

# PANTHER TIMES



## BULLYING IN SCHOOLS TODAY BY: MALLORIE MOSELY

Bullying has always been an issue in schools, public and private. But is bullying such an issue in Pana High as to cause awareness? Not yet, but at the rate that our student body is going, there is no doubt that restrictions will be tighter than they already are if we don't do something to fix this problem now. Some of us see none of the physical and mental acts of bullying, however, the rest of

the students see acts of bullying everyday. Those who commit the acts and have been confronted by either teachers and staff members or other students defend themselves saying that they were "only joking". Is there a boundary line between "kidding around" and harassment? There is a large difference. If a student calls their peer "fat" or "gay", sure they may not mean to offend anyone, but how can it not?

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Art club has done a lot of great things this year including winning first place in the Labor Day Parade and also Second Best of Show in the Festival of Trees in Springfield. In the month of December they went to First National Bank and did crafts with the kids. Some of the

## ART CLUB BY: MACKENZIE GINGER



upcoming events include planning to paint a new mural for the school, Boat Regada, Artigras, and possibly the second Detergent Derby. With the Art show season coming, I'm sure all the eager artists are ready to draw to their hearts content.

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## AG CORNER.....

BY:LUCY WEDDLE

On November 14, 2011 the Pana FFA Chapter held Greenhand Quiz Bowl and Job Interview. Greenhand Quiz Bowl is for FFA members to learn about the FFA history. The team studied and place 6<sup>th</sup>. The team was Dylan Getz, Hailey Oreskovich, Terence Hays, and Angel Lutz.

Job Interview is for FFA members to be able to make a cover letter and resume, have an interview with three judges

and then write a thank you letter. Lucy Weddle was the FFA member from Pana. She received 3<sup>rd</sup> place and will be going to state.

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Pana FFA finished fourth in the Dairy Foods Career Development event. For the event students are given a written test about dairy foods, have to identify ten different cheeses by sight, smell and taste, identify ten different defects in milk samples, distinguish between real and artificial, and also score milker

units about possible defects. The event was held December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Hillsboro ag shop. The lower the score the better, this year's lowest scores for Pana FFA were Brad Tilton, eleventh overall; Kelsey Ewing, twelfth overall; with Brent Christian, Lucy Weddle and Johnathon Cox rounding out the team. The team would like to thank Stark Distributing for donating dairy products to practice. The advisors for Pana are Brian Wood and Holly Bauman.

## A LIST GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

BY: HAILEY ORESKOVICH

**Cookies! We eat them all year but during the Christmas season they bring us the most cheer! They help families come together to create something so delicious and delectable that they talk about it many years later. I would say the top 10 most baked cookies during the Christmas season are these:**

1. SUGAR COOKIES
2. CHOCOLATE CHIP
3. WHITE CHOCOLATE  
MACADAMIA NUT
4. PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES
5. SNICKER DOODLES
6. THUMBPRINT COOKIES
7. OATMEAL RAISIN
8. SHORTBREAD COOKIES
9. MOLASSES COOKIES
10. MACAROON COOKIES

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

BY: MACKENZIE GINGER

The Pana High School athletes put their football gear up just in time to grab their basketball equipment, tighten up their shoelaces, and join their teammates on the court. I found Mr. Bowker during one of the many practices they have to see just what he thought of our team. When asked how he thought the season would go, he said that we have many good players returning. He was optimistic that we would have a good season. Marquette, Greenville, and Vandalia were the teams he predicted that would put up a good fight. Coach Bowker did not think any would be easy to beat, because many teams had students coming back from last



year as good starters, which would make them stronger. He said two seniors that would be great leaders for the team, are Garrett Claxon and Alan Cloe. The team is looking forward to going out there and playing. Good luck guys!!!!

## Girl's Basketball

By: Hailey Oreskovich

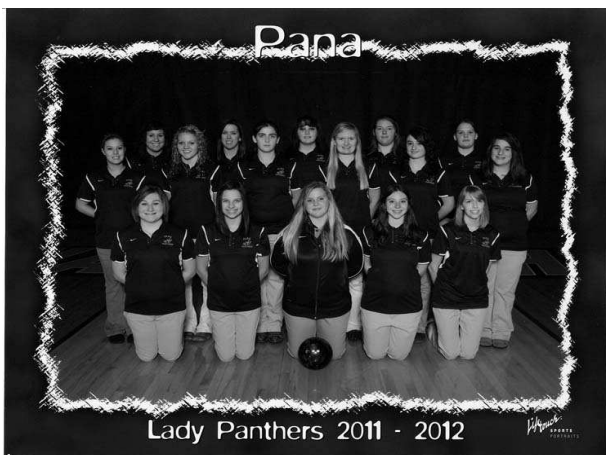
Recently the girls basketball season started! Currently, they are at a standing of 11-0 and will continue doing their best. When asked how Coach Schuster thought the season would turn out, he said enthusiastically, "We've already started building trophy cases!" Whether the season goes well or not, he thinks that the girls' biggest opponent will be themselves. Teutopolis, he predicted, will be the easiest team to defeat. The captains for this year are Nadine Vaughn, Charley Lett, and Ali Schoonover. Out of everything, so far, he assumes that the girls look forward to the practices most of all.

## Lady Panthers' Bowling

By: Olivia Littleton

Pana High's bowling seniors are leading the way in a jam-packed year. While the first game against Salem was not met with success, the ladies have come back to place eighth in the Abe Lincoln Tourney. At the tournament, Holly bowled an exceptional

game of 252. Also Allison came in second for the title of "Strike Queen". Decatur was their most recent match. If you would like to track the Pana High Bowlers, join them on Facebook to see when and where they play next.



Interested in taking pictures or writing articles for sports events? Stop by Miss Mitchell's room after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

# Horoscopes



## BULLYING (CONT.)

**Aquarius (Jan. 20th-Feb. 18th)** - December is a little intriguing for Aquarius. This is a month in which you really should make some daring moves to set you along new paths, play hardball.

**Pisces (Feb. 19st-March 20th)** - The month begins on something of a downward trend for Pisces. You may need to make a few sacrifices and put up with a little more hardship than you may want, but this will pay off in the long run.

**Aries (March 21st-April 19th)** - Peaceful time away from stressful situations, makes December a time for Aries to shine. Take charge of your love life and get your way for a while.

**Taurus (April 20th- May 20th)** - December is all about a power game. Remain strong and calm throughout and you will see your way past anyone with ulterior motives.

We students need to realize that saying these kinds of things can hurt another person's feelings. Even if we do not say it to a person directly, they could be offended by the things they heard others say.

Most of the time when the joking becomes harassment, the administration and parents find out after it is too late. We have witnessed a tragedy at Pana High School before and I am sure that no one would want to see the same thing happen due to someone "messing around". I would hope that the students here would have better respect for themselves and others than to act in such horrible ways. However, we see immature acts everyday from the hollering in the cafeteria and the fights caused by "so and so called so and so a blah blah blah...".

We are in Pana High School. Name calling and other immaturities are poor behavior and makes our school look bad. We are more mature than that and I hope other students have the dignity to stand up and say it's wrong.

Ms. McRoberts has even said that the biggest concern for her and the rest of the staff of Pana High School is that the students don't come to them when they have an issue. They try to handle it themselves which only leads into the fights or further harassment. If you or a friend have witnessed or endured harassment, please talk to one of the guidance counselors or a teacher. Any adult could help you more than you may think.

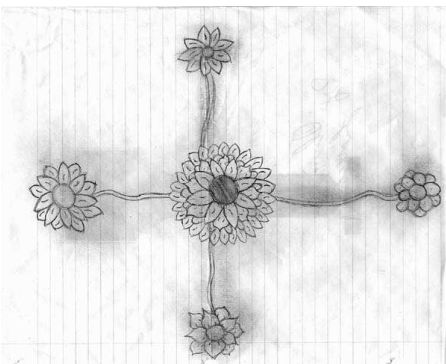


Interested in writing for the Panther Times? Meetings are Tuesday and Thursday in



**Gemini (May 21st-June 21st)** - This month you have more energy than you would expect. It's a time to make the most of your own abilities and concentrate on your personal goals.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Take the time to get everything in your home life sorted without extravagances and do not worry about the world outside or even what other people think of you and your situation. You are in charge of you.



## Horoscopes

### When the Clock Strikes 12

By: Angel Lutz and Hailey Oreskovich

New Year's Eve is the beginning and the ending of every year. It's the time to improve on your life, what you need to work on to better yourself. Regardless of whether you want to lose a few pounds or find that special someone this year, these are some ways you can stay on track. Many people consider having New Year's resolutions or having other goals to achieve in the New Year that are sometimes too difficult for them to maintain. When trying to accomplish these resolutions people should write

little reminders in places that they will be seen, so that they can



**Leo (July 23rd-August 22nd)**—December is very much a positive time for you. There may be some problems at home and in your love life but, look forward to the time when your efforts and hard work will have their greatest effect.

remind you to keep up the good work. Get friends to remind you of your resolutions so you do not fall behind! Tell your closest friends to make sure you do not fall off the wagon, so to speak.

Find a friend that will do your New Year's resolutions with you to keep each other on track throughout the year. These are just a few pointers you can do to keep up with your resolutions all through the year and find success in the years to come.

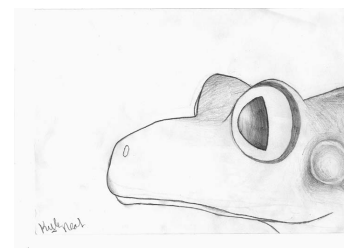
**Virgo (Aug. 23rd- Sept. 22nd)**—You have an excellent opportunity for some life improvement; to ease the flow it is try to be bold. Make big decisions and stick to your guns.

**Libra (Sept. 23rd-Oct 23rd)**—You could learn to be more tolerant at home and in your love life especially. Make a home for yourself and at the same time let those closest to you have space of their own.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24th- Nov. 21st)**—At times you may feel a little intimidated by those around you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22th- Dec. 21st)**—There are times when life can rush along and pass you by. This could be especially true in your love life, so be prepared. It is up to you to take charge and make decisions quickly.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22nd— Jan. 19th)**—December is often an inspiring time for Capricorn. You will see changes in others that may provide new insights for you, try to make the most of it.





## ART CONTEST WIN-



1st Place: Kyle Neal  
\$20 Gift Certificate



3rd Place: Izzy Carlock  
\$10 Gift Certificate



2nd Place: Lindsay Gordon  
\$15 Gift Certificate

## SHOUT OUTS!

PHS,

This is Your Shout Out page.

- Tell your friends "Happy Birthday!"
- Wish someone luck
- Just say "Hi".

Anything works, as long as it is school appropriate.

Bring it to Miss Day Rm.

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Hi Engel!

- Haley O.

Happy Birthday  
Amanda George

We Love u!

- Izzy & Skye

# The Curtain Will Rise

By: Mackenzie Ginger

BAND! The marching season had come to a close but the concert season will soon be in full swing. An interview with Band Director, Miss Steiner, enlightened us to of their upcoming concert on December 19 when all the band students are playing.

One of the big highlights of the marching season was when they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oblong. When asked how she liked Pana High School, considering it is her first year, Miss Steiner replied that she really liked it, especially working with the students because of their effort. She also responded that she couldn't be proud of just one section because they have all grown so much and each section was very important. Everyone has really improved especially the trumpet and low brass section.



To make your holiday complete, try this quick and easy recipe

provided by Hailey Oreskovich



## Sugar Cookies

### Ingredients

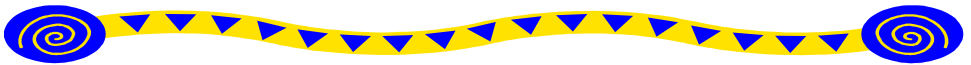
- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

### Directions

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on non-greased cookie sheets.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.



(Art Club cont.)

They have elected new officers for Art Club these include :

Mallorie Mosely as President, Justice French as Vice President, Payton Stremming as Secretary and Abby Cohan as Treasurer.

## HOLIDAY PUZZLES



1. WEAR  
LONG
2. YYY  
MEN
3. O  
B.A.  
M.A.  
PH.D.
4. FALL ALOHA  
SUMMER HI  
WINTER HELLO  
SPRING SHALOM

### I Can Name That Christmas Song!



1. JBJBATHW
2. OHNTHSABS
3. IDOAWC
4. ISMKSC
5. DTHWBOH
6. CROAOF
7. ITMWTOTY
8. HCSCHCSC
9. IHABCWY
10. FTSWAJHS
11. RTRNR
12. OTFDOCMTLSATM
13. IBTLALLC
14. SBAYL
15. IBHFC

