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Diplomacy, Drama, and the mad-dash for speaking time: BHS at Model UN

By: Piper Kennedy

Who would have thought that a bunch of high school students would willingly spend ten-hour days locked inside a conference room—and enjoy it? Somehow, Model United Nations makes roleplaying global politics not just educational but genuinely fun—if not chaotic.

Model UN is impossible to explain unless you've been to a conference. Yes, there are endless speeches, countless resolutions, and teenagers using words they definitely just googled five minutes earlier. But somehow, in between all that, it becomes one of the most immersive—and quite frankly—entertaining experiences imaginable. Delegates fully become their countries, whether that's a controversial superpower like North Korea or a country you probably couldn't locate on a map, such as Azerbaijan. Real names disappear almost immediately, and everyone is just addressed by their country. However, no one questions it.

Shots are fired in the form of Points of Information (in simplest terms, verbal sparring matches disguised as "questions"), forcing delegates to think on their feet and practice debate skills. Alliances form across schools and states, and secret GroupMe chats pop up left to right. From official regional caucuses to suspiciously named side groups ("We hate America club" in question), conversations happen under the oblivious eyes of the chairs. When it comes to speaking time (which earns your country points), students sprint across the room like it's the Olympics—because with nearly 300 delegates, getting time is like winning the gold medal.

Beaufort High School delegates did an outstanding job of representing our school at the Georgia Southern Model UN conference. Two groups won awards: Emma Pfeister and Zaniyah Reynolds-Morgan, representing Australia,-

-won Distinguished Delegates and passed their resolution, and Piper Kennedy and Kendall Rivers, representing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), were awarded Honorable Mention. The group will also venture to the national New York City conference in Mid-March to represent the Republic of Iran, by splitting into the different UN committees.

Although Model UN can sound daunting, and the prospect of sitting in a conference room, going over resolutions, and drafting speeches may sound boring, you'd be surprised by the thrilling, competitive nature that comes out. If you are looking to join MUN or are simply just interested in learning more, you can email Mr. Miller at jonathan.miller@beaufort.k12.sc.us or follow us on Instagram @bhsmun2526 to receive info on the upcoming meetings and conferences.



Six more weeks of winter

By Jack Landa

Groundhog Day has been an American tradition since February 2, 1887, but its roots go back even farther. According to the article "History of Groundhog Day" from History.com, the date falls between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Because of this, it was an important time of year in early European traditions. The Celtic festival of Imbolc was celebrated around this time and marked the start of spring. Later, Christians observed Candlemas on February 2 and believed that clear weather on that day meant about 40 more days of winter.

When the tradition came to America, it changed slightly. In Germany, people used animals

such as badgers or hedgehogs to predict the weather. However, when German immigrants moved to Pennsylvania, they did not find hedgehogs there. Instead, they chose the groundhog. The first official Groundhog Day celebration was held in 1887. Newspaper editor Clymer Freas helped organize the event at Gobbler's Knob with the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. That year, the groundhog saw his shadow which meant six more weeks of winter.

Although many people enjoy the tradition, the predictions are not very accurate. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reports that the

groundhog is correct only about 35 to 40 percent of the time. Even so, the event remains popular and is managed by a group called the Inner Circle, whose members wear top hats and tuxedos during the ceremony. Most recently, on February 2, 2026, Punxsutawney Phil, who stays alive by drinking a special "elixir of life," came out, saw his shadow, and predicted six more weeks of winter.



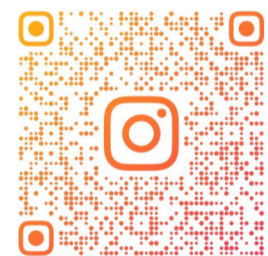
Reserving Wildlife

By Liza Grace Murdaugh

Beaufort, in coastal South Carolina, is part of the beautiful Lowcountry — a landscape of salt marshes, rivers, and barrier islands. This area supports a variety of wildlife, including migratory birds, deer, alligators, and rare salt marsh species. Over 180 bird species have been observed here each year. This makes the lowcountry especially important for bird conservation along the Atlantic Flyway. Conserving these natural habitats is essential for both the wildlife that depend on them and the community that benefits from them. Wetlands, for example, act as natural filters for water, help buffer against storm surges, and support the fish, shellfish, and plants that are vital to the ecosystem and local economy. Protecting these areas also preserves scenic beauty and offers outdoor recreation opportunities like birdwatching, hiking, and nature study.

Local efforts in Beaufort County and across the Lowcountry demonstrate how communities can act to protect land and wildlife. The Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program has safeguarded tens of thousands of acres for conservation. Initiatives like the recent protection of North Widgeon Point help ensure important corridors for birds like bald eagles and white pelicans remain intact. Wildlife preserves such as Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge protect thousands of acres of salt marsh, tidal creeks, and forests where waterfowl, shorebirds, and other species thrive. These preserves are open to the public for low-impact enjoyment like birdwatching and hiking, while still prioritizing habitat health. Community groups also support wildlife conservation closer to town.

Volunteer efforts include maintaining bluebird houses and creating butterfly and pollinator gardens to help declining species. These actions, although small, contribute to the overall health of the environment by boosting native plant and animal populations. Overall, reserving wildlife in Beaufort is about striking a balance: allowing people to enjoy the natural world while keeping ecosystems healthy and resilient. Through land protection programs, community involvement, and respect for natural habitats, Beaufort's wildlife can continue to flourish for generations to come. A good way for 15-18 year olds to help is to reach out to the South Carolina Youth for Land Conservation.



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Chocolate milk: an analysis and ranking of a delicious beverage

By Caleb Singleton

Have you ever sat down and thought, *I really want some chocolate milk?* Well that sentence plays in my mind frequently. As an esteemed chocolate milk lover, I have comprised a list ranking the top chocolate milks weighing factors such as taste, reliability, macros, and overall function.

1. Almond Breeze chocolate milk. The chocolate milk brand, in my opinion, which takes the top spot, is the Almond Breeze chocolate almond milk. This milk personally means a lot to me. Some of my earliest memories are of my dad picking me up from day care and giving me almond milk and although I never got behind vanilla almond milk, I took a liking to their chocolate milks.

2. Trumoo. If you're reminiscent of your childhood chocolate milk days on the playground, I would recommend Trumoo. Trumoo is a great, affordable option when you're on the go, and you have a craving for chocolate milk. Trumoo contains no high fructose corn syrup, and they have consistently focused on providing nutritional chocolate milk for kids. Personally, when I'm in a store and just looking for an easy chocolate milk option, I go for Trumoo. The only setback I have with Tru Moo is that because they are not ultra-processed like other brands—which is sometimes better in terms of disease prevention—they tend to, at least in my experiences, go sour more quickly. For these reasons, I place TruMoo at number two in the all-time ranking of chocolate milk.

3. Fairlife Chocolate Ultra-Filtered Milk. This is a great option for people who are lactose intolerant or simply just want a consistently reliable flavor profile. However, the brand has faced some bad rep for products such as the Core Power Elite High Protein Shake with 42 grams of protein. This product has been criticized for being highly processed as well as containing too much protein for optimal protein synthesis. Additionally, there have been concerns that

Fairlife protein chocolate milk may contain phthalates, a type of plasticizer. Moreover, Fairlife carries a hefty price tag, often costing between 70 and 162% more than other standard milk brands. For these reasons, Fairlife chocolate milk is third on my list of best chocolate milk options.

4. Muscle Milk, Whey Protein, and Lean Body Protein. When choosing chocolate milk, I generally prioritize function, so I will often have Muscle Milk after a workout, which is a protein shake designed for muscle growth, recovery, and energy. Muscle Milk often has no sugar and is in the optimal range of protein for protein synthesis. Although in many cases, taste comes at the cost of function and utility, and so while the chocolate milk from the brands Whey Protein, Muscle Milk, and Lean Body Protein are great for a post workout treat, they do not rank in my top three of the best chocolate milks.

5. Fast food chocolate milk. When thinking of great fast-food chocolate milk, I have to say McDonald's chocolate milk takes the cake. McDonald's provides the perfect mixture of chocolate, sugar, and hardness. However, there is one major setback that these chocolate milk brands have over others: accessibility. It isn't often that most people are willing to sit through a drive-thru at a restaurant to buy chocolate milk. For these reasons, fast food chocolate milk does not crack my list of the best chocolate milk.

While they didn't make my rankings, I would like to give special recognition to Silk chocolate almond milk, the homemade mixture of Classic Hershey chocolate syrup and milk, and Nesquik shamrock chocolate milk. While every chocolate milk I find to be delicious, there are a couple that do not make the cut for being worth trying. Vegan, zero sugar, protein chocolate milk is as terrible as it sounds, and although I like to try vegan products, there does come a point when the trade-off for flavor becomes too great. However, if you genuinely have dietary restrictions

and still want a drink to help recovery after workouts, this may be the chocolate milk for you. The second chocolate milk that I have serious objections to is the school cafeteria chocolate milk. The milk in the cafeteria isn't the richest or the highest quality, but it is free. If you're just getting into serious chocolate milk consumption, the cafeteria chocolate milk is a great starting place, but I promise the grass is greener on the other side. Ultimately, I hope this article is not the end of your exploration into the amazing world of chocolate milk, but a starting point for the eventual culmination of your love and appreciation for chocolate milk.



From rivalry to representation: queer love stories and trends in the formation of communities

By Piper Kennedy

In a world shaped by algorithms and endless scrolling, pop culture no longer grows slowly. From viral challenges to fashion resurgences, trends spread faster than wildfire and influence how young people connect and how they see themselves represented online. One recent trend that came from left field, gaining huge amounts of attention from fans of all different demographics, is *Heated Rivalry*, a new HBO Max series depicting an unexpected love story between two hockey stars. The phenomenon and huge attraction of the show have sparked both conversation and community.

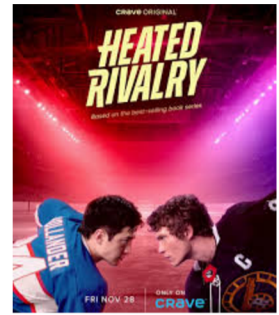
Adapted from the novel by Rachel Reid and directed by Jacob Tierney, the show was initially a small-scale production streamed on HBO Max and Crave. Few expected it

to become a cultural moment. Yet within weeks, clips flooded social media feeds, fan edits racked up millions of views, and audiences far beyond the typical LGBTQ+ romance viewers were raving about the show. So, how did a niche hockey romance become one of the internet's biggest obsessions? Well, part of the show's impact lies in who is watching it. While LGBTQ+ audiences have understandably embraced the representation, one not often found in the traditionally hypermasculine and often homophobic world of major league sports, the fandom extends far beyond one community. Straight sports fans, teenage girls who love romance tropes, longtime hockey viewers, and even people who had never watched a hockey game before have found themselves invested.

The enemies-to-lovers trope seems to provide the most to the show's widespread success, but what made it stand out was its setting. Major league sports have historically been

associated with rigid masculinity and, at times, homophobia. Placing a fully developed queer romance at the center of that challenges traditional long-standing norms. Moreover, queer athletes can see these characters they relate to as they navigate their love, careers, and sports environment, which is especially significant. Additionally, social media didn't just promote the show; it fully transformed it. On TikTok especially, fan edits to trending songs introduced the series to users who may have never even watched hockey. The shareable content crossed fan communities and quickly turned the book adaptation into a worldwide phenomenon.

Perhaps the most meaningful outcome of the show's rise is the community that has formed around it. At schools and universities, students have started talking about it, spreading their joy of the show through word of mouth. Whether it be queer or straight students, they're all connecting over identity, inclusion, and representation. In a generation



often criticized for being "too online," this trend shows the opposite. Social media is a bridge that brings people together online and in person. For some queer students, especially in South Carolina, where there is a slim, often overlooked community, having allies they can talk to is everything.

Overall, *Heated Rivalry* isn't just entertainment; it reflects a broader cultural shift. Gen Z is often described as one of the most open-minded and diverse generations, and with their acceptance of queer-centered narratives in traditionally exclusive spaces, they send a message to media industries: we are ready for more representation. The hype of *Heated Rivalry* isn't just about hockey or romance tropes; it's about visibility, the importance of social media in curating trends, and the magnification of communities to a wider audience, which may bring people together on and off screen.

The Grammys: everything you missed

By Laurel Hinderliter

It may be shocking, but the first month of the year is already over and you know what that means. Everyone's favorite award show, the Grammy's is on! The Grammy Award show took place in Los Angeles and featured many popular singers and celebs. Some highlights of the night include Kendrick Lamar receiving awards for five of his nine nominations, including his win for Record of the Year for "Luther," featuring SZA. Album of the Year made its way to Bad Bunny with the first ever Spanish-language based album. Billie Eilish was able to add another Grammy to her collection with her brother Finneas by winning Song of the Year for "Wildflower." If you've been on TikTok anytime recently, you've probably heard at least one song by new and upcoming artist Olivia Dean, so it's no surprise she won the award for it. Fans of "Wicked" probably yelled "Finally!" from their rooftops after Ariana

Grande and Cynthia Erivo took home Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for their performance of "Defying Gravity" in the 2024 movie. There were also some 'interesting' moments you may have missed.

1. Sabrina Carpenter got emotional while listening to Bad Bunny's award speech, where he spoke about representation, culture, and staying true to where you come from. Like many others, Sabrina seemed deeply affected by the sincerity behind his words and the pride he expressed in his heritage. This expression likely ties to the situation happening in the United States right now, where some groups may feel that they have to conceal their identity for their safety.

2. Although not in the running for an award, Harry Styles surprised many fans by presenting the award for Album of the Year.

Harry Styles released the single "Aperture" in late January and will release his fourth studio album in early March. There's a good chance he'll be up on the stage again next year, but for a different reason.

3. There was also a little bit of confusion at the awards. Cher briefly walked onto the stage after accepting a Lifetime Achievement Award, but at the same time, forgetting that she had to present the Record of the Year award. Host Trevor Noah called her back onto stage. It was later revealed that she believed that the teleprompter would announce the winner's name. Cher won a Grammy in 2000 for her hit song "Believe." She's also won an Oscar, Emmy, and Golden Globe.

4. Some political jabs also took place. As Trevor Noah joked about Nicki Minaj's alignment with President Donald Trump, Chrissy Teigen can be seen in the back of the shot laughing, giving a thumbs up, and waving



bye to Minaj. The aftermath included the moment going viral and Minaj running to X (formerly Twitter) to rant about Noah and Teigan.

All in all, despite the drama and mishaps of the night, many people look forward to seeing their favorite celebrities walk across the red carpet, support other celebrities, and win much-deserved awards for their talents.

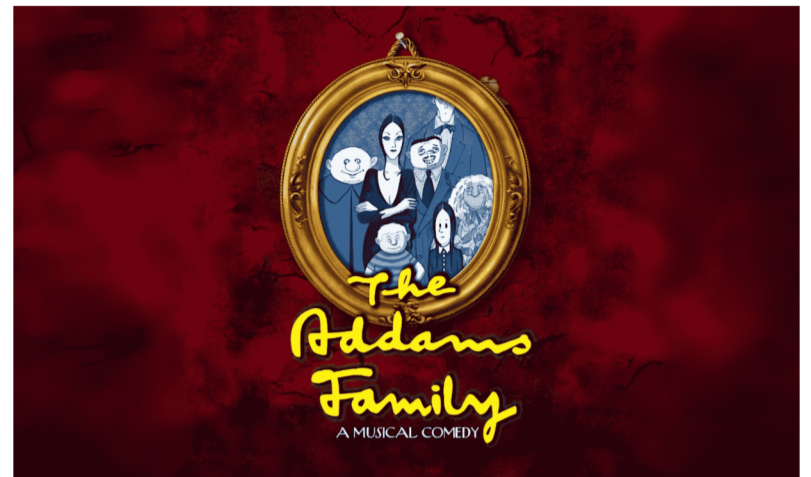
When you're an Addams

By Kyla Smith

This year, the Beaufort High School Theater Department is doing *The Addams Family* as their annual spring musical, a musical defined by the word in its title: "Family." Since the show opens on the 13th of March, the cast and crew has been in a slight time crunch with just over a month to put the production together. Because of this, rehearsals have been almost daily, with different parts of the cast called for each. Mrs. Fess, the theater director, loves when the cast is simply together—making each other laugh whether it's through trying out new bits or just being silly. When asked why she chose *The Addams Family* for this year's musical, Mrs. Fess said that she tends to alternate between fantasy and straight shows—since last year's musical, *Footloose*, was more on the realistic side, it was time for a show full of fantasy. However, Mrs. Fess was actually stuck between *The Addams Family* and *SpongeBob*, and the decision came out to be up to which she was able to attain the rights of the fastest. Lo and behold, *The Addams Family* was the musical that she was able to get the rights to first. This play features theatrical elements that have not been used in recent shows, and there is excitement around the special lighting and tricks necessary for portraying the iconic hand, Thing.



Logan Daniels, a senior who has been doing theater since he was in 6th grade, will be playing the character of Pugsley Addams. His favorite part of playing his character is the fact that he gets to act fun and childish since he is not usually like that—interacting with Fester (played by junior Beau Backus), Grandma (played by senior Haven Cook), and Wednesday (played by sophomore Livi Smith) in character is a lot of fun since Pugsley is much more eccentric compared to his typical demeanor out of character. Daniels is actually the social media manager of the theater department this year and he loves when he has the time to record or get ideas from others for content for the theater social media (@bhsstagelife on instagram!). His biggest piece of advice for people who want to join theater, but are scared to get on stage because of stage fright, is to remember that the audience isn't seeing you, they are seeing the character you are playing; "They're not seeing Logan on stage, they're seeing Pugsley." Aliza Scates, a sophomore, is in the ensemble this year, meaning that she is playing an Addams family ancestor. Her favorite part of being a member of the ensemble is that she gets to be in many different scenes and act differently, which she finds invigorating. Scates' favorite part of theater is that she gets to talk to people she usually wouldn't be talking to—



she gets to make new friends. Scates enjoys doing the big dance scenes in *The Addams Family*, as she says that it is fun to be part of something that is bigger than herself. Her biggest piece of advice for someone who wants to do theater is, as simplified as it sounds, to "just push past your fears and go for it." Senior Brooke Stewart who is not only the president of the theater department, but also the stage manager, helps Mrs. Fess with anything she needs. She takes notes for blocking, props, and set pieces, and during the show, she uses her notes to cue the tech crew to keep the show running smoothly. Her favorite part of being stage manager is being able to see what the actors are doing as well as what the tech crew is doing at the same time—she enjoys seeing both sides come together to put on a good show. Stewart said that she would be Morticia (played by sophomore London Thomas) if she could play any character in the show since she likes that Morticia is a very powerful woman who knows her worth and does not mess around,

something Stewart admires. Stewart's favorite part of rehearsals is seeing everyone interact with each other. She likes seeing people who don't usually talk to each other talk off-stage and seeing new friendships form. As for me, my favorite part of playing Alice is that I get to be a lot more outgoing than I usually am in real life. I have been doing theater with Mrs. Fess since I was in 8th grade, as a munchkin in *The Wiz 2024* and in the ensemble for *Footloose* last year. My favorite part of doing theater is that I get to be part of a community of people that is like a second family.

The cast and crew have been working very hard and would greatly appreciate it if you were to attend any of the upcoming showings of *The Addams Family* that will be on March 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2026 at 7pm! Tickets will be \$10 each.

STUDENTS AND STAFF

A Media Center Legacy: Velda Marshall

By Paige Fosberry



Working in the Beaufort High library for over 30 years, Velda Marshall has become quite the familiar face. Marshall started her career in the school system as a teacher assistant in special education, however, she was ready for a change. Once she saw the position open up as a media center assistant at Beaufort High, she believed, "it would be the perfect match for me because I've always been an avid reader." Marshall states that she was such a heavy reader that hours would fly by, chores would not get done, and family members would be fuming as she was lost in the world of her books. She even says that regularly, as a young girl, she would be hidden inside her closet before bedtime with, "a little light coming through the closet door", just so she could get a couple more pages turned.

When starting her job in the library, books were the number one priority; however, as the years have gone on, she believes books have become more obsolete (though many still enjoy reading and we even have an audio library now!). She views the library today as more of a place of inclusion for, "any and everybody." Today in the library you can find books, games, puzzles, and all sorts of things that can enhance students' connections with each other. When asked about what she is most proud of here in the media center, she described the way the library has become a more open and welcoming place. This includes nice furniture allowing students to rest and relax (and even fall asleep, especially on the new blue bean bag), and time for students to eat lunch in the library, which she appreciates the most due to the fact she didn't have the opportunity to eat in her school library.

On top of all that, Marshall says the best way to have fun at work is just to talk to her students, it makes her so excited that at times, she has to, "calm [herself] down." Even with all this fun, work in the media center still has its obstacles. "The phones constantly ringing and all the computer issues," are the biggest challenges Marshall identifies.

In addition to her time in the Beaufort High library, Marshall works part-time at our local Walmart (the one on Sea Island Pkwy) in the ladies intimates section. One fun fact about Marshall is that she is a big sweet tooth; she will always be the first to support a club bake sale! Brownies are her favorite dessert but she will gladly accept any treat! From all of us in the newspaper staff, we want to thank Velda Marshall for all her hard work in the library over the years. She, along with school librarian Virginia-Kaye McKinney have really made the media center a special place for all students.

Richelle Valdez Cruz Recognized as February Student of the Month for Honesty and Integrity

By Joleka Williams

Junior Richelle Valdez Cruz has been named February's Student of the Month for upholding the values of Honesty and Integrity. Said to always take accountability for her actions and learn from her mistakes, Richelle is coming to be a great example for her peers. Richelle stays busy and involved as she currently takes JROTC, AP U.S. History, AP Language and Composition, Spanish 3 Honors, and AP Research. She is also involved in several activities,-

including Create Club, ROTC, Voices, and serves as the manager for the boys' soccer team. She also plans to join the Interact Club when her schedule allows.

When she was called to the office to receive the award, Richelle initially thought she was in trouble. "I'm usually never called to the office, so I was scared," she said. However, she was happy and honored to receive the recognition. Richelle believes her honesty and straightforward personality contributed to her selection

"I'm a really straightforward, honest person, and I don't really sugarcoat anything," she explained.

When asked about motivation, Richelle says her friends are #1 as they help her to stay focused in school, especially since she lives far from Beaufort High School. She is currently working on being more involved in school and becoming a kinder, more engaged student. After high school, Richelle plans to attend college and pursue a career as-



either a physician's assistant or a registered nurse.

Her advice to other students is simple but meaningful: "Focus on your own book rather than everyone else's."

Newsies—a USCB production fueled by BHS students

By Maggie Brown

Recently, on January 30 at 7 p.m. and February 3 at 7 p.m., USCB put on another one of their stellar productions—Newsies. The musical was inspired by a true story of a group of young New York City newsboys going on strike when publishing giants Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raised the distribution price of their papers.

This play wouldn't have been possible without our very own Beaufort High School students. One of these students, Lauren Grice, who is a senior this year, has been a part of these productions for nearly 10 years now, starting in 2018 with her debut in Willy Wonka. Her first role in the opposite gender as a "boy-candy-man-kid"

coincidentally paralleled one of her lasts as Race, a male 'Newsie' in the play Newsies. This play featured many other Beaufort High students, with some in leading roles, such as Jackson Hamilton as Crutchie, Liam Martin as Davey, James Riddle as Teddy Roosevelt, Emma Brem as Darcy and Olivia Smith as Spot. Some other students who had a part

in the play as part of the cast or ensemble were Anna Claire Stansell, Melodie Steward, Brea Parker, Lilly Johnson, Brian Parker, and Beau Backus. When asked how she thought Newsies went, Grice said that "it was great" and she "love[s] doing it—it makes [her] happy." More specifically, she "like[s] being on a stage and the adrenaline rush." Newsies was also special in the way that it was a dance heavy show—many who had never put on tap shoes performed a whole number with them. And even though the show didn't do as well financially as the past shows—there were only two show dates because of the unusual snowfall—the audience was packed. Lukas Copeland, senior at BHS and former actor of many USCB plays, was thoroughly impressed with the production: "I thought it was really good, you could tell they worked really hard on choreography, specifically the tap dancing in one number." He also said that "Lauren"—Race in the play—"stood out because she was the only female adult newsie—and she rocked some jorts." Unfortunately, the success and environment of the USCB plays isn't equalled with the BHS theatre department.



Grice said that "money is tight" and rarely is given to theatre. Grice is preparing to audition for her last USCB play before she heads off to Clemson to major in business: Seussical the Musical. It has been 10 years since the play has been performed in Beaufort. Though she hopes to continue with theatre, she's not sure if she will be able to. Regardless, she is thankful for the confidence she now has with "public speaking" from "having to repeat lines and sing in front of an audience." Auditions for the play are February 25 and anyone aged 7-18 can audition. To do so, you

must "memorize a song, monologue, and learn a dance" beforehand, and if you do well, you will be called back. Apparently, they are accommodating in extracurriculars—Grice was able to juggle tennis and High School Musical in the fall, and practices are only 3 days a week: Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday for an hour and a half to two hours. You can also miss up to 4 dates of practice. Grice encourages interested students to join—numbers, especially for males, are dwindling as there seems to be a "negative stigma that it's not cool."

The Eagles historic season comes to an end

By Aly Dennison

Our Lady Eagles girls basketball team made history this year, winning the region championship for the first time in 20 years. With a final record of 21-5, the eagles were undefeated in the region going 10-0. Heading into playoffs, the lady eagles were focused and composed, confident with their adequate preparation of battling a highly competitive region and several difficult pre-season

matches. Ranked as the three seed in the lower-state, Beaufort hosted and defeated Crestwood (Ja Morant's alma mater) at home February 16, ending with a score of 64-25. Moving on to the second round of playoffs, the lady eagles were faced with yet another difficult opponent, the Bishop England Battling Bishops. In an electric battle against the reigning region champions, Beaufort defeated the smack-talking Bishops 70-57, sending them home to end their season.



Marking history, the lady eagles continued into the third round of playoffs, traveling 3 hours to South Florence to play the Bruins. However, after a close game, they ended up coming out short with a score of 36-47.

After a long seven month season, the Beaufort Lady Eagles made their mark in the basketball world and will continue to do so—the future is extremely bright for Beaufort High girls basketball.

ACADEMIC

Clemson is the new hotspot

By Virginia O'Kelley

Recently, there has been a surge in interest in Clemson University for our Beaufort High School seniors. Already, our school has nine Clemson commits and many more on the horizon. As a Clemson commit myself, I find that the growing appeal comes from many aspects. One of them is the growing national rankings. As of five years ago the university was ranked 80th nationally, and today it is ranked 75th. It is also currently ranked 36th among public universities according to the US News and World report. Clemson connects you with many resources on campus to learn about both paid or unpaid internships. These can be either on-campus or off-campus, so if

you don't have a car, there are options within close proximity. This in addition to the reputation and quality education you receive at Clemson is why 96% of Clemson graduates are either continuing their education or have a job lined up within 6 months. Another feature of the University that brings it higher on college lists is, of course, the Division I athletics. This competition gives the school a strong and vibrant school spirit. In fact, right now, Clemson boasts 6 teams in their spring sports that are ranked in the top 25 nationally. While these features are strong positives, I believe one of the leading factors fueling the desirability of the college is the location and campus. It is in the

middle of the Blue Ridge mountains, with Lake Hartwell surrounding it. The campus buildings are old brick and add to the beauty of the campus. I truly have never met someone who toured Clemson's campus and didn't like something about it. The school is known to "feel like home" because of the sense of family that the university tries to make. Furthermore, Clemson has an undeniable college town feel. While Clemson is limited to little beyond the university itself—a few restaurants and grocery stores—for a lot of people it's all they need. The simplicity of the town adds to the feeling of community and closeness that so many people love.



[Tillman Hall at Clemson University]

Hard work paying off: an update from our Valedictorian

By Sophie Brown

It was Friday, February 6, 2026. Halle Tran, valedictorian of the Beaufort High 2026 senior class, "felt curious." She had applied to 10 colleges, but only had her admission decision from Clemson Honors and USC Honors. Tran was "not necessarily nervous," but "excited to know" her admissions results for both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Georgia Tech. "They weren't [her] tops, and [she] didn't think [she] could even afford Chapel Hill," but she got accepted into the chemistry major at UNC Chapel Hill and the biochemistry major at GT! (you can squeal, I did, too...).

"I got the Chapel Hill update during fourth period, but opened at home with my mom, and we were so excited when we saw that one I got in and two, well, all of my opportunities." Despite not knowing

about UNC Chapel Hill full ride scholarship, sharing that on the "...day of decisions I told myself it didn't matter because I wouldn't be able to afford it," and the fact that less than 5% of admits receive the award, Tran was one of the few to receive a full ride scholarship to a school known as being a public ivy and ranked 4th in top US public universities. As if that isn't impressive enough, she "didn't know about GT Stamps either, because they pick you from all admits, so it was entirely on their part and not [hers]." But again, a shocked dancer, planning to wait until she was home to open the Georgia Tech decision, was sent an email about being a Stamps Semi-Finalist. She accidentally found out with her teammates that evening; together, they were "so excited and shocked!"

Her "brother, Nathan, goes to

Georgia Tech for mechanical engineering and absolutely loves it," so she's "been on campus many times" and received his "tours," but that's as far as female Tran's demonstrated interest went.

Dedicating her future to a career in surgery, ensuring healthful futures for her neighbors, along with an excitement to *always* take *opportunities* and *risks* (plus always learn more), is what motivates Tran to try so hard. They're her strongest motivators. Tran recommends simply focusing on yourself and working diligently through applications, scholarships, and "any opportunities that come your way or that you can seek out because you never know!" You never know what may teach you the most meaningful lesson of your life, or what may provide you with the most practical experience for college. She

concludes, reflecting: "It's been a lot of work, but I feel like it's finally starting to pay off."

And it definitely has. Tran decided to EDII, a binding agreement, to Johns Hopkins University. The US News and World report has the private institution of Maryland tied for #7 in US universities. On February 12, Tran tried to calm her pounding heart as she opened the decision that would decide if she was finished with opening college acceptances or would continue the battle. Even with the dwindling acceptance rate ranging from 10-15%, to no surprise, Tran was accepted for Chemistry. Flying now, not as an eagle, but a blue jay, Tran will take on Baltimore, a little under 600 miles away. Congrats, Halle, we're so proud of you.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Upcoming events of CREATE club

By Julia Denton

A major part of CREATE Club's agenda is to spread knowledge. Knowledge on ways humans affect our environment and how we can limit our impact. Through guest speakers and upcoming events, CREATE Club has been active in their intent on spreading environmental awareness to BHS students and our community.

On Friday, January 30, CREATE Club welcomed Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authorities (BJWSA) outreach leaders Haley Hughes and Kylee Breed for an informational presentation on where our water comes from, how it's handled, and where it goes. Interested students

were able to visit the Media Center and listen in on this fascinating presentation, and ask a multitude of questions. This amazing learning experience left students far more educated on our water distribution system, and all the hard work that goes into keeping our waters clean.

If you feel left out on not being able to attend, don't worry! CREATE Club has invited Mr. Timothy Joy, CCL (Citizens' Climate Lobby) and PRSF (Port Royal Sound Foundation) Volunteer, to speak in the Media Center and inform our student body about his wisdom in preserving the health of the U.S., primarily Beaufort

County. Don't miss this amazing opportunity, so come by the Media Center during advisory to learn about more ways to save our environment. The date is tentatively set for Friday, March 13.

Along with this presentation, don't miss exciting upcoming events CREATE Club has planned! Watch out for our Walmart Trash Pick Up, happening on March 14th 8:30-10:30 am, our childcare environmental education program at Beaufort County libraries on March 21st, our Bunny Plog March 28th at 8-9:30 am, and our appearance in Port Royal's Farmers Market, also in April.

Please contact Sophie Brown at 843-43-9914 for more information about these events.



The Ann Head Writing Competition is back!

By Lauren Rosencrantz

The annual Ann Head Writing Competition is back for its seventh year here at Beaufort High School! The competition is named after Ann Head, who worked at Beaufort High as a creative writing teacher. She wrote many novels, short stories, serial novels, and articles in newspapers. Her most notable work is *Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones*. Ann Head's daughter, Nancy Thode, sought to carry on her mother's inspirational legacy as a teacher, author, and mentor by establishing the Ann Head Writing Competition. Mr. Gautier is hosting the competition this year and encourages all students interested in writing to participate. The competition

is open for all grade levels at Beaufort High.

The rules are simple: A 1250-word minimum short story turned in by March 30th, 2026, by midnight. All students interested must join the Google Classroom ([ugg54afp](#)) to be able to submit their work and to find out about future meetings and workshops.

Noah Cayanan, who is now a senior at Beaufort High School, won the competition last year, receiving a \$500 prize, his name on a plaque, and his work featured in *Lowcountry Weekly*. People who are interested are welcomed to join and submit a story early to receive feedback and edits from Mr. Gautier.



FEATURED RECIPE

Southern Living Apple Pie

A delicious homey pie that will wow the whole family!

Ingredients (for filling):

- 5 lbs. Granny Smith apples, peeled, sliced into 1/2-inch wedges
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt

Additional ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 large egg

*I would recommend using Pillsbury pie crust (2 pack), but you can always make your own crust

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Toss together apples, granulated sugar, and 2 tablespoons of the flour in a bowl until well coated. Divide apples between 2 large parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheets. Bake until just tender, about 30 minutes, rotating baking sheets between top and bottom racks halfway through baking time. Cool 30 minutes. Transfer to a bowl. Fold in brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, and remaining 2 tablespoons flour until combined. Chill 1 hour.

Take one of the pie crusts and lay it in chosen pie dish. Use the other pie crust (if you want to be fancy) and cut into 3/4 inch strips (you should try braiding 3 of them too, it makes the pie that much more impressive).

Next, spoon filling into prepared pie plate, smoothing to form an even surface; dot with butter. Arrange dough strips and the braid in a lattice design over filling. Trim excess dough from edges; fold dough under to create a clean edge. Chill pie 30 minutes.

Finally, take your egg and create an egg wash to brush over the pie (makes it crispy). Bake on lowest oven rack until crust is golden and filling is bubbly, 1 hour to 1 hour and 20 minutes, shielding pie with aluminum foil after 50 minutes, if needed. Cool on a wire rack 2 hours before serving!



By Paige Fosberry

Half a Century of Service: Herbert Glaze's Lasting Impact at Beaufort High

By Caleb Singleton, Paige Fosberry, and Lukas Copeland

Have you ever wondered what position Mr. Glaze holds? Well, let's talk about it. Mr. Herbert Glaze graduated from Robert Smalls high school in 1968 and started a position teaching at Beaufort High School in 1972 after graduating from Benedict College. In addition to receiving his undergraduate prior to starting at BHS, he later earned a master's degree from Pepperdine University. The story of Herbert Glaze is not only interesting – but also a peculiar one. Let's be completely honest, how many people do you know have been working at the same job for over fifty years? Well in speaking with Mr. Glaze, it was discovered that he has done just that.

When Mr. Glaze began teaching, Beaufort County was in the midst of school system integration. Even though he started at an incredibly tumultuous time in American history, Mr. Glaze describes that he "never felt segregated from his peers or that integration of the school system hindered [him]." At the start of his career, Glaze immediately made concerted efforts to fight for higher teacher pay and develop strong relationships with students. Despite the racial tensions throughout the country, Glaze states that, "racial relations at Beaufort High, for the most part, were manageable and not as big of a problem as in other areas."

Today at Beaufort High School, not only is Glaze the dean of students, he is also heavily involved in the school's track team, where he has served as head coach since its inception (50 years ago). As a result of his hard work and dedication to the team, our track field has received the name "Herbert N. Glaze memorial field." Whatever your opinion of Herbert Glaze, it is evident that he has left a lasting and indelible mark on Beaufort High School and the people of Beaufort County.



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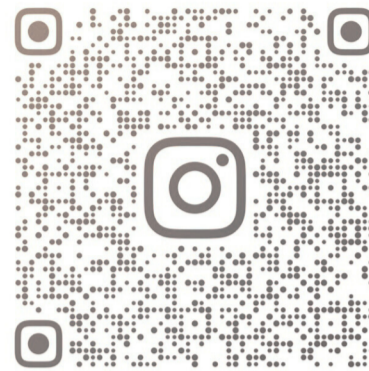
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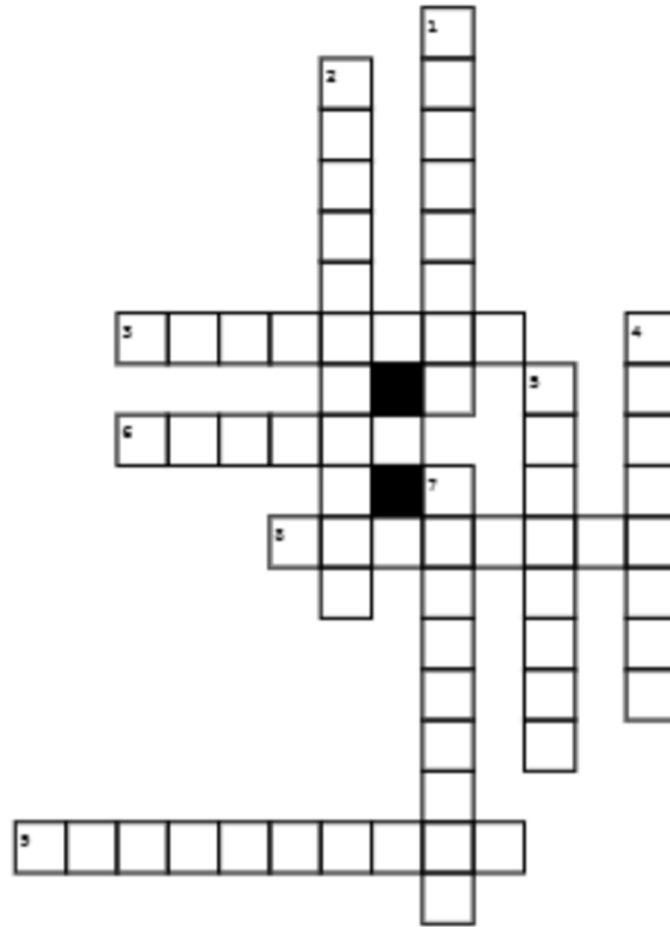
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By Aly Dennison

Crossword Puzzle

Theme: Black History Month



Down:

1. The _____ Airmen were the first black military pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps
2. This famous poet wrote "Still I Rise" (first and last name)
4. In what state did Barack Obama serve as senator before his presidency
5. The last name of the first black supreme court justice
7. What amendment allowed freed black men to vote

Across:

3. The last name of the first black woman to win an Oscar
6. In what neighborhood of New York City was there a huge Jazz Renaissance
8. What is the last name of the first black player in the modern MLB
9. What specific type of protest did Rosa Parks' arrest in 1955 spark (2 words)