



# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

## VIKINGS BEAT PAST FOOTBALL RECORDS

VIKING FOOTBALL TEAM ADVANCES PAST SECTIONALS, REGIONALS AND IS NOW MOVING ON TO SEMI-STATE

BY ANNELIESE MAYES

The Viking Varsity Football team made it to the 2A Sectional 40 Championship round by winning against our rival Mater Dei High School. We played Mater Dei on October 27th at the Reitz Bowl and won with a final score of 35-34 in overtime. This is the first time that North Posey Varsity Football has ever won against Mater Dei!!

The Vikings hosted the Class 2A, Sectional 40 Championship against

the Paoli Rams on Friday November 3, 2023 at Joe Genglebach field. The team started off the game by making a touchdown as well as a field goal which got the score up to 7-0 with 8:02 left in the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter the Vikings were up 14-0. In the second quarter, a 33-yard pass from Liam Stone to Jed Galvin with a good PAT from Kaleb Herke's bumps the Vikings up more. A 37 yard scramble and another touchdown by Jed Galvin put us on the board at 28-0 at the end of the first half.





In the third quarter Jed Galvin scores for the fifth time in the game and puts the Vikings at 35-0. We hung onto the 35-0 score to end the third quarter. Paoli finally gets on the board in the fourth quarter with 6:56 remaining on the clock but it's not enough to catch up to our boys. The game ended with the final score of 35-14. The Vikings had won their first sectional championship since 2005!!

The next week, the Vikings competed for the Regional Title on Friday November 10, 2023 against Triton Central High School at Triton Central. The high school was on an early dismissal schedule to allow the football team time to travel up to Triton Central which is right outside Indianapolis. North Posey was represented by many supporters at the game and a fan bus was even taken up for the once in a lifetime event. Kolton Gardner and Kaleb Herke get North Posey on the board in the first quarter. Liam Stone gets 2 more touchdowns in the second quarter getting the Vikings up 21-7 at half time.

The Vikings return after half time and Liam Stone gets his third touchdown of the night. With 2:27 left in the game, the Triton Tigers score their second touchdown of the night. Can the Vikings hold them off to win the game? Yes, they can! VIKINGS WIN with a score of 28-13!

Congratulations to our 2023 Regional Football Champions! This has been a season of a lifetime that will be remembered for years to come. Vikings move on to the Semi-State competition on Saturday November 18. Kickoff is at 4:00 pm and is at Joe Gengelbach Field. Tickets will be \$12 as season passes do not work for these types of events.



# FEATURE

## CHASING SNOWFLAKES

YOUR GUIDE TO THE ENCHANTING NIGHT OF SNOWBALL

BY ANNICA ELLIOTT

Get ready to usher in December with the much-anticipated Snowball event! The excitement is palpable, with individuals already securing their elegant outfits and making reservations to ensure they don't miss out on this spectacular night. If you haven't made your preparations yet, don't worry—there's still time to join in the festivities!

Mark your calendars: ticket sales kick off this Wednesday in the foyer during lunch. For those early birds, each ticket will be available for a steal at \$10 during the lunchtime sale, but if you miss out, don't fret—tickets can still be purchased at the door for \$12 on the night of the dance. This year, Snowball is set to take place at North Posey JR. High in the MLC, it promises a fantastic venue to create lasting memories.



Make sure to arrive early at 7:30 for photo opportunities, capturing the essence of the night with your friends and classmates. The main event kicks off promptly at 8:00, ensuring you have ample time to revel in the festivities, with the night concluding at 10:00. We can hardly contain our excitement and can't wait to see every one of you there. Get ready for an unforgettable evening at Snowball 2023!



## HERE WE GO

NPHS COMPETITIVE CHEER GOES TO STATE

BY **AUDREY FISHER**

You probably see the cheer team on the sideline every week, but you may not know that this year, the team has competed at the Indiana Cheer Championship. The competitive squad, composed of fourteen members, has worked hard all year to prepare for this competition. They submitted a preliminary video in October and qualified for the state finals competition. On November 4, the



team traveled to New Castle High School and competed. Unfortunately, they did not place, but they achieved their goal of qualifying for state, which is impressive since it was their first year competing.

There are many components to a competitive routine which are all necessary to get a high score. In the Time-Out division, which North Posey competed in, the teams were allowed one minute and fifteen seconds to showcase their routine. During a routine, it is important to be loud and have sharp motions, as well as hit all stunts. It is also important to finish the routine before the timer runs out. If these criteria are not met, the team could get deductions.

These ladies are already looking forward to next year's competition season. They are hoping to return to the State Finals and improve their scores. With hard work and dedication, they are hoping to secure a top-five spot next season. Congratulations to this team on their accomplishments this season!



# GIVE US YOUR SHOES!

HOSA SHOE DRIVE BEGINS ONCE AGAIN

BY JADE MUELLER

Do you have any old shoes lying around that you no longer want or use? If this is a problem for you, I have the perfect solution! We are hosting a HOSA shoe drive and hoping to get a minimum of 2,500 pairs of shoes. Every pair of shoes donated will be sent to a third-world country to help out the less fortunate. We strongly encourage you to donate any new or gently used sneakers. When considering shoe donations, it's important to ensure that the shoes are in usable condition. This means they should be clean, without major damage, and still able to provide support and protection. Going through your shoe collection and determining which pairs are suitable for donation can be a great opportunity to organize and declutter your footwear. The shoe drive is not limited to a specific age group. Whether you have children's shoes that your little ones have outgrown, or athletic shoes that you no longer use, we want all types and sizes of shoes!

With every donation made, we will be paid for how heavy the shoes are. Therefore the heavier the shoe the better. The money raised will be going towards our state convention. The shoe drive has already begun and will continue until January 10th, allowing everyone to get any shoes from family over the holidays! We have many places where you can drop off any shoes you have collected, making it very convenient to donate. The drop-off areas are North Posey High School, The Wheelhouse, Froggy's, and NIX. Please help support your school's Future Health Occupants!

HELP US *Deck THE Halls* WITH SHOES

We're collecting gently worn, used and new shoes for a fundraiser, and you can help just by cleaning out your closet!

Collected shoes not only help support us and the local community, but they'll be given a second life in communities that need it most. It's a win-win!

**NP HOSA**  
**Group Name**  
 NP High School, Wheel House, Froggy's, Nix's, & Bartons

**Drop-Off Location**  
 Now Thru January 10

**Dates**  
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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## SPOTLIGHTING ABIGAIL PARDON

BY OLIVIA ESCHÉ

The first senior we will be featuring this week is Abigail Pardon. Throughout high school, Abigail has been a 3-year member of both the Track and Field and cross-country teams. Abigail has also participated in Theatre all four years of high school. Outside of school, Abigail enjoys working out, hanging out with friends, singing, and dancing. An interesting fact that Abigail would like to share is that she is related to Dolly Parton. In her free time, Abigail enjoys watching K-dramas with her friends and relaxing. Abigail enlisted in the Army over the summer and plans on going to basic training after she graduates high school. After serving Abigail plans on being a Sports Medicine Physician and owning her own private practice. Some of Abigail's favorites include her favorite color, turquoise; her favorite candy, dark chocolate; and her favorite song, Dynamite by BTS. Abigail's favorite high school memory so far is making new friends at the tech school. Her favorite junior high memory was meeting one of her best friends, Cameron. When Abigail was younger she dreamed of being an actress. After graduating Abigail will most miss seeing her friends all the time. Abigail's favorite class at North Posey was History. Abigail wants to share with everyone that, "Impulsive decisions can sometimes be the best decisions you have ever made".





# SPOTLIGHTING QUINN FALLOWFIELD

BY **AVERI GOEBEL & MADELEINE POWERS**

The senior we chose to spotlight this month is Quinn Fallowfield. Quinn has been involved in Football for four years, English Team for four years, band for seven years, and theater for three years. Quinn's hobbies are cooking and listening to music. Quinn says he has two cats and two kittens. He spends a lot of his free time listening to music and hanging out and cooking with his friends. After high school, Quinn plans on playing football in college and plans on studying something involving music and psychology. When he was younger he wanted to be a chef. Quinn's favorite color is purple, candy is Reese's cups, and his favorite album is currently IV by BADBADNOTGOOD. Quinns also says that his favorite high school memory is beating Mater Dei in the Reitz Bowl. Quinn said, "It was the greatest I have ever felt through all of high school, it was such an amazing moment." His favorite junior high memory is walking around the track during the winter dance with his best friend. His favorite teacher is Frau Schmitt because she has put up with him for four years in class and during the English Team. After high school, he will miss seeing all his friends and the football team. His favorite class is either band or English.





# OPINION

## THANKSGIVING AT ITS FINEST

THANKSGIVING HISTORY AND FAVORITE DISHES

BY REESE BASHAM

Get ready to tantalize your taste buds and dive into the spirit of Thanksgiving as we embark on a culinary journey, uncovering the student-approved favorite: mashed potatoes and gravy! A recent survey conducted at our school resoundingly declared this dynamic duo as the go-to Thanksgiving dish, with its creamy texture and savory richness stealing the show.



While the holiday is still a couple of weeks away, it's never too early to plan your perfect Thanksgiving feast. Beyond the delectable spread, Thanksgiving serves as a beautiful opportunity to express gratitude for life's blessings and extend a helping hand to those less fortunate, sharing the warmth of a Thanksgiving meal.

Delving into history, Thanksgiving made its debut in 1621, evolving into a three-day feast sans the now-traditional turkey. Fast forward to 1863, and Abraham Lincoln officially declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, solidifying its place in our annual traditions.



Now, let's talk about football! As the feast settles, get ready to cheer for your favorite teams on Thanksgiving Day. The lineup features exciting matchups: Packers vs. Lions, Commanders vs. Cowboys, and 49ers vs. Seahawks. It's the perfect post-feast entertainment to enjoy with family and friends.

But back to the table - what's your favorite dish from our Journalism class's choices? Is it the classic turkey, the reigning champion that is mashed potatoes and gravy, or perhaps the indulgent mac and cheese? Share your Thanksgiving preferences as we gear up for a day of gratitude, delicious food, and spirited football action!

Food Options	Total Votes
Turkey	1
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	10
Green Bean Casserole	3
Sweet Potatoes	1
Dinner Rolls	2
Stuffing	1
Mac and Cheese	4
Deviled Eggs	2





## SNOWBALL

### DRESS SHOPPING

By **ALEX WARNER**

Embarking on the quest for the perfect dress is a thrilling adventure that should be as enjoyable as it is stress-free. While it's true that dress shopping can be a financial investment, let's turn the focus on transforming this experience into a delightful journey of self-expression.



Begin by establishing a budget that includes allowances for alterations and accessories, ensuring you're well-prepared for the full ensemble. Your budget becomes your ally, guiding you through the myriad of choices. Remember, it's not just about finding a dress; it's about finding the dress that resonates with you.

Explore a diverse array of dresses during your shopping spree. Don't settle for anything less than pure joy - the perfect dress should make you feel elated. Before hitting the stores, browse online for inspiration and ideas. This pre-shopping ritual not only sparks creativity but also helps narrow down your preferences, from styles and colors to materials.

Open your mind to the unexpected. Try on styles that might initially seem unconventional - feathers, sequins, off-shoulder, strapless - you might discover a newfound love. Bring a few



trusted friends along for the ride; their opinions can provide valuable insights into what compliments your style.

Diversity is the spice of dress shopping. Don't confine yourself to a single store; there's a world of options waiting to be explored. Take your time, savor each moment, and relish the abundance of choices.



Tailor your search to your unique body type. Seek dresses that accentuate your best features and flatter your individual physique. Remember, this is an adventure - make it an enjoyable one. Dress shopping might present challenges, but it's also an opportunity to discover your perfect match. Embrace the process, stay patient, and keep the excitement alive until you find the dress that feels uniquely yours.

Happy shopping!



# BEING THANKFUL

BY CHEYENNE NIEMEIER

Thanksgiving, a time-honored tradition observed worldwide for centuries, invites us to reflect on the age-old question: What are you thankful for? The answer, as simple as it is profound, revolves around the essence of family time. This annual occasion brings families together, creating a cherished space for conversation and feasting on the delectable array of dishes generously brought to the table.

It's more than just a meal; it's a dedicated moment to reconnect with loved ones, sharing stories and experiences that have unfolded throughout the year. The question, "What are you thankful for?" becomes a doorway to the heart, allowing individuals to express gratitude and appreciation in the company of those who matter most.

Thanksgiving transcends a mere inquiry; it's a celebration of the bonds that tie us together. Beyond the traditional feast, it provides an opportunity to express gratitude through the warmth of connections, making every conversation a testament to the abundance of blessings we hold dear.

I have asked the student body about what they're thankful for and this is what they had to say.

- Family- Welding      - Teachers      - Four Wheeler      - Adventures
- Friends      - Farm      - Dr.Pepper      - Best Friend      - Mt.Dew
- Food      - Dog      - Weekends- Jesus      - Cat
- Home      - Driving      - Car      - Cousins      - Hoodies
- Sunsets      - Siblings      - Snow Days      - Dirt Bike      - Long Nights
- Music      - Job      - Free Time      - Movies      - Bonfires
- Truck      - Sports      - Sleep      - Shows      - Sweet Tea



## THANKSGIVING DESSERT

WHAT'S THE BEST?

BY **JASMINE GIBSON** AND **DA'MEA HAYES**

What is the highlight of Thanksgiving? Is it the delectable food, the scrumptious dessert, the familial ambiance? Who truly knows? But what we do know is, what's the best Thanksgiving dessert? We interviewed 28 people to unveil the "best." They were presented with options such as pumpkin pie, apple pie, pecan pie, peach cobbler, strawberry pie, and cheesecake. Can you guess which one garnered the most votes? If you guessed pumpkin pie, you'd be correct. Pumpkin pie triumphed over the other options, securing an astounding 11 votes, which is nearly half of the total responses. In second place was peach cobbler, and in third place was pecan pie.

So, what exactly is pumpkin pie? It's a traditional Thanksgiving dessert consisting of a pie crust and a warm, pumpkin-spiced filling. What's in the filling? Let's find out. The pumpkin filling is crafted with sugar, cinnamon, salt, ground ginger, ground cloves, eggs, pumpkin puree, and evaporated milk. When listed out, it might not sound overly appealing, but once mixed and baked, some might even say it tastes like heaven. Pumpkin pie remains a quintessential Thanksgiving dessert, whether adorned with whipped cream or enjoyed on its own.

Some claim that the first Thanksgiving dessert originated with the pilgrims. Legend has it that they filled hollowed-out pumpkins with milk, honey, and spices, then baked it in hot ashes to form a custard. Is pumpkin pie the evolution of the pilgrims' dessert? The first recorded pumpkin pie recipe appeared in a 1653 English cookbook. Due to a scarcity of wheat and a limited supply of butter, the pilgrims couldn't fashion a pie crust, hence having no pie at the inaugural Thanksgiving. Can you imagine Thanksgiving without dessert, especially pie?



# ENTERTAINMENT

## FALL ACTIVITIES

SUB-HEADLINE

BY ELLE EPLEY

Fall is the best time of the year to do fun activities. There are so many activities you can do in the fall.

One of my favorite activities to do is go to Mayse farm market. Not only do they have a variety of pumpkins for you to choose from, but they also have a hayride, corn maze, and races! If you prefer to stay inside and be cozy, I recommend baking cookies and watching fall movies.

If you love camping I recommend going to Shakamak State Park in Jasonville Indiana. The trees are a beautiful orange, red, and yellow color in the fall. While outside, you can carve pumpkins and use the seeds to make roasted pumpkin seeds.

If you want to spend time with your friends you can throw a Friendsgiving. After that, you can watch "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving."

This is the best time to do some fun activities before the weather starts to get cold.

### 30 DAYS OF FALL ACTIVITIES

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1 go on a bike ride	2 have a photo shoot	3 go bowling	4 visit an apple orchard	5 PAINT PUMPKINS
6 build a bird house	7 visit a festival	8 eat CANDY CORN	9 make a fall wreath	10 go on a nature walk
11 jump in a pile of leaves	12 make apple cider	13 watch a fall movie	14 go horse back riding	15 CREATE A LEAF CRAFT
16 read outdoors	17 roast marshmallows	18 make soup	19 have a picnic	20 volunteer
21 BUILD SOMETHING	22 bake cookies	23 find acorns	24 make a no-sew blanket	25 go on a hay ride
26 make trail mix	27 visit an outdoor market	28 go for a walk	29 MAKE SOMETHING WITH PUMPKIN	30 have a bonfire



## THE BEST FALL MOVIE

BY MACKENZIE CARRIER, KATELYN CORNE, KYLEE HIGGINSON, AND KAYLEE LAYMAN

Step into the timeless world of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," a beloved television special that has seamlessly woven itself into the fabric of Halloween and Fall traditions since its debut on October 27, 1966. Let's explore the enchantment



behind this animated masterpiece, based on Charles M. Schulz's iconic "Peanuts" comic strip.

Far from being just another movie, this TV special captures the spirit of the season, offering a poignant tale that has become a cherished tradition for generations. Dive into the delightful universe of the "Peanuts" characters, centering around the lovable Charlie Brown, and his companions Linus, Lucy, Sally, and the ever-charismatic Snoopy.

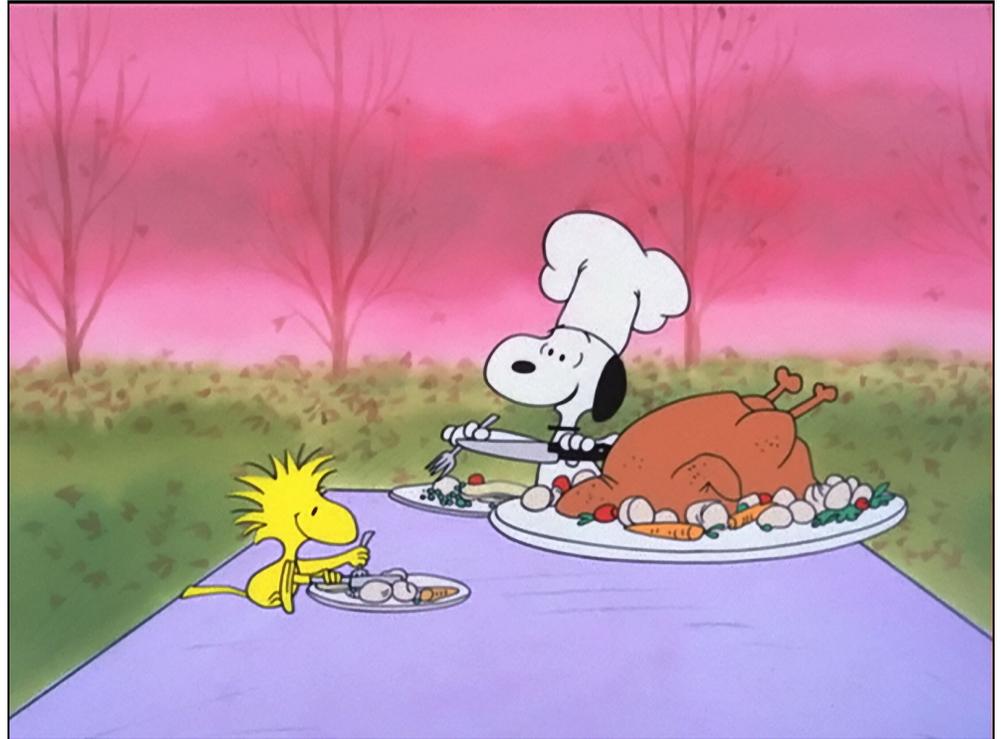
Snoopy was one of Schulz's earliest Peanuts characters, appearing for the first time on October 4, 1950, two days after the comic strip's debut. Schulz loosely based Snoopy on a black-and-white dog he had as a teenager named Spike

At the heart of the narrative is Linus's unwavering belief in the Great Pumpkin, a mythical figure akin to Santa Claus, who supposedly emerges from the pumpkin patch on Halloween night, delivering gifts to the faithful. Linus's determined vigil on Halloween night, despite the skepticism and gentle teasing from his friends, unfolds as a pure and hopeful quest to connect with the fantastical creature.



Beyond its whimsical charm, the Halloween special delves into profound themes of friendship, beliefs, and the inevitable disappointments stemming from unmet expectations. It's a journey. that resonates with audiences of all ages, celebrating the enduring innocence encapsulated by the "Peanuts" characters.

A cinematic masterpiece that transcends the boundaries of Halloween and gracefully extends into the Thanksgiving season, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" continues to be a treasured viewing experience. This classic is not confined to a



specific location - it's readily available for audiences everywhere, ensuring that its timeless appeal persists through the ages.

In essence, "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" stands as one of the crowning jewels among "Peanuts" specials for various holidays. Its enduring status as a classic autumn, Halloween, and Thanksgiving movie reflects its timeless storytelling and the indelible mark it has left on the hearts of countless viewers. Join the tradition, and immerse yourself in the magic of this perennial favorite



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