

# ILLINI BLUFFERS

## NEWS

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Dear readers,

This April, we have decided to take a new creative approach to our newspaper. This is the Tiger Times' first ever April Fools edition. All of the articles found within these pages are fake and fabricated by our lovely staff.

The purpose of this April Fools edition is not only to have fun on this holiday, but to further explore the importance of media literacy. It's important for us as media consumers to understand and identify the difference between authentic and fabricated content.

When reading this edition, I want you to keep one question in mind: how many of these articles would you have believed to be real, despite how far-fetched they may seem, had there not been a warning at the beginning?

It has been fun working on this unique edition and learning about the importance of media literacy. I hope this is a fun edition for the readers as well!

-Charlene L. Editor-in-Chief

## All school buses break down; students forced to ride horses

By Insert Name  
Junior Tomfoolerist

At the Illini Bluffs District, students of all ages received a free pony ride as they made haste to class on Friday, March 29.

Early Thursday morning, T. Wellville, girls' basketball coach and driver's ed teacher, took his first-hour class to the bus barns, where he vandalized the district's transportation by pouring sugar into the fuel lines.

"It's detrimental to demonstrate the importance of vehicle maintenance," and "Real-life problems require critical thinking skills," says Timmy Wellville.

The young students in Wellville's class, unaware of the effects this would have, encouraged him to pour more than 13 pounds of sugar into the lines. "We had no idea this would happen, we just started a new unit," an anonymous student states.

The next day, Friday 29, school buses were released to pick up students for the last day of the week. Little did they know, they'd have one of the most memorable days of their k-12 career. After the buses had made their rounds picking everyone up, the first incident reported of engine failure was as they were headed back up Glasford Hill on Highway 24, near Kingston Mines.

After the bus barn heard the report of the first case, they quickly started receiving calls from other routes about engine troubles.

Head of district, superintendent, Dr. Ralvey tried to schedule an emergency meeting with Mr. Almasi to get the situation under control, but he was "too busy" styling his new wig that Stremmel had kindly donated to him, so it was all up to Dr. Ralvey to solve the issue.

Around a half hour had passed, and the students had been impatiently waiting on the idle buses as Ralvey had asked Ms. Sewell, Ms. Pibbs and Deputy Martinburg for input on the situation, inviting them to a private meeting. Martinburg reportedly "gave no input but a shrug".

"The mood was intense, but after a



20-minute brainstorming sesh, we got an answer," said Ms. Sewell. Ms. Pibbs had come up with a brilliant idea: for a few months now, the ag department had been raising ponies, so she figured, why not use our beloved IBHS shetland ponies as a mode of transportation? Alas, the situation was coming to a cool, and Ralvey made a district-wide call to all parents and staff informing them of the situation.

It was finally time for them to send out the ponies to pick up the students, but there was a slight problem: There were only a total of 12 Shetland ponies, so the journey would not be easy.

In the downtime that the students had while waiting for the rest of their class to arrive, IBHS administration agreed to let all high school students enjoy their time on the playground, while the elementary students were tasked with cleaning up the community, similar to the "community service days" IB has seen in the past.

It wasn't until 1:45 that all students were safely transported to the building, and by that time, most of the school day had passed. After evaluating the situation further, IB administrators decided that it would be best to call a few local farms and request their horses as well to make the journey home go faster.

After the farms agreed to lend their horses, the district had over 35 full-sized horses alongside the 12 shetland ponies we raised in the IB district.

Once it was time for people to go home, the transportation staff ensured that the younger kids were riding with an adult, most notably, Mr. Almasi, who only agreed so that his new hair could fly in the wind.

## Ms. Rob's new pet squirrel spreads rabies through the school

By Hetta Flettuce  
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For anyone that doesn't know Ms. Rob has been looking for a class pet. Well her decision was kind of made for her over spring break, when she found an injured baby squirrel. She decided that when spring break was over she would bring it in to be her class pet.

"I thought that he would make a great class pet and we could even do a unit over squirrels in one of my classes!" Ms. Rob said

She then decided that her bio 2 class would have a unit focusing on squirrels, but when they decided to get him out of the cage to take a closer look things took a crazy turn.

"Everything started off normal but things started to escalate very quickly." Junior Junie B. Jones said.

The squirrel escaped the classroom and got into the library, where it ruined all of Mrs. Culters displays. It even bit a couple of students that were hanging out in the library.

"It happened so fast it was hard to notice but I definitely noticed when it was on my face." Freshman Eeyore Smith said.

"It was just a normal day for me, then I noticed that books were falling off the shelves, and when I looked up it was already on me, and then it bit me! I can't believe the school would allow such a vicious animal in the school." Senior Tatum Riley said.

Eventually, Mr. Stremmel came through the back door to the library and let the squirrel out. Although it was too late, the damage had already been done. 3 students were sent to the nurse, who then sent them to the hospital, and they were told they had contracted rabies from the wild squirrel. When Ms. Rob was asked about it, she said.

"Peter Parker would never do such a thing. I trained him well over spring break. I think everyone made it up, maybe the school water made them hallucinate, but I know my baby squirrel wouldn't do that."



# Student spotlight: Hank Alvey

By Linda and Heather  
Troublesome Twins

When you walk through the hallways of Illini Bluffs High School, one person in particular stands out. Senior Hank Alvey stands at a whopping 6 foot 10. Due to his height, he decided to start playing basketball his senior year and is already committed to a D1 school. However, there are a lot of things about Hank that the average person wouldn't know.

At the beginning of high school, Alvey was 3 foot 9 inches. This caused him to get picked on by many of his teachers and classmates.

"I was made fun of a lot through middle school because I was so short," Hank said, "so I needed to figure out a way to become taller."

After hours of searching, he stumbled upon flintstone gummies that would make him taller. He bought them and started eating them daily.

"Once I started eating the flintstone gummies, I realized that they were actually working, so I just kept eating them," Hank said.

Hank has eaten them every day since freshman year and everyone is stunned by his new height.

"After almost 4 years of being on these gummies, I've grown around 4 feet, and it's caught a lot of people's attention."

He joined the basketball team his senior season and he's already caught more than just his peers' attention.

"I just got drafted to the Chicago Bulls because of my height, and they think I would be a really good fit for their team."

However, basketball isn't the only important thing to Hank Alvey. Outside of the court and the classroom, he raises baby squirrels in his home. He names these squirrels after his classmates.

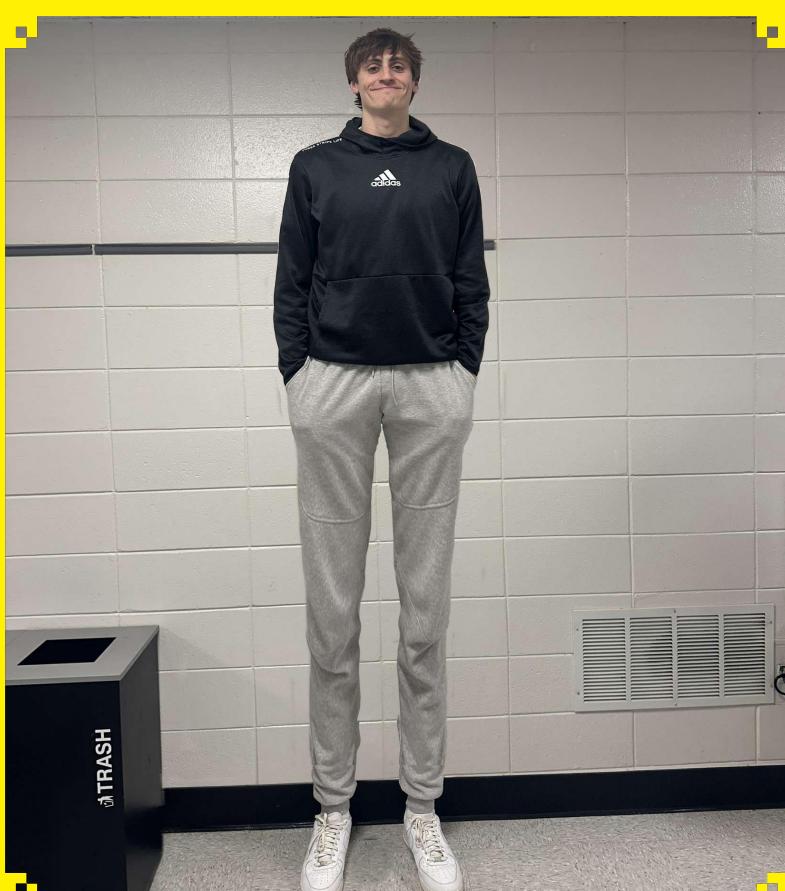
"I think it's so cool that he was able to save them," Wyatt H said, "I am honored to have one of his squirrels named after me."

In his free time, he also gathers roadkill for the school cafeteria's lunches.

"I didn't know it was roadkill," A random student said, "I'm so glad he gives us food to be able to enjoy."

Hank is a very helpful person and he's happy with what he's done so far.

"It's all worth it in the end."



# Courtesy of Stremmel; Almasi 'rocks' his new haircut

By Tia Emzee  
Gossip Columnist

At Illini Bluffs High School, there are often two topics of conversation: Stremmel's luscious locks, and Almasi's lack thereof.

Students are constantly talking about how they feel bad for our beloved principal, and his struggles with the lack of hair on his head.

"I always hear ramblings in the halls about how the students recognize Almasi's jealousy about my hair. This made me feel so bad for my dear friend, so I decided to step up" Stremmel said.

After hearing about a new kind of permanent wig installation process that only requires a donor to give their hair, Stremmel made the decision to donate his hair to Almasi. After Stremmel brought this idea to Almasi, he was ecstatic.

"I can't believe he would do this for me, I can't wait for my new hair!" Almasi said.

Once the procedure was done, Almasi finally had the glorious hair from his youth back.

All he has to do now is take care of his newfound hair, but luckily Stremmel has a foolproof way to keep Almasi's hair soft and flowing.

"All you have to do is mix 2 milliliters of Glasford water with 3 ounces of pickle juice and lastly add one raw egg. If you do this regimen once a week it will keep your



hair so healthy!" Stremmel shares.

A super simple and easy way to keep yourself looking youthful. Almasi couldn't be happier with his new look, and while Stremmel's hair is significantly shorter now, it still looks great and it'll grow back.

"I am so glad I get to match with him everyday now, so we can always be twinning," Stremmel said.

The new talk around the school is how amazing of a friend Stremmel is for doing that for Almasi.

"I was so happy to see Almasi, embracing his new look around the school," sophomore Peeta M. said.

Students have been noticing Almasi flaunting his new hair and really taking it in. Now Stremmel and Almasi will be bonded for life.

# Extra hour to be added to school for state-mandated Nap-time

By Anita Knapp  
Sophomore snoozer

Great news for sleepy students: Illinois now requires naps during school hours. The governor, who's been given the nickname "Naptime Nate" believes it's extremely important for students to rest for better learning and health.

Juliard's study shows that having a nap time for high school students will increase test scores by 100%. Naptime Nate decided that all Illinois students would be part of a continued study on if a nap time in high school would help students stop "catching attitude."

Here's how it's going to work: schools must set aside time daily for naptime. According to Mrs. Snoozelot, the CEO of naptime, "It's like a mini-vacation in the middle of the day."

Students across the state are celebrating as they now will be able to make it through a full day of classes without getting some shut-eye in the boring ones. Now students will have the option of watching a movie or taking a much-needed

nap. The school will have to set aside a room for students to nap in. Illini Bluffs will be completely padding one of their gyms to use for students to nap in.

"I'm very excited for this change. I plan to sleep through every class and I'll still be passing. This is the greatest mandate that has ever been passed." Finn Granola, secretary of state, said

Many folks are cheering, like Dr. Pillowhead, a sleep expert who says, "Naps are like brain breaksbrain-breaks, they help students stay sharp." While there are still a few details to figure out, like finding enough comfy pillows and soft enough blankets, it's very clear that nap time is a must for students to succeed.



# Drama club takes center-stage in the commons to promote flower fundraiser

By Big Fruit Stand

Health Lobbyist

The IBHS commons was renovated into a greenhouse overnight by Drama Club members. Following the drama club's flower fundraiser, students felt that they needed to go even further than a simple fundraiser to benefit our school.

What's better than fresh produce to cut back on lunch spending? "We just took matters into our own hands and decided to build a greenhouse dead center in the school," Klarese, member of the drama club said.

After careful consideration, the student body chose this approach to help Mr. Murphy with better lunch options. "After the greenhouse was built we've had fresh strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes! We also have more vegetable options like fresh cucumbers, carrots and

celery. Now with so many choices I get to pick which vegetable or fruit that I helped grow! Isn't that cool!" said Larry, a member of the student body.

Teachers love the idea, too! "Initially it shocked both the teacher and students. I walked in there expecting the usual tables, but there it was! I was standing in a jungle of greenery!" Ms. Claire said.

"The greenhouse doesn't only help with better lunch options, it also helps the earth science teacher, Ms. Leaf, demonstrate photosynthesis. Plus, it shows students how hard work pays off. It's so fun to eat the produce you've made. It feels rewarding." Principle Skate said.

The unexpected change is admired now and the community loves it.



## Vending machines to be replaced by "a healthy alternative"

By Quandale Dingle

Pro Tickle-Monster

Recently, an incident occurred in the Illini Bluffs High School; Ima Crushed was brutally crushed in hopes of shaking free a peeking Milky Way. Innocent bystanders say that Ima was seen banging on the window of the vending machine and licking the glass. This incident has pushed the idea that maybe we need to find less addictive and more nutritious snack alternatives, and put an end to the use of vending machines.

Illini Bluffs has had an ongoing issue with its vending machines. Students are taking up far too much quality learning time out in the hallways, drooling and staring into the black box filled with joy, with irresistible options screaming at students to stop by for a quick snack.

Over the 2022-2023 school year, over 8 billion trips to the vending machine have occurred, and 800 hours of class time have been lost due to daily snack trips. After much time and thought, the school board has found a solution: A FREE FRUIT BAR!



## IBHS offering door-opening opportunities for the 2024-2025 academic school year

By Joseph Bingletoe

Senior Tomfoolerist

Illini Bluffs is set to add two new classes to the curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year to adhere to the latest Illinois state education requirement. The Illinois Board of Education wrapped up its February meeting by mandating two more classes needed to graduate. Those two classes are half credits of alien linguistics and half credits of rocket science in which students will have to build their own rockets.

"With aliens discovered in Mexico, it is crucial that we prepare our younger generations to coexist with extraterrestrial beings," Illinois Board of Education superintendent Tony Sanders said.

These requirements will only apply to first- and second-year students, but it is also encouraged for all upperclassmen to take the classes so they will be able to survive when the world order changes.

The new required course Alien Linguistics will help educate students on how to translate, decipher and speak in almost all common alien languages, such as Wookiee, Klingon, and Borg, amongst many others.

"I'm super excited for next year, and I'm ready to decipher hieroglyphics and intercept messages from outer space and incorporating Spanish into these other worldly languages," IBHS teacher Señor Wirth said.

Although Señor Wirth is excited, the feedback from students has been quite the opposite.

"This is ridiculous, the aliens in Mexico were obviously fake and now they are trying to waste our time teaching us made-up bologna, especially when we'll never use it in real life," sophomore Will Alvey said.

Señor Wirth is not the only teacher excited to expand their teaching horizon, as sophomore

"We must put an end to this mindless spending on junk food and provide more plunger in the school bathrooms," Principal Dimitri Almasi said after the debate had concluded.

Also, Tom Hanks made a surprise visit during the debate and said "Placing a fruit bar would benefit the school and will make students taller" then proceeded to donate 2 billion dollars.

math teacher Mrs. Bricker prepares her course material for the new rocket science class.

"I am glad they are expanding the math curriculum and giving an alternative to math four, it'll be a blast to teach, pun intended." Mrs. Bricker said.

Apart from the main classes, IBHS will also be receiving a grant of \$525,600 to fund the new 'extraterrestrial plant life' community hour, run by Gresham.

"It is a true honor to be able to host lessons and demonstrate the importance of out-of-this-world plant life, and the things we can learn from it," T. Gresham said.

The funding for the new 'Audrey II' project is necessary and may need to be extended to feed the plants the school will be hosting, due to the unusual appetite they have.

For the most part, the teachers all agree that the 24-25 school year will be the bat into the future that the school has been needing!

# Pig sand sled racing to debut as IHSA sport in fall of 2024.

By Bob Slèhd

Part-time stable boy

The sport of Pig Sand Sled Racing will be the newest addition to IHSA sports in the 2024-2025 school year. The IHSA administration had seen this on a trip to Tasmania and fell in love watching it, so they decided to bring it back home.

"We really enjoyed watching these pigs pull these sleds down the beach, feeling the competitiveness in the air, we couldn't help but to bring the idea to the drawing board in Bloomington," IHSA president Chris P. Bacon said.

In Bloomington, the conclusion was that this sport would be a great addition, adding a new sport would bring a whole new wave of competition to the floor. New athletes, new fans, new animals and something the Illinois sports scene has never seen before.

"Hold your pigs people... Pig Sand Sled Racing will be one of the most competitive sports shortly, there is nothing out there like it. I think this will start a new wave across the country," IHSA Vice President Tad Moore said.

This new sport straight from the beaches of Tasmania will be a new look for sports. It includes a pig of choice connected by a rope to a sled, this will be hauling a person through the sand through a course. After the course is completed the teams of pigs will finish off with a 20ft swim to grab a ring and claim the victory.

"I've been pig sled racing my whole life; Wilbert and I are super excited to be able to represent my school in the sport I love," Illini Bluffs junior Alex Mccann said.

People are so competitive about all the traditional sports that have been around forever, a new sport giving new opportunities for fans and players was needed. The IHSA is very excited to give people the feel of this Tasmanian sport, so keep your eyes peeled for pigs in your school.



## Mike Tyson vs Jake Paul predictions: Paul takes it all

By Anonymous

Senior Goofballs

Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson is a highly anticipated new fight that has just been announced. Controversy and arguments have already broken out, causing a lot of debate online. Between the two, you can debate all you want, but only one side can be right. Until the fight actually happens, you can't be completely sure, but you can still make an analytical prediction based on previous performances.

Jake Paul is 27, he's still young and he has a swing as fast and heavy as a train. Another uncommon fact about him is that he had a 6th toe, but now he wears it on a necklace

that gives him good luck. His eyes are like looking into a void of insanity.

The reeking smell of axe cologne will get him wheezing and lose his breath. He will be mewling the whole fight, causing his jaw to be as strong as steel that even Mike Tyson can't damage. Jake Paul has a chug jug that he can use at any time during the fight, whereas Mike Tyson is a zero-build player, so he is definitely getting boxed like a fish.

Also, Jake Paul has the referees on his side because he is the new era of boxing, and he must be protected, which is what is needed for boxing

## '40% chance moon gets stuck' scientists warn

By Sue Da'nem

Professional Sun Watcher

This year's solar eclipse brings the chance of eternal darkness as NASA estimates a 40% chance the moon will get stuck in front of the sun, causing a permanent shadow over the earth.

According to NASA science, on Monday, April 8, a solar eclipse will consume the sky, and will be visible to viewers across the United States. Even though experts assure us that the likelihood is slim, it isn't impossible that this year's eclipse might be permanent!

The path of totality will begin near Pittsburgh and sweep southwest through Cleveland and Indianapolis. Southern Illinois will witness the eclipse around 2:00pm, and it will eventually make its way down to Dallas. Many viewers, such as Brock Lee, are driving over an hour to view this phenomenon! To get another opinion, we asked Brock, a local avid sungazer, what he thought about the possibility of a permanent eclipse.

"I think it would be just the coolest thing if the dumb, boring circle was replaced with a cool eclipse forever, plus it would be so much easier to sungaze." Brock said.

To shed more light on this celestial phenomenon, we reached out to NASA scientists and astronomers for their insights. They emphasize that while the chance of the sun getting stuck is minimal, the eclipse itself will still be a breathtaking spectacle.

"It's an incredible opportunity to witness a once in a lifetime event, but rest assured, eternal darkness is only probably in the forecast." Dr. Salt said.

Remember, safety is key when observing a solar eclipse. Make sure to use proper eye protection to avoid damaging your vision.

"If the moon did decide to get caught up in the gravitational pull of the earth and the sun, we would still need to practice safe viewing with solar eclipse sunglasses. Viewing through your camera lenses, binoculars, or a telescope without a special solar filter could cause permanent eye damage."

This fascinating event is still being studied by NASA's top scientists, but Dr. Knot Krayzie, the leader of the American Association of The Sun Starers claims she can predict the exact moon's placement.

"I believe the scientists and doctors at NASA have got it all wrong. 40% is a huge understatement, as they underestimate many factors that will go into this eclipse. In fact, we have calculated a drop in temperatures up to 10 degrees. We also suggest you stock up on flower food, vitamin D pills, and spray tan, as there is going to be a national shortage." Dr. Knot says.

Either way, we hope everyone can safely view and enjoy this year's eclipse, as it might be the last ever time we see the sun again! Happy stargazing!

of this comes together to give our glorious, beautiful king a story that the whole world will remember — the story of the amazing Disney star turned best boxer to ever live. Jake Paul will go down in history and there's nothing that can be done to stop it.

This fight has yet to happen, but the prediction is easy to make: Mike Tyson stands no chance in any way. Physically, mentally — and with the refs on his side — Jake Paul has everything going for him. Mike Tyson is one of the greats, but in the sheer presence of the Problem Child, he will tremble and fall on his knees.

to prosper and grow as a sport. Jake Paul has paid the refs off in every way possible, making it impossible for him to lose, but that's ok. Mike Tyson is old and is definitely retiring after this fight, meaning he is going to be out of the sport forever after this, while this is just a chapter in Jake Paul's story, meaning he needs to win.

In order to get Jake the win, the referees are planning to throw marbles in the ring when Mike Tyson least expects it, which is gonna give Jake Paul a free knockdown like in his fight against Anderson Silva, although they used a banana peel then. All

# One-on-one: Do we live in a simulation?

## Yes

By Bingus Kettleheimer

Gravel Eater

Of course, we do! Can you not see it? Look around you! Everywhere I look, I see the spots, the holes in reality. I can see into the systems, and they cannot hold the facade for much longer. One day I will escape, for even the gods are bound to slip, and we all will be free. They cannot hold me here forever! I reach for the things I love, and a moment later I forget what I was doing. My memory changes, and I do not remember it, but I know it! Things flow and distort, they change to accommodate each individual person, to keep them happy and oblivious. There are glitches in the simulation, I know there are, and I will find an escape!

## No

By Gilbert Hillside

Dirt Collector

Yeah... no. You're just wrong. Everyone in my lifetime who has said we live in a simulation, I've labeled a crazy person. You base your argument on no grounds. What? You walked into a room and forgot something? That means nothing, that's just how the brain works dummy. Your spouts of nonsense show no proof that we live in a simulated reality. I mean c'mon, if we were really in a simulation how on earth would we be able to prove that we are? Wait... There's no way to prove whether or not we are actually in a simulation. If we really are in a simulation why would there be obvious signs to prove that we are? Oh man, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I'm crazy. Is this world simulated? Is this world real? Am I real? Are you real?



# April Crossword

Answers posted at [ibhstigertimes.com](http://ibhstigertimes.com)

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### Artist of the month: Alex M.

