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Around the World

By Makaila Watson

Imagine waking up one morning thousands of miles from home, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, a different school routine, and a culture you've only experienced from afar. For an exchange student, that becomes everyday life. This year, Bluffton High School has the opportunity to learn about the world through the experiences of three students who have traveled to Indiana to spend a year in a new community. While they are discovering American traditions and school life, they are also bringing pieces of their own cultures with them.

One of those students is Pepe Dominguez from Spain. His experience offers a closer look at what everyday life is like beyond the United States—from school routines and family traditions to the places, foods, and customs that make Spain unique. I had the opportunity to sit down with Pepe and learn more about where he comes from. We talked about what he enjoys most about Spain, the traditions that are important to his family, and some of the biggest differences he has noticed since arriving in America.

What part of Spain are you from?

Pepe comes from Arnedo, a small town in northern Spain.Growing up in a smaller community has given Pepe a unique perspective on life in Bluffton and what it is like to attend an American high school.

What was the biggest difference you noticed when you first arrived?

One of the first differences Pepe noticed had nothing to do with school. It was the way people travel. He explained that Americans go almost everywhere by car, while people in Spain walk a lot more. Something as ordinary as transportation can make everyday life feel very different when moving from one country to another.

What is different about school in Spain compared to America?

Unlike students in America, students in Spain often go home for lunch instead of eating at school. Many students also walk to and from school rather than taking a bus or getting a ride from a friend or family member. Another difference is that Spanish students typically have around 11 different subjects, with their classes varying throughout the week instead of having the exact same schedule every day.

Pepe's experience gives Bluffton students a glimpse into life in Spain while also showing what it can be like to adjust to American life.. Being an exchange student isn't only about learning how another country works. It is also about sharing where you come from.

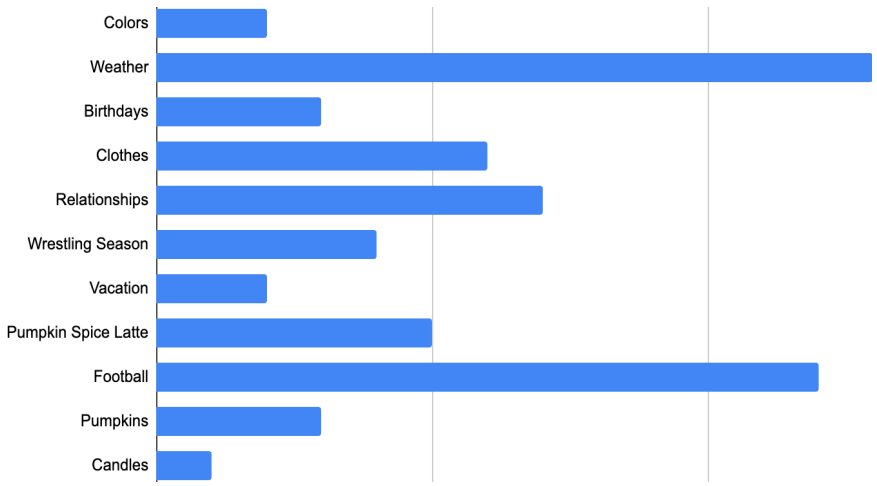
While Pepe is experiencing American school traditions and making new friends in Bluffton, he is also giving the people around him the chance to learn about Spain, Arnedo, and the traditions that make his home special. Through exchange students like Pepe, Bluffton High School becomes a place where different cultures can meet, friendships can grow, and stories from around the world can be shared right here in our community.

Tigers Rank Fall Favorites

By Atkins, Gehrett, Grimes, Olarte, and Patterson

Publications staff polled students on their favorite aspects of the fall season, from changing leaves to coffee flavors to sports.

Haunted houses and pumpkin patches scored highest for date night and group hangouts with corn mazes coming in third. Sweet surpassed sour for favorite trick-or-treating candy with Reese ranking first followed by candy corn!



New Cat Species Discovered in Bolivia

By Tone Kneeland

Scientists have just discovered a new species of wild cat and named it the Leopardus tilcayo in Bolivia. The small cat was found living in the country's Cloud Forests. It has brown fur with dark spots and is about the size of a house cat. Scientists studied its DNA and found that it is different from other wild cats. The discovery is exciting because it is the first new living cat species that has been identified in more than 100 years. Researchers hope the discovery will help people learn more about the cat and protect its forest habitat.







Set in Stone

By Jacob Ribich

athletically *speaking

For the first time in program history, Bluffton Tennis has won a regional championship, defeating the goliath, formerly state runner-up, Homestead Tennis Team. Coming off only his second year as the head coach, Spencer Schwartz has led the Tigers to an impressive milestone for his program.

The Tigers' historic run culminated in one of the most successful seasons in school history. Ending their season with a 17-3 record, they fell only to Carroll in the regular season and semi-state championship and to Homestead in the regular season before defeating them in the regional championship.

The Tigers' victory over Homestead marked a significant turnaround from their earlier regular-season loss. Facing a familiar rival, Bluffton entered the regional championship with an opportunity to prove itself against the strong opponent. This time, the Tigers came out on top, turning an earlier setback into a landmark victory and securing the first regional championship in program history.

Under Coach Schwartz's leadership, the Tigers have ended with a historic level of success. After Robert Vanderkolk stepped down as head coach two years ago, Schwartz, who had previously served as the assistant coach, took over the program. In just his second year Schwartz has helped lead Bluffton to its first regional championship in school history.

While the championship represents a major achievement for the program, it also reflects the hard work and dedication of the players who contributed to the team's success. Throughout the season, the Tigers worked relentlessly toward their goal of a regional championship, with their 17-3 record clearly demonstrating their ability to compete and triumph over strong opponents. The regional championship served as the culmination of their collective and individual efforts.

For the players and coaches, the victory offers an opportunity to reflect on how far the program has come. Lance Moser, who plays first doubles for Bluffton, offered his perspective: "It's just another trophy, it's just another day of being awesome."

Bluffton's first regional championship marks a defining moment for the tennis program. With a 17-3 record and a historic title, the Tigers have set a new standard for the program and given future teams something to strive for.

Celebrating a Taste of Tiger Creativity

By Sarah Fairchild

Creative writing is meant to be shared, but it takes courage to put a piece of yourself on paper and invite strangers into your world. From a futuristic novel nearing completion to historical fiction short stories, insightful poetry, and imaginative simulations, the talent and originality of our Bluffton Tigers inspire me. As their Publications Adviser, I couldn't be prouder to celebrate these young voices and share just a taste of the incredible creativity roaming our high school halls!

Bells: A Short Story

By Isabella Byanski

Never have the bells high up in the tower rang so clearly, so beautifully, as the night they struck ten times over that quiet churchyard. It pains us now, your friends and family, to hear them sing even the smallest of notes. They will fail to compare to the splendor they possessed in lives past. I wonder, then, if it was you who made them so beautiful.

That night, we dressed in black, a shroud of melancholy. We held hands because speaking was beyond the strength of our wills. Our throats were raw, you see, torn apart days earlier from calling your name. Some of us were wiser than the rest. They stayed silent and held their cries within. I envy their resilience, as forced as it may be.

We opened the ground up that night, just the three of us. We had only one shovel to pass around, yet no way of knowing it we had dug deep enough. I was the last to dig, while James and Adella nursed aching arms...

Student Author Aims to Publish *The Veil*

By Makaila Watson

In a world where memories can be controlled, secrets are buried beneath layers of lies, and survival is never guaranteed, sixteen-year-old Aria Elizabeth Vale has spent her entire life inside the Hollow, a mysterious settlement governed by an artificial intelligence known as Warden. When strange events begin unfolding, her Memory Band starts behaving differently, and the Hollow seems to recognize something within her that even she does not understand. As Aria and her friends begin uncovering hidden files and forgotten memories, they realize that the Hollow is not what it claims to be, and the greatest mystery is not what the Hollow is hiding, it's why Aria is at the center of it all.

The Beauty of the Broken Gold

By Harper Patterson

There is an art in Japan
that refuses to hide the scars,
that takes the pieces of a broken thing
and teaches them to become art.

They gather every shattered fragment,
every edge, every uneven seam,
and fill the spaces left by breaking
with gold that catches the light.

They do not paint the cracks away.
They do not pretend they never were.
They let the gold run through the fractures,
giving beauty to what once was hurt.

And somehow,
the very places where it broke
become the places where it shines.

The pottery does not return to what it was.
It cannot undo the fall,
cannot forget the force that fractured it,
cannot become untouched again.

But perhaps that was never the point.

Perhaps the point
was never to erase the breaking,
but to give the broken thing
a future beyond it.

And sometimes,
the most beautiful thing
about a broken vessel
is not the gold that holds it together,
but the life it gets to hold
Afterward.



The Rights of Students

By Charlotte Rhoderick

On September 28th, 2026, Trump voided the changes made during Biden's presidency in 2024. These changes were added to allow transgender people to participate in sports of their chosen gender. Written in 1972, Title IX (9) was included as an educational amendment stating: "No person in the United States shall, based on sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." This amendment was created to avoid discrimination against women, and fifty years later, Biden chose to include transgender people in this amendment in gender-specific sports. Many believe they should not have allowed Biden to make such changes. This has the potential to affect educational and scholarship systems or colleges greatly.

Before Title IX's existence, women were widely discriminated against, needing to work harder than men due to sports being widely considered more masculine and women being more likely to have better opportunities. Silver Olympics winner Lynn Colella states female swimmers "had to be mean to themselves," with nothing to keep women pursuing their dreams due to it being widely seen as unfeminine. Traditionally, women did not need to go to college or practice sports because of the stereotype that they only needed to cook, clean, and have children. Now, because of this amendment, women have more rights to learn and practice what they want, such as being in STEM careers or athletics.

Biden's additions could be considered controversial, as there are clear advantages or disadvantages depending on the person. It can cause difficulties with scholarships not being properly given to those who need them. There is the option of having only one team where both males and females may participate as one group, but in the older years, especially high school, it can cause complications and unfairness. With Trump trying to remove the changes made during Biden's presidency, the issues surrounding scholarships or even competing in world-wide events such as the Olympics may no longer occur; however, some might feel discriminated against and as though their country cannot accept them as they are. Do you think these changes are fair, or should Biden's additions have been left in Title IX?

This Week in History

By Isabella Byanski

November 8

- 1519 – Hernán Cortés conquered Mexico after landing on the Yucatan Peninsula, marching into the Aztec capital, and capturing Aztec Emperor Montezuma.
- 1923 – Hitler, Goering, and armed Nazis attempted to forcibly seize power and overthrow democracy in Germany.

November 9

- 1872 – The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse and destroying nearly 800 buildings. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.
- 1989 – The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.

November 10 - Marine Corps Birthday

- 1775 – The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.
- 1928 – Hirohito was crowned Emperor of Japan and ruled during World War II until his death in 1989.

November 11 – Veteran's Day

- 1918 – In Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiegne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11:00 a.m. – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



- 1938 – Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed. He had written the song especially for radio entertainer Kate Smith, who sang it during her regular radio broadcast.

November 12

- 1867 – A major eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy began, going on to last several months.
- 1923 – Adolf Hitler was arrested in Germany after the failed Beer Hall Putsch.

November 13

- 1927 – The Holland Tunnel opened, running under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City. It was the first underwater tunnel built in the U.S.
- 1956 – The Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

November 14

- 1666 – The first experimental blood transfusion took place in Britain, utilizing two dogs.
- 1994 – The first paying passengers traveled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.

Forged by Miles: The XC Season Ends

By Hudson Withers

With the cross-country season now behind us, we look back at the wins and losses, improvements, historic victories, and all the moments that shaped our running warriors into who they are today. For some, this marked their final season on familiar courses like Taylor University, Manchester, Indiana Wesleyan University, Oak Hill, and our own course here in the heart of the school district. The season also welcomed 4 new faces to the team, all freshmen: Issac Salazar, Helena Diaz Sanchez, Erin Ramseyer, and Hudson Withers (who also happens to be the writer of this article). Among them, Ramseyer would go on to earn a spot at the state meet.

One correction, however: five new faces. The program faced a major adjustment near the beginning of summer conditioning as former head coach Michael Vanderkolk transitioned to a new career opportunity. First-year head coach Emme Johnson took the reins, tasked with guiding the group of dedicated runners toward success. Despite this unexpected change, the team adjusted quickly, establishing a new rhythm under Johnson's leadership.

The season popped off with a bang (literally) and a muddy startline at the Bob Dahl Invitational at Norwell. Slick turns and oceans of muddy water turned the course into one big slip-n-slide. Spikes sank into the mud, significantly slowing down our runners and dragging down their times. However, the Tigers didn't let that stop them from completing the course well ahead of several other teams. The Bluffton girls cross country team finished third, and the boys finished fifth out of fifteen teams.

On August 29th, the Oak Hill Invitational proved to be one of the season's fastest courses, giving Bluffton runners the opportunity to push their limits and deliver a powerhouse performance of personal records. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished third overall, with the boys scoring 87 points and the girls scoring 73. Comparing results from the previous run at Taylor University, the meet saw significant improvements across both teams, including Rogan Johns, who shaved nearly three minutes off his previous time, and Mercedes Diaz Sanchez, who improved by an incredible 3:41.10. Meanwhile, Abigail Ramseyer made history by setting a new school record of 18:54.10, becoming the first female Tiger to break the 19-minute barrier.
The season took an uncertain turn late in September as injuries sidelined several of our Tigers. Those that remained uninjured carried the responsibility of placing in front, carrying the flame—and the team—until others recovered enough to keep running.

When ACAC came around, the injured teammates faced a difficult decision—either sit it out or attempt to regain their competitive form. They all chose to get their game back up, and against the odds, both Bluffton teams went on to become ACAC champs.

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State-bound and ready for a road trip after a huge Tiger Tunnel sendoff





Senior Aidan Graves and Freshman Erin Ramseyer run for Tigers XC

Bengal Brigade Places Third at State

By Madieson Surbaugh

This year the Bluffton Bengal Brigade performed a show entitled "The Apparition." Throughout the performance, the music in Act One is more intense and powerful; this represents the overarching feeling of grief. Act Two is calmer, the feeling of not quite letting go, but yet the weight getting weaker. The final act is about finally healing and letting go of grief and anger, letting the past go. It allows the apparition to finally return to the afterlife, and there is peace for the living and peace for the dead.



Friday night half-time performance of "The Apparition"



Debra and teammate, Izabell King



Cal Grandlienard on Senior Night

Student-Teacher Decathalon

By Adylyn Atkins and Ellah Grimes

In case you missed the first round of our simulation, we established that there are always two sides to an argument. One side, quick-witted, smart, educated, giants, and the other side? The teachers. With the bake-off and running race already completed, we continue with rounds three and four.

First, Coco will go head-to-head with Reagan Harris in an essay challenge about Athenian democracy. Coco regularly assigns this topic in World History, but Regan is ready to put her own writing skills to the test and see if she can outwrite her teacher. Next, Mr. Suhrur will face Silas Troyer. Their challenge will focus on sports, testing their knowledge, ability to build an argument, and writing skills. With the teachers leading 3–1, the students need to step up.

The results are in, and the students have officially made their comeback! In the first matchup, Reagan defeats Coco in the Athenian democracy essay challenge. Despite Coco's experience teaching World History, Reagan proves that she can put together a winning argument of her own. She delivers a strong essay and earns a much-needed victory for the students.

On the boys' side, Silas Troyer defeats Mr. Suhrur in the sports essay challenge. Silas shows off his sports knowledge and writing ability, proving that the students can compete with their teachers both inside and outside the classroom. With both students claiming victory, the battle for Bluffton High School bragging rights is heating up, and every win from here on out matters. With the next challenge coming up, our next contestants should come with an empty stomach because they're gonna need it for the hot dog eating contest.

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ACAC was a historic victory for the girls' team. For the first time since 1998, the Bluffton Girls' Team finally reclaimed the trophy, ending the 28-year drought with a performance that can only be earned through relentless pain and putting in countless hours of behind-the-scenes work, both physically and mentally. After nearly three decades without a championship, it was an incredibly heartfelt, emotional moment that brought tears to the Tigers' eyes.

Let's also not forget Jimmy Hower's insane clutch at ACAC that murked the tiebreaker between the Bluffton Boys and Jay County, titling us champions. When two opposing teams finish with identical scores, officials look at both teams' sixth runners. Whichever team's sixth runner finished higher wins the tiebreaker. In this case, Jimmy ran well ahead of Jay County's sixth runner, helping secure Bluffton's championship on a reinforced thread.

No one on the boys' team made it to state, but a historic ACAC win and 3 Regional Qualifiers is a major achievement. To even qualify for regionals is something many runners—such as myself—would give their all for.

Erin and Abigail Ramseyer qualified, and both sisters brought the season to a close with an appearance on the state's biggest stage, adding another celebratory chapter to Bluffton's cross-country history.

Is AI Really that Bad?

By Bailey Surbaugh

Artificial Intellegence (AI) was created in 1956, but only released for public use in 1966 when MIT came out with a natural language processing chatbot called E.L.I.Z.A. Over the next few decades, additional AI features grew in popularity, including Siri, Copilot, Gemini, and more. In late 2022, however, AI grew into a global phenomenon when OpenAI's ChatGPT became widely accessible.

AI can be a great resource with lots of opportunities like enhancing our industries, especially healthcare. AI can make researching cures faster and more efficient and also help to manage and organize tests, data, and medical files. In addition to the medical field, AI also assists in economic growth, customer service, and even transportation. One study showed that AI could contribute $15.7 trillion dollars to the global economy by 2030, not by replacing people in jobs, but by advancing jobs and making them better. AI can even help to develop self-driving cars, which would make the likelihood of car crash-related injuries drop significantly and help people get to their destinations faster.

Although AI can do amazing things, there are negative effects, including data collection concerns. Every time you research something, text someone, or buy something, information collection can happen. AI data centers are also raising issues of environmental dangers. Each AI data center has major electricity and water demands, mainly caused by the fact that it takes ten times more power then a google search, and this power requires cooling. One data center can use over 300,000 to 5 million gallons per day for a single facility. Even with using so much water to cool down the parts, they still produce enormous amounts of heat pollution, which can raise air temperatures up to 4°F and land temperatures by 16°F.

Artificial Intelligence can be great if used right, and people understand how and when to use it. However, it can also have negative effects on wildlife and potentially escalate global warming. Monitoring the impact will help us continue learning how to use it as a tool to help without causing too much harm.



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More than Just a Lawsuit

By Namine VanHyfte

The "Cornell 7" case is about an incident that happened in 2024 at Cornell University. A female student known as "Jane Doe" accused seven members of the Chi Phi fraternity of sexually assaulting her at a fraternity house. The seven men named in the 2026 lawsuit are Matthew Ingalls, Jonathan Newell, Winston Lee, Gillio Lopes, Diego Sarabia, Scott Norris, and Scott Kretzschmar.

The case became controversial because of how the school and police handled the situation. The story regained attention in 2026 when the investigation was reopened. The alleged incident started on the night of October 19, 2024, and continued into the next morning. According to the lawsuit, Jane Doe arrived at the Chi Phi fraternity house around 11:00 PM. The lawsuit says the alleged assaults continued for several hours and ended around 5:45 AM. This means the events described in the lawsuit lasted about seven hours.

These are allegations from the lawsuit and have not been proven in criminal court. An important part of the case involves a Snapchat group chat. Reports say about 57 other men were in the group and could see the messages being sent. According to the lawsuit messages were sent in the group during the night of the alleged incident. A photo of Jane Doe was also reportedly shared in the group.

The lawsuit says messages were sent about what was happening and that more men were invited upstairs. This made people question how many people knew what was happening and whether someone could have stepped in or reported it.

Cornell gave different punishments to the students involved. Two students were expelled, two were suspended, and another was banned from campus for a period of time. Some of the others had to complete educational programs and write reflection papers. This caused people to question the punishments because some felt they were not serious enough.

The case became even more controversial because people noticed differences between Jane Doe's first report and some parts of the later lawsuit. Some people believe these differences are important while others believe they could be explained by the confusion, intoxication, and trauma surrounding the situation.

There were also text messages between Jane Doe and one of the men after the incident. On November 3, 2024, Jane Doe texted one of the men stating that "90% of what happened that night was not consensual." This message became a critical part of the discussion about the case. Her lawyer says that differences in her messages and reports have been misunderstood and that her story has stayed consistent.

Since the investigation is still going on there is still no final answer about exactly what happened. What we do know is that this case is not just about sexual assault. It also brings attention to a problem that affects people every day. According to research more than 826 people experience sexual assault each day which means about one person every 68 seconds. Sexual assault does not only happen to girls but boys can be victims too. This case can help bring attention to this issue and remind people that sexual assault can affect anyone.

We can also learn to protect ourselves as much as possible. Leaving the house while intoxicated can make someone highly vulnerable and cloud judgment on consent. This does not excuse a person's wrongdoing for assault or make them any less accountable. The responsibility for those who take advantage of the situation belongs to the person who chooses to cause harm, not to the victim.Students can be wise in protecting themselves against vulnerability to assault, but there is never a situation where assault is excusable or justified.

We need to put our energy into preventing sexual assault, treating every report with seriousness, and ensuring people feel safe speaking out.

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Opinion Piece: Advocating for Vaccinating

By Madieson Surbaugh

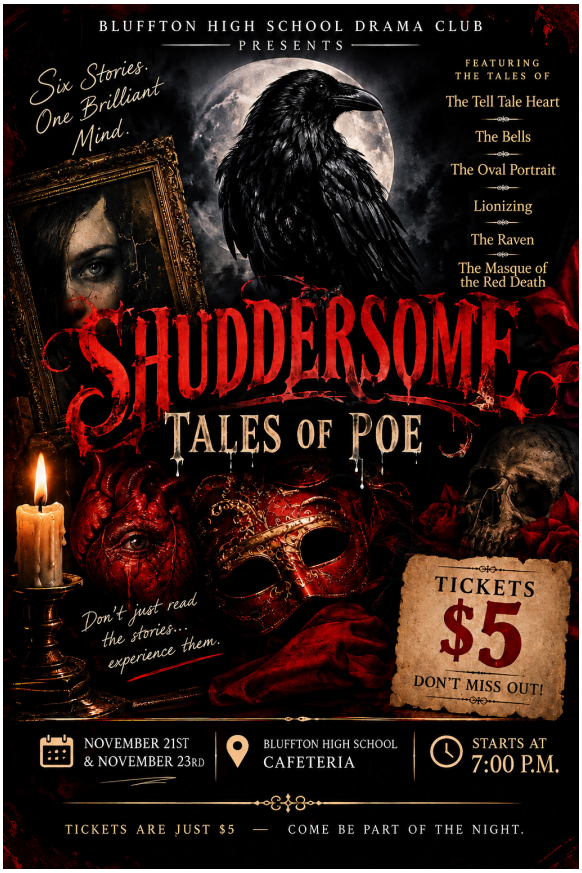
Vaccination is an important part of your child's potential health and future. The word "vaccine" comes from vacca, the Latin word for cow. The first ever vaccine was for small pox. The origin of smallpox is believed to have appeared around 10,000 BC, at the time of the first agricultural settlements in northeastern Africa. It's widely accepted that it spread from Africa to India by means of ancient Egyptian merchants.

The earliest evidence of skin lesions resembling those of smallpox is found on the faces of mummies from the time of the 18th-20th Egyptian Dynasties. In the 15th-17th centuries, smallpox traveled to Europe. Rome showed the first stage of decline in 108AD. The epidemic was called the Antonine Plague; it killed over 7 million people. The Spanish and Portugal introduced the disease to the New World, which caused the fall of the Aztec and the Incas.

During this time, it was common for people who had survived the disease to become immune. In 1796, Edward Jenner made the first ever full cure of Smallpox using cowpox. He had observed that dairymaids working around cows that had suffered from cowpox didn't get infected. To test his hypothesis, Jenner took pus from a sore on a cow and injected it into a healthy 8-year-old boy named James Phipps. The boy got sick for a few days with a mild cold, and afterwards became immune to the disease.

Modern doctors are not injecting people with cow pus; instead, they are injecting people with a safe and effective shot to prevent dangerous diseases. Vaccines, like medicine, can have some side effects, but most people have only mild side effects or none at all. Several vaccines are so common that they are generally known by their initials: MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) and DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis). Each protects your child against these diseases.

Vaccinations not only protect children from harmful diseases but also protect our community. Vaccines can also ensure your children are safe if they choose to travel. It is my opinion that vaccinations are the safe choice for our children and our communities.



Decathalon

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On the boy's side, Zane Betz takes on Mr. Vanderkolk in a head-to-head battle. Both competitors bring their best effort, but neither can pull ahead. After a hard-fought contest, for the first time in the decathlon history we have a tie, leaving the boys' matchup without a clear winner.

Meanwhile, the girls' competition features Sophie Eisenhut versus Mrs. Sackett. Both contestants step up to the challenge, but Mrs. Sackett manages to take the victory, earning another important point for the teachers. With one tie and one teacher victory, the teachers gain a little more momentum while the students continue fighting to keep pace.

The hot dog contest has added another twist to the competition, proving that not every challenge ends with a clear winner. With a current score of 5-4, the teachers take the lead as the decathalon moves onto the basketball court. Stay tuned as our simulation story continues in next month's edition!

Reporting on Midterm Results

By Madieson Surbaugh

The 2026 midterm results were due November 3rd, and the votes are in with a defiant Democratic win. The Democrats will be taking power in 2027 in both the House and Senate. Democrats are in control of at least 54 Senate seats, with two races still unresolved. In the House, CBS News estimates the party could control 251 to 268 seats. Of the 11 Senate races CBS News considered battlegrounds, Democrats were projected to win 10.

As of November 4th, the Alaskan race is still waiting for results to come in. Indiana was exempted from this round of elections. Texas and Kansas, however, elected their first Democratic senators in decades, and the party flipped Senate seats in Ohio, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Maine voted in the same favor.

Once the results were announced, Vice President JD Vance said the reason Republicans were handily defeated in the House and Senate is because of the war in Iran. The vice president said many voters who backed the Trump-Vance ticket in 2024 cast their votes for Democrats in 2026 to end the war with Iran, focus on the cost of living and inflation, put America first, and change the U.S. relationship with Israel.

House Speaker Mike Johnson said on a call with his staff that he will not run for leader in Congress; he is stepping aside following the GOP's losses in the midterm elections.

Former President Barack Obama said, "Tonight, the American people sent a clear message — they want a politics that brings people together rather than divides them, and leaders who offer concrete solutions to the challenges they face… They came from different backgrounds and represented a range of political perspectives, but were united by shared values, a belief in public service, and a commitment to putting the people of their districts and states first."

Senate Majority Leader John Thune said. "As we head into 2027, Senate Republicans will not stand idly by as the far-left, socialist wing of the Democratic Party attempts to unwind everything we've done," He posted on Twitter, "Thankfully, we still have President Trump in the White House, and we'll work with him to stop the worst impulses of Democrat extremism. We cannot let their fringe positions become the mainstream."

The president, Trump, said he intends to work with congressional Democrats. When asked how he will work with the party, Trump said, "After a couple of months of vetoes, they'll call, and they'll say, 'How do we get this stuff done?' And we'll work together," he said. He predicted: "We can work with them on immigration, I think." He said Democrats "did a good job" and "fought hard."



Senior Shout-Outs!

Gabriel Spencer: National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
Sierra Clark: Indiana All-State Honor Choir







Celebrating Fall Choir Concert

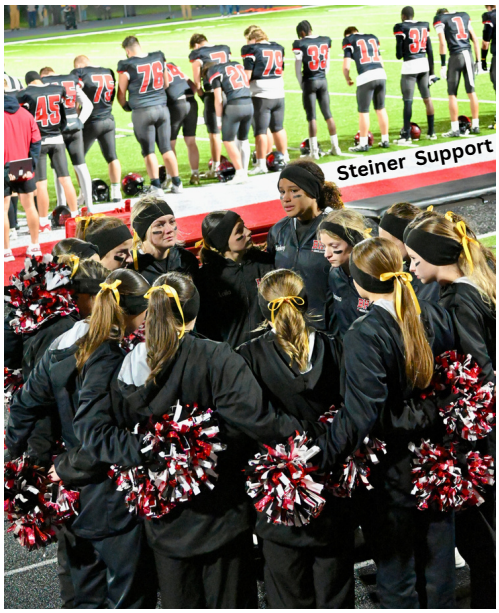
By Bailey Surbaugh

"I thought the arrangement was very interesting." -Emily Weaver (11)
"Choir is the best experience I've ever had." -Makenna Leitner (11)
"We sounded just like Bruno Mars." -Khloe Jones (11)
"Mr. Hanes is such a funny guy on stage." -Sierra Clark (12)
"Choir is awesome. You should join." -Catherine Schoeff (10)
"We tried really hard." -Lillian Fredrick (9)
"Choir is a good way to see what your peers are into and see what the school's teachers have been doing." --Italey Satterhwaite (10)


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