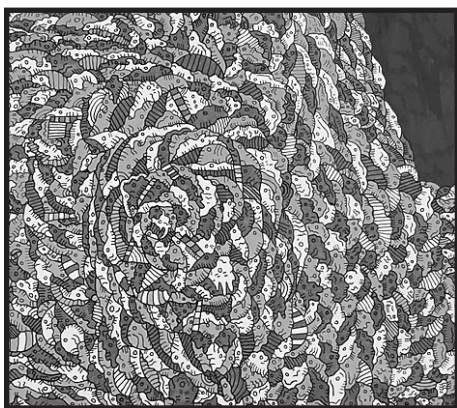




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Winter Homecoming: A Snowy Night

By: Courtney Hallock
Staff Writer

Homecoming, back again, this time colder. Winter homecoming was on Saturday, January 26, 2019. This year's theme was A Snowy Night. Walking into the middle school lobby, a table was set up where students would turn in their tickets and would receive coupons for food and drinks. A photo booth was set up to take fun pictures with your friends. Near the school office a background was set up where a photographer would take group pictures. Walking through the hall towards the gym, there were ribbons hanging from the ceiling and snowflakes hung on the wall. The gym had fake snow sprinkled around and white balloons scattered. The DJ played a variety of music for everyone.

The king and queen of this year's winter homecoming were crowned at the home basketball game on Friday night. The seniors honored with the king and queen crowns were Dominic Posey and Madelyn Hostetter.

I had the opportunity to speak with our beloved king and queen. When asked how it felt to win Madelyn had this to say, "I was kind of surprised at first but it was a super exciting feeling. I was amazed to win queen as a senior. Overall, it was a great experience."

Dominic was happy to share his initial thoughts about winning, he said "I felt honored that my classmates picked me."

Other students felt pride in representing their grades.



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Winter Homecoming King and Queen: Dominic Posey and Madelyn Hostetter

Senior candidates included Shelby Russell, Cheyla Gaskell, Lanie Cartwright, Jarred Osberg, Boone Feezle, and Abel Figley. The juniors were Angel Skaja and Miles Frank. Sophomores were Faith Figley and Rourk Polojac. Finally, the freshman consisted of Cooper

Figley and Paige Snyder.

Congratulations to all court members who were honored to represent their class!

Sophomores Take Sweetheart Week

By: Abby Stock
Staff Writer

This year our school's sweetheart campaign was successful. Freshmen sold rice crispy treats, muffins, and sour patch kids. Sophomores sold chocolate covered oreos, swedish fish, and Daffin's candy bars. Juniors sold homemade bread, Hershey's candy bars, and chips. Seniors sold pepperoni rolls, cheez-its, and Gorant candy bars.

Freshman, Patience Champney commented, "Selling Sweetheart was very fun. I got to hang out with my friends and help raise money for school events."

There were some surprises in the final results this year. The freshmen came in fourth place, followed by the juniors who came in third place. The seniors took second place. Sophomores took the title as Sweetheart Champs and crowned our Sweetheart king and queen: Hope Figley and Sam Prine-Yonker.



The Ephanian

Sophomore Class Wins Sweetheart!

The theme of the dance was Mardi Gras. The entrance had green, purple and gold streamers, and balloons. Inside the gym had lights wrapped around the rails of the balcony and a lighted green and purple arbor for the candidates to walk through. There were lanterns sitting up on the bleachers on one side of the gym, lighting up the darkness, along with some colorful disco lights on the dance floor. Even some students

wore masks to match the theme. Students spent time dancing or taking pictures at the photo booth. On behalf of East Palestine High School, we all want to thank our class advisers for everything they do in helping us. We also want to thank everyone who helped support our classes and helped us raise money for our future events.

Lunch in the Courtyard

By: Paige Thomas
Editor

Have you ever looked out our cafeteria windows and noticed the drab courtyard? Well, now there's plans to fix it up and have juniors and seniors eat outside. The courtyard is scheduled to open on all nice days during the 4th quarter.

To get a seat outside, students will have to meet requirements similar to PBIS. This means that students must pass all classes 3rd quarter, and must have no serious disciplinary infractions.

This idea was brought together during a BLT meeting, which stands for Building Leadership. Mrs. Sansenbaugher has dreamt of this for many years as has Mrs. Randolph, yet they had no funding. Mrs. Miller and the Bulldog Cafe offered their support to help out a great cause.

The Bulldog Cafe is selling sweet teas everyday from March through April for only 1 dollar to make this courtyard a fun reality for all students! All sweet teas sold will go towards buying picnic tables for our courtyard. So far, they've raised enough money for three tables, which holds up to six people. The cafe's goal is to buy six tables; Mrs. Miller also wants to have planters full of flowers and even a bluetooth speaker.

Mrs. Sansenbaugher says, "I have been working on getting picnic tables for the courtyard for the last 8 years with student council. Thanks to Mr. Rook and the Bulldog Cafe this will finally come to fruition."

Mrs. Miller explains, "I am just so happy that our very own Bulldog Cafe is able to help support an endeavor like this!"

However, Mrs. Miller isn't the only teacher with plans to help bring our courtyard to life. Middle School science teachers Mrs. Best, Mrs. Wertz, and Mrs. Monteleone are attempting to have a butterfly garden out there too.

When asked what Mr. Rook's thoughts are on this endeavor he shares, "This will be a great opportunity for students who are meeting or exceeding the academic and behavioral expectations we have set for them. My hope is that students will enjoy and appreciate this unique experience at the high school."

So, juniors and seniors make sure your grades are up and stay out of Friday school to save a spot outside 4th quarter!

Letter From the Editors



Editors

Macy Rosen and Paige Thomas

Welcome back Bulldogs!

Congratulations to all of our winter sports on their successful seasons, and an additional congratulations to our 2019 girls basketball team on accomplishing the best record since 1990.

Winter homecoming was January 26, we hope everyone had a great but safe night.

Sweetheart started on February 22. The sophomores won with seniors coming in second, juniors in third, and freshmen got last place. Congrats to Sam Yonker and Hope Figley for being Sweetheart king and queen.

Now we can say goodbye to winter and hello to spring because it's fourth quarter!

We're all excited for baseball, softball, track, and boys tennis so good luck to all spring sports in their upcoming seasons. We have plenty of athletes in our school, but you have to be a student before you can be an athlete and getting bad grades is no home run.

On Friday, March 1st, the Science Club had a planetarium dome set up in our high school gym. The dome was provided to us by the Carnegie Center of Pittsburgh.

Remember that fourth quarter means testing starts, so make sure you're prepared. A few tips we have for testing: get good sleep, eat a good breakfast, study as much as you can, make sure you ask teachers questions in class if you don't understand. Another thing to consider when taking these state tests is to put your

best effort into it because it counts towards graduation.

Seniors, this is the start of your very last semester in high school so good luck to you all, keep your heads up. If you haven't already, you should start solidifying future plans for college, trade school, going into the workforce, or any other future endeavors.

Good luck to everyone on their fourth quarter, we'll see you next time. Go Bulldogs!

Your editors,
Paige Thomas and Macy Rosen

If you were to go to a concert, which one would you attend?

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A: I would attend an Ice Nine Kills or Falling in Reverse concert.

A: I would go to a Fall Out Boy or Metallica concert.

A: I would go to an 80's band concert.

A: I would like to go to an AJR Concert.

A: I would want to attend a Nickelback concert.

Sydney Muransky Staff Writer	Morgan Rutledge Staff Writer	Abby Stock Staff Writer	Clayton Wright Staff Writer	Miles Frank Guest Student
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A: I would like to go to a Playboi Carti concert, it is ++lit++.

A: I would like to attend a Bruno Mars concert.

A: I want to go to a Dan + Shay concert.

A: I would attend an Imagine Dragons concert.

A: I'd go to a Tyler the Creator concert or a Camp Flog Gnaw Music Festival.

Reminder For Seniors

By: Lilli Miller
Staff Writer

are the upcoming events that Seniors should be aware of...

The year is coming to an end; there are still many things that we need to do. Seniors, our time here is limited. It is sometimes difficult to remember all the things coming up along with the excitement of graduating and starting a new chapter in our lives. Therefore, be sure to pay attention to announcements for the following events. These

- April 4th, cap and gown delivery
- April 27th, Prom
- May 1st, NHS Banquet
- May 6th, Incentive Scholarship Program

May 17th, Senior Awards Assembly/Field Day

May 24th, Senior Picnic

May 20th/21st are SENIOR exam days

May 25th, 133rd Commencement.

May 22, Senior Breakfast/Commencement Practice

As the year comes to an end and the weather gets warmer you may feel sluggish and start to slack with your work. Keep up your work and don't get behind, we are almost done.

May 23rd, Senior Boat Trip

Does EPHS Want a Snack Cart?

By: Clayton Wright
Staff Writer

For this quarter's student poll, I chose to see what cafeteria options existed for next year. After talking to Mrs. Schiraldi, she is hoping that a snack cart will be used next year. After polling a portion of the student body, 161 of 196 students voted yes for a snack cart. Below is an interview with Mrs. Schiraldi:

need some nutrition to keep their energy up.

Q: What type of snacks are you going to offer on the cart?

A: Snack items will be chips, cookies, rice crispy treats, fruit snacks, granola bars, water and other beverages. The snack variety may be more than what I have mentioned as long as it is an item that does not require heat or refrigeration.

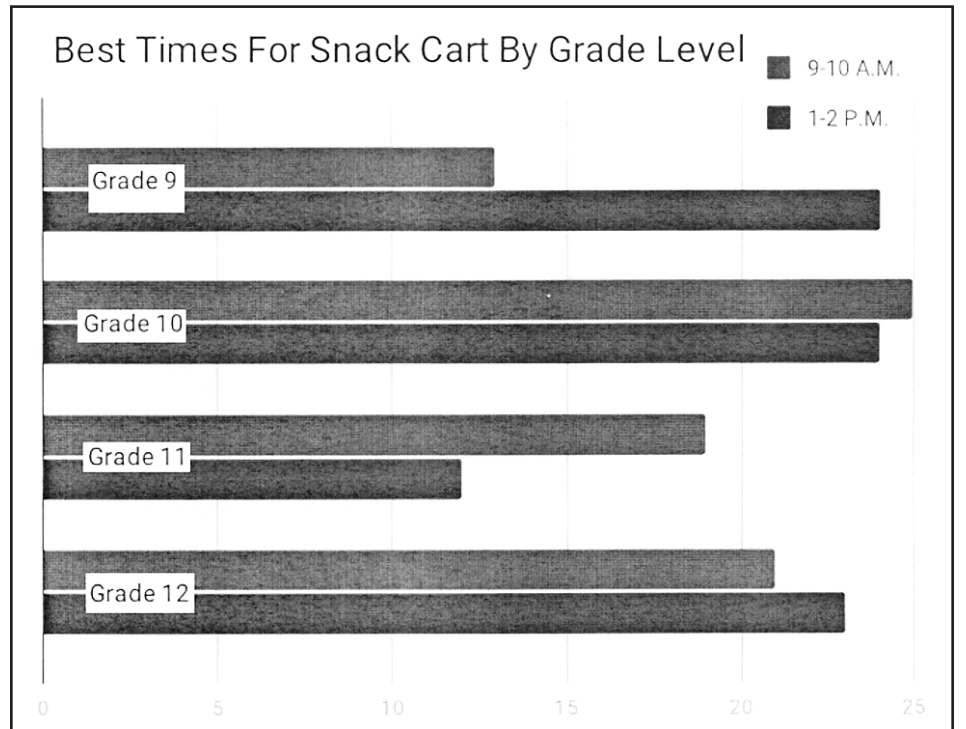
Q: Will the cart be in the cafeteria or will it be going around to classes at different times during the day?

A: The snack cart would have various stopping locations. We would take suggestions from teaching staff on where the best places to stop would be. We do not want to disrupt student learning.

Q: What is the inspiration for wanting to have a snack cart for students next year?

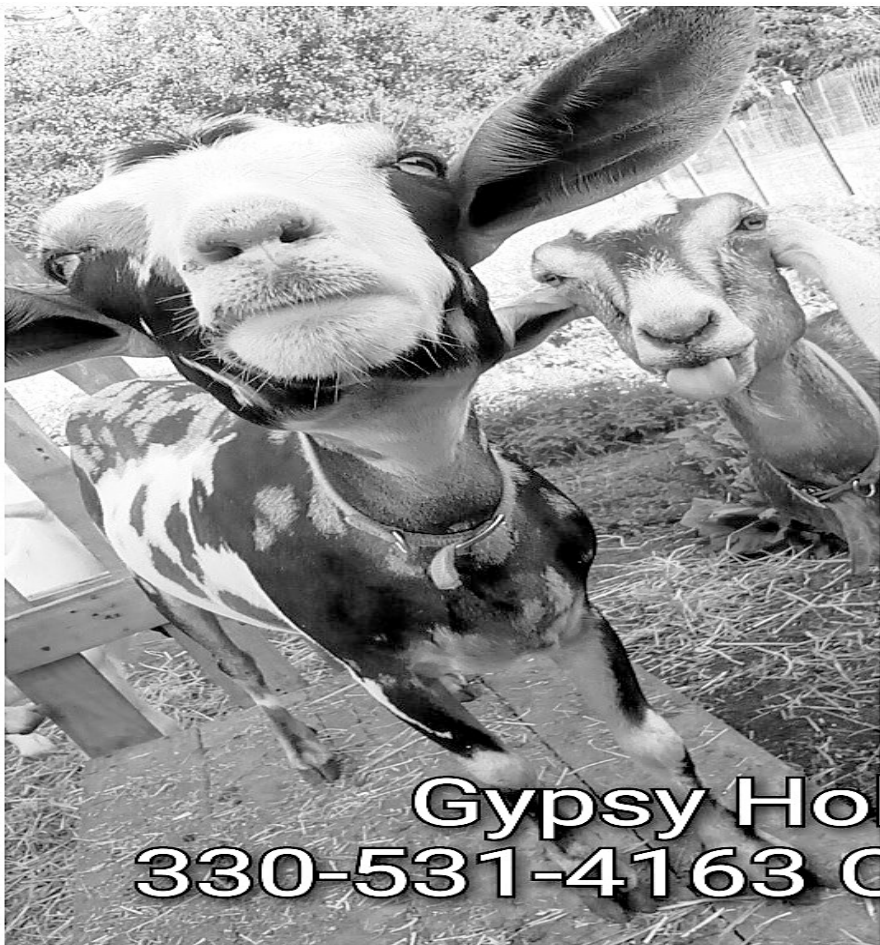
A: We often see students coming down to the cafeteria to grab a snack when it is not their scheduled lunch period. This is where the idea had originated. I like the idea of having the cart later on in the day because there are students who have early lunch periods and have to stay after school for activities or a sport practice who

Hopefully, we will get a snack cart next year!



Clayton Wright

This graph shows the results of the student poll. The top bar is 9-10 A.M. and the bottom bar is 1-2 P.M.



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Mrs. Randolph

This is the full cast of the 2019 Musical. See article on page 5.

Movie Review: The Thing

By: Paige Thomas
Editor

The novel *Who Goes There?* by John W. Campbell formed the basis for the 1982 film *The Thing*. Science Fiction is a genre I rarely find myself watching, yet this film compelled me with its special effects and horror qualities.

Set on an isolated base in Antarctica, American scientists discovered a destroyed Norwegian base and find the remains of an alien ship the Norwegians have excavated. After returning, the Americans learn that the “thing” had effected the dog and that it could replicate human cells; therefore, it could duplicate humans. After understanding the extent of this “thing,” everyone begins to turn against each other and become paranoid, the base turns into a war zone.

Unfortunately, this movie did not receive much fame when it came out and was considered a box office flop since there were other alien films airing around the same time.

For the eighties, these movie effects were well done. For example, the camera quality was phenomenal. Additionally, the use of haunting music is placed in just the right spots.

One of the only things I found disappointing in this movie was its generalization of the characters. Although it is very common for sci-fi movies, I felt that they had no depth. John Carpenter, the director, made the actors extremely stereotypical, for instance: the drunk, the doctor that no one will believe, and even the hero.

In 2011, there was a remake which of course did not live up to the original. Yet, I enjoyed the ending much more than the 1982 one. The film *The Thing* is a classic that still holds up to today’s standards and remains one of my favorite science fiction movies. The overall rating I give this is based off of the intense feel this film gives off; therefore, I can say it receives 4/5 stars.

Shamrock Shake

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups vanilla ice cream
- ½ cup whole milk
- 10 drops green food coloring
- teaspoon of peppermint extract
- Whipped cream (optional), 1 maraschino cherry.

Directions:

1. First you will put everything in a blender
2. Then you will combine the vanilla ice cream, milk, green food coloring, and peppermint extract
3. Finally process until smooth, for about 30 seconds. Pour the shake into a glass and top with the whipped cream and maraschino cherry.

My tips~

- the more whipped cream the better
- if you put too much milk in your shake it’ll taste plain so make sure you have exactly 1 ½ cups

This should take approximately five minutes.



Winter Sports Awards

By: Natalie Hamner
Staff Writer

This year's annual Winter Sports Awards Ceremony was held on Monday March 4th in our auditorium. This ceremony recognizes our winter athletes. The winter sports include girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading.

Our winter sports teams had successful seasons this year. The girls team had their best season in 28 years with an overall record of 17-6, and a league record of 11-3. Our boys came out with an overall record of 8-14 and a league record of 5-9 anticipating continual improvement into next year. The wrestling team had some outstanding individual accomplishments and is continuing to build there program being that it was only the second year for the program at the high school.

In girls basketball six athletes received awards. These athletes were senior, Sara Buskirk for Rebound Queen; junior, Kenzee Johnston for Defensive Hustle; sophomore, Payton Sherry for Assists Leader; freshman, Paige Snyder for Most Improved; sophomore, Joclyn Fristik for Points Leader; and finally junior, Jaliyah Mixon for MVP. Head coach Will Franklin was awarded coach of the year for his outstanding season. Jaliyah Mixon was picked for the first team of the Columbiana County All Star Team. Joclyn Fristik received second team.

In boys basketball four senior athletes received awards. These athletes included Parker Sherry for Offensive Player of the year, Dominic Posey for Defensive Player of the year, Steve Darlington for Most Improved, and finally Abel Figley for Mr. Hustle.

Senior Abel Finley had this to say about his award, "It felt pretty good. I just gave it my all, hustled and worked hard all the time."

We also asked senior Parker Sherry about his thoughts. He had this to say, "Being offensive player of the year was a great honor; and although the season didn't end how we wanted, there is a lot to build off of for the future years. This award serves as a team award and to our coaches for all of the hard work put into this season."

Freshman, Jonathan Bertovich received second team for the Columbiana County All Star Team.

In wrestling, three athletes received awards. These athletes included senior, Noah Brown for MVP; freshman, JD McBride for Program Award; and sophomore, Anthony Dellick for Most Improved. When asked what he was most proud of about getting the MVP award, Noah Brown said this, "It shows how hard I've worked to get to where I am at now."

Finally, in cheerleading, three athletes received awards. These athletes included seniors, Shelby Russell for Outstanding Leadership and Madison Cannon for Coaches Award. Sophomore, Rachel Hill was chosen for Most Dedicated.

We asked Shelby Russell how she felt about getting the outstanding leadership award. She had this to say, "It felt nice knowing that my coaches look at me to be like a leader and to take a stand on how I present myself."

This year we say goodbye to twelve senior winter athletes: Noah Brown, Sara Buskirk, Madison Cannon, Stephen Darlington, Abel Figely, Natalie Hamner, Amber Huff, Madelyn Hostetter, Nate Murrill, Dominic Posey, Shelby Russell and Parker Sherry.

From all of us at EPHS we wish them good luck in all their future endeavors. Go Bulldogs!

"It shows how hard I've worked to get to where I am at now"

~Noah Brown on receiving the MVP award



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CCAST Students: Jaliyah Mixon (1st team), Joclyn Fristik (2nd team), Parker Sherry (honorable mention), Jonathan Bertovich (2nd team).

The Music Man

By: Caitlin Bable
Staff Writer

This year, our high school put on a spring musical based off of the movie *The Music Man*. To briefly summarize, a traveling salesman by the name of Harold Hill shows up in River City Iowa, a small town full of stuck up citizens. Hill tries to get his way and make money by making the town think they are in need of a band to keep the children out of trouble. He faces stubborn people, skeptical parents, and especially the town Mayor, Shinn, all while falling for the town's librarian, Marian Paroo.

The main cast members were Cooper Figley as Harold Hill, Grace Baker-Stowe as Marian Paroo, Parker Sherry as Charlie Cowell, Glendon Dowd as Mayor Shinn, and Sam Early as Marcellus Washburn. Plus, there were many towns people played by all different grade levels.

Ninth grader Brian Dunlap explained that the most challenging part about bringing the script

to life is "to become the character, so people watching the musical would think of you as the character [and not the actual person]."

Elementary and middle school students had the chance to be in the production as well. The entire cast had rehearsed every week since January, learning lines, songs, and choreography.

There was live music to go along with the songs as well. The production was performed over three days in March. Friday the 15th in the evening, Saturday the 16th in the evening, and finally Sunday the 17th in the afternoon.

Over the many weeks of rehearsals and learning lines, songs, and dances, the musical overall was a

success and had a great turnout, with the help of Mrs. Mollenkopf, Mr. Chiporo, and Mrs. Randolph. The cast had lots of fun, and we look forward to next spring's production.

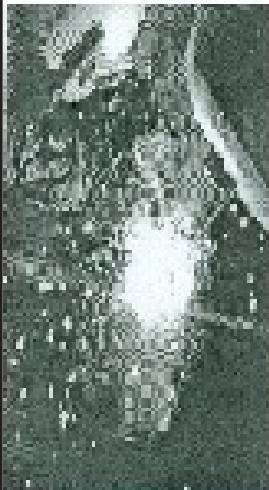


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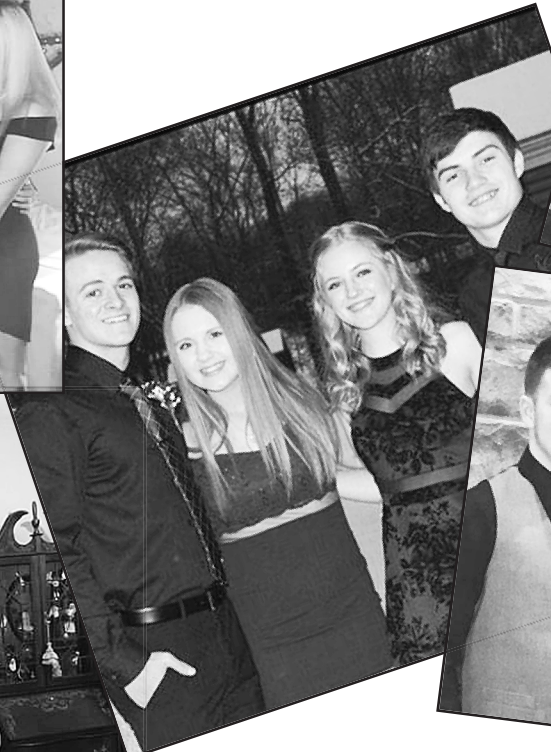
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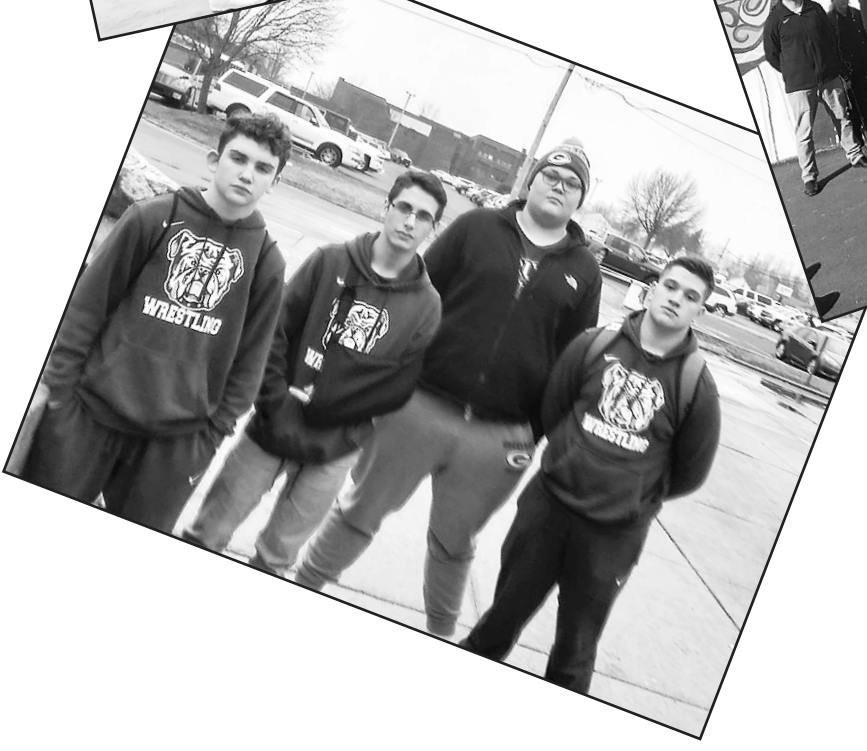
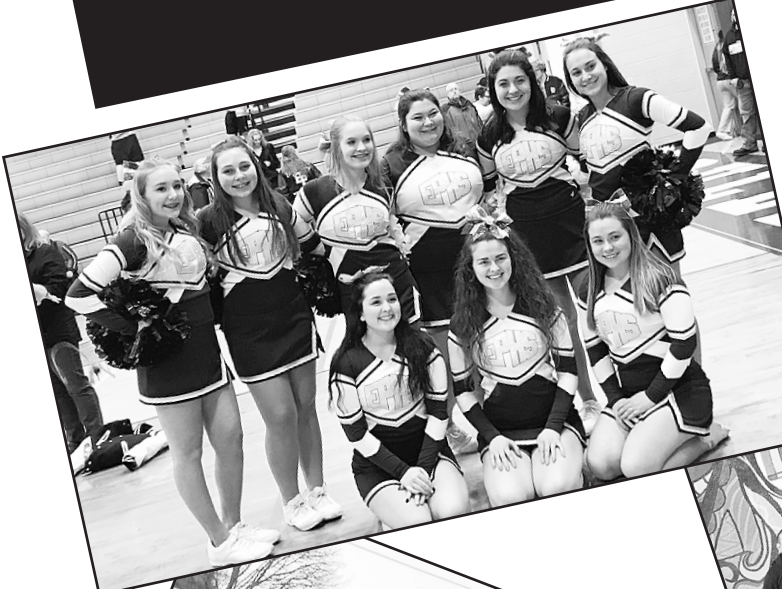


Winter Homecoming & Sweetheart





Bulldog Pride



Artist Spotlight: Way To Go Miles

By: Paige Thomas
Editor

Miles Frank had attended head start here in East Palestine, moved away to Mercer, Pennsylvania, but now has returned to finish out school where he started.

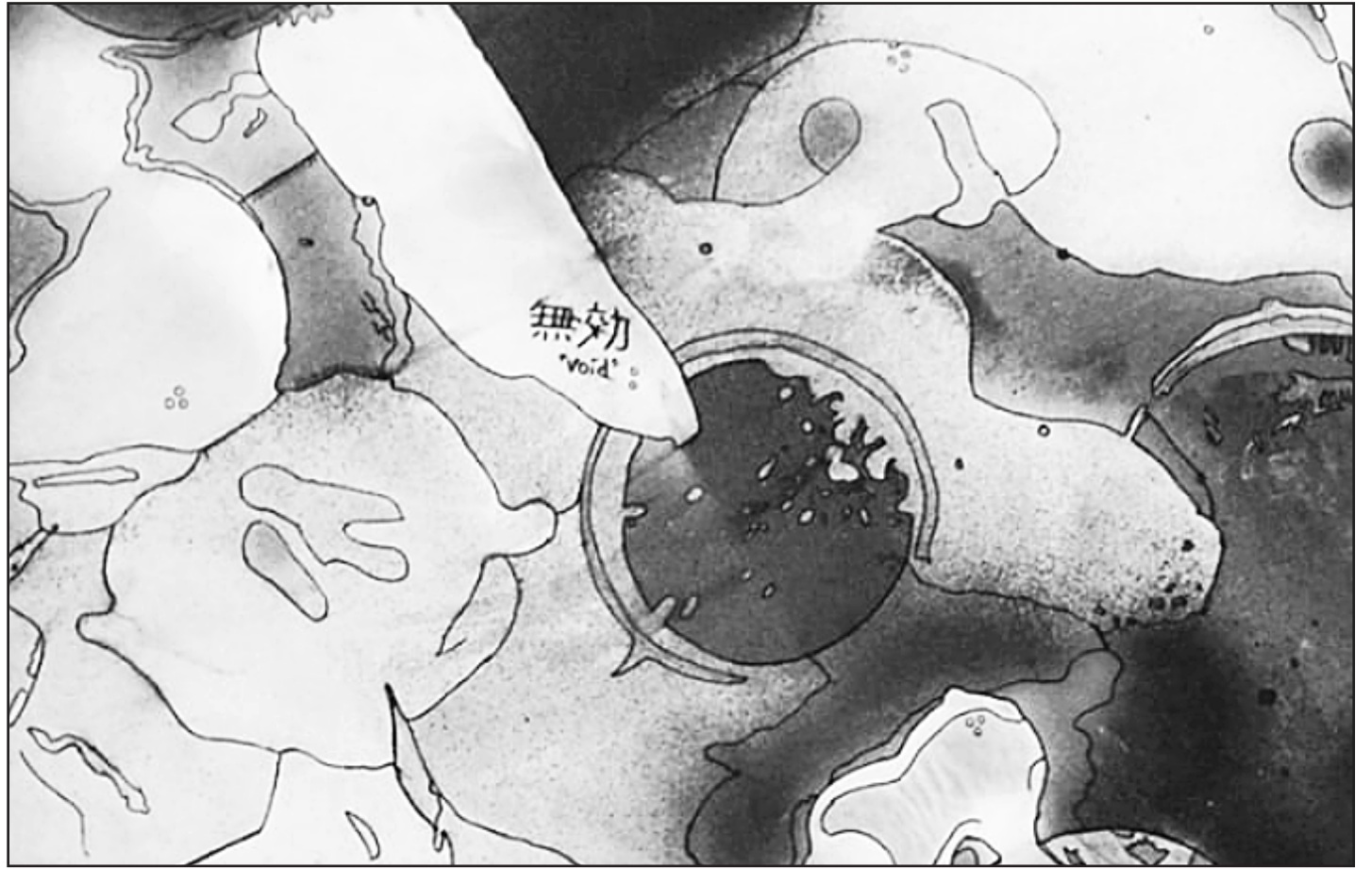


Miles Frank his escort being Angel Skaja.

After leaving the district for a few years, Miles was stunned that he was chosen to represent the junior class for winter homecoming;

In his interview with *The Epic*, he left us questioning just who his date could possibly be. Later, Miles was spotted with Iris Matern. Miles plans to extend his art career beyond a high school level by pursuing a career in the arts. He currently is taking three art classes a day with Mrs. Goodchild. His dream college would be California Institute of the Arts.

The piece Miles chose to display in this newspaper is named *The Void*. His title reflects his struggle with understanding the after life and the meaning of it all. His art was created with white spray paint



The Void

Miles Frank

and done on black matt board.

Pen and ink drawings are Miles's favorite type of art to produce and he believes they are his greatest strength. His biggest inspiration is Salvador Dali, who inspires a bulk of his art. In the long run, Miles is trying to achieve happiness through his art. Due to his outstanding work, Miles was chosen

by *The Epic* for an artist spotlight.

Miles is currently working on a series of pen and ink drawings based on wildlife. His favorite piece being the *Polka-dot-a-puss*, which being self explanatory is an octopus covered with polka dots. He plans to expand this series beyond pen and ink, and is sculpting his octopus. Miles views sculp-

tures as his weak point, but wants to overcome this.

Any students interested in Miles's art may speak with him since he is always carrying his sketchbook around. More of his art is usually hung outside of the cafeteria and art room by Mrs. Goodchild.



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Bulldog Cafe

What does the Bulldog Cafe have up their sleeves for Fourth Quarter?
Milkshakes for \$2 and 2 for \$1 Sugar Cookies

A Winter's Night Fantasy Part II

The snow started falling heavier as Annalise and Valko both walked deeper into the woods, and it got quieter. All that could be heard was the trudging sound of feet and the occasional gust of wind. They walked past a river. The ice was dusted with shimmery snow. Water could be heard trickling down rocks where it hadn't frozen over. Snow rabbits and foxes were frolicking in the cold with their white fur coats.

After Annalise and Valko crossed a small rickety bridge that stretched over the river, a path between the tall pine trees appeared. They stopped, and Valko carefully began to walk towards where the noise arose. Valko disappeared behind a few trees, and Annalise heard him growling as he continued further.

"Hey! It's just me!" said a voice. Valko ceased his intimidating growls as he trotted back to Annalise. She looked over as she saw a figure emerge from the trees. From what she could see, it was a tall man with dark brown, slicked back hair with snowflakes strewn throughout it. He appeared to have a sharp jawline and defined cheekbones. The man looked about in his mid-twenties. He began to walk towards her putting his hands in the pockets of his wool, military looking coat. He looked so familiar. He gave her a warm smile as if he's known her forever. He took her hands in his and looked her in the eyes with his hazel ones. She was slightly startled at the fact that his skin wasn't cold at all. She studied him as he spoke.

"I knew Valko would bring you," said the man with a familiar grin. He looked to the wolf standing proudly and gave him an appreciative nod. Annalise knew that this man reminded her of someone, but she just couldn't put her finger on it. It was evident that he knew her, so she must know him too.

"Who are you?" Annalise inquired of the man. There was something about him that made her stay. His smile fell slightly upon hearing the suspicion in her voice, but he sensed she probably wouldn't have recognized him in his younger age at first anyways.

"Ann..." he spoke carefully, trying to jog her memory with the nickname only he called her. Annalise stood there; she tightened her grip on his hands as a realization hit her. She looked to the torn name patch lazily sewn to his coat pocket.

It was her grandpa. The one who had given her the stuffed wolf when she was little. She found herself thinking once again, this couldn't possibly be...

If Annalise trusted in Valko being real, then she trusted that this was true as well. All she wanted was to talk with him once more, and now she could. Annalise had so much to say and so many questions to ask, but she couldn't speak. She was brought out of her thoughts when he started to talk again. He draped his arm

around her shoulders and began to guide her down the path with Valko closely following. He talked about his life, and asked about her's. He explained how he met Annalise's grandma, and of course told her all of the war stories that she had never heard from him. Annalise was in awe. She was truly happy.

As they continued down the path, they eventually stopped talking and just enjoyed the silence of the winter woods. The wind blew softly, causing icicles on branch tips to ping together, creating a magical windchime. The snow fell as if in slow motion in large flakes to the ground, piling up into white sparkly dust at their feet. The path got narrower the deeper into the trees they went. Clumps of snow fell from high branches up above, freeing the limbs of the weight, and sending them bouncing back into the air. They continued on like that for a while before her grandpa broke the silence.

"I've always had a liking for winter. This is where I want to stay," he explained. Annalise wanted to stay as well.

As they walked further, the path seemed to come to an end, and she was overcome with emotions. It seemed as if they had been walking forever, and Annalise had heard her grandpa's entire life story.

Valko sat in the soft snow and looked up at her with sparkling eyes. Her grandpa turned to her and watched her tuck her hands under her arms and shiver slightly. Her coat had gotten soaked through from the snow. He took his off and draped it over her shoulders, fixing it so it wouldn't fall.

"But you need this..." spoke Annalise. Her grandpa looked at her with a small smile and shook his head no. He noticed her concerned expression and pulled her into a warm hug without a word. She hugged him back tightly, wanting to hold onto this moment forever, for she knew what he was going to say next. He pulled away and turned his gaze to Valko. He patted his leg, beckoning him to stand up.

"You two need to get back home," he said. Annalise frowned

slightly and looked to the white ground.

"Have you forgotten?" he asked.

No, Annalise shook her head. Her grandpa had passed away just a day ago, and she needed to be home to fly to his memorial service.

"I'll see you later Ann, I promise," he assured her with his bright smile once again. She returned the smile while beginning to properly put on her grandpa's heavy coat that was still draped around her. He held it up, so she could put her arms through. Once it was on, he examined all of his military pins and badges that were displayed on the front, making sure they were straight and secure. He brushed off some snow and dirt and looked her in the eyes once more, embracing her in another warm and loving hug. After letting go, he gestured to Valko.

"He'll take you back," he said, scratching the wolf's soft fur on his head. Valko set off slowly down the path and Annalise followed. She turned around once to wave goodbye to her grandpa. He waved back with a grin; and for a second, Annalise could see the older man that she knew. He stood there in the snow and as she got further away, he began to fade to only a silhouette blending in with the trees again. She turned around a second time just to see him once more; but, he wasn't there.

As she and Valko ventured away, the snow began to whip around. They were hit with another huge gust of chilling wind. It felt just like when Annalise first came outside. She closed her eyes and covered her face.

Once the wind calmed and the snow stopped blowing, she took a deep breath in, smelling the faint scent of wet pine. She opened her eyes. Valko was nowhere to be found. In a panic, she called out his name, hoping he would come out from the trees. He never did.

Annalise looked out through the pine tree entrance to the forest, and she saw her street and her house right across. She thought Valko could be waiting there for her, so she walked as fast as she could through the deep snow making her way to the front door step. No

paw prints were visible.

Maybe he would show in the morning, but Annalise felt exhausted.

She went inside. She went to her bedroom and checked her alarm clock. It was 4:17 am. Only five whole minutes had gone by in what felt like hours. She couldn't stay awake much longer, she felt her eyes getting heavy. She took off the large wool coat and hung it in her closet, running her fingers over the pins and badges, and closing the door. She took off her soaked clothes and put on the same pajamas she wore before she left and got under her covers, immediately falling asleep.

Annalise was awakened by the feeling of sudden heavy weight on her bed. Her alarm went off for 5:00 am, and she sat up.

Sunlight began to beam through her window and a light warm breeze blew into her room. Vibrant leaves swayed on the full trees, and the grass was luscious and green. Birds were chirping and bugs were buzzing. It was summertime, just as it was supposed to be.

Annalise looked down at the bottom of her bed, and there sat Valko. Now, he was a stuffed animal. She picked him up and the fabric was damp from what she could only assume was melted snow. She looked at the time again. She was running late and needed to be on her way to the airport. She set him back down and got dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, and it felt strange to her. She gathered her bags and began to leave her room when she noticed puddles on the floor leading to her bed. Some were smeared, and some were clearly the shape of paw prints. Annalise looked at her closet door, curious to see if the coat was there as well. It was slightly cracked open, and she caught a glimpse of the sleeve and the shiny pins. She smiled to herself as she began to walk out; but before she left, she grabbed Valko from her bed and tucked him under her arm.

Her Grandpa's voice ran through her thoughts as she remembered the things he told her. She still wasn't sure what to make of what she experienced, but she could only truly wonder one thing, was it really a dream? Yet, the coat in the closet told her otherwise.



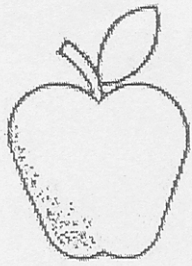
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Say What?



Dylan Winters

Q: What's the most exciting thing you've done so far in 2019?

A: Going to see a movie with my best friend.

Q: What is the most recent movie you have seen?

A: *Bumblebee*.

Q: Who is your favorite band or singer?

A: I can't choose just one, but I guess Up Church or Pantera.

Q: If you could have any kind of wild animal as a pet, what would you have?

A: Either a raccoon, or a fox.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?

A: Alaska for a fishing or hunting trip.



Brianna Barr

Q: What's the most exciting thing you've done so far in 2019?

A: Snow Tubing.

Q: What is the most recent movie you have seen?

A: *The Basketball Diaries*.

Q: Who is your favorite band or singer?

A: I don't have one.

Q: If you could have any kind of wild animal as a pet, what would you have?

A: Kangaroo.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?

A: I don't know.



Parker Bonace

Q: What's the most exciting thing you've done so far in 2019?

A: Nothing really, just the weight room.

Q: What is the most recent movie you have seen?

A: *How to Train Your Dragon 3*.

Q: Who is your favorite band or singer?

A: Hopsin.

Q: If you could have any kind of wild animal as a pet, what would you have?

A: A monkey.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?

A: Brazil.



Alyssa White

Q: What's the most exciting thing you've done so far in 2019?

A: I started paying on a car.

Q: What is the most recent movie you have seen?

A: *Speed*.

Q: Who is your favorite band or singer?

A: Nickelback.

Q: If you could have any kind of wild animal as a pet, what would you have?

A: A horse.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?

A: Hawaii.



Chris Oldaker

Q: What's the most exciting thing you've done so far in 2019?

A: Going to see three movies in a row in January!

Q: What is the most recent movie you have seen?

A: *Hotel Transylvania 3*.

Q: Who is your favorite band or singer?

A: Luke Bryan.

Q: If you could have any kind of wild animal as a pet, what would you have?

A: A white tiger.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?

A: I would go to Jamaica.

Music Review: Juice Wrld Concert

By: Sydney Muransky
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On January 26, 2019 Juice Wrld, Kevin Gates, and a couple of other artists came to Columbus to put on a show that people will remember forever. The venue for the concert was the Celeste Center. I was not the only person there from East Palestine attending the concert. Cameron Boots, Jordon Fristik and Blaize Reynolds also got to attend the event.

When we first got there, we had to wait in a long line to get

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into the concert. We can all agree that waiting in line was trash, but Juice Wrld had a great performance. From my personal experience, this show was crazy. There were mosh pits, a lot of dancing, jumping, singing, and sweating.

The DJ and Kevin Gates were not the best in my opinion. The DJ was on for over four hours, he played songs multiple times, everybody was getting sick of him because he was taking too long. It was not exciting seeing a DJ for hours when you paid to see Juice Wrld.

The DJ and his hype crew played songs that people didn't know or they would play songs more than once. I wish that their time on stage was cut in half, so there could be more time for Juice Wrld.

The second opening act was Kevin Gates. In my opinion, Gates is a semi-decent artist. He has one good song, and he did not even play it at the concert. If you are a fan of Juice Wrld, I highly recommend getting tickets when he comes around Ohio again. This is an event that you are guaranteed to have fun, and you will remember forever.

Seeing Juice Wrld made up for everything; he was worth the wait. Juice is an incredible artist. He put so much energy

into performing his songs, he made sure the crowd loved every song he played. If you are unaware of who he is, he discusses his real life problems in his lyrics and older teens can empathize with his struggles. If you are an older teen yourself, do yourself a favor and check out his music.

Overall, I would rate this concert a 9.7/10. It was a great time, and I wouldn't trade this memory for anything.