

## Review:

# Footloose cast, crew cuts it loose!



The cast and crew at Delavan-Darien High School put on a dazzling performance of Footloose in March. (Photo by Delavan-Darien School District News)

By Jacob Prado  
Cometeer staff

Phenomenal. Spectacular. Absolutely stunning. On March 8-10, the Delavan-Darien High School drama department took to the stage for their performance of Footloose and, I must say, I was blown away. The acting, singing, costumes, choreography, band, the entire show, was seamlessly put together for one of the best performances D-DHS has seen.

Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including Rev. Shaw Moore. The reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds

unbelievable. With the help of Ariel (the reverend's daughter) and Willard (a "country hick" who becomes his best friend), Ren convinces the reverend to let the teenagers dance and, in the process, helps the town heal from a tragedy that affected them all.

Within the first musical number I was stunned with how together everyone was. The choreography did not lack precision but, instead, excelled; everyone danced very well and it was definitely on point. Once the first musical number was over, the transition into the church from the Chicago scene was seamless from setup to the band's transition, it looked and sounded flawless. Caleb Reshkus' performance of Ren could not have been a better choice, and, putting together his dancing, singing, and dialogue, it was phenom-

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## Footloose...

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enal.

Not only was Reshkus perfectly in tune with his character, all of the leads fell into character and this showed very well throughout the whole musical. Others who stood out to me was Esther Jeninga's portrayal of Ariel Moore, Zachary Barker's portrayal of Rev. Shaw Moore, and Elijah Jeninga's portrayal of Willard Hewitt. Not to downgrade anyone else's performance, as all of the students involved did spectacular, but I'm simply saying these few especially stood out to me.

My favorite numbers throughout the musical were, of course, "Footloose", "The Girl Gets Around", "I Can't Stand Still", and "Can You Find It In Your Heart". "The Girl Gets Around" was very funny and the choreography for this particular song was interesting, to say the least, which made it all the more funnier. "I Can't Stand Still" centers around Ken and, to me, felt like a lesson to be learned and that is that you should never be forced to stop doing what you love. Ken loves to dance and when the town of Bomont has outlawed dancing, this musical number explains his love for dance and how he cannot stand still.

"Can You Find It In Your Heart" comes toward the end of the musical when Rev. Shaw must come to terms with how he feels and how the town feels about the ban on dancing, making it pretty sad since it is a slow song about all of the reverend's feelings.

Finally, I believe the whole set design, and the transitions between each scene, was put together so well. The design of the set was so good - a huge wooden structure that served so many purposes throughout the show was the highlight of the whole set. What also stood out was the painting on the wall behind everyone that stayed there the whole time. While it was simply words on the wall, the lighting and color of the wall made the scenes look so cool.

Without forgetting anyone, I want to say "good job" to everyone involved. The leads included Caleb Reshkus, Grace Kirkpatrick, Zachary Barker, KoraZoe Quinn, Esther Jeninga, Caroline Flesch, Scott Sirkman, John Francis Moses, Eliana Gluchman, Ronnell Fleming, Maelynn Schnurr, Sophia Roth, Erik Penniman, Anthony Wilson, Dylan Keys, Olivia Patterson, Elijah Jeninga, Kody Lebow, Ian Bullock, Myles Lockhart, Eliberto Gomez-Rodriguez and Arianna Mendiola.

Equally important are the dancers, chorus, and supporting members, who included Elizabeth O'Niel, Morgan Lock, Liz Craig, Breanna Yartey, Kaia Warner, Jessica Rose Olsen, Molly Hahn, Skylar Riley, Trinity Dement, Isabel Calhoun, Kianna Hiemstra,

Liam Geugjen Jeninga, Madison Gordon, Andrew Christopher O'Niel, Lindsay VanDeBogert, Jose Perez, Lily Goodwin, Amber Keys, Abigail Gleiter, Mackenzie Janisch, Brianna Salerno, Jade Hultine, Naitaly Napodano, Whitney Nevala and Felipe Castaneda.

Pit orchestra members, stage crew, and other staff included: James Larson (director), Adam Drefs (assistant music director), Josie Palmer (choreographer), Janet Palmer, Nick Stark (band director at D-DHS), Sean Seitz, Larry Palmer, Wyatt Debow, Justin Graham, Emily Graham, Kyle Deschner, Nicholas Marsh (assistant director), Maelynn Schnurr, Caroline Flesch, Gabe Kennedy, Charlotte Van Dan, Katelyn Gums, Joliene Terpstra, Skylar Riley, Felipe Castaneda, Elijah Jeninga, Collette Riviere, Jessica VanDyken, Gracie Yartey, Brianna Salerno, Olivia Patterson, Mackenzie Janisch, Eliberto Gomez-Rodriguez, Thomas-Charles Bauer, Sarah Jeninga and Jeni Bullock.

Overall, there is not much more I can say except that Footloose was an excellent production put on by excellent people and, if you missed it, you missed out. I am very excited and hopeful to see what the future has to bring for D-DHS productions!

## AFS student Garcia finds world of differences while at D-DHS

By Kaia Warner  
Cometeer staff

Ana Garcia is an American Field Service student from Bolivia who started at Delavan-Darien High School this school year. She said a difference between Bolivia and the United States is that here you need to have a car for too many things, especially to go have fun or to just spend time in another place that is not home.



Bolivia is different as you walk much because everything is near you, explained Garcia. You can walk with your friends and you will always find something to do. There are arcades, or you can go to the movies or just go out to eat.

"When I came (here), I was surprised that teenagers could drive; (it) is incredible. It's something that does not happen (back home). In Bolivia, you start driving when you are 18 years old," said Garcia.

She said the food is very different in her home country than in the United State.

"The first thing you think about was fast food, a hamburger and Coke, is fattening but it is really good, although it is not everything," said Garcia. "There are things that I would like to try as chips of all kinds, also all kinds of chocolates, chocolate chip cookies are delicious and there are thousands of them, which is beautiful."

She said the stores here are gigantic and they have everything you can look for.

"The Bolivian food is different, healthier, some very spicy dishes. Also here dinner is the most important meal of the day. The whole family meets and there is everything. There the most important food is the lunch we eat at home," said Garcia. "The way we

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# Two wrestlers represent D-DHS at state wrestling meet

By Jacob Szczap  
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In a relatively rough winter sports season at Delavan-Darien High School, the Comets wrestlers provided a bright spot. Two freshman wrestlers, Cole Hanson and Owen Chelminiak, represented the school at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Meet in Madison. Meanwhile, several others were a loss away from qualifying, including Eric Gonzalez, Gio Sanzon, Jacob Greidanus, Jared Greidanus and Mason Hennessey.

Chelminiak finished third in sectionals, while Hanson finished second. In order to advance to state, a wrestler would have to place in the top three. Chelminiak and Hanson both wrestled in a 12-person bracket, but both lost to very credible opponents at state. Both prepared hard to go against the state's best wrestlers. For this year, they had goals of just getting to state. Still freshmen, they have lots of room to grow on their loads of talent.

However, on the other side, the seniors, Gonzalez and Sanzon, face a harsh reality. It's always tough to end the season with a loss in sectionals, especially as tough and talented wrestlers. Gonzalez will end his wrestling career with an astounding 104 wins.

"Eric Gonzalez, he had a great career," said head coach Diego Avila. "Those 104 wins, not many were by decision. If I had to guess, 80 to 90 of them were pins. It was great having him." Gonzalez passed his uncle, Danny Gonzalez, in all-time Delavan-Darien career wins. Danny finished his career with 103 victories.

Sanzon's career wasn't as accomplished, but he grew a tremendous amount as a wrestler.

"His growth from freshman year to senior year was unbelievable," said Avila. "He barely won a match his freshman year to

## Lopez returns to state swim meet

By Jacob Prado  
Cometeer staff

Back in February, the Delavan-Darien High School boys swim team had one of its own members head to state. Luca Lopez, a senior at D-DHS, competed at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Swim Meet in Madison on Feb. 15 in the 200-meter individual medley. This isn't the first time Lopez has gone to state though. It is actually his third time going to state and his swimming journey began long before that.

Lopez began swimming at the age of nine in New Mexico, joining the Sudden Thunder Aquatic Racers (STAR) in Rio Rancho. Since then he has been on two other club teams, Mako Aquatics in Rio Rancho and the Lake Geneva Swim Club.

Although he is not involved in other sports, Lopez does not stop with the high school team as he actually is preparing year-round for swimming. His year-long schedule, as he describes, consists of swimming on a club team from September to November, swimming on the high school team from November to February, and then starting the long-course season from April to August. Last year Lopez went to state in the 200 IM and finished in 13th-place with a time of 2:07.81.

Lopez was able to describe this year's experience and how he felt about his final race. During sectionals, which determines who goes to state, Lopez knew immediately after seeing his time that he was headed to state. He was not really surprised about going to

being a recognized opponent and was feared (as a senior)." Senior Geovany Gonzalez, at 152 pounds, earned honorable mention all-Southern Lakes Conference recognition.

Delavan-Darien's wrestlers have plenty of potential left in the tank for next season, as most of their talent comes from underclassmen. The Greidanus twins and Hennessey are each sophomores that will come into the season hungry for a state appearance after losing in the sectionals. And Chelminiak and Hanson have nowhere to go but up following a tremendous season.

After a great season, these Comets will have more fuel than ever heading into next season.

## Winter Sports Awards



**All Conference Award: Back Row L-R:** Kailea Timmerman, McKenna Williams, Eric Gonzalez, Cole Hanson and Jared Greidanus. **Front Row L-R:** Luca Lopez, Reese Crull, Chase Castel, Giovanni Gonzalez, Jacob Greidanus and Owen Chelminiak.



**Special Award: Back Row L-R:** Annyce Peralta, Michael Ream, Melody Kilroy, Itzel Coronado, Jared Greidanus, Jacob Greidanus and Cole Hanson. **Front Row L-R:** Kailea Timmerman, Colin Terpstra, Reese Crull, Luca Lopez, Erick Huerta, Eric Gonzalez and Owen Chelminiak.



**Sportsmanship Award, L-R:** Sydney Anderson, Jeremy Brown, Samuel Grover, Logan Hermann and Faith Rothkopf.

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# Girls basketball shows improved play

By Cometeer staff

Four conference wins and six overall victories represented an improved season for the Delavan-Darien High School girls basketball team in 2018-19. The Comets were winless in the Southern Lakes Conference and had two wins overall the season before.

Coach Marty Speth noted that all five starters at one point in the season were leading scorers in a game as D-DHS was 4-10 (sixth place out of eight teams) in the SLC and 6-17 overall. The Comets lost in a regional opener at Fort Atkinson 28-25 on Feb. 19.

"We were in just about every game," said Speth during the Win-



**Sydney Anderson** of Delavan-Darien High School plays defense. Anderson, a senior, missed the final game because of illness.

(Photo by Vianney Perez Fonseca)

## Swimmers...

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state, though, because he had done so twice before. However, he described his sectional race as "an almost perfect swim," which made him super stoked. One week later Lopez was headed to Madison, along with his team and close friends, to participate in the WIAA Division 2 WIAA state boys meet.

The meet took place at the University of Wisconsin Natatorium, where Lopez joined some of the best swimmers in the division on the pool deck. He describes being on the pool deck as "overwhelming the amount of people all jam-packed in a huge arena, the smell of chlorine, it was definitely an overstimulation of the senses."

While the pool deck provides an overstimulation of senses, as Lopez described, swimming in the pool is also much different than a regular meet. Lopez describes warm ups as "extremely chaotic because there was no assigned lanes and it was every man for himself; there were around 20 kids per lane."

Taking 12th place with a time of 2:04.86 minutes, Lopez said his last meet, and final race, was indescribable, full of emotions, and a humbling and memorable experience.

Also, the Comets' Chase Castel, a senior, earned honorable mention all-Southern Lakes Conference recognition.

ter Sports Awards night. "We were there and had a chance."

Freshman starter McKenna Williams broke the school's single-season rebounding record with 262. The mark was set the season before by graduating senior Jaida Speth with 243. Williams, who had 92 offensive rebounds, averaged 11.4 rebounds per game to go with 9.7 points and 2 steals per game. was named to the all-SLC second team.

Junior Kailea Timmerman was selected as the Comets' most valuable player and earned honorable mention on the all-SLC team. She averaged 10.3 points, 6 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game. Junior guard Annyce Peralta was chosen as the Comets' most improved player as she averaged 7 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.4 steals per game.

Those three girls were joined as starters by senior Sydney Anderson and junior Jasmin Speth. Anderson, the lone senior on the squad, missed the regional tournament game due to illness. She averaged 3.6 points and 3 rebounds per game. Speth averaged 6.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.

"(Anderson) comes to practice every day and worked hard," said Coach Speth. "She played with passion and respect on the court."

That helped earn Anderson the team's Sportsmanship Award.

Coach Speth noted that most starters probably averaged 30 minutes per game as the Comets had limited minutes from the bench players.

The season ended with 14 girls in the program, so all of them were members of the varsity squad. Some of them, therefore, played on the junior varsity team that won four games (compared to two wins by a JV1 team and one win by a JV2 team the season before).

The Comets are expected to have four returning starters next season and lose just one senior from this season's team.

### BOYS BASKETBALL COMPETES

The D-DHS boys basketball team played hard, but ended up with a winless season, going 0-23 overall and 0-14 in the SLC.

Senior Reese Crull earned honorable mention all-SLC honors. He led the team in scoring with 7.9 points per game and averaged 4.9 rebounds per game for second on the team, behind Mateo Morales' 5.2 per game. Braedon Hembrook paced the Comets with 1.4 assists per game, while Jay T. Greenwald had 1.0 per game. Colin Terpstra was second in scoring average at 7.7, followed by Greenwald's 6.2.

The Comets, coached by Chris Hembrook, lost their WIAA Division 2 regional tournament opener 65-34 at Burlington, after trailing 29-16 at halftime.

D-DHS lost 60-59 at Walworth Big Foot, 52-49 at home against Fort Atkinson and 53-51 at home against Waterford.



# TOPICS

## Important to address mental illness

By Casey Huerta  
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(WEBSITES AND HOTLINES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE)

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Depression.

It can be difficult for anyone to understand, let alone to talk about with someone. But it is important to recognize it and to seek help. As a student, it can gradually affect school work, behavior and relationships. Some students may have eating disorders and feel ashamed about it, so they do not admit it. Over time, it can lead to desperation, irrational events and isolation, even from loved ones. When thoughts creep in, it is important to remember that reasoning is being affected by an illness. Like many other illnesses, it is treatable.

That is why it is important to talk about the stigma behind mental illness and how it is affecting teenagers in this day and age. It can

## Why vaping is an issue

By Morgan Lock  
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Vaping is a huge issue among teenagers. A vape pen is a form of an electronic cigarette and one Juul (a popular brand of vape) pod contains 20 cigarettes worth of nicotine. That means that vaping is not safe, even though it is claimed to be safer than smoking cigarettes.

Vape products are being marketed toward high schoolers, because juul pods have candy flavors and other things that teenagers may like, or they might think that vaping is “cool.” Since the teens are experimenting with the “tasty and trendy” flavors, they don’t realize the addictive chemicals that they are putting into their bodies. Juul pods still contain nicotine, even if they taste like ice cream or candy. The rates of smoking cigarettes and nicotine have gone down, likely because of the rise and the “trend” of vape pens and electronic smoking.

However, teenagers who vape now have a more likely chance of smoking cigarettes in the future because of the addictive chemicals. Vaping underage and the selling of vape pens to minors is illegal, but minors can still usually find ways to buy them online.

In Wisconsin, the selling and use of vaping under the age of 18 is illegal. The Public Health Law Center website says shops that sell vape pens and accessories must be unable to access for teenagers, unless they have a parent with them. That, within itself, sounds like a problem.

Vaping should be blocked off and stopped from all angles, and parents should be concerned about these products. Since some teenagers think vaping is cool, and they don’t understand the dangers, what is the school’s policy on it? Although, the Comet Code of Conduct doesn’t specifically say anything about vaping itself, there is a policy about drugs on school property. It basically says that worst punishment is expulsion and a legal referral. Policies like that are created to stop minors from vaping in public areas. Even though underage teenagers should stop vaping overall, the policy is a start.

be embarrassing or awkward to even talk about.

However, the reality is that hundreds of millions of people all over the world struggle with mental illnesses. In fact, 1 out of 5 (20 percent) of children ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition and it is the third-leading cause of death in people ages 10-24.

This article is meant to make those in need feel as though they are NOT alone. There are many, many stories because mental health is a serious illness that affects millions of people each year.

Sadly, many refrain talking about mental illnesses to avoid feeling uncomfortable. But, truth be told, it is not something to be embarrassed about. Unfortunately, many of those with mental illnesses do not ask for help.

Men are even less likely to ask for help in fear of things such as masculine stereotypes. However, woman or man, even if a little part of you believes that are you may need help, know that you are valid and that it is better to receive the help sooner in order to prevent the illness to escalate further.

To see the warning signs and symptoms of an eating disorder visit/ Para ver las señales de advertencia y los síntomas de un trastorno alimentario, visite:

<https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/warning-signs-and-symptoms>

To see the warning signs and symptoms of depression, visit/ Para ver las señales de advertencia y los síntomas de la depresión, visite:

[https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/index.shtml#part\\_145397](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/index.shtml#part_145397)

Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

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National Eating Disorder Helpline/ Línea De Ayuda Para El Desorden Alimentario Nacional

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celebrate the holidays (here), the great turkey for Thanksgiving is something that does not exist there.”

Garcia said she loves the weather here because in summer it is really hot, in autumn when all the leaves fall, and when they are on the ground, she thinks is really beautiful, and the snow in winter is something that she hasn’t seen before and it is really weird for her. She hopes there is going to be more snow so she can have snowball fights.

“I live in the mountains so the weather is always cold, (but) there is rarely snow and if there is only a little, it usually disappears instantly,” said Garcia.

There are many other differences, she said, but these are the ones that surprised her the most.

# Weather plays havoc with school schedule

By Jacob Prado  
Cometeer staff

Snow days, ice days, cold days.

What do all of these have in common? Well, the answer is simple - they all happened in a matter of a few weeks. Across the Midwest, and throughout many other parts of the country, along with many parts of Canada, many people experienced freezing temperatures, abundance of snow, and freezing rain. During the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 3, many people throughout the country experienced well below zero temperatures, with some even reaching below negative 20 degrees.

When windchill is taken into effect the temps got even worse, with weather networks even warning people of frostbite on exposed skin within five minutes. These chilling temperatures set many records in different areas and made the news all week long. Many businesses, along with schools, of course, shut down for the duration of the Wednesday and Thursday that these temperatures and wind chills were present.

How did this affect Delavan-Darien High School? What did students and staff do on the days off, and what does it mean for the rest of the school year? D-DHS held its annual Winter Week during this week, which ended up being only two days. The Monday in the beginning of the week was called off as a snow day due to about 8 to 10 inches of snow the prior night. Tuesday was a normal school day, still chilly and snow-filled, but not bad enough for a day off of school. Throughout the day many students and teachers speculated the call off. Indeed it was true and Tuesday after-school activities were cancelled with Wednesday also being called off due to the expected windchill and temperatures that could have caused frostbite in minutes. Then Wednesday afternoon came and Thursday was also cancelled, once again for the windchill and expected temperatures. On Friday everything went

back to normal, if you call having two days of school in a week normal, and students along with teachers had to catch up on the missed days.

Too many cancellations from school, as many people know, means that we, as a school district, will be required to make the days up at a later time. What too many days off also mean is that teachers and students will have needed to work overtime in order to catch up on lessons and tests. Hopefully this does not cause too much confusion or exhaustion to our students and teachers, but it is something that will probably only happen once in a lifetime.

What happened that caused these temperatures is actually explainable, and something that usually never happens. The polar vortex is an area of low-pressure arctic air normally centered around the North Pole that is held in place by a river of wind 25 to 35 thousand feet above the ground and separates cold from warm air. What caused this historically cold week was a high pressure system that pushed the river of wind much farther south than normal, causing the polar vortex to be above a large part of the United States, especially the Midwest.

Due to many businesses and most all schools across the Midwest being closed, many students and teachers say they stayed inside most of the day. Some teachers told me they cleaned their houses, and got school work done in preparation for the days coming back. Other students told me they spent their days in bed. Some did work, while others did nothing at all.

Overall, the wintery weather and polar vortex movement did cause many cancellations, but they were necessary to keep students and families safe from illness and serious cold-related injuries. When you have time on your hands, you could definitely find some more information on these cold days and look at some other places like Chicago, where it was even colder weather than here in Delavan.

## University of Wisconsin band performs at D-DHS



Photos courtesy of Delavan-Darien School District News and Wendy Shafer



# Pioneering: School year has been unusual

By Thom Aiello  
Advisor

Every school year has its own mark, but this one has been unusual for the Delavan-Darien School District. Two words have been the key to that - voting and weather.

First came all of the changes the district had to make after a failed referendum. That was a downer to begin the school year. But, later, a different referendum passed, bringing hope to district leaders for a brighter future. Plans have been in the works as this column is being written, so there is a more positive vibe for the next school year.



Thom Aiello

But, also at the time of this writing in late February, the weather has affected the school year as much as any in recent memory. If school days, including classroom times and after-school activities, weren't being cancelled by major accumulations of snow, then they were called off by dangerously cold weather. The temperatures were one issue, but the wind-chill factors were unbelievable.

Like most school districts in Wisconsin, and in the Midwest, the days off of school broke up the continuity and rhythm for classes and for after-school practices and events. Everyone was left scrambling. The only consolation, if there is one, was that most everyone else was in the same predicament.

My main roles with the school district up to this point this school year have been as the junior varsity girls basketball team at Delavan-Darien High School and as the newspaper club advisor for both The Cometeer at D-DHS and for Phoenix Rising at Phoenix Middle School. With those roles, there were cancellations and make-up dates, as well as some students missing time because of illnesses. A disappointing occurrence was Syd Anderson, a steady starter for the Comets' varsity basketball team and its only senior, having to miss the regional opener at Fort Atkinson because of illness. That turned out to be the final game of the season, which is one you never want a senior to miss. On the positive side, she will have a softball season.

From the newspaper clubs perspectives, we tried scheduling around the snow, ice and cold weather factors, and we held meetings when we could and, as usual, stayed in contact by email as well. But, in part because of the factors mentioned earlier, this has been a challenging school year for the student staff members. You have to have the ability to work independently on articles, to have pride on what you are doing, and have the ability to overcome obstacles and stick with something that may not be viewed the same as connecting on a game-winning shot in basketball. The glory may be different, but the accomplishments are important in helping to tell part of the history of a particular school year.

As most any school year, there are many challenges for students.

Several of the staff members of Phoenix Rising were also in the fine school musical, which was a bilingual version of Aladdin. There was a lot of pride seeing that musical, and I believe there was such an added message to it, with a diverse group of students showing how they can come together in a strong fashion. Kudos for taking on such a challenge.

Later, other positives included the University of Wisconsin's acclaimed band performing in the D-DHS gym and then the high school students doing a fantastic job on the musical Footloose. Again, a story from the past of a student moving from Chicago to

a small town could easily have messages that apply locally nowadays.

When I decided to have separate newspaper meetings and publications for the high school and the middle school this school year, two big factors in that decision were connected as well. The middle school was adding fifth-grade students for the first time and the high school students were starting to take on more articles that were more appropriate for older students. Obviously, there is quite the age difference between fifth graders and seniors in high school.

With that in mind, the D-DHS staffers - a small, but dedicated, crew - have had to try to find ways to get topics that are important to high school students in print. The Cometeer staff saw another school newspaper and it was surprised what they were able to "report" - on the front page, no less. They are learning the differences between a community newspaper, and perhaps a student publication that is part of a journalism class, and a student club newspaper that was revived last school year. These are talented students we have here, and they are figuring out how to report on important, relative topics, as I believe you will find in this edition.

This is why all of these students should be recognized and saluted. It's been a strange school year so far, but everyone is doing the best job possible to guide it along

*Winning students will earn \$5,000 donation for their school art program*

## Packers invite student artists to submit artwork for display at Lambeau Field

The Green Bay Packers are inviting student artists to submit artwork for the organization's Packers Student Art Contest, with the winners earning the opportunity for their art to be featured at Lambeau Field and a \$5,000 donation for their school.

The winning pieces will be displayed in the stadium's club levels throughout the 2019 season.

The theme of this year's contest is "The Next 100 Seasons of Packers Football," and asks students to share their vision for the future of the Packers by illustrating what the next century of the team will look like. What kinds of exciting victories, special traditions and momentous plays will be featured on highlight reels? Will Lambeau Field or the game of football look different? What will stay the same as it's always been?

Artists are invited to capture "The Next 100 Seasons of Packers Football" through painting, drawings, prints, digital art, mixed media or collage. The deadline to submit artwork is April 28.

Three grand prize winners also will receive a \$5,000 donation to the winner's school art program and an invitation for the winner and two guests to the Annual Suite Holder Tasting in July at Lambeau Field.

Eligible artists include students in grades 6-8 or grades 9-12, or students attending a university or technical college at the time of submission, with one winner chosen from each category. The final artwork size must be 16 inches by 20 inches on canvas, paper, or other mixed media. Art pieces must weigh less than 30 pounds and be able to fit comfortably in a standard frame.

For full contest rules and guidelines, or to submit an entry for the contest, please visit [pckrs.com/artcontest](http://pckrs.com/artcontest).

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