Anastasia comes alive on the stage

The theatre department’s spring musical will be showing the week of May 15

Ruby Kate Nolen

A missing princess has lost her memory. Her family is offering money to whoever can bring her back. Will Princess Anastasia ever be found?

Actors rehearse scenes from the musical Anastasia in the auditorium last week. It will be OWL’s first musical since The Addams Family.

Maddie Linstad

The OWL archery team has a new addition to their trophy case, and it’s their biggest win yet. The OWL high school team won first place at the state tournament in Duluth in March. “I was very surprised. We had a lot of archers peak at the right time,” said coach Tom Totushek.

The high school team scored a total of 3,383 points, only 32 points higher than the runner-up team, Lakes International Language Academy. On top of that, the team shot 287 tens (which is an arrow that lands in the inner yellow circle). OWL’s middle school team did well too, with a score of 3,111 points and 97 tens.

Although the team as a whole shot exceptionally well, there were some archers that had terrific performances at the tournament. Senior Ian Rosenberg-Scholl shot a 291, winning 3rd place in the high school boys’ rank. On top of that, all of his arrows were yellow and he shot a 50, which is when all five arrows landed in the ten. Sixth grader Sophie Sherman-Hoehn won 4th place in the middle school girls’ rank after shooting a 282. This was her first archery state tournament and her first year on the archery team. Seventh grader Maggie Jansen shot a 281 and won 5th place in the middle school girls’ rank. This was the best score she had personally shot this season.

Scoring a team score complex, but it’s actually pretty simple. Instead of adding together the score of every archer, only twelve archers are calculated into the final score. These archers are the four highest-scoring girls, and four highest-scoring boys. Additionally, the next four highest scoring archers are added no matter their gender.

All archers who shot are scored by the partner they shoot with, with a few exceptions if you shoot on your own. The highest possible score for someone to shoot is 300, meaning all of your arrows land in the ten. Most of OWL’s high school archers scored in the 270 and 280 range, with a few scoring in 250-260. This means that they

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Sorcha named a finalist for ToTY

Science teacher was among ten finalists in pool for MN Teacher of the Year

Meara Gunderson

Science teacher Sorcha Nix was named one of 11 finalists for the 2023 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Michael Houston, a math teacher at Harding High School, was named this year’s winner at the annual banquet on Sunday, May 7.

Michael and the other 10 finalists went through an extensive round of interviews in front of a committee of 21 people made up of former MN ToY winners, school board members, and other prominent names in education. The culminating event took place at the Saint Paul RiverCentre, where educators gathered to celebrate the finalists and announce the winner.

The MN ToY award is a prestigious award given to a teacher who will become a spokesperson for Minnesota education for a year. Sorcha and the other finalists received an engraved crystal trophy and are now lifetime members of the Minnesota Teachers of the Year organization.

“I feel very excited! It’s an honor to be nominated and to have made it this far. The other finalists seem super cool and I feel grateful to be included.”

“Thank you for Sorcha for three classes now and it’s clear to me that she is incredibly deserving of this award,” said 9th grader Datcher Trobaugh.

“I had no idea that Sorcha had made it to the finalist group. It’s wonderful to hear that she has made it this far in the process. It’s great, especially considering how wonderful of a teacher she is. Her class has always been informational and entertaining, making for a much more engaging experience,” said 9th grader Aria Kulseth.

State competition held in person for the first time in three years

Claire Ales

On April 22, 2023, around 40 OWL students with 22 projects gathered at the University of Minnesota for the State History Day competition. OWL teachers Katie Craven, Dan Sullivan, Luke Turvold and Tim Leone-Getten attended and supported OWL students at the event.

Out of 22 projects, 10 projects made the final round. OWL received four honorable mentions: 12th grader Hazel Carroll and 11th grader Jaelle Golbesh with a performance, 11th graders Tess and Willa Campion with a documentary, 11th graders Asia and 6th grader Lilly Shultz with an exhibit. One 5th place was awarded to 11th grader Hiroko Zelke with a documentary. There were also three 4th places, including 7th graders Charity Chestam, Beatrice Coggrave, Abby Horton, and Maey Wall with a performance, 11th graders Cooper Peterson-Anton and Noah Johnson with a website, 7th grader Tasi Vossen-Nelson, and 8th graders Aria Kulseth and Connie Van Gendren with a documentary. OWL had one 3rd place and National alternate, 8th graders Claire Ales and Aria Robertson with a documentary.
Andre joins Manatee season

Connie Van Genderen
Staff Writer

"Okay, I just want the record to show that I am confident in my basketball abilities, there have been several students who have challenged me and as of today, March 11th, I have yet to lose to any OWL student and I will put my title on the line to anybody who wants to step up. I am confident that zero OWL students can beat me," said Andre. "I think the team has already gained a positive reputation beyond the basketball court.

Andre first started working as a social worker at Harmony Learning Center in Maplewood, North Saint Paul, fresh out of college in 2016 with a degree in social work. He first wanted to have a degree in auto mechanics, yet discovered that it wasn't the right fit. "I thought that it'd be fun, but it wasn't," so he went back and got a degree as a social worker," said Andre. "I think that will be really good to see on stage."

Andre is an intervention specialist at OWL, helping with academics, making sure kids are on track, checking in with students, providing kids with workspace, and helping get kids to class. As of press time, Andre has been working at OWL for about a month and is liking it so far. "I think the biggest thing I've gained from this is that there are students who still care about academics, like I said where I came from, there was a lack of that. And so it's given me a lot of hope and excitement, seeing that kids actually want to get Gs to Bs and are really putting focus and emphasis on academics," he said.

Outside of school Andre has four kids and they all love basketball so he spends a lot of time with them on the gym. He also dabbles in real estate and works part time at a youth residential facility.

Wo-Manatees looking to rebuild in 2023

Maddie Linstad
Head Editor

"In the black community, hair is really important and for a lot of like young black men, you can look good and feel good and a lot of people of have a good conversation with the barbers, and so I thought that I could pair those two things up, you know, like therapy, touch on a lot of deep issues," said Andre, explaining how therapy sessions can leave you feeling exhausted and a new haircut can balance it out.

He eventually left Harmony because he wanted a school that was able to focus more on academics. "I kind of had to reevaluate what I was doing there and feel like I could be serving other places better," said Andre.

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A wet and wild ride on a Costa Rican river

An OWL student on the Panama and Costa Rica trip recounts their white water rafting experience

Zane Sheire
Staff Writer

After a two hour bus ride through foggy mountains and beautiful scenery, we got to the place where we would have arguably the most fun of the entire trip. After we got off the bus we had to pull all of the protective gear on (helmets and life jackets), then we were told what commands we would hear on the river. “Paddle forward” was the most common command and is what we were doing most of the time. Other commands included “paddle backwards,” “lean in”, (lean into the middle of the boat and paddle up) “get down,” (sit at the middle of the boat) and “high five” (high five with your paddles). In the boats there were four to five people. For my boat there were five and our guide in the boat we had foot stabilizers which kept us from falling in.

For my group we had a guide named Kya who was very energetic and talkative, which was not the case for every guide on the trip. Kya talked a lot about where he was from and what other groups were like and he also loved to splash everyone. While on the river we had rapids from level one to level three, level three being the most extreme rapids. During the rapids we still had to paddle, most of the time at a faster pace so we didn’t run into anything that would flip us out of the boat. During each rapid we would bump against rocks and get splashed with a lot of water. After each rapid we would high five each other with our paddles.

The river we were on was low during this time though, so the rapids weren’t as extreme but people still did fall in. “It was really fun! I wasn’t feeling that scared because of the adrenaline, so it just felt like a fun rollercoaster,” said 9th grader Lillie Eiken. At about the halfway point we had an option to get out of the boat and swim in the river, which some people did, and they all said it was really fun. The forests surrounding the river had a lot of wildlife. For example, we saw a lot of different kinds of birds but the coolest animals we saw were a group of howler monkeys on the trees right above us. Some people thought that we were on the river for too long, while others thought it was the perfect length and some wished we had gone for longer.

After we got off the river we had all changed back into clothes and had nachos afterwards, which in my opinion were not that good, but other people enjoyed them. Overall it was a very fun experience and I would definitely recommend it to other people. 10/10.

Pineapple farm tour: would recommend

Elizabeth Hallanger
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Out of all of the things we experienced during our Costa Rica trip, I’d say that the pineapple farm was easily one of my favorites. When we first arrived, we got a chance to walk around the main area, which interestingly enough, had a peacock pen to the left and a pool with a waterslide to the right, which did give us something to distract from the fact that almost all of us, in typical Minnesotan fashion, had been burnt to a crisp while white water rafting earlier that day.

The tour vehicle was almost like a fancier, green version of a hay ride trailer, and on it was our tour guide. Our guide Michael had an amazing sense of humor, in that he would constantly jokingly poke fun at us, while also giving off some incredibly intimidating energy, which only made his jokes even funnier. One of his main gimmicks was that he branded a machete named "Justin" which he used to both cut pineapple slices and jokingly thrust as us. Throughout the tour, he also occasionally asked us some pineapple-related questions, and he responded to every wrong answer with some form of “god no” or “Jesus Christ, man!”

At one point, he asked us if we knew how to pick the best pineapple at a grocery store. Some of us responded with things like “Smell it,” “Pick a leaf from the top to see if it comes out easily,” or “Feel it to make sure it isn’t too firm.” All of which he responded to with his title “Jesus Christ no!” or by leading us on and making us think we had found the right answer before then going “Jesus Christ, no!” The bit subsequently ended with him revealing that the best way to find out if a pineapple was good was to cut it open with a machete. Needless to say, he carried the tour.

The tour took us out through the farm’s expansive fields of pineapple plants, and we saw plants whose fruit had been harvested, plants that were flowering, and finally, plants that were bearing fruit. We also learned some pretty interesting facts about the farm itself, like how one plant can fruit up to 2 times and that one man can plant up to 7000 pineapple plants in one day.

Once we had gotten to the fruit itself, we got a chance to get out and walk around. The pineapple themselves were a gorgeous vibrant gold color, and some of us even got to pick some of the fruits ourselves. Our guide also came out and began cutting up some pineapples for us to taste with his machete. These pineapples were quite literally the sweetest, juiciest, most vibrant, most delicious pineapples I have ever tasted in my entire life. You know how when you get a pineapple from the supermarket, it’s usually a bit bitter or tough? Yeah, these things were nothing like that. I’m honestly kind of glad he only gave us a few slices each because if they had let us go out and pick our pineapples I think the tour would have ended with me passed out in the middle of the field from eating a whole pineapple in one sitting.

After we got our snack, the tour itself was sadly over. However, we were given some delicious Pina Coladas and pineapple marmalade with Ritz crackers along with some free time to walk around, swim, or just listen to the peacocks yell at one another. Overall, the whole experience was definitely a highlight of the trip. Five stars for sure.

Panama Canal: wow, those ships are huge!

Claire Ales
Staff Writer

One of my favorite parts of the trip was visiting the Panama Canal. I enjoyed learning about the history of the canal and then watching a ship travel through the MiraFlores Lock. I couldn’t believe how big the ships were and how fast they traveled through the lock.

In order for the ship to go through the lock, the first thing that has to happen is four “taxis” will pull the ship into the lock. Next, the water is let out of the lock and put into the nearby lake. While the water is being taken out, the ship will slowly go down with the water to the sea level on the other side. Lastly, the lock doors that weigh 3,900 tons open and the ship can go the rest of the way through the lock.

When it was time to watch the ship, we walked up to the observation deck. It was really cool because there was a great view and there were people announcing the different stages of the ship going through. They would also announce what the ship was carrying, where it was from, and where it was going.

The best part about watching the ship travel through the lock was watching at the crew members aboard the ship.

2016, construction ended on the “Panama Canal Expansion Project.” The purpose of the project was to make the locks bigger so that bigger ships could fit through. As of right now ships can be a maximum height of 190 ft to travel through the canal. They had to make them bigger because over time, ships have gotten a lot bigger than when the canal was initially built. The locks on the canal will probably have to keep getting bigger as more and more ships are built to carry more cargo.

This was one of my favorite parts because I love watching the ships going into Duluth Harbor in Minnesota. It was really cool for me to see it on a bigger scale. It’s also amazing to see ships coming from all over the world go into one place and think that so many ships from all over travel down the Panama Canal every year.
What were Tim and Luke like in high school?

It may be hard to believe, but social studies teacher Luke and Spanish teacher Tim were high school students once too.

Gabby Govrik Staff Writer

Tim:
Where did you attend high school?
Edina High School (I know...)

What was your favorite year of high school? Probably senior year. I had a pretty fun friend group that year.

What year did you graduate?
1983 baby!

What was your dream job? Teacher at a fun little school in St. Paul. (JK—I didn’t have a dream job).

What was your favorite class or classes? APUSH and Spanish (surprise).

How is high school now the same or different from when you were in highschool?
I think it is harder now. Students learn a lot more now than we did.

What is some advice you would give your high school self and/or high-schoolers now?
Try new things. Don’t feel you need “to stay in your lane.”

What were hobbies or extracurriculars you were involved in?
Baseball, Hockey, Choir, job at a lumberyard, driving around town in my ‘88 Chevy Blazer.

What was your go-to song during high school?
Mo Money Mo Problems (clean version only!).

What was a typical outfit you wore to school?
Doc Martens, jeans, oversized sweatshirt or flannel.

What did you dislike about high school? Pressure to “fit in”.

What “clique” were you a part of?
The endurance athlete crowd.

What “clique” were you a part of?
The legend of Zelda breath of the wild.

What were Tim and Luke in high school?

Senior Spotlight

Dani Butler

Like in high school? What were Tim and Luke schoolers now?

It may be hard to believe, but social studies teacher Luke and Spanish teacher Tim were high school students once too.

What is some advice you were in high school?
I think it is harder now. A lot of things were uncomfortable and in fashion when I was in school, I appreciate that about students.

What pronouns do you use?
She/her

How long have you been at OWL?
Since 6th grade, so seven years.

What are your plans for next year? Augsburg.

What’s been your favorite class in high school? Katie’s senior sem.

What extracurriculars are you involved in? Volleyball.

Favorite field work experience or school trip and why? 9th grade canoeing trip because it was a new experience for me.

If you had a walk up song, what would it be? Pa’que retozen by Tego Calderón.

That One Little Kid

Oskar Helle-Morrissey

What pronouns do you use?
He-him.

How tall are you?
4’11.

What’s your favorite book, movie, or TV show?
Star Wars in general.

What was your dream job?
Teacher at a fun little school in St. Paul (JK—I didn’t have a dream job).

What year did you graduate?
1999.

Where did you attend high school?
Red Wing High School.

What was your favorite year of high school?
Senior year.

What was your go-to song during high school?
Me Money Mo Problems (clean version only!).

What was a typical outfit you wore to school?
London Calling by the Clash.

What did you dislike about high school?
Pressure to “fit in”.

What “clique” were you a part of?
The pretty fun friend group that year.

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Fashion spotlight: Dan

Violet Baer-Benson & Gwen Stender Staff Writers

This issue, Teacher Fashion is starting with Dan, who famously wears a similar outfit to many of the other teachers in this school.

What is your go-to fit?
Flannel and jeans, I don’t know!

What is your favorite shirt?
I don’t know. I have a Patagonia flannel, red and blue. I like that one.

What is your skincare routine?
I buzz it every week.

How early do you wake up to get ready? About 6:20, I give myself 15-20 minutes.

Where is your fit from? REI or Patagonia, sometimes J Crew.

Where do you usually shop? REI or Patagonia, sometimes J Crew.


Violet Baer-Benson Dan is one of the school’s fashion icons.

New elective: Street Law

Social studies class was introduced to students this semester.

Mylie Peterson Antin Staff Writer

In my social studies elective class last quarter, we watched a movie titled Legally Blond. Although it may seem silly, the film taught us much about the authenticity of movie-portrayed court scenes. You may be saying to yourself, “What?! I had to write three essays last quarter?” Well, now you have the chance to take this class.

Taught by Dan Sullivan, Street Law was introduced this year and is available for all students 9th grade and up. So far, the class material has been focused on the process of a trial court, how the court systems work, and how court decisions are made. There are two periods of Street Law, one during second period A days and one during first period B days.

Dan proposed the Street Law class when it was announced that Rebekah Rentzel would be teaching the Critical Ethnic Studies course. “They needed another elective course, so I chose this one,” said Dan.

When asked why he chose to teach Street Law, Dan said, “When I teach Government every year, my favorite topics are based around law. I think that the students also enjoy learning about the different subjects and types of law.”

The first step for Dan in quarter three was to teach the students about different types of laws and mean, how they affect our daily lives. The first project he assigned was a “Write Your Own Bill” summative assignment that students both enjoyed and struggled with the assignment. “It was hard to figure out the logistics of writing a bill and how it could work in society, but I definitely feel like I learned a lot,” said 10th grade Gwen Stender.

After he covered the basics of law, Dan moved onto explaining how court trials and systems work. He taught about criminal versus civil law, and soon decided the final summative for the quarter would be a written analysis about the authenticity of the trial process in the film Legally Blond. Although the film was popular in class for all to watch, Dan also gave students the option to find a case online of a person who was wrongly convicted, and later
What’s up with the lunchroom?

Recent changes include new microwaves and menu items

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The lunchroom has recently seen some changes, so let’s see what students have to say about them.

Not long ago OWL got new microwaves for the lunchroom. Each microwave can go from all grades can use to heat up their food during lunch. “I haven’t noticed that they changed how the microwaves, they’re still really dirty,” said 9th grader Cam Simon. “I’ve made at least two meals in the Mac and cheese using the microwaves, I haven’t noticed that they’ve changed though,” said Blue Nord, a 9th grader.

The lunchroom rotates a clean-up crew, so we can see a few classes every month to try and teach responsibility and leadership, as well as making sure our school stays clean. “Lunchroom clean up is a duty we all need to take part in to ensure we keep our lunchroom clean and don’t damage the equipment,” said 10th grader Dachute Trobaugh.

OWLs lunch room has recently added samosas to the menu and students seem happy about this change. We interviewed a variety of different students and the two most popular items on the menu right now are orange chicken and samosas, their least favorite seems to be the burrito. “My least favorite thing they serve is the little burrito with the white sauce,” said 9th grader Marshall Westwood. “My favorite right now is the samosas,” he added. “I think the orange chicken things are pretty good.” said 8th grader Claire Alc.

The school store was started by Nona crew in 2019, but got shut down because of COVID. It was recently reopened. The store still runs by volunteers, and the backroom had taken a hit, “It’s like it’s gone from what you see and that’s why the school decided to shut down because of COVID.” said 10th grader Tait Vossen-Nelson.

The school store has a variety of snacks you can purchase, such as: samosas, chips, and candies. The store accepts crispus or US dollars as payment. “We’ve been preparing the store for three months by figuring out the prices, estimating how much we’ll be making, and figuring stuff out with Dave and Tammy,” said Isaac Wenzel, a 9th grader in Timms crew.

The recent change in our weather means that playing four square at lunch is now an option, said 9th grader Arthur Maddison, “There aren’t many eyes Simon is the best four square player at our school this far,” claimed Simon Casper, a 9th grader. “Sixth and seventh are the ones that play the most,” says 9th grader Wyatt Kessler. “Froquethall is a combination of ping pong and tennis. The player is holding ping pong paddle and is typically played in the gym hallway during lunch. Froquethall is a sport at OWL and was created by students.” The best team in Froquethall would be Alpha Numericals, because they won last year so they kinda have an edge,” said 9th grade Wyatt Kessler. “It’s my opinion the best player right now would be Arthur Maddison,” he added.

Masquerading in Old Hollywood

Prom is back at Sokol Hall this Saturday, May 6th

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OWL prom took place last weekend at Sokol Hall. The theme was Masquerading in Old Hollywood. Shoutout to the Outward Bound prom committee for a hard work.

The middle school dance was from 5 to 7 pm, and the high school dance was from 7:30 to 10 pm.

The venue was decorated elaborately for the theme. There was a red carpet entry way, covered with a backdrop, the wall was decorated with gold stars with the names of seniors who attendend yearbook. The backdrop was filled with fake Oscar statues as well as food and drink.

For all the high school girls at OWL, Project Prom kicked off a dress giveaway on Saturday, April 1st. The event was hosted at Martin Luther King Rec Center. Girls were able to pick out a dress, shoes and accessories.

Girls from evoke feelings of nervousness and teen angst.

The thrill of engaging in a school tradition and having fun with your classmates outside of school prompts excitement, but for some it incites a sense of apprehension, they worry about whether they should go to the dance or attend the dance at all.

Though one thing I’m sure we can all agree on is one simple fact: prom is always a memorable and special occasion from the excitement of dresses and ridiculous dance moves to the nostalgic playlist of songs from our youth.

Hawks tennis team growing fast

Oscar Mons
Staff Writer

Two years after the pandem,

ic, sports at OWL and Humboldt are still reeling. However some good things have come out of the pandemic, one of them being tennis.

Tennis at Humboldt is a fairly new sport that came out of the pandemic, however the team was led by Coach Koa Xiong and Mr. Lor already looks to compete at sectionals.

The team will end the season and assume the team makes it, it will most likely be the week after our last match. To many other schools, Humboldt tennis pines in comparison to big schools like S.P.A., High. Park and Parkside, which top the conference. The best team right now might be S.P.A., with Harding in a close second. Humboldt ranks low down the list for sure. In a sport where you're so often playing in the same conference with much better teams can be difficult, however with the additions of Loggers and athletes the team has grown considerably.

New OWL players include freshmen Ethan Olen, sophomores 1st singles J, Calvin De-Foster(12th) 2nd doubles JV, Harper Kopka(8th) 3rd singles JV and Simon Casper(9th) 1st doubles/singles J. The previous year Benyan Daghag and Oscar Mons(8th) were the sole OWL tennis players on the team and currently play 1st doubles and singles.

Competition can be extremely difficult, especially when playing varsity as a freshman.

Youth tennis players are seasoned high schoolers and seniors with more experience than middle schoolers making it especially interesting in the new books they’ve acquired. You’ve probably noticed, or at least heard about many social media trends, like the dinner competition OWLs bookworms are SLAC-ers, but they aren’t slacking

Kate Houle
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If you haven’t checked out a book at the OWL library during your time here, you’re missing out. In collaboration with NAAPID organizers, SLAC was responsible for assigning students to different books and coming up with the requirements to win. They’re also responsible for assigning students to different books and helping set up different themes for OWL’s book club. SLAC is not just a school hosted contest. New displays are in the library every month, including 100 book date and one celebrating black- women’s history-months. The books of the books that most English classes have been using as a do-now was completely organized by the SLAC club.

“There are so many of these things have happened without [SLAC’s] planning,” said Carolyn.

The student-led aspect of SLAC is what’s made it so successful. Adults tend to overlook young people a lot because they think they’re too young, but students don’t know what they want. Students do know what they want,” said Hiroko. It’s considering helping to co-run SLAC next year as part of her senior project, an idea Caryl is enthusiastic about. “The library belongs to all of us. Especially the students. So it’s important that there’s a lot of student voice in what they see the needs are for the library!”

The group has thrown Caryl this school before. The group is in its 5th year and growing, they’ve quickly become a close-knit community. “It’s good to have an option that you can build friends in and gives me something to look forward to every week we have our meetings,” said 11th grader Ruby Kate Nolen. The group has thrown Caryl a surprise birthday party every year since 2017, this year they frequently invites graduated members back for meetings. They have a lot of inside jokes and are constantly trading book recommendations.

SLAC, 6
The archery team posed for a photo with their first place trophy.

Photo courtesy of Tom Totushek

Archery, 1
had an average score of around 280 points. About half of the middle school team shot in between 240-260 points, with a huge portion shooting even higher.

The team was shooting during late Friday, or early Saturday. Many archers left on Friday to make late up, and a handful reportedly stayed late on Saturday for the official award ceremony. This ceremony was fast-paced, and went from individual elementary winners, all the way up to individual high school winners. The team standings were towards the end. We were pumped up,” said senior captain Veronica Rhode. “It felt like a really good sense of community. It wasn’t just us being happy for ourselves, it was us supporting the team.

OWL’s archery program has been around for about 15 years, and this is their first ever team state tournament title. It is reportedly a big deal since OWL is the only archery team in the Twin Cities. “There are still no other teams in MN in either Minneapolis or Saint Paul. I imagine that other states may have teams in their urban cores,” said Tom. The team has still had success in past tournaments, their most popular being Emily Yang winning the individual title back in 2018. Emily scored 293 points and went on to be an OWL archery legend.

There was a wave of surprise and excitement from both captains and archers. “I knew immediately that we’d won,” said senior captain Guadalupe Dimayaga. “We were in downtown Duluth and I was yelling, and I was really cocky about it cause we’re the best school!” Ninth grade lieutenant Mosè Windhagen said, “I don’t know, it was very exciting!” I’m glad we took home the trophy as a team,” said 11th grade Jack Linstad.

At each year’s State Tournament, automatic bids are given to the top ten archers in each category. The OWL archers that medaled along with three other archers on the archery team have qualified for the Eastern National Tournament. The archers who have chosen to go include Ian Rosenberg-Scholl, Sophie Sherman-Hoehn, Jacob Landy, Theo Kimball, Duncan Smith, along with Kathryn and Emily Totushek.

Nationals will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky on May 11-13. Additional weeks of practice started up in mid-April and remain open to any archers interested. This practice is provided to give the qualifiers a few more weeks of shooting before they leave for nationals. The practices will also be used to make new targets, after archers shot through a huge portion of them. “Oh yeah, the gaping holes in the targets,” said senior archer Asher Vranes. “Some of the holes were so bad that the arrow would go right through the other side of the target.”

In all, the OWL archery team had a successful season and the future looks bright. The next archery season will begin in fall of next school year. “I think that repeating as the State Champions is unlikely," but I would like to stay on the podium, so top three. I’d love to be the Champion, again even if it became available,” said Tom.

History Day, 2
Two students in the junior division received topical prizes. Emily Totushek received the Raoul Wallenberg Prize in Humanitarian History with a website and Maggie Janzer earned the History of Austria and Eastern Europe Prize with a website. When students weren’t presenting their projects they walked around the University of Minnesota campus, and watched fellow History Day contestants present their projects. It was a lot of fun seeing students and running around campus trying to see all of their projects,” said social studies teacher Katie Craven. “In all, the day was stressful (especially during awards) but most of it was fun and a really exciting experience. Overall I was really happy with the results. We didn’t have any projects go to nationals, but it’s okay. We have many students that will continue to do History Day and get better over the years,” said Katie. Students who competed seemed to enjoy the experience. “It gave me a good idea of what the state competition is like,” said Connie Van Gen- deren. “There is a lot of wait- ing. We learned things we can use next year.”

This year’s History Day is being handled a bit differently. This year’s History Day was the first in person competition since 2019. “It was really good to be back in-person and have that energy there,” said Tess Cam- pion. “It was one of our best projects and teams, and fun to learn more about it. It was a competitive pool of people, and everyone was really com- mitted to their projects.” “Going to state is always fun, because you get to hang out on campus,” said senior Hazel Carroll.

This year’s topic was Fron- tiers in History. Students are excited for next year’s topic: Turning Points in History. “I’m excited for next year because we’ll have momentum. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will have gotten to expe- rience in person competitions and will be excited about it,” said Katie.

SLAC, 3
helping new members to accrete into the overall OWL community. “It makes me feel I’m actually contributing to something that benefits people. It’s also helped me make new friends. It really makes me understand I have a voice in our community,” commented Hiroko. This year more than 15 people have joined the group, and both new and older members are looking forward to making connections with their fellow book nerds and seeing what new ideas the group will come up with.

SLAC already has many plans for the 2023-2024 school year, using data from the library census survey sent out earlier this year. At the top of their list is making the library a more student-friendly space. They also hope to create an Escape From Mr. Lemonceillo’s Library escape room, and are interested in adding a book exchange or donation bin to the library.

However, next year will come with a big change, when Caryl announced her retirement, the future of SLAC was questioned. But she knows that the new librarian will be glad to have the group. “It helps a lot to know that [they] are here… whoever [the new librarian] is, they’re in good hands with SLAC.”

The SLACers themselves aren’t too worried. “I think the students themselves will still run SLAC like it’s always been. And Sorka will still be there, which helps,” said Hiroko. Ninth grader Jocelyn Compton agrees. “SLAC is eternal.”

Tennis, 4
ly difficult when most players on the Humboldt tennis team don’t have more than 2 years of experience. Playing at a higher skill level at a younger age can be incredibly difficult when most players typically don’t have more than 2 years of experience. Playing at a higher skill level at a younger age can be incredibly difficult when most players typically don’t have more than 2 years of experience. Playing at a higher skill level at a younger age can be incredibly difficult when most players typically don’t have more than 2 years of experience. Playing at a higher skill level at a younger age can be incredibly difficult when most players typically don’t have more than 2 years of experience. Playing at a higher skill level at a younger age can be incredibly difficult when most players typically don’t have more than 2 years of experience.

An average match starts with a rocket spin (like a con- fig) to decide which side will serve or return first. The match consists of best of 3 sets each set contains 6 games, (to win a set you have to win by two) each game starts at Love-Love then goes to 15 (one point), 30 (two points), 40 (three points) until one player wins their 4th point or if both player reach 40 (40-40) which is called deuce, in which one player must win two points in a row. The server switches sides and serves to the opposite service box every point. After playing a game the other side will serve again before going back to the first side. Match- es can sometimes be over an hour and thirty minutes long, so when time is scarce teams sometimes will play 8-game “pro sets” where they play a single set with 8 games and again must win two by (ex- ample: 10-8 or 8-6). Tennis is incredibly fun and not only re- quires physical skill but men- tal as well. The environment is friendly and fun, anyone look- ing to join a spring sport next year should definitely consider tennis.
Cocaine Bear is pretty decent

**Michael Ryan**
*Staff Writer*

Cocaine Bear was a hit before it even got released. The first trailer, released in November of 2022, spread like wildfire across the internet, sparking the imagination of the public with the idea of a bear that does drugs. The release of the film on February 24th of this year was hyped up with great expectations.

The basic premise of the film is that a drug trafficker dumps 75 pounds of cocaine off of a plane, which lands on a waterfall. When the two kids stop at a map, they find a bag of cocaine that they decide to take and go to the local state park and go to a waterfall. The horror-comedy is split between the decisions of the first story, which is the story of a young girl named Dee and her friend Henry to walk in the state park and go to a waterfall. The second story occurs when the bear had accessed three or four grams of the drug into its bloodstream when it died, possibly eating more than that. From there it was stuffed and currently resides in a mall in Kentucky, raking in big bucks on T-shirts and postcards boasting its likeness. Loosely based, the film is.

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The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild released two billion copies of video games in total, making it one of the best-selling games in history.

The book, titled "Potentially irreversible damage," delves into the potential environmental impact of the Willow Project, a proposed oil drilling project in Alaska. The project has raised concerns among environmentalists and scientists due to its potential to disrupt local ecosystems and contribute to climate change.

The Willow Project is a multi-billion dollar project that aims to drill for oil in the Willow area leases, located in the Alaska National Petroleum Reserve. If approved, the project would allow ConocoPhillips and Phillips Petroleum to obtain 90% of the Willow National Petroleum Reserve oil. The project has faced legal challenges, including a lawsuit filed by the Biden Administration in 2018.

The Willow Project has been a controversial issue in Alaska, with proponents citing economic benefits and opponents concerned about environmental impacts.

In November 2022, the Biden Administration announced a decision to block the project, citing concerns about the potential environmental impacts. The decision was praised by environmental groups and opposition by the oil industry.

The book "Potentially irreversible damage" provides a comprehensive analysis of the project's potential impacts, calling for a more nuanced and scientifically informed approach to energy development.

Zelda, 11

The Legend of Zelda is a classic video game series that has been beloved by fans for decades. The series has evolved significantly over the years, with each game introducing new challenges and innovations. The latest installment, "The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom," builds on the rich lore and iconic characters of the series, offering a fresh and engaging adventure for players of all ages.

The game follows the protagonist, Link, on a quest to save Hyrule from the evil Ganondorf. The story is set in a world filled with diverse environments, each offering unique challenges and mysteries to uncover. The gameplay combines exploration, combat, and puzzle-solving, allowing players to progress at their own pace.

Featuring stunning graphics and an engaging narrative, "The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom" is a must-play for fans of the series and newcomers alike. It offers a rich and immersive experience that respects the history of the franchise while also pushing the genre forward.
Little kid shows inspire nostalgia

Ellie Patton & Lana Stevens

Most kids watched a lot of television shows when they were little, which makes the shows a huge part of our childhood. But everyone grows up and grows out of those kids shows we all knew and loved, and since the thought of growing up can be scary at times, here are some kid shows to help us remember the good ole' days.

1. Curious George

Curious George is a cartoon about a lovable monkey named George living with a man in a yellow hat. As per the name of the show, George's curiosity leads him on adventures every episode, as he learns lessons through his mistakes. The iconic monkey was originally in pictures book illustrated by Margret Rey and H. A. Rei in 1941. In 2006, a TV show of Curious George came out on PBS Kids. All of the many diverse characters and different adventures George takes us on, are the perfect way to attach to the monkey and his stories. Definitely a favorite of kids shows. 1. (Lana) think it was so easy to fall in love with the show because of all of the different characters and places in the show. It feels like we are in George's own world, it's very immersive and memorable.

2. Martha Speaks

Martha Speaks is a show featuring Martha who became a talking dog after she ate alphabet soup. She lives with her family, Helen, who is her best friend and her owner, her adopted brother Skits, and her mother Helen and dad. Martha is also friends with her adopted brother Skits who she doesn't always get along with but still enjoys playing with, and occasionally takes the role as his translator so he can speak with Martha does. This story follows Martha each episode as she learns new English phrases with her new speaking ability. This show was one of my favorites. It was on because not only was it a really fun show but it also helps kids learn new vocabulary and teaches kids watching along the way. You could find something like this, someone show each episode to have the most fun and funny story every time. The show was released in 2008 on September 1st on PBS kids. The first kids' book was written and illustrated by Susan Meddaugh in 1992 which then later on put children.

3. Odd Squad

Odd Squad is a show that takes place in a secret headquarters run by kids that investigates anything strange, weird, and especially, odd. The two main characters we all probably remember the most fondly are partners in the Squad, Oliver and Otto. Every episode they get cases

To investigate odd happenings around the world, and as they go they use math skills to solve these cases, discreetly teaching some of the audience on the way. The PBS Kids show premiered in 2014 with the popularity of the show, it's won an Emmy as the seasons went on, since all the actors were on live-action, they grew up and were replaced with new characters. (Unfortunately!). The series also has a spin-off called Odd Squad Academy in a span of seven years, airing its final episode on July 30. I personally really loved about this show was how they made math seem genuinely funny and useful, and they had a really good way of teaching me a lot through the years without making it too obvious it was about education. Also, with the main focus of the show investigating odd-ness, there was rarely a dull moment!

4. Wild Kratts

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Trump, Fox News face possible consequences for their actions

Ted Dobkins  Staff Writer

Half of the two couples months of 2023 have been very eventful and significant. As you probably have heard, a certain Donald Trump was indicted on March 30th, becoming the first person in U.S. history to face such a charge. This on its own made history, however following the indictment and arrest, April could bring many other significant stories of conservative politicians being held accountable for the things they have said and done. But first, let’s cover the indictment, and then we’ll talk about what’s to come.

Trump was charged with 34 felony counts of violating Business Records in the First

TikTok, 5

Types of videos, most accounts are from anonymous users who upload hours of content of this nature. These short clips often go viral and receive millions of views.

Why does Gen Z find it so hard to watch a video short? "Watching a show without looking at your phone is becoming like a reality check in this day and age. The craziest part is most of the clip shows seem to be made for the younger generation of episodes that you’d think would keep people’s attention.

The more I thought about this content it got me thinking - what does this say about the attention span of teenagers? I mean the fact that there has to be both TV and game clips simultaneously to get the attention of a young person is astounding.

To answer this question I interviewed multiple highschool students, and they think these videos have affected them.

I asked them what they think about these TikTok’s having gameplay below them and 10th grade Gabby Gorkiv responded “I like it because it makes me feel more engaged at what I’m looking and engaging with.”

“My attention is grabbed very easily but not held entirely,” 10th grade Gwen Stender said.

I then asked all of them if they thought their attention span was good, and the majority replied “No”, saying that they think they lose attention easily.

According to Social Media Psychology, 50% of TikTok users find longer videos "boringful." I think the addition of other content playing below alleviates this so-called ‘stress’ being experienced.

There has been a cultural shift within the past year as the attention span of teenagers is considerably decreasing. A large amount of media content creators have to get creative. They have to come up with new, easy ways to get views and create viral videos by targeting other people’s content, while simultaneously worsening the attention span of this up-and-coming generation.

Willow Project, 2

The project is being supported by the state, which will create many jobs, and help Alaskan economy as a whole. The Willow project will increase buy foreign oil, as the Wil- low Project will create the state enough money.

Although Alaskan lawmakers are sharing their support of the project, the citizens, and Alaska natives are less opti-
mistic about the drilling. They worry about the health of cit-
izens, environmental impacts that could come from major oil development, especially on the coastline.

If the Willow Project isn’t stopped by legal actions, it has potential to have irreversible harm to coastal wildlife, accelerate the rise of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The petition cur-
rently has over 3.2 million sig-

Minesweeper is underrated

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What’s the one iconic game that I was all too familiar with? Play. And no, it wasn’t a board game, but for fact that I didn’t know how to play it. I first found this game on my Windows 7 computer, it was amongst the nine different pre-installed softwares found in the Games folder which housed many nostalgic games. Unfortunately, I’m not going to be talking about the beloved “Tazmanian” Pipse. I’ll be writing about the one with the grid of blank squares, the red flag, and the line of numbers. Is it sound familiar? Yes! I’m talking about the classic game Minesweeper.

What’s interesting is that Minesweeper wasn’t originally developed for a game of strategy, but for education. For the purpose of understanding and learning about the functions of mines, Microsoft labs lacked the scroll wheel and it wasn’t until 1995 that it was made with a mouse with a scroll wheel. So when the time, the game only contained two of the main functions of a typical 1990 mouse, which was left-click and right-click. This game was developed by two Microsoft employees, Robert Donner and Curt Johnson, and released in 1989. Today, Minesweeper is categorized as a puzzle game that requires both logic and strategy. And it’s still widely available, where you can find it on multiple websites and included in Google’s category of games.

The objective of the game is to clear the whole board. Which can be done by clicking on all of the squares without bombs hidden within them. If you’re successful then it will result in a board full of squares that you’ve flagged, which signifies that there are hidden bombs. And it should be noted that, as long as you clear up all of the safe squares you can still win the game even if you forget to flag a bomb or you flagged wrongly. But even if you didn’t flag any hidden bombs at all, however, you may still not end up gaining relief that I find fun. There is that although the game is nerve wracking in a fun way, I’m not going to lie, guessing is the system of luck without having to make any decision, and it’s still widely available.

If I could explain how playing Minesweeper feels in two words it’d be frustrating, yet satisfying. The game doesn’t have any audio and the graphics are quite low, like, you can play this game even with the lowest specs. And I’m glad that the game’s graphics are so simple, because the gameplay experience even easier and more enjoyable. In addition the game doesn’t have audio. If it did, I would’ve imagined a very

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John Wick, 7

and exhilarating martial arts sequences will always be
enjoyable in every scene, and they're all elevated by the
gorgeous set design, lighting,
and cinematography.
There is so much style and talent in the
production of these movies
that you can’t help but be
impressed. If you’re looking for a
film with real story, direct
charisma and conflict
I wouldn’t recommend these
movies at all, but if you’re
looking for the silliest, most stylish,
insane thrill ride that cinema has
ever offered, then you won’t
be let down.

John Wick is a franchise
naturally anticipated for release and
in 2022, but is now set to debut on
May 13th.

We know that Tears of the
Kingdom will feature expansive
new skies alongside the
Hyrule fans know from its
predecessor. An “under
ground” has also been
shown, and it contains
what appears to be
unique environments and
enemies.

“Of course, it’s not just the
same world as it was,” said
series producer Eiji Aonuma,
during a 10-minute gameplay
demonstration this March.
“It’s changed in many ways.”

Aonuma’s demonstration
also shed light on some of
Link’s abilities from his magi-
cal new form, such as the
ability to possess objects
“in ultra”, and the ability to
fuse items together using a
system that appears to have some sim-
ilarities to elemental physics in
Breath of the Wild.

Breath of the Wild II is
something you can’t do
a lot of things just by thinking
about what was even possible,”
Aonuma said. “There’s still
so much more gameplay
elements, and we could
probably put all of them in,
You can’t see a lot of Tears of the
Kingdom will also be the first Zelda
game to release since 2017, 13 years
ago.

Early trailers
that we watched in it was a
great pumped—yes.
Surprisingly there weren’t
so many people. Maybe it
wasn’t the right atmosphere
night, maybe it was because
Cocaine Bear’s popularity had
about it, but it was definitely
not a full house.

It has a 6.1 on IMDb (the critic rating) and 72% on Rotten Tomatoes (the audience rating)... which about sum it up. It was a fun movie but I wouldn’t watch it again.

Despite how funny the idea of a bear on cocaine is, there was some that didn’t
land quite right. I think it would have been better if the bear had been
more aggressive and the movie
had been shot up and acted truly
terrified of a cocked-up bear
instead of the self-aware “the
story is ridiculous” they went
for which seems to be popular
in movies currently.

As for the special effects, they
were the best part of the
movie. The bear looked
realistically terrifying
I felt that the bear
could touch its
blood-coated
snout.

Despite what some people might think, there was
no after-credits scene.

Cars, 9

the car is doing. I have
driver’s license 2016 Subaru
Forester which comes standard
with all-wheel drive, control,
abs, Bluetooth. All of
that. Driving you that still
gives me some back but I
just keep. I feel connected
worse car I’ve driven was a
2013 Ford Explorer, in that
I felt blind, there was absolutely
no road feel and because the
gas pedal felt like it was
linear and the steering felt like a
broken arcade game. Now to clarify, not liking the safety
features are completely
useless. Safety features like that
should be included on the
road and should definitely
be equipped standard on most

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Ellie to a doctor that can
drugs and if I simulate
Ellie’s immune. When
time back, Marlene asks
Joel to take care of
the pair are skeptical
and not willing to risk
their lives for this, but
Marlene and Joel must
take the risk, and eventually
agree. This is
when the story truly begins.

The rest of the show consists
of Joel and Ellie making
their way to the hospital
and the many obstacles they
endure. There is also
other elements that keep
the show going and one that
can occupy nearly an
entire episode and introduce
new characters. As for the
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the relationship between Joel and
Ellie since we know of the
whose life work was ripped
away from him and he lives
every day with a gaping hole in
his heart. Ellie has grown up in
a wholesome and loving
ten-year-old. It was
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traction control.

However, ABS doesn’t
affect this too much, it’s
just a good safety feature.

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quite amazing how it was adapted solely
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director. As for the
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However, because a lot of the people on the leaderboard have completed expert mode in under a minute I wish you luck. I don't recommend being chronically online to speedrun anything. And if you aren't looking for competition, you can play this game to enjoy the satisfaction of clearing a board through logic and strategy—and maybe a bit of luck. You should play Minesweeper because it's free and widely available on almost any device, so it wouldn't hurt to try.

The words we use, 9 illnesses.
It all starts with what we say. Your brain creates neural pathways whenever you say something. The more you say it, the more it's normal. That's why when you start saying something ironically, you'll probably start saying it unconsciously. Once you say something, it gets easier and easier to say it.

If you start saying that someone's acting OCD or that they're OCD because they like things clean and neat, you start saying it more and more. Your brain recognizes it as true, as the meaning of OCD. Then what do you think if someone says that they are OCD? Does it truly mean that they like to wash their hands before eating or like to organize their books alphabetically? Or does it mean that they obsess over things and resort to compulsions to receive a bit of comfort from their true intrusive thoughts and anxieties?

Think about what you say, if you think it may be taken wrong or that you're misusing a word, do not say it. Instead of OCD, say perfectionist or orderly. Instead of addiction, say you love or that you're hooked on something. Instead of bipolar, say moody or flighty. Instead of PTSD, say upset or shaken. Instead of saying you're going to kill yourself, say that you hate that or that you're going to cry. Instead of saying you acted on your intrusive thoughts, say you were impulsive or reckless. Don't normalize mental illness or severe mental health symptoms.

Accountability, 10 is another example of Fox News, and its anchors being held responsible for their harmful conspiracies and lies. But what makes all of these cases important? They're meaningful because they all show the importance of keeping our politicians and political commentators accountable for their actions and what they have said. It shows that falsifying documents, lying to voters, and spreading conspiracy theories cannot go unchecked, as it causes harm and further damage to the political system. As we move into 2023 this trend of accountability is even more timely and important, as false information and conspiracy theories grow increasingly prevalent in news and politics. It is cases like these that remind us to keep this accountability in our politics, as it further strengthens democracy and our ability to usher in change.

Baseball, 9 won over a decade ago. Baseball however is not a dying sport monetarily wise, they are still making a ton of money, with many sources estimating they made 10.8 billion dollars in this last 2022 season. Overall Baseball is slowly dying in viewership and popularity however because of how dedicated the players and fanbase is, it is still a profitable business, and still is making money.

Rome, 10 of the wars with Carthage) the Romans lost their entire fleet to a storm so they built another, then that fleet was destroyed by a storm so they did it again. When the Gauls sacked Rome in the early days of the republic they refused to surrender and eventually beat the invaders. When Pyrus reached Italy and defeated the romans again and again with his defeats the romans continued to fight and eventually conquered his kingdom. When Hannibal crossed the Alps the Romans sent consul after consul to defeat him and after all of that they won by besieging the city of Carthage and meeting him on the plains of Zama. But Rome's greatest strength is also its greatest weakness. The will and ambition of Romans got the romans up to consul and emperors and ending the days of consuls and Conquests.