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Colonial Track and Field

WITHOUT LIMITS

"I'D LIKE IT TO WORK OUT SO THAT AT THE END IT'S A PURE GUTS RACE."

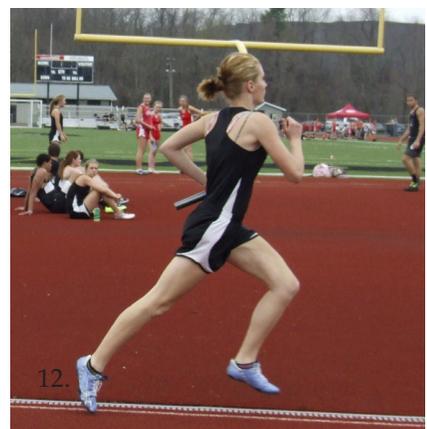
"The will to win means nothing if you haven't the will to prepare." Albert Gallatin's track team embodies this quote. Being a member of the track team requires much hard work and dedication. There have been some highs and lows this season but with the help of Coach Joe all of their work paid off. Six of our track members qualified for the WPIAL championships. Sabra Metheney, Donicio McKoy, Collin Smith, Nathan Singer, David Knox, and Willie Zeiler. This year Albert Gallatin was invited to host the County Track Meet. Overall the track team had a season of which to be proud.



"I love sprinting, it's my passion. I live for doing relays, and I love jumping and winning at a meet as a freshman." - Julia Oravets



1. Tara Moore hands off the baton to Julia Oravets, in a 4x4 relay.
2. Courtney Haines sprints across the track in a 4x1 relay.
3. Collin races across the finish line and beats Uniontown's 4x1 relay team.
4. David Knox grabs the baton from his teammate in the 4x4 relay against Brownsville.
5. Carly Reidman jumps over the bar as she tries to win points for Albert Gallatin.



6. David Knox sprints to the finish line in a 400 meter race.

7. Kaiten Oravets makes a landing at the sand pit.

8. Courtney Morrison throws her hardest at a AG home meet.

9. Rebecca Fotta crosses the finish after the 110 meter hurdles.

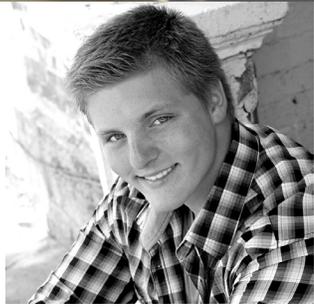
10. Sabra Metheny gets first place at the Fayette Invitational.

11. Tanner Kutek makes the long jump to beat his personal record.

12. Tara Moore strides her way to the finish during a relay.

13. Donicio McKoy gets 1st place in the 100 meter dash.

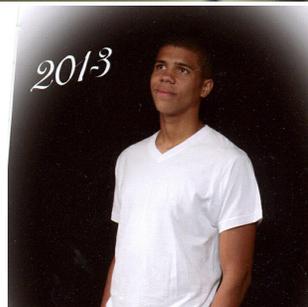
14. Jordyn Jarrett cross the finish line during a 200 meter dash.



Tanner Cavaliere



Katie Collier



Curtis Desmorne



Luke Diamond

“THEY’RE ABOUT AS LIMITLESS AS THEY GET IN THIS LIFE.”

1. Donicio McKoy prepares to make a dash in lane 5 to the finish line as he gets ready in the 100 meter dash.
2. Freshman jumper Julia Oravets gets ready to jump into the sand pit during her last track meet of the season.
3. David Knox crosses the finish line after a hard race during a 400 at a home meet.
4. Julia Oravets hands off the baton to another freshmen, Sabra Metheny in the WPIAL qualifiers for the 4x4 relay race.
5. Junior track member Jordyn Jarrett sprints across the finish line after the 4x1 relay.

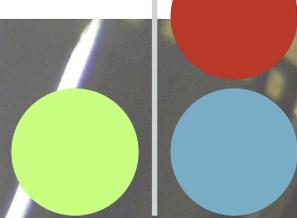


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Courtney Haines



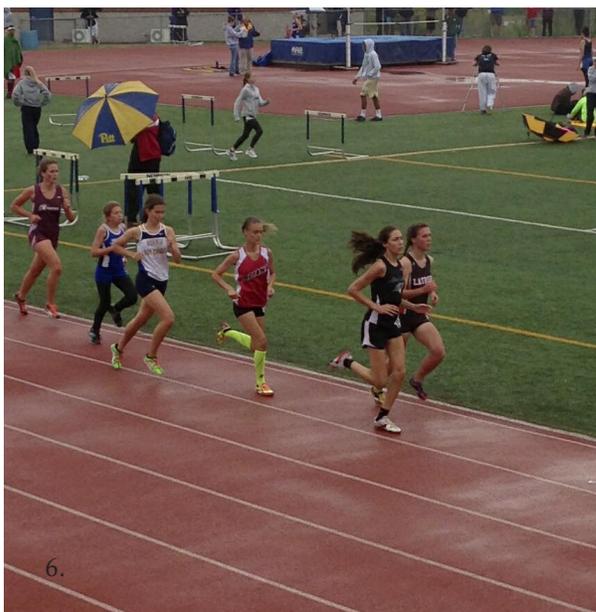
Nathan Singer



Tucker Tolbert



- 6. Elizabeth Trump passes up other various track teams as she completes the 2 mile race.
- 7. Kaitlin Smearcheck rounds the corner moving to the finish line.
- 8. Collin Smith sprints down the track to get 1st place for him and his team members in the 4x1 relay heat.



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- 9. Michael Lewis makes a jump into the sand pit at the Fayette County Invitionals.



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- 10. Freshmen jumper Tanner Kutek makes a landing also at the Fayette County Invitational.

Colonial Baseball

FIELD OF DREAMS

“THIS IS MY MOST SPECIAL PLACE IN THE WORLD.”

AG has done it! Well, at least in terms of baseball. The Colonial baseball team is one of the best examples of how students from each corner of the school work together to pull out a victory. Due to a minimal amount of players this year, varsity and junior varsity had to combine into one team to meet the requirements to even have a team. Despite this new challenge, the players were able to work together to pull out four wins out of nineteen games. Undeterred by failing, the boys stuck together with their heads held high and thier gloves ready for another chance at fame. For most people, baseball season marks the start of summer and fun, but for the boys it is the beginning of countless hours of practicing technique and natural talent. All leading up to the moment of truth..... Game Day!



Cullen Hoone starts the seventh inning with a curveball pitch.



3. Julian Baires-Tweed practices catching with Christian Goletz. 4. Cullen Hoone runs for second base as the pitcher releases the ball.

1. Tyler Dubovich pitches to the Spartans as Zach Harkins readies to catch.

2. Zach Harkins and Brandon Kenney prepare to grab the fly ball.

5. Julian Baires-Tweed reaches down to catch an incoming ball.





Team Photo: Row 1: Brandon Stillwagon, Tyler Sexton, Nick Groover, Christian Goletz, Caleb Dempsey, RT Barber, Julian Baires-Tweed.
Row 2: Coach Sneider, Ryan Stewart, Zach Harkins, Tyler Dubovich, Chris Uphold, Jamal Palmer, Chris Lytle, Brandon Kenney, Chaz Phillips,
Coach Kopec. Row 3: Coach Chory, Cullen Hoone.



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6. Chris Lytle steps up to the plate to ready for his chance at bat.



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7. Christian Goletz keeps his eyes on the pitcher as he readies for a swing



8. RT Barber runs back to have a talk with Coach Kopec.

9. Jamal Palmer looks into the eyes of his next victim.

10. Chris Uphold rushes to second base to beat the ball.



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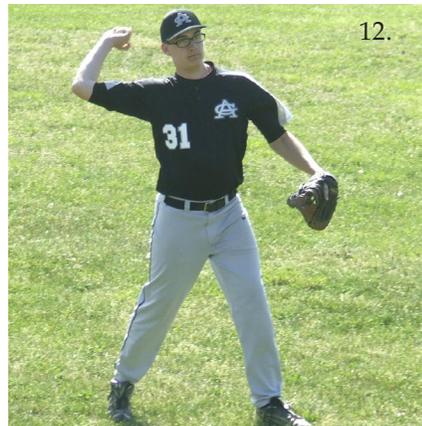


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11. Julian Baires-Tweed gives the dugout a pep talk.



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12. Cullen Hoone throws a practice pitch to his teammates.



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13. Christian Goletz and Chris Uphold position themselves in left field.



Julian Baires-Tweed



Jarred Cappellini



Tyler Dubovich



Cullen Hoone



Justin Hruska

“TO FEEL THE TINGLING OF CONNECTING WITH THE BALL, TO RUN THE BASES.”

It was a rough season, but I had a lot of fun and it was a great learning experience! -Tyler Sexton

Brad: You guys think you're athletes now?

Richie: Haha that's funny I didn't know ath-e-letes had three syllables... thats ama-za-zaing. Are you guys ready to scr-mi-mimage? *-The Benchwarmers*

Benny Rodriguez: Man, this is baseball. You gotta stop thinking. Just have fun. I mean, if you were having fun you would've caught that ball. You ever have a paper route?

Smalls: I helped a guy once.

Benny Rodriguez: Okay, well chuck it like you throw paper. When your arm gets here, just let go. Just let go, it's that easy.

[starts to jog away]

Smalls: How do I catch it.

Benny Rodriguez: Just stand out there and stick your glove out in the air. I'll take care of it. *-The Sandlot*



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1. Julian Baires-Tweed swings as the ball passes over home plate.

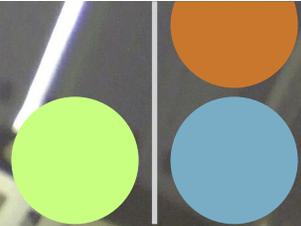
2. Christian Goletz prepares to swing after the pitch.

3. As Chris Uphold throws the pitch, Christian Goletz anticipates the incoming ball.

4. Jamal Palmer pitches to the opposing team while Caleb Dempsey eagerly waits to catch.

5. Chris Lytle and Julian Baires-Tweed practice their catch and release techniques before a game.

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Brandon Kenney



Chris Lytle



Jamal Palmer



Chris Uphold

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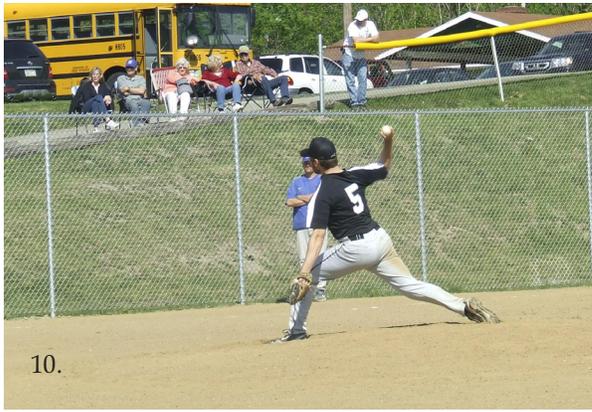
Baseball is a game of spirit, heart, and soul. Playing baseball isn't just a game to us. -Julian Baires-Tweed

6. Up at bat, Chaz Phillips perfects his stance and readies his swing.

7. Jamal Palmer knocks the baseball into the outfield to score his team a run.

8. On the pitchers mound, Chris Uphold winds up and prepares to strike out his opponent.

You don't save a pitcher for tomorrow. Tomorrow it may rain. -Leo Durocher



9. Teammates that aren't participating get to cheer on the rest of the team from the dugout.

10. Tyler Dubovich pitches with the hope of striking out the player up at bat.

Lady Colonial Softball

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

“BOY, DID SHE SMACK THAT ONE ON THE KISSER!”

As spring breezed in AGHS, the AG Lady Colonials elegantly made their way on to the field. Daunting hours of practice paid off for the girls as their season seemed to quickly wind to a close. Regardless of exhaustion, the undeniable play gone awry, or even weather issues, the ladies played their hearts out in each and every game. Just as the young women in the classic film *A League of Their Own* embodied, this sport these players become something bigger than themselves. In some cases it was their first time up to bat, while in many Senior's cases it was their finale, a final run as a Colonial; regardless these ladies pursued their sport in the most eloquent of fashions, complete with cleats. As competitive as the ladies are, the dugout always had a smile and a laugh nearby. Runs and catches were made, however, as nearly all the girls will attest to, it's the memories and camaraderie cemented around the sport they love that is the true winning record.



Above, Brittany Bork warms up in Center Field prior to the game versus Steel Valley.



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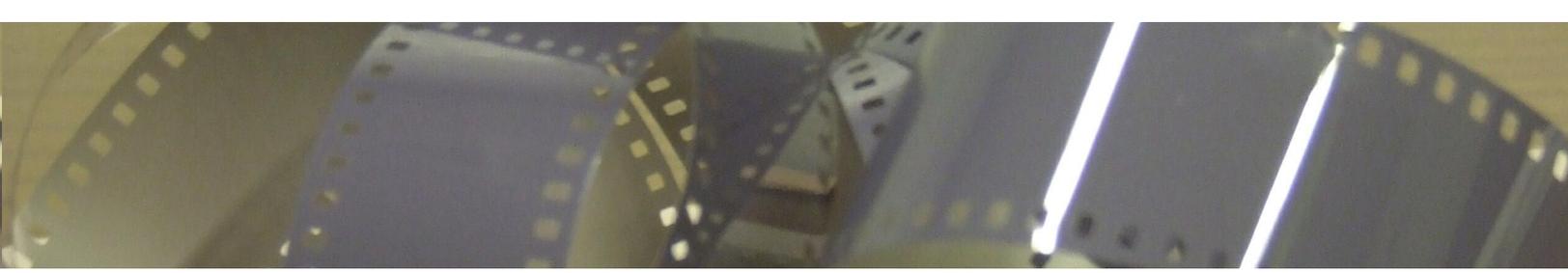


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4. Sara Wells prepares to pitch for a final out with a Steel Valley runner on first. 5. The Lady Colonials make their way onto the field as their game against Steel Valley begins.



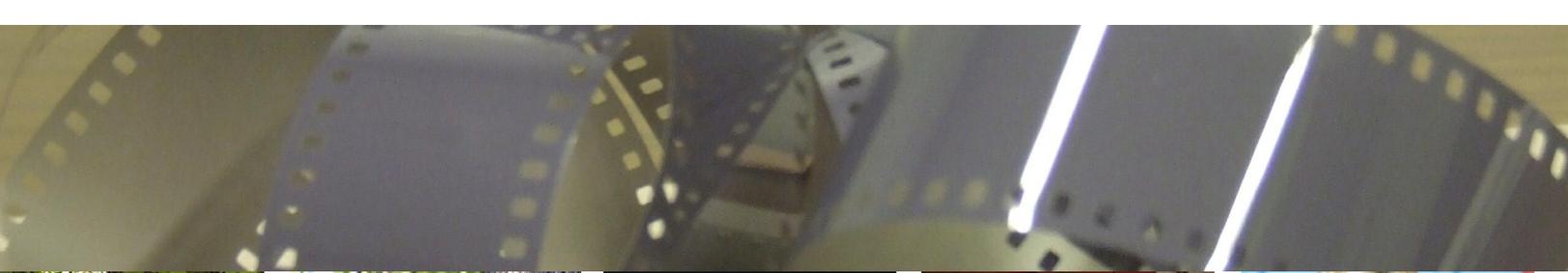
6. Jessica Wallace and Kayla Hancheck discuss the previous play. 7. Sydney Robba watches the batter closely readied for when the pitch comes her way.



8. Jessica Wallace makes an impressive out on third base against Steel Valley. 9. Kayla Hancheck waits on first base after a fantastic hit into Left Field. 10. Jonica Pleban sprints to first base after a fantastic hit into Left Field. 11. Catcher Ashley Dubovich waits as the Colonials pitcher readies herself at the top of the third inning.



12. Sydney Robba dons her batting helmet as she prepares to get a run for the Colonials. 13. Haylee Brown prepares for the game to resume on second base after her coach has a word with the Colonial's pitcher. 14. Jessica Wallace takes a few practice swings prior to her turn in the batting line up.



? Brittany Bork



Kayla Hancheck



Jazmyne Johnson



+ \Kaley Rankin



Sydney Robba

"SHE ALWAYS SAID IT WAS THE BEST TIME SHE EVER HAD IN HER ENTIRE LIFE."

1. Sara Wells and Haylee Brown watch as a foul ball soars through the air.
2. Brittany Bork, Stephanie Simon, and Kristen Sroka await game time taking it easy in the dugout.
3. Kayla Hancheck takes some practice swings as teammates practice throwing to home plate.
4. Kayla Hancheck and Brittany Bork make their way out to their respective fielding positions at the top of the third inning.
5. The Lady Colonials watch on as the girls load the bases, ready to score some runs.



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Stephanie Simon follows through on her swing.



Sydney Robba waits patiently prior to her turn at bat.



Ashley Dubovich communicates with the pitcher to get the final strikes for an out.



6. Kaylee Rankin watches her teammate go up to bat.
7. Catcher Ashley Dubovich makes an impressive final out as a Steel Valley runner tries to slide into home plate.

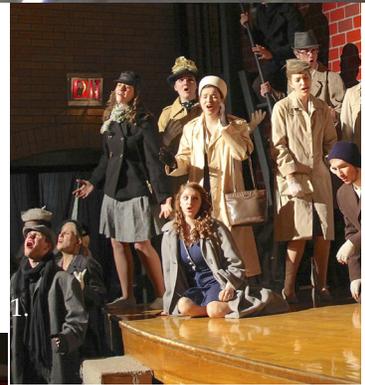


8. Colonial's softball players joke around in the dugout as the game switches to the bottom of the fourth inning.
9. Jessica Wallace and Kayla Hanchek head into the dugout after warming up their throwing.
10. Sara Walls makes her way back to the dugout after some perfect strike-out pitches.
11.. Jessica Wallace keeps her shortstop stance as she intently watches Steel Valley batters come to the plate.

Drama's Musical Production

**“ENOUGH
T O M O R R O W S ,
Y O U ’ L L F I N D Y O U ’ R E
L E F T W I T H N O T H I N G
B U T Y E S T E R D A Y S .”**

1. The Skid Row bums and working people express their sadness and hatred of Skid Row along with Seymour, Audrey and Mr. Mushnik who plead that they may one day get out of Skid Row. 2. The four girls listen to Audrey’s dream life with Seymour. 3. The Albert Gallatin Fine Arts Department presented *Little Shop of Horrors* this year. Starring Luke Diamond as Seymour, Kayla Grimm as Audrey, Joe Davis as Mr. Mushnik, Braden Fabrycki as Orin Schrivillo, Chris Blystone as the voice of Audrey 2 and Ariel Searcy as the Audrey 2 puppeteer.



4. Seymour(Luke Diamond) and Mr. Mushnik (Joey Davis) dance the tango. 5. The cast end the show in a haunting performance warning people not to feed the plants. 6. Seymour (Luke Diamond) is struggling to do what is right and not commit murder.



7. The Audrey 2 (voiced by Chris Blystone and puppeteer by Ariel Searcy) consumes the Ronettes (Rachel Barber, Chelsea Feudale, Hannah Tarcy and Courtney Hitchcock) and Audrey (Kayla Grimm.)

8. Above: The Dentist (Brayden Fabrycki) asks Crystal (Rachel Barber) and Chiffon (Courtney Hitchcock) where infamous “Skid Row” is so he may go on a date with Audrey.

9. Audrey (Kayla Grimm) meets the four girls on Skid Row where they question her about her boyfriend, Orin, and injuries sustained from him.

10. Seymour Krelbourn (Luke Diamond) has to deal with the guilt he feels after the death of Audrey, whose last wish was that he feed her to the Audrey 2.

11. Mrs. Luce (Kylah Nastasi) uses her chauffeur (Charlie Depp) as a purse and coat hanger.

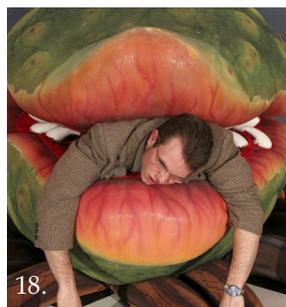


LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This year the Albert Gallatin Drama Department presented *Little Shop of Horrors*. This musical tells the story of Seymour Krelbourn (Luke Diamond) the nerdy plant-obsessed orphan who is secretly in love with his co-worker Audrey (Kayla Grimm). They are both employed by Seymour's adopted father, Mr. Mushnik (Joe Davis), at Mushnik's Skid Row Florist. The prevailing opinion is no one is ever happy in Skid Row, until things begin turning around after the strange and interesting plant, the Audrey 2, arrives and brings Seymour good fortune at the cost of the lives of the people in his life, whether the sadist dentist Orin Schrivillo (Braden Fabrycki), bossy yet, supposedly, loving new dad Mr. Mushnik, or the sweet and innocent Audrey. Enthralled and mesmerized by the this fantastic performance, even the audience was prepared to move to the infamous Skid Row. The AGHS Drama Department eloquently preformed



this fantastically freaky show to much admiration from the vast audience. 12. Joey Davis, Luke Diamond, and Kayla Grimm admire some new flowers the Mushnik Shop has just received bringing some beauty and joy to Skid Row. 13. The entire cast of AGHS Drama Department's *Little Shop of Horrors*. 14. Seymour (Luke Diamond) holds Audrey's (Kayla Grimm) mortally wounded body. 15. In a happier time, Seymour and Audrey have a heart to heart as they attempt to explain their mutual feelings towards one another.



16. Audrey imagines her dream life with Dream Seymour (Alex Robba) and her dream self (Seneca Drop).

17. The Ronettes Rachel Barber, Hannah Tarcy, Courtney Hitchcock, and Chelsea Feudale show off their sparkly dresses of the 60s era in this fun group photo.

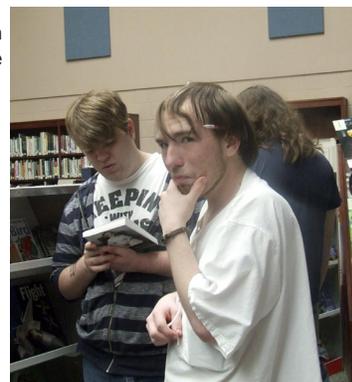
18. Mr. Bernstein (Drew Colebank) is chomped on by the Audrey 2.

19. The Dentist (Braden Fabrycki) slaps Audrey (Kayla Grimm) across the face and pulls out of the store.

20. Ronnette (Chelsea Feudale) and Shenay (Hannah Tarcy) read *Life Magazine* intently along the outskirts of Mushnik's Skid Row Florist.

"ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ONE LIVES OUGHT TO BE AS IMPORTANT AS THE AIR WE BREATHE."

1. Michael Phares and James Sutton peruse the book collection during the spring BOGO half off sale.



2. Chris Blystone and Jeff Nicola stare down their competition during an intense game of Sour Apples to Apples.



3. Ben Rozzi, and Jordan Wilson can be seen playing Apples to Apples in Mrs. Jones's room.



4. Members of AGTV goof around a bit while shooting their newest comedic video. 5. AP English Students enjoy the beauty of the African Heritage Room in the Cathedral of learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus. 6. Whitney Eicher plays the truck-driving Romeo to Moriah Newcomer's misunderstood love.



7. A group of senior boys watch the Road radios program warning the dangers of drunk driving before prom.



8. Hannah Abraham begins to discuss a novel in Mrs. Clemmer's Honors English 10.



9. Chuckie Morrow playing a possessed toilet paper roll while acting out headlines.



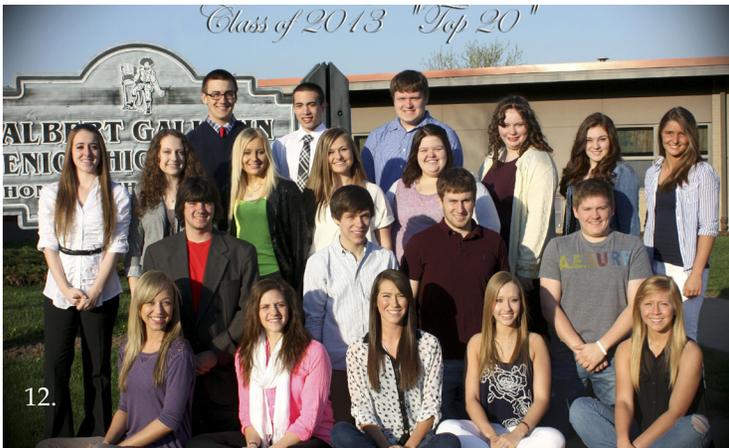
10. CJ Lytle makes attempt at being inconspicuous as he hides behind a tree in the courtyard.



11. Joe Gabeletto, Joe Borsodi, and Chaz Phillips sit together while partaking in a friendly game of cards.

Student Life

SCHOOL TIES



“THE HONOR CODE IS A LIVING THING. IT CANNOT EXIST IN A VACUUM.”

The year is winding down and coming to an end. Seniors will be moving on to make their place in the world and juniors will become the “top dogs” of the high school totem pole; as for the sophomores, they will be faced with perhaps the hardest year of their high school career, the dreaded eleventh grade. The freshmen are no longer fresh because YOFO. Nevertheless, from the first football pep rally to Mock Crash, this year has been one to remember. It will forever be embedded in the history that makes us who we are. It will be a thing of the past to be looked back on in times of vast nostalgia. It has surely been livened up by the brand new administration that just reminds you of your favorite aunt or uncle. This new addition to the Albert Gallatin family has made some students finally feel at home with themselves and their peers.



12. Top 20 Scholars of 2013: Row 1, Elizabeth Fotta, Kayla Means, Megan Coll, Lindsey White, Sydney Robba. Row 2, Justin Hruska, Tyler Adams, Tyler Dubovich, Ben Rozzi. Row 3, Taylor Shipley, Devin Jurczak, Alexa Martin, Emily Roderick, Jordan Wilson, Abigail Nickerson, Courtney Hitchcock, Lindsey Harvey. Row 4, Cullen Hoone, Cody Tabacsko, Austin Pegg 13. Stephanie Simon is shocked by Grim Reaper, Rachel Newman's, deadly sense of humor. 14. Alexia Drew and Adam Van Houten enjoy a quick break from playing Apples to Apples for a quick picture. 15. Nick Jordan treats his “son” Zac Sherwood poorly and brings wrath down on his town.



16. Jaelyn Thomas and Allison Kuklar enjoy the spring time sunshine while relaxing in the courtyard.



17. After an exhausting game of Apples to Apples, Julian Baires-Tweed rests his head.



18. Jamal Palmer, Alexa Martin, Megan Gilmore, Lindsey White, Rachel Hanzes, and Kelsey Bailey enjoy their dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse while on the AP English Trip prior to seeing the play *You Say Tomatoes, I say Shut Up!*



19. Mr. Hutchinson makes a silly face for the camera.



20. Kayla Means prepared themed cupcakes from BBC shows Doctor Who, Sherlock, and Merlin for a BBC celebration on Thursday May 30th.

SCHOOL TIMES

1. This is how the courtyard looked before the STAT council generously re-landscaped and cleaned it up.



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2. Rachel Barber and Alex Robba glue finishing touches onto the yearbook advertisement pictures. 3. The "after" picture of the courtyard as a result of several afterschool work sessions.



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4. Nicholas Thomas plays the game "Wicked Words" with Anne Groover and Taylor Miller. 5. STAT council clean up the ground beds in the courtyard to prepare for new plants. 6. Jamal Palmers poses with the projection screen while the AP Literature class compares his "favorite" movie with the original *Pride and Prejudice* text.



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The STAT council tears out the roots from the old center bed.



8.

Adam Burke intently pulls apart the rotten raised bed in the courtyard.



Luke Dice and Tom Mc Knight load dead roots and branches into a trailer to clean up the grounds.



10.

Nicholas Podlogar digs up roots in the courtyard.



Mr. Hutchinson surveys the work of STAT council and consults with sponsors Mrs. Kopas and Mr. Berkshire.

Prom Court YOUR HIGHNESS



2013 AGHS Prom Queen Lindsey Harvey and Prom King Bill Chahl

"THERE'S YET ANOTHER QUEST THAT CALLS ME TO THE WESTERN MARGINS. I WILL NOT FORGET YOU."

In Royal fashion students arrived to showcase their attire prior to making their way up to Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. The hours of waiting in line prior to the respective march for those few magical moments of being the absolute center of attention. Anticipation grew tremendously after all the couples were presented, for the announcement of Prom Royalty. Students had placed their ballots weeks before finally, AG would have a King and Queen. Couples held their breathe as the names were announced, Bill Chahl as King and Lindsey Harvey as Queen. Mr. Hutchinson, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Bezjak crowned and sashed the two. As the night of prom glamour ran on it was apparent that AG had chosen two fantastic students to represent the Senior Class as King and Queen.



Kennedy Crossland & Joey Evans



Courtney Haines & Curtis Desmore



Lindsey Harvey & Bill Chahl



Brandi Loring & Marty Vlosich



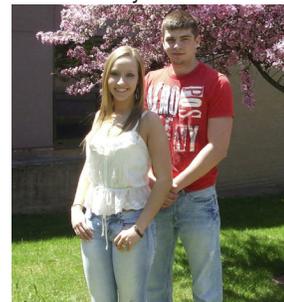
Brooke Pearson & John Skiles



Sydney Robba & Tanner Cavaliere



Brandi Thomas & Alex Martin



Lindsey White & Brandon Swaney

"I JUST WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY DIDN'T GET TO ME."

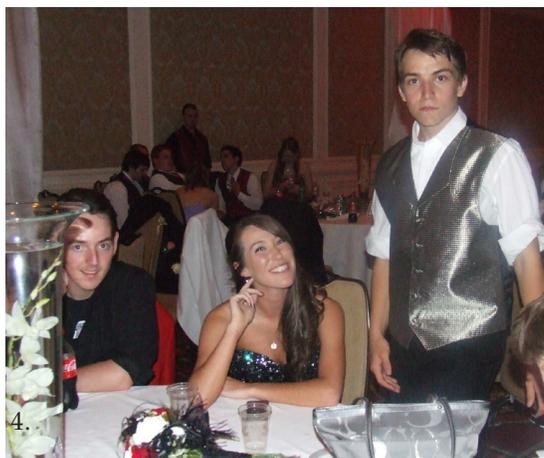
1. Kirsten Volansky and Kelsey Hagner patiently wait for the Grand Ballroom to open.



2. Steven Pope, Megan Gilmore, Alexa Martin, Taylor Davis, Lucas Walkos, and Devin Jurczak are snapped between songs on the dance floor. 3. Charles Habrat and Kelly Rates mingle prior to dinner being served.



4. CJ Lytle, Megan Coll, and Julian Baires-Tweed patiently wait for the dance floor to open. 5. Ryan Rennie, Alexa Drew, and Adam Van Houten enjoy the company of their table shortly after arriving at Nemaocolin. 6. Rachel Barber and Becca David follow along to the song with "their hands up like the ceiling can't hold us."



Prom attendees calm down their dancing skills for the first slow dance of the night.



Sydney Robba and Aimee Zinn showcase their dresses before entering the Grand Ballroom at Nemaocolin Woodlands



Jordan Sutton and Leah Fields take a moment to rest after arriving at Nemaocolin from the Grand March.



Brittany Bork and Kaitlyn Dodson watch their classmates stream into the Ballroom as Prom gets underway.



Nicole Fike and Kelsey Bailey take a break at Nemaocolin after an exhausting Grand March at the high school.

AGHS 2013 PROM

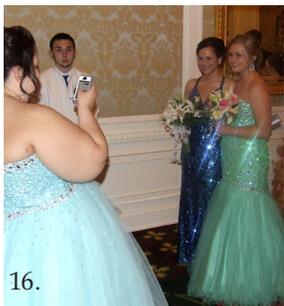
PRETTY IN PINK

"THIS IS A REALLY VOLCANIC ENSEMBLE YOU'RE WEARING, IT'S REALLY MARVELOUS!"

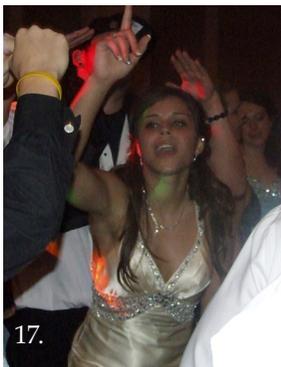
Descending upon Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort, the AGHS Prom proved to be a cacophony of glittering dresses, dance moves, and memories. May 10, 2013 became the finale of fun for the class of 2013. After a lovely dinner of grilled chicken, roasted vegetables, and pasta, students invaded the dance floor cavorting in everything from the "Cupid Shuffle" to the cult followed "Harlem Shake". Pictures cementing memories and laughs flooded the Grand Ballroom as the prom attendees posed and smiled. As glitter hit the floor and the last of the lights in the ballroom dimmed to blackness, so did the realization for Seniors that this was their last grand party. Commencement and introduction to the world outside of high school were now in the near future. As F. Scott Fitzgerald once penned "you can't repeat the past", the students lived for the few moments they were together for a concluding bash on 2013.



12. Students emphatically raise their arms in approval of the fantastic selection of dance music. 13. Trevor Van Kirk, Candice McClead, Ashleigh Schneider, and Carrie Smith dance along to the Cupid Shuffle. 14. Several couples including, Trevor Van Kirk escorting Chelsea Carr and Cody Tobasco escorting Taylor Shipley, make their way into the Grand Ballroom after pictures. 15. Tanner Cavellere, Kaitlyn Hendrix, and Breonna Thomas ready themselves as the Harlem Shake song began to play.



16. Jordan Wilson snaps a picture of Emily Roderick and Shelby Van Sickle prior to dinner being served.



17. Marissa Kesler dances along to the lyrics, hands up and all.



18. Megan Gilmore and Tamara Paes take a quick breather between songs.



19. Rachel Barber and Tyler Adams enjoy their dinner as their Senior Prom continues full swing.



20. Andrea Kelley, Kayla Means, and Emilee Kephart dance to the "Cha Cha Slide" like pros.

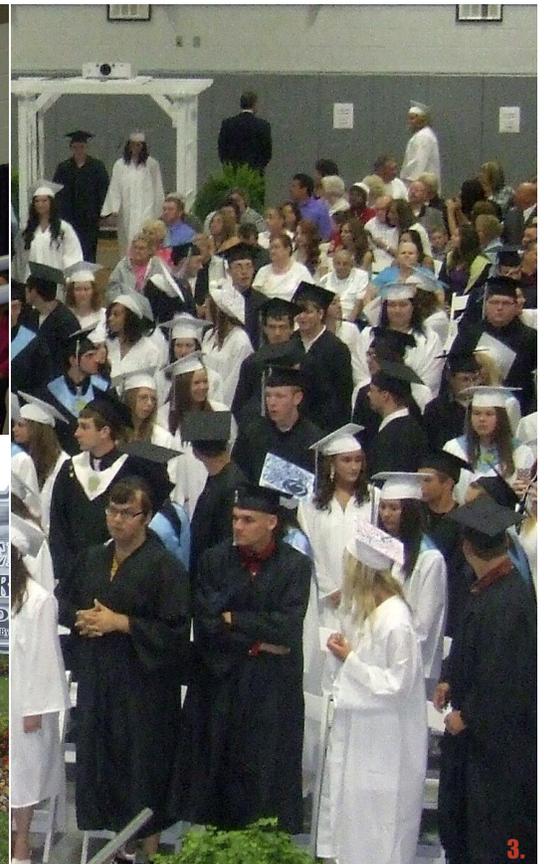
TWILIGHT

Jessica Stanley from *Twilight*:
“When we were five, they asked us what we wanted to be when we grew up. Our answers were things like, astronauts, president... or in my case, a princess.

When we were ten, they asked again. We answered, a rock star, cowboy, or in my case, a gold medalist. But now that we’re grown up, they want a serious answer. Well, how about this. Who the heck knows?

This isn’t the time to make hard and fast decisions; this is a time to make mistakes. Take the wrong train and get stuck somewhere. Fall in love... a lot. Major in philosophy, because there’s no way to make a career out of that.

Change your mind, and change it again, because nothing’s permanent. So, make as many mistakes as you can. That way, someday, when they ask what we want to be, we won’t have to guess... we’ll know.”



1. High school Principal, Mr. Hutchinson delivers his address of “firsts” to the graduating class.
2. Salutatorian Courtney Hitchcock and Valedictorian Austin Pegg prior to entering the school for graduation procession.
3. Members of the Class of 2013 remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the beginning of Commencement.
4. The Class of 2013 processes into their respective seats, as the Colonial band proudly performs “Pomp and Circumstance.”
5. After officially being pronounced graduates the Class of 2013 exuberantly throw their graduation caps in the air.



Memories came back to graduating seniors not in waves, but more like tsunami tides. This enormous weight was lifted when the AGHS Class of 2013 was officially pronounced graduates. It was these halls that nursed us from naive freshmen to driven, empowered young adults, prepared to make their own way in the world. It’s impossible to make assumptions about memories, what they truly entail, or even their longevity. Since childhood, the fantasies of dreams abundant in youthful minds ravaged the mind-set, looking forward to adulthood and the next step in life. Years passed in what seemed like spans of days, graduation day had come to fruition. The high school principal, Mr. Hutchinson, mentioned the inconceivable number of firsts that plagued the high school, followed by the presentation of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian by Mrs. Bezjak and Mr. Witt. Austin Pegg recited an eloquent speech referring to the youthful affection regarding hope throughout life. Courtney Hitchcock concluded with the undeniable love and camaraderie the class of 2013 has shared over their years of schooling. The air was thick with anticipation and tension, the excusable notion that this was the final moment of the Colonial Class of 2013 to be intact. Mrs. Kaiser began the Roll Call, name after name was read off in a vehement frenzy, the last few moments of high school came and went in a blink, the beach balls, the throwing of the grad caps, and the procession. In the span of mere hours the senior class went from high school students to graduates prepared to grab the world as their own, prepared to alter, change, and succeed.

Graduation



6. Students wait patiently and socialize as they prepare for processional line up. 7. Taylor Davis and Lacey Bruce along with their fellow students listen intently to Mr. Hutchinson's Graduation Address. 8. Valedictorian Austin Pegg, Salutatorian Courtney Hitchcock, Senior Class President Lindsey White, Senior Class Vice President Jamal Palmer, and Senior Class Secretary Sydney Robba wait patiently to make their respective addresses to their fellow Seniors. 9. Samantha Franks and Carrie Smith file into their processional positions.



Bella Swan: "It was between who I should be and who I am. I've always felt out of step. Like literally stumbling through my life."

10. Seniors Chris Uphold, Lindsey White, Megan Coll, and Liz Fotta show off their decorated hats proudly showing support for their college of choice Penn State. 11. Emily Dilliger, Megan Gilmore, and Alexa Martin admire each others graduation caps prior to beginning processional line up. 12. Kayla Means, Nicole Drew, and Alexa Drew help each other put the finishing touches on their graduation attire. 13. Graduates of AGHS begin recessional as they make their way to receive their diplomas.

