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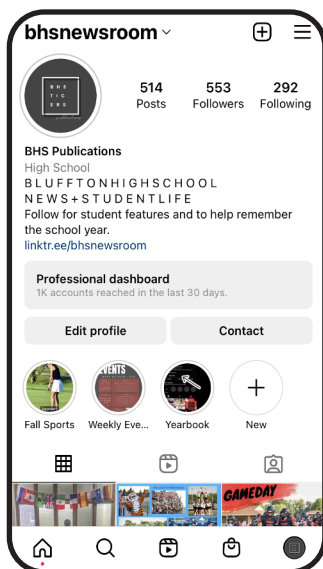
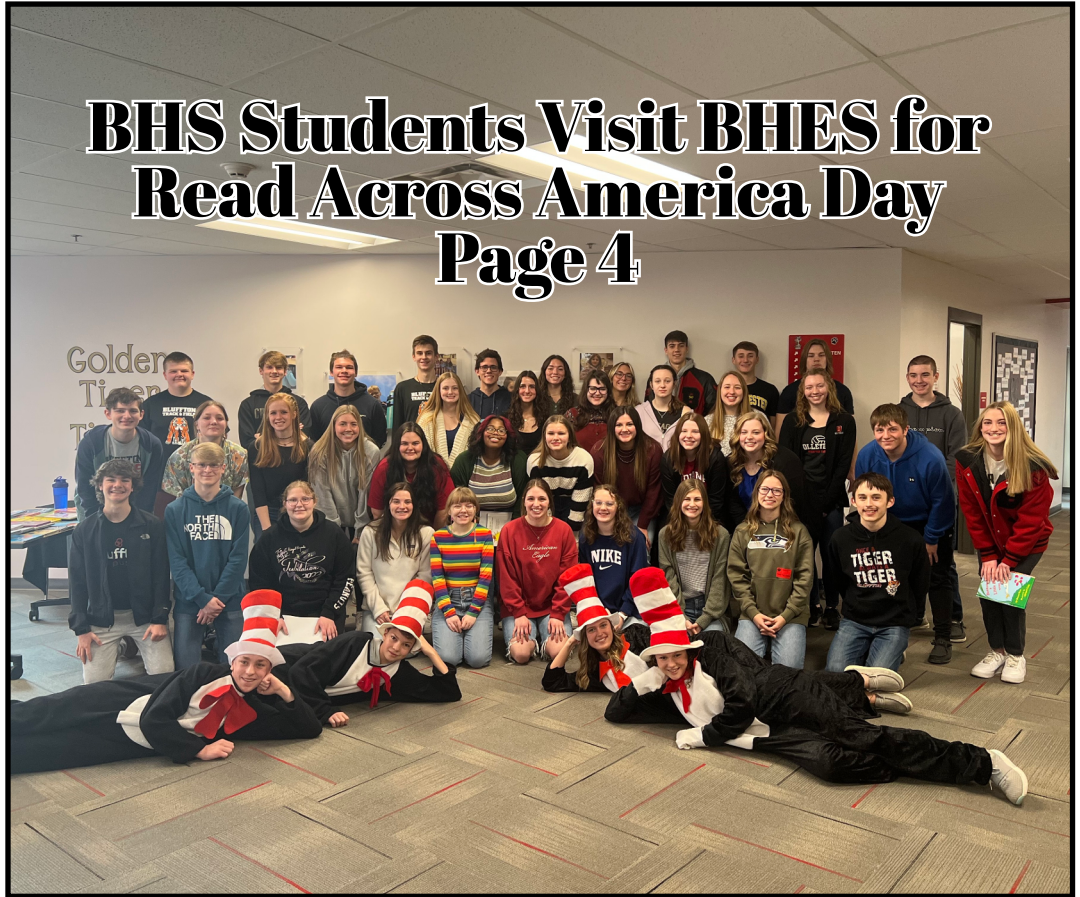
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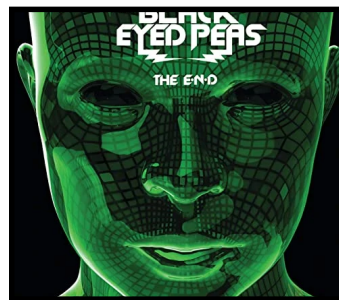


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Detroit Dolphin Skull

By Ali Mygrant

On February 6, U.S. Customs and Border Control at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, found a shocking surprise in some luggage. An article posted by MSN stated that while doing x-rays on bags that had been separated from their owners, the CBP agriculture specialists were surprised to find an animal skull. After many tests, they found that it was a young dolphin skull.

According to NBC News, the Fish and Wildlife Service has taken the skull in, and are currently undergoing further investigation. Wildlife smuggling is a serious crime often followed by penalties, seizures, and arrest. As of now, the owner of the bag, and dolphin skull, and whether they are facing any charges is unknown.

Alive After Funeral?

By Amarah Robles

Citizens of the United States are left shocked and scared when a funeral home accident takes place just days after a similar encounter in Iowa. An 83 year old woman's newly deceased body arrived at a funeral home in New York. As the funeral directors prepared the funeral for the lady's grieving family, they suddenly realized something terrifying; the elderly woman was in fact breathing! The coroner had falsely pronounced the body as dead.

Similarly, the case in Iowa has had some legal action taken. The Alzheimer's care center was fined \$10,000 dollars for sending a living person to a funeral home. The funeral home staff testified that upon unzipping the body bag, the 66 year old woman's chest was moving and she was gasping for air. The staff members immediately called 911 and an ambulance transferred her to a nearby hospital. After her vitals were brought back to normal she was sent back to the Alzheimer's care center. Unfortunately, the woman passed away for real two days later.

Factory explosion in Ohio

By Izzi Curless

Monday, February 20 a factory near Oakwood Village, Ohio suffered from an explosion then caught fire. Officials are unsure as to what caused the explosion, but they think it originated in the plants foundry, where molten copper alloys were stored inside large kettles. At this time fire officials do not believe the explosion, or resulting fire was caused by a criminal act. The tragic industrial accident injured 13 and killed one worker. Photographs of the aftermath show debris scattered hundreds of yards away and a large chunk of the building missing. With the help of five fire crews from the surrounding areas the fire was contained within a few hours, they then stayed on scene most of the night to watch for possible re-ignition. Citizens of the surrounding area report a odor of burnt rubber, but Ohio's Environmental Protection Agency said that no evacuation was necessary.

Semi Driver Arrested After Crash

By Lydia Athan

A semi truck driver in Indiana was arrested early Monday, February 20 for allegedly driving while intoxicated and possessing drugs.

The crash took place on I-65 and a state trooper determined that the truck drove off the highway at the 246.2 mile-marker, south of the Crown Point exit.

When the semi truck turned over, it spilled packages of mail totaling 40,000 pounds.

The police later identified the driver as Srdan Bezharevic. Bezharevic was also in possession of a white, powdery substance.

Bezharevic's charges include: Possession of a Controlled Substance- Level 6 Felony, Operating While Intoxicated (Endangering)-Class A Misdemeanor, Operating While Intoxicated-Class C Misdemeanor.

Fire in Florida

By Izzi Curless

In Kissimmee, Florida a few miles from Walt Disney World, a large fire behind a plant nursery broke out at 2 a.m. on February 16. When firefighters responded the fire was only affecting two acres of land but quickly spread to cover five acres. The nursery did not catch fire, but the fire got dangerously close. Officials think that there was a propane tank explosion in the area that started the fire but assure that other propane tanks in the area are secure. There have been no reported deaths or injuries because of early evacuations. The plant itself has not caught fire because of first respondents initial response time and continuous efforts to stop the fire from spreading.

Turkey's & Syria's earthquakes

By Ameen Lababneh

As reported by ALJAZEERA, two tectonic plates slipped past each other on February 6 at 4 a.m., causing just 12 miles below southern Turkey and its surrounding countries, such as northern Syria, causing a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Two hours later, a second earthquake was registered at 7.5 magnitude that struck the same region.

As reported by CNBC, this was the largest earthquake that Turkey had in over 80 years. However, these earthquakes were not the only ones that happened recently in that area, because these countries have been getting more earthquakes in the last couple of weeks.

The consequences of these earthquakes were terrible, and they led to a lot of buildings getting torn apart, and unfortunately they had a big number of casualties that is estimated around 47,000 so far.

Russia-Ukraine War Update

By Izzi Curless

President Biden recently visited Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, for the first time since the beginning of Russia's attempts to invade. The visit that occurred while air raid sirens were going off, consisted of President Biden touring the city with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky. This visit was at a crucial state in this war, Russia is beginning to prepare for a suspected spring offensive and Ukraine preparing to take back invaded land back.

During this visit Biden announced that America will be putting half a million dollars towards assisting Ukraine and also more military assistance.

Egg-cellent Thief

By Amarah Robles

Recently, a man in Telford, London was arrested on two counts of theft. Some may wonder what he stole. It is a mystery no more!

32-year-old, Joby Pool, awaits trial for stealing a semi truck, and nearly \$38,000 worth of Cadbury Creme Eggs. That adds up to be around 200,000 eggs. How else would someone be able to haul that many eggs without a giant truck?

Pool was stopped for suspiciously driving the truck a few minutes after the candy had been reported stolen. He was immediately arrested. Now it's a waiting game to see how much jail time the Easter Bunny dupe will receive.

Elderly Florida Woman Killed by Alligator

By Lauren Mann

On Monday, Feb. 20, Gloria Serge, an 85-year-old woman, took her dog on a walk around a pond near her home in Fort Pierce, Florida. On their walk, a 10-foot-long alligator came out of the pond with the intention of attacking her dog. Ms. Serge was knocked over, and the alligator pulled her into the

water by her foot. Ms. Serge died as a result of the encounter, and her dog was left unharmed. The fish and wildlife commission captured the alligator in a trapper and then later euthanized it.

Ohio Man Arrested for Facebook Parody

By Levi Kahn

The Supreme Court recently rejected Anthony Novak's proposed civil rights lawsuit against the Parma police department. He claimed that his constitutional rights were violated when he was arrested and prosecuted for his Facebook posts.

In 2016, Anthony Novak set up a Facebook account meant to satirically imitate the Parma Police Department. He made several posts posing as the department, poking fun at police procedure in the past. The department claimed that the page disrupted their operations and launched an investigation. The police searched Novak's apartment, arrested him, and held him in jail for four days. Novak sued the officers and department for unlawful search and seizure, as well as for violation of his right to free speech.

The Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that "the officers reasonably believed they were acting within the law" and a federal judge dismissed Novak's claims.

Qualified immunity for officers has been under scrutiny as of late for protecting officers when it seems as though constitutional rights have been violated.

DeSantis' Law Enforcement Outreach

By Levi Kahn

Over the weekend in New York City, Chicago, and the suburbs of Philadelphia, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis spoke commending police. DeSantis extolled Florida's policies that he put in place in order to support law enforcement.

DeSantis walked through his idea for tough on crime plans to an enthused crowd clearly cheering him on in Chicago, while a group of protesters formed across the street. He eventually went beyond law enforcement policies in his speeches, going through some of his other political ideas and policies. Governor

DeSantis has a book releasing soon and plans to headline GOP events in Alabama, California and Texas in march. Many speculate that this is all ramping up for a presidential campaign in the next election.

Body of Missing Fort Wayne Woman Found in Bluffton

By Lydia Athan

A woman from Fort Wayne Indiana was reported missing in early January and was found later in Bluffton.

Police say that the body of Celeste Cuthbert was found hidden from view between a shed and a playhouse in a yard surrounded by a privacy fence in Bluffton's west end.

Many actions were taken by police to find Cuthbert such as sending out rescue teams and missing person flyers.

Police were notified of a body at a residence in the 400 block of Meadow Lane on February 7. Investigators say there was no evidence of foul play. An autopsy has been conducted and the results are still pending.

Michigan State Shooting

By Erica Hartman

On Monday, February 13, a mass shooting occurred on Michigan State University's campus. According to abcnews, 43-year-old Anthony Dwayne McRae entered Berkley Hall around 8:18 p.m. and opened fire upon the students. He walked from Berkley to the MSU Union building and opened fire there, but he fled the scene quickly.

Police scoured the area for over 4 hours in attempt to find the culprit. Surveillance

photos posted on twitter showed McRae, whose name was not known at the time, in a stairwell in hopes that someone would recognize him and call in a tip. Around 11:35 p.m., police located him and the emergency was finally ruled as over shortly after. Anthony McRae died from a self-inflicted gun-shot to the head.

Three students were killed and 5 injured. Two of the 5 remain in serious, but stable condition. More updates are sure to come over the next few weeks.

Polish Women Claims to be a Missing Woman

By Erica Hartman

The story of the missing Madeleine McCann is an infamous mystery. In 2007, Madeleine McCann was a young British girl on vacation with her parents in Portugal's Algarve when she was reportedly taken from her bed in the middle of night and vanished. She has not been seen since, sparking many theories and questions from people around the world.

In February 2023, an account named "iammadeleinemccan" appeared on social media. The owner of the account is Julia Faustyna, or Julia Wendell. The posts contain photos of herself compared to Madeleine and Gerry and Kate McCann. These photos highlight the supposed similarities between Madeleine and her parents and Julia, including a unique eye mark. In statements in her Instagram posts, she states that she does not remember most of her childhood, but her earliest memory is during the holidays in a hot place with white beaches and light-colored buildings. She also claims that a wanted suspect sketch in Madeleine's case looks very similar to a man who hurt her at a young age.

According to Foxnews.com, Julia stated that she was going to have a DNA test done with Gerry and Kate, but no statements from the two have been made to confirm if this is

true due to an ongoing investigation. Polish police have also disputed Julia's claims that she is the missing British girl. More updates are to come in the near future.

Emu Escape

By Tyler Beer

On a Thursday evening, a large ruckus was caused in Massachusetts by the second-tallest bird in the world, an emu. Mallory the emu escaped from her home and was loose in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, just south of Boston. She led a goose chase, or should I say, an emu chase, through Brockton. According to an interview, Mallory's owner, Lee Flaherty, told the television station, that it was likely a wild animal that spooked Mallory, causing her to jump over her 6-foot fence. They caught her in a parking lot, and she is back in her pen after her journey.

Oil Spill in Ohio

By Xzyia Driscoll

According to CNN, a train derailed on Ohio causing 115,580 gallons of toxic vinyl chloride were at risk of exploding. With all of these toxic chemicals, the water and the soil have been contaminated. Therefore, experts have tested the air and the water and said that they are both fine. They have not tested the soil yet because there is so much of it that they need to see how deep they have to go.

Despite these test results, many families who live near this derailment have said that they have felt headaches, dizziness, nausea, and even nosebleeds after inhaling the toxic air. Because there have been so many concerns about people's health, Ohio is having an open clinic for those who are worried.

The US Centers of Diseases Control and Prevention will be there because this is such a dangerous chemical that can cause cancer in the liver, brain, lungs and blood. The Ohio government is trying to do everything they can to get this under control.

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Reading Across America



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Outer Banks Season 3 Run Down

By Karli Anderson

Caution, this does hold spoilers to OBX season 3! Outer Banks season 3 was released on February 23, 2023. For us Bluffton kids we were lucky enough to have a virtual day so most of us watched the show through that day. OBX started with the opening of episode one called "Poguelandia". Which the character JJ played by Rudy Pankow named the island they got stranded on in the last episode of season 2. They eventually see a guy and get him to take them home. Or so they thought. They ended up getting kidnapped by this guy who is working for an evil man. All of them escaped except for Kie played by Madison Bailey. Kie ends up getting kidnapped by Rafe Cameron played by Drew Starkey. Kie and Rafe both escape and go to Rafe's boat. Kie ends up betraying Rafe by stealing his boat. You can now watch season three of Outer Banks on Netflix.

3 Years After Covid

By Izzi Curless

It has been 3 years since the initial COVID lockdown and a lot has changed since then. The whole world shut down then reopened but things still aren't back to normal. Stores still have limited hours and some places still require masks. Will things ever go back to "normal"?

When the news of COVID came out a lot of people panicked, many people bought excessive amounts of food and weirdly enough toilet paper. Then places started to shut down or require masks, but there's more than just the masks, some parks put boards over their basketball goals, and some claimed they found a new cure for the virus. During this time schools had to get creative, enter Zoom classes. Many schools used a program like Zoom to continue classes despite the virus. The middle of the next year schools started to give an option to go back in person. Many jumped at the opportunity to get out of their house and return to "normal". Eventually the option to be virtual disappeared but masks were still strongly enforced. Then the amount of masks being worn dwindled and the world was creeping towards normal. And many things have returned to pre COVID but some things are still returning.

Harry Styles Sweeps the BRIT's

By Amarah Robles

Harry Styles fans are ecstatic after hearing that he received two more Grammy Awards. The new two awards joined his previous 2021 Grammy of "Best Pop Solo Performance," for his

radio hit "Watermelon Sugar." These awards make up a total of three Grammys for the English singer. Harry also bagged the Album of the Year award for his third studio album, "Harry's House."



Photo courtesy of VOGUE Magazine.

Harry then made his way to the BRIT's. He was the grand winner at the awards ceremony. He claimed Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Pop/R&B act and artist of the year. His acceptance speech left fans crying when he stated, "...I'm really, really grateful for this and I'm very aware of my privilege up here tonight."

It is an understatement to say that his worldwide fans are proud of him for his clean sweep at the Grammys and the BRIT's.

Mandalorian Season 3

By Ayden Teeple

Coming this March to a Disney+ near you... The Mandalorian season 3! The highly anticipated third season of The Mandalorian will release on March 1. The last time fans saw the Mandalorian, Mando for short, was in 2022's The Book of Boba Fett in episodes 5, 6, and 7 where he was deemed no longer a Mandalorian for having removed his helmet and shown his face to a living being. In those appearances, Mando helped Boba Fett fight against the Pykes, and of course was reunited with Grogu after choosing to go back to Mando instead of becoming a Jedi.

This season will focus on Mando going to Mandalore, the home planet of the Mandalorians, and redeeming himself, so he can be part of his Mandalorian tribe again.

Another big part of this season will be Bo Katan, another Mandalorian from a different tribe, who wants to reunify Mandalore and the Mandalorians but is unable to due to her not having the Darksaber. Whoever wields and owns the Darksaber is deemed ruler of Mandalore, and this title can only be acquired through a trial by combat. Mando earned the Darksaber unknowingly by defeating Moff Gideon,

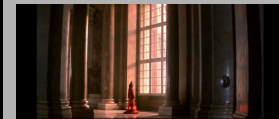
who had the Darksaber. Mando doesn't want to rule Mandalore, but Bo Katan isn't willing to accept the Darksaber by Mando just giving it to her. She must earn it, so the question is will she fight him, or will he rise and become the ruler of Mandalore? We will find out when The Mandalorian season 3 hits screens March 1st. Till then, may the force be with you!



Fun Movie Facts

By Ayden Teeple

In The Phantom Menace, there is a scene of Princess Amidala starring out of her palace window as the Trade Federation invade Theed. Her dress has big orange bulbs near



the bottom that kind of give off a glow. The secret behind these

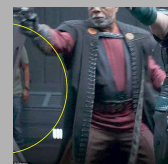
glowing bulbs? A wire that is plugged into a wall.

George Lucas is clever and is usually great at hiding these things but in this instance if



you look closely you can actually see the cord running along the floor!

Similarly, in the original Star Wars, later titled A New Hope, the lightsabers' blades were lit up using a power box attached to the user's hip.



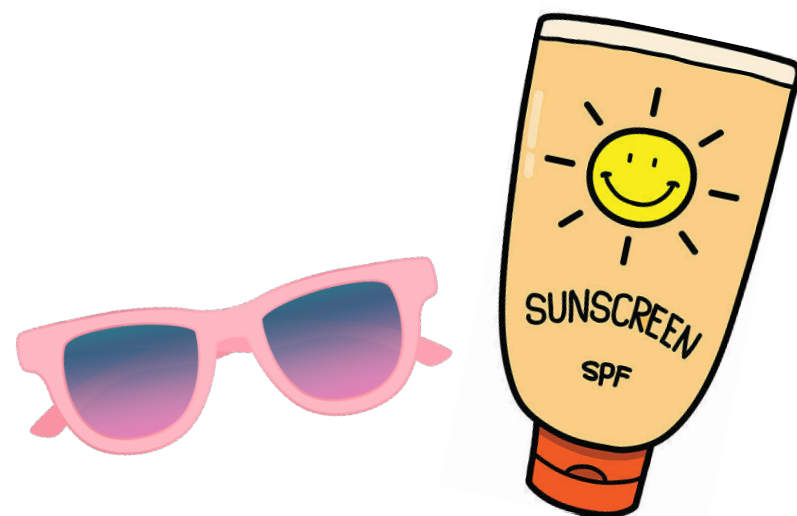
Once again if you look closely you can actually see the cord. This cord was removed from all over movies in favor of the digitally created glow of the lightsabers. Lastly in the Chapter 12 titled: "The Siege" of The Mandalorian if you look in the background of one of the scenes, a man in a gray shirt and blue jeans is standing behind a wall. This man, who most definitely was not supposed to be in shot has been deemed the Jeans Guy by the community.

Fun things to do near Bluffton!

By Ayden Teeple

Now I know what you may be thinking: "Ayden, Bluffton is sooooo boring, that's why half of us are leaving to go on vacation! What could I possibly do in Bluffton??" Well here are several things you can do!

1. Walk around Walmart
2. Bowl at EZ Bowl in Bluffton
3. Visit one of the multiple parks
4. Throw axes at the Busted Haft
5. Create at Downtown DIY
6. Get some grub from Bluffton's fabulous restaurants (now including Papa Johns)
7. Bounce around at Skyzone
8. Watch a blockbuster at a movie theater
9. Shop at the mall
10. Escape an escape room if you dare!



Spring Break 2023

March 17-26

Top 10 Shows to Binge

By Ameen Lababneh, Lauren Mann, & Amarah Robles

1. Dance Moms - A classic reality show that has eight seasons. Hilarious and perfect for a week of bingeing.
2. Outer Banks - A great show wrapped in action and some romance that is perfect for teens. Outer Banks will keep you on your toes and you'll definitely keep clicking next episode on Netflix.
3. The Traitors - a suspenseful competition show with many familiar faces from other reality competition show.
4. Cupcake Wars - If you love cupcakes and baking shows, you should definitely give Cupcake Wars a watch.
5. Friends - A show where you will laugh, cry, and grow so close to the characters. Friends is a wonderful show with 10 seasons.
6. The Simpsons - A near endless supply of episodes to fill the entire week.
7. Greys Anatomy - Greys is a medical drama show. It will have you laughing, crying, and falling in love with so many different characters.
8. Stranger Things - 70% of high schoolers watched strange things so if you are not a part of the 70% spring break is the perfect time to catch up and watch it.
9. Firefly - A cult classic must-watch for any science fiction fan. It's only one season (plus the movie Serenity), so it won't take up too much time.
10. The Vampire Diaries - An 8-season Romance, thriller TV show that would make you fall in love with it is lovely cast and plot.

Popular Destinations

By Lauren Mann

Get excited because Spring Break is just around the corner! Nine more school days to be exact! A very popular state to go to over break is Florida, and they have great cities to visit! My favorite places in Florida are Fort Myers and Sarasota. Fort Myers is definitely more touristy and Sarasota is more low-key, it just depends on what kind of vacation you are in for.

Two other popular states for spring vacationing are North and South Carolina. North Carolina has the Outer Banks. If you love the show Outer Banks, this might be the spot just for you! The Outer Banks have beaches, museums, shopping, and fresh seafood restaurants. I have been going to Hilton Head Island in South Carolina since I was a little girl, and I have just loved it. HHI has wonderful beaches. I love going to Coligny Plaza Shopping Center, it's the perfect spot to walk around with your friends and family and shop, eat dinner, or even get ice cream.



Ideas To Make School More Fun

By Karli Anderson

This week we asked fellow students what they think would make school more fun. Painting parking spots was one of the most recommended activities. Another big idea was that each grade decorates their hallway during homecoming week. Like how we have our banners, we decorate our hallways as well.

Other ideas include having more ways to make money for prom and graduation instead of just doing discount cards because discount cards are not as wanted by teens our age. Teens our age are more interested in getting into multiple football games for the price of one.

More things brought up by students includes 30-minute delays on Wednesday for teacher meetings like AC does and field trips more often. Students get bored of doing the same thing everyday. Let us bring blankets or wear are letter-man jackets because it is so cold in the school in the winter. Paint our lockers or decorate it the way we like because a lot of students don't enjoy the green lockers.

Marvel Vs. DC

By Tyler Beer

Long has there been a feud between these two universes, particularly when it comes down to heroes. Both series have their fair share of powerhouses in their rosters. Characters like Superman and Thor constantly prove to be formidable in comics and films alike. Each series has some similarities, but there are also some distinct differences. Due to the debate over these franchises we ran a survey to put this dispute to rest for good.

Many heroes get compared like the previously mention Superman and Thor debate. When compared these wher the results.

• Superman Vs. Thor	Superman	82.0%
• Batman Vs. Iron Man	Batman	65.3%
• Deathstroke Vs. Deadpool	Deadpool	76.0%
• Green Arrow Vs. Hawkeye	Hawkeye	53.3%
• Doctor Fate Vs. Doctor Strange	Doctor Strange	64.7%

Bop or Flop?

By Karli Anderson

"Bop or Flop?" is a game we like to play were we ask other students if the song is a bop (good) or a flop (bad). We asked students over the past four weeks if these two songs, "I Gotta Feeling" by The Black Eyed Peas and "Life is a Highway" by Rascal Flatts, were a bop or flop.

When polled in B and C lunch, "I Gotta Feeling" got 92 bops compared to 55 flops. "Life is a Highway," a well known song from the movie Cars, received 117 bops and 36 flops.

Therefore, the student body continues to consider these songs certified bops.

If you have any "Bop or Flop?" recommendations, please email Karli Anderson at 002513002@bhmsd.org.

Richard Jefferson is the G.O.A.T.

By Drayvin Shoemaker

Richard Jefferson may not have been an All Star during his time in the NBA, but he proved that he was the greatest of all time, or G.O.A.T., in the Celebrity All-Star Game.

He started off commenting, and when the court was down one ref, he took off his coat and stepped up. Eventually he revealed that he also had a uniform under his clothes, so he jumped into the game. Jefferson had eight points with two of them being dunks. He is doing all this at 42 years old. After the game, he said he was looking for a ten-day contract. Who should pick him up?

Non Players in the Dunk Contest

By Drayvin Shoemaker

For the most part the NBA dunk contest is a bust. It is full of dunks we have already seen and doesn't get that interesting. This year a player that was signed to a ten -day contract in the dunk contest and stole the show. There are plenty of professional dunkers that could make the contest so much better. Jordan Killigan flies like an acrobat when he is dunking. The players we have now don't want anything to do with the dunk contest. Ja Morant even said he would only do it if he got one billion likes on Twitter. If players don't want to participate in the dunk contest then why not let people that not only want to participate but are also really good at it.

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Spring Sports Preview

By Andrew Onuegbu

Baseball

- Last year the boys baseball team only fell to one team in their new sectionals.
- This season Andrew Onuegbu, Austin Lewis, Brody Lewis, Drew Pressler, Braxton Betancourt, and Kayden King are returning to the field to help the team this season, As all of them are pitchers.
- This season we will be adding on AJ Streveler and Griffin Morgan. These two will be very good additions to the team
- According to Coach Pierce, the team's goals are to win sectionals and conference.

Softball

- In the biggest moment of last season the girls walked it off with a hit from Tyrah Shaw to win the game against Winchester. This game Averl Petty pitched and had two triples.
- Averl Petty, Lily King, Tressa Renner, Isabella Stout, and Tyrah Shaw are key returners from last year.
- According to Coach Powers, the girl's team goals are to have a win loss ratio of .500.

Boys Track

- Last year the boys won ACAC for the second year in a row. Key wins included Norwell.
- Even though the boys lost a couple of key seniors, Johnny Cruz is returning for shot put, alongside Drayvin Shoemaker who is stepping up to fill Cameron Farmer's spot. Ben Ramseyer, Andrew Hunt, Tyler Godwin, and Jude Baumgartner are among the several key returners.
- Coach Kunkel is very excited for the season and thinks that they have the potential to have a great season.

Girls Track

- Last year the girls came second in conference for the second year in a row, with key wins coming in the county tri-meet overtaking Norwell and Southern wells. In addition Lauren Reiff qualified for state becoming the first girl to qualify since 2008.
- Key returners include Lauren, and Maryn Schreiber.
- According to Coach Baxter, they plan on continuing to compete towards the top of the conference, and recognizing their own talent by competing in different events they are not comfortable with. Also pushing themselves to achieve and get better each day.

Boys Golf

- Some key moments of last year include Keegan Schwartz hitting for birdie on the last two holes to make it out of sectionals. This was the first time in 40 years that the boys golf made it out of sectionals.
- Key returners include Keegan Schwartz, Ephraim Frauhiger, Kade Abbett and Connor Klopfenstein
- According to Coach Atkins, some goals for this team are to win conference, and make it to regionals.

Girls Tennis

- Key moments from last year include their sectional wins against South Adams.
- Key returners include Alexis Grover, Ella Wheeler, and Gretchen Crist.
- Coach Schwartz says he is very excited to start the season and says that his goal is to win as many matches as possible and have as much fun as possible.

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Chiefs win Super Bowl LVII

By Lauren Mann

On February 12, Super Bowl LVII was hosted by State Farm Stadium, where the Cardinals play in Glendale, Arizona. It was a great match-up between the number one AFC team, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the number one NFC team, the Philadelphia Eagles. But all football fans around the nation cared about was Mahomes versus Hurts and who would take home The Vince Lombardi Trophy that same night.

It started with a rough start from the Chiefs, as they were down with a ten point deficit at the half. Mahomes and his team was then able to leave it all on the field during the second half and pull through with a three point win, making the final score 38-35 Chiefs.

After the game, Mahomes was also named Super Bowl MVP for the second time in his career. He became the first player in NFL history to win multiple MVPs and Super Bowls within the first six seasons. Here's what Mahomes had to say in an interview with ESPN directly after the game: "With the failure of the last two years of losing the Super Bowl and then losing an AFC championship game, um, this one hits different."

The Chiefs made it back home to Kansas City for their Parade on February 15 to see all of their biggest fans and celebrate such a big accomplishment with them. There were approximately 500,000 fans in attendance. Mahomes made a speech at the parade, saying, "I just want to let you all know that this is just the beginning. We ain't done yet, so I'll make sure to hit y'all back next year and I hope the crowd's the same. We're back again. We're back again. Before we started this season, the AFC West said we were rebuilding. I'll be honest with you. I don't know what rebuilding means. In our rebuilding year, we're world champs."



March Madness Preview

By Lauren Mann

As March begins, basketball fans all over the country watch as their favorite teams finish up the regular season and prep for their conference tournaments and March Madness.

On March 12, Selection Sunday will premiere on CBS at 6:00. Selection Sunday is when the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament participants are chosen and seeded.

Two weeks ago, NCAA March Madness posted on their Twitter the predicted seed list for this year's tournament. The list goes as follows: No. 1 - Alabama, Houston, Purdue, and Kansas. No. 2 - Texas, Arizona, Baylor, and UCLA. No. 3 - Tennessee, Virginia, Iowa State, and Kansas State. No. 4 - Indiana, Marquette, Gonzaga, and Xavier.

I definitely think this March Madness will be one for the books. I mean, we've even had some shockers just from the regular season. Normally you see Gonzaga, Baylor, Kansas, Duke, and North Carolina in the top of the AP poll, but many other teams have filled those top spots this season. For example, this was supposed to be a "rebuilding year" for the Boilermakers, and yet they have remained in the top five of the AP poll since the end of November. Purdue has had a rough couple of games towards the end of their season, but I really do think that they will be impressing everyone come March. Let's just say that I am excited to watch Selection Sunday and start filling in my brackets!



Johns Makes State tourney Second Year in a Row

By Levi Kahn

Sophomore Levi Johns made the trip to Indianapolis early this February, proving that his freshman year was no fluke. Levi took home an upset second place at Sectional, came back for first at Regional, and got second at Semi-State, sending him to the state tournament.

Levi took home eighth place at last year's state tournament for the 106 lb weight class and came back this year at 113 lbs. Considering Levi's decorated performance so far, a four time state qualifying record is not out of the question.

Levi had yet another great season; fans, friends, and family can't wait to see what he will do in the years to come.

Boys' Tiger Sharks Fiercely Compete at Sectionals

By Lydia Athan

The boys' swim team competed strongly at sectionals. Freshmen Noah Brooks and Isaac Wheeler proved how athletic they were at finals.

In the 100 backstroke, both Dalton Rodgers and Noah Brooks placed in the top five. Dalton received third place and Noah obtained fifth place. Brooks also helped contribute to the fifth place in the 400 freestyle relay with his teammates Gavin Yergler, Isaac Wheeler, and Dalton Rodgers.

Isaac Wheeler placed second in the 200 individual medley and third in the 500 freestyle. Isaac received a time of 5:18.68 in the 500 distance race. Wheeler also contributed to the fourth place in the 200 freestyle relay with his fellow teammates Gavin Yergler, Dalton Rodgers, and Max Worth.

Not only did the underclassmen step up and take some ribbons, Dalton Rodgers had his own race to celebrate. Dalton placed fifth in the individual 200 freestyle race.

Although it is sad to see the seniors this year leave, the boys' swim team is in good hands with their fierce, determined underclassmen that are stepping up for years to come.



Bluffton Boys Basketball

by Nolan Lambert

On Saturday, February 18th, the Boys Basketball team lost a hard-fought game to the Mississinewa Indians by a score of 61-41. As a result of the game Mississinewa improved their record to 6-15 on the season while the Tigers fell to 2-18.

The following Friday, the Tigers lost to the Southwood Knights by a score of 83-54. At the end of the first half the

Tigers were down by 9. Even with a run by Bluffton to start the second half the Knights extended their lead to 18 by the end of the third quarter. Leading the Tigers was Tucker Jenkins with 18, Kaden Grau, Hunter Wenger, and AJ Streveler with eight.

The Tigers played their first Sectional game against the Manchester Squires. Earlier in the season the Bluffton basketball team fell to them by a score of 93-45, this time the score was 92-45. The leading scorer for the Tigers was Streveler with 22 points. Despite their record, the Tigers fought hard and gave it their all throughout the 2022-23 season as they look towards building a program.



Lone senior Sam Baumgartner brings the ball down the court in his final game in a Tiger uniform. (photo by Andrew Onuegbu)

All-Star Weekend Recap

by Nolan Lambert

“Winner, winner, chicken dinner”, were Giannis Antetokoumpo’s exact words after his team won the NBA All-Star Game versus Team LeBron by a score of 184-175.

The Greek Freak was sidelined during the All-Star Game due to a wrist injury, but he continued to cheer for his team from the bench. As the game started, both teams were going bucket for bucket with spectacular plays as Team Giannis led 99-94 going into halftime. Up to this point, LeBron James had never lost an All-Star game as captain, but this seemed to be in jeopardy as the first half ended. As the beginning of the second half started, LeBron exited the game due to a right

hand contusion, finishing the game with 13 points. The crowd was intrigued as both teams were finishing with high-flying dunks and long range three pointers.

Picking up where he started in the first half, Jayson Tatum was scoring at will, finishing with an All-Star Game record of 55 points. Right behind him was fellow teammate Donovan Mitchell with 40, and Kyrie Irving and Joel Embiid led Team LeBron, both with 32. This was a special All-Star game for Donovan Mitchell and Lauri Markkanen as they got to play in front of the Jazz fans since the All-Star game was held in Utah. Donovan Mitchell has a unique connection with Utah already playing

there for 5 seasons.

This truly was an excellent All-Star game as fans got to see great performances from some of the best players in the world. Fans hope to see the same in next year’s All-Star game.

In the Dunk-Contest, Mac McClung came away on top as he performed many 50 point dunks including a 540-degree jam to seal his win.

The Three-Point Contest had many great performances including a 31 point performance in the first round by Tyrese Haliburton that tied the . Damian Lillard took the trophy with a 21 point production in the final round, becoming the first Trail-Blazer to win the Three-Point Contest.

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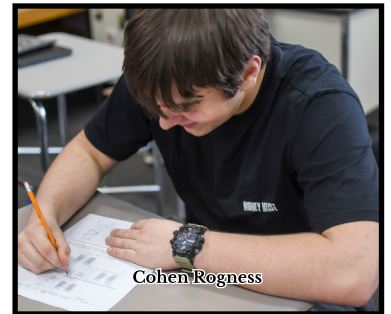
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