

Jog-A-Thon over: less turnout, more team spirit

By Jackota Salmi

Battle Ground High School recently had its annual JROTC Jog-a-Thon. Students ran together for 24 hours. Over the event, they ran 377 miles. The event was from 5 p.m. on Friday, October 10, until 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. There were four two-hour shifts. 47 people participated, which was fewer than in past years. Some students who were not running helped with



other tasks, showing teamwork and cooperation.

One group, Group Four, did not have enough runners, so they had to join other groups. Participants apparently drank seven whole gallons of chocolate milk. The event was about building teamwork among students. Lieutenant Colonel Andy Woodrow shared his thoughts. He said, “It’s a teamwork event. It’s about encouraging teamwork and building a community.” He

added that JROTC focuses on being a team.

“Everything we do, from classes to community service, is about building that team spirit,” he explained.

Even though fewer students joined this year, the Jog-a-Thon was a big success. It showed what working together can accomplish. The event made everyone feel proud and more connected as a group. It was a good way to build teamwork and school spirit, and it left everyone feeling proud of what they did together.

Homecoming highlights

By Jaylen French

The first weekend of October was a weekend full of Homecoming fun, and here's a recap on what

happened. The Homecoming football game was on Friday, October 3, and the

Homecoming dance was on Saturday, October 4. Tickets to the dance were sold during the school

week at the ASB Office, and 649 tickets were sold in total: 546 student tickets and 103 guest tickets. According to sophomore Torin Johnson, “There were fewer tickets sold this year compared to last year, so our goal for next year is to create improvements that will hopefully increase sales and student attendance.”

The Friday game against Post Falls was an unfortunate loss, with a final score of 8-16. The theme of the game was pink out in support of

breast cancer awareness month, and many students participated in dressing up. During halftime, Homecoming Court was announced, consisting of eight seniors in total, all of which were nominated by the student body. On the night of Homecoming many students came dressed according to the theme, which was “Meet Me in Miami.” According to junior Hailey Dixon, “It was a good theme, but the music could have been better.” She thinks that at future dances there should

be an option for students to request songs.

At the beginning of the dance students were able to scan a qr code to digitally place their final vote for the king and queen. The results were announced halfway through the dance, and the king was Thomas Avery and the queen was Karoline Loose.



Homecoming Court

Seniors leave their mark

By Nova Keeland

This year seniors are allowed to paint their parking spot. The parking spot painting activity will only be available to senior students who have a parking spot. So far, they have primed the parking spots, but students haven't painted their spots yet; Principal Ichimura is looking to do it on a dry sunny day.

To participate, students must have a current parking tag with a numbered space. They must also have a school appropriate image that they want to paint, and they have to keep the paint inside of the 4x4 square. These seniors are able to do this because school administrators wanted to bring back the tradition. The last time students were

allowed to paint their parking space was around 2010.

This is a great opportunity for seniors to leave a unique mark on their school and have something special to do for their last year. Students will not have to pay due to Logan Hertner, store manager at Battle Ground Sherwin Williams, who donated quarts and gallons

of different colors of paint. The school is also hoping to avoid paying for more paint if needed, so if there isn't enough paint for all seniors, students will have to bring their own paint.

The parking spots that will be painted are only in

the two student parking sections. After this year, ROTC will help paint primer over the painted spots for the next upcoming seniors. Not all seniors plan to participate, Senior Brooke Stewart plans on painting her

parking spot but isn't sure what to do. "I want to do something with my name and flowers," she said. Senior Evan Ottman is also going to paint his parking spot. "I park in number 67, so I'm gonna do a mural of the 67 kid," he said.

Carve those pumpkins!

By Owen Clark

FFA Pumpkin carving is an event that takes place every year that fits classic Halloween traditions and showcases FFA leadership and learning. This very fun event took place on October 22 right after school from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the agriculture classrooms at Battle Ground High School.

The event was organized by FFA advisor Ms. Palica, FFA President senior Reina Hubbard, FFA Vice President senior Quentin Jordan, senior Louie Ledberry, freshman Keira Hubbard, and senior Kai Ryan. "We added the pumpkin smashing, which

was new, and it was fun to watch people do, and we used the pumpkins as compost," Reina Hubbard said.

About 90 students attended this well-known school event. In addition to carving pumpkins, treats and

snacks were handed out. The pumpkins and treats at this event were not donated by any company or group. "Unfortunately, the pumpkins are not donated and we have to buy them from Walmart, but we will take donations!" Ms.



Palica said. This event was only available for current FFA students, which are all students enrolled in any of the agriculture classes. All

tools and pumpkins were free of charge to the FFA students. This is always a popular event, and many

students look forward to it. Congratulations FFA for organizing another fun-filled event. Keep a lookout for upcoming events like the gingerbread house decorating event in December.



Halloween on the horizon

By Evan Ottman

Halloween brings a lot of the holiday spirit to town, which includes a lot of fun activities. Many students seem to be excited about the upcoming holiday and getting to wear costumes. Senior Garrett Cawse already has his costume picked out. "I'm going to be a big ogre who plays baseball, and I will spend a very long time making the costume from scratch, which I've never done anything like that before, so it is going to be an exciting challenge, but I

think that I am up for the task," he said.

He's not the only one with Halloween plans. NHS Treasurer Elliot Rolison said that the organization is volunteering for the event called the Boo Bash. The volunteers from NHS will be running carnival games at the Boo Bash. The Boo Bash will take place Halloween evening at the Battle Ground Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

People all around the school have also expressed their excitement over getting to trick or treat; one of these students is the renowned senior Ulysses Alejandro Chavez. Chavez is so excited. "I'm going to go around the neighborhood with a bunch of my friends, and we're hoping to get a big bunch of candy," he said. In conclusion, all of the people who were asked seem to be excited and ready to get a lot of candy!

Game on!

By Riley Powers

Hello fellow gamers! There are many hot games out right now. Whether for their fun multiplayer action or a captivating story and fun gameplay, these games are all the rage.

Some of the most popular multiplayer games right now are "Fortnite," which gained popularity for its Battle Royale game mode. Battle Royale is a 100 person free-for-all

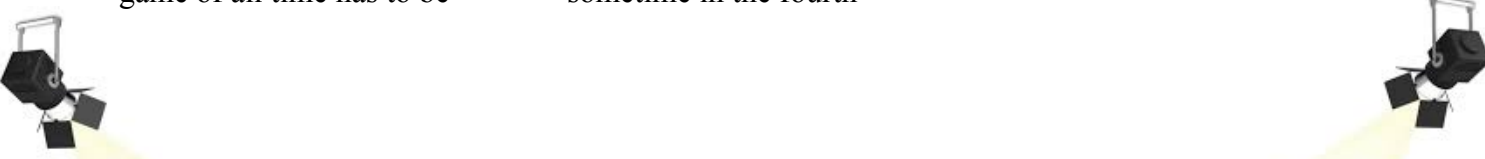
competition. Another very popular game is "Marvel Rivals," which is a six vs. six team-based shooter game. In this game you can play as a large cast of Marvel characters, either

villains or heroes. A very popular single player game known for its difficulty and for being a theoretical sequel to its successors is “Elden Ring,” a game with minor CO-OP opportunities. It is revered for its difficulty. It has no difficulty settings, so it is exactly the same for all players and fair for everybody. Players must simply “git gud,” as gamers might say. The most popular single player game of all time has to be

“Red Dead Redemption 2.” It has one of the greatest stories in all of gaming, as well as good gameplay and evolving characters. The ending is a masterpiece as well. “The gameplay is great; the story is great, and everything is great really,” freshman Landin Parker said.

There are also some games coming out soon that may be very good. “Elder Scrolls VI” is rumored to be released sometime in the fourth

quarter of 2025 or first quarter of 2026. Another game people have been anticipating is “GTA 6,” which was first confirmed in February of 2022, and is coming out May 26, 2026. Another game coming out next year is “Mortal Shell 2,” a souls-like game, which is a sub genre of the dark souls games that are some of the hardest games on the market. Be on the lookout for these latest video games!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By Christopher Leu



The September student of the month for the ninth grade is

Alyvia Johnson. She is currently 15 years old, and one of the things she likes to do outside of school is playing multiple sports including volleyball and track. She used to play soccer, but she doesn't

anymore. She also enjoys playing the tenor saxophone for the Battle Ground Tiger Band.

Alyvia's main goals for her time at Battle Ground High School is to get good grades and achieve as much as she possibly can, as well as prepare for college. Her goals for after she graduates high school are to hopefully get into medical school at Stanford

University and eventually work in their neuropsychology department. She is curious about how the brain works and wants to learn “why people act the way they do.”

Alyvia's favorite animal is a raccoon due to their cuteness. Her favorite food is dumplings because according to Alyvia, “What's there not to love

about dumplings.”Her dream vacation is to sight-see around Europe, but she would especially

like to visit Germany because of its war history. Some words of wisdom from her are: “You can't

control the uncontrollable.”

By Avery Hill



Moani Glidewell, recognized as the tenth grade student of

the month for September, embodies smarts and diligence. When asked about her initial reaction to the award, she admitted feeling proud and accomplished.

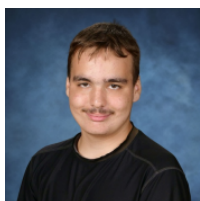
Moani believes she was selected as student of the month because she worked hard and achieved good

grades. Clearly, doing well in school is a priority for her. She believes that one of the greatest qualities for success is being kind to others. This shows that kindness does not go unrecognized.

Moani's advice to other students is to maintain a positive attitude and be nice to others, highlighting the importance of interpersonal skills. Her skillset will help her go far in any career she chooses.

Moani's unique name has Hawaiian origins, and she's quiet and shy. Overall, Moani's recognition as a student of the month is a testament to her dedication, academic focus, and positive approach to her studies and interactions with others. Even if she stays quiet most of the time, she is always willing to work hard to achieve her goals. Great work, Moani!

By Koen Holm



For September's junior student spotlight is Tyson Nolan.

Tyson is an eleventh grade student and a JV football player. He's known for his hard work

ethic, both on the field and also in the classroom. One of his biggest goals for this football season is to make the varsity team.

Tyson is working extremely hard to make this goal happen. After he graduates high school, he aspires to go on to have a

career in welding. Tyson shared his definition of a good student: “Somebody who is respectful to everybody, tries to help anybody in the school and is just all around respectful to everyone,” he said.

Tyson was selected for student of the month

because he is a prime example of Battle Ground High School's ideals and beliefs, shown by his dedication and diligent hard work in the classroom. Tyson described his school year as "pretty okay" so far and

expressed his excitement for the rest of the school year. A fun fact about Tyson is he loves avocados, and it is most definitely for sure his favorite food of all time!

Tyson Nolan is a great student role model for all

of us, and he truly embodies the spirit of BGHS. That's all Tigers for this month's eleventh grade spotlight, and make sure to say hi to Tyson if you see him and congratulate him!

By Brock Hieb



Derek Fradenburg is a twelfth grade student at Battle

Ground High School. He was born in Vancouver, Washington, and has lived in Amboy and Yacolt for most of his life. His favorite thing about driving to school is that it's new to him, and he can get to school without needing anyone's help. His hobbies include motorcycles, fixing cars, and playing video games. He likes those activities because he grew up around motorcycles; he likes to work on different

things, and he likes to play video games because it passes the time and helps him be creative.

Derek's favorite food is grilled cheese because he likes the taste and likes cheese. The food that he would never eat ever is tomatoes because he is a very picky eater, and he just does not like tomatoes. He likes to be outside most of the time. "It switches with the season. When it's summer, I like being outside. When it's winter, I like to be inside, but my favorite is definitely being outside in the summer," he said. The one thing he likes to do when he is outside is

to play soccer because he doesn't like to play football and soccer is the next best thing. His dream vacation is to go to Japan because everything he wants is in Japan; he likes anime, and he likes the culture.

Derek's best version of himself is taking ownership for his actions, both good and bad. "Owning up to my mistakes. I spray painted cars; it wasn't a very good idea. I owned up to it. I didn't try to say it wasn't me. It was a one time thing, definitely," he said.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By Brooke Stewart



This
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spotlight
is a
teacher

who you may have heard of. Before teaching, Ms. Green was a substitute when her children were little, then started teaching full time in 2016. She worked in the Evergreen School District for a while but started teaching in Battle Ground about four years ago. She attended Montana State University and graduated in 2001. At that time, she earned a degree in English and Teaching and later went to grad school and got a degree in counseling.

When she was younger, she had always wanted to be a teacher. "I used to play school with all my friends and set up classrooms and assign books to kids," she said. Being able to help people every day is Ms. Green's motivation to teach.

"When something connects for a student, those are the moments that make my day," she said. Ms. Green has always loved reading and writing, which is part of the reason why she chose to teach English. She hopes to inspire kids to enjoy reading and writing.

The most important thing to Ms. Green is family. "I love my family more than anything in the

world; family includes everyone important in my life," she said. When she says family, it might mean more than you think; she also includes relatives, her besties, and the school community as her family. "I consider family the best gift, and that includes all of my students," she said. With a lifelong passion for reading and writing, Ms. Green has become a valued member of the Battle Ground teaching staff. Her spirit and motivation to see her students succeed shows how her deep love for her family, including her students, makes her a truly inspiring teacher.

Editorial



School bathrooms, from calm to chaos.

By Elijah Hagelstein

I remember a time when bathrooms were just that, bathrooms. You could do what you had to do and leave with no issue. But over the years that's changed. Bathrooms have become safe havens for destruction and violence. I can't recall a time when I have entered a school bathroom in the last four years that did not resemble a desolate wasteland: doors ripped off of hinges, toilets with no stalls, toilets and urinals full of trash and nicotine products, floors stickier than a fly trap, all with the mixed smell of urine and blue raspberry vapes. To most people, this sounds like something straight from their nightmares, but for BGHS students, this is a daily occurrence. While drafting up the idea for this, I began to wonder what it's like for the people who actively try

to solve the issue itself, not just those who are affected. This led me to interview Kyle U'ren, day custodial staff member at BGHS. Mr. U'ren is in the building before all of the staff members and students arrive, cleaning and preparing for the school day. He does lunch cleanup, helps with repairs and cleans after everybody leaves. This bathroom situation has added a slew of other tasks to his already long list of daily tasks. We discussed the severity of the situation and he ranked it very high. "I would say it's a ten out of ten," Mr. U'ren said. Mr. U'ren, as well as all of the other custodial members, constantly have to work on keeping the bathrooms in working order. This includes pulling trash out of toilets, repairing toilets and

urinals, and a myriad of other disgusting and daunting tasks.

In addition to creating unnecessary additional work for the custodians, the vandalism is costly. "The last two years, I would say close to \$10,000," Mr. U'ren said. Ten thousand dollars! That is an inconceivable amount of money to spend on bathrooms within a two year span. So much of that money could have gone to help fund more fun events and activities at BGHS, but instead money is being flushed down the drain trying to fix these issues.

Is there a way to fix this? Maybe, but there isn't a clear solution. The problem stems from two main factors: consequences and culture. From my knowledge, BGHS is trying to implement rules in place to make students

who vandalize school bathrooms legally and monetarily liable. BGHS added these rules to hopefully prevent further damage and to hold students accountable for their behavior. The second main factor, and the hardest one to influence, is the culture of students who are causing the problems in the bathrooms. Students are the main driving force behind the issues behind these issues. A culture has developed where it is normal to vandalize bathrooms for the fun of it. From my personal investigation, I believe a very big shift in the culture came from online trends,

specifically the “Devious Lick” trend. This was a trend that began in late 2021, in which North American middle and high school students posted videos of themselves stealing, vandalizing, or displaying items they stole from their school, typically from a bathroom. The trend spread throughout the nation and its effects were felt all throughout, including BGHS. These “Devious Licks” continued for years after the trend began and are still happening today. New trends that further this continue to pop up year after year. In May of this year a similar trend

focused on vandalism of school-issued Chromebooks by inserting conductive materials such as pencils and paperclips into open ports, starting fires. So even if students are going to be held accountable, I don't believe it's going to make a huge difference in fixing the issue. If we ever want bathrooms to go back to the way they were, we would need an entire cultural change, not just at BGHS but around the nation. Unless the culture around bathrooms changes, you will not be catching me willingly using a school bathroom anytime soon.

SPORTS

Levy failure puts swim team in danger?

By James Adams

With this year's fall sports season coming to a close, winter sports tryouts and signups are coming up soon. One of those winter

sports is swimming, not a very popular, but still a well-loved sport. But that might not be the case anymore this year due to

lack of funding and players for this year's upcoming season. Senior and fourth year varsity swimmer Owen Marini had high

hopes for his last season. He couldn't wait for the meets and to hopefully make districts. Swimming has been a big part of Marini's life. To Marini, swimming is more than just learning how to swim better. "It's a positive environment, and it's just a fun time," he said. Marini

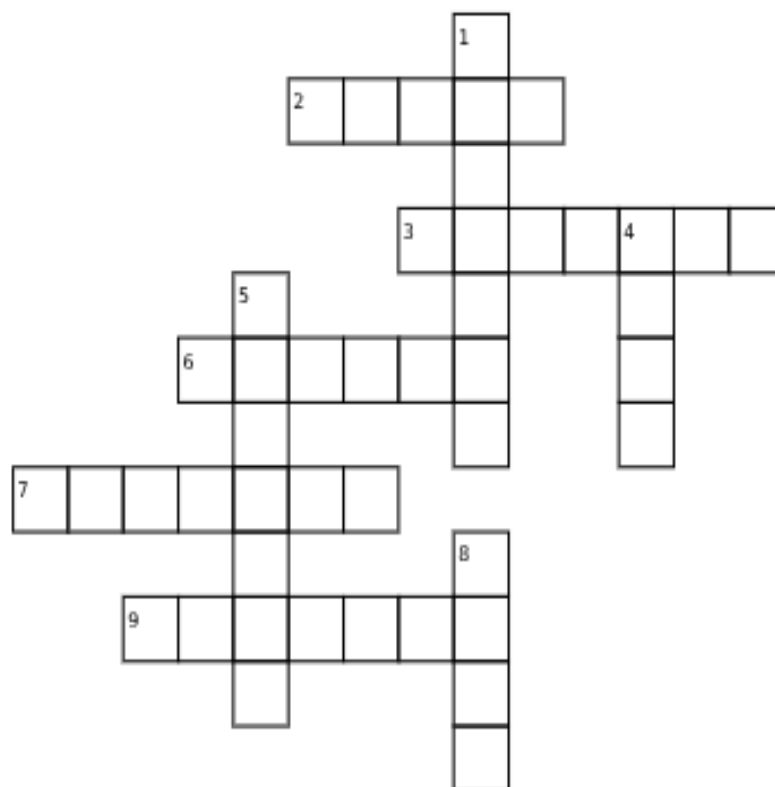
has had a hard time dealing with the underlying feeling that there might not be a swim team this year. "It just makes me kinda sad because it's my senior year; I've been swimming all three years, and I wanted to make it four." Not all hope is lost though. The team only needs about

17-20 students to fund the team, and anyone can join the swim team. "I recommend it to everyone," Marini said. If any students would like to sign up, go to the ASB Office to get the required paperwork or to ask any questions.

ENTERTAINMENT

By Howard Finley

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