February Edition

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STUDENT STORIES

GYMNASTICS SENIOR NIGHT ✱ **MAKING WAVES** ✱ **PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONS**

Gymnastics Senior Night

by Sadie Schneider

The Angola Hornets' Girls Gymnastics Team hosted their senior night on February 3, 2026. Bailey Lanoue performed all four events and placed top three in all-around, and Brooke Clark had a stellar routine on floor, taking a spot on the podium. The Hornets pulled out a win against Huntington, Wayne, and West Noble on their last regular season home meet! Sectionals took place on February 28 at Central Gym. The girls pulled out a win against seven other teams, allowing them to advance to Regionals on March 7! Show up and be loud!



Pathway to Professions

by Devin McGuirk

Vocational programs allow students to learn careers that can't be taught effectively in traditional classrooms, such as automotive or health careers. Angola offers such programs through IMPACT Institute, HOE, and Firefighting programs. Students seem to not only enjoy the ability to attend these programs. Students like Keegan Cook, who attends the HOE program, value the ability to learn in the field as opposed to a classroom. Aiden Frederick, a student who participates in the firefighting program, values the ability to be certified while still in high school without having to go through training after graduation. Mackenzy Garman, a student who attends the Interactive Media program through IMPACT Institute, values the ability to work with students from other schools while still getting certified in a potential career path. If you are interested in any of the vocational programs for the next school year, talk to your guidance counselor about signing up for any of these programs!

Making Waves

by Lilly Blackburn

Angola High School's swim season went tremendously for everyone, including seasoned swimmers as well as newcomers. One senior in particular, Nadia Cline, said that, "I truly do love the swim team and would recommend joining the swim team to anyone. It seems hard at first, but like any sport, you have to practice to get better." Nadia is passionate about the aquatic sport of swimming. Her enthusiasm followed everyone into the sectional swim meet, helping "everyone drop time at sectionals!" The Angola swim team's season finished at 3-1-0. It turned out to be a successful season for the swimmers and the swimming program within AHS!

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SURVIVING WINTER AT AHS

by Macie Wainscott

We often find it difficult to brave the Indiana weather and the negative feelings that come with it, so here are a few tips to survive the next few drab months!

#1 - Food!

Some good comfort food tends to make the season brighter and warmer. Be creative! Getting in the kitchen to make something or visiting your favorite restaurant always leads to a good time.

#2 - Style!

Dressing up or trying a different hairstyle is scientifically proven to make you feel happier. Wearing bright colors, unusual textures, and new clothes can be fun.

#3 - Get Connected

AHS has lots of clubs and new things to experience with your peers. Hanging out with friends always improves a bad mood.

#4 - Have Fun and Relax!

Sitting down to watch your favorite movie or read a book is a great way to unwind after a gray day. Find things that you love to keep morale up!

We hope our tips help you survive the frigid Indiana winter. Remember, spring is just around the corner!

STAFF PICK: FAVORITE ROM-COM

by Avery Treisch

Tis' the season of love. What better activity to do than cozy up and watch a good rom-com? For this month's poll, we asked teachers here at AHS what their favorite rom-com movies were. We got an amazing range of answers from heartfelt classics to new screen hits.

Mrs. Howard: "*No Hard Feelings.* I love Jennifer Lawrence, and it's awkward without being cringy."

Mrs. Dowell: "*Just Go With It;* I love Adam Sandler."

Mr. McHugh: "*La La Land.* It shows the viewer that love is not something that just happens but has to be worked at. You have to be willing to make sacrifices for your partner; if you don't, then you'll find happiness on your own."

Mrs. Davis: "*10 Things I Hate About You*. It's fun and relatable."

Mrs. Ravis: "*She's All That.*"

Mrs. Lanam: "*The Proposal* combines humor with love."

Mr. Lomont: "*Crazy Stupid Love*. Different love stories, and so complex, each story has so much depth, and allows you to see love in many stages of life."

What makes these rom-coms people's favorite? When people connect themselves to the characters seen on screen, it reminds them that they, too, can find love. Through their traits and personal lives, we see ourselves. So, when a character like us pushes through their hardships, it shows that we can, too. And when they find their happiness, it gives us hope for future happiness within our own lives. This sweet season, whether single, looking for love, or in love, be sure to watch an AHS teacher favorite! Maybe it will become your favorite too!



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HORNET HIGHLIGHTS

SPOTLIGHT

Piper McGregor



Powering to the Top

by Kiara Hohenberger

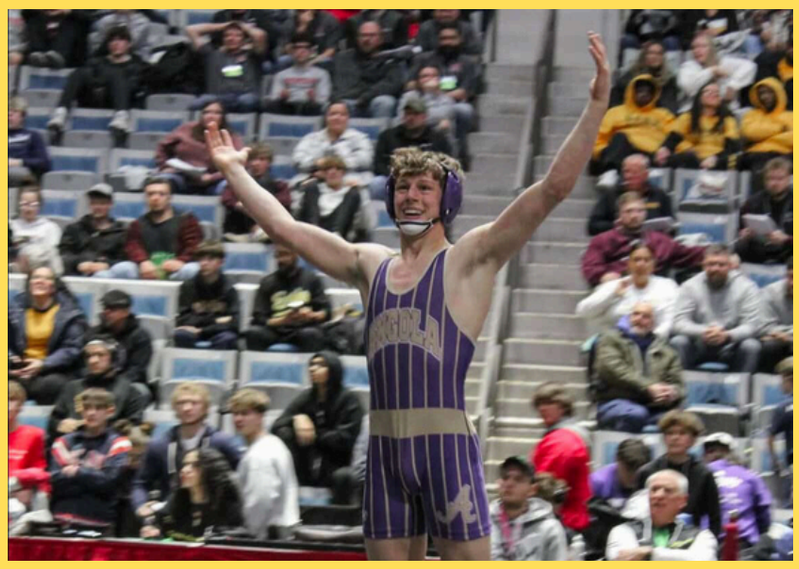
On January 31, Angola High School sophomore Piper McGregor competed in the USA Powerlifting (USAPL) Indiana State Championship. Around a year ago, she realized her passion for lifting could be more than just a hobby. By comparing her numbers with those in her weight class and age category, Piper decided to begin competing. Piper said none of this would be possible without the love and support of her mother. Her mother has always been her biggest supporter, and Piper is very grateful to have her mother in her corner.

She ended the day as the Indiana State Powerlifting 60kg champion and now will participate in the Powerlifting National Competition in Chicago on June 15, 2026. Piper's next steps include hopefully doing well at Nationals, as well as progressing further with the help of her family and coaches. She has also recently joined Team GSP and hopes to continue getting stronger. We wish you the best of luck!

Dallas Davidson

On the Mat, Leaving His Legacy

by Kiersen Crowl



Senior wrestler Dallas Davidson makes his mark in Angola history by taking the title of most career wins. He started wrestling in kindergarten, and as he grew up, he began to take the sport more seriously, especially going into high school. As he approached those last four seasons, his ambitions and dedication grew, and he stated, "I just wanted to do big things in wrestling and to try to see how far I could go." From his achievements to the memories of the season, it's evident that he did exactly that. Dallas finished his season, beating the previous record by 11 wins at an outstanding 155 total career wins. Reflecting on this, Dallas noted, "It didn't really seem possible when I was younger, but as I kept going, it became more of a goal and achievement that I wanted to have on my belt." He took this title into the State Finals as Angola's only qualifier. Dallas wrestled with confidence and his typical high-level performance, and ended the tournament by placing 6th on the podium. Dallas has truly made a huge impact on not only the wrestling program but also his fellow wrestlers, coaches, and community that have been beside him on his journey. Way to work hard, to have fun, and to excel!

Great work, Dallas!

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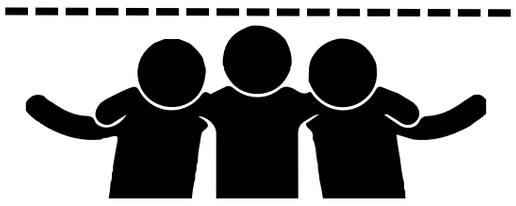
(by Eleya Hale)

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Riley Dance Marathon

Covered by Kiara Hohenberger



The Riley Dance Marathon is a fundraising event for Riley's Children's Hospital. Along with the event itself, students create their own fundraising accounts to raise money every day, which will go directly to Riley's Children's Hospital. Though the event itself is not until May 16th, fundraising has been full speed ahead for weeks. "We are students united in raising the critical funds needed for Children's Miracle Network hospitals. We are passionate about making a difference for kids and families in our local communities," said Angola's fundraising team. More details about the event will be posted as the event approaches.

Reach out to Mrs. Lanam (hlanam@msdsc.us) with any questions or if you are interested in being a part of this wonderful cause!

Online Pass Interviews

Covered by Shaheer Kazi

Online passes are the newest addition to student life at Angola High School, and it seems like everyone has a different opinion as we transition to the SecurlyPass system. Our Voices interviewed multiple students and teachers to better understand how the Hornets are navigating this change.

The first question we asked students was "How do the new passes change the way you move around school, and are they generally slower or faster?" Seniors and freshmen alike expressed that the system was slow and inconvenient. Some even said, "It's just annoying." According to students, the biggest challenge with Securly is how time-consuming it can be to wait for a pass to be accepted before they can use the restroom, which is where most people leave class to go. One student went on to say, "It glitches all the time. It's unnecessary, and I would prefer going back to paper and pencil."

Most students did, however, mention a significant benefit: fewer people are hanging out in the halls or wandering around without a pass. In that way, according to a sophomore, "It makes the school safer." For older students, SecurlyPass is difficult to adapt to, but freshmen are more receptive to computer-based passes.

While some teachers admit their frustrations with "being interrupted during a lecture to accept a pass," most are satisfied with the new system. Teachers have noticed it becoming easier for kids to send passes, and they acknowledge that computers are more cost-efficient. We also asked staff their opinion on technology being increasingly integrated into education. One respondent said that technology is designed to benefit learning, not counteract it. Benny Clark, one of our counselors, said, "It's awesome. I love it!"

Overall, the AHS Hornets have a mixed opinion on online passes. Some think it is clever, while others hope the classic "hall pass" lanyards make a comeback. Either way, online passes are here to stay for the foreseeable future. If we adapt, we can set ourselves up for a more successful school environment.