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Tyler Brown, Jason Moore and Jerry Apalategui at the Page Home Multiple, March 15, where they also placed 1st out of four teams, Chinle took second followed by Tuba City and Fredonia.

# Tragedy Strikes Highway 89 By: Nizhoni Lane



Was this caused by a "Hulk Smash?" No, but it looks like it could've been.

Most of the small neighborhood of Bitter Springs was sleeping quietly at 5:40 a.m. on Feb. 20, but just three miles away State Highway 89 was about to cause chaos in many lives as a big crater suddenly appeared in the road. Some say it was an earthquake, others say a landslide, but really it was a big green monster. A monster was known as "The Incredible Hulk," did his famous Hulk Smash in the dead of night when the world was asleep. He left without a trace, with the exception of the wound in the road.

Well, that would be a great story, but the truth is almost as interesting.

It was caused by a landslide due to the fact that the road had been built on a fault line. Mr. Simmons taught a lesson on the damage to his earth science students, "The road was built on a fault line," Simmons said. "It was a really good lesson. We are studying different layers of dirt, landslides and fault lines. But it's also a tragic," he said. In the lesson he taught, Simmons showed that an ancient landslide had happened, just above the recent landslide.

With no way in or out of town,

many people were stuck on one side of the divide or the other. Students awoke to find that there was no school for those livingin the area.

School district officials had predicted a possible snow day, so many students were shocked to find out that the lack of school had nothing to do with the weather.

"I made a call to ADOT to find out why there was no school. I felt a bit of

both happy and mad that there was no school," student Joycelyn Yazzie said.

Jeremy Charley found out about the road from his friends and the TV news.

With the road out indefinitely travelers have to take route 20, also known as Navajo 20, Coppermine Road. The busses now leave their last stops at 5:40am Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., on Wed. It's 7:10. They go through Cedar Ridge and Gap, from Gap they head up to Coppermine. With busses coming so early and also running later in the afternoon, some students are left groggy and tired.

"It sucks, now I have to get up an hour earlier than before," Charley said.

The Chapter House of Bodaway, Gap had a meeting for the use of the road N20 (Route 20). There is talk about preschoolers from Bittersprings to Cedar Ridge going to school in Gap, because the long ride is hard on the youngsters. For now decisions are still unknown, and the road is only open for local traffic, no truck traffic.

ADOT has been working on the road and trying to finding solutions to fix it, but a true timeline for repair is still unknown. ADOT has blocked the roads from both ends, so no one can get in but the workers. ADOT is seeking reimbursement to get Hwy 89 fixed, a total of \$35 million. Governor Jan Brewer issued a Declaration of Emergency to assist the state in recovery money, \$2 million in federal repair funding to fix what is necessary. ADOT is also planning on paving N20, which they estimate will take four months. Meetings are still being conducted to decide on a permanent solution.

Landslide viewed from above Hwy 89





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cash to the PHS Bookstore.



The PHS Computer Tech Team: Zachary Sealey, Damon Boyce, Matthew Suttie, Josh Fuller, Dylan Narada.

The SkillsUSA Arizona Championships is the premier showcase for Arizona's trade, technology and service high school and college students. This annual conference features 70 skill and leadership competitions that determine who will represent Arizona at the national SkillsUSA Championships. Our Sand Devils did an outstanding job again, in two different contests.

In "Computer Maintenance Technology" Josh Fuller brought home the silver medal and Matt Suttie took the bronze. In "Job Skill Demonstration A/Open," Matt Suttie took silver.

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# Captured in a Dream

#### **By: Tiara Collins**

The night is approaching. That one night when curfews are the last rule to abide by. That one night when guys are forced to take more than ten minutes to get ready and when girls wear that one dress that will complement their inner beauty. When memories are made, the one night that defines the cliché high school experience, prom.

Prom has been around since the 1920's, but it is believed to have been far longer. Yearbooks of the 1920's and 1930's are the first indicator of high school proms, but they are thought to have existed in the 1800s in colleges. According to TIME magazine, the journal of a male student from Amherst College has record of an event that shares many qualities of prom. The prom was said to have taken place at Smith College for Women, a neighboring college of Amherst.

Prom, short for promenade, was created by the mothers of middle class students. Debutante Balls were only held for the higher classes in society. Middle class mothers saw the attention and happiness such girls received and wanted the same for their daughters. Thus, the replication of a Debutante Ball was organized; a less expensive and a less elaborate event was designed for teenagers. In the 1950's the iconic thought of prom was created in a time when the economy was at its highest. This a time when teenagers could have fun and did not have to worry about a war, for this is when war was over America was the world's strongest military power according to History.com.

Decades passed and the annual prom continued to rise and grow in popularity within society. The once "less expensive and less elaborate" had been lost with its rise in glory. Today in the twentyfirst century a "typical" prom would cost a family a whooping \$1,078, if you go to prom following such traditions. Prom is now seen as a time to show off the most expensive dresses and fine jewelry.

Prom has been around long enough to see the ups and downs of society. In 1963, President Kennedy rescheduled a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser in order to avoid a clash of a same day event as prom. But that is nothing compared to what President Ford did. In 1975, President Ford's daughter, Susan, held her high school prom at no place other than the White House.

Unfortunately prom wasn't always flowers and cheese. Lots of threats has been placed on students because of issues of race and homosexuality. In 1979 two South Dakota boys were the first to attend prom as a gay couple according to TIME magazine. Schools today are still dealing with homosexuality and try avoiding it by placing anti-gay bans. In 1994, an Alabama principal was sued for threatening to cancel prom if interracial couples appeared. Despite the threats and barriers to stop prom students have always found a way to find a way out of it.

Prom is an iconic event that teenagers look forward to every year as the sun starts to stay up longer and flowers gain the beauty they had before the harsh winter weather. Prom is approaching, so there is no better time for planning than now. Prom will be held on April 20, 2013 at the Marriot, so be ready to play a part in the American teenage tradition.

Page High School Prom 2013 Couple: \$65 Single: \$45 Saturday, April 20, 2013 9:00 p.m. to Midnight The Marriott 600 Clubhouse Dr., Page, AZ (Promenade at 7:30 p.m.)

## **MORP** Memories



Taby Todd, Sophia Baldwin, Tiana Bartholomew, and Ailaina Herman praising Nick Bryan "in the dance."



Dancing the night away... Siera Begaye and Jameson Manyturquoise.



Rock on Mikalah Clark!

# A Card, A Fish Maybe, or Just Romantic Vandalism... How PHS Students Were Asked To MORP!



Traditionally, fish are food or kept as pets, but it's a new year and new things are being done. Samantha Nielsen, P.H.S. Junior, creatively used fish and dry erase markers to ask her date Nick Bryan to MORP. If he said yes he kept the fish, but if he said no, he had to give the fish back to her.

"Out of all the fish in the sea, will you go to MORP with me?" Nielsen explained.

Fortunately Bryan accepted and bought her a new fish and wrote yes on it with dry erase markers.

## Top Ten Ways to Ask Your Date to Prom

by Alayna Lassen

#### 1.)Fill room or car with balloons

2.)Have the principal call them into the office and ask them for you

3.)Scavenger hunt with the question at the end

4.)Create a poster where she has to fill in the blanks to figure out the message.

5.)Buy her a corsage and ask her if that might be the kind she would wear with her dress, when she asks what dress, ask her!

6.)When pigs fly! Draw pig faces on pink balloons and put them in a box, on the top, attach a note that says, "When will I ask you to prom?" And a note inside the box that says "When pigs fly!" Deliver the box! 7.)Using chalk, draw the message on her drive way so she will see the surprise when she leaves for school.

8.)Candles! Set up a bunch of candles spelling out the message.

9.) Have a pizza delivered with a note, "I know this is cheesy...." And then have prom spelled out in their favorite toppings.

10.)Use your balls! Tennis balls of course. Write prom on all of them and include a note that says I finally got the balls to ask you to prom!

Laurthina Howard, Junior, explained how she decided to ask her date Marshall Nez to MORP.

"I wanted to be creative with how I asked him, so I wrote a little note on seven different cards attached to some balloons and I left one in each of his seven classes," Howard continued, "in his seventh hour, I left the longest note. It said, 'I know you don't like dances but just to let you know, you're going to MORP with me... I love you Marshall!'

Balloons seemed to be a recurring theme.





"I tagged up Bryson Etcittys' car and I filled his car up with balloons and I told him to bring a balloon with his answer on it back to me," Junior Shania Russell explained.

One student even got the Devils' Diary in on her secret.

"I asked Joseph Secody to MORP through the last issue of the school newspaper, also I tagged up his locker," Sophomore Shaunieka Fowler said.



#### Warm Bodies: Redefining Cliche \* Spoilier Alert Review By: Tavis Peak

Most teens simply can not resist a zombie movie, and "Warm Bodies" is no exception. The premise is a rather clever one, having never been tried before on the big screen. A sentient zombie long after an infection has taken over the world, falls for a female survivor, even going to the extreme of rescuing her from death. This idea, while incredibly clever and original, was executed greatly in this new movie, resulting in a rather comedic plot-line.

It starts off with the main character (later referred to as "R"), a zombie, introducing the story.

For eight years, the infection had plagued the world, and R had been living as a zombie for as long as he could remember. The last known bastion of humanity (that is known) is a place called "The City", surrounded by a fifty foot steel and concrete wall.

The movie really starts when a group of young adults is sent into the outer city on a scavenge mission, the supporting main charecter of this story, Julie, amongst them. In a pharmacy R and a group of his zombie buddies stumble across Julie and the other scavengers, leading to an action-filled and slightly humorous battle where R actually eats the brains of Julie's boyfriend. For zombies, eating the brains of their victims allows them to obtain the memories of their victim. R, having eaten the brains of Julie's boyfriend, thus obtains his memories of Julie, and falls for the human girl. To protecter her from a looming death, he takes her an abandoned airplane, where the two stay in the cabin R has spent an unkown time decorating.

From this point on, the movie is a wonderful mix of comedy and lightdark atmosphere as the two interact and try to get along.

A bit past the halfway point in the movie, the predictable time must come for R to tell Julie that it was he who ate her boyfriend. The revelation, while bad, blows over much better than it could have, though Julie still abandons R early in the morning like a guilty man after a one-nighter and leaves for The City.

As expected, R pities himself for a bit until stumbling upon M and his other zombie friends, who have fled their home at the airport, chased away by the "Boneys" because R and Julie's interaction has somehow revived something inside them, and the feral zombies



sense life that they obviously want to kill. After all, there has to be a large, menacing protagonist to beef up the story somehow.

After a short turn of events, R actually winds up inside The City, which is a funny thought all on its own. The unlikely couple tries to reason with Julie's father(the builder and protector of The City) but of course, he's an idiot, and refuses to see reason.

The story climaxes when the Bonies attack the city, and as predicted, the humans are confused by the fact that the zombies are fighting other zombies outside the front gates.

There's stunning contoversy, confusion, suspense, and of course,

drama. Julie and R, somehow, end up in a situation that forces them to run for thier lives as they are chased by a horde of Boneys. And, as expected from the hopeless feeling of the chase, R and Julie find themselves cornered, backed up to a window on the high story of a building, a fountain far below. The two share a touching look, then, as should have been expected of a gentleman, R takes Julie in his arms and jumps to the water below, sheilding his love from harm.

Next follows the small clip where Julie isn't quite sure if R has died from the fall. There's a moment of suspense, though, as expected, R is okay.

As had *not* been expected, Julie and R have a touching make-out session in the fountain that ends with Julie's stillin-denial father, shooting R in the shoulder. Julie has a complete comeapart on her father, who still believes he should shoot R again. Turns out, somehow R has been turned back to human, in a way, and is bleeding. It is only with this new evidence, that Julie's father wisens up and decides to stop being a thickheaded moron.

As predicted, the good zombies befriend the humans and they become friends, and that's where the movie begins to end.

Accepted by the humans, the zombies, now more human that before, began to blend into society, and Julie and R live hapily every after.

The end.

Well, the movie was sweet and funny and a little bit dark, and also served as epiphany of cliché, literally playing off of Romeo and Juliet right down to the character names. R, ironically, stands for Romeo. Julie stands for Juliet, and R's friend, M, serves as Mercutio.

Sure it was funny and a little bit cute, but the movie was so predictable that it left no suspense to be gained. Truly the only thing that seemed to carry it was the occasional joke and funny line.



## Spring into Nail Art



Step One Paint nails with two coats of polish.





Step Two Use one coat of the white polish and paint three strokes, each smaller than the next like a staircase.



#### Step Three

Use the same staircase technique to paint on one coat of the opposite color on your nails, leaving a border so that the white still shows.

Add a glitter top coat for some extra sparkle.

For easy cleanup, use a Q-tip and nail polish remover to remove any mistakes.

#### Supplies

Two colors of your choice, white polish, glitter top coat (optional) Soccer Family Losing a Father

#### By: Gwendolyn Tsosie

"Coming together as a family, is always the top goal, It's one of my many accomplishments for this year's season," Soccer Coach Ben Lotze said.

The girls soccer team didn't click when they started off the season.

"The beginning of the year was rough, we weren't really connected well, but on the field we connected closer together," varsity soccer player, Destiny Bennet explained.

They even get along off the soccer field., "It's also nice to see them in the school halls," Bennet finished.

A big part of the soccer girls' closeness came from Lotze's insistence on solving problems before they moved on.

"There's tons of times when we sit in a circle and we won't leave that circle until we figure out what the problem is," Lotze elaborated.

Unfortunately Lotze will be absent from his place at the head of the team circle next year,

"I will definitely not be coaching at Page High School next year, cause I wont be teaching here," Lotze replied confidently.

"Well, I'll be depressed for awhile, but as far as benefit, I'll be able to have more time with my family," he explained.

Lotze doesn't plan on coaching another sport for whichever school he transfers to next year.

"It"s just not our plan, I need to focus on getting my masters and PhD," Lotze added.

"To not coach, Well, there's not a

lot of positives, its not really about coaching, not the decision to coach. It's more of a family decision, to teach somewhere else. But the positive side is to spend more time with my family, and the negatives is not coaching the soccer team. Not able to coach the girls and I love the relationships I have with them."

But of course to keep coaching is one of Lotze's goals,

"I'll be able to coach, just not here, but I'll be able to coach my kids."



# Hiking Through English

P.H.S. english teacher, John Foley, doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the walk. He doesn't just teach students about the beauty of language and reading and writing, he's a published author. Foley recently moved to Page with his wife, Jules and his four year old son, Sean Michael. He has recently published a novel called *Lost Frontier*. What's not new to Foley is writing. His creativity began during his freshman year in college. Since then he's always wanted to write novels professionally.

"There's a joy in creating something," Foley said.

He continued pursuring his writing through a job writing news articles. He wrote for years, trying to get better and better. But one day he came to a sudden stop.

"I realized that I was as good as I was going to get," Foley explained.

He then changed his career path to teaching and taught in several remote villages in Alaska before he moved to Washington state. At the time he wrote some freelance articles and stories for newspapers and magazines on the side. He also published his first book *Hoops of Steel* which was named "Book for the Teen-Age" by the New York Public Library in 2008.

Foley's written about a dozen books, and at least half of them have been published. His writing style isn't chronological, but is instead a more creative scene and flow. Most of his stories are family inspired, but some of his most recent work has been researched-based. His Irish heritage influences his writing as well.

"The Irish never let good facts get in the way of the story," Foley said with a smile.

The idea for his latest book, *Lost Frontier*, was inspired by Foley's brother, who told him a story about taking care of criminals while camping. The conversation sparked an idea in Foley's head, and he decided to write a book based on the scenario. He researched the topic in the arctic with money he received through a grant in 2008.

Lost Frontier is filled with the excitement of an adventurous climber. Baird and Jessie, young and in high school, both love to climb, hike and enjoy any outdoor activity. Baird makes summer plans to climb the mountains in the Wrangell-St. Elias and make a 110 mile hike to the closest town. Baird's girlfriend Jessie ends up leaving him for another guide and he is left alone in the Alaskan wilderness with no cell service or a way to get home unless he hikes to the nearest town. But he's not as alone as he thinks, he's being followed by a gang of juvenile delinquents who are led by a violent killer.

Currently, Foley is writing a

research book based on the Page area. He finds the Navajo culture to be very interesting and the environment different from other places he's been.

"Live simply, travel widely, work creately and be grateful for everything."

He's currently living his motto by tracking, writing, and researching his new home town. He plans to keep writing as long as he as ideas to write about.

"If I run out of inspiration then I'll stop." Foley said.



Foley displays his new book, Lost Frontier.

# UNITY Goes To Washington !

The UNITY explored the nation's capital, Washington D.C, Feb. 13 - 17. The UNITY club had a crazy idea to Annual Midyear UNITY conference, even though it was a full days drive across the country to get there.

During the road trip the UNITY kids visited "The Mock UNITY Pageant," Where they see members vote for an annual Mr. and Mrs. UNITY.

Club coordinator, Shannon Secsaid that it was a LONG drive from Page, Arizona to Washington D.C , which took away from some of their site-seeing time.

"Wish we had time to look around and explore" Secody said.

Even with their jam-packed schedule the kids did get to visit the Iwo Jima memorial, which is a statue of five United states Marines and a U.S Navy Corpsman.

"Seeing the Memorial was kinda awesome," one club member remarked.

One of the highlights of the trip was getting to meet one of Arizona states House Representatives, Ann Kirkpatrick!

Several kids agreed that she was a cool and nice person to meet.

Club members dressed in business attire during the trip.

"It's a political world and a fast life," Secody said.



# Being "The New Kid" is an Experience Commentary By: Erickson Yazzie

Walking into Page High School was scary. I toured the campus and I thought it was big. I actually got lost while trying to find my geometry class. That's when I asked one of the students to help me. He walked me there and we had a brief conversation on the way. I don't remember his name; but he was a hero in my mind. Thankfully, I found my other classes by myself.

Walking down the halls in a sea of unfamiliar faces was not really a big deal. I was just waiting for someone to come up to me and say "hi" or something, Being a new student is quite an experience.

My name is Erickson Yazzie. I'm 16 years old and I am a sophomore. I came from Many Farms High School. I came to Page High School because...I like the little town and I love the lake. I love to spend my summers out here. I knew living out here would be much better than living on the Reservation. I now live with my aunt and sister. My mom, step dad, and siblings stayed at Many Farms.

I'm not the only new student at P.H.S. this year - of course there are a lot of us. Chan Hong is another, and some of her experiences have been like mine.

"It was scary and weird," Hong said. Walking around in different country's school was different to her. She got to choose her own classes and the dress code was different from her last school. She does enjoy it here

I like this school, including the teachers and students in it. I love how this school doesn't have a dress code. At Many Farms High School we had to wear plain black, gray, maroon, or white t-shirts. Graphics weren't allowed on the shirt unless they were in referrence to Many Farms Lobos.

Hong was surprised at the lack of dress code as well. While I was enrolling here, the first question I asked the admission advisor was if there was a dress code. I started to like the school when I heard that we could wear anything we want.

I like the way the teachers teach, so does Hong.

"The teachers are awesome," she said, "They usually help me and explain."

In my opinion, the teachers at P.H.S. are better than the teachers at Many Farms, the classes are easier too. There are more electives here but the only elective I really wanted was piano, which wasn't offered.

The first person that I talked to that I would consider a friend is Kyanna Harris. She started talking to me in the library during 4th hour. She introduced me to April Pahi and Kristian Black. I think that they are good friends. I am also making many new friends. I like this school so far. I'm planning on graduating from here; I don't want to move again. I can't wait until I am completely comfortable here; I'm still making adjustments.



Chan Hong and Erickson Yazzie, two of the many "new kids" at PHS this year.



### **Finding Your Inner** Child. Can It Help With Stress?

#### **Commentary By: Nizhoni Lane**

Think back to your child hood. More than likely it's full of carefree days. Flying through the bright blue sky on a swing, running fast, your legs burning to keep away from a friends playing tag. For most people, their childhood meant freedom and playtime. As we grow up and gain reponsiblity, we have more to worry and stress about. Stress can be caused by many things, and for a lot of people, it's school.

With all the stress piling up, some look to destructive things like drugs, alcohol, or tabacco for relief. Others use certain hobbies, and some simply take a step back their favorite childhood games.

Just getting out the crayons and coloring or playing childish games like tag can create stress free zone.

"I'm happy full of joy and it's like sunshine radiating out of my soul," Junior, Shane Boone said as he played on the equipment at the playground.

Some people express their inner child by joking around with friends.

"Acting like a kid should be done as much as possible in a creative way." Auto Collision teacher, Jacob Keisling said. Mr. Keisling makes his class a stress free zone, while still getting work done and meeting deadlines. (He) "jokes around to make a better learning enviroment," student Payton Stewart said.

This method of relieving stress by finding your inner child is even used by professional therapists at http://mentalhealth.helium.com/how-to/11922-how-torelieve-stress-by-using-your-inner-child.

Coloring, dancing, playing games, and laughing are steps that therapists recommend to relieve stress people have bundled up and replace it with carefree memories of childhood.

## **Photography Honored as Artist of the Month**

**By Danielle Siebrecht** 



photo by: Caitlin O' Reilly food contest



photo by: Justin James homcoming contest

#### Artist of the Month

The noise of the printer spitting out page after page after page is the background music as Page High School photo students are frantic, practically running into each other, trying to find their papers for books and pictures.

"I can't wait until this is over," photography teacher Kyran Keisling ioked.

Photo 2-3 students have worked hard on printing books and pictures for display at the Lake Powell Museum from March 6 through April 1

Photography students submit their recent pictures to periodic photo contests, which are voted on by other photography students. This school year, students have submitted lots of fabulous photos, but the surrounding pictures are the first place winners.





The books include student's photography from throughout the year and the pictures are some of their best photography put on a display board.

Both the projects will be displayed in the museum as March's Artist of the Month.

Photo students are mostly on their own when making the book and display board. they were taught how to make them and then given the freedom to show their talent in

the page layout and design.



photo by: Nizhoni Corbell **Christmas Break Contest** 



photo by: Morgan Serventi Windowlight Contest

<mark>Junior, Trulita Bitsoie prepares her display</mark> for the museum. Photo by: Kayla Laughter





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