

The Jungle Hook

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Pictured: Sophomore Jack Laney matches up on the defensive line against an Adrian opponent.

Photo credit: Principal Niles

Raking up the Maples

by Ethan Leitner and Chris Warren

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Tecumseh, Michigan? Is it the Indian pride felt all around town? Or could it be all the amazing sports moments that have taken place at Tecumseh High School? There is no doubt that you can't think about Tecumseh without connecting it with another town; Adrian. These neighboring towns have a lot of dislike towards one another that stands out to everyone all around the county. Whether it is the constant spray painting of each other's rocks, or the high-intensity games against one another, both high schools don't take the Tecumseh-Adrian rivalry lightly.

Tecumseh has, for the most part, dominated Adrian in sports for the last decade or so, and it appears like they don't plan to let up anytime soon. Tecumseh football is the most notable of these sports as we have defeated Adrian for

eight years and counting. To find out more about the importance of this rivalry and continuing the winning streak, we decided to interview none other than Coach Dolson. When asked prior to the Adrian game about what the team has been doing to prepare, he emphasized on tackling, his players knowing what their assignments are, and playing through the emotion-filled first quarter that Adrian will cause. After the heartbreaking 48-47 loss to Gull Lake on September 3rd, Coach Dolson noted that in order to finish off games, his team would have to have no turnovers and not give up explosive plays such as a punt return touchdown suffered in that loss that gave the opponent momentum.

Coach Dolson was also posed with a question asking what the biggest advantages are for his team on both sides of the ball. Offensively, he mentioned how Adrian would not be able to keep up with Tecumseh's pace of play. He also stated that although Adrian was bigger up front, we have more knowledge

and are better prepared than Adrian. When talking about the defensive side of the ball, Coach Dolson mentioned how Adrian often panics when they face pressure, causing them to throw the ball deep. He has full confidence that cornerbacks Gavin Chenevey and Jaden Amaya can lock up Adrian's receivers from going deep and force them to drive the ball down the field.

Recently, Tecumseh football players and students have seen a good deal of disrespect and discourtesy from fellow Adrian students. After a big win against Grass Lake on August 27th, the football team came home off the bus to find their cars completely trashed by students from Adrian. This wasn't the only case where we have seen disrespect by Adrian students. On multiple occasions this year, Adrian students have invaded our Jungle. When Coach Dolson spoke on these issues, he said Adrian was "classless" and "childish" for their lack of respect for others and their bad behavior. More importantly, however, . . .

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Feature

Night of the Dead, Living, and Unknown Creatures Lurking in the Shadows

by Riolana Doyle and Serenity Wiseman

Home alone at night, Casey gets a strange phone call from a man who is flirting with her. He starts to ask her several personal questions like her name, relationship status, and favorite movie. At first, she plays along, innocently, but when the man asks for her name again, so he's "aware of who he's looking at", she begins to worry and clicks on the light outside. No one's there. She hangs up... but he calls... again. Casey answers. He then asks her to play a round of movie trivia, offering a warm-up question... "Name the killer in HALLOWEEN." She answers correctly. "Now for the real question... name the killer in FRIDAY THE 13TH." Casey gets the answer wrong. What's the punishment? You'll have to watch the movie "Scream" to see.

In the Halloween mood yet? Good, because the official countdown to Halloween starts TODAY, and as a way to celebrate, The Jungle Hook crew is offering you the chance to win a free gift card. On Friday, October 29th, we've decided to host a Halloween costume contest to get you in the Halloween spirit! Here's all of the need to know details: obviously, you need to come to school in your best-dressed costume, following a "merry, not scary" ideal. This means no props, no face paint, and no masks.

We'll be judging the contest in two costume categories: solo and group. There will also be a third category for the teacher with the best costume. So, let's see just how creative you can get! In case you need some help, we've put together a few ideas for you: your favorite teacher from the school, cupid, angel & devil, superheroes, television characters, greasers, celebrities, and so much more!

When you arrive at school in the morning, The Jungle Hook crew will be waiting for you by the concession stand in the main hall. To enter the contest, you'll need to do two things: First, get your picture taken by a member of our team (look for the orange tags). Second, fill out a form with all of your information, including

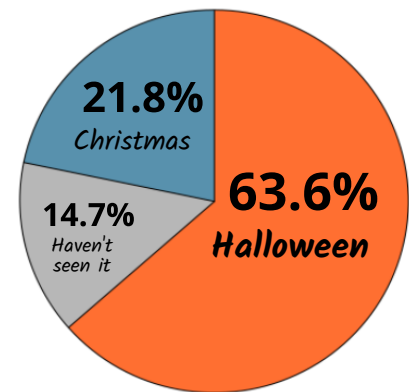
what category you're running for. If you are part of a group costume, your entire group must be there when you take the photo! The winners of the contest will be announced over the PA during the first week of November, so keep an eye out for the winners! If you have any further questions about the contest, feel free to find one of our newspaper members, or contact Ms. Harwood in room B-213 or by email at rharwood@tps.k12.mi.us. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Now, to new eyes, Tecumseh may seem like a simple small town with a pretty basic history. Little do they know, the Brookside Cemetery holds several stories about the early settler families, ranging from possible witches to murder mysteries. In the book, "Weird Michigan" by Linda S. Godfrey, a page speaks on both the Stacy and Silvers families, each offering an interesting story for a spooky Halloween night. If you make your way towards the back of the Brookside Cemetery, you should find a granite chair, known as "Stacy's chair," or "The Witch's Chair." The Stacy family consisted of Judge Stacy, his wife Mary Stacy, and their five children.

After the death of Mr. Stacy, Mary supposedly sat in this chair every day for 17 years when visiting his grave. The legend claims that if you sit in "Stacy's" chair, your death will come sooner than expected. Loanna Stacy, one of the five children, was actually accused of being a witch, and often blamed for the outburst of diseases between the citizens and their animals. The fact that she had also outlived her entire family, who were affiliated with the Universalists, had the town's suspicion of witchery growing even more. It is often said that either Mary or Loanna have been spotted waiting in "Stacy's chair." Another family that can be found in the Brookside Cemetery are the Silvers. They lived in a house on the corner of Evans and Cummins Street. The father, Frank Silvers, had a successful profession as a horse-racing businessman. His family name was known throughout the entire town. As of February 16, 1889, Mr. Silvers murdered his

two daughters and wife, along with his own life later on that day. All that was left was a letter from Mr. Silvers himself. For more information, be sure to check out Linda S. Godfrey's book, "Weird Michigan".

Now if you aren't one to believe in ghost stories, this should fire up your Halloween spirit. One of the biggest debates around Halloween time is whether or not "A Nightmare Before Christmas" is considered a Halloween movie or a Christmas movie. The unanimous vote concluded that it is most definitely a Halloween movie:



After looking at everyone's responses, it was also concluded that the following are what the student body of Tecumseh believes to be the top 10 best Halloween movies:

1. Hocus Pocus
2. Halloween
3. Nightmare before Christmas
4. It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown
5. Halloweentown
6. Coraline
7. Scream
8. Friday the 13th
9. Ghostbusters
10. Beetlejuice



Introducing the New Faces of THS

by Hanah Peters

Change is coming to Tecumseh High School; a new era. New rules, new coaches, and a new foundation. At the beginning of the school year, one by one, or two by two, we walked into that first day assembly not knowing what this year was going to bring us. The assembly started off with Mr Niles giving his speech on the new rules and policies, letting us know how great we will all do. Towards the end, when we were all itching to get to our classes to see what friends we have in each class, he announced the new teachers.

Everyone in the assembly peered their heads around to the small corner in the gym and to see that there were 10 new teachers and staff awaiting their students to see them. Name after name, and

subject after subject, he called, until it felt endless. No one has had these teachers before, so let's get to know them a bit better!



Mrs. Gaiefsky

Kellie Gaiefsky previously worked at Adrian High School and has been teaching for 10 years. She is a part of the special education English program at THS. She grew up in Tecumseh and is very excited to be back and to teach in the district. Outside of school, she is a yoga instructor. She also enjoys gardening, cooking, and traveling. Being a big traveller, she is so excited for her new journey here at Tecumseh!

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New Faces of THS continued . . .

Mr. Suboski

Simon Suboski transferred to Tecumseh as a first-year public school teacher. He previously taught at Expression Music Academy giving private voice and piano lessons. When asked why he wanted to work at Tecumseh, he proceeded to say, "The first thing that struck me about Tecumseh was the feeling of community support." He started playing string instruments in high school, but after joining choir, he was hooked immediately. He said he knew he wanted to be a director his junior year after being given the chance to conduct the final song in the performance.

As for his future in the Tecumseh Choir Program, Suboski plans on having four concerts this year while also being involved in festival, and solo and ensemble. A fun fact about Suboski is that he is a card-carrying member of the professional Disc Golf Association and competes in sanctioned tournaments.

Mr. Apelis



Erik Apelis previously taught biology at Summerfield High School in Petersburg, Michigan, and has been teaching for 13-14 years. He came to Tecumseh for an opportunity to teach in a bigger school district. His goals for the year and his teaching career are to move up in the ranks of schooling and to help his students as best as he can. Apelis considers himself to be a big tech and computer guy. When asked about why he enjoys teaching so much, he responded with "loving the kids' faces when they have their 'ah ha' moments."

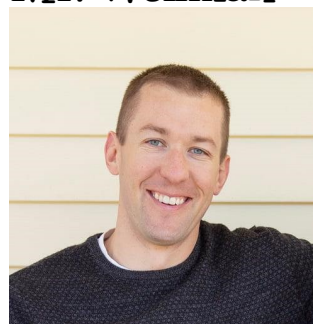
Mrs. Snyder

Aimee Snyder has been counselling for 14 years, and was previously at the Community Health Center. She decided on coming to Tecumseh High School because we were seeking more mental health support.

Throughout the community, Snyder is a big time runner and attends a lot of community races. Outside of counselling, she is busy with her kids, dogs, and jet-skiing on the lake where she lives. She expresses much enthusiasm to meet new students, so do not forget to visit her in B104 on Tuesdays or Fridays!



Mr. Wellman



Paul Wellman previously taught English at Cape Elizabeth High School and Brewer High School in Maine. When asked why he chose to come to Tecumseh, he said, "The school is clearly a source of pride and at the heart of what the community is; the positivity is contagious!" He is currently a freshman class advisor.

Wellman also serves in the US Air Force, having spent eight years in the Marine Corp as a Machine Gunner. Outside of school, Wellman enjoys doing anything outdoors such as soccer, which he coaches. He is also a father of two kids and loves making family memories.

Wellman has been published three times for military-themed poetry (through University of Wisconsin and Missouri University) and one time for educational research (University of Maine). He would like to add that if anyone has any puns for him, please share because he loves puns!

Alex Pattenaude was a mental health counselor at Milan High School while also counselling in Ann Arbor for two and a half years before moving to Tecumseh. When considering the change to Tecumseh, he saw that the staff was so supportive and great that he couldn't say no. He enjoys playing in his band and volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity. He looks forward to the football game against Skyline in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Pattenaude



Mr. McDowell



Brian McDowell is no stranger to Tecumseh. He's been teaching for 16 years and previously worked at the middle school and West Steam Center. He also taught computer programming for one year at the Tech Center. Currently, McDowell is the esports coach. In his freetime, he is busy with his two daughters and spends his time outdoors. He likes to fish, hunt, and play sports. McDowell says he's excited to grow the computer science curriculum since it is the first year offered.

Ms. Braden

Kyndra Braden has been everywhere; she was a substitute teacher in many places, but is from Monroe, Michigan. After subbing for so long, she finally decided to start her English career here at Tecumseh High School. Although her end goal is to move somewhere warmer and continue teaching there, she says she fell in love with the Tecumseh environment after student teaching here. Braden expresses much love to be in plays, her favorite being "Cats". She also has two cats at home named Paisley and Onyx.



Mr. Meinhart



Cody Meinhart recently moved to Tecumseh for the opportunity to teach at a bigger school district that offers more classes than the usual physical education. He previously taught at Erie Mason in Monroe where he taught four years of Middle School PE. In Meinhart's freetime, he likes to play golf, hang out with his daughter and wife, and spend time outdoors. His goals are to grow the lifting program and to get to know his students.

Mrs. Owen

Lisa Owen just recently moved to the district after working at Cox Mill High School in North Carolina and is going into her 18th year of teaching. She is currently a freshman class advisor. Outside of the classroom, she loves the beach; especially Lake Michigan because her family owns a cottage there. When asked what she is looking forward to this year she said, "I am looking forward to experiencing the many school spirit events here at Tecumseh. There seems to be a lot!"



Tecumseh Clubs

by Landyn Groover and Serenity Wiseman

When in high school, clubs can be a huge resource to strengthen your high school experience and help you look better when applying to colleges. "How so? What are the cold, hard facts?" you may be wondering. Well, we took on the task of researching for that information and reached out to see which clubs you can take part in. Tecumseh High School has many clubs and they'd be happy to take you in!

Dipping in on the history of Tecumseh High School clubs, a variety of organizations can be found from Farmers of Future America and Future Teachers of America to Art club and National Honors Society. In the 1965 yearbook,



Pictured: National Honors Society Club of 1980 - 81

there was a list of 15 clubs. A few were Varsity club, Chess club, Future Nurses of America Library Helpers, Science club, as well as Latin, French, and Spanish clubs. To show comparison from old Tecumseh to new Tecumseh and what clubs have stuck around, last year's yearbook varied of Quiz Bowl, Varsity Club, Peer-to-Peer, and Art Club.

Now, how do these clubs help you? Listed in the article, "How Important Are High School Clubs?", by princetonreview.com, are many good points on what clubs can do for you as a high school student. Having clubs in your academic history shows experience on the topic. The longer you're in a club, the more likely you are to join leading positions, which shows a huge amount of responsibility. You can also get volunteer hours for the National Honors Society and/or the National Arts Honors Society, which can result in graduating with an honors cord for that specific organization. When it comes to personal experience, joining clubs helps you gain many more school memories. This also helps you to get more involved in your school and community that can lead to many fun stories to be told when you're older.

Since we now know the importance of clubs in a high school student's life, what can

Tecumseh High School offer you to help give you the experience and knowledge that comes with participating in these organizations? THS has a list of clubs that you may find interest in such as: Art Club, Book Club, Chess Club, Club Francais, Debate Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club (DND), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Fishing Club, GAY Straight Alliance (GSA), Key Club, Music Club, National Honors Society (NHS), Peer-to-Peer, Quiz Bowl, Robotics Club, ROX, SADD, Sources of Strength, THS Equations, Student Council, Varsity Club, and Voices for Change.

A couple of organizations you can get involved with this month are GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). On Friday, October 8th, during seminar, Mrs. Musselman and Mrs. Apelis are hosting a GSA meeting in B205. To get reminders, text thsgsa2122 to 81010. On Friday, October 1st, during seminar, Mrs. Musselman is hosting a SADD meeting in B205. To get reminders, text @tcsadd to 81010. Keep in mind, if there is not a club you are interested in or you have an idea for one, reach out to Mr. Niles to see if your idea could join the list!

New Changes Have Arrived at Tecumseh High School

by Chris Warren and Ethan Leitner

After beginning your 2021-2022 school year, you may have noticed some changes from years past. For the first time in recent history, Tecumseh High School has a seminar class as well as a few other changes to the handbook. Some of these new changes include updates to the phone policy, late passes, and the parking policy. In order to find out more about these important changes, "The Jungle Hook" reached out to Principal Niles and Assistant Principal Dolson.

These administrators are relatively new so we decided to hear about what their plans are for the near future. Niles stated, "My goals as an administrator are the same as what they are for THS. The vision of helping everyone become a leader, being better today than they were yesterday and taking ownership of their learning." When Assistant Principal Dolson was asked about his plans he said, "My goal is to create an environment that students and teachers feel safe about coming to school and to create a school climate that is exciting and welcoming", with the help of new changes, both administrators have the hope of helping students and teachers improve immensely this THS school year.

Assistant Principal and head football coach, Greg Dolson, has some huge objectives this year that he strongly believes will improve TPS for the better. These goals have led to some policy changes such as the phone policy. Some of the factors that lead to Assistant Principal Dolson buckling down on the phone policy include the fact that these cell phones are being used to cheat, to bring illegal items into school, to create social issues, and they are a HUGE distraction in the classroom. With buckling down on this policy, Dolson believes that the classroom focus will be back on what it truly should be, claiming, "The benefit to this policy is it redirects the classroom focus back on the material and events going on in the classroom."

Another new change that THS is seeing this year is the new seminar

class. Similar to what we have seen in the past with flex time, this is a time where students can get caught up and receive help from teachers. As of right now, it is just an hour on Tuesday and Friday, but there is a lot of potential for that to change. Dolson stated, "This is an excellent chance for students and teachers to work collaboratively in an effort to support learning." When Principal Niles spoke on this new seminar class, he talked about how it will help students keep their grades up; especially after last year when students saw drops in their grade due to challenges with the pandemic, and being new to the virtual, at-home learning environment. Another goal of seminar is to enhance students' social-emotional learning goals. Seminar is also a fun opportunity for clubs and organizations to convene during this time. Overall, Principal Niles is super excited for this new class, and what it will do for students at Tecumseh, excitedly expressing, "It's a win-win for everyone involved!"

Another policy that has become more strict this year is student parking. Parking passes are required and should be displayed in your rearview mirror with the number facing the front. Cars without permits may be towed at the owner's expense. When asked about these stricter rules, Niles stated, "We have returned to having students displaying parking permits this year. With a parking permit properly displayed, we can call the office and find out who the vehicle is registered to." Dolson had a different take, stating, "We are looking at ways of ensuring students drive safely while on campus. If a student can not drive safely in the parking lot then yes, we are going to remove the driving privileges from that student."

All of these changes are meant to keep the students safe and hopefully they ensure that everything runs smoothly. Principal Niles and Assistant Principal Dolson both want these new changes to have a positive impact on our school environment. If these policies work as intended, we should have a productive school year.

Sports & School

Maples continued . . .

. . . Coach Dolson is extremely proud that his players and students are not engaging in any of this, stating, "Our kids do it the right way." It is easy to get caught up in all of the nonsense going on outside of the football field, and Coach Dolson is proud that his kids did not give and continued to keep their focus on the highly anticipated game.

Despite the disrespect occurring off the field, arguably one of the biggest games this year in all of Michigan high school football finally arrived. It seemed like just about everybody from both neighboring towns

showed up and the stadium was filled with people. Just like Coach Dolson predicted, Adrian came out with a lot of energy and emotion in the first quarter. On the opening kick, Adrian recovered a fumble which eventually transitioned into a touchdown for the Maples. However, Tecumseh kept their composure, and AJ Bryan was able to break through the middle for the Indians' first touchdown of the game. From there, Adrian only scored one more touchdown and Tecumseh had several more. Gavin Chenevey scored two touchdowns (one receiving, one rushing), and Keedyn Riedel and Jayden Amaya both made interceptions for the Indians.

The overall stat leaders were Jacob Burns with 106 yards passing and 28 yards rushing, and AJ Bryan with 66 yards rushing and 40 yards receiving. When asked about how it felt to have a key role in the big win against Adrian, AJ Bryan humbly stated, "It feels amazing to be able to play in such a big game early on in my career. But I gotta give props to my amazing teammates and coaches. My teammates lead me to success in every way possible."

In the end, it was Tecumseh who came out on top with a huge 27-12 rivalry win. The Maples were raked yet again, specifically for the ninth consecutive year.

Athlete of the Week

by Hanah Peters



Gavin Chenevey | Football
August 30 - September 3

Chenevey started his football career when he was in 3rd grade. On the Tecumseh varsity football team he is a wide receiver, strong safety, and cornerback. Furthering his football career in college is something he aspires to do. If no scholarships are presented to him, he is not opposed to trying out for a team. He takes on many responsibilities for the team, not just with his skills, but also with being a good leader and helping out other players.

Some of Gavin's goals for himself and the team are currently open-minded, he just wants to play to win. His advice to the lower classmen on the football team would be, "Work hard, have a great attitude, and show up to practice."

Ethan Leitner | XC

September 13 - 17

Eighth grade was when Leitner decided to join the Cross Country team. He believes the season is going well so far for himself because of the personal records he's been making.

Leitner plans to run cross country in college, he is currently looking into Central Michigan University, Wright State, Hillsdale College, and the University of Toledo.

As a captain of the cross country team this year, people look up to him as an example and Ethan tries his best to represent the cross country team the greatest he can. He believes

he was chosen for athlete of the week because of his new personal record of 16:01 at the Huron Invite, and because of his good sportsmanship and confidence in the team.



His goals for the rest of the season are to break the school 5k record of a 15:58, and place top ten at states. When asked about what advice he would give to the underclassmen on the team, Leitner said, "If you wanna be successful you have to put in the work. Coaches can only provide so much mileage and workouts, so what you do in the offseason is what leads to a great season."

Ryan Somsel | Soccer

September 6 - 10



Ryan Somsel has been playing soccer for 15 years. As a Tecumseh varsity soccer player, he is the center midfielder.

Somsel plans to play soccer on a collegiate

level at Hope College, Spring Arbor, Adrian College, Or University of Michigan Dearborn. As a varsity returner for the third year now, he feels the responsibilities as a captain.

Somsel believes he was chosen as the Athlete of the Week because he helped his team by putting them 2-0 against Pinckney, and made some crucial decisions against Adrian despite the loss. His goal for himself is to make All-League First Team in the SEC, and for the team to win districts. His advice to the underclassmen would be, "To never take anything for granted because it could be taken from you in a day, whether that's from an injury or something else."

Student Government

Student council is made up of class officers that are elected by their peers. Any student that would like to share ideas about school improvement, activities, charity drives, etc., may attend open student council meetings or reach out to a class officer. The following are Tecumseh High School's class officers for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

Freshmen

President:
Robert Kourt

Officers:
Mae Mattson
Luke Barden
Grant Simpson

Sophomores

President:
Bella Juozapaitis

Officers:
Ashley Bemis
Allie Norden

Juniors

President:
Andrew Rowe

Officers:
Emily Stevenson
Madeline McRoberts
Blakely Rains
Evan Pollett

Seniors

President:
Brynn Richardson

Officers:
Aden Schmidt
Caleb Albright
Amelia Danley
Emma Newlove

Upcoming Events

APPLEUMPKIN *festival*

When: Saturday, October 9 from 9am - 6pm
 Sunday, October 10 from 10am - 5pm

Where: Downtown Tecumseh with shuttles available to: **KAPNICK ORCHARDS**

Open: Saturday, October 9 from 7am - 8pm
 Sunday, October 10 from 8am - 6pm

Where: 4245 N. Rogers Hwy

#POWDER PUFF

Sunday, October 10
 5:00 pm @ Indian Stadium.

First Game: 9th vs. 11th

Second Game: 10th vs. 12th

Final Game: Winners of previous two

HOMECOMING

Football game: October 15

7:00 pm @ Indian Stadium

Informal Homecoming dance to follow.

Dance ends at 11:00 pm.



Blood Drive

October 8 in the THS Gymnasium
 9:00 am - 1:45 pm

Sign up for a time to donate blood by going to www.redcrossblood.org and entering the following sponsor code:
TECUMSEHINDIANS



Suicide Prevention Awareness Game

Tecumseh High School is hosting a *Suicide Prevention Awareness* football game on October 9. There will be **giveaways** and a short presentation at half time.

This will be a **PURPLE OUT** for the jungle!

Concerts

October 18	7 pm
Symphony Orchestra	THS Cafetorium
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October 19	7 pm
Chamber Orchestra	THS Cafetorium
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October 20	TMS plays at 6pm THS plays at 7:30 pm
TPS Choirs	THS Cafetorium
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October 27	7 pm
Band O' Rama	All bands from 5 pm - 12 am THS Cafetorium
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