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Putin Starts the Draft in Russia to Help Fight Ukraine

By : Zack Stackhouse

Russia was recently forced to reenact the draft so that they can completely take over Ukraine. So far they have drafted over 200,000 people, and it is causing an uprising in Russia. Reports have stated that even men with absolutely no military experience are being pulled from their homes and put onto the battlefield.

Putin's solution to this is over 70 training bases and gun ranges for the inexperienced soldiers to practice. The draft is partially aimed towards certain people. The draft is aimed at mostly men that have military experience. Putin is getting tired of the standpoint that he is in, so he is using the draft to hurry the war up.

Ten of thousands of people are evacuating Russia due to the draft, most of them are finding shelter wherever they can. They are crossing the borders using planes, boats and cars. This does not make Russia look good, but Putin does not care about his people.

Rumors are now starting to boil up about Russia closing its borders. Putin built his power by taking over after Boris Yeltsin, which was basically the opposite of Putin. He took over after the Soviet Union, so it was chaos but he still managed to rule for eight years. Russian citizens are extremely upset by the draft. They are taking the people that have military experience first then the ones who don't have any.

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Hurricane Ian

By: Holly Eichlin

Category four Hurricane Ian hit Florida, destroying towns, houses, bridges, and lives. The hurricane hit the coast of Florida on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. In most counties, evacuation orders were released on September 26, 2022.

Many coastal towns, including Fort Myers and Cape Coral in the southwest of Florida, were completely destroyed. There was about seventeen inches of rain recorded in just the first 24 hours of Ian's touchdown. This caused boats to float down the streets and crash into houses, causing them to be wiped away. Many families are left with no home and nowhere to go. As of now, 81 people have been recorded dead and over 10,000 people are still unaccounted for. This hurricane still has over 1 million people with no access to power or electrical service.

One of the largest devastations from this storm is the destruction of the Sanibel Causeway. This causeway connects the island of Sanibel to the mainland of Florida. This island houses around 6,500 year round residents. Many of these residents did not evacuate as ordered by the governor, leaving over 700 people in need of being rescued.

After touchdown in Florida, the storm went from a category four hurricane with 150 mph winds to a tropical storm by the time it reached the eastern coast. Once Ian hit the Atlantic ocean, it became a category one hurricane.

There are ways to help homeless families and injured citizens during this time of need. The American Red Cross Association is just one source that has done a lot for those affected by the hurricane. People can donate to Feeding Florida, a network of food banks and charities. Feeding Florida is trying to fill their food banks to assist those who were severely affected.



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NASA'S First Planetary Mission

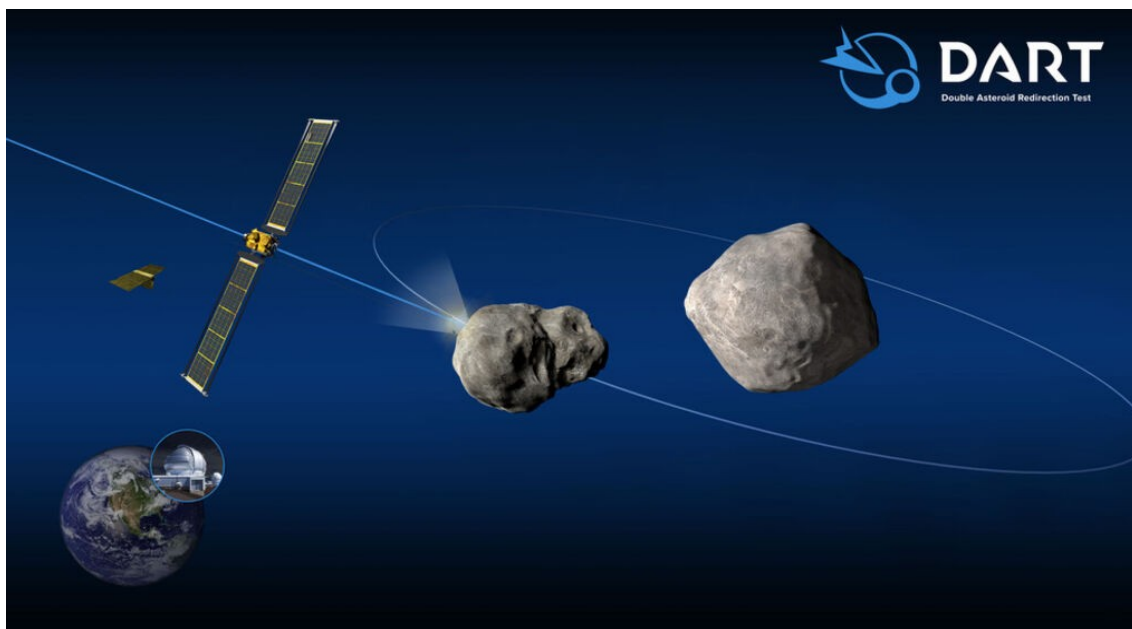
By: Emily Pezzuto

On September 26th, 2022, NASA successfully struck an asteroid, Dimorphous. This was NASA's first planetary defense mission. NASA used DART, or double asteroid reflection test, for this mission. This means there were two asteroids involved in this attack. The first was Dimorphous, which measured 530 feet in diameter. Dimorphous orbited the other larger asteroid, Didymos, that measured 2,560-feet in diameter.

According to The Hill, "Specifically, researchers expect DART, which hit Dimorphous at about 14,000 miles per hour, to shorten the asteroid's orbit by roughly 10 minutes, or 1%." Luckily, neither of these asteroids posed a threat to Earth since they were seven million miles away. So you may be asking, if these asteroids were perfectly safe in relation to Earth, why did NASA destroy them?

A quote from NASA states, "...researchers around the world are now using telescopes, both on the ground and in space, to observe the Dimorphous and Didymos." The Hubble Space and James Webb Space Telescopes will be used to monitor the asteroids for several weeks. Overall, according to Reuters.com, "The \$330 million mission, ...was devised to determine if a spacecraft is capable of changing the trajectory of an asteroid through sheer kinetic force, nudging it off course just enough to keep Earth out of harm's way."

Let's hope the information compiled during this experiment can be used to help us if any disasters are to come our way in the future.



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National Holiday

By: Sarah Mallah

In 1492, Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, set sail to America. On this 10 week journey, he was accompanied by approximately 90 men and three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. Funded by King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I of Spain, Columbus was on a journey to find an Atlantic-bound route to Asia.

People of his time assumed that this was ridiculous, as it was almost laughable to spend money on a voyage with no identifiable gain. However, in hopes of Columbus docking in India and trading for foreign materials, the Spanish royalty granted his pleas.

As known today, Christopher Columbus had not been successful in his journey to Asia. Rather, the public notes Columbus as the ‘founder of a new land’ – the Americas. The voyage taken by Columbus was greatly influential as it now introduced a new non-European territory.

At the time, America was inhabited by Native Americans. Upon arrival, Columbus and his crew did not have plans on befriending the Natives. Thousands of Native Americans were slaughtered, leading to the mass assimilation of their culture and way of life. This was deemed a European conquest. The addition of America had now added on to the ‘organization’ of slave trade. This was the process in which people were enslaved and sold/ traded for valuables. This occurred primarily in Africa, Great Britain, Spain, and America.

It has now become a nation-wide holiday, celebrating Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day. Some states such as Maine, Hawaii, New Mexico, Alaska, and Oregon, exclusively recognize Indigenous People's Day. As of October 11th, of 2021, Columbus Day has officially been illustrated as a federal holiday by President Joe Biden.

This holiday is typically celebrated with numerous parades and street celebrations. Floats are paraded through cities and students also take a day off from school. Hope you all had a good three day weekend.



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Plane Crash in Allentown

By: Ayah Mallah

“It’s a situation no pilot, private or commercial, ever wants to see happen,” reporters note to the public.

September 28th, 2022 marked an egregious day for two lives following the crash of a single-engine Piper PA-28 plane in Allentown. Following this crash and consequent investigations, two casualties were identified — a dead pilot and an additional injured partner. This has been officially recognized as the first occurrence of a fatal plane crash in Pennsylvania since 2018.

The single-engine plane departed from the Allentown Queen City Municipal Airport on the afternoon of September 28th. Shortly following the departure, the plane crashed into a resident’s backyard. Allen Desris, a witness of the crash, reported, “Heard someone yell for help, we kind of ran over, and the plane was on fire, and it ended up kind of exploding.” In response to receiving a 9-1-1 call, an Emergency Crew entered and cleared the scene. A specific causation for the crash has not yet been released to the public.

The severity of the crash resulted in extensive delays in confirming the identity of the dead individual. To assist with the identification process, Daniel Buglio, the Lehigh County Coroner, commissioned various radiology, autopsy and dental x-ray examinations.

Investigators are currently speculating that Keith Kozel, a 49 year old male, is the dead pilot. There is no current information regarding the second victim. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are currently working towards creating a finalized report of this crash.



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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By: Arianna Heimbach

Breast Cancer is a disease in which cells in the breast grow out of control. There are several types of breast cancer. The type of breast cancer a person has depends on where in the breast it started and other factors. Some invasive breast cancers have special features or develop in different ways that influence their treatment and outlook. These cancers are less common but can be more serious than other types of breast cancer. Other types of breast cancers start to grow in other types of cells in the breast. These cancers are much less common, and sometimes need a different type of treatment.

Allison Marcus, a twenty-five-year-old technology consultant, was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 2017. After learning that she has inherited a BRCA2 mutation, Alli would soon find out that cancer would not only affect her immediate health but also her potential to have children after treatment. While fighting for her life, Alli also underwent fertility preservation, because chemotherapy could do severe damage to her eggs. In June 2017, Alli had a double mastectomy and then started chemotherapy at the end of September, which Alli finished at the end of January.

Breast cancer is a serious disease that kills about 42,000 women and 500 in the U.S. every year. As a man or woman, here are some things to look out for. A new lump in the breast or underarm, thickening or swelling of part of the breast, and irritation of the breast skin. Those are just a few of the many warning signs of breast cancer. There are more than 200,000 cases of breast cancer per year, so please get your regular checks, and if you show any abnormalities get checked.



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The Unidentified Killer

By: Grace Idehen

On August 31, 1888, a female prostitute by the name of Mary Ann Nichols was found disfigured with some of her organs missing. Following this discovery, four more female prostitutes were murdered between September and November of 1888 by an unidentified killer. The unknown killer will soon be referred to as *Jack the Ripper*.

Jack the Ripper earned this name from a series of letters he sent to the authorities that were always signed off as *Jack the Ripper*. Since he was unidentified, authorities were not certain that Jack was responsible for the Whitechapel murders.

The Whitechapel murders were a series of brutal murders between 1888 and 1891 in the district of Whitechapel, London. Eleven women who were believed to be prostitutes were murdered in the Whitechapel murders.

People believed Jack the Ripper could have been responsible for all of the Whitechapel murders, but they could not prove it. Police narrowed it down to the five female prostitute murders, seeing as they were all similar in one way or another. These victims were later referred to as the “canonical five.” The canonical five included Mary Ann Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes, and Mary Jane Kelly.

Some believed *Jack the Ripper* was either Montague Druitt, a barrister and teacher; Michael Ostrog, a Russian criminal and physician; or Aaron Kosminski, a Polish immigrant who lived in Whitechapel.

On March 15 2019, forensic scientists revealed that they have unveiled the identity of Jack the Ripper through a DNA sample. A sample of Aaron Kosminski’s semen was found on a shawl belonging to Catherine Eddowes, a victim of these murders. Many critics believed this information was false because the crime scene and evidence were too old.

Jack the Ripper is one of the most infamous serial killers because even today, the killings remain unsolved. His identity is a controversial mystery.



Aaron Kosminski

Color by Mike Peterson

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NBA Preview 2022-23

By: Ray DrePaul

After an interesting NBA season in 2021-2022 where we saw the Golden State Warriors celebrate their fourth NBA championship in an eight-year span, the NBA is finally back. With pre-season just kicking off on September 30th, the first regular season game is set to take place on October 18th 2022. Fans are excited to see their teams play as each conference improved.

In the Eastern conference, it's looking like each of the 15 teams this season can make a reasonable case for reaching the Play-In Tournament. The Boston Celtics, who fell short against the Golden State Warriors in the finals, are making a big case for returning back to the finals with the additions they made this offseason. The Brooklyn Nets should also be a team people look out for because if they're healthy, they could do a lot of damage.

Competing for a spot this year in the Western conference will be difficult because it will be a comeback year for multiple teams. The LA Clippers, Denver Nuggets, and the New Orleans Pelicans will all be getting one of their star players back from previous injury. The Golden State Warriors, who won the title last season, will also look to repeat again this year despite some departures.

This year will be an exciting year as every team is healthy and ready to compete. This NBA will tip off on October 18th as the reigning Eastern Conference champions will be set to take on the Philadelphia 76ers. In the second game that day will be Steph Curry's Warriors against LeBron James' Lakers.



2022 College Football Update

By: Darrian Cascioli

We are almost halfway through the 2022 college football season. There are only a certain number of teams that are still undefeated. This means that the top 10 teams are probably all going to make the playoffs. It will be hard, but they can do it.

The rest of the season is going to be very difficult to stay undefeated. Only 12 teams get sent into the playoffs. If these teams stay undefeated and stay high ranked, they will all make it. The next two teams up will fill in the rest of the spots to complete the bracket. The top three teams have been the same the entire year, but they switched spots with each other. The order of these teams now are #1 Alabama, #2 Georgia, and #3 Ohio State. Alabama has been playing better recently. They were going downhill for a week or two, but now they are playing really well. They have a couple of difficult games coming up, so we will see how they perform.

While Alabama is going uphill, Georgia is struggling. They are supposed to have the biggest and strongest players, but they have been having a hard time. During week four the game against Kent State was closer than it should have been. Also, in week five they almost lost to an unranked team. This is very rare for the #2 team in the country to almost lose to an unranked team. In the next couple weeks Georgia will be playing three ranked teams back to back. We will all see if they stand or fall.

Both of these teams are good and bad in some ways. On the other hand, Ohio State has been good all around and has been the most consistent. They rarely are having troubles like the other teams. Quarterback C.J. Stroud is the standout player that keeps that team in order. All of these teams need to keep pushing through, if they want the season to go in their way.



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Aaron Judge's Homerun Ties A Record

By: Kylee Burwell

New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge had managed to hit his 61st home run of the season on September 28th, 2022.

He had hit the tying home run record in the seventh inning against pitcher Tim Mayza, from the Toronto Blue Jays. This home run will be remembered throughout history with him hitting it straight over the bullpen and against the left-field wall. Judge tied Roger Maris for the all-time American League record for home runs in one single season.

Judge's record blast had come from the Yankee's 155th game of the season, and the 151st one he has played in. He didn't hit any home runs in the last seven games before this one. Judge is currently one home run away from hitting the new AL home run record and becoming the fourth player in Major League history to hit at least 62 home runs in one season.

He will now be linked to the following players in Major League Baseball that have also hit 61 home runs within one season: Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, and Maris. All of these men have played in the National League and left the record standing open for American League players ever since. Aaron Judge will now be cemented within history books for setting this record.



Fall Sports Update

By: Gavin Ehlman

Our school motivates us to excel both academically and athletically. Because we are small, coaches encourage us to be student-athletes. With fall coming to an end, let's talk about our fall sports. They include girls field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football.

The girls field hockey team is off to a great start since they are the only undefeated team in the league as of the writing of this article. They already qualified for districts and are continuing to chase the number one seed in the district. The team is first in the colonial south conference with a record of 13-0! They have beaten teams like Southern Lehigh, Bangor, Northwestern, Palmerton, and given Moravian their first loss of their season. With the season coming to an end, the girls are looking to pursue their goal to win districts.

The boys soccer team finished with a record of 5-13. With only three seniors on the team, they did well. The record doesn't show it, but it gave the underclassmen experience for next season.

The girls soccer team has a record of 4-14. Even though the season didn't turn out the way they wanted it, they won on senior night. That was the first time they won on senior night in the past couple of years. The score was 4-0 with Kailyn (1), Adleigh (1), Jocelyn (2) scoring. The senior night win made it their best winning year in the past four years.

The football team has been dealing with some growth due to the amount of seniors that left last year. On top of that, they brought in a new head coach whose name is Micheal Fleming. With the team having a 0-6 start to the season, they still have four games left. The team will play Notre Dame in the last, most important game of the season. The football team may have had some downs this year, but they are young and can always turn it around in the future.



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Colonial Leagues

By: Gigi Figueroa

Colonial Leagues is a yearly competition held every year for the cheering teams in the Colonial League. This competition is always held on the first Wednesday in November. This year it is being held on November 2nd, 2022. In the past years, Colonial leagues have always been held at Catasauqua High School. However, in the past two years things have changed and Wilson has now been hosting it. This is a good change to get more of our own community involved and more support for the cheerleaders.

Colonial leagues may seem like a small competition, but it comes with a lot of pressure for the Wilson cheer team. Wilson currently has a streak of getting first place in the competition for eight years in a row. Hosting the competition at the school also comes with a lot of pressure because we want to represent the school the best we can.

This year there are some new rules in place. In the state of Pennsylvania, it has been that game day is not looked at as a competitive sport. Teams are now only allowed to compete in traditional competition this year. The new rule has thrown many teams for a loop because they normally just compete on game day, but many are putting on a routine to keep Colonial leagues going.

Last year when it was first hosted at Wilson, there were five teams who only competed on game day. However, this year seven teams are competing in traditional competition. Hopefully, Wilson is able to keep their winning streak going.

Field Hockey Season

By: Makenna Sandt

An undefeated field hockey season has been unheard of up until the season of 2022. The field hockey team has a record of 13-0-1, is number one in the district, number 43 in the nation, and ranked number 10 in all area teams. They were the first team in the Colonial league, EPC, 1A, 2A, and 3A to qualify for districts.

They have been featured on Lehigh Valley Live, The Morning Call, WFMZ 69 News, and 69 News has also come to one of their practices to get clips of their practices and to do interviews. The head coach, Scott Horton, was asked, "Did you expect your team to have this much success? Why?" He responded, "We always prepare for each game and play to win. Although I am pleased with your success this year, it's not a huge surprise."

Player Abby Sagrestano was also asked, "What do you think led your team to this much success?" She responded, "I think our team's dedication and competitive spirit is what has led us to this much success. All of us out on that field want to win for ourselves but mostly for each other."

The girls played Moravian Academy on the 6th for their senior night and tied them 2-2 in overtime. 69 News, The Morning Call, and Lehigh Valley Live were all at the game and posted articles about the game. Although they tied Moravian, they still remained undefeated with the end of the season quickly approaching. They practice in the rain or shine and are continuing to give their all until their season ends.

A Win or a Loss?

By: Shamel Gibson

The boys varsity soccer team had an interesting senior night. They had more points on the scoreboard but still lost the game.

The boys soccer team topped off their season with a win on September 28, 2022. They played Catasauqua, and it was a night that they would remember. They beat them 4-1 in a crushing victory. The Warriors came out with vengeance on this game as they got right to work and got the job done.

There was only one problem that nobody noticed during the game. One of the boys on the Warriors team that was playing did not show up for school that day. The rule is that any athletes that participate in practice or games must be in school that day or they are ineligible to play for that specific game.

Once the league found out, Wilson had to forfeit their win to Catty. It was frustrating for the team because everybody worked super hard that night to make sure they won. Either way, win or loss, the soccer team knows they have every Warrior behind them. They can look back on that game and feel prideful about it and what they accomplished throughout that season!



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The Truth Behind Dahmer Netflix

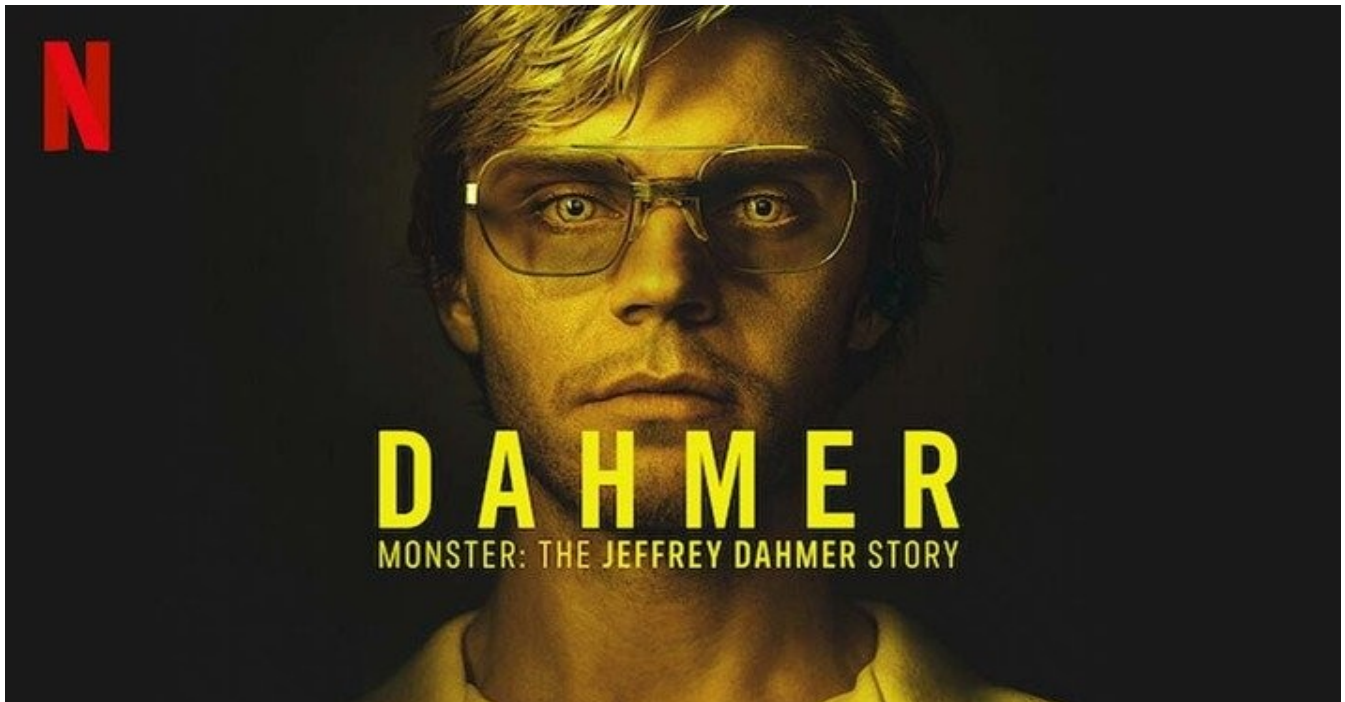
By: Ahiella Borgan

Jeffery Dahmer... If you didn't already know what he did to 17 innocent, young men, keep reading. Through the years of 1978-1991, Dahmer would lure men back to his apartment where he drugged, sexually assaulted, and then murdered them. Netflix had recently released a limited series "Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story," where it held a timeline of Jeffrey Dahmer's childhood to show how he mentally and physically evolved in technique from his first killings to last. Although the Dahmer series seems like your typical Netflix documentary, Netflix had manipulated some of the facts and changed some scenarios for what appears to be entertainment purposes.

One of the main things Netflix changed was Jefferey's neighbor Glenda Cleveland. In reality Cleveland didn't live next door to Jeff nor meet him. She lived down the road, and it was her daughter and niece (Sandra Smith and Nicole Childress) who tried to save Konerak Sinthasomphone. Lionel Dahmer, Jefferey's father, did not teach him how to dissect road kill. He had only taught Jeff the chemicals to strip meat off bones and chemical based information, but never physically showed him how to make "zombies." Lionel was unaware that Jeff even did any of this until his arrest.

When we were introduced to Tony Hughes in the series, it was described as Jeff and Tony having a relationship. It actually seemed like Jeffery was a good person. In reality Hughes' story ends the same way as all the others, with his horrific murder from the first night he interacted with Jeff.

Netflix is unbelievably wrong and disrespectful to the innocent lives taken. How is it morally acceptable to change/add things for entertainment purposes? Not to mention they never reached out to the real families about the show, but only made them relive their worst nightmares. Not even a check or portion of profit went to the families, just pure embarrassment.



Deadpool 3: Guess Hugh's Back?

By: John Anklam

On September 27th, actor Ryan Reynolds posted a video on his YouTube channel announcing the third installment in the Deadpool franchise. The video was seemingly normal until the very end, where Reynolds and fellow actor Hugh Jackman announced that Hugh would be reprising his iconic role as Wolverine one last time.

To those who do not watch Marvel movies, this may seem like just an ordinary casting announcement, but fans of the franchise will know it is much more than that. This is because the last time Wolverine was on-screen was five years ago in the movie Logan, and at the end he was killed. After this, Jackman went on to say he was done with the character and would not be playing him anymore. This announcement left many fans of the character and movies disappointed.

This news is huge for the MCU as it will be the second character from the X-Men movies to appear in the MCU. The first was Professor X in the second Dr. Strange movie. The X-Men were previously unable to be in the MCU due to issues with the rights to the characters. The return of these beloved characters will undoubtedly lead to the MCU continuing to grow in popularity.

No other information is currently known about the plot of the movie, but many speculate it will involve a feud between Deadpool and Wolverine which may then lead to a team-up between the two. Deadpool 3 will be released on November 8th, 2024.



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The Pros & Cons of BeReal

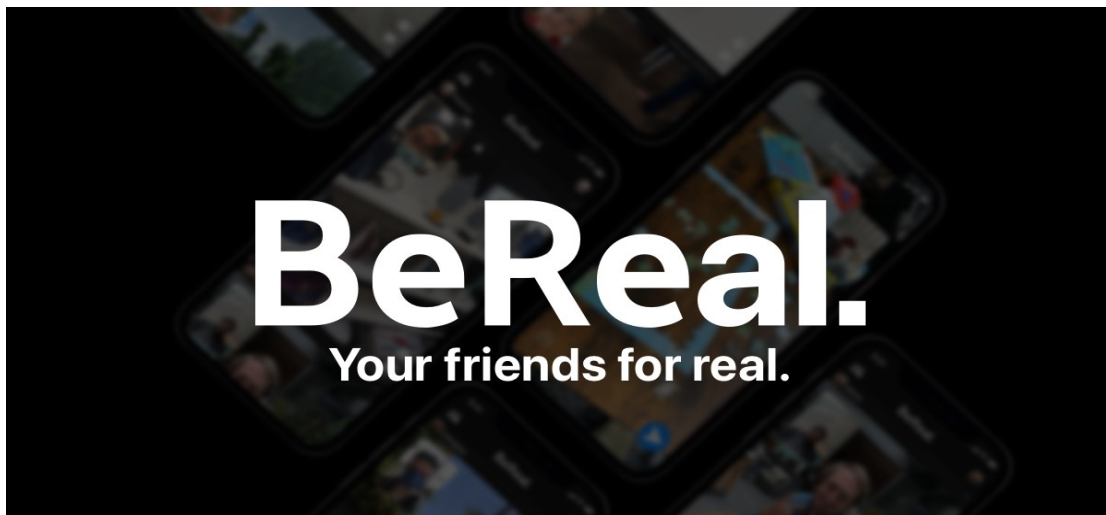
By: Lianah Thomas

BeReal is a new social media app that was created by Alexis Barreyat. This app has recently skyrocketed in popularity since its initial release in December 2019, and now has been downloaded more than 43 million times. The purpose of this app is to bring back being your authentic self on social media.

Everyone on the app will get two minutes to capture a picture of themselves to put on their BeReal, everyone posts at the same time no matter where they are and what they're doing. The time of the BeReal off is randomly chosen every day. When you take your BeReal, it captures the front and back of your camera so you get a full view. Many people consider BeReal to be an 'Anti-Instagram'.

One of the pros of this app is that you're able to see what your friends are up to during the day. This is unlike Instagram or Snapchat where you have to take the time to choose the photo you want to share and what time to share it. With BeReal you'll only have under two minutes to prepare for the photo. A second advantage is that you get to show people what you do during the day. If you only know someone through school or work, it could show you a bit of what they do in their daily life. You can also meet new people on BeReal, but to meet them, or view your friend's posts, you have to post your picture for the day. Another advantage of this platform is that it saves all of the photos you take as your 'memories', so it is somewhat like a photo diary, you could see what you were doing in the past, thus creating a sense of authenticity and nostalgia to the photos.

Even though this app is very unique and a new take on a social media platform, it has a few cons that are detrimental to it becoming more widespread. Many people say the app doesn't let them add their friends or can't take pictures until they add friends. One of the biggest complaints about BeReal is that people feel like the random picture goes off at the wrong time, having them doing something embarrassing and everyone sees it. Some people have had instances of the app going off while they were in the shower. The app also won't delete posts. Because of the strict policies of 'Being Real', you can't delete or retake a BeReal unless you have a certain number of friends on the app. Another complaint about this app is that people feel shame over the fact their life is boring and feel unwell about just posting themselves doing mundane everyday things while others are out doing more fun and interesting things. Would you download BeReal?



Fall Traditions

By: Mya Marsac

There are many things that fall brings, nice cool weather, ground filled with leaves, and the many traditions that are celebrated among families. A trip to the pumpkin patch, apple picking, decorating houses, and attending a harvest festival are some of the most common traditions. Some kids even like making a huge pile of leaves and jumping in them.

Trick or treating is a favorite among kids. They go outside dressed in whatever costume they want to, and they're able to go house to house to get candy. Popularly celebrated among most high schools is homecoming. Homecoming includes a football game, a dance, voting for homecoming queen and king, and sometimes parades.

Thanksgiving is mostly thought of as a family holiday, but in the past few years more people have been having Friendsgiving. Friendsgiving is a time to hang out and talk with friends. Some people that are long distances away may drive or fly out to see their families and friends.

Some families take a trip to the pumpkin patch every year. Out of the pumpkins some people make jack-o-lanterns to put around the front of their door. During the fall, many football fans may throw a party. They may set up snacks, seats, and invite some friends over to watch a game.

A corn maze to most people is the most amazing tradition. Being lost and trying to find your way out is a fun family activity. Most farms during fall have many corn mazes. Some shorter for young kids, and some are longer for more of a challenge.

Fall is a great time to hang out with your friends and family. Some people may not have any traditions, but there are many things you can do during fall and the coming up holidays.

Origin of Halloween

By: Chloe Shotko

The origin of Halloween dates back to more than 2,000 years ago to the Celts who lived in areas of the United Kingdom, northern France, and today Ireland. It was an ancient Celtic festival of Samhain to celebrate their new year which was on November 1. It was believed that October 31, marked the end of summer and the start of winter which to the Celts, was the time of year associated with human death.

According to History.com, "Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth." With all of this being said, Druids, Celtic priests, would build huge bonfires and the people would burn crops and animals as sacrifices to celebrate. For the celebration, the Celts would dress up in costumes, usually wearing animal heads and skins.

Halloween wasn't introduced to America until the late 19th century since that was the time immigrants were flooding into America. After coming here, Halloween became more popular, and Americans had their own way of interpreting and celebrating it. Americans would dress up and originally go house to house asking for food or money but then eventually became "trick-or-treating" for candy.

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Top 5 Halloween Costumes

By: Emma Davenport

Have you been struggling to find a Halloween costume this year? Don't worry anymore, because this list will help you find the perfect costume!

1. Stranger things

- Stranger Things costumes are very popular this year. Since the release of season three, many teens and adults have ideas to dress as the main characters. The most popular Stranger Things costumes include Eddie Munson and Eleven.

2.

Elvis & Priscilla Presley

- With the release of the *Elvis* movie, many fans have been dressing up as the 1950s musician along with his wife. This costume is especially popular with couples and is easy to DIY at home!

3. Angel & Devil

- This one should be no shocker because the angel and devil costumes have been popular for many years! This fan favorite is simple, and you can easily put your own twist on it.

4. Toon Squad: Lola & Bugs Bunny

- Lola and Bugs are such cute costumes. You could do it independently or with a friend/partner! It is unique and everyone is bound to love it!

5. Despicable me: Vector



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The “Favorite Costume” Poll Results!

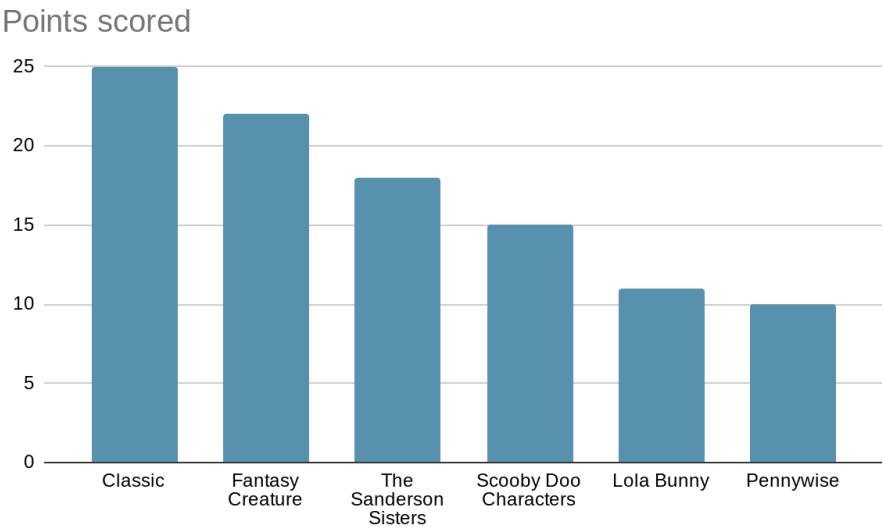
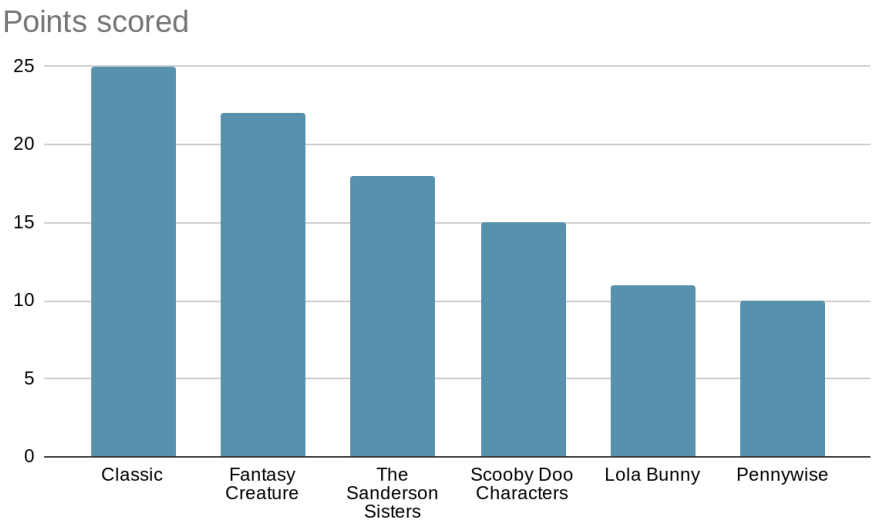
By: Patricia Santiago

For the October Edition of *The Echo*, we have asked the students of Wilson to pick which costume was their favorite. With a whopping 25 responses, the Classic costumes have overtaken the rest. The Classics are, of course, your average Frankenstein or vampire.

Fantasy Creatures, including aliens and fairies, came in second place with a total of 22 responses. In third, The Sanderson Sisters seemed to win the interests of 18 students.

The runner ups are Scooby Doo characters with 15 responses and Lola Bunny with 11 responses.

Now, in last place, is Pennywise. Pennywise had lost at 10 responses but was one point off from tying with Lola Bunny.



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Homecoming 2022

By: Emma Davenport

This year's homecoming dance was held on October 10, 2022, in the high school gymnasium. It started at 6:30pm and ended at 9pm. When you walked into homecoming, there were light up bracelets and neon posters to really accommodate the theme, Neon Lights. There were many snacks and music so students could dance and have fun.

Before the homecoming dance, there was the homecoming football game. We had lost the game 37-7 against Southern Lehigh. Shortly after the game was over, the homecoming king and queen were announced. Nick Alvarez was announced King, and Ava Houser was announced queen. They are both very involved in school activities.

I interviewed Homecoming queen, Ava Houser, on her homecoming experience.

Davenport: “How did you feel about winning homecoming queen?”

Houser: “In the moment I felt very surprised and overwhelmed all in an exciting way, and I was extremely happy and thankful that I had won.”

Davenport: “Did you enjoy the homecoming dance?”

Houser: “Yes , I did! It was really fun, I danced my heart out and had the best senior homecoming. I was happy that I got to spend it with my friends who were also on the court, and it was all around a good time!”

Spirit Week

By: Nick Alvarez

Wilson loves to spice up the hallways any time they get the chance, and Spirit Week is a great opportunity. In the last week of October, students and staff have a whole week of wacky fun themes. Starting off, Monday is “**Country vs Country Club**”. Tuesday is “**Throwback Tuesday**,” so wear your best decade outfits! Wednesday is “**We wear pink**” to show our support towards those with cancer. Thursday is “**Thriller Thursday**” to spook everyone in the halls with your Halloween costume. Friday is “**Blue and Gold day**” to represent our school's colors. We hope you joined in the fun for spirit week!



The Battle Between the Grades: Hallway Decorating

By: Tosin Adebayo

During the month of October, students at Wilson Area High School host a hallway decorating competition. This takes place on Wednesday, October 26th. Many students look forward to the thrill of being able to creatively express their school pride. Each grade is assigned a hallway and gets to choose a theme. The freshmen are assigned the catwalk, sophomores decorate the third floor, juniors decorate the second floor, and seniors decorate the first floor.

This event takes place to celebrate the final football game of the season and generate spirit to help boost the players' confidence.

Students are allowed nearly complete, creative freedom when deciding the theme for their grade's hallway. The amount of school pride that this yearly tradition creates for the student body is immense.

Many students display their school spirit by showing up and donating to the effort of decorating. In addition to rallying up school spirit, this competition gives freshmen a chance to become comfortable in the high school.

It is the first spirit event that freshmen get to actively be a part of and display their strengths. This gives way for the new students of WAHS to be included and operative within the school walls.

When asked what you are most excited about when it comes to Hallway Decorating, this is what the freshman Vice President said: "I am mainly excited to see people come together and get involved. It is great to see the freshman class come together on something that they can all work on as a group" (Kalla Barrett, Freshman VP).

