



# The Patriot

## Entertainment

### “Love Begins”

I recently watched a fantastic movie. This inspiring film premiered on the Hallmark Channel. Hallmark is featuring its “Love Saga” collection which is based on Janette Oak’s bestselling book series about life’s trials and love in the old West. Wes Brown and Julie Mond star as Clark and Ellen in this Western tale of love and hard work. Clark and his best friend are passing through Trinity on their way to collect their fortune of gold in the West. The two are arrested for starting a fight in the town café. Clark’s friend breaks out of jail one evening, but Clark stays because he is a moral young man. He cannot afford to pay for the damages he caused during the fight, so he begins to look for a way to earn some money. Working on a run-down farm, Clark meets the sassy Ellen

and her younger sister Cassie. Their father has recently passed away and the farm is too much for just the girls to handle. Clark slowly begins to fall in love with Ellen. He eventually gives up his dream of finding gold in California and settles down with Ellen and Cassie on the farm.

Look out for the more movies featured in the “Love Saga” on The Hallmark Channel during October.

~Jacob Barnes

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### *The Change Up*

Last month, I went to the movies with a group of friends and saw *The Change Up*. This movie has two main characters, Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman. The movie is about childhood friends that grow apart as they grow older. When they reunite years later, one is married and the other is

still a kid at heart. The two make a wish to switch lives so that they will have less stress. Little did they know that their wish would be granted. Once the two men have switched lives, they must face the hardships of the life they now own. *The Change Up* is hysterical. Due to the R rating, I do not recommend this movie to

young children. Enjoy the movie.

~Tamatha Bowers



### *Tha Carter IV*



*Tha Carter IV*, Lil Wayne’s newest hip hop/rap music album was released on August 29, 2011 through Young Money Entertainment, Cash Money Records and Universal Republic Records. Lil Wayne has surely out did himself this time with 17 tracks and an additional bonus track. “Blunt Blowin,” one of the songs from this album, is one of the most popular songs. This flows into *Tha Carter IV’s* highest-charting single, “She Will.” This album features

many musical artists such as John Legend, Tech N9ne, Rick Ross, Busta Rhymes, Bruno Mars, and more. In an interview with *XXL* magazine, Lil Wayne hinted that this album might be his last. If this truly is his last record, I know there will be many upset fans around the world.

~Cody DeWitt

## Sports

### “Bump, Set, Spike”

The JV and Varsity volleyball seasons are in full swing. Each team is working hard to improve its record. The coaches are Mr. Mark Cooper and Ms. Bonnie Tuten. Captains on the Varsity team are seniors Tamatha Bowers and Libby Norris. These players are great examples of what it takes to be a team. Every time they step onto the court, it is not as six individuals, but as a single unit. Each game presents a different challenge for the players. The best thing about these teams is that they never give up, even when odds are against them. That is

the key to playing well— never giving up. Both JV and Varsity possess the qualities it takes to make a winning team. Sometimes breaks go in favor of the opposing team, but it doesn’t matter as long as everyone is doing their best. The most important things are to keep trying to improve and to keep up momentum and morale. The Patrick Henry volleyball teams have what it takes to be great players. With hard work and determination, the remainder of the season could go very well for both the JV and Varsity teams.

~Libby Norris



## “Patriot Spirit”

Sports are in full swing at Patrick Henry, and cheerleading is no different. Thursday and Friday nights you can see these girls working hard to support our Patriots. Their hard work and spirit make the football games and pep rallies even more enjoyable.

The junior varsity cheer squad is made up of 14 girls. Sarah Sanders and Grace

Mixon are the captains this year. Every Thursday night the girls cheer for our JV football team. Grace said,



“Really the most basic things we’re doing are learning to work as a team and making ourselves better.” The JV

squad is very excited about having their own pep rally during homecoming week and they are working hard to make it perfect. These girls have been working very hard to become a team and show how much they love their Patriots at every game.

Every Friday night, you can find the varsity cheerleaders supporting our Patriots. The varsity squad is led by co-

captains Holli Beach and Katie Pevey. The squad is made up of 10 girls. “All of us girls are like sisters and we have fun at what we do!” said Holli. The girls are also looking forward to homecoming. Katie said, “We are super excited about the homecoming pep rally, because we have got one rockin' performance!” These girls work hard to put on a good show, but they love what they do. According to Katie, “There’s one thing about cheerleaders that will never fail: We love our boys, whether they win or lose!” All ten girls show they love their Patriots by giving up their time and energy to support the school.

These girls work extremely hard to show pride for our school. They not only give up their time in the summer to attend cheer camp and teach little girls at Kiddie Camp, the cheerleaders work hard during football season to put on a good show for the rest of us. It’s easy to say that the cheerleaders are the embodiment of the Patrick Henry spirit.

~Amanda Padgett

## “Patrick Henry Football”

Varsity:

The 2011 varsity football season started on August 19, 2011. The Patriots traveled to Greenwood Christian Academy. The trip was successful. The next week, the Patriots traveled to Batesburg to play W.W. King. It was a hard fought game and the Patriots came up short. They lost by 8. After the tough loss the team came back home to Cone Field to play Jefferson Davis Academy. The Patriots were firing on all cylinders. They played hard and came out with the victory. The next week they traveled to Edge-

field to play the Wardlaw Patriots. It was a tough game for our guys. It was a 56 to 6 loss. After the horrible game they came back home to play Andrew Jackson Academy. It was a blowout by our guys. The final score was 58-0. Homecoming is October 7<sup>th</sup> against Coastal Christian.

Junior Varsity:

Our JV football team is playing very well this season. They are led by 4 freshmen. The freshmen are Brandon Prince, Nick Doremus, Tristan Mole, and Jackson Haulsee. The freshmen played

some varsity football last year, so they are ready for this upcoming season.

Flag Football:

The flag football league is in full swing. Kids in grades 3 through 5 are allowed to play. It’s just like real football, but instead of tackling, the goal is to pull the flags. There are four teams, the Hoakies, Tigers, Terps, and Yellow Jackets. The coaches are Sheldon Swofford, CJ Sheffield, Kyle Johnson, and Cody Youmans.

~Kyle Johnson



## Featured Articles

### Tips for Incoming Freshmen

High School is always a big shock to Freshmen. Here are some tips that the current Freshman class thought Middle Schoolers should know before entering their last years at Patrick Henry.

I wish I would have known...

“To get smaller binders.” –Hollis Priester

“That organization is important.” –Sydni Shaffer

“To study more.” –Melyndi Jarrell

“Not to chew as much gum.” –Chelsea Sheffield

“To pay more attention in class.” –Hannah Bostick

“That pop quizzes will destroy you.” –Hunter Taylor

“Not to text in class.” –William Hiers

“To take a lot of notes.” –Annie Laurie Hanna

“That there’s a lot of homework.” –Michaela Ready

“To turn projects in on time.” –Callie Wiggins

In other words, listen to what your teachers tell you to do.

### “My Summer Job”

Job? For most teenagers, hearing that word would make them want to run and hide. Once they have gotten over the initial shock of the word, many will set out to find a job to spend their summer doing. Many teenagers seek jobs at local grocery stores to spend their summer soaking up the savings.

Unlike most, I searched for a job that outdoors. My search began and ended with Green Acres Turf Farm. They hired

me right away. Once school was out for summer, I quickly went to work. I first started out stacking grass.

This was an experience like no other. I was able to learn some Spanish while on the job as well. Later on in the summer, I was put on a tractor where I got to cut the grass with a large mower.

This is where I really got to shine and show my talents as a tractor operator. I was disappointed when the summer

came to a close because I was getting into the routine of working. After working all summer, I dreaded going back to school. In my opinion, this would be one of the best summer jobs for one who would rather be outdoors than in, and who also doesn’t mind working a little harder than others.

~Jacob Taylor

## “In Honor of Heroes”

On Friday September 9, the lower school gathered out by the football field in commemoration of the heroes who risked their own lives to protect those put at risk by the malcontent terrorists ten years ago at the world Trade Towers and the Pentagon. Luis Hernandez, a police officer stationed in New York on 9/11, as well as representatives from local fire and law enforcement departments were welcomed as special guests.

Wolf cub den 6 and three Webelos scouts from pack 667 held a flag ceremony followed by a truly patriotic presentation of the National Anthem by the 4th grade class. Officer Hernandez spoke briefly to the children about his experience and how he was so touched by their efforts to recognize that fateful day.

Later he addressed the adults in more detail. He saw the towers being constructed and demolished. To him, the attack was personal.

No one will ever forget that day, but as Americans we have strengthened the bond that makes our country even stronger. Terrorism never can destroy the American spirit.

~Gill Griner



## Student Art

### “Ode to PHA”

Here comes our team  
 We're better than the rest  
 We'll play AJA  
 We'll put them to the test  
 We got the ball and ran  
 All the way to score  
 AJA thought it was over  
 But PHA wanted more.  
 Our quarterbacks were smart  
 Our running backs were fast  
 We knew right from the start  
 AJA would never last.  
 Our defensive line was solid  
 Our cornerbacks were ready

AJA tried to run the ball  
 But the Patriots held steady  
 AJA thought they had a chance  
 But the Patriots gave them the slip  
 The Feds were sad at the end  
 Because PHA won 58 to ZIP!

~Allie Metzger





In this big picture, find the bell, slice of cake, candle, acorn, mitten, pencil, cupcake, slice of pie, carrot, pushpin, shovel, and ice-cream cone.

**Can you find these Hidden Pictures?**

