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School News

Agriscience Happenings By Eve McCorkle



This week in the agriscience class the students are diving deeper and deeper into their meat animal unit. The students have each been assigned a partner and a topic. They will learn more about the subject and understand it better. Once each group gets a better

understanding and becomes "expert" at the topic they were learning about, they will teach the topic to the rest of the class. In the end, everyone will know a lot more about these topics.

Overall, the class is having a great time preparing for their presentations and learning

more and more about the topics that they were assigned. Be sure to check back next week to see what these students will move on next week. Have a great weekend!



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Ski Club Canceled By Gavin Rutledge

Due to the bad weather last week, the ski club was unable to have their first trip. As

someone who is new to snowboarding and new to ski club I was very upset. I decided to ask others what they thought of this as well.

Q - What are your thoughts on the ski club being canceled?

Mrs. Kowalski - "It sucks because there is nothing like ski club being canceled because of too much snows"

Sawyer - "I was not happy about it, but I ended up going anyways" Gavin Snyder -"Bad" Dylan George - "I was mad"



Most people were not happy with the turnout of ski club being canceled, which was expected, but we are all looking forward to next week.

Local news

Weekly Weather Preview By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be pretty cold and looks to be a little bit of a snowy week with some wind. Make sure you all keep warm and stay inside with heat as much as you can.

Monday, January 20th, 2025: A few snow showers in the morning leading to mostly cloudy with a high of 14 degrees and a low of 3 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025: Partly cloudy with a high of 11 degrees and a low of 2 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.



Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025: Mix of clouds and sun with a high of 18 degrees and a low of 8 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday, January 23rd, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a high of 24 degrees and a low of 13 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday, January 24th, 2025: Cloudy with a high of 23 degrees and a low of 15 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday, January 25th, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a few snow showers later in the day with a high of 25 degrees and a low of 17 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, January 26th, 2025: Cloudy with a high of 26 degrees and a low of 18 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

I hope you all had a great week!

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US News

Things You May Have Missed This Week By- Dorothy Disha

• Kate Middleton has confirmed that she has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

• The California wildfires have killed at least 25 people and swept through 40,000 acres in the Greater Los Angeles area,



destroying more than 12,300 structures.

- The Weeknd's song, "Blinding Lights" has been crowned the number one song of the 21st century by Billboard.
- Shrek 5 has been set to release December 3rd, 2026.
- Barack Obama and Donald Trump have been trending in the internet because of their friendly conversation during Jimmy Carter's funeral.
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Trump Sentenced By Michael Hayden

Last week, President-Elect Donald

Trump's legal team appeared before the US Supreme Court to appeal his May conviction of 34 felony counts of business fraud. They were



unsuccessful, and this past Friday, January 10, Trump's sentencing hearing took place as scheduled.

Judge Juan M. Merchan, the judge overseeing this case, could have sentenced Trump to up to 4 years in prison. Alternatively, probation or a fine could also have been imposed. However, Judge Merchan, citing his unwillingness to be a barrier to Trump taking his elected office, decided to instead offer an unconditional discharge. This means that Trump,

while still having the felony conviction on his record, will not face any punishment.

Trump will take office next Monday, January 20.

Photo by Brendan McDermid via Reuters

California Wildfires By Dom Mensche

California is again reeling under the ravaging wildfires as multiple wildfires rip through the state. Fanned by high temperatures, dry vegetation, and strong winds, the fires have destroyed homes, sent thousands of residents fleeing, and caused distress to scores of communities. The worst of all is the Cedar Creek Fire, which has swept across more than 150,000 acres in Northern California, triggering mass evacuations and testing firefighting resources in the area.

These have been some of the most intense fires to date, bringing into the spotlight the struggle of California with climate change. Long drought conditions and record heat waves have left the state more prone to wildfires in recent years. Firefighters have been in relentless combat against the blaze, supported by aerial water drops and reinforcements from neighboring states. But the fickle weather and challenging landscape continue to make firefighting incredibly hard.

Besides the immediate risk to life and property, wildfires equally carry long-lasting environmental and health hazards. The plumes of smoke have reduced visibility and air quality in the state. Health warnings have been issued against children, aged people, and those susceptible to respiratory infections. Wildlife and habitat are also beginning to suffer, while recovery will most likely take decades.

As authorities are asking the residents of the most endangered areas to be ready to evacuate at any time and stay tuned for alerts, calls are slowly emerging for the need for long-term solutions: increasing prescribed burning, forest management, and investments in fire-resistant infrastructure as ways to temper the next disaster. Besides that, climate change will have to be taken care of on a larger scale in order to diminish the extent of such annual fire seasons.

For now, communities throughout California rally around the displaced, opening shelters to evacuees and taking in donations from across the country. As wildfires continue to rage on, it's a stark reminder of what a warming planet brings humanity up against, and the resilience of those who face its consequences head-on.

Tiktok IS Getting Banned, Here is What You Need to Know By Dorothy Disha

TikTok, a very popular social media app with 170 million American Users has recently been on the brink of deletion due to the Supreme Court



considering it a potential data breach. The Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of a law that would ban the platform in the U.S. if its China-based owner, ByteDance, doesn't sell off its U.S. operation by Jan. 19.

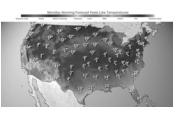
If the court votes to uphold the law, the U.S may lose Tiktok. But that does not mean that the app will disappear or punishment will be provided to those who go to access it. "But it will get harder for the platform's users in the U.S. to access the app", says Kate Ruane, director of the Free Expression Project at the Center for Democracy and Technology.

TikTok officials say it is possible that on Jan. 19, when U.S. users try to open the app, a prompt will show up indicating the service is no longer available in the country. It's also possible that users will be able to access the app but it may be buggy, operate slowly or crash often, the TikTok official said in an interview with CNN. Sources- CNN, USA Today. Photo Credits- The Financial Times

Cold Weather Coming Our Way By: Pyper McEwan

Winter is a very cold time of the year, and it's about to get even colder. The cold is going to be hitting us this weekend, and it is going to be the coldest winter air we have had in a long time.

Before the cold weather arrives it will warm up a little. The cold air will first hit Canada late during the week and then make its way into the US



during Saturday morning. The temperatures will reach 30 degrees below the normal temperature. There will be winds picking up. Monday will most likely be the coldest day of the season. Info: CNN Photo cred: CNN

Global News

Gaza Ceasefire Agreement By Michael Hayden



For the week, past President Joe Biden's last in office, envoys from both office and his President-elect Donald Trump's been have with meeting Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to negotiate a ceasefire in Gaza as well as the release of the 98 hostages still held there.

In Doha this past Monday, January 13, mediators from Qatar and Egypt presented to both Israel and Hamas a final draft of the deal which would, in Biden's words, "free the hostages, halt the fighting, provide security to Israel and allow us to significantly surge humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians who suffered terribly in this war..." The deal outlines a multi-phase plan which involves the gradual release of hostages while Israeli Defense Force troops are simultaneously gradually withdrawn from the Gaza strip.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Axios's Barak Ravid reported that, while the Hamas group had not yet officially signed off on the deal, Mohammed Sinwar, their military leader in Gaza, expressed his own approval of it. We must hope that the rest of the involved officials will be just as receptive to the agreement, because Trump has threatened that there will be "all hell to pay" if the hostages, which include 7 Americans, are not released before his inauguration. While he did not explicitly state that this meant he would be attempting to take military action in his post on Truth Social, he did state that "Those responsible will be hit harder than anybody has been hit in the long and storied History of the United States of America."

Photo of Netanyahu & Biden via BBC

North Korean Soldiers Captured By Cheyanne Bennett

On Monday, January 13th, 2025 spy agencies in South Korea told lawmakers that approximately two of Korean soldiers had been captured by Ukrainian forces during the fight alongside the Kursk border region in Korea. The president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said he's willing to send some soldiers over to North Korea if North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will arrange a time to exchange with Ukrainian prisoners of the war that is happening in Russia.

The North Korean agency said, "They are

willing to sit down and discuss the matter with Ukraine authorities if their soldiers ask to go to South Korea eventually. Seoul's spy agency said



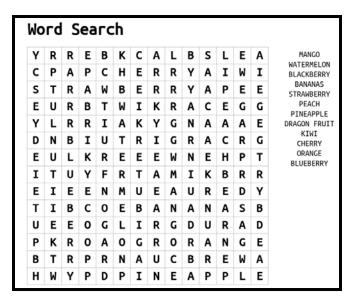
that approximately 300 soldiers from North Korea have died and approximately 2,700 North Korean soldiers have been injured during the fight with Ukrainian forces. This war with Ukrainian forces has been North Korea's first time with this large of a conflict since the 1950-1953 Korean War.

On Saturday, January 11th, 2025 Zelenskyy confirmed that two North Korean soldiers had been captured. Info credit- PBS.org Photo credit- The New York Times

Entertainment

Fruit Word Search

By: Pyper McEwan



Guess The Student By Ezra Stahlberg

Emerald Press week 16 is officially here, and a new week of Guess the Student comes with it. See how quickly you can identify the student. (These hints are all made up with the students and approved by the students) Hint One: This student plays a fall sport.

Hint Two: This student is an upperclassman.

Hint Three: This student is in the NHS.

Hint Four: This student goes to Boces.

Hint Five: This student has Blonde hair.

Hint Six: This student is of average height.

Hint Seven: This student is the worst golfer I've met.

Hint Eight: This student is terrible with money.

Hint Nine: This student's parents work at the school.

Hint Ten: This student LOVES Scooby Doo.

Owl of the Week By: Rihana Dye

This week, the one and only Miss. Zogby is our owl of the week! Miss. Zogby has been teaching for 17 years and teaches RTI classes here at Hamilton. She's played hockey since she was 4 years old. She started after her mom realized she wasn't the greatest ballerina (her words). Ever since that, she has been on the ice every second that she can be. She was selected to play in multiple New York All Star Select tournaments in Canada and played in the first ever women's hockey in the Empire State Games. She still plays every chance she gets and the rink is still her

happy place! Now let's hear what advice she has to give to the athletes out there!

"Listen to and respect your coach, they are the professionals."



"Love it or don't play."

"Find someone better than you, and make it a goal to be better than them."

Thank you Ms. Zogby for giving us this great advice Photo Creds: Mrs. Zogby

Recipe of The Week By Rhiannon Murray

I am back again this week to give the readers another delicious recipe. This week I chose to make soup because of the cold and miserable weather outside. This soup was amazing and warmed me right up after a terrible walk from my car into my warm home!

Recipe site : Sugar Spun Run

Ingredients :

- 6 strips (uncooked) bacon cut into small pieces
- 3 Tablespoons butter unsalted or salted will work
- 1 medium yellow onion chopped (about 1.5 cup/200g)
- 3 large garlic cloves minced
- ¹/₃ cup all-purpose flour (42g)
- 2 ½ lbs gold potatoes peeled and diced into pieces no larger than 1" (this was about 6 Large potatoes for me/1.15kg)
- 4 cups chicken broth (945ml)
- 2 cups milk (475ml)
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup heavy cream (155ml)
- 1¹/₂ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper
- ¹/₄ ¹/₂ teaspoon ancho chili powder
- ²/₃ cup sour cream (160g)
- Shredded cheddar cheese, chives, and additional sour cream and bacon for topping optional

Instructions :

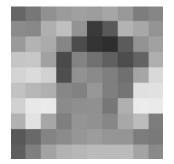
- 1. Place bacon pieces in a large Dutch Oven or soup pot over medium heat and cook until bacon is crisp and browned.
- 2. Remove bacon pieces and set aside, leaving the fat in the pot.
- 3. Add butter and chopped onion and cook over medium heat until onions are tender (3-5 minutes).
- 4. Add garlic and cook until fragrant (about 30 seconds).
- 5. Sprinkle the flour over the ingredients in the pot and stir until smooth (use whisk if needed).
- 6. Add diced potatoes to the pot along with chicken broth, milk, heavy cream, salt, pepper, and ancho chili powder. Stir well.
- 7. Bring to a boil and cook until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork (about 10 minutes).
- 8. Reduce heat to simmer and remove approximately half of the soup to a blender (be careful, it will be hot!) and puree until smooth (half is about 5 cups of soup, but just eyeballing the amount will be fine. Alternatively you can use an immersion blender.).
- 9. Return the pureed soup to the pot and add sour cream and reserved bacon pieces, stir well.
- 10. Allow soup to simmer for 15 minutes before serving.
- 11. Top with additional sour cream, bacon, cheddar cheese, or chives. Enjoy!

Opinion

Album Review By Dom Mensche

Album Review is an overview of albums released by popular artists, and they are rated by professional music analyst Dominick "Metro" Mensche

This week's review will be on the album PARTYNEXTDOOR 4 (P4) by PARTYNEXTDOOR. Also known as "Party" for short.



PARTYNEXTDOOR's fourth studio album, *PARTYNEXTDOOR 4 (P4)*, released on April 26, 2024, marks a significant evolution in his artistry. The 14-track project delves into themes of love, introspection, and personal growth, showcasing his signature blend of R&B and atmospheric production.

Critics have noted that P4 offers a deeper glimpse into PARTYNEXTDOOR's personality and artistic vision. The album's tracklist shows the trend of lengthy projects, allowing for a focused and intimate listening experience. Tracks like "No Chill" and "Make It To The Morning" highlight his introspective songwriting, and are personal favorites. They my add that cold-weather, comforting R&B feeling we all know and love from Party. while the production maintains the moody, atmospheric quality he's known for.

Overall, P4 has been doing pretty well on the charts, with fans appreciating the return to his core values and the personal depth explored throughout the album. The project serves as a testament to PARTYNEXTDOOR's growth as an artist, balancing his established sound with new explorations of his musical identity, thus hopefully warming him up for the long sought-after Party x Drake album that is alleged to drop sometime this winter.

Chimichanga Firehouse Review

By Ezra Stahlberg

I believe I have an extreme knowledge of Hamilton; living in this town for the past 15.5 years of my life, I thought I had seen just about everything it had to offer. As of late, though, I had heard a buzz around the school; I had to investigate the mystery of the Chimichanga Firehouse. This hidden Mexican restaurant about 10 minutes away from Hamilton had missed my radar. I had never heard of

it, which made me incredibly intrigued. I interviewed some of the HCS locals, and they stated that it was a fan favorite and " better than Chipotle," and with those bold words, I had to figure it out.



I went after a mean basketball session with Dylan and Gavin, and we picked up Luke and Sawyer on the way. We were ready, one might say feining, to try this cuisine for the first time. Sawyer, Dylan, and I ate the Birria tacos, Gavin had the chimichanga, and Luke had the Burrito Bowl.

Gavin: "It was definitely the best Mexican option in our area."

Dylan: "It was mid. I overhyped, but I liked my tacos. The place was empty, so it didn't take too long either."

Sawyer: "These are the best tacos in town; I've been feigning for the birria tacos ever since I've had them, and I will be returning."

Luke: It was a good Mexican option. I got the burrito, which was alright but impossible to eat, and I wish I had gotten the tacos."

Ezra: "The birria tacos were outstanding, the service was good,d and it didn't take long, but that could be because nobody was there; it is up there with Chipotle, but it was expensive. Photo Credit: Next Door

Mr. Snyder - How to get a date to the dance By: Rhiannon Murray

With the upcoming winter ball semi formal dance students are frantically looking around for a date. (In most cases this probably isn't true but you get the point). I went to ask the so-called dating expert Mr. Snyder for some advice on how to secure a date to the dance. First a quick PSA from our expert, "I feel ill equipped to offer advice to young ladies who have the guts to ask a boy so this is more for our young lads."

Now here are his three big tips!

- Slide the person a note in class which says, "Will you go to the dance with me? circle yes or no." This is the Third grade version but could be effective.
- 2. The more modern version: Go somewhere and surprise them, after school, their house, their place of employment, a sporting event, etc. Then spell out in flower petals "Will you go to the dance with me?" Make sure this is done in front of her friends in order to impress them and then she will feel like she wants to go more.
- 3. Alternative Just flat out go up and ask them, extreme coward version text them, other than that face to face. If you are nervous, write out your words on sticky notes or index cards and practice them in the mirror at home.

Caz Hockey Review By: Rhiannon Murray

On Wednesday night, Eve, Polly Lepage, Cam, and myself decided to go watch a Caz hockey game. It was a "home game," Morrisville IcePlex, so it felt like a quick and easy adventure for us. In support of our fellow Hamilton peers, Dylan, Ezra, Elijah and Jack, we showed up in our Hamilton apparel, mistake number one. Each and every single Cazenovia student there to cheer for their school, gave us disgusted looks. We were not off to a great start.

Strike two came when as I began to watch, I quickly realized I had no clue what was going on. Between icing, odd fouls, boys falling on the ice, lack of fouls, and catching the puck OUT OF THE AIR, I was lost. I was around some more seasoned hockey watchers who filled me in on what exactly was going on, thanks Sawyer!! When we arrived Caz was down 2-1, quickly changed to 3-1. This was almost strike three, until Caz scored when they had the advantage. (If I'm being honest, all of a sudden FM had three players on the ice and Caz had five and then they scored. I have no idea what the FM players did to get a penalty but it was very entertaining). Shortly after Caz scored again, tying the game at 3.

In between periods we decided to go warm up in the waiting room? This is where strike three hit us like a bus. It smelled so bad out there it wasn't even funny. Cami and myself began to gag at the horrific smell I can only blame on the hockey players. Cami is pictured on the right, moments after we smelled whatever that stench was. With already being at three strikes on the night, we were hopeful something would go right. Then into the third period FM scored again... awesome! Then the one and only Henry Miller (I have no idea who this is but Sawyer informed me he was very good!!) scored to tie the game at 4.

Another issue I had was the fact I had zero idea who anyone was except for the Hamilton students, who were the only ones I cheered for!! The game was sent into overtime... I was not

excited because it smelled and was 12 degrees in the rink. I really think they need to heat that building more, even if the ice melts, it's miserable there. Hockey, unlike other sports, only did one five minute overtime, neither team scored ending the game at 4-4. This upset me because I wanted a winner.

Overall this was something I will never forget and I will definitely be attending another game!!

Rhi : 6.5/10 - Minus a point for the tie, minus point for the temperature being way too low, and minus two points for the smell. However Dylan did assist a goal and Ezra is awesome in the goal, so for the sense of Hamilton pride, plus 0.5 of a point.

Polly : 7/10 - No one won, that was so dumb.

However I like watching hockey so I had a lot of fun just being there.

Cam : 7/10 - It smelled SO BAD but I had fun and was laughing the whole time. I will not be attending another game if it smells like that again because I was gagging throughout the entire thing.



Eve : 6/10 - It ended in a tie and only went into one overtime which I did not enjoy.

Sports

Varsity Girls Basketball By Eve McCorkle

Recently, the varsity girls basketball team has been busy. On Saturday, January 11th, 2025, the girls completely dominated this game, playing great all around. The girls had a great pace and played very smart. In the end, the girls won sixty-eight to twenty-four. Overall, this game was quite a game for our knights.

The next day the girls went to Colgate College to play against the triple-A school, Bishop Ludden. The girls started the game, which was already a high-paced game. The girls were doing a great job on defense and they had some outstanding communication. At half-time, the knights were down by a bit yet that did not stop them.

In the third quarter, the girls entered the

court with pace and urgency. The girls did not let up yet they were playing some great defense and offense putting a couple of stops to Ludden. Yet, the girls just couldn't get enough



shots up and Ludden took the win. The ending score was 54 to 38. The girls played away against Morrisville at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025. Good luck girls and bring home a win! Photo Creds: Eve McCorkle

JV Girls Basketball By: Rihana Dye

Last week was a rough week for the basketball program in general, with after-school activities being canceled for 3 days in a row and games being rescheduled. The JV girls handled it like champs though, after not having a game for 17 days went and played an AAA team on Sunday, January 12th. Not only did they win, but they showed great perseverance and



great perseverance as sportsmanship.

The game was close the entire time, back and forth between taking the lead and down by just 2 or 3. The girls fought with everything they had to the very end and finished on top. This team is doing great things, on and off the court.

They practice as hard as they play, and always keep each other up! Make sure you come and support both of our girls teams as they are accomplishing great things! Shout out to Morgan Carhart for fouling out in the 4th quarter! Photo Creds: Rihana Dye

Caz Hockey Recap By: Dylan George

This past week, the Caz Lakers hockey team had two tough league matchups against the Baldwinsville Bees and Fayetteville-Manlius Hornets. On Tuesday night, the team traveled to Baldwinsville in a snowstorm to face off against a gritty Baldwinsville team. After three long periods and even an overtime, the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Ezra Stahlberg had a stellar defensive performance on the net, totaling 47 saves on the night.

On Wednesday night, the Lakers hosted the Hornets in another tough league matchup. In a high-scoring game, the game ended in overtime, 4-4. Ezra Stahlberg had 30 saves on the night, and Dylan

and Dylan George added an assist. The

Lakers' overall record is 5-4-3, and their league record is



1-2-3. In their next game on January 20th, the Lakers look to get a league win against CNY Fusion.

Photo Credit: Dylan George

Colgate Hockey News By: Dylan George

This past week, Colgate athletics performed at the highest level, continuing its

strong dominance over its opponents. Despite cold temperatures and blizzards in Central New York, the Raiders battled in every atmosphere, and here are some of the results of the games.

Men's Ice Hockey: The Colgate men's ice hockey team hosted the LIU sharks this past weekend, and they were able to win both games. On Friday night, they were able to come away with the win 2-1. Micheal Neumeier and Tommy Bergsland led the Raiders with a goal a piece. Andrew Takacs was able to play stellar in the net with 26 saves. On Saturday night, the Raiders secured the sweep against the Sharks with a 3-1 win. The team was led by Micheal Neumeier, Nik Rexine, and Ben Raymond, with a goal a piece, and goaltender Andrew Takacs had 29 saves in net. The team travels to play against Quinnipiac and Princeton this upcoming weekend.

Women's Ice Hockey: The Colgate Women's hockey team battled against their rivals this past weekend, the Cornell Big Red. On Friday night, the Raiders hosted the Big Red but fell short in a 2-1 loss. However, the team traveled to Lynah Arena in Ithaca on Saturday night to get revenge. The Raiders were able to secure the win 4-2. Goal scorers on the night for the Raiders were Sara Stewart, Emma Pais, Casey Borgiel, and Alexa Aubin. The team's overall record now stands at 18-6-0.

Both the men's and women's Ice hockey teams are leading the ECAC and look to continue their dominance with more league matchups. The Women's team plays home games on Friday and Saturday, while the Men's team is on the road.

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