

Panther INDEPENDENT



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Introduction of the Panther Independent Staff



The Panther Independent Staff: From front left-Mahala Bolton, Aly Gulley, Andrea King, Jasmine Rose, Chelsea Suttles, and Ursula Manning. From back left-Kathleen Cox, Blake Hopper, Courtney Williams, Lake Evans, Gaven Sizemore, Christina Hyde, and Danielle Bailey. Not Pictured Cory Cheek.

By Aly Gulley
Staff Writer

The staff of the Panther Independent consists of many different very unique individuals. Some play sports such as volleyball, basketball, and baseball. While others have different interests such as art, music, and helping out with other things around the school like

Bowling Team and Bowling Schedule

Information contributed by Danielle Bailey, Staff Writer

This year's CGHS Bowling Team consists of the following students: Girls' Team-Danielle Bailey, Samantha Gulley, Ariel White, Dee Hatfield, Lily Daniels, Michaela Gulley, and Amanda White. Boys' Team-Eli Rassmussen, Alan Mounis, Wesley Womack, Richard Tucker, Dustin Daige, Ben Gilbert, Shawn Roark, Spencer Leonard, and Aaron Essary.

Home matches will be played at Hillcrest Lanes in Harrogate.

SCHEDULE

October 4-CD at Home
October 18-Green at Home
October 25-DB at JC
November 1-DB at Home
November 8-Green at Green
December 6-CD at Green

The Bowling Team is coached by Dennis Edwards.

working in the school library, and helping out with the upcoming school yearbook. Although our interests are widespread we all have one common ground and that is our love for writing. All of us are very excited to have been blessed with the opportunity of writing this for the Claiborne Independent. Our goals in writing the weekly edition of the Panther Independent

Class Officers for 2008-2009

Information contributed by Blake Hopper, Staff Writer

Freshman Class Officers for the 2008-2009 School Year are: Jon Slaven, President Dallas Terrell, Vice President and Daniel Chumley ,Secretary/ Treasurer

Sophomore Class Officers for the 2008-2009 School Year are: Kaitlyn Welch, President, Amber Jackson ,Vice President Emily Ely ,Secretary/ Treasurer

Junior Class Officers for the 2008-2009 School Year are: Charlie Jones, President Staci Bolton,Vice President Seth Sharp,Secretary/ Treasurer

Senior Class Officers for the 2008-2009 School Year are: Cord Evans ,President Amy Patton,Vice President Jordan Daniels ,Secretary/Treasurer

are to keep you informed of upcoming events at CGHS, cover all of the sports events from the previous week, and get you clued in on what's going on with the students and clubs at CGHS. We hope you will enjoy reading our paper just as much as we enjoy writing it.

10 Steps to Take over the World

By Gaven Sizemore
Humorist

1. Appeal to the disaffected youth and their "Rock and Roll" music.
2. Establish a powerbase within the FFA (Future Farmers of America) to gain control of the food supply.
3. Prove your capability to lead to lead by appearing on Jeopardy or Survivor.
4. Give a passionate speech about how there is a box and how you are outside of it.
5. Make a bet with Bill Gates and win.
6. Win the hearts and minds of the people by single handedly defeating Godzilla.
7. Destroy the evidence of the mechanical Godzilla and laugh at the stupidity of the populace.
8. Discover the lost city of Atlantis and turn the inhabitants into fish sticks.
9. Use the Atlantan technology to topple the Wal-Mart Empire.
10. Reign over the ashes of the fallen with a iron fist and low-low prices

ATTENTION!!!

If you have already paid for your yearbook, please stop by the Computer Lab and pick it up. There are still yearbooks available for purchase.

by Cory Cheek, Lake Evans, and Gaven Sizemore

Shock racing through the minds of everyone. Fear swelling up inside of them. Panic filling the halls, soon realizing these halls will never be the same to them again. Sitting in the parking lot hearing a relentless barrage of who, what, when, where, and why, just thankful that they are able to see their families again. School violence is caused by many things: psychological imbalance, poor parenting, and a tarnished view of authority.

A large factor in the cause of school violence is psychosis. Research has proved that the teenage brain is not as developed as the brain of an adult. Because of this, teenagers have not developed a sense of reason or a proper identity of one's self and others. Add a sense of confusion and it makes it difficult for a teenager to react to things such as violence. Most school shooting's suspect is mentally imbalanced due to psychotropic medications at the time of the event. The behavioral symptoms these drugs are supposed to cure are so obscure that almost

any kid can qualify; it is largely up to parent approval. Any Chemical that alters behavior will have after effects that will magnify mental imbalances, even after the drug is no longer taken. The reactions caused by these drugs are hard to predict. In most school shootings, the school itself is a large school. In a large school it is easier to form a sense of alienation.

Poor parenting is another contributing factor to school violence. Some parents do not care what their kids do and others are just unaware. Some parents never grew out of their self-centered habits to care for a son or daughter. Are parents really that unconscious of their children's behavior? When something like a school shooting happens the parents say things like "oh I would have never seen it coming, I don't know why they did this." Do they really not understand or are they covering up for their poor parenting? Parents are increasingly leaning on the school system like a crutch, to take care of their children. School schools have a hard enough time funding teachers and

programs for special education programs; they don't have the resources to medically and psychologically take care of their children.

Another key factor in these events is the view teenagers have of authority. Every institute that represents authority or good morals has been tarnished by scandal, corruption, and incompetence. Teenagers see this and lose all respect for authority in all forms. If teens hear authority figures saying one thing and doing another they feel they don't have to obey authority. Thus, when teenagers no longer respect authority, they no longer respect authority's rules.

Psychological imbalance, poor parenting, and a tarnished view of authority are just a few of the contributing elements of school violence. When all of these elements are combined with a mix of anger, no matter how hard you try to prevent school violence, a determined individual will accomplish their plans. So, in overview, school violence will happen and there is very little we can do to prevent it.

Cumberland Gap FFA and 4-H Clubs Make Us Proud Again

Submitted by Jess-Anne McCreary and Courtney Medley, FFA Student Contributors
On Saturday, September 6, 2008, The Claiborne County 4-H competed in the Regional 4-H Forestry Contest, which was held on a University of Tennessee Research Farm. Team members were Cody Thompson, High individual; Courtney Medley, 2nd; Jess-Anne McCreary, 3rd; Beth Shipley, 7th. This team placed 1st out of twelve teams and will be going on to represent the Eastern Region in The State Forestry Contest in October. Alternate was Caleb Partin. On Monday September 8, 2008 the Cumberland Gap High School FFA

went to the Tennessee Valley Fair in Knoxville TN. The students observed many exhibits, pertaining to agriculture on our area. The exhibits in the poultry and livestock barns were very interesting. They viewed antique tractors on display and toured the Jacob's Building. In the Jacob's Building they saw corn, tobacco, pumpkins, and different vegetables. This was a very educational trip and they are looking forward to going back next year.

On Tuesday September 9, 2008 the Cumberland Gap High School FFA chapter participated

in the State Horse Judging Career Development Event, which was held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Team members include Westlee Walker, Jess-Anne McCreary, BH Partin, and Suzannah Mathews. Out of 65 teams, their teams placed 13th, and was the high placing team from East Tennessee. BH Partin and Jess-Anne McCreary were both in the top 50 individuals. Alternates were Caleb Partin, Cody Busell, Caitlin Edwards, and Ember Sutton.

Just Can't Hide That Panther Pride!!!

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