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ON THE COVER

Page High School football team kicks off the 2022 season.

Vision

A community of learners who direct our collective actions and resources toward the unique learning needs of every child in order for all students to become college and career ready and successful in a global society.

Motto

Collectively Committed to Every Student, Every Day, Every Minute.



Mission

Our schools are passionate about the learning-for-all mission and understand that every student matters. We are responsible and accountable for the education of every student that walks through our doors every day.

Congratulations!

Carlos Begay



PUSD's 2021-22
**CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE OF
THE YEAR**

Congratulations!

Mikaila Yellowhair



PUSD's 2021-22
**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE
OF THE YEAR**



Catching up with Jeffrey Jensen



Catching up with Jeffrey Jensen is no easy thing to do. The kid is busy.

Jensen, is a high-drive junior at Page High School. This time of year, he plays wing and midfield on the soccer team. This winter you'll find him on the wrestling mat, this spring he'll be behind the plate catching for the Sand Devils baseball team, and during the summer, he works at Ace in its garden center.

Last year, Jensen also played violin in the high school orchestra, but he had to drop it this year; he had no place to fit it in his already-packed schedule. Despite his busy extra-curricular schedule, Jensen still finds time to maintain a 3.6 GPA.

"I've gotten pretty good at Google calendar," he said. "It keeps me organized and everything flowing."

In a year filled with accomplishments, one of Jensen's biggest was earning his Eagle Scout last December. He was given the award in June during a Court of Honor. His Eagle Project earned him state-wide recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

For his Eagle Project, Jensen placed military markers on the graves of every veteran buried in the Page cemetery that didn't already have markers showing their military service. To complete the project, Jensen worked closely with Sue Specht and the City of Page, to make sure none of the veterans buried in the Page Cemetery were missed.

"He did a great job," said Frena Crane, Troop 7911's Committee Chair and Eagle Advisor. "Jeffrey is the kind of person who is quietly ambitious. He gets the job done, but

doesn't make a big fuss about it."

After Jensen received the list of every veteran in the Page Cemetery, he and Specht went through and checked every grave. Some of the graves already had veteran's marker, but when they found one that didn't, he added it to a list for later. A short time after locating the graves, Jensen organized a work crew and made plans to return and complete the job. When Jensen and his crew returned, they added veterans markers to every veteran's grave that didn't already have one. The crew also cleaned the headstone and grave site of each veteran and uploaded the veteran's name and the location of their grave to billiongraves.com, a website that seeks to rack the burial sites of every American serviceman and woman.

"It was a very worthy project," said Crane. "He went above and beyond on this. He accomplished something for the community, the state, the country and the world with this."

Jensen's Eagle project garnered him a lot of recognition and praise throughout the state. He won second place for Scout of the Year and the City of Page also recognized Jensen for his outstanding work. The VFW, at the state level, also has plans to recognize Jensen for his service to Arizona Veterans and his work getting their names added to billiongraves.com.

Though only a junior, Jensen already has his next few years planned out.

"I'm planning on going to college for flight school to fly commercial jets as a career," he said. "It sounds fun and you get paid a lot of money. That's a nice combination."

PHS Holds Avid Signing Ceremony



AVID Instructors, Sean Shields, Dionna Dempsey and Taylor O’Neal. Not pictured, David Johnson.



Page High School held its AVID Contract Signing Party at the end of August. AVID students re-commit to the AVID program every year, even if they’ve been in AVID in previous years. AVID is an elective class.

This year’s AVID instructors are Dionna Dempsey, Sean Shields, David Johnson and Taylor O’Neal. The AVID instructors receive guidance and support from the AVID Coordinator, Shania Valentine.

The main goal of AVID is to teach and prepare its students the qualities they will need to go onto, and succeed in college.

“A big part of what AVID students learn is teaching students proper time management, good organization habits, strong note-taking skills, and the ability to stay focused on the task,” said Dempsey. “A big part of it is learning to solve problems.”

“A big part of being college- and career-ready is being emotionally, physically and mentally prepared for unexpected things that happen when you’re an adult in the real world.”

As part of the AVID mission to prepare students for college, AVID students will visit a college campus at least once during the school year.

“It gives them a chance to see what college life is like, what a campus is like,” said Dempsey. “It’s easier to visualize yourself in college if you know what a campus looks like.”



Allie's Angels Kicks Off New Season of Giving

For the fifth time in six years, Angels and Devils combined forces for a good cause.

Last Friday, Allie's Angels joined with the Sand Devils football team in the foundation's annual fundraiser. Allie's Angels is a foundation that raises money to support Page-area families with children with expensive medical needs. The foundation holds its main fundraising event every autumn, with the help of the Sand Devils football team and some generous donors.

It works like this: Every time the Sand Devils score a touchdown, Page Lumber donates \$400 to Allie's Angels. Doug Gardner and Page Lumber have been donating \$400 per touchdown to Allie's Angels every year since 2017, the first year of the Allie's Angels Foundation. This year Dixie Ellis Lower Antelope Canyon Tours also joined in the cause, also donating to Allie's Angels \$400 per touchdown.

The Sand Devils did their part Friday night, scoring eight touchdowns, which earned \$6,400 for Allie's Angels. In addition to raising money from the touchdowns, Allie's Angels also raised \$756 during a "Miracle Minute" when Sand Devils fans threw money into pots carried through the stands by volunteers. The foundation raised an additional \$2,200 with its 50/50 raffle. Those who enter the raffle win 50 percent of the money raised in the raffle, which would have been \$1,100 but the winner donated their winnings back to Allie's Angels.

"We're beyond grateful for the incredible support we receive and all the hard work and sacrifice it takes to make it all possible," said Brittany Hansen, Allie's Angels Board President, "but it's worth it to help families in our community who need this support."

Classic Air Medical also got in on the action, donating the use of a helicopter and flight crew to deliver the game ball to the 50-yard line of the football field. Allie Hansen and LeMaya Tsinnijinnie flew with the crew and carried the game



LeMaya Tsinnijinnie and Allie Hansen deliver the game ball to the 50-yard line, courtesy of Classic Air Medical during the Sand Devils game against Red Mesa.

ball to the game's referee.

The Allie's Angels Foundation was formed in 2017 by CJ and Brittany Hansen, after their daughter, Allie, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in October 2016. Allie was just xx at the time.

C.J. and Brittany had insurance and because of all the hospital visits and visits with specialists, they quickly reached their deductible. The frequent hospital visits continued into 2017 as Allie's treatment began in earnest. The Hansens' reached their deductible before the end of January. The Hansens live in Page, but Allie's treatments occurred in Phoenix, and the travel and lodging expenses added up quickly. As the Hansens sat in hospital waiting rooms, they met other families who had children with cancer, and they discovered that most of them were also struggling with the finances that come from caring for a child with cancer.

"For the first three years Allie was being treated, we drove down to the valley one to three times a week," said Brittany. "Eating on the road, lodging and gas. It gets expensive. All

Photos from Desert View's PRIDE Assembly



Photos from Lake View's PRIDE Assembly





Allie's Angels sponsors from Page Lumber and Dixie Ellis Lower Antelope Canyon Tours meet with this year's Allie's Angel's recipients during halftime of the football game vs. Red Mesa.

that driving back and forth, all that time sitting in waiting rooms, gave us a lot of time to talk. And we met so many other families going through the same thing we were going through. That's when we go the idea to start Allie's Angels."

Brittany and C.J. founded Allie's Angels in September 2017. Each year, foundation selects two or three Page families who have children undergoing long-term treatments or surgeries. This year, the Allie's Angels kids are LeMya Tsinijinnie and Hudson Wolfram. LeMya, age 12, was recently diagnosed with severe rheumatoid factor positive polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Her current treatment plan consists of surgeries, physical therapy, and many medications.

Hudson, who is only five months old, will undergo several surgeries in his first year of life to correct his lip and a cleft palate. He will also have ear tubes placed to improve his hearing, which was nonexistent before. His first surgery happened August 29th, where he underwent a four-hour surgery to repair his lip. Later this year, he will undergo a longer surgery where his surgeon will repair his palate.

Allie Hansen has been the face of Allie's Angels since its inception, but this last year she joined the board of Allie's Angels.

"I want to be more involved," she said. "Having gone through it, I can give a lot of input about what I think we should do in the future."

Allie will turn 15 in October. She is a freshman at Page High School. She has performed in several of the high school musicals, and was part of Student Council at Page Middle School last year. This year, she is on the high school



soccer team. Allie finished middle school with straight As and has a goal to finish high school with straight As and be one of its valedictorians.

Allie also has plans to start her own podcast in the near future, and become a motivational speaker as a career.

"The focus of the podcast will be 'overcome and become,'" said Allie.

In the podcast, Allie will share her cancer story, "but it won't be my main focus. It will talk about how you can go to such a low point in your life, but get through it to become the best version of yourself physically, emotionally, mentally and financially."

Allie got a job at the Dam Outlet last summer to raise money for the equipment she will need for the podcast. She's hoping to launch the podcast next summer.

"She'll be great at it," said Brittany. "She's the most driven, positive 14-year old girl you will ever meet."



Announcements

Homecoming 2022 Schedule of Events

MONDAY

Theme: Millennial Monday
(Dress like soccer moms and BBQ dads)

Events: Royalty Voting, Powder Puff Practice at 6PM

WEDNESDAY

Theme: Wannabe Wednesday
(Dress as an iconic figure from the past)

Events: Powder Puff Game and Bake Sale at 7PM

FRIDAY

Theme: Devils are the Future (wear red and black)

Events: Pep Rally at 1PM
Parade at 3:30PM
Football Game at 6PM
Dance at 9PM

TUESDAY

Theme: Old Timer Tuesday
(Dress like old people)

Events: Powder Puff Practice at 6PM

THURSDAY

Theme: Throwback Thursday
Freshmen: Before High School (dress like middle schoolers).
Sophomores: Before Laws (dress like Wild West).
Juniors: Before Democracy (dress like lords and ladies).
Seniors: Before the Fall of Rome (Togas)
Staff: Before Civilization

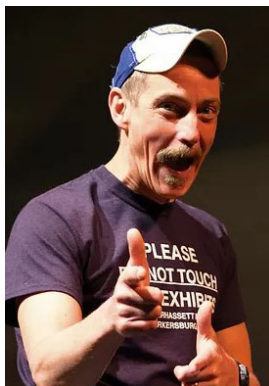
Events: Bonfire/Tailgate Night @ 7:30PM. Soccer Field

Grand Circle Storytelling Festival

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022 | 7PM

Cultural Arts Building | Page, Arizona

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Wahtola Trommer**



Laura Tohe
Navajo Poet Laureate



Steven Law

Spend an evening with four talented, award-winning storytellers who spin wisdom and humor into thought-provoking tales that will delight and inspire the whole family.

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