to share that she does worship for her church. After high school, Ava plans on attending a 4-year college and studying something in business majors, but when she was younger she wanted to be a veterinarian. Some of Ava's favorites include; ice cream, the Notebook, Vampire Diaries, and her favorite color, yellow. Ava's favorite high school memories include early morning FCA breakfasts and the fire truck rides for softball and volleyball. Her favorite junior high memory is playing games in Mr. Gentil's strength class. She says that her favorite high school class was Senora's Spanish class. After she graduates Ava says she will miss all of her sporting events with all of the fans. She says that she likes to see the community support her team.







# OPINION

## TACO TAKEOVER

WHAT WOULD YOU RATE YOUR TACO?

BY REESE BASHAM AND AUDREY FISHER

Everyone knows about Taco Tuesday here at North Posey. We wanted to know what the students thought about this weekly menu item, so we polled 25 students by having them rate their taco out of 10. We crunched the numbers and here is what we found.

The most common rating was a 7, with 10 responses. The highest rating was a 10, and the lowest was a 0. The median number was 7. On average, the tacos were rated a 7.256/10. Overall, students gave positive feedback!

So, what is the story behind Taco Tuesday, anyway? Turns out, it began in the 1980s. Taco John's had an advertising campaign known as Taco Twosday, where they sold two tacos for 99 cents. Tuesday was their slowest day of the week, but not for long, because the Taco Twosday campaign worked. It worked so well, in fact, that other franchisees used it, and it became a common occurrence.





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS MONTH IN NEWS FROM YOU, THE READER

BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

*Dear Writers of the Northern Lights,*

*We really liked the first edition of the newspaper. Can you make sure that we keep getting it?*

*Sincerely  
Anonymous 8th Grader*

-We sure can, Mr. Anonymous (That sent this in to us from his school email account...), but, just so everyone knows, that was actually a mistake! We actually tried to only send it to high schoolers but, instead, we sent it to literally everyone with a North Posey email. We will continue to make that "mistake" every month just for you guys!



*Dear Journalism Class,*

*Please continue to write interesting opinion articles! It was really nice to see what actual students think about things like the dress code while still being professional. Honestly, I would love to read articles like that every month; the other articles were nice and informative but reading the perspective of the actual students was a nice change of pace.*

*Keep up the great work!  
Anonymous High School Teacher*

- Thank you for reaching out to us! This was, honestly, one of the biggest notes that we heard after publishing the last newspaper. We would like to shout out to Cheyenne Niemeier for the dress code article because, out of all of them, we had the most engagement with that one.  
(Editor's Note: That article is great but the "professional" part came from editing.) We will continue to try and write about our perspectives but, as always, feel free to write in to us! Answering questions that are sent in to us is a lot of fun and it gives us something to talk about other than what article goes where or what we need to do in the yearbook.

(Editor's Note: There are still yearbooks from the 22/23 school year for sale. Reach out to Mr. Wiethop about them).





# WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SCARY MOVIE?

## TALKING ABOUT HORROR AND HALLOWEEN CLASSICS

BY **THE NORTHERN LIGHTS STAFF**

In order to celebrate the spooky season of Halloween the right way, the entire staff of *The Northern Lights* spent a day discussing favorite horror movies and what makes them great.

<i>Prey on the Devil</i> . One of the only movies I was actually terrified to finish, I had nightmares for days - Jade Mueller	<i>It Follows</i> . It is walking, nonstop, towards you and there is nothing you can ever do to stop it. That's scary to me.
<i>Insidious</i> . Not the scariest movie I've ever watched but it's a good one. There are lots of jump scares and loud sound effects - Alex	<i>IT</i> . Clowns, man. What else do I have to say?
<i>Us</i> . The start of the movie will catch you off guard. The plot twist at the end of the movie is impossible to see coming. Very interesting movie and not like every other horror movie. -Lily Norrick and Sydney Campbell	<i>The Strangers</i> . Just the final line is enough to send chills down your back. "Because you were home." Ugh.
<i>The Crow</i> . The movie is about a guy and his fiancée get murdered by a local gang and a year later on October 30th to avenge his and his fiancée's deaths. -Anneliese Mayes	<i>Carrie</i> . Sometimes a movie just gets it: high school and friend groups can be kind of scary.
<i>Corpse Bride</i> . It's about a man who has to marry a stranger. They fall in love and he struggles to remember his vowels. He goes to the woods to practice and puts the ring on a hand-shaped stick. A corpse bride comes out and takes him to the underworld to wed. They eventually decide to actually marry but she realizes it's not right and gives him back to her original bride.	<i>Evil Dead Rise</i> . All the Evil Dead movies are pretty great but this one cranks up everything. You add a cheese grater into any horror movie and now you're cooking with gas. Also, any horror movie that isn't afraid to off kids is kind of impressive in my book. Once a movie shows that it has no limits, you have to just hold on.
<i>The Conjuring</i> . It has a good plot, it makes sense, and it is a classic. It's a good movie to watch if you're wanting to watch a classic scary movie with friends. It has good jumpscars - MacKenzie Carrier	<i>The Exorcist</i> . I mean, come on. It is the classic! Every horror movie gets compared to it so that has to mean something. Also, the faces in the darkness...
<i>The Shining</i> . Some days, you are Danny and you are scared of the ghosts. Some days, you are Wendy, trying to ignore the ghosts. Some days, you are Jack and you are the ghost.	<i>Cabin in the Woods</i> . You want monsters? This movie will give you some monsters, let me tell you.
<i>A Nightmare on Elm Street</i> . There's something about the inevitability of it. You have to sleep and, no matter what, Freddy is there.	<i>Monster House</i> . Hey, not every scary movie has to be bloody or even for adults.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## TIME TO GO TO THE FALL FESTIVAL

THE YEARLY WEST SIDE NUT CLUB EVENT IS BACK

BY ANNICA ELLIOTT

Do you plan on attending the Fall Festival this year? Of course you are! The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival and it is now, officially, America's Number One Street Festival.

The Fall Fest is one of the biggest events of the year and many of us always get excited for it. The Fall Fest is from the First of October through the entire first week of the spooky month. Everyone has their favorite items but there are definitely certain scrumptious snacks, delicious dinners, and hair-raising rides and games that stand out among the rest! What follows is a list of the Journalism class's favorite things to eat, ride, and play down at the annual Fall Festival. Maybe your list is similar to ours!

<u>Appetizers</u> <i>Corn Nuggets</i> Fried Corn Balls That Are Perfect with Syrup  <i>Fried Pickles</i> Chips or Spears, We Love them All  <i>Fried Okra</i> Honestly, Almost Anything Fried is Great!  <i>Fried Mushrooms</i> See: Why The Fried Okra is Awesome  <i>Nachos</i> The Tried and True Classic	<u>Main Courses</u> <i>Jumbo Tenderloin</i> An Indiana Classic  <i>Corn Dogs/Pronto Pups</i> And There Is a Difference!  <i>Bagged Taco/Walking Taco</i> Simple Yet So Good  <i>Pizza</i> Sometimes You Need Papa Johns  <i>The Donut Burger</i> The Number One Item Years in a Row	<u>Desserts</u> <i>Funnel Cake</i> Throw Some Sugar on It!  <i>Fried Oreos</i> A Perfect Cookie Gets Even Better  <i>Fried Ice Cream</i> Science!  <i>Pie (All types!)</i> You Can't Make Us Choose Between Pies!
<u>Exotic Foods</u> <i>Brain Sandwich</i> Someone Has to Like It?  <i>Fried Kidneys</i> Worth Trying Once? Maybe?  <i>Fried Gizzards</i> Grandma Has To Get Something To Remind Her of the Old Days	<u>Rides!</u> <i>The Scrambler</i> <i>The Hang Glider</i> <i>The Tornado</i> <i>The Gravitron</i> <i>The Ferris Wheel</i> <i>The Ring of Fire</i> <i>The Boat Ride</i> <i>The Freak-Out</i> (Ride at Your Own Risk...)	<u>Games</u> <i>The Balloon Game</i> Pop the Balloon, Get A Prize  <i>Win a Goldfish</i> It's All in the Title.  <i>Break the Bottle</i>  <i>Get the Clowns Down!</i>





# A NIGHT OF FRIGHT

## HALLOWEEN MOVIE CLASSICS

BY CHEYENNE NIEMEIER

There are many Halloween traditions that take place each year: trick-or-treating, haunted houses, pumpkin carving, making treats, and eating candy. But there is one thing that no matter how old, how young, or how scared you are, you still do every year, watching Halloween movies. Halloween movies are a famous tradition that dates back to the 1890s. It's what you do during the month of October leading up to watching the scariest one on Halloween night. All kinds of Halloween/scary movies are watched during this time, but out of every person in the world who watches scary movies during October, watch at least one Halloween movie classic. I took a vote on some classics to see which one is a favorite out of all of Mr. Wiethop's classes.

### The Halloween Movie Classics List



1. *The Shining*
2. *The Conjuring*
3. *Beetlejuice*
4. *The Exorcist*
5. *Halloween 1978*
6. *Jeepers Creepers*
7. *IT*
8. *The Addams Family*
9. *Scream*
10. *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
11. *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>*
12. *Silence of the Lambs*
13. *Nightmare on Elm Street*
14. *Children of the Corn*
15. *Hocus Pocus*
16. *Chucky (Child's Play)*
17. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
18. *Candyman*
19. *The Strangers*
20. *Terrier*



## POPULAR FALL ACTIVITIES

### FALL TIME

BY SYDNEY CAMPBELL AND LILY NORRICK

We have approached the fall season, and it is time for all your favorite fall activities! Here are some ideas of popular fall activities that most people find fun and entertaining:

- Pumpkin patch
- Pumpkin carving
- Haunted houses
- Spooky decorations
- Leaf piles
- Hayrides
- Scary movie marathon
- Trick or treating
- Apple bobbing



### Popular Haunted House local attractions-

- Courthouse Catacombs & The House of Lecter  
(Location: Evansville, IN)
- Zombie Farm (Location: Newburgh, IN)

### Popular Pumpkin patch local attractions-

- Goebel Farms  
(Location: Evansville, IN)
- T.Js Orchard and Pumpkin Patch  
(Location: Evansville, IN)







# ATHLETICS

## LADY VIKINGS VOLLEYBALL

BY MACKENZIE CARRIER AND KATELYN CORNE

This year's volleyball season is going great for the North Posey Lady Vikings. The team currently has a 23-5 record and is coming up on the Heritage Hills Invite on Saturday at Evansville Reitz against Reitz, at 9:00 AM. The team is ranked 2nd in their state class (2A). The team is working extra hard to make it to state this year and win. The players are happy with how the season is going so far and are ready to take on the wildcats. Show out Wednesday and come support your Lady Vikings!

When asked about this year's season, junior Katity Oakley said, "This season has been very successful and full of lots of laughs. Everyone has really shown up and fought hard every game. We all have a lot of fun together." When talking about this year's team as a whole, sophomore Kyleigh Bender said, "This year has been a blast having a team that works together, it pays off during the game."

The team is composed of a group of tight-knit ladies. Even though the players are all competing for playing time and positions, everyone is always helping each other to be better, and supporting each other, on and off the court. They understand that the ultimate goal is to win the game. And when we spoke with senior Sibyl Renshaw, she said "This season has been one of my favorites! Our team has had so much fun together and we are always laughing. I can't wait to see how we do in the postseason!"





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