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A Starry Debut

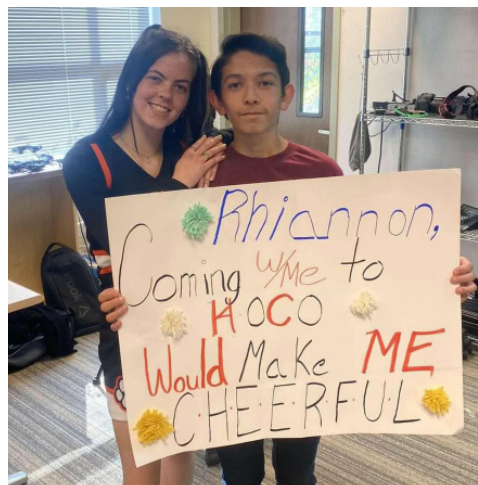
A Memorable Night Under the Stars

*Hanna Macomber & Leesaw Jordan:
2022-23 GFHS Homecoming Royalty*

Student "Hoco-prosals"



Taylor Severson (Junior) gathered a crowd when he proposed to Alexa Marroquin (Senior) during the pink-out football game.



Alex Vargas-Reid (Junior) proposed to Rhiannon Crockett (Junior) with a cheery pom-pom sign.



Alex O'Connell (Senior) asked Drew Dollarrhide (Junior) with a Wanted poster in matching cowboy hats.



Payton Van Winkle (Senior) surprised Katelyn McFarlane (Senior) with a door right as the Pink-Out Football game was wrapping up.



Right before first period, Drake Smith (Freshman) asked Morgan Lachapelle (Freshman) to HOCO with a glowing football sign.



Outside of Mrs. Sullivan's classroom, Tony Thelen (Sophomore) proposed to Kayley Madsager (Sophomore) with a bouquet of roses and a sign.

"And Your Homecoming Queen and King..."

by Alexa Marroquin-Garcia



Princess Miriam Hernandez and Prince Andrew Hamm



Senior Royalty celebrating after the Queen and King were crowned. Queen Hanna Macomber and King Leesaw Jordan are featured on the cover of this issue.



Princess Aissatou Diallo and Prince Kenneth Parnell

The big moment had finally arrived. Homecoming princesses and princes were standing on the field, ready to find out who had won Homecoming King and Queen of 2022. The anticipation was high - flowers, sashes, and crowns were ready to be distributed on the field. The princesses - Miriam Hernandez, Aissatou Diallo, and Hanna Macomber - stood on the field gracefully beside the treasure, waiting to see who would be crowned. The princes - Leesaw Jordan, Kenneth Parnell, and Andrew Hamm - awaited beside them. Each nominee was announced by name and grade while the suspense continued building with the crowd. The suspense was setting in. Who will it be?

There was a moment of silence as the crowd anticipated the winners. "And your 2022 Homecoming Queen and King are... Hanna Macomber and Leesaw Jordan!" The crowd was ecstatic- loud applause and cheers boomed from both parents and friends of the winners. Friends Hanna, Aissatou, and Miriam shared a long hug, all grateful of the experience they shared throughout the last couple of weeks. As the halftime performances began, it was time to talk to the King and Queen. Hanna was overjoyed in the best of ways. When asked about her emotions, Hanna was "really grateful and overwhelmed." She was quick to thank the students of Granite Falls for nominating her as Homecoming Queen of 2022, and ended her interview energetically with a "Thank you, thank you so much!" Homecoming King Leesaw Jordan was surprised that he won: "I thought Kenny P. was going to get it." Like Hanna, Leesaw also felt gratitude towards his peers. He wanted to thank them "for giving [him] the chance to be Hoco King." Congratulations to all nominees for making Homecoming Court of 2022, it is a great honor.

Felicitations to both Macomber and Jordan for being crowned this school year!



Junior Connor Gillen (3) moves around in the pocket as he searches for a target downfield.



The Granite Falls High School band performs for the enthusiastic crowd at halftime.

An Impressive Showing All Around

by Ava Jennings & Alexa Marroquin-Garcia

Friday's game was a close one, with Granite Falls losing 13-12 to Vashon Island. Our Tigers started the first half with incredible power – Christopher Ryer (Football Captain and LB/OL) – described the team's on-the-field work as a "10/10." Throughout the game, tensions increased throughout the game and according to Ryer, "morale started going down towards the end."

As half-time approached, Cheer, Color Guard, and Band performed their routine for the big night. Band marched onto the field in a perfect formation, prepared for an excellent performance. The Color Guard performed with such grace; their routine truly impressed with seniors Mia Boisen, and Ellie Dane dazzling on the field. Band seniors include Jason Gorbunov, Sage Dryer, Janaya Lee-Johnson, Jakob Young, Aurelia Crockett, Nathan Waugh, Nolan Jones, Mika Westphal, and Bella Floyd.

Our cheer team completed their elaborate routine with incredible skill and athleticism. Katie Borden-Freeman also performed an astounding tumble routine. Senior Cheerleaders include Cheri Norris, Katelynn McFarlane, Abbie Mayer, and Melissa Gonzalez.

Even if we didn't like the end result, the play on the field is something to be proud of. Granite scored with a touchdown (7pts.), a field goal (3pts.), and a Safety for (2pts.). Ten of these points scored in the First Quarter, while two scored in the Fourth Quarter. The senior football players include Gavin Toland, Dakota Wilkinson, Leesaw Jordan, Alejandro Damian, and Shona Chigovanyika.



GFHS football players line up against Vashon Island on Homecoming Day.



GFHS students, wearing black and orange, cheer on the home team on Homecoming Day.

A Starry-Eyed Freshman

by Bailee Perez

To most teens, Homecoming is a highly anticipated event that is a huge part of the high school experience. To me, Homecoming is just as exciting, but it's not a long time coming. I have been going to alternative schools for most of my life, and none of these schools had football teams or regular dances. Because of this, I was never able to look forward to what most people would call normal "high school experiences."

Some teens think that the Homecoming dance is corny, or they might not think it's worth their time. Every year high schools across the country hold this event, and though it seems cliché, this tradition has continued for good reason. Students make memories that last a lifetime. There is something special about seeing your classmates happy and having a good time, and that makes it all worthwhile.

All of the planning that goes into this one day enhances the experience and makes it all the more exciting and memorable. For most of the month of October, students are talking about what they are going to wear, who they are asking, plans for dinner, and how excited they are for the Homecoming game.

The big game this year was a fun and memorable time, standing with my friends and cheering on the home team. Being in the student section, participating in cheering, and dressing up in the game's theme is a special experience. And during halftime, the band helped to create quite a show!

The dance made for a very special night. I loved seeing everyone dressed up and content. A lot of people danced. I especially liked that there weren't tables, because people didn't have the option of sitting out and not joining the fun. The memory of this night will stay with many of us for a long time. This year's homecoming experience was definitely "written in the stars!"

Fall Athletics: A Season in Review



Kings, Queens, and Royalty

by Nevaeh Alvarez & Sam Vargas-Reid



Granite Falls High School "Royalty," of all grade levels, stop to pose for a picture together. Seniors Leesaw Jordan and Hannah Macomber (cover) would eventually be crowned King and Queen respectively.

This homecoming week was filled with school spirit, funky clothes, and just a touch of drama. Of course, we're talking about the good kind of drama: our homecoming nominees. As it was our seniors' 4th year, they knew the rules of the runway and most weren't too surprised to be nominated.

The best duo of the assembly goes to Emily Bergstrom and Chris Ryer for their high energy and school spirit. Both juniors were surprised when they found out they were nominated, but chalked it up to always being loud, proud, and happy. When it came to people having dates, about half of the crowd seemed content to go solo, while others were happily paired up. Ms. Bergstrom was more than happy to attend with a big group of friends, and she hopes that everyone had as much fun as she did.

Homecoming ranged from super fun to stressful, and some considered it "just a school thing". When it came to junior Chris Ryer, he felt super "chill" and just as excited as his two friends, Emily and Bradley Kehoe. The three of them came up with a special handshake to show off, all wearing shades to add to the moment. Ava Lester, one of our homecoming "princesses," says that one of the not-so-glam parts about the dances "Sweating your butt off while dancing!" Another student, who wishes to stay anonymous, enjoys the "drama between the nominees."

Some students think that there should be more activities during homecoming so that people aren't just standing around. There were so many nominees and we couldn't get to them all, everyone really looked like royalty! One last thing: this writer wants to give a shout out to Mr. Nihi for singing songs that kept the students entertained before the assembly!

Letter from the Editor

Hello Tigers!

To begin with, I would like to thank you for reading the first edition of the Tiger Tribune. It has been such a wonderful experience diving into the first Granite Falls High School's Newspaper in a long time. I am beyond excited to see what this year will bring and the journey that we will take with this newspaper. Each month, you will find a brand-new copy of the Tiger Tribune by the Student Store after 3rd period. Additionally, we are excited to announce that businesses around Granite Falls will also have copies of the Tribune. We will provide coverage of sports events, school activities (BOTC etc.), clubs, and literary pieces. This list will expand as the school year progresses, and eventually a Spotlight section will be added to congratulate students for their hard work and participation in school. I'd like to give a shout out to the rest of our staff below. If you would like to join the staff of the Tiger Tribune, visit Mr. McCabe in Room B222!

Truly Yours,
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Executive Editor
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The Tribune still needs help! We are in need of a Sports Editor, writers and photographers. Meetings are at 2:15 on Tuesdays in B222, we would love to see you there.

Have a story idea or have any questions? Email gfh.tigertribune@gmail.com or drop off suggestions at Mr. McCabe's room (B222).