

Blooming sales

By Riley Powers

On May 2, the BGHS Agriculture Department is holding its annual plant sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the plant sale, there will be many varieties of flowers and vegetables to purchase. Plants will cost \$2 for a single flower pot, \$4 for a six-pack of veggies, \$18-25 for hanging baskets, and \$30 for patio pots. “It’s the biggest profit that the Ag. department gets all year,” FFA President Reina Hubbard, senior, said. According to Greenhouse Manager Amanda Shaffer, “We have thousands of plants for sale, including over 50 varieties of herbs and vegetables and over 70 varieties of flowers. We have planted about 800

hanging baskets with several different designs, as well as patio pots in five different designs.”

Students have been planting and designing all the baskets and patio pots since November.

The success of the plant sale depends a lot on student volunteers. They will help find, sell, and carry the plants for customers. There will be about 100 students altogether helping with the plant sale. Some students will help set up on Friday, and many more students will help during the sale on Saturday. Many community members come to the plant sale every year. “We have repeat customers, especially

realtors, who buy hanging baskets for their house showings,” Hubbard said. There is a great deal of coordination involved in making sure the plant sale runs smoothly. The biggest challenge, according to FFA Vice President Quentin Jordan, is “keeping everybody happy.”

The annual FFA Plant Sale is an excellent opportunity for students, staff, and community members to get a start on the planting season by purchasing locally grown plants. All the proceeds from the plant sale help fund next year’s labs and other assorted activities for the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments.

AFJROTC Academy selections

By Owen Clark

Recently, three BGHS ROTC students were selected into the AFJROTC Flight Academy. This year, the following students were selected: C/2nd Lt Nathan Davis, C/2nd Lt Henry Richards, and C/1st Lt Lord King Nana-Badu-Weah. Normally, the academy selects around 200 students each year, but due to the government shutdown, this year they only selected around 94. Around 86k cadets worldwide are enrolled in this program. It's unknown how many cadets actually applied for the flight academy, but only 94 were selected this year along with 31 alternates.

According to the Air Education and Training Command website, "The Air Force JROTC Flight Academy is an

approximately eight-week summer aviation training program, conducted at partnering universities nationwide. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded a Private Pilot's Certification. Flight Academy is intended to inspire and encourage high school youth toward aviation careers. The scholarship program is a collaborative effort between the aerospace industry and the Air Force to address a national pilot shortage." According to junior Lord King, enrolling in this training is not really joining the military. "ROTC is not a military recruiting program. A lot of people, especially underclassmen, think as soon as you join you automatically enlist in the Air Force. This is completely wrong. There is

no obligation to join the military. Even with the Flight academy, I could even drop JROTC next year and nothing would happen."

For students with financial limitations who want to get their pilot's license, this program is a great way to do that because it's completely free. Traditionally, Battle Ground cadets usually find out if they got in or not before winter break; however, the government shutdowns this year really put a strain on the application process, and cadets were only given two weeks starting in March to apply for the program. This program is a great way for students to get their pilot license and has helped many cadets worldwide.



Party in Portland

By Howard Finley

Hello Battle Ground Tigers! Congratulations on making it this far into the year. Prom this year will be on May 9 from 7-10 p.m. The dance will take place at the Portland Art Museum (Mark Building). The exact address is 1119 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR.

This year, like most years, the theme was chosen by ASB. "We were looking at paintings, and we looked at Starry Night, and it was full of beautiful colors" ASB representative Morrison Nixon said. Therefore, the theme Starry Night was chosen. Students who plan to follow the theme might plan on wearing a dark outfit with blue highlights and flame colored accents.

As of April 20, prom tickets are on sale for \$55 with regular student ID but only \$45 with ASB cards. Tickets will be sold before school, during both lunches, and after school.

Tickets will only be available to students who bring their ID with them to the window and do not have any fines, so turn in all overdue books, pay

your parking tickets, and get ready for prom. Students are encouraged to go as it is the last big dance of the year.

Some students are extremely excited such as senior Kota Torres. "Yeah, I'm pretty excited for prom; I get to hang out with my best friend and my boyfriend on the last dance of my high school years," she said. Senior Macey Bodily is excited for her last high school dance. "I'm looking forward to one last party with my friends," she said. Junior Lainey McMullen is looking forward to "getting ready with friends" before the big dance. Senior



Brooke Stewart is excited to spend time with her friends before prom. "My friends are going to come over to my house, and we are going to take photos in my backyard.

And then we're going to the Water Front for dinner," she said.

Parking can be difficult near the Portland Art Museum, so students who plan on attending should get there early to find parking near the event area. Parking garages have a small fee and are much more likely to have open spots and are a great alternative to trying to find parking on the streets; if at all possible, students may want to carpool with friends or dates. This year's prom is going to be a blast, so get tickets now.

Serenading sounds from the bay

By Christopher Leu

On Thursday, April 16, the Battle Ground Festival Band went on a field trip to California. The Battle Ground Festival Band, consisting of over 60+ members from all three of the regular high school bands, traveled to the Bay Area to have fun and perform together.

The first day of the four-day trip was spent on a bus for the 13-hour ride down to Santa Clara, California. The second day of the trip was spent with the band visiting several notable locations around the Bay Area, including the Jelly Belly factory, where they were able to take a tour of the factory and see the process of how the jelly beans are made. They also took a tour of

the famous Winchester Mystery House. Another tourist place they visited was the Great Mall to wander around, and finally, to finish the day, they went to Dave & Buster's to eat and play games. For the third day of the trip, they gathered at Santa Teresa High School to be judged for their musical talents and to perform against other bands around the country.

After their musical performance, they got to spend the rest of the day at California's Great America, where they were able to roam the park to ride rides and have fun with their fellow band members. At the park they also held an award ceremony for who

performed the best at the competition; the Battle Ground Festival Band won three awards: first place in the high school concert band category, best overall band, and the Esprit De Corps award, which is an award given to the band that exhibits the most pride, spirit, enthusiasm, camaraderie, and unity out of all the bands.

The fourth and final day of the trip was spent traveling another 13 hours back home, where the band members celebrated their wins. Senior Garrett Cawse stated that he was "proud of the band and their accomplishments" and "happy to be able to spend time with his friends on this trip."



“Pop Some Tags” at the BG Thrift Store

By Jaylen French

Some students are not aware that BGHS has its very own thrift store. The store is in classroom D3 and is open on Wednesdays before school, as well as Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during both lunches. The store has been in business for a little over two years and is run by Ms. Main and other volunteers such as school counselors and aides.

The store gets its stock entirely from donations from community members or staff members. Donations can be brought to the main office and are later processed by the store's staff. When staff are processing items, they try to consider what items best

match with student interest or styles to then be put into the store. Any remaining items are taken by the Futures Program and are brought to local women's shelters to be donated. Because the thrift store makes full profit on all sales and wants to ensure affordability, all items in the store are priced at \$1.

The store also has occasional sales such as items discounted at half off or buy one get one free deals. These sales are usually seasonal to try to rotate stock according to the time of year and the clothing styles that correlate. So far this school year, the store has made a total of \$1,535. According to Ms. Main, “The money

that the store makes can only be used back towards the store or toward rewarding students for behavior and academics.” Ms. Main uses the profits from the store to restock the school's prize closet with a variety of items such as Lego sets, chargers, speakers, fidgets, trinkets, and various other items. Students can earn prizes by earning Tiger Tickets, which are put into a raffle. Four tickets are drawn each week. One for each grade. Students can earn Tiger Tickets through positive behavior and leadership among peers. Be sure to check out the thrift store to get some great deals!

CTE field trips inspire and excite students

By Riley Powers

Hello, Tigers, on April 21, there were two CTE field trips. One of these trips was for a Clark

College showcase, and the other was for the Horticulture class zoo trip. The Clark College

showcase had a maximum of 20 people attending per school. Students were able to choose two programs to

tour. Some of these programs included, but were not limited to, engineering; computer science; mechatronics, which is the engineering of automatons; automotive, and early childhood education (ECE).

Clark also offered career services, held in two different sessions. The first session included services that would help students build a resume, introduce employment skills, and find out what they are good at. The second session included connecting college jobs to

future careers. A bus was provided for the 20 BGHS students that went and 20 students from Prairie also. On campus there were tour guides to take students to their selected programs.

There was another field trip that happened the same day, a Horticulture exclusive trip to the Oregon Zoo! The Horticulture and Animal Care class took a bus to the zoo, and 41 students attended this trip. They went earlier this year than usual; it was a little colder because it is still early spring. Last year they

went towards the end of the semester, and it was super hot, roughly 105 degrees. Since it was cooler out, and there weren't many people around the zoo, most of the animals were active and close to the glass; students could have even talked to the zoo keepers. Teachers Ms. Palica and Ms. Skye both had favorite animals that they saw on the field trip. Ms. Palica said, "I think the elephants," and Ms. Skye said, "I also liked the lion."

Hats off to our soldier in green

By Brianna Hoeflein



Grace Wing received a \$1,000 scholarship award on

Thursday, February 26, 2026, provided by the Klinge/Meyer Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. She was honored at the Marshall Leadership Awards

Ceremony, presented by Davidson & Associates Insurance. This award is granted to the five finalists who showed leadership excellence and who embodied General George C. Marshall's values of integrity, candor, courage, and preparedness in their commitment to serving for the greater good. The Marshall Youth Leadership Award is also given to

seniors in high school. Wing is the first JROTC student from Battle Ground to receive this honor.

"After receiving this award, I have an immense amount of gratitude for the opportunities I have been given," said Wing, senior Chief of Staff. "I am so blessed to be surrounded by teachers and family who have supported me

through my decisions and pushed me to be the best I can. It was such an honor to be standing next to all the other finalists, hearing their stories of leadership and accomplishments. We are so lucky to have so many rising leaders in our community!" She continued, "Specifically, I would like to thank Colonel Woodrow for believing in me my freshman year and helping me to develop my leadership skills."

Wing has proven to be an exceptional student, and, even more so, an extraordinary member of the community. "For as long as I can remember, I have always loved caring for others. I started volunteering at Legacy Health Salmon Creek the summer before my junior year. In this position, I work at the front desk answering questions, escorting patients to and

from their appointments, and helping with any task handed to me. Helping these patients to make their day a little better and easier brings me so much joy." Wing added, "For my future, I dream of becoming a nurse and helping all those I can. Whether that means working in a local hospital or serving for our country, I am unsure; however, I am confident that God will guide me down the right path for me."

Wing has received multiple awards during her time in JROTC, including the Tuskegee Airmen award during her freshman year and the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award during her junior year. "I was also a member of the BGHS jazz band from my eighth-grade year through my junior year," she said. "In this time, I won multiple soloist awards

from various festivals, including Skyview, Clark, Clackamas, and Commencement Bay festivals. I'm also a member of three different honor societies: NHS at Battle Ground, Kitty Hawk Air Society through JROTC, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Clark College."

With these astounding achievements under her belt, Wing plans to attend the University of Portland in the fall with a major in nursing and a minor in medical Spanish. Wing likes many aspects of JROTC, but her favorite is "the countless opportunities available, you just have to be willing to say yes and try new things," a statement that encapsulates her dedication and positive work ethic. She is an inspiring young woman with a bright future ahead. Congratulations, Grace Wing!

"Wisdom begins with wonder." — Socrates

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By Koen Holm



In this issue, "The Tiger Times" is

highlighting one of our very own Battle Ground High School students, Brock Hieb, because of his hard work and outstanding work ethic.

Brock is a senior at Battle Ground High School and is known for being a rather kind and respectful fella. For those who don't know, Brock has a strong passion for journalism and

sports. Brock's favorite class is Journalism, and he's been a part of "The Tiger Times" for the past two school years. Last year, Brock wrote a variety of articles for "The Tiger Times," but this year, he writes mostly sports stories for the newspaper. Brock plans to continue with journalism after high school and turn his passion into a career, and become a sports journalist. "I will be attending Clark and continue writing and doing journalism stuff," he said.

Brock has always enjoyed sports, and his

favorite team of all time is the Buffalo Bills. He hopes to eventually write about the Bills one day. Brock is a humble person who enjoys a nice quality pasta of any variety, or more specifically, a nice spaghetti and meatballs dish. Brock also enjoys running a fantasy football team outside of school for fun.

"The Tiger Times" decided to highlight Brock for his hard work and dedication towards the craft of journalism and for being an all-around cool dude!

"Spring will come, and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer." – Anita Krizzan



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By Evan Ottman



“The Tiger Times” latest staff spotlight had landed

on the Dean of Students, Mr. McKenzie. He also is supervisor for the campus security, and it is his third year working this position at BGHS. His favorite part of the job is just interacting with kids. “I mean, that’s why we work in high schools, right?” he said. As the security supervisor, he regularly gets to interact

with students with disciplinary issues, and getting to see these students work through their issues and eventually graduate brings him great joy.

Off the topic of his work, he is a big fan of the “Harry Potter” series of movies, which he has watched on repeat. He is also a super big sports fan; originally being from the city of San Diego, he is a big fan of the Chargers, Padres, and the Lakers. As a fan of the NBA and college basketball, he really enjoys watching

both. But his favorite thing in sports is getting to watch baseball in person.

Mr. McKenzie has noted his love for Mexican food, and his favorite dish in particular is a carne asada burrito. He is a big music guy. “It depends a lot on my mood to be honest but most often probably hip hop,” he said. Last, but not least, Mr. McKenzie would also like to give a shout out to the whole staff team and the supportive community that exists here at BGHS.

By Elijah Hagelstein and Avery Hill



Officer Anderson is Battle Ground High

School’s sole School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Anderson is well known for patrolling the halls, the nearly endless

snack pile in his office, and his infamous joke of the week every Friday. For nearly ten years now, Officer Anderson has been

Battle Ground High School's primary SRO, beginning in 2017, and will have been with the Battle Ground Police Department (BGPLD) for 20 years this September.

Originally, Officer Anderson wasn't planning to become an SRO or a law enforcement officer for that matter. "So, I graduated from college, a bachelor in science, economics, went down the path of pension and administration, was hired by Electronic Data Systems, learned mainframe programming, and did that for about 20 years," Officer Anderson said. He worked at Bo Jackson Sports and Nike, where he even got to meet Michael Jordan. "Look up, the person in front of me. That's Michael Jordan," he said. His segway into law enforcement began with the impending threat of Y2K. When he was a programmer, Y2K was considered an imminent threat; projects were put on hold, and offshore companies in India began to populate the scene, driving Officer Anderson away from continuing

programming as a career choice. The second big thing that drove him towards law enforcement was the September 11 attacks. "9/11 happened. I began to realize, well, what kind of significance do I have?" he said.

Even with the plan to join law enforcement, Officer Anderson still was not considering becoming an SRO. However, the position was given to Officer Anderson because the previous SRO had just retired, so he was slotted in for the rest of the school year. "At the end of the year, the chief said, 'Would you like to come back?' I really hadn't had that much experience as a police officer. I wanted to get more experience under my belt," he said. Officer Anderson then spent time with the detectives and working patrol before coming back to BGHS. "Spent a lot of time in patrol, and then this opened up. At that point, I think I was ready for it," he said.

Officer Anderson thinks highly of working with youth of all ages, and he believes people in those

positions hold high influential power in young people's lives. "Growing up, they're going through challenging stuff, that's difficult, but there's hope. Good things are coming, and you can see it in the kids you're interacting with," he said. Officer Anderson believes students, and people in general, could spend less time on their devices and thinks that people need to spend more time talking to each other. "The electronic distraction has been huge, and, I mean, I have a phone; I have two phones, one for work and one for me personally," he said jokingly, using lyrics from "2 Phones" by Kevin Gates. "We have big groups that still interact, and that's a good thing." Officer Anderson thinks that part of the loss of focus is often due to FOMO, or the fear of missing out.

Recently, with the impending impacts of the levy failure, rumors have been floating around theorizing what staff positions will be reduced or cut altogether. Contrary to the many rumors

surrounding his position, Officer Anderson will still continue to work at BGHS in the following years. “My understanding is that I’ll be here. We had two SRO’s, one for high

school, one for all the feeder schools,” he said. If students ever need advice or help, Officer Anderson will always be available in the Attendance Office throughout most of the

school day. Thankfully, BGHS will continue to have Officer Anderson’s continued support, leaving a lasting impression on the staff and students he works with.



Summer fun!

By Nova Keeland

On June 10, BGHS will be out for summer break. Recently, a survey was conducted by “The Tiger Times” to see how students feel about school ending in less than two months. Out of the 115 students who responded, 74% of them are very excited for summer break, and the rest are just happy. The survey asks how students will feel when school starts up again and 46% of them said they don’t want to think about it, 27% said they’ll be annoyed, 10% said they’ll be happy to be with their friends every day again, 7% said they will be very depressed, and the rest said they are graduating this year, so they won’t have to come

back. Here are some things that students would love to do over summer break: hang out with friends; go to the beach, lake, and/or river; hang out with family; go to work and make money; and go camping, fishing, doing arts and crafts, and chilling in their bed.

Here are some of the places and activities some of the respondents will do over summer break: senior Carson Helmer will be going to Europe, London, Ireland, and Iceland, sophomore Ivy Baker will be going to Florida, Vegas, and hopefully more places with her friend, sophomore Jacob Bauder will be working, hanging out with his girlfriend, and going to

the fair with pigs, junior Maeve Hard will be going on a cruise and a camping trip, and senior Landon Glaser will be working as well as enjoying summer. “Making bands and having fun,” Glaser said. Many students are very excited to go to the fair and to go swimming. Most responses say that people’s favorite part about swimming is the refreshing water, and that their favorite part about the fair is going with friends and family. Many students said their favorite rides at the fair are the Zipper and the Ring of Fire. 89% of respondents said “yay” to the fact that school has less than two months left.

Chicken Sandwich

By Koen Holm

This is the second ever food review for “The Tiger Times,” and this time we’ll be covering the iconic school lunch chicken sandwich. A favorite meal for many BGHS students, the chicken sandwich is one of the most popular items in the school cafeteria.

A chicken sandwich, or the chicken burger, is one of the most well-known sandwiches in the world. It commonly consists of a boneless piece of chicken, like a ground chicken patty or a skinless chicken breast, served between two slices of any bread. The most popular variation on the “chicken sandwich” is the classic spicy chicken

sandwich, which BGHS also offers.

Battle Ground High School’s cafeteria offers two different kinds of chicken sandwiches, a plain version and spicy version. For this review, I decided to select the plain chicken sandwich because I found it was a simple baseline for all of the school’s chicken sandwiches.

Before partaking in my sandwich, I spoke to a self-proclaimed “big fan” of chicken sandwiches, senior Jackota Salmi. “I like the chicken sandwich because I like putting onions and ketchup on it,” he said.

I found this quaint sandwich to be a solid

simple meal for a hard working student. When compared to other cafeteria food, it may not be the flashiest meal at BGHS, but it’s what I needed to get me through my day. Overall, I believe that the plain chicken sandwich is an important rock of the school lunch menu.

For this food review, I give the humble school chicken sandwich 6.5 out of 10. It’s an all-around good substantial meal to get someone through the day even if it’s a little plain. Stay tuned for the next issue of “The Tiger Times” for the one and only BGHS PIZZA!

SPORTS

BGHS track stars interviews

By Brock Hieb

The track season is well underway, and “The Tiger Times” has recently checked in with some of the star athletes. For this issue of “The Tiger Times,” the following students were interviewed: junior Sophia Rogers, senior Bryce Simmons, junior Lord King Nanu-Weah, and senior Aubrielle Clark.



Junior Sophia Rogers:

Q: What is the hardest part about distance running?

A: The hardest part of distance running is like the mental part, and you gotta constantly stay tapped in and make sure that you constantly push yourself, or not, you will run slow.

Q: What is your favorite moment on track?

A: My favorite moment is last year when I was an underdog heading into the race, and I was definitely supposed to finish last, and I ended up making it to state and got a lot of PR.

Q: Why did you choose distance running?

A: It's a challenge, and it's not easy at all. It's a constant challenge, it's a lot of fun, and I love to push myself.

Q: Are you going to do track after high school?

A: Yes, that is my goal, hoping to go to college and eventually go pro someday, but I mean it takes a lot of work.

Senior Bryce Simmons:

Q Why did you choose pole vault?

A: I didn't want to run, and Coach Buckner was one of my football coaches

Q: How do you handle a poor performance?

A: Eat some cheesecake, forget about it, and refresh my brain

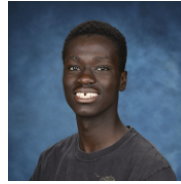
Q: What is your greatest achievement on track?

A: I made it to districts my first year doing pole vault?

Q: What is the hardest part of the pole vault?

A: Trying to get the pole to bend





Junior Lord King Nanu-Weah:

Q: Why did you choose distance running?

A: My main sport in 7th grade was soccer. I thought I was good because I was one of the better players at my school. Then I found out it was because I just took the ball and ran around till the person defending me got tired. Then, when I joined track, the coach said I should try distance running, and I liked it.

Q: How do you handle pressure and stress in your sport?

A: How I handle pressure and stress is by acknowledging the fact that they exist, and I check to see if there is something I can do about it or not. If I can't do anything about it, then I just ignore it. Stressing about things out of your control just stresses you out more.

Q: Which do you like better, breaking your personal record or finishing number 1?

A: It depends on the time during the season, because early in the season, you just want good times, but late in the season, you want good placements. But ultimately, 1st place because the end of the season is the most important part, and that is when you want 1st place.

Q: How do you handle failure?

A: Failure is also normal. What I do is analyze the days leading up to the race and try to find what I did differently that I don't normally do. Then I just don't do it next time. If I can't find what caused a bad race, then I just don't worry about it and try harder next time.

Senior Aubrielle Clark:

Q: How did you feel about breaking your personal records?

A: I feel lowkey rewarded by it, but then I lowkey feel the need to do better, so then I don't care as much and then just focus on getting better.

Q: Why did you choose Javelin?

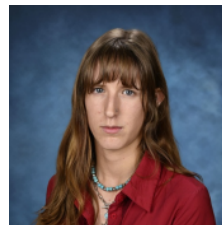
A: Because I was good at it

Q: What is your personal record?

A: 109'6"

Q: What is the hardest part about Javelin?

A: Mental pressure on myself



These are some of our BGHS track stars and the ups and downs of their track careers.

ENTERTAINMENT

By James Adams

Spring



Find the following words in the puzzle.

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BLOSSOM
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