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CVHS News

CV has Talent!

Tri-County Talent Show

By: Alexis Patton and Caity Naggy

On November 22, 2019 a talent show was held at Central Valley High School. The talent show was a hit as it allowed young students to show off their talents and to come out of their comfort zone. The show was hosted by many students of the Central Valley School District who are enrolled in the Sports and Entertainment Management and Arts class as one of their class projects. The students who organized and ran the event, included Abby Hudson, Alexis Zurynski, Bella Columbe, Diana Huber, Emma Littler, Grace Kolich, Jenna Geho, Liz Gianvito, and Maddie Schultz. The talent show was opened to all students in 1st through 5th grade at Rochester, Central Valley, and Hopewell School Districts. The students got permission to have the date of practice, the date of the talent show, and more information about what the talent show was for. The fee for all participants was watching paid an admission fee of \$3.00. They held one practice day on November 15, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Central Valley High School Auditorium for about two hours. The talent show had 15 participants showed different talents ranging from dancing and singing to playing the piano and telling comedy jokes.

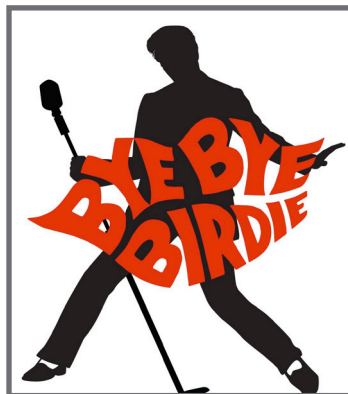


There were no judges or awards at this talent show, so all participants were winners for the day. The talent show raised approximately \$400.00 in profit from selling popcorn, chocolate, lollipops, water, and the many people who came to watch. All of the profits made at the talent show were donated to Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is a program for children whose parents do not have enough money to buy them presents for Christmas. All the money raised from the talent show helped this program tremendously and brought many smiling faces to all the

Central Valley's 11th annual musical is 'Bye Bye Birdie.'

By: Reilly Wilfong and Riley Shearer

Central Valley has been known to produce remarkable musical shows throughout the years. The hard work the students put into the show does not go unnoticed. This year's musical is Michael Stewart's 'Bye Bye Birdie.' This musical was originally a movie, which came out in 1963. Some notable songs in the production include *The Telephone Hour*, *Put On A Happy Face*, *One Last Kiss*, and *Honestly Sincere*. The show takes place in 1958 in the small town of Sweet Apple. The story is inspired by Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the army. Main character, Conrad Birdie (played by Keenan Anderson) is the most famous rock and roll artist of the time period. He gets drafted and many of his fans are devastated. Other notable characters include Rose Alvarez (Victoria Cain), Kim Peterson (Ricky Forester). Hugo Peabody (Margo McClure) are two hilarious supporting characters. The show is directed by Ms. Reigel, the high school chorus and musical theatre teacher. The show dates are February 27th, 28th, and 29th. The show will take place in the high school auditorium. Ticket prices and times are yet to be announced. If you want to see an incredible performance, come out and support our talented peers!



Is WWII About To Happen?

Series of conflicts between the United States and Iran could lead to a devastating war.

By: Mikita Kliuyeu and Brooke Haller

Fears are growing around the world following the assassination of Iranian General Soleimani. On Friday, January 3, 2020, a United States drone strike killed Iranian general Qassem Soleimani. Soleimani was regarded as the second-most important person in Iran, behind only Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah. His death caused Iran to feel threatened and retaliate against the United States. After the death of Soleimani, the Iranians began to act aggressively. The missiles that were sent to Iraq on January 7th, were directed to hit three United States base camps but missed. The missiles were Ballistic Missiles that came out of Iran and were specifically targeted at United States air bases. It is believed that this all started from General Soleimani ordering an execution of hundreds of American citizens. If aggression from both sides continues, there is a very high possibility it will result in a war. Iran released a press statement saying "we will keep working on their nuclear enrichment with no limitations," which is terrifying to think about. Even though there are specific regulations, Iran has not complied with any of those regulations that are in place to protect and prevent casualties and wars. This has led America to become more alert and aware of the situation Iran has created. There are over 3,500 troops currently placed in Iraq and Saudi Arabia; however, over 14,000 troops just got deployed in order to prepare for the worst case scenario. More news on this issue to come when it is released to the public. The situation is very tense, but we hope that the leaders of both countries will be able to handle the issue in a peaceful way.

Australia's "Wild" Fires
Are You Aware of What is Happening in Australia?
By: Grace Brobeck and Maegan Schwalm

Starting in September of 2019, fire spread across Australia. It started in Queensland and New South Wales, but it has quickly spread around the entire country. These were rumored to be wildfires, which have spread into smaller than 100 fires and killed at least 27 people as well as about one billion animals. It is thought that they have been caused by Australia's very own people. 50% of the fires were started by arsonists rather than heat, as they were said to be originally. Thousands of residents have been pushed to shelters on the beaches. The Army, Navy, and Air Force have been working to battle the fires and safely remove residents and visitors from the affected areas. The controversial part about these wildfires are that most were started by residents in Australia. Many arrests were made in connection with these fires. It was said that the Australian law enforcement has arrested over 180 people in connection to the nations raging bushfires. Most people are trying to blame the wildfires on "climate change," but the police are saying otherwise. Just in three months, 23 fires were deliberately started in New South Wales. In Queensland alone, 101 people have been detained for setting fires in the bush, 32 adults and 69 juveniles. The citizens doing these acts are causing not only people, but innocent animals to lose their homes, their loved ones, and their lives. The United States has sent over 100 of our firefighters to Sydney, Australia to help fight these fires. We are doing everything Australia can to stop to



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Winter Olympics 2019

The Competition of All Classes

By: Gianna Verrico and Nico Hall

Winter Olympics has been a tradition at Central Valley since the 1970's. All four classes gather in the gymnasium to compete against each other for the title of the Winter Olympics champion. This year, the seniors had a giant lead throughout the competition and won. There are a total of 12 events that occur to find the winner. The first event is the Penny Wars. The Penny Wars is a donation to Children's Hospital. A jug is placed in the cafeteria to represent each class. Donated pennies are positive points, and paper money and other coins are negative points. The class with the most positive points wins the first event; the sophomores won this year. On Friday, 20th, the obstacle course includes a variety of challenges that test speed. The seniors also won the volleyball. The seniors won the ultimate and in the seniors. After



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3 point shoot-out The goal is to shoot as many 3 pointers in one minute. The seniors won the 3-point shoot-out along with the half-court shot. Next is the shuttle run where four people from each class run a suicide as fast as they can. The seniors and juniors won this event. Next, the wheelbarrow race occurred, and the juniors won. The ultimate winner of tug of war were the freshman. During the soccer shoot-out, the seniors were the only class to score a goal. Then, the seniors also won the football toss. The goal of the football toss is to throw and catch as many footballs as possible in one minute. To wrap up the day, the freshman won the tough man challenge for holding the most wooden blocks on their arms. The seniors won the most points and events. Winter Olympics is a great way to get active, let loose, and participate in school events before the holiday break.

A Year In F.B.L.A

CVHS's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter Has An Exciting Year

By: Emma Thompson and Lily Cassida (Reporting by Nick Marvin)

Central Valley's Future Business Leaders of America chapter is a terrific club for any student interested in the world of business. FBLA provides a unique learning experience that you cannot find anywhere else. The school year started with chapter meetings every Friday to prepare for regional competitions. Club members also decided on what events they would like to compete in. Competitive events include Intro to Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedures, Accounting, and many more events.

In October, the executive officers were chosen, including President (Lauren Kostosky), Vice President (Michael Spinelli), Secretary (Rachel Pasterik), Treasurer (Cailey Dolata), Reporter (Nicholas Marvin), Historian (Lily Cassida), and Parliamentarian (Eva Conti). The officers were able to increase membership by informing freshmen about the club and hosting an ice cream party for new members. Officers had several executive meetings to plan fundraisers such as our annual FBLA Dinner, Jean Day, and different candy sales. FBLA also plans to raise money for March of Dimes. A huge part of FBLA is fundraising and supporting special causes.

A state leadership workshop took place at Kalahari in the Poconos on the first weekend of November. It featured different workshops to help FBLA members learn about different leadership qualities.

Recently, the CVHS FBLA chapter participated in regional competitions (objective tests, presentations, etc.) and will continue to prepare for the state competition in Hershey, PA. Students are fundraising for the trip, so help support your fellow peers by purchasing their chocolate bars, fortune cookies, and lollipops. State qualifiers will be able to attend workshops and presentations. They also will have the option of visiting different places around Hershey, including the amusement park. There are several ways you can support the club to help out the officers and other members, as well. Remember to support fundraisers and consider joining next year for an enlightening experience.

Freedom Fighters

Hong Kong fighting for what they believe in

By: Jaden Maley

On March 15th 2019, the men and women of Hong Kong stood against oppressors. Oppressors that forced tyranny and broke agreements that were formed by Hong Kong and China. It threatened their democratic system, but the people would not roll over and let it happen. With Hong Kong's limited resources, protesters started riots and pushed against police brigades. They all fought for one thing and one thing only; their democratic freedom. As Americans, the freedom of democracy is underappreciated, undermining the other types of government.

China is under Communist rule as of right now. Their government is one that spreads the wealth among the people, no matter how hard an individual works. Hong Kong, however, is a presidential system. It works in a similar way that a constitutional republic (United States) does, electing officials into office to run their nation. These systems, however, are near polar opposites.

With this information, it can be understood as to why Hong Kong is fighting for their democratic freedoms. China is fighting to make Hong Kong part of China and under Communist rule, which the people of Hong Kong are strongly against. Protests sparked, and the people of their nation banded together to risk their lives to fight for what they believe in. Over the last year, there have only been two confirmed casualties, but many of the protesters are being arrested on grounds of disturbing the peace. However, these protests are not peaceful.

Police come with riot shields and tear gas, but the protesters expected such a tactic. They fought back using DIY gas masks and tennis rackets. The gas affected the police more than the protesters. Many tactics were used to silence the crowds, but none were effective. On January 10, 2020, a grandmother was detained for waiving a British flag while sitting in a folding chair. Many acts are peaceful, yet the police still use force and aggression. In just a year, many have been arrested for fighting peacefully for what they believe in. They fought for freedom and for a rule that the people could decide. They fought for a choice of their profession and getting compensated for the work properly. The protesters in Hong Kong fight for what they believe is just, and the fight

Finals Week Tips

How to NOT cram everything into one night

By: Grace Kolich

Finals week can be the most stressful time for high school students. Cramming in four months of work into your brain within a night can be impossible for most people. However, there are many other ways you can prepare for your finals effectively. When you find out the date of your final, begin preparing far in advance. Creating your own study guides, even if your teacher gives you one, you will have an advantage on the variety of information that could be presented on the tests. If you are offered review sessions, always attend them! While you are there, ask questions as well! If you are still struggling after reviewing with your teacher, try and start a study group, so you can collaborate with your classmates on the information. When studying, writing the notes down by hand helps you retain information much better than typing or just by reading the notes. Listening to music while studying also helps your brain relax and remember what you are doing even more than in silence. Using flash cards, quizlets, and studying games are also extremely beneficial. Take your time studying and make sure to start very early in the semester! After weeks of preparation, the day of the test finally comes. Make sure the night before you get a good night's sleep and review your studying material. Before going to school, make sure you eat a good, nutritious breakfast to fuel your energy for the day. Stay calm during the test and believe that you can ace it!

SPORTS

The XFL: Take Two

By: Payton Bauer

In the coming months of 2020, a new professional football league is set to make its debut. The XFL (Extreme Football League), a promising venture at the time by Vince McMahon and the WWF, operated and only fulfilled one season in 2001. Now, the XFL is starting up again, hoping for a better turnout the second time around. The league is set up to have eight teams across the United States. Those teams will reside in Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Seattle, Washington, D.C., New York, St. Louis, and Tampa Bay. The league will be led by Commissioner Oliver Luck, the father of former NFL star quarterback Andrew Luck. The games will be televised on several well-known broadcasting channels such as ABC, ESPN, and Fox Sports. The XFL will be playing American football, but with rules that differ from the NFL. For instance, a fair catch is not allowed, as the returner is forced to field and then return the kick with the five yard space that is granted to them. Another notable change deals with the PAT (Point(s) After Touchdown) system. There will be no extra points kicked through the yellow uprights. Scrimmage plays are the only way to get additional points. The points vary depending on where you choose to start from. If a team starts from two-yard line, they have the potential to get one point. From the five-yard line, a team can get two points. From the ten-yard line, you can get three additional points. The XFL has also tailored the controversial overtime rules. The game-deciding period will be run in a shootout style, similar to hockey and soccer. Both teams will be given five chances to score as many two-point conversions as they can.

Whichever team scores the greatest amount of conversions will be victorious. With these changes, the XFL hopes to remove the slow and tedious aspects of the game of football, delineate the excitement and energetic atmosphere of the game, and ultimately enhance football to become even more entertaining than it already is. This being the second time around for the XFL, only time will tell if the revamp of a one-hit-wonder league will be a reflection of its 2001 season or give the NFL a "run for its money," stealing the spotlight from the professional football monopoly and showing fans what "Extreme" football is all about.

The Central Valley Gymnastics Team Wins Again The CVHS Gymnastics Team wins their second meet in a row.

By: Cailey Dolata

The Central Valley High School Gymnastics team competed in their second meet of the season on January 6th, 2020. The team is coached by Terri Gazda and Cherie Mulford. The captains on the team include Kelsey Watt, Lexie Zurynski, and Shelby Higgs. Their first meet took place at All-Star Athletics on December 9th, 2019. They competed against Montour. The CV High School team took first place with a 139.70 all-around score. Montour finished with a 133.45 team score. The All-Star Athletics gym pushed many of the gymnasts out of their comfort zone. Between the enclosed floor exercise, surrounded by garage doors, the crooked bar apparatus that could not manage to be parallel, and running under a single bar to vault, the gym was far from adequate, but the gymnasts still came out on top. The only positive of the gym was the seated waiting area reserved for gymnasts. It was far from a locker room, but it was clean and comfortable for the girls to wait until the competition started. Central Valley's second meet was their first home meet, located at Monaca Turners. Central Valley once again won the meet against Hopewell High School, West Allegheny High School, and individuals from schools that do not have enough gymnasts to fill a team. We will be waiting to see what the girls can accomplish next.





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CVHS Boys Basketball

A Midseason Look

By: Emily Conti

After 11 games into the season, the Central Valley Boys Basketball Team, led by coach Brandon Ambrose, has an overall record of 7-5. The players in the starting line up are; Brandon Graham, Chase Morrison, Isiah Warfield, Mike Sittig, and Justin Pyle-Thompson. In their season so far, they have played Mohawk, Westinghouse, Quaker Valley, Hampton, Sharon, Beaver, Blackhawk, and Ambridge. Over the weekend of December 27th and 28th, the boys competed in the CJ Betters Holiday Tournament. On Friday, December 27th, Central Valley played Aliquippa and lost. On Saturday, December 28th, Central Valley played Montour and won. Chase Morrison was awarded with the CJ Betters Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on academic and athletic achievements. On Friday, January 10th, they played New Castle in a conference game. It was a very close game, with CV losing, with a score of 54-52. They still have 11 games left in their season. On Saturday, December 28th, Central Valley played Montour and won. Chase Morrison was awarded with the CJ Betters Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on academic and athletic achievements. This team has a lot of good chemistry and puts a lot of effort into their games and it shows. Hard work pays off! Come support the boys in the rest of their season and cheer them on!



Central Valley is Making a Splash This Year

Our swim team continues to excel this season

By: Abigail Glumac

At Central Valley High School, the winter activity of swimming is a very popular and competitive sport. There are 26 members on the team, 18 girls and eight boys. After this season, the team will be saying goodbye to two seniors, Nico Roppo and Dan Tanaskovic. Even without the seniors, next year will be a good season for our team. In every event, our team excels. This is due to amazing coaching by Mr. Lawrence Palochak. The team is also assisted by Mr. Palochak's daughter, Hannah. Hannah Palochak enjoys coaching swimming, as she swam in college at the University of Akron. On January 7th, CV competed against Beaver, which unfortunately ended in a loss for Central Valley. The team did very well in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. However, there was one time that stood out amongst the others. In the 500 freestyle, Matt Kuzmich swam it in five minutes and twenty-one seconds, which is an amazing feat. Matt then went on to swim in the 200 freestyle relay and the 100 breaststroke. Our divers also dominated in the previous meet. Best of luck to the swimmers and divers for the rest of the season!

A Disappointing Start For Central Valley's Hockey Team

CV's Hockey Team has had a year full of struggles

By: Christian Pilotti and Anthony Santilli

The Central Valley hockey team is off to a slow start this season. Following a recent loss to Morgantown, the Warriors now have a record of 2-8. Coming off of a winning season last year, Central Valley looks to improve their record. With the loss of 2019 graduates and senior Noah Yerdon, who led the team in goals and points in his sophomore year, there have been some troubles. Noah is now playing for the Pelham Panthers, a Canadian Junior Hockey team. The team has struggled with teams they have beaten in past seasons. The team's skill level is very high, but chemistry has been the main problem for the Warriors this year. The coaching staff is vigorously working with players to improve the team's chemistry. With more goals than assists, the team is struggling to move the puck. The Warriors have not been able to get as many shots off as their opponents, greatly contributing to their offensive struggles. The coaching staff is led by Rich Lundy, the head coach of Robert Morris University's Club Hockey Team. This year the team's statistic line leaders have been Anthony Santilli with 15 points and Christian Bohon with 13 points. Currently, the Warriors have been outscored 64-36 by their opponents. Their next game is at home against Ringold High School. They hope to make a late turnaround in their season and clinch a playoff spot. With the amount of talent aboard this Warrior's roster, anything is possible.

College National Championship

Who can take the gold back to campus?

By: Zakary Phillis and Logan Murgonovich

Before the modern College Football National Championship, there was an old system called The Bowl Championship Series (BCS). It was a selection system designed, through polls and computer statistics, to determine a Number 1 and Number 2 ranked team in the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. In 2004, Auburn had a perfect record of 12-0 and played in a tough conference but yet USC and Oklahoma got the bid. This opened the eyes of everyone in the college football world and knew things had to change. On June 6th, 2012 a BCS oversight committee of university presidents approved the four-team seeded postseason format presented by the BCS commissioners. This was set to begin in the 2014 season and continue through the 2025 regular season. In the 2019-2020 National Championship, the Clemson Tigers will take on the undefeated LSU Tigers. The final four schools who made the college playoffs were Ohio State, LSU, Oklahoma, and Clemson. LSU beat Oklahoma in the first round as well as Clemson beating Ohio State. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow, reigning Heisman winner, took on Clemson Quarterback Trevor Lawrence. Lawrence was undefeated in his two years of starting at Clemson while winning the national championship last year. On January 13, 2020 the National Championship was played at Mercedes Benz Superdome, home of the New Orleans Saints. With a total attendance of 76,885, the fans of the two teams were dispersed equally. A couple of famous figures were also in attendance such as Randy Moss, Odell Beckham, and President Trump. The game in the first half was neck and neck, touchdown after touchdown. This was until LSU broke the game open and were victorious with a score of 42-25. Heisman winner, Joe Burrow, threw for 463 yards with five touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown for himself. Trevor Lawrence is now 29-1 as a Clemson quarterback as LSU takes the trophy back to Louisiana.

Is eSports the next big thing?

What is eSports

By: Nikki Bitcko and Kylie Magnotta

eSports is a form of sports using video games. It first originated in Asia and began growing all around the world over the past years. Males make up 85%, and females make up 15% of eSports users. eSports usually take place as a multiplayer video game competition, either individually or in teams. Many game designers now-a-days design their games according to eSports. They provide gamers with live-streams and live events. Some games in the eSports industry are *Starcraft*, *League of Legends*, *Super Smash Bros*, and *Overwatch*. eSports events are normally sponsored by big gaming companies, such as the Overwatch League. Over the years, eSports has grown very much. By the late 2010's, eSports was estimated to have grown to 454 million viewers. This has increased so much due to the newer technology we have. eSports has become popular on apps such as YouTube and Twitch. Now some people might not think eSports are real sports; however, some people believe that it is basically the same thing. This has caused a controversial debate all over the world. China was first to recognize eSports as a real sport in 2003, despite the addiction problems caused by video games. eSports has grown so much that there is now sports coverage on it. People can watch mainstreams of live events on ESPN, Yahoo, Sport1, and Kicker. In 2018, YouTube official platform with a new focus on gaming. eSports videos just for eSports and live on YouTube are the most viewed videos, which has lead esports to have billions of hours of gaming watched per month. In the beginning of 2020, there was over 385 million people who watch and play video games. By the end of 2020, it is estimated to have 589 million gamers and watchers. eSports has grown so much over the years and will continue to grow. Central Valley School District has recently made a eSports club. If you would like to join the club, you should visit Ms. Delon in room North A202. The club will be focusing on the games NBA2k20 and Madden20 this year. It should really fun, and Ms. Delon would like to see a lot more people get involved with this club.



Take Them Down One For One and One For All By: Chastity Bundy

Here at Central Valley High School, our wrestling team had their first match on December 6, 2019. Their first match was against Ellwood City. This season's captains are Nate Stitler, Issac Johnsen, and Logan Hersey. Now as the season is wrapping up, I got to talk to a few wrestlers to see what they thought about how the season has gone so far. When talking to each one, I asked how the season has been going, and they all responded the same. "The season has been going well for everyone." I first talked to team captain Isaac Johnsen. He said, "I would say my team goal was to continue to grow as a team since my sophomore year there were only three to five guys on the team. My personal goal would be to end my career on a good note and help the team get better. Overall the team did very well this season." When asking sophomore Tyler Frank how his season went, he stated "My season as with everyone else is going very well. The one obstacle I had to overcome was wrestling someone in my weight class a little heavier than me." As the team finishes up their last couple matches for this season, we could not be prouder of their hard work and achievements throughout the

Christmas Day NBA Excitement By: Christopher Holtzman

On Christmas Day, five games were played in the NBA. This has been an annual tradition since 1947. It is similar to the NFL's Thanksgiving Day games. The Milwaukee Bucks played the Philadelphia 76ers. The Houston Rockets played the Golden State Warriors. The Los Angeles Clippers went head to head with the Los Angeles Lakers. The New Orleans Pelicans played at Denver against the Nuggets. Finally, the Boston Celtics played the Toronto Raptors on ESPN.

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Antetokounmpo faced off against each other. The Warriors played their seventh consecutive game on Christmas. This was LeBron's 14th game on Christmas in his career. The Nuggets were back playing on Christmas even though they have not played on Christmas since 2012. Without Paul George, the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Lakers with Kawhi Leonard scoring a total of 30 points. The tradition of the NBA basketball game will continue for as long as people watch the sport, and I do not see it stopping anytime soon. It will be played for many years to come.

Lady Warriors: Race to the Championship By: Allyson Kirby

Central Valley Lady Warriors are competing for a section title yet again. For the past three years, Central Valley girls hoops have been a force in the Section 4A. For the past three years, they have placed in the top three of their section. Last year alone, they won the section, made the WPIAL championship, and won the first state playoff game in school history. They finished last season 23-3. All the success put a target on their back for the upcoming year. Despite losing three starters, they have come back this year swinging. The starting lineup includes Allyson Kirby, Christiane Frye, Lauren Kostosky, Alyssa Gillian, and Hannah Engelman, and they are coached by Chris Raso, Mark Lyons, and Ray Pranski. It goes without saying that every team they face wants to put a strike on their record. The Lady Warriors knew this and started their season strong with a 7-0 record. However, a recent let down section game against the Blackhawk Lady Cougars has put the Warriors in an unfortunate standing. Blackhawk has always been the Warriors biggest rival. After losing to the Cougars at their gym last year, the Warriors have given them trouble ever since. From then on, the Warriors beat them twice, including the WPIAL semifinals game after coming back from a 15 point deficit. This recent loss was definitely not where the girls wanted to be at this point in their season, however there is a lot of basketball to be played. The girls will continue to sweep through the section and hopefully be undefeated. They meet the Cougars again on Thursday, January 30th at 7:30 P.M. at Blackhawk High School! The turn out is expected to be crazy. If the Warriors win out, they will be able to hang another banner, taking the section two years in a row. Then hopefully they can make a jab at the WPIAL championship yet again. Come and support the Lady Warriors for the remainder of their race to the championship! Their schedule is located on the Central Valley School District Website.

Entertainment

Golden Globes

By: Noah Kirchner

The most recent edition of the Golden Globes went off without a hitch. The annual event to celebrate film's accomplishments was lead by Ricky Gervais , who has hosted five years in total. This year was his last time hosting, and he went out with a bang. His opening monologue has been received positively from people outside of the so called 'Hollywood Bubble'. Over the last couple years, celebrities have used their platform to try and tell the audience to make social change. That was the main thing Ricky rallied against. This recap will cover the buildup to the opening monologue and the aftermath/reaction from the world at large.

In the weeks leading up to the event, activists tried to get Ricky fired from the show. This reminded people of the situation with Kevin Hart at The Oscars. The comedian was fired from the awards show for comments on Twitter from years earlier. However, NBC kept Gervais on. During this entire time, Ricky was very upset. He was amazed that modern culture has made people so sensitive that comedians are trying to be silenced. He said in interviews before the awards that 'cancel culture' is bad for society at large. He wanted to make that clear to all the people at the top. Much like the celebrities before him, he decided to use his platform to make a point.

The aftermath from the opening monologue was mixed in the room of the event. Most people laughed, but there were very notable exceptions. Apple CEO Tim Cook did not look so happy. Tom Hanks looked so stunned that he did not know what to do. Once clips of Ricky's opening statements got online, the reaction was more one sided. The overwhelming majority of people loved it. Online watchers said it was exactly what Hollywood needed to hear. The opening scene was the most watched part of the program. This shows that most people are not interested in these award shows anymore. The main part that Ricky attacked was the 'virtue signaling,' as most internet commentators called it, calling it the main reason people do not care about these shows anymore. Most of the public online seemed to agree with Gervais.

The Golden Globes are the most talked about award show within the last couple years. All of the press is due to Gervais's comments because it was the only part the majority of the public watched. It is also the part the media focused on the most. Most of the media said Gervais was a terrible host for his comments and disavowed his actions. Ironically, if it was not for the media calling him out, most would not have seen his statements. I guess this brings a new meaning to the phrase, "Any press is good press." Gervais has stated that this will be his last time hosting the Golden Globes. His last hosting will remain in the minds of many for years to come.



The New AirPods Pro

The Future of Music

By: Josh Kennelly

As of October 30, 2019, Apple released the new AirPods pro. After a very successful release of the original AirPods, Apple released a new and updated model. This model includes features that were in the original AirPods such as a microphone and optical sensors that can detect presses on the stem of the airpod, the sensor is triggered. This allows you to use Siri, skip a song, and much more. It also automatically pauses when taken out of the ears. The same h1 chip is used that supports the hands free "Hey Siri". Also, active noise cancellation can be turned on or off. The battery life on the new AirPods lasts five hours. They have a rating of IPX4 for water resistance. The AirPods come in three sizes of silicone tips. The medium size comes already attached, and small and large sizes are in the box that your Airpods Pro came in. It feautres Qi standard wireless charging capability. The prices for these AirPods are \$249.00. They are considerably more expensive than the original AirPods. After a month of sales, Apple decided to double production for Airpods Pro. This is because of how popular this product was when it was released. Needless to say that this definitely is a gadget to get in 2020!



Hottest Christmas Gifts of 2019

Gift receivers rave over the greatest gifts.

By: Gabrielle Martin and Jaedyn Frasinelli

Every holiday season, people wonder what to purchase their friends, family, and significant others for Christmas. Trends come and go each year. 2019 had a wide variety of popular gifts including the best technology, toys, and fashion. The most frequently purchased electronic was the new Apple Airpod Pros, a set of wireless earbuds that connect to one's phone through Bluetooth. The retail price for this gift is a whopping \$249.00. One can purchase the Airpod Pros at Target, Best Buy, and Apple Stores. Teenagers are typically the targeted audience for Airpod Pros. Next, the hottest toy sold was the Fisher-Price Linkimals Smooth Moves Sloth, a plastic, dancing sloth that not only entertains but also educates children. The retail price for this gift is \$29.82. This fun sloth can be purchased at Amazon or any local toy store. This gift best suits ages as early as nine months to four years. Finally, the trendiest fashion item included the Neumel Boot by Ugg, a comfortable, slip-on boot with lace-up detailing. These boots are sold in both men's and women's sizes and come in eight different colors. The cost is \$130.00. One can purchase the Neumel Boot at Journey's or Ugg.com. This gift is targeted mostly for late teens and early adults. In all, 2019 was the year that had the most diverse, yet fun gifts. Even though the holiday season has passed, these gifts are still able to be purchased today!



The Bachelor, Season 24

Peter Weber comes back to try and find his perfect match.

By: Brianna Petey

"*The Bachelor*" is an American reality TV dating game. The series revolves around a bachelor accompanied by 25 women fighting to end up with the lucky guy. The bachelor dates each woman taking them on group dates and some one on one dates. This season is starring airline pilot Peter Weber. His search for love has started off with a rocky beginning as his ex, bachelorette Hannah Brown, returned. The first episode recap ended in an unexpected visit from Peter's past girlfriend, Hannah Brown. At the end of the night, 22 women remain to continue the wild romantic journey. Romantic and adventurous dates will test the women's perseverance in pursuing their romantic objective. Peter had two group dates so far this season. The first one included Peter and 10 of the women and it was a flying theme date. The questions, endure a spinning fly, and finish with an obstacle course with a chance to win a group date flying over Los Angeles with Peter. The second group date was with 10 other girls. Peter took them to a stage where they played games and stories. This is where Hannah Brown showed up. Hannah and Peter got into a deep conversation on how she regrets not picking him. Peter asked her if she wanted to enter the competition and come back to the mansion. The episode ended before Hannah had made her decision. The girls found it unfair if she was coming back because she would have the upper hand due to their history. The second episode opens where things left off with Peter and Hannah talking at the event. Hannah turned down Peter's offer to enter the competition which was for the best. The group date did not continue due to Peter not being in the right headspace. The other group date involved a fashion show between some of the girls. Drama started to get real when everyone was fighting for alone time with Peter. People can look forward to the third week's episode where tensions remain high of who is on top of Peter's list.



Joe Goldberg Wants To Meet...You

What happens in season 2?

By: Precious Morcilla

Netflix's, *You*, first came out on September 9, 2018, and it gained so much hype with more than 40 million streams during its first four weeks. It was only right that the show was renewed for a second season. Season Two came out just a few weeks after the first season, Joe Goldberg, meets a girl named Beck and you to find out. The whole season is surrounded with suspense, and it will make you feel the whole gamut of emotions. The second season is just as good as the first, really gives viewers a new perspective on what is going on in other people's minds. What somebody seems like on the outside might not be who they really are. This new season also is not like the first. It will not make you go "Oh, this is the same plot as the first one." It is not. Unlike Joe, everything and everyone around him has changed. He is in a new city and meeting new people. Who knows, he might be meeting "the one." One thing viewers should know is that Joe is trying to be a better person—the perfect boyfriend. He is just trying to find love. If you have not seen the first season, you are missing out and should definitely watch it right now.



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All Time Favorite Christmas Movies

By: Avery Hayes

December was the perfect time of the year to binge watch all of your favorite Christmas movies. To begin discussing some of the top picked Christmas movies, the first one to watch would be *Elf*. *Elf* was filmed and released in 2003. *Elf* is rated PG and is 97 minutes long. The main cast is Will Ferrell as Buddy the elf, Bob Newhart as Papa elf, James Caan as Buddy's dad, and Ed Asner as Santa. *Elf* was nominated for seven awards and won two awards. Another classic Christmas movie was released in 2009. This is an animated film and is rated PG. It is 96 minutes long. This is an animated retelling of the Charles Dickens classic novel about a Victorian era miser taken on a journey of redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas ghosts. The main cast was Jim Carrey as Scrooge, Gary Oldman as Bob Cratchit, and Lesley Manville as Mrs. Cratchit. Another really enjoyable movie to watch



round Christmas is *The Grinch*. *The Grinch* is rated PG and is 104 minutes long. *The Grinch* is a family movie. On the outskirts of Whoville lives a green revenge seeking Grinch who plans to ruin Christmas for all of the citizens of the town. The main cast is Jim Carrey as the Grinch, Kelly as Max the dog, and Taylor Momsen as Cindy Lou Who. The movie, *The Grinch*, won an Oscar, had thirty-seven nominations, and won many other awards. Those are just a few of the memorable Christmas movies that everyone should sit down, relax, and watch with friends and family during the holiday season.