



# Obama Wins 2nd Term



## ***Congratulations President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden!!!***

All across the nation, citizens were glued to their television sets to watch the election results. Everyone was breathlessly waiting to see who would be the next President of the United States. As results were being recorded, Mitt Romney was in the lead at one point....Still too early to tell. There had already been projected winners in some states...Still too early to tell. Excitement building .... Totals coming in .... And, at 11:08 p.m., it was announced.

A huge victory, President Barack Obama (and Vice President, Joe Biden) wins four more years, and it wasn't even close. Even at the end, President Obama took the electoral votes in the "swing states." A total of 332 electoral votes for Obama and 206 for Romney. Who predicted that Romney would carry over 300 of the electoral votes? We see that prediction was wrong.

In his victory speech, President Obama thanked the supporters and spoke of moving the country forward. He simply wanted the American people to know that there is still a lot of work to do and we need to work together for the good of the nation. He said, *"We are an American family and we rise or fall together as one nation and as one people. We are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and forever will be, the United States of America. And together, with your help and God's grace, we will continue our journey forward and remind the world just why it is that we live in the greatest nation on earth. We know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come."*





## Community Outreach Project ... *"Free Clothes Closet"*



On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> PHSNAA sponsored a "Free Clothes Closet" in the parking lot of Peabody Middle School, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is the second of a series of community outreach projects that will be sponsored by the Alumni Association. Community Outreach co-chairs, Virginia Barbour and Harry Quarles worked very hard coordinating the collection of clothes, making arrangements for storage space until the date of the project, distributing flyers and spreading the word through e-mail and phone calls.

Free coats, jackets, sweaters, pants, jeans, dresses, suits, hats, blouses, pajamas, shoes, gloves, shirts, neckties, school uniforms and handbags for women, men and children were available to all who came. Some new and some slightly used items in all sizes filled racks and tables, with plenty to share with everyone. The 50-60 men, women and children we helped were very appreciative for the items they received. Most of them remembered to say "thank you" or "God bless you." Most of the patrons could not believe that the clothes were "FREE."

The committee wishes to thank everyone for their efforts in helping to make the "Free Clothes Closet" a success. Special thanks to Earnestine Rodgers (class of '62) for providing space in her beauty shop as the drop-off point, her husband for making a clothes hanging rack, and Bernard Jones (Virginia and Harry's neighbor) for providing clothes hangers and clothing racks from Peebles Department Store in Hopewell. Thanks to Zion Baptist Church for allowing us to use a few tables and Patrick Barbour (Virginia's husband), who used his truck to assist Harry Quarles in transporting boxes of clothes from the beauty shop to the Peabody school grounds and then to Goodwill at the end of the day. Most importantly, thanks to all other alumni members who provided tents, tables, boxes and bags, those who collected items or provided items from their closets and those who gave up their Saturday to help with this worthy cause. Participation, dedication and hard work were the keys to the success of this project.



*One person needed a pink shirt for himself and pink shoes for his mother.....WE HAD THEM!*

**So glad we could help our fellow neighbors!**



## *Additional Community Outreach Photos*



*Coats, suits, and dresses were hung along the chain link fence. The weather was good, the needs of the community were met, and the project was a success.*





## Reunion Celebrations

*A Class Reunion is a meeting of former classmates, typically organized at or near their former school, on or around an anniversary of their graduation. The class of 1962 celebrated the weekend of June 22-24, the class of 1967 celebrated in August, and the class of 1965 celebrated in September. Read about the excitement that went on as they reminisced about their school days at Peabody High.*

### Class of 1967 Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

In only a few months, the planning committee for the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the class of '67 went into action—striving to put together ideas for a gala weekend. Letters were mailed, e-mails sent and many phone calls placed in an attempt to reach all classmates (February and June).

On Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, only two days before the eventful weekend, classmates and friends were shocked and deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of Mable Dianne Cooke Louis, a lovable classmate and the Recorder for the Reunion Committee. We all loved Dianne and will surely miss her and her fun-loving personality.

The August 17-19 weekend started with a "Meet and Greet and Get Reacquainted" evening on Friday at the Masonic Temple in Petersburg. All fifty-nine classmates received a souvenir bag which included a PHS Class of '67 t-shirt and a souvenir wine glass. From beginning to end, laughter filled the room, combined with smiles, hugs and "tall tales" about who did what during those four years. There was plenty of delicious food and liquid refreshments, and music that kept plenty folks on the dance floor.

The Saturday banquet was an evening to remember, which was held at the Union Train Station in Old Towne Petersburg. Joseph Diggs, Committee Chairman served as Master of Ceremonies. The evening's program included Class Valedictorian, Dianne Dyson Heggie, inspiring the group by giving the welcome; greetings from Thelma Mayfield Jefferson, PHSNAA President. She gave all class members a PHSNAA bookmark, which gave eventful details of the Alumni Association from 2000 to 2012. Rev. Belinda Robinson Todd did the invocation and blessing; Arlene Lesane Anderson and Roderick Bates shared humorous and informative reflections of days at PHS; Daniel Todd made a toast to the 45<sup>th</sup> year celebration, and Wilhelmena Green Hailes and Bert Parham lit the memorial candle and spoke words of tribute for the thirty-three deceased classmates, who were pictured on a tri-fold display board with a background of black and gold felt and gold tree branches. A single candle burned the entire evening in memory of Mable.

We were honored to have two former teachers share the reunion experience with us. Mrs. Marolyn Quarles (and her husband Harry) and Mr. William McKinley (and his wife Jane) were our special guests. Both teachers gave greetings and brief reflections of their memories with the students. A special "Certificate of Recognition" presented by Cassondria Brown Greene was given to each teacher. This was also another evening of precious memories, delicious food and excellent foot stomping music.

On Sunday morning, we chose to worship at the church of our classmate; Third Baptist Church, which is pastored by the Rev. Leroy Cherry. First Lady, Brenda Wilson Cherry, who is also a member of our class, and the entire church family welcomed us with open arms. Some class members had to leave to prepare for their trip back home. However, those who stayed continued the weekend celebration with brunch at Gateway Dining Facility, Virginia State University.



**Our 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion was one that we will long remember!**



## Class of 1962 Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Members of the class of 1962 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion the weekend of June 22-24, 2012. The celebration began with Friday night's "Meet & Greet" at the family home of Patricia Mitchell Myers. In spite of the rainy weather, a total of 42 classmates and 22 guests registered. They spent time taking pictures and catching up on what each one had been doing since the last reunion.



On Saturday morning, the classmates boarded First Baptist Church's bus to tour historic Petersburg and the newly developed areas. Richard Stewart, curator of Stewart's Pocahontas Slavery & Civil War Museum, conducted the tour. The tour began at the site of the demolished Southside Regional Medical Center and then moved to its new location. Other stops included the new sections of Fort Lee, Stewart's Museum on Pocahontas Island, Virginia State University (where many of the classmates graduated), Peabody Middle School (formerly Peabody High School), and the old Peabody Building on Jones Street. The tour ended at the recently dedicated Peabody Historical Marker, which is located on the corner of Harrison and Liberty Streets.

On Saturday night, the Hilton Garden Inn in Colonial Heights hosted the banquet and dinner. Edith Morton Smith served as the toastmistress for the evening and Walter Moore reverently opened with invocation and blessing of the food. The surprise entertainment singing group, "The Seniorelles," thrilled the audience with a medley of songs from our old school days at Peabody. Members of the original group included Sandra Johnson Mickens, Brenda Gatlin, Jean Randolph Miles and Patricia Mitchell Myers as the "doo-wop" back-up. Without a second thought, a few of the old Cheering Squad (Mary Green Brown, Cornelia Owens Goode, Jean Randolph Miles and Paulette Jones Stewart) made their way to the front and belled out the "Give me a P..." cheer as the audience responded. Classmates were given an opportunity to share memories of people, places and activities during their wonderful years at Peabody. Paulette Jones Stewart presented a memorial tribute to the twenty-six deceased class members. She also created and designed a unique display board with pictures of the deceased with small lit angles surrounding each.

Classmates and guests had the opportunity to receive twenty-seven great door prizes donated by local businesses. The two special guests, Mrs. Canzata Boone Turner (retired PHS educator) and Ms. Thelma Mayfield Jefferson (President of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc.) congratulated the class and spoke highly about the reunion planning efforts. Surprisingly, Ms. Jefferson presented each classmate with a special DVD which encompassed memories from our 1962 class yearbook. After dinner and the program, we sang the school alma mater, danced to the "oldies but goodies" and showed off the latest line dances.

On Sunday morning, we worshipped at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Halifax Street. We all received a very warm welcome by the priest, Rev. Willis R. Foster, and the church family. A donation was presented to the church by Fred Royall. After a beautiful worship service, we dined, fellowshiped and said our final good-byes. Special thanks to the caterer, Garret Mason, for preparing a delicious and hearty lunch and to Janice Mann for spending the entire weekend taking photos of the reunion. Those persons who traveled the longest distance included Brenda Gatlin from Michigan and John Lee from New York. Others came from Maryland and Northern Virginia.



## Class of '65 Turns Sixty-Five Years Young ... "Living Life Likes It's Golden"

Using the theme, "Living Life Like It's Golden," the Peabody High School Class of 1965 celebrated with a GALA Weekend of Activities from September 14-16, 2012. There were 75 classmates and guests in attendance for the weekend affair.

Friday evening began with the rolling in of tables for CASINO NIGHT – Meet and Greet, which was held at Club 17, Mars Street, Petersburg, VA. The Dealers Choice Casino, LLC, of Germantown, MD, provided Vegas caliber equipment and professional dealers who were happy to teach the games of Black Jack, Roulette, and Craps. The guests were mesmerized with the fun and experience which was enjoyed by everyone. Door prizes were given to the top three winners as well as several door prizes to other guests. DJ "Lloyd J," kept the music flowing all night with tunes from the 60's and 70's, with many opportunities for members to stroll down memory lane along with line dancing. Heavy hors d'oeuvres were served by maître d's Terry Walker and Eric Harris. The guests were dressed in their black and gold, a tribute to our Alma Mater, and the room decorations were that of Las Vegas.

Just when we thought things could not get any better, we were in AWE on Saturday at the Grand Finale, "MARDI GRAS." BUD'S INN at the Chester Plantation, Disputanta, VA, owned by John & Brenda Gilliam was transformed into New Orleans.

Decorations were provided by Lisa & Cedric Thomas of "Party Affairs in The Air." Mega balloons adorned the entrance to the facility, giant carnival masks hung throughout the building and every room was decorated in the colors of purple, gold and green. The guests were colorfully dressed in Mardi Gras colors, which added ambience to the occasion. Darren K. Lewis of "Darren's Catering" tantalized our palates with his scrumptious cuisine. Appetizers of cheese trays, fruit trays, crackers and sweet tarts wetted the appetite for the main course, which included baked salmon, chicken, rice, gravy, steamed vegetables, salad, rolls and beverages.

For our entertainment, we were graced with the melodious sounds of "The Katz Band" of Richmond. There was a memorial table provided in honor of our deceased classmates, a birthday roll call was done, the cutting of our birthday cake, along with a champagne toast made to all. Photographs of the entire weekend were provided by:

"LouversiaCreations," Louversia Jackson, Photographer.

On Sunday morning, numerous classmates worshipped at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Petersburg, at the 8 a.m. service. The service and message reaffirmed how good God is and how Blessed we are to reach the golden age of 65. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



Our weekend of activities were culminated with a farewell brunch, which was held at the Gateway Dining Facility, Virginia State University. We did not want to say goodbye, we simply said "until we meet again, real soon," **especially for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion!!!**





## Success of a Peabody Middle School Student

### *Patrick D. McCoy*

A native of Petersburg, VA, Patrick lives in Washington, DC, where he enjoys a multi-faceted career as an arts journalist and radio host. In July, he was honored for his tenure as Minister of Music at Takoma

Park Baptist Church. He is known as "The African American Voice in Classical Music" on Blog Talk Radio, and has interviewed some of the world's greatest artists. As the D.C. Performing Arts Examiner for [www.Examiner.com](http://www.Examiner.com), he frequently covers the concerts of the Washington Chorus, The Washington Bach Consort, The Cathedral Choral Society, the Vocal Arts DC and the National Philharmonic and Choral.

Patrick is a graduate of Virginia State University where he earned the B.M. degree in vocal performance and Shenandoah Conservatory, where he earned the M.M. degree in Church Music. He is a 1995 graduate of Petersburg High and attended Peabody Middle School. Patrick is an associate member of the National Association of Black Journalists. In addition, he serves as president of the Ben Holt Memorial Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. and is a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. His parents, Velma and Alex Pulley, and many supportive family members and friends also reside in Petersburg.

Patrick's latest achievement was a speaking engagement at the African American Alliance Conference, which was held at the University of California at Irvine. His topic was "The Role of Social Media and PR in the Development and Exposure of African American Performers."



*All of us are very  
proud of Patrick  
and the  
contributions he  
has made in his  
professional  
field.*

## *Representatives Needed for 2012-2013*

### *Board of Directors*



*The Board of Directors is not yet complete. Representatives to serve from "even-numbered" graduating classes are still needed.*

*Continue to show your love and concern for PHSNAA by taking an active part in the decision-making process and accept the invitation to represent your class on the board.*

- 1942 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1944 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 1960 Raymond Bailey
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- 1964 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 1968 John Alexander
- 1970 \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, call President Jefferson at (804) 862-1192.*





## ***Nooks Donated to Peabody Middle School***

Still striving to do whatever is necessary to enhance the educational process of students at Peabody Middle School, the PHSNAA donated 10 certified pre-owned Nook Simple Touches from Barnes & Noble. To compliment the Nooks, 10 adapters and 10 screen protectors were also given.

The devices and accessories, plus several e-books, were items specifically requested when President Jefferson asked Ms. Spikes what the Alumni Association could do to help the students and the school. The necessary funds were provided by the Association so that the devices could be purchased through the school and be available for the students to use at the beginning of this school year. According to Ms. Sheila Spikes, ITRT (Instructional Technology Resource Teacher), the nooks will be a valuable asset to the learning process. She was very pleased that the Association honored the school's request. As she demonstrated, the nook is lighter than a paperback; approximately 7.7 inches, weigh no more than 15 ounces, has 240 GB of memory and can hold up to 1,000 books, magazines, and newspapers.

***Superb Reading Machine  
Easy to Use Touchscreen***



Over 300 raffle books were distributed to alumni members to support the drawing, which will take place at the **Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 29, 2012**. You need not be present to win; however, you do need to report the money and tickets on/before December 15th. Please direct your questions regarding this project to the Fund-raising Chairman, Russell Prude (804) 861-1875. The committee wants to make sure that all tickets are sold. With your cooperation, this will be a very successful project.

**Peabody High School  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Prize ..... 50" Plasma TV**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ..... GPS System**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize ..... \$50 in Lottery Tickets**  
 (Proceeds to benefit Restoration Project)

Donations: 3 chances for \$1.00  
 Need not be present to win.



## Applauds to A Hard Working Alumna Janice E. Mann



Have you ever met a person who is always doing good works, always willing to help, makes no excuses to lend a helping hand, and expects no compensation or praise? If you know any such persons, they definitely need a "hug of thanks and an applaud of praise."

Janice Mann, a graduate of the class of 1970, the last graduating class of Peabody High School, deserves many, many thanks from the Alumni Association and from many reunion classes.

After graduating from Peabody, Janice attended Virginia State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in Music and M.Ed. degree in Educational Media. She is currently employed as a band teacher at Peabody Middle School. In October 2011, Janice was named "Teacher of

the Month." In addition to her responsibilities in teaching our children, she found time to serve on the superintendent's advisory council, the division calendar committee and department chairman.

Her commitment to hard work does not stop at school. She displays hard work and commitment to church and community. Janice is an active and involved member of Zion Baptist Church. In addition, she is a member of the church's video team and a member of the music committee. Janice has always shown dedication and commitment to PHSNAA by taking an active part in all alumni functions. All of the photos you have been enjoying in the daily newspaper and "The Script" is because of the professional photography of Janice Mann. Further, she finds time to give to the community. Janice is a member of the Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was chosen as the chapter's "Unsung Hero" in 2010. Further, she serves as co-captain of the sorority's Relay for Life team. Janice is a member of the Women's Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra. She also serves on the planning committee for "Walk Against Hunger" and is available to photograph their events.

Does she have any spare time? Not much; however, she still finds free time to enjoy reading a good book, traveling, or just relaxing at home watching a good movie.

**Janice,** the Peabody High School National Alumni Association applauds you for your hard work; especially for your commitment to the Peabody Middle School students, but also for your continuous hard work and commitment to the Peabody High School National Alumni Association.

## We Appreciate You!





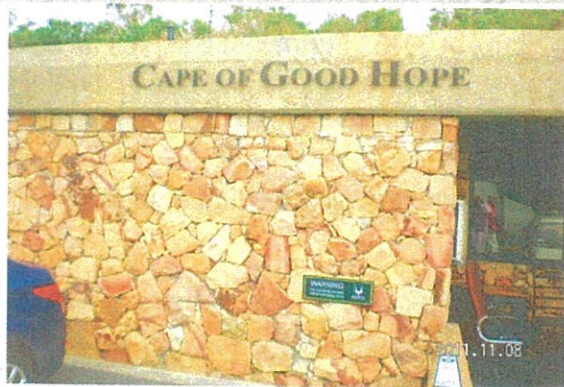
# A South African Vacation

Johannesburg and Capetown, South Africa are both modern, exhilarating and spectacular. Eunice Bakes White (class of '55) and Mary Hall (class of '53) spent ten vacation days enjoying their natural beauty, pleasant weather, imposing museums, and extraordinary history.

In Johannesburg, they toured the scene of Nelson Mandela's emotional inauguration as President in 1994. Later, they visited Soweto, the largest Black residential area in South Africa, which included Mandela's former home. They toured the Apartheid Museum where they viewed and listened to racial experiences of millions of South Africans. They photographed rhinos, zebras, giraffes, and baboons on a game safari. Visiting the homesteads of the Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, Ndebele and Pedi tribes and participating in their songs and dances were the highlight of the Johannesburg tour. A visit to Sun City, the equivalent of Sin City in Las Vegas, ended the stay in Jo Burg (as the natives call their city).

In Capetown, the Peabodians visited a school where they took supplies and clothes to the children. The students were especially excited about the M&M's, a book about the First Family that President and Mrs. Obama sent. Other experiences included a ferry ride to Mandela's former prison, a bus ride to the Cape of Good Hope, and a wine-tasting session that would make any connoisseur proud. Finally, the travelers dined at four African restaurants, one which offered lively entertainment in the form of puppet theatre, pre-dinner interactive drumming sessions, lively African music, dance and song.

Because South Africa is truly a vacation paradise, these adventurers highly recommend that you include it in your travels.

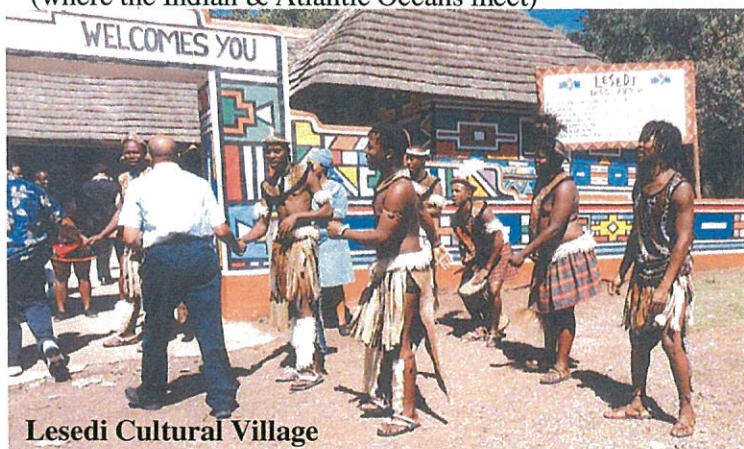


Cape Town, South Africa

(where the Indian & Atlantic Oceans meet)



Eunice White & Mary Hall on Game Safari



Lesedi Cultural Village



Apartheid Museum





# Inspiration

## Daily Survival Kit



TOOTHPICK - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.  
Matthew 7:1



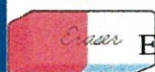
RUBBER BAND - to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.  
Romans 8:28



BAND AID - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.  
Colossians 3:12-14



PENCIL - to remind you to list your blessings everyday.  
Ephesians 1:3



ERASER - to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay.  
Genesis 50:15-21



CHEWING GUM - to remind you to stick with it, and you can accomplish anything.  
Philippians 4:13



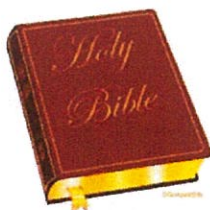
MINT - to remind you that you are worth a mint.  
John 3:16-17



CANDY KISS - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday.  
1 John 4:7



TEA BAG - to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings.  
1 Thessalonians 5:18



*Submitted by Yvonne Bethen Sims*





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# Christmas Gala

**Saturday, December 29, 2012**

**7:00 – 11:00 P.M.**

**Sunlight Elks Lodge (Hopewell, VA)**

**Dress to Impress**

**Raffle Drawing:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize ..... 50" Plasma TV**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ..... GPS System**

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**For Ticket Information..... Call (804) 733-2936**

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# *Special Thanksgiving Wishes*

*It's time for sharing and spreading happiness.*

*Happy Moments .... Praise God*

*Difficult Moments ... Seek God*

*Busy Moments .... Believe God*

*Quiet Moments .... Worship God*

*Waiting Moments .... Trust God*

*Painful Moments .. Pray to God*

*Lovely Moments .... Thank God*

*Joy ..... Happiness ..... Health*

*All of these and many more are my wishes for you!*

## *Happy Thanksgiving Day!*

*Thelma M. Jefferson*



## *The Script Committee*

*Thelma Jefferson*

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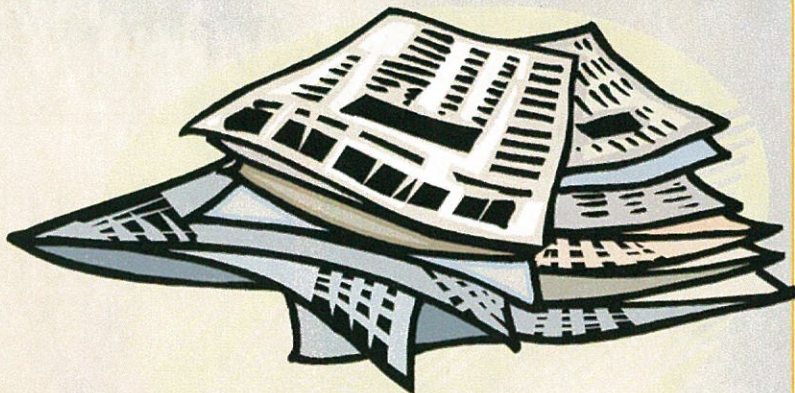
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# We Need Your News Articles!

*"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy."*

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## **The Mighty Lions**

*"Reuniting/Renewing/Restoring/Rejoicing Peabody's Legacy"*