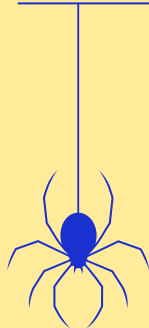




# COUGAR REVIEW

## OCTOBER



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE FEAR!



**By Oliver Hewson**

Everyone has a favorite season. However, some tend to gravitate towards October for a number of reasons. Arguably, the main event of the month is Halloween, and many have different traditions they'll be celebrating this spooky season. Some dress up and go trick or treating; others stay home watching movies or doing other fall activities. When asked what they did for Halloween, the students here at Greenfield-Central High School provided all sorts of interesting responses. One of the students interviewed was sophomore Jaxan Prigg, who remarked that his favorite Halloween activity was "judging the costumes." He also mentioned that he has a tradition of going to his neighbor's house, and they all sit around a fire in the driveway. However, Junior Faith Hobbs' idea of Halloween differs. While she doesn't have any set traditions, she enjoys eating Halloween candy, and her favorite costume she's ever worn was a plague doctor. These are just two of the hundreds of students attending GCHS, and everyone has their own idea of Halloween.



James Whitcomb Riley House

## RILEY DAYS

**By Molly Cofer**

Riley Days is right around the corner, and Greenfield is excited about the iconic festival, which will take place from October 3 to 6. In keeping with tradition from previous years, the festival will be held in downtown Greenfield.

The Riley Festival, more commonly known as Riley Days, is a festival in Greenfield that celebrates James Whitcomb Riley, a famous Hoosier poet who was born there.

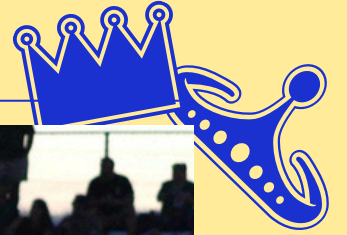
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# HOME COMING

## “COMIN’ HOME AGAIN”

Song “Homecoming” by Ye  
By Juliann Jones



Greenfield-Central students celebrated homecoming on September 14. The festivities commenced throughout the week, including a rival game against Pendleton Heights, a perfect parade, a girl’s flag football powderpuff game, a pep rally, and a night of dancing. Students showed up and showed out with themes, spirits, and cheer. The Cougars varsity football team won an intense game against Pendleton Heights, 28-14, and the senior class ended on top during the powderpuff game. Parading around town was a hit! Lunch Ladies, a play on wheels, and sports galore lined the streets, along with candy! Cougar pride is on the rise; as the dance commenced, the lights dimmed, and the beauty of the weekend was coming to an end.



Homecoming Queen (Chaney Brown) and King (Kody Smith)

It was crowded, entertaining, and so cool! It was great!” Hope Robertson, a Greenfield-Central freshman, gushes over her experience at her first dance. Hope was excited to share her experiences of the night. The dance was held in the gym of Greenfield-Central High School, decorated by the Cougar student council, “Being with my friends was the best part!” Hope said for the part she liked the most.

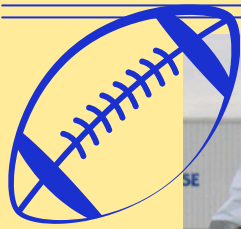


Showing off dance moves, GCHS students boogie down to “The Wobble” at the Homecoming dance



# TRUST THE PROCESS

By: Juliann Jones



GCHS Football team run through



Is history being made? The Cougars have put up some impressive stats this season. "The seasons is going good, we're 5-0, the kids are playing hard," Nolting said when asked how the season is going. Ranked third as a team in Class 4A football has created an impressive name. In the Hoosier Heritage Conference they sit third, steadily climbing the ranks each week.

"It's always interesting to see how a season will go," Nolting began after asked about surprises during the season, "injuries are always there, but they've pulled through." On the field some star players have gone down—but don't have fear, the next man is ready on the sideline. Many players were interchangeable throughout the season but some continue to stay at the top of the leaderboards.

- L** Cooper Hinton (26' FS / RB) most touchdowns.
- E** Peyton Foley (25' FB / LB) most sacks.
- A** Andrew Trabel (25' T) historic kicker.
- D** Boston Willard (25' WR / DB) most receiving yards.
- R** Trenton Smith (27' RB / SS) most tackles.
- S** Dallas Freeman (25' QB / FS) most passing touchdowns, New GCHS record holder.

## "Go Big Blue!"

By: Juliann Jones

The GCHS Cheer team has had a beautiful display on Friday night. The team has intense chemistry, leading to an array of flips and stunts. These girls have been cheering together for a number of years, making the Greenfield-Central Cheer Team very unique.

Ranked in the top five of Indiana's competitive season last year, the girls intend to remain a known name. This upcoming February they'll be competing in nationals, traveling to Walt Disney World.

Don't worry, they'll stick around through the winter season. Cheering for the GCHS basketball teams and weekend competitions, the Cougar cheerleaders will be dazzling everyone with their impressive routines. "Go big blue!"



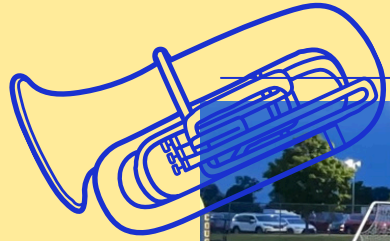
Golden hour for the Cougar girls



# BAND UPDATE

## ANY WAY THE WIND BLOWS

By Molly Cofer



GCHS Marching Band tuba section performing

Photo credit: Sean Fanin

Recently, in Lawrence, the Greenfield-Central Marching Band had their first competition, where they debuted this year's show, "Any Way The Wind Blows." This lively show is inspired by Queen's hit song "Bohemian Rhapsody." The name of the show comes from a line at the beginning of the song, and the inspiration shines through in the set.

The band members have been working hard to make this show phenomenal. With practices as long as 12 hours occurring every weekday in the summer and Thursday through Friday during the school year, they have put a lot of work into this. "It's worth it, getting through all the hard practices and band camp and stuff," says Audrey Low, a new freshman in the band, "Once you have show nights ... it's like, amazing."

Not only have the members themselves been working hard, but the directors and parents as well. This show is all wind themed, from props to the movements, it is designed to make you feel like the wind is blowing through the music. They had several all-new props made to aid in telling the story.

It's safe to say that everyone is excited to see how this season goes and whether or not they can become three-time state champions. Everyone wishes them good luck and high hopes for the season.



GCHS Marching band performing at practice

Photo credit: Audrey Low





# DRAMA DEPARTMENT

## A BIGGER, BETTER, BOLDER SPACE

By Kaitlyn Jolicoeur



Digital render of the new auditorium and what it is set to look like.

Photo Credit: heavy.com

The new auditorium is finished this month! It won't be an immediate move, but the drama department is getting ready to switch! The spring play is expected to be held in the new space. Soon the behind-the-scenes crew will be taught all the ropes on how to manage it for plays. It's bigger than the current auditorium, with more soundproofing and room. Greenfield's summer surprise is coming to an end and we're all excited.

The construction handoff date is October 7, but it isn't known if it'll be fully operational by then. The Christmas concert is hoping to be the big reveal. The new auditorium by space is about 30% larger and seat and stage standpoint its about 50% larger.

From October to early spring there will be a transitional period between the facilities. Once everything is setup, Jeffery Dalstrom hopes to rig all the batons, which work automatically. Dalstrom hopes that it'll be mostly student ran. There are some opportunities for paid positions as well. But if you're not looking for a job you can also volunteer, as Dalstrom hopes to use this as an education facility as well.



Outdoor photo rendering of the auditorium

Photo Credit: heavy.com

Dalstrom hopes to have more plays and possibilities with the new auditorium. He is excited about the new light and sound system and looking forward to its capabilities.



# DRAMA DEPARTMENT

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

By Ellie Ketchen

Greenfield-Central High School is performing a new play! A Midsummer Night's Dream is a Shakespearean play. It will be performed on November 1, 2, and 3. On the 1 and 2, it will start at 7 pm, and on the 3 it will begin at 2 pm. In the play, Hermia is in love with Lysander, but Hermia's father wants her to marry Demetrius. Another character, Helena, is in love with Demetrius. Those four end up in the woods, and King Oberon plays a prank that goes wrong and causes chaos among the four. He eventually manages to fix the problems he started, and at the end, there is a play in a play for a grand finale.

Some lead actors include Alayna Gustin playing Hermia, Orion Kortz playing Lysander, Carter Wilson playing Demetrius, and Cailey Michalisko playing Helena. In an interview with Brooklyn Wing, who plays the fairy Peaseblossom, when asked what she liked about being an actor, she said, "I like performing and putting on a show. I especially like doing shows for kids because they have bigger reactions." She also mentioned, "The two places in the play are the town of Athens and a forest. I play one of the fairies, so most of my scenes are in the forest."

A construction crew member, Melanie Thompson, said, "I don't like being the center of attention, so when I'm doing lights, I'm back where no one can see me." A lot of times, construction crews don't get enough credit for their role, but they do a lot for the drama club. They work on construction, light, scenery, costumes, props, and sounds. Thompson elaborated on her role, saying, "I control the lights; like how dim versus bright, and when to turn them off and on. They have two places, in the cloud where the spotlights are, and in the booth. I like how simple lights are. Actors have to memorize their lines, but I get a paper to look off of."

Mr. Dalstrom mentioned that his favorite part of the play is the play within a play at the end. He said it made fun of actors and theater, and it has lots of fun gags. When asked what made him choose the play, Dalstrom said that part of the reason he chose the play was because it would be a little more challenging for the drama members, and he said that they are doing great. The play will be absolutely amazing, and is sure to impress!



It's All About the Drama. From left: Ruby Wilson, Bella Cosaro-Ferge, Mimi Tran, Remi Streamns, and Braya Browning from the tech department pose for a picture.



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# CANCER AWARENESS



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## ROSE TINTED SUPPORT

By Kamerina Davis & Tairra houglan

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wearing pink ribbons serves to honor those who have battled or are currently fighting cancer, remember those who have lost their lives to it, and support the advancements that oncologists are making in the fight against breast cancer. Freshman Chloe Cook shares, "My grandma struggles with breast cancer, and it is a common gene in my family. So when I'm older, I could possibly get breast cancer, and it's very scary." Breast cancer, like many other cancers, has a genetic component that can run in families.

Another freshman, Faith Evans, expresses, "I know some people struggle with it, and it can be fatal, so I'm just really aware." While oncologists are diligently working to discover effective ways to combat cancer, a definitive cure has yet to be found. However, significant progress has been made in treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Charitable contributions and support funds help ease the burden on both doctors and patients seeking necessary assistance. Surviving cancer is a remarkable achievement, and as research continues to evolve, survival rates improve. Show your support by wearing pink!





# SOCCER

By Kamerina Davis

The Greenfield-Central Women's Soccer Team is a growing team! The team has 29 teammates: eight seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and 12 freshmen. Our captains are senior Chaney Brown (#12), senior Claire Davidson (#7), senior Tessa Joyner (#6), and junior Paige McCarley (#28). Our head coach is Brandon Steeno, and our JV coach is Pete Dejanovich. Our assistant coaches are Katie Helgason and Shailynnn Steeno.

The varsity team has gone 3-4 in the conference games. The varsity continues to grow and learn from experiences and improve every game. In an interview with team captain Claire Davidson "I think the team strengths this season have been how willing to grow everyone is, and how passionate all the girls are about soccer."

The JV team has gone 4-0 in the conference games with one mercy roll! The JV team always comes ready to play and always puts in 100% effort. Most of the JV team has been thrown into varsity games and pulled through every time!

So many of the JV players play both JV and Varsity. Having 12 very talented freshmen and a few sophomores, many of them get the opportunity to play on the varsity field.

# VOLLEYBALL

By Kaitlyn Jolicouer

New school records are being shattered! The GCHS Cougars are making significant strides as the season approaches its conclusion. Their sectionals will kick off on October 13, 2024. The varsity team boasts an impressive record this season. They have produced standout players, including senior Rilee Roland, senior Madison Sonsini, and school record holder senior Makenna Rankins. The team is brimming with talent. The teamwork and dedication have made this Greenfield-Central Volleyball season truly exciting to watch! With a strong senior presence, new opportunities are emerging. Come out and support our girls as they set to battle in sectionals.



Madison Sonsini, a varsity senior





# MEET THE STAFF

By Mrs. Ruch



Cougar Review Staff from left to right: Back Row: Samuel Sherman, Aziyah, Cook, Juliann Jones, Tairra Hougland, Elsie Ketchen, Kamarina Davis. Front Row: Oliver Hewson, Kaitlyn Jolicoeur, Trinitee Fitz, Molly Cofer

As the new school year kicks off, it's time to showcase the outstanding staff at The Cougar Review. From athletes to artists, here's an exclusive look at who they are and what sets them apart!

## Molly Cofer (9)

Molly is a creative soul who loves writing, reading, and crafts. Her favorite class is math, thanks to her inspiring teacher. Molly aims to become a media lawyer after college and is currently involved in the theater's set department. Her advice? "Make new friends and join clubs!" Fun fact: she once lived in southern Mississippi!

## Aziyah Cook (9)

Aziyah loves playing volleyball and coloring in her free time. Her favorite class is student Newspaper because she finds it interesting, and the teacher is incredibly nice. After graduating, Aziyah plans to become a real estate agent and help people find their dream home. Her advice to newcomers at GCHS is to stay on top of your work because high school can be overwhelming if you fall behind.

## Kami Davis (9)

Kami enjoys going for runs and writing. Her favorite class is Newspaper, where she gets to explore her passion for writing. After high school, Kami aspires to become a lawyer. While she's not involved in sports or clubs, she believes in staying true to herself and offers this advice to newcomers at GCHS: "Don't mess with the wrong group of people and be yourself." One thing you might not know about her? She's determined and doesn't like giving up.

## Trinitee Fitz (9)

Trinitee is a passionate softball player, excelling as a pitcher and shortstop. Her favorite subject is math, and she dreams of attending nursing school after graduation. Trinitee advises newcomers to "be yourself and don't try to impress anyone."



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# MEET THE STAFF

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## Oliver Hewson (10)

A creative mind, Oliver enjoys drawing, jewelry making, photography, and collecting unique items. Oliver finds Earth and space science fascinating and hopes to study meteorology. Active in the theater's lights crew, Oliver's advice, "put yourself out there, if you don't join any clubs or talk to those around you, your time during high-school is going to be miserable. You absolutely will find your people, it just takes time, be patient!" Fun fact: despite being anxious, Oliver loves connecting with people!

## Tairra Hougland (9)

A lover of music and volleyball, Tairra finds her passion in theater production. She enjoys the hands-on approach of the class and the camaraderie with her peers. While unsure of her future plans, she encourages students to "stay true to yourself."

## Kaitlyn Jolicoeur (9)

Kaitlyn enjoys writing, reading, and drawing and wants a pet snake! Although she's still exploring her interests, she wants to attend college and reminds her peers that "if you stay determined and focused, you won't have a problem."

## Juliann Jones (11)

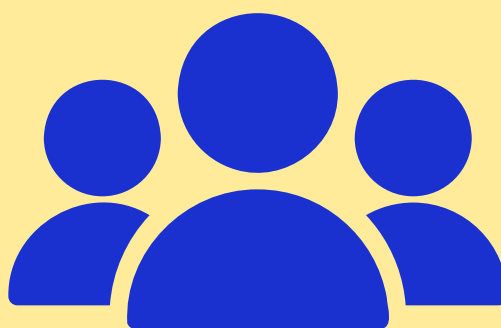
Juliann is a talented athlete. She plays basketball as a small forward and competes in track events like the 400 and long jump. She has a passion for cooking and enjoys music and dancing. Juliann's favorite class was engineering, where she appreciated Mr. Kerkhof's fun learning. She aspires to be an architectural engineer and encourages students to "get to know everyone" and be kind to the lunch staff. Here's a fun tidbit: Juliann loves old Disney movies and prefers cats over dogs.

## Ellie Ketchen (9)

Ellie is a Lego-building enthusiast and enjoys reading. She's uncertain about her college plans but encourages fellow students to be friendly and open to new friendships. A unique quirk: Ellie can rotate her leg backward from the knee down!

## Samuel Sherman (10)

Sam enjoys skateboarding and reading; his favorite class is Spanish with Mrs. Jagers. He plans to pursue accounting in college. Although he isn't involved in sports or clubs, His advice for students is to "Use your time wisely when doing your work, whether that be at home or school." Fun fact: Samuel was born in Indianapolis, not Greenfield!





# SENIOR HIGHLIGHT

## ONE LAST TIME

By Juliann Jones

### Madelyn Bowman

Maddi has been a cheerleader for seven years now. She is aspiring to cheer at IU and study sports marketing. "I want to be remembered as someone who gave back to the school and was involved!"



### Carter Rankins

Carter has been a major pillar in GC Rage. "It gives everyone an opportunity to have a voice and support our school." He plans to attend Ball State and pursue a degree in criminal justice.



### Della Hedge

Della has been involved with GC's variety of activities: cheer, golf, student council, senior class council, and student leadership academy. She wants to study at Purdue for aviation management and become a luxury aircraft broker. "I love being a cougar, cheering and being involved has my heart."



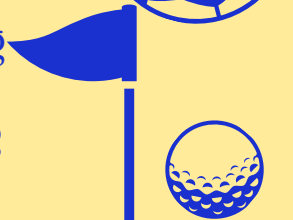
### Zach Blevens

Entering his third year of football, Zach plans to play in college after GC. "Work hard now in everything you're involved in, whether it's sports or chores with your mom." He wants to be remembered as a great leader and an open listener. Do it all the best you can!



### Kynsey Hasty

Kynsey has been golfing for one year. "Don't give up, keep pushing through!" is her advice to freshmen. She plans on attending college in the fall. She would like to be remembered as a leader and never afraid to try something new.



### Tessa Joyner

Tessa has been involved in soccer for 15 years. She's said soccer has taught her many life lessons and good work ethic. "It's shaped me into a better person who is hardworking and can manage things well." She plans to go to school for fashion design in the fall.



### Harper Holden

Harper has played volleyball for six years now. She plans to attend college to play volleyball and study culinary. "I want people to look back and think about how you made them feel important." Volleyball has taught her important lessons and how to work with everyone!



### Alisa Owens

Alisa has been involved in GC theater since her freshman year. Having been in nine shows she wants her classmates to remember her as a caring leader. After high school she plans to enter the workforce and fund herself through nursing school. "Let people know you will always be there for them!"



### Samuel Wright-Ruggles

Samuel started pursuing music in seventh grade, four years in marching band, three years of winter winds, and a third year of jazz band. After high school he plans to attend trade school or a university that catches his eye. He would like to be remembered as funny and caring.



# RILEY FESTIVAL

## A BAREFOOT BOY

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This year's theme for the festival is "A Barefoot Boy," from one of Riley's poems. The poem is about a young boy who plays outside and stubs his toe, and the execution of this theme will definitely be exciting to see.

The people living downtown, near the festival site, are all excited for this year's festival. Hilliary Cofer, who lives just down the street from the festival site, says, "I enjoy everything about [Riley Days], the food, the small business booths, and the way our community comes together." She has lived here for over two years and eagerly awaits the festival every year, much like everyone else in Greenfield. "I love being able just to walk down any time," She says when asked what it's like to live so close.

Everyone is excited for Riley Days this year, and it's sure to be a great one.



The Riley Festival

Photo credit: rileyfestival.com



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## A Barefoot Boy

By James Whitcomb Riley

*A barefoot boy! I mark him at his play—  
 For May is here once more, and so is he,—  
 His dusty trousers, rolled half to the knee,  
 And his bare ankles grimy, too, as they:  
 Cross-hatchings of the nettle, in array  
 Of feverish stripes, hint vividly to me  
 Of woody pathways winding endlessly  
 Along the creek, where even yesterday  
 He plunged his shrinking body—  
 gasped and shook—  
 Yet called the water "warm," with never lack  
 Of joy. And so, half enviously I look  
 Upon this graceless barefoot and his track,—  
 His toe stubbed—ay, his big toe-nail  
 knocked back  
 Like unto the clasp of an old pocketbook.*



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# FALL BREAK

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## CHANGE OF HABIT

By Sam Sherman

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“Fall break is one of the most enjoyable times of the year! Students wait in anticipation from Labor Day to October for fall break. You can get a pumpkin, decorate for Halloween, and maybe even start Christmas shopping. But that might be cut shorter than Greenfield-Central High School (GCHS) students think. GCHS announced that each seasonal break will be only one week instead of two. This change is because summer will be longer by two weeks.



Emerson Piercy expressed his thoughts to the Cougar Review regarding how the upcoming schedule change will impact his break. He visited his grandparents in Alabama last fall and plans to do so again this season. When comparing various breaks, Piercy noted that fall break is “slightly different,” while winter break stands out due to Christmas. He believes the schedule change will certainly affect him, but he appreciates it nonetheless. “I actually really like the idea. It’s more fun and free than the other breaks,” he remarked. However, he added, “It’s going to mess me up. I do enjoy the break. I’d prefer a longer summer.”

While the exact timing of the schedule change remains uncertain, it is speculated to occur within the next three years at the latest. Speaking on behalf of his peers at GCHS, Emerson Piercy highlighted that, for the most part, students support this idea. Once this schedule change is implemented, students will need to adjust, and it will impact their lives.



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**Session Fee:** No charge

**Location:** Cougar Meeting Room

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<b>NUMBER OF OUTFITS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Up to 2</b>	<b>Up to 3</b>	<b>Up to 4</b>
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