

Red And Blue News

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Dear Readers,

It's a new year, and what better way to kick it off but with a new edition of the *Red and Blue News*!

We have been working our fingers off constructing these articles for you to sit back, relax, and enjoy catching up on what has been happening in the Dale since our last edition hit the stands.

The Chargers are making great strides in the community while gaining hands on experience in fields of interest. In November, we took the time to honor our veterans for their service to our country and held a canned goods collection in conjunction with "Feed a Friend" for those in need.

Before we knew it, it was time for Semi "Under the Harvest Moon," Door Decorating, Hanging of Ornaments and Lighting of the trees. When it comes to those things, we can't help but offer our favorite cookie recipes to you! Do you know what goes best with making cookies? Listening to our favorite holiday hits and making Amazon Wish List.

For some added recommendations on how to spend your free time, Movie Reviews and Console Competitions take a look inside.

Enjoy!

Red and Blue News Staff

Chargers in the Community



Chase Arthur, a proud member of the Charger community, is currently participating in the school's Co Op program with Geisinger at CMC. During the morning session, Chase works at the Cardiac Step Down Unit, which is a great opportunity to help prepare him for his future career in the medical field. When he had been asked to talk about his time at Geisinger, he stated, "Not only do you get experience in the medical field, but you also become part of a family down here."

Katie Thornton, another proud member of the Charger community, is also currently participating in a co-op at Ceccacci Lift Truck Services, Inc. in Olyphant, PA. Katie works every afternoon at CLTS getting hands on experience with their shop technicians, which has opened her eyes to many different options within the industry. When asked about her co-op opportunity, Katie says, "Two of my coworkers, Brian Sansone and Andy Dobrowolski, are more than just coworkers. They make CLTS feel like a family. Since the day I started working, they have been understanding and both great teachers. I'm thankful for this experience because it gives me more than just a job, it's something I look forward to every day. It's a positive work environment that doesn't take away from my school education, only adds to it."



Honoring Heroes: Veterans' Day

By: Advanced Composition Class and Nathaniel Cruz

On Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, at 9:00AM in the auditorium of Carbondale Area High School. Students, faculty, family, and veteran guests helped depict the true perspective of the importance of Veterans' Day with the annual program dedicate to our service men and women.

The audience was welcomed by Madalyn Borders followed by the Posting of Colors by Joshua Berg and Jonathan Marder. Nathaniel Cruz sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Students in Mr. Mauro's AP History class presented on the branches of the military: Army (Brycen Kelly and Justin Toy), Marines (Hailey Peterka and Elyssa Shaw), Navy (Matthew Totsky), Air Force (Shauna Durst and Gia Mark), Coast Guard (Robert Constantine and Brian Repsher), and Space Force (Julia Gorel). Emily Seymour and Kyleigh Wallace discussed POW and MIA. Private First Class Nathaniel Cruz added to the ceremony by offering why his call to serve and protect is one he is freely answering. Jacob Ulmer explained the significance of the Missing Man Table. Audrey Cobb and Alyssa Hendrick spoke about their lives as daughters of military soldiers.

Guest speaker, Sergeant David Ragan, spoke of his experiences in combat that lead him to starting a company called "Veterans Promise." His company is meant to help veterans who are struggling with hardship grants, drug and alcohol programs, and many other services. Sergeant Ragan also spoke of the significance of IGY6 (I Got Your 6) the moto for "Veterans' Promise." This is more than a saying, but rather a promise made with fellow "battle buddies" to always have each other's backs not only in war but also when returning to the civilian life.

Students in Miss Dombrosky's Advanced Composition Class shared their written responses on the call to serve: "It's Not Just the Words" (Ashley Eakle), "What If" (Mary Miles), "See You Again" (Caden Brennan), and "Yours Truly" (Madison Kelsch).

Natalie Skeba serenaded the audience with "America the Beautiful." Other musical performances that added to the atmosphere in the auditorium were "Travelin' Solider" sung by Eliana Connolly, and Ava Peregrin. As an added tribute, Mary Miles sang "Soldiers Light".

To bring the ceremony to a close, Aaron Carney and Albion Nasufi played "Taps" during the Recess of Colors.

The simple saying of "Thank You" is one that every soldier should hear in order for them to know how much we are truly grateful for the sacrifices they have made in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we do every day.



Veterans' Day



Difference Makers



Gavin Connor

Mr. Borosky was a great friend to my father and that transferred to me. He taught me to strive for more than is expected of me and success will come. I saw no one who deserved it more than him.



I chose Mr. Barnett to wear my jersey because he is a true example of a stout teacher. He cares for all his students and expects greatness from them. His best quality is his way of understanding each student as an individual.



Jacob Ulmer



Vincent Depalma

The reason I chose Mrs. Cobb is a quite simple answer. Mrs. Cobb has always helped me with school and how I was feeling. She would open her class to me like it was my second home to make sure my grades were always good, and I was staying on top of my schoolwork. Most of all, Mrs. Cobb always made me feel loved and helped me with any problem I was having even if it wasn't school related. I know wherever I am in life I could call her, and she would do anything in her power to help me. I am forever grateful for her.

The reason I picked Ms. Dearie is because she is my second family. She has always been there for me since I was in elementary school. She even continued to support me all the way through high school. She watched me grow into the person I am today. She has been supporting me ever since I stepped foot in this school, and I genuinely appreciate her for that.



Noah Kilmer



Chaz Kovaleski

I picked Mr. Gordon because in 8th grade he encouraged me every day to keep pushing and not to give up no matter what. He always encouraged me to always do my best no matter how hard it was and how much I wanted to give up.



By:
Kaila Collins



Difference Makers



Chase Arthur

When it comes to football, there will be many people that you meet that will impact your life. The person I gave my jersey not only impacted the way I look at football but the way I look at life. He taught me many things on and off the field. He taught me how to be a gentleman to my parents. This was a major lesson I needed help with. When I started playing football, I was still a little kid and had a bad attitude. He changed me and turned me into the man I became today. Without him, I would not be ready for the rude awakening that I am going to get when I graduate high school. He has gotten me ready for anything that life can throw at me, so thank you for changing my life, Mr. Gabriel.

I chose Mr. O'Rourke because he has always been there for me and gave me my love for science. It became one of my favorite things to do.



Sean Reilly

I chose Mr. Merleski to receive my jersey because he taught me to be knowledgeable in many subjects. He also taught me to be a diligent worker and take pride in my work.



Justin Toy

I picked Mrs. Bailey because she made my year easier and helped me out a lot when I had her as a teacher.



Jonathan Orta

I chose Mr. Kielar because if it were not for him, I would not be doing what I love to do which is welding at CTC. Also, without him, I never would have been able to pass math.



Matt Tarchak

I picked Ms. Pollits because when I needed help and did not care for school, she showed me how important school is. She also showed me the right way in school. She is the most caring person I have ever met. She will help anyone with anything they ask for.



Vincent Voglino



By:
Kaila Collins

Feed a Friend

By: Rylie Toolan

Every year, around Thanksgiving members of the Student Council host a food drive. Students, faculty, and staff are asked to donate cans or boxes of food to help those in need. When the holidays come around, it can get difficult to remember to show your support and donate to those in need. If everyone donated as much as they are able, it would help significantly. Every little thing counts. Our Feed a Friend collection was successful again this year thanks to all those who gave so freely to the collection. #HELPAFRIEND

SADD Spirit Week

By: Savannah Rosar

On the third week of November, students and teachers were able to participate in Spirit Week, known as Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity to show support and raise awareness of the damage that is caused by drugs, alcohol, and destructive decisions. Starting off, Monday was Your Future is Bright. Everyone got the option to wear college or career apparel to show what college or career they could be interested in. Tuesday was Peace Out to Drugs. On this day, students and teachers got to show off their best tie dye or peace sign outfits. Wednesday was Teaming Up Against Drugs. Everyone wore their favorite sports team attire to show their team pride. Thursday was Follow Your Dreams Not Drugs. Students and teachers got to roll out of bed and put on their comfiest pajamas. To end the week, on Friday, everyone was able to show their support of Red Ribbon Week by wearing the color red. #MAKESMARTCHOICES

Amazon Wish List

By: Savannah Rosar



Akatruki Cloud Anime Neon Sign for Bedroom Game Room Wall Art Neon Decoration - Red Cloud Neon Light Anime Decor with Dimmable Switch. - I need this light! It is from my favorite Anime show. It is the glow for me! - Jamar Kizer



Cassette Tape Player- I love music, but I hate when I have no WiFi to play it. That's why I really need this cassette player, so I can take all my songs with me on the go! -By Hunter Long



"Bloom" album record by Beach House- I want this record because I love their music, and I can play it regularly whenever I want.- By Rylie Toolan



Heatless Curling Kit- Why damage your hair with heat? This kit will help me from killing and frying my hair while styling. I need this! It's a must for underneath my tree. - By Ashley Escott



Electric guitar- This black (or red) 1981 Gibson Sonex 180 Deluxe, to be just a little more specific is what I need. Whether it was listening to them or learning to play one, I personally have always loved guitars. You can play soothing and calming riffs and chords for serenading, or you can get a completely different sound with pickups (the "peddles" that change the way the strings vibrate when played) that easily change it to a more rock-and-roll style. This is a must have to start my collection. -By Nathaniel Cruz



The new AirPods are sure to be at the top of everyone's wish list. They are a must have because they are the newest version with improved sound quality, longer battery life, and comfy fit. They are for sure on my list. - By Jacob Berg



My Amazon wish list holds a mini record player. It's very tiny and cute. The records are smaller than the palm of my hand. I could take the record player and vinyls with me wherever I go and not have to worry about playing music on a dead phone or with no service. Definitely a must have. -By Kaila Collins

Under the Harvest Moon



Under the Harvest Moon



Senior Tree Lighting



By: Kaita Collins

Class Trees



By: Connor Dueter and Rylie Toolan

Door Decor

By: Kaila Collins

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Homerooms
102: Mr. Foote
105: Miss Dombrosky
108: Mrs. Burrell
110: Mr. Mangan



Homerooms
111: Mr. Mauro
116: Ms. Masco
117: Ms. Jadick
119: Mr. Zagorski



Homerooms
124: Mr. Zaccone
128: Mrs. Zavislak
129: Mrs. Mies
130: Mrs. Mayne



Homerooms
131: Mrs. Brunette
132: Mrs. Demchak
133: Mrs. Rasmus
134: Mrs. Cobb



Homerooms
135: Ms. Roslar
136: Mrs. Stolar
137: Mrs. Bailey
141: Mr. Murphy



Homerooms
142: Ms. Karausky
148: Mrs. Mies
150: Ms. Olivetti



Homeroom
Mr. Dottle

**And the Winner is...
Homeroom 108**



Holiday Hits



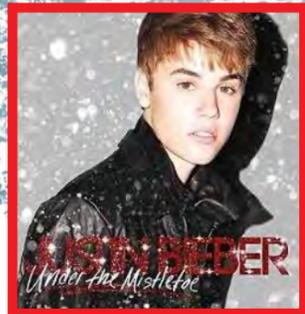
"When Christmas Comes to Town" by Matthew Hall and Meagan Moore - Ashley Escott

This song is from the Polar Express and is such a good start to getting in to the Christmas spirit. It's also a great song to sing. If you haven't added this to your Christmas hits, you should get on that. What are you waiting for?



"All I want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey- Savannah Rosar

This song gets you in that Christmas spirit and makes you want to sing your heart out and dance. If you ever want to sing your heart out this Christmas, I recommend listening to this song.



"Mistletoe" by Justin Bieber- Kaila Collins

This is my favorite Christmas song. I like the song because Justin Bieber is my childhood. The song is my favorite when Christmas comes around because it is about being with the person you love on Christmas.



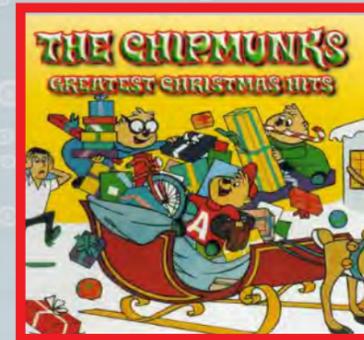
"Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" by John Lennon - Rylie Toolan

This is my favorite Christmas song because it definitely puts me in the Christmas spirit. Lennon mentions how the war has ended and happy times are ahead. This song is recommended for when you're baking Christmas cookies and decorating your tree.

By: Jamar Kizer

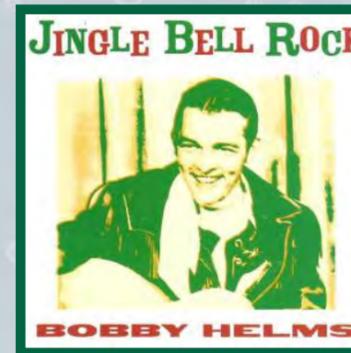


Holiday Hits



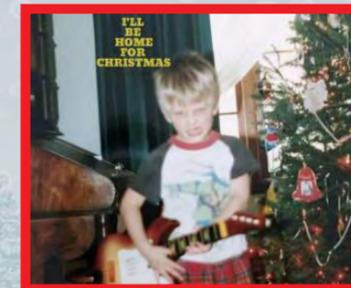
"The Chipmunk Song" by Alvin and the Chipmunks - Nathaniel Cruz

The Alvin and the Chipmunk Song ("Christmas Don't Be Late") is a classic song from the original TV series from 1959. It made a come back when The Alvin and the Chipmunks movie was re-released for younger generations.



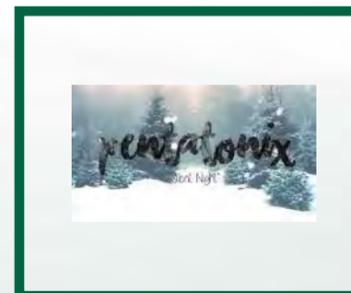
"Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms- Jacob Berg

"Jingle Bell Rock" is the perfect song to play during Christmas because everyone loves it. You might even get some people to dance along. With its soothing tone, it's the perfect holiday hit for everyone.



"I'll Be Home for Christmas" by Joe P - Hunter Long

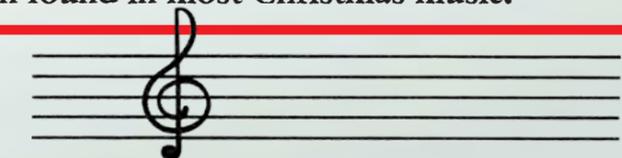
"I'll Be Home for Christmas" is absolutely one of my favorite songs for Christmas and in general. Joe P's voice is just so soothing, and it's just so powerful!!!!!!!!!!!!



"Silent Night" by Pentatonix - Connor Dutter

This is a calming Christmas carol that we have nearly all have heard at least once. The soothing melody and calm vocals give a unique peaceful atmosphere to the song not often found in most Christmas music.

By: Jamar Kizer



COOKIE CORNER

Designed by: Ashley Escott

Crinkle Cookies

Ingredients:
 2 cups white sugar
 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 4 large eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

Directions: Mix sugar, cocoa, and oil together in a medium bowl. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until combined. Stir in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt in another bowl. Gradually stir dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until thoroughly mixed. Cover dough and refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll or scoop chilled dough into 1-inch balls. Coat each ball in confectioners' sugar and place 1 inch apart on the prepared cookie sheets. Bake in the preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand on the cookie sheet for a few minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make remaining batches.



By: Kaila Collins

By: Hunter Long

S'mores Stuffed Cookies

Ingredients: FOR THE COOKIES
 1 1/4 cups (2 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
 1 cup of packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup of granulated sugar
 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 2 large eggs
 2 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
 2 cups of semisweet chocolate chips

FOR THE S'MORES
 8 graham crackers
 8 marshmallows
 3 (1.55-oz.) Hershey's bars, broken into squares of 4 pieces

Directions: Step 1 Preheat oven to 375° and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Make cookie dough: In a large bowl using an electric mixer (or in a stand mixer), beat butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Slowly beat in vanilla extract and eggs until evenly incorporated. Step 2 In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda, and salt. Stir into butter-sugar mixture until just combined, then fold in chocolate chips. Step 3 Make s'mores: Cut each marshmallow in half lengthwise. Sandwich halved marshmallow and one square chocolate between two squares of graham cracker. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Step 4 Assemble cookies: Scoop approximately 1/4 cup of cookie dough, flatten into a round slightly larger than the s'more, place on prepared baking sheet, and place prepared s'more on top. Scoop another 1/4 cup of cookie dough, flatten, and use to cover s'more until no graham cracker is visible. Flip cookie so first scoop of dough is now the top of the cookie. Repeat until the remaining dough and s'mores are used. Refrigerate on baking sheets for 10 to 15 minutes. Step 5 Bake cookies until lightly golden, 16 to 18 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes on baking sheet before serving. Step 6 Preheat oven to 375° and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Make cookie dough: In a large bowl using an electric mixer (or in a stand mixer), beat butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Slowly beat in vanilla extract and eggs until evenly incorporated.



By: Hunter Long

COOKIE CORNER

Designed by: Ashley Escott

Red Velvet Cookies

Ingredients:
 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
 4 tsp cocoa powder*
 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1/4 tsp salt
 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 1 large egg
 2 tsp red food coloring
 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 1 tsp white vinegar or lemon juice
 1 cup white chocolate chip

Instructions: In a mixing bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt, set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer cream together butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar until combined. Mix in egg. Add in red food coloring, vanilla and vinegar. Add flour mixture and mix just until combined. Mix in 3/4 cup white chocolate chips. Cover bowl and chill dough 1 - 2 hours until dough is nearly firm. Preheat oven to 350 degrees near the end of the dough chilling. Scoop dough out and shape into balls about 1 1/2 Tbsp each. Transfer to parchment paper lined baking sheet spacing 2-inches apart. Bake one sheet at a time until cookies appear set on the edges but slightly under-baked in the center, about 10 - 11 minutes. Remove cookies from the oven and gently press some of the remaining white chocolate chips into tops. Let cool on a baking sheet. Store cookies in a container.



By: Jacob Berg

By: Ashley Escott



Reese's Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Cookies

Ingredients:
 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour*
 1 cup Imperial Sugar Extra Fine Granulated Sugar
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 1 large egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 36 mini peanut butter cups, unwrapped

*Spoon & Sweep method: Use a spoon to fill the measuring cup with flour until the required amount is obtained. Scooping the measuring cup directly into flour bag will firmly pack flour resulting in too much flour required for recipe.

DIRECTIONS:
 Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two mini muffin pans. Set it aside. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl. Set it aside. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat peanut butter, butter, egg, and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture on low speed. Stir until dough forms. Using a small cookie scoop (about 1 tablespoon of dough), drop rounded balls of dough into each mini muffin. Bake for 12 minutes, until the edges are set. Remove from oven and quickly press a mini peanut butter cup into each cookie cup. Let cool for 15 minutes in pan before transferring cookies to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days...but they won't last that long.

COOKIE CORNER

Designed by: Ashley Escott

Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

3 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 ½ cups white sugar
 1 cup margarine, softened
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla extra

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix the dry ingredients in one bowl.
2. Beat the margarine and sugar in another bowl, then beat in the eggs and vanilla
3. Chill the dough in the fridge.
4. Roll out the dough and cut into desired shapes.
5. Bake the cookies on prepared baking sheets until the edges are golden.



By: Rylie Toolan

By: Jamar Kizer



Classic Christmas Cookies

Ingredients

3 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 ½ cups white sugar
 1 cup margarine, softened
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium bowl; set aside.

Beat sugar and margarine in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Beat first egg into butter mixture. Beat second egg into mixture along with vanilla extract; add flour mixture and stir until dough is just combined. Wrap dough; chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease two cookie sheets.

Roll out dough on a clean floured surface to ¼-inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters; arrange them on the prepared cookie sheets. Gather scraps and repeat this step.

Bake in batches in the preheated oven until edges are golden, about 6 to 8 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet briefly before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

COOKIE CORNER

Designed by: Ashley Escott

No Bake Cookies

Ingredients You'll Need for This Recipe

Sugar
 Butter
 Milk
 Unsweetened cocoa powder
 Vanilla
 Quick oats
 Peanut butter

First line two baking sheets with parchment paper (or just spread a long sheet of the parchment onto the counter), or have 29 cupcake liners set out. Then in a 2.5 – 3 quart saucepan combine sugar, butter, cocoa powder and milk. Set saucepan over medium heat (I like to use the largest burner on the stove) and begin whisking. Cook and whisk frequently until it reaches a boil, then once it reaches a full boil stop stirring and let it boil for 1 minute. Remove the mixture from heat then immediately add in vanilla, peanut butter and oatmeal. And stir to blend well. Drop mixture onto prepared parchment dropping 2 Tbsp at a time (a medium cookie scoop works well here or just use two large spoons). Let cookies set then enjoy! If you want to speed up setting transfer to refrigerator. Store the cookies at room temp in an airtight container.



By: Savannah Rosar

By: Connor Dutter



Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 ¾ cup unsalted butter, melted
 ½ cup white sugar
 1 egg
 1 egg yolk
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

- 1.) Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.
- 2.) Sift flour, baking soda, and salt together; set aside.
- 3.) Beat brown sugar, melted butter, and white sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until smooth. Beat in egg, egg yolk, and vanilla until light and creamy; add flour mixture and stir until dough is just combined. Stir in chocolate chips.
- 4.) Drop spoonfuls of dough 3 inches apart onto the prepared baking sheets.
- 5.) Bake in the preheated oven until edges are golden, about 15 to 17 minutes. Cool on the cookie sheets briefly before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.

Console Competition: Xbox



Since technology has come a long way, there are many gaming consoles that have been developed. In our opinion, throughout the years, Xbox has been most relevant and has had amazing growth. When Microsoft released the Xbox 360 console in 2005, followed by the Xbox One in 2013, and the Xbox Series S/X in 2020, gaming only got better. With these releases, also came digital downloads. This allowed users to download games without needing a disc to play them. As well as having exclusive games only playable on an Xbox such as the *Halo* series, *Forza Horizon*, *Killer Instinct*, etc. The Xbox One storage holds up to 500-gigabyte (GB) to a 1-terabyte (TB). This depends on the system. If it's an Xbox Series X, it can go up to 560 gigabytes (GB), and the Xbox One Series S comes with 1 terabyte (TB). You can also get a storage drive and add as many terabytes as you want. The difference between the Xbox One and Nintendo Switch graphics is that The Xbox One console is powered by AMD Graphics Core Next (GCN), but Nintendo Switch graphics are powered by NVIDIA Tegra. However, let it be know that the suggestion is for Xbox. It's simply the best.



A bonus is being able to change your console's graphics to better fit your Internet speed. The release of the *Kinect* also made it more fun to play games with a motion sensor because the player needs to put an effort in the game. This can be used with popular games like *Wipeout*, *Just Dance*, *Kinect Adventures*, etc. The Xbox also allows users to customize their home setup. It also allows for one free username change, so be sure that the name you chose is the name you want to stick with. You can also download the Xbox app on your phone or laptop and play on those devices, too.

Console Competition: Switch

Have you ever wanted to play a console game on the go, play games with friends who don't have them, or play games that bring the life to a party? Then *Nintendo Switch* is your go-to console. The console is small, portable, and can split into three parts: the left and right joycon and the console body. The console comes with a dock, which allows the user to connect their *Nintendo Switch* to their T.V. and play on the big screen. A user can have up to eight profiles, and they can change their username for free. To add on, the dock and controllers can be customized with a multitude of colors and add-ons. As if these features weren't convenient enough, you can pair the joycons of another person's *Nintendo Switch* and allow more people to join your game. This function is great when having company, as you can have more people in your game.

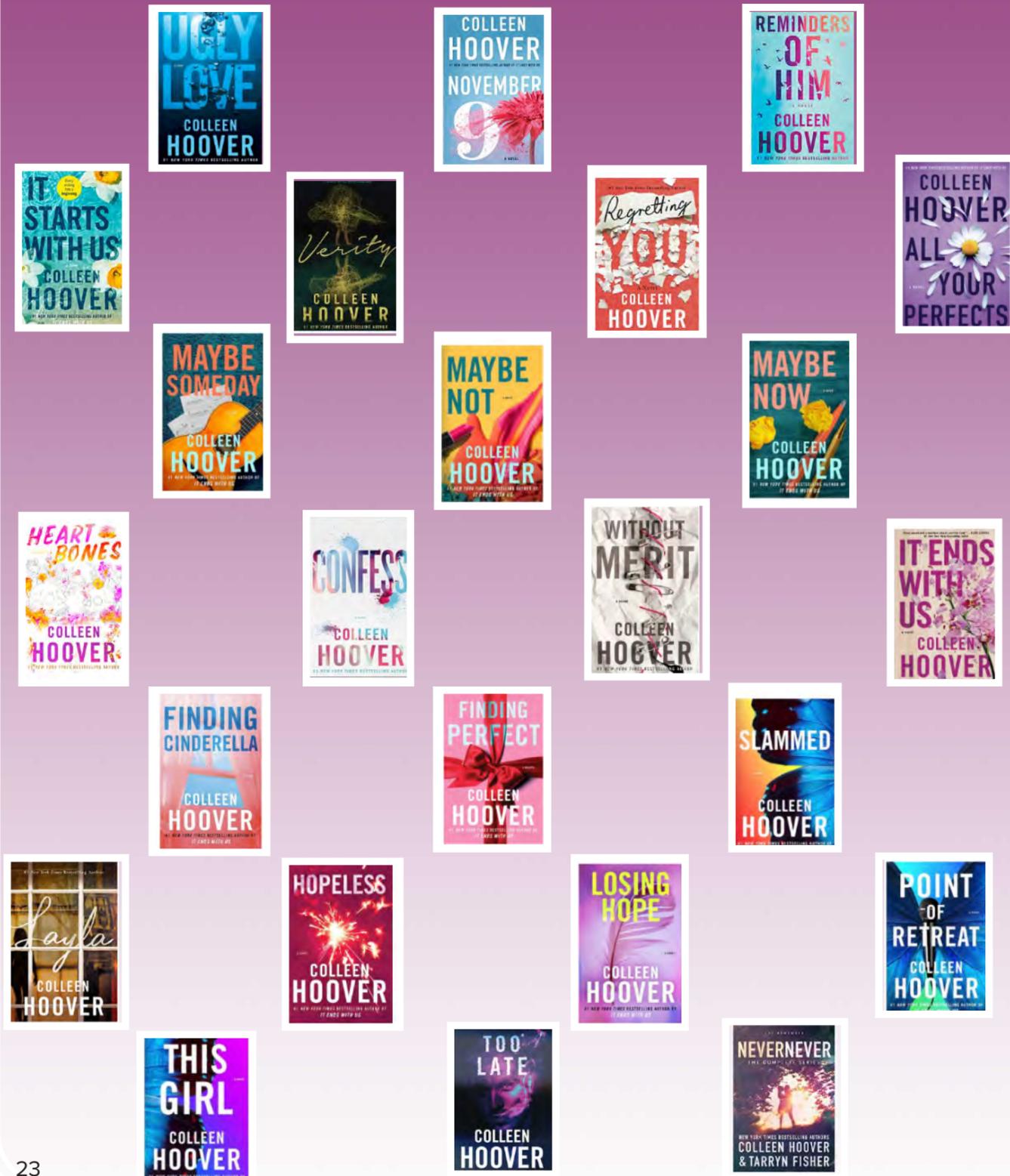


The *Nintendo Switch* features a very large library of games, amounting to about 4,450, with some great exclusive games such as *Super Smash Bros Ultimate*, *Super Mario Party*, *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*, *Metroid Dread*, *Splatoon 2 and 3*, *Monster Hunter Rise*, and many more. Not only does the *Nintendo Switch* have first-party Nintendo games, but it also has an expansive library of "Indie" games, games made by small independent development teams, such as *Hollow Knight*, *Dead Cells*, *Cuphead*, *INK*, *Cult of the Lamb*, *60 Seconds!*, *Super Meat Boy*, and *Shovel Knight*. So, if you want the games of an Xbox or a PS4, and the portability of a mobile device, then the *Nintendo Switch* is your console.



By: Kaila Collins, Connor Dutter, Jamar Kizer, and Hunter Long

Colleen Hoover Collection



Colleen Hoover Review

By: Rylie Toolan

If you haven't heard of Colleen Hoover, you may possibly be living under a rock. She is a number one New York Times bestselling author. Her first published book Slammed came out in 2012; however, the world was taken by storm when she released her most popular book, It Ends With Us. Four million copies were sold. Hoover came out with this book in 2016, but it reappeared on the best-seller list in 2021 and remains there today. Hoover is one of the most successful authors of this generation.

Once you start reading one of her books, you will not be able to put it down. Her books consist of romance, heartbreak, thriller, dark pasts, and a plot that gets you connected to all of the characters individually.

"CoHo" began her career as a self-published writer and now she has over 20 million copies sold. Currently, she is the most exciting young adult fiction writer, according to "BookTok," a community of readers who give book recommendations on TikTok.

After you read her books, you will be hooked on her writing style. They are highly recommended because the way Hoover writes makes the reading connected to the subject and passionate about it. They are engrossing and time seems to fly when reading these books. You will end up on chapter 11 after telling yourself "one more page" an hour before.

Don't walk. Run to your favorite book store or online store and order yourself one, three, or all of these because once you start, you won't be able to put them down or even wait for the next book to arrive!

#READCOHO

SHE'S BACK... T-Swizzle

By: Miss Dombrosky and Rylie Toolan

Since Taylor Swift dropped her new album Midnights on October 21, 2022, the world has not been the same. Swifties have been eagerly waiting for the rhymes and unforgettable lyrics that make the world go round.

Taylor did not disappoint. She served up 13 songs that once you listen you just can't stop. "Your on Your Own, Kid" is one we highly recommend you listen to on repeat. "From sprinkler splashes to fireplace ashes," this song is guaranteed to be the number one song on your playlist.

Swift's fans have been digging deep trying to find clues as to when her next release is. She includes hints, puzzles, and hidden messages in her music and even posts some clues on social media to keep her fans waiting impatiently to hear when she is dropping new music.... Taylor, if you can hear us, we are waiting....



Skinamarink

Have a fear of the unknown? If so, you should buckle up for the movie, Skinamarink. Skinamarink is a horror movie that won at the Fantasia International Film Festival 2022 and was ultimately decided to become a worldwide release. It takes place in a modern home during the late 90s, with the cast of a small family. The plot follows two young children, Kaylee and Kevin, who wake up to their parents, windows, and doors gone. If you are a fan of horror, supernatural, and suspense, this movie as a must for you. Though, if you plan to watch this movie during nighttime, don't plan on falling asleep...

Written By
Hunter Long

Piggy

Bullying is a serious problem, and this film dives into the perspective of a bullied teen in a way you've never seen before. Piggy originated as a short film with the same name. Then, it debuted as a major motion picture at many film festivals, most notably the Sundance and Grimmfest Film Festivals. The plot follows Sara, a young teen, who is bullied by a group of teens and can never get a break. That is until her bullies disappear from her life by a "secret admirer". Though this movie is spoken in Spanish, English dialogue is available, so it can be enjoyed internationally.



Movie Reviews



What's In Your Earbud (Left Variation)

By: Hunter Long



"Middle Class Dream" - Joe P

"Middle Class Dream" is the embodiment of a dream, giving many different feelings through a single play-through. You will surely love this if you love a good calm song **(Hunter Long)**.



"Bejeweled" - Taylor Swift

"Bejeweled" off of Taylor Swifts "Midnights (3AM Edition)" is my new go to song. It has a positive message, and it puts me in a good mood. If you haven't given it a listen, you are missing out! #swiftieforlife **(Miss D)**



"Bad Habit" - Steve Lacy

With its mix of R&B and pop, it feels like it could have been released in any era of music, and few songs currently out sound like it. Its groovy and upbeat lyrics are sure to make you get up and dance **(Jacob Berg)**.



"Dust In The Wind" - Kansas

This song has a nice upbeat rhythm, but it still has meaning behind the lyrics. "Dust in the wind" is a great comfort song. This song is about moments going by too fast. After one listen, you will be hooked **(Rylie Toolan)**.



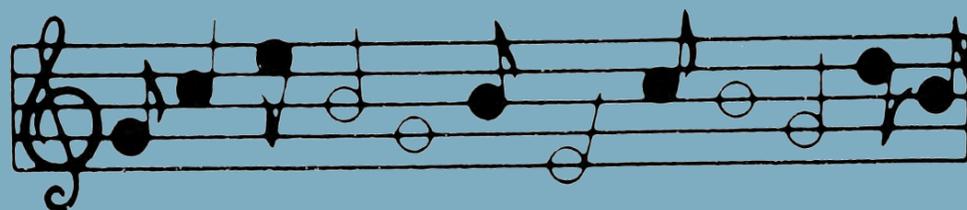
"Cuff Your Jeans" - Claud

Hey you! Yeah, you! Do you like moody songs? Well you sure will love this one. With a beautiful mix of calm vocals and an emotional guitar, this song will surely end up in your playlist one way or another **(Hunter Long)**.



"W.A.Y.S."- Jhene Aiko

This song sends us a message that when life gets hard, you gotta keep going and block out all negative thoughts. Always stay positive and go with the flow of life **(Savannah Rosar)**.



What's In Your Earbud (Right Variation)

By: Hunter Long



"Marley" - Deal Casino

I love me a good Alt. Rock song especially when this song plays. With Joe P's vocals and grungy guitar, this song will have you movin' and groovin' in no time **(Hunter Long)**.



"Hold Back The River" - James Bay

River is a metaphor for his new life gone out of control and pushing him too fast too far. He wants that "river" to stop, so he can have time to be with his loved ones again. Sometimes you need to hear something to feel a certain feeling again. This song does that **(Ashley Escott)**.



"Pink + White" - Frank Ocean

This song is about someone who is grateful for the love they have been given and how that love has helped them through difficult times. You should give this song a listen if you haven't already **(Ashley Escott)!**



"It's Been A Long Long Time" - Matthew Ifield

A very calming song that actually doesn't have any music in the background other than a whistle solo towards the end. The gentle range of the baritone in this artist's voice is so soothing for a simple relaxation moment. Give it a listen **(Nathanial Cruz)**.



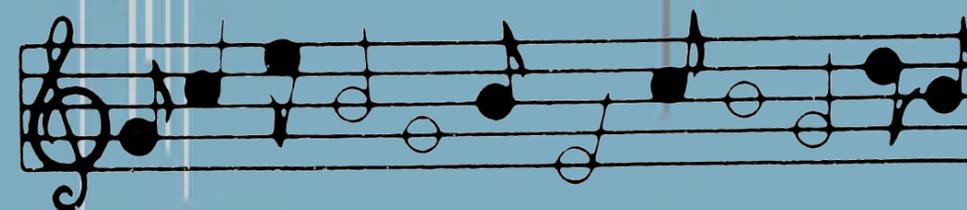
"Sweet / I Thought You Wanted To Dance" - Tyler, the Creator

The song has a lot of beautiful jazz undertones. That combined with Ty's lyrics make for a fantastic song **(Natalie Skeba)**.



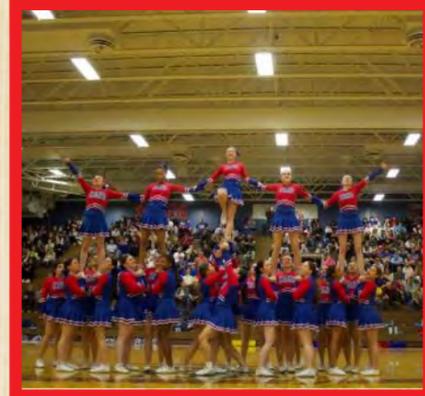
"What Once Was" - Her's

This is an amazing song for when you're winding down or turning the volume up. "What Once Was" is a must have song on your playlist. You will find yourself listening non-stop **(Rylie Toolan)**.



Sports Photo Dump

By: Red and Blue News Staff



Kindness Challenge

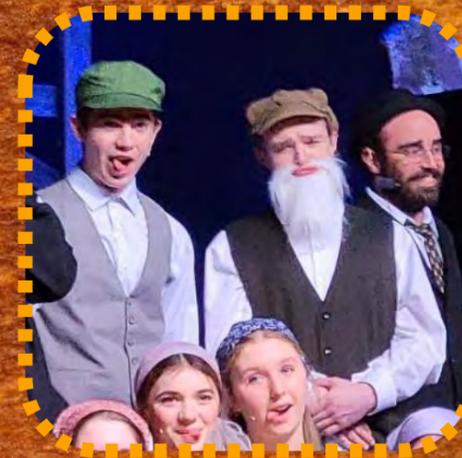
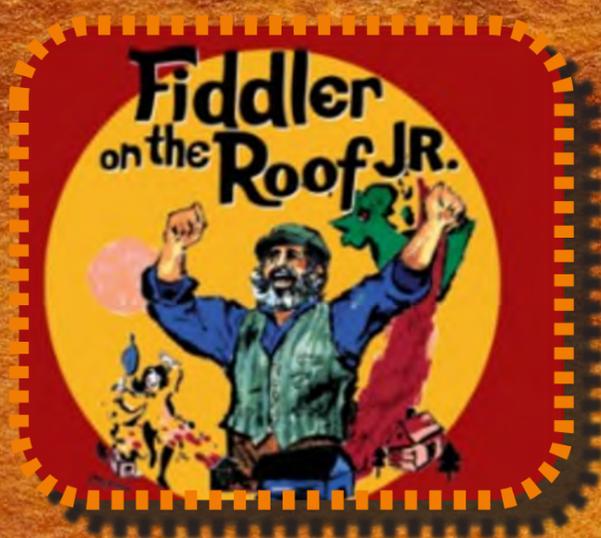
The Red and Blue News staff challenges you to complete some of these and spread kindness instead of negativity...

#challengeaccepted

By: Ashley Escott and Rylie Toolan

- compliment someone
- make baked goods for the neighbors
- smile at someone
- leave a 50% or more tip
- donate toys to those in need
- send a thank you card to someone
- pay for a strangers meal
- plant a flower or tree
- say please and thank you more
- volunteer
- open the door for someone
- offer to do yard work for a stranger
- pick up trash
- send a handwritten letter
- leave change in a vending machine
- let someone go before you in line

- make breakfast for a family member
- give a teacher a thank you gift
- help someone carry out their groceries
- help someone cross the street
- plan a surprise party for someone
- host a free lemonade stand
- hold the elevator
- do another family member's chores
- make hot chocolate for someone
- leave an encouraging note on a car
- be kind to others
- tape change to a parking meter
- create inspiring chalk art on a sidewalk
- open a door for someone
- return someone's cart for them at the store
- donate books to the library
- walk a neighbors dog



By: Mary Miles and Hunter Long

If you missed out on seeing the Drama Club's performance of Fiddler of the Roof Jr, you surely missed some of the Dale's most talented students putting on the show of their lives. The show is set in the little Jewish village of Anatevka, Russia, and centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, (played by Randy Rabb), his wife Golde, (played by Mary Miles) and his five daughters (played by Alex Shockey, Natalie Skeba, Eliana Connolly, Liliana Cerra, and Madison Hunter). With the help of a colorful and tight-knit community, Tevye tries to instill a sense of tradition in his daughters in the face of growing antisemitism under the Russian Czar. When his eldest daughters try to break the tradition of marriages arranged by the Matchmaker (played by Emma Vinolo) and choose their own husbands (played by G. Curiel, Nathaniel Cruz, and Dylan Ofner), Tevye must ask himself what is more important: their tradition, or his daughters' happiness. The show captures the essential human longings for tradition, love, community, success, freedom, and family. "Fiddler on the Roof" features iconic songs such as the beautiful, "Sunrise, Sunset," the boisterous, "If I Were a Rich Man," and the classic, "Matchmaker." The cast did an incredible job keeping the attention of the audience from start to finish. There was never a dull moment in the theater. The Drama Club deserves a standing ovation for this performance, and we cannot wait to see what's up next!



You're Halfway There!

By: Hunter Long

Believe you can and you're halfway there.
-Theodore Roosevelt

YOU CAN'T BE PLAYING HALFWAY OR YOU ARE GONNA GET HALFWAY RESULTS.
-YOUNG DOLPH

Make today so **AWESOME** that tomorrow gets jealous!

Because you can't do anything halfway, you've got to go all the way in anything you do.
-Jerry Bruckheimer

All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them.
-Walt Disney

When you see a roadblock or challenge as an opportunity, it is amazing how you are already halfway there.
-Frances Hesselbein

We rise to a challenge and set a course. We take a decision. You put your mind to something. Just deciding to do it gets you halfway there. Daring to try.
-Tim Winton

Somehin' is better than nothin'! That's what I say at least.
-Hunter Long

In boxing, if you think you will lose... you're already halfway there.
-Lennox Lewis

The bridge will only take you halfway there, to those mysterious lands you long to see. Through gypsy camps and swirling Arab fair, and moonlit woods where unicorns run free. So come and walk awhile with me and share the twisting trails and wondrous worlds I've known. But this bridge will only take you halfway there. The last few steps you have to take alone.
-Shel Silverstein

But the thing with us was, we didn't really need anyone to make us world famous - we were already halfway there.
-Ozzy Osbourne

We make music for a living. Like I've always said, if you like what you're doing, you're halfway there; if someone else likes it, that's even better. If they don't like it, at least you like it. Not to be selfish, but you kind of have to be.
-Eddie Van Halen

I would tell your generation, wherever you are on the totem pole - whether you're halfway there or at the bottom, don't despise small beginnings; small beginnings get you ready for great things.
-T.D. Jakes

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You can't bake a cake without getting the kitchen messy. Halfway through surgery it looks like there's been a murder in the operating room. If you send a rocket to the moon, about ninety percent of the time it's off course - it 'fails' its way to the moon by continually making mistakes and correcting them.
-Price Pritchett

Hey you!
Congratulations!
You have made it halfway through the school year! We all know how rough school can be, but at least you made it this far! Something is better than nothing! Even though it's halfway through the year; it's not time to slack! Keep trying your hardest, and we promise that all that hard work WILL pay off. We wish you a great rest of your school year!

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