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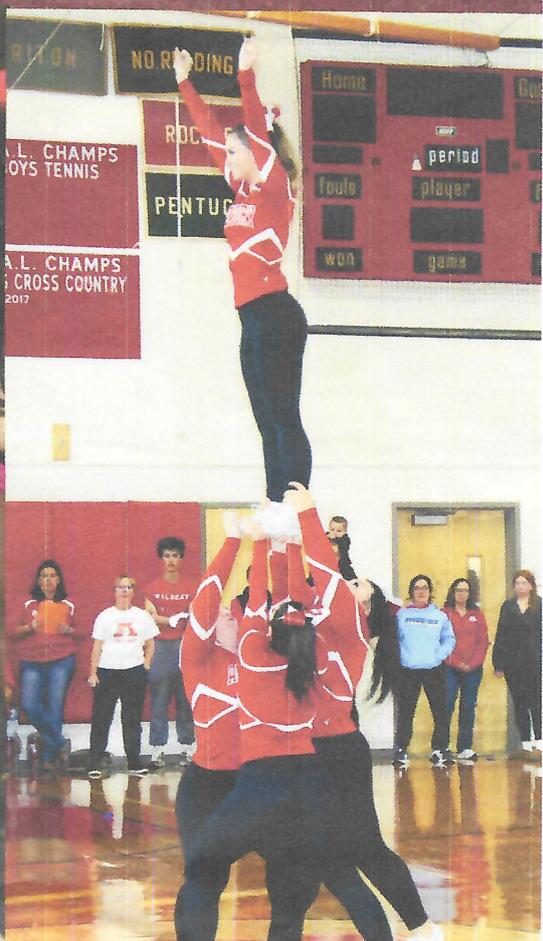
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Quote of the Week:

"Get in losers, we're going SHOPPING!"
-Regina George

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TRAINING IN PROGRESS!

Color Day

With weeks of preparation Amesbury High School's color day was a success! All four grades pulled off some pretty impressive themes including finding Nemo (Freshman), The Hunger Games (sophomores), Rio (Juniors), and Frodo (Seniors). With spirit week, canned food drive, and penny wars leading up to Wednesday there were still 60 points left up for grabs on rally day.

The judges table included Mr. Johnston, Ms. Beaudoin, Ms. Meyer, and the previous STUCO president and vice president, Nick Bazirgan and Grace Murphy. The rally included games like musical chairs; turkey bowling, won in one bowl by senior James Fraize; tug of war; and the infamous Dutch auction. This year's Dutch auction included fittest, best engineer, and best artist. Seniors took home best artist (redemption), freshman took home best engineer, and the sophomores won for the fittest. The juniors took home the W in the battle for tug of war leaving freshman and seniors tied for last. After the normal rally games each grade presented their skit. Starting with freshman, their skit showed potential especially for their first year. Sophomores seemed to have



Seniors perform the winning skit!

forgotten about the time limit with their Hunger Games battle against Newburyport. This skit included a pre recording overvoice, voiced by Mr. Miller. The juniors brought the energy from the Rio grande with their skit including a dance battle scene with songs from the movie Rio. Ending with the seniors show out of a skit, which revisited all of their old skits and led them to their yearly football game vs Newburyport. Their skit in normal class of 2025 fashion ended with a choreographed dance routine to can't stop the music. Seniors flooded to the floor to give their final dance. Walls had been judged prior to the rally.

The freshmans wall took last place with their simple beachy theme. The sophomores took third with their sleek wall, although the rule book may need to be checked in the case of replacing the provided white paper with a pre-colored black sheet of paper. The

seniors took second with their tissue paper filled troll wall featuring a rock and roll guitar and microphone. And finally, the juniors took first for the wall with their incredibly detailed wall including a sinking Newburyport ship and a statue wearing a Redhawk jersey.

The results spoke for themselves making it an easy win for the seniors, collecting the win for best skit, best wall, penny wars, spirit day, and overall winners. The juniors took home canned goods. Freshman and sophomores received nothing this year. The ranking descended in the infamous order, seniors (winners), juniors (2nd), sophomores (3rd), and freshman (4th). It will be exciting to see how next year shakes out without the Class of 2025.

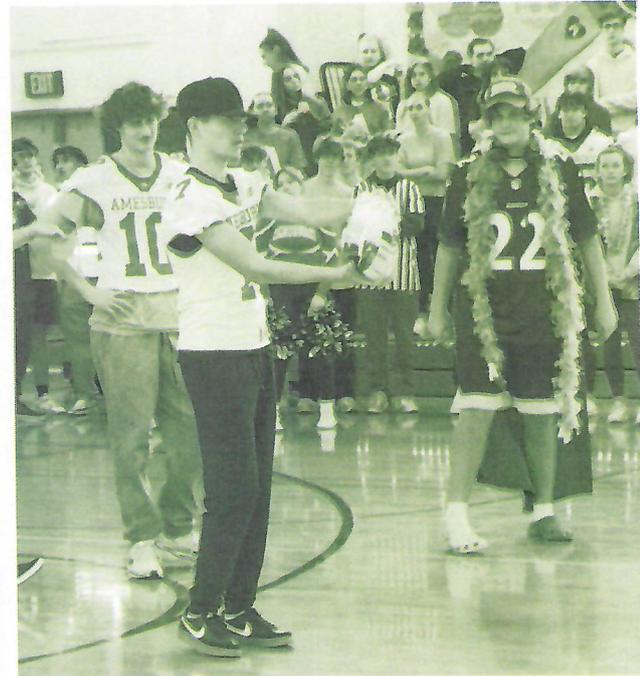
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REDHAWKS LOVE COMPETITION!

Color Day (continued)



The freshman give it their all!



There's suspense in the air during the turkey bowl!



An intense cone game is taking place!

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PERFORMANCE TIME!

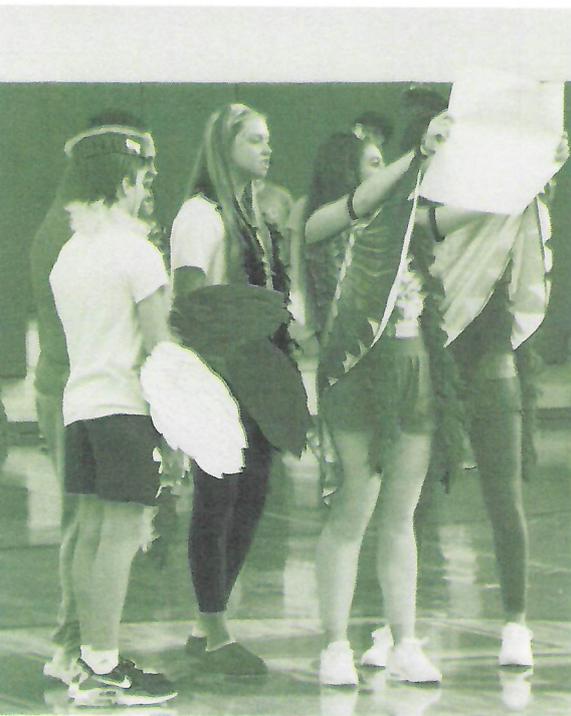
Color Day (continued)



The freshmen swim around the gym.



Abby Lamot announces the tributes!



The juniors follow the map!



The Trolls meet the cast of the Wizard of Oz.

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SENIORS PULL THROUGH!

Color Day (continued)



Seniors celebrate a much deserved win!



Soleil Bennett anxiously awaits the results.



Dj DiCarlo, Jenna Oliver, Addy Upson, Annah Belisle and Katie Ishihara tug on that rope.



Jared Black and Dash Bogart demonstrate the Oklahoma Clap one last time!

MONOCROME MONDAY

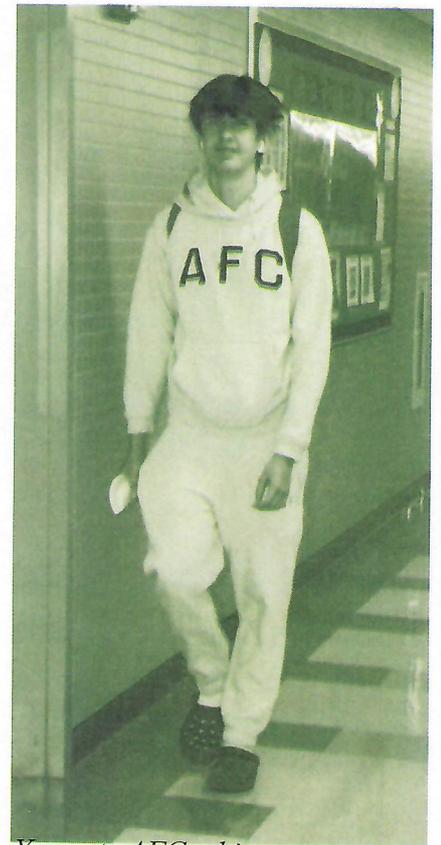
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Addison Kelly is pretty in pink.



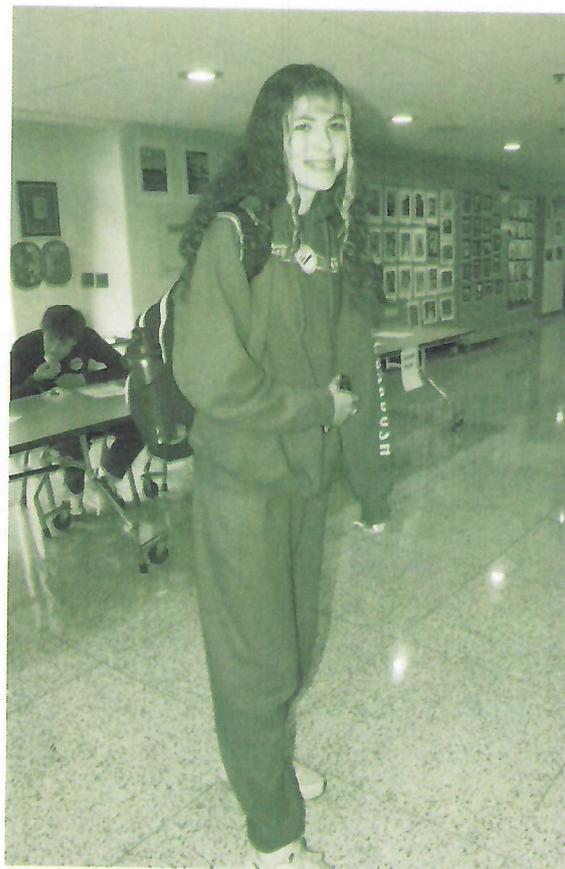
StuCo's Maria Barbosa checks off those in costume.



X sports AFC white.



Connor Olson sports camp gray.



Riley McPherson goes for the red look.



Delaney Sargent is back in

STUCO KICKS OFF SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week



dia Hunt is all white.



Aiden Neale (Mr. AHS) in red and Kylie Desmond in brown make an appearance



Connor Mazzaglia rocks in sports gray.



eCe Brunnel is all in white.



Mrs. Cignetti dazzles in black.



Dr. Ricci is a ray of sunshine in yellow.

TWIN TUESDAY

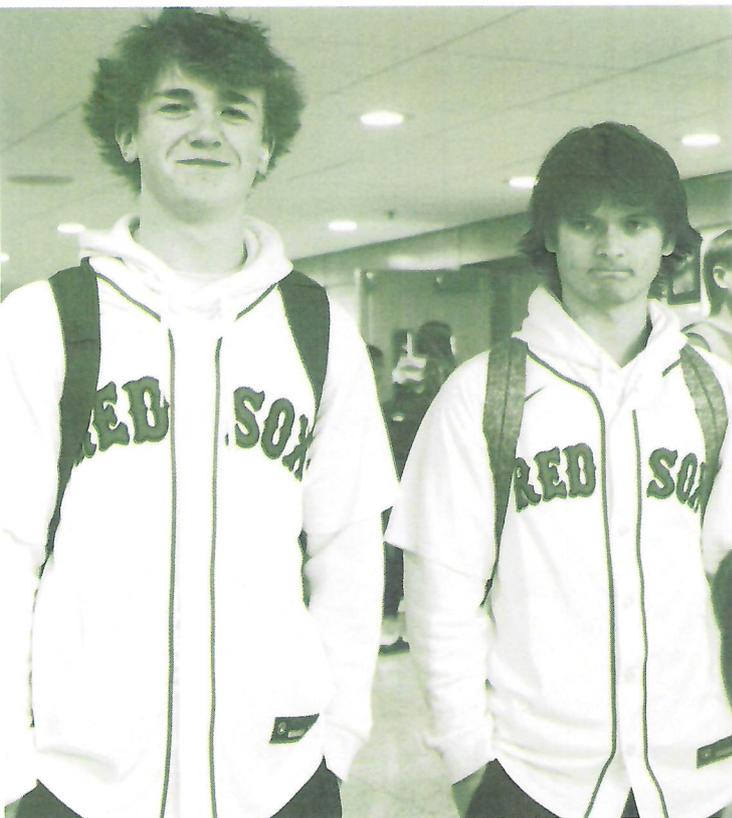
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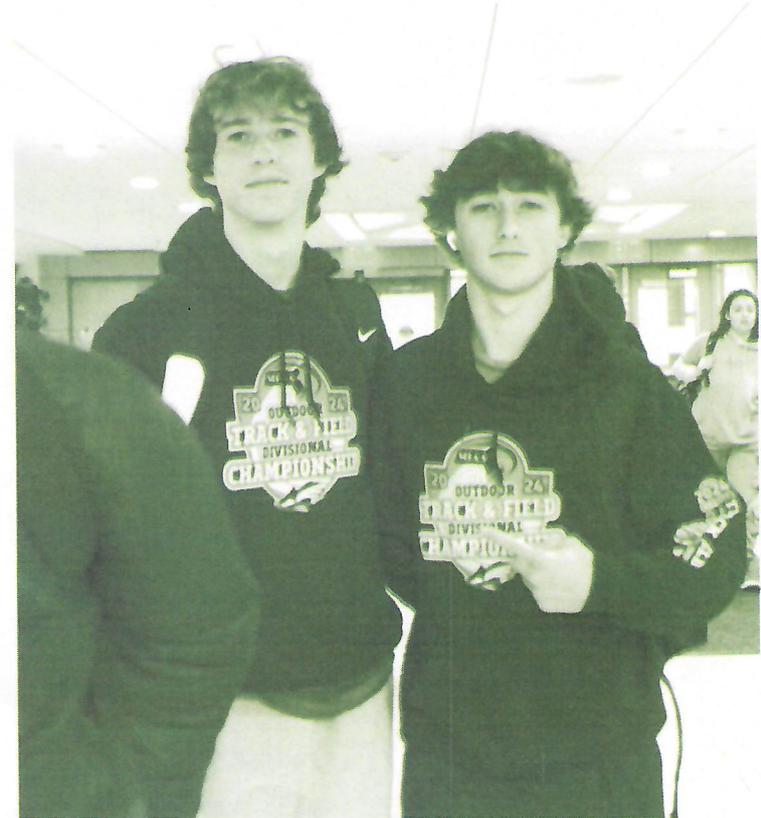
Eliza Froncki and her father Mr. Froncki pose for the camera.



Maggie Francis and Sophie Huynh are dressed to impress.



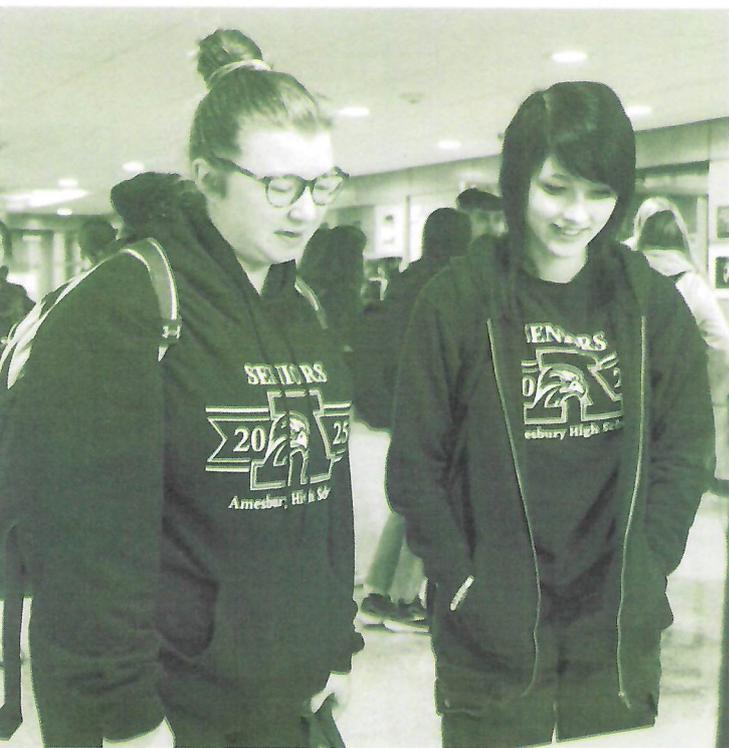
Josh Roberts and Thomas McElaney are decked out in Red Sox gear.



Brodie Hall and Maxx Rodrigues look fly in their track hoodies.

TWINNING TOGETHER

Spirit Week



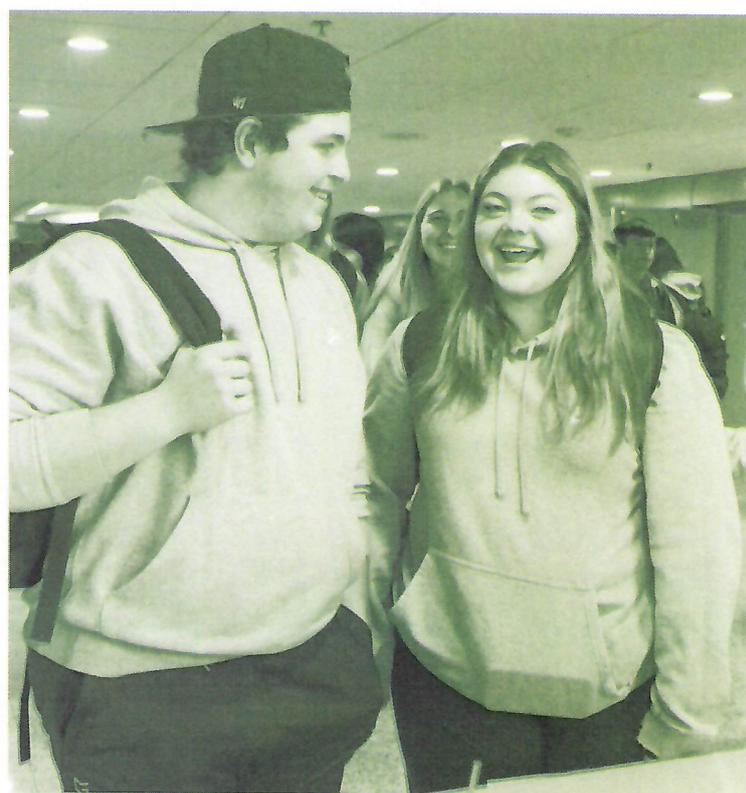
Gabby Entrican and Alice Moulton wear matching senior merch.



Max White and Noah Shoukimas are basketball stars.



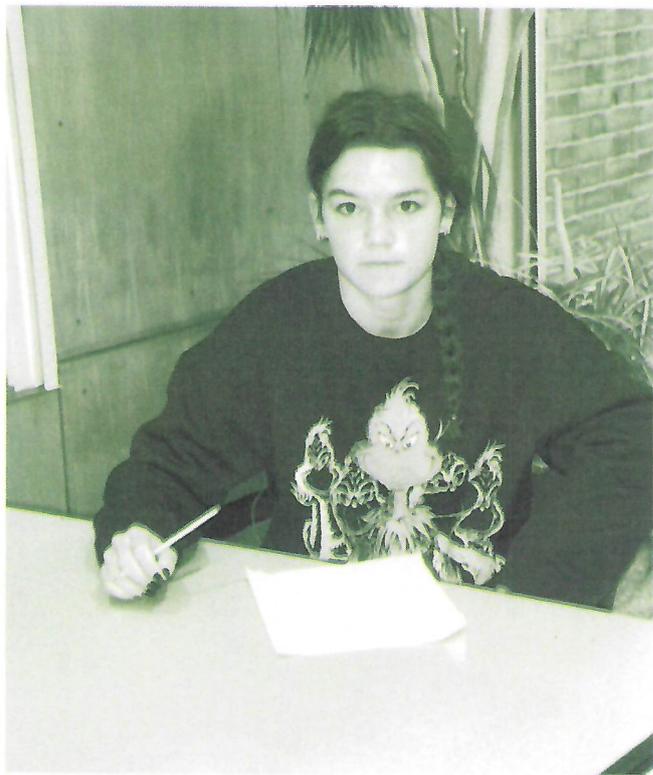
Aiden Neale, Abigail Morin, Charlotte Costigan, Cailee LeBlanc, and Stella Giangregorio match perfectly.



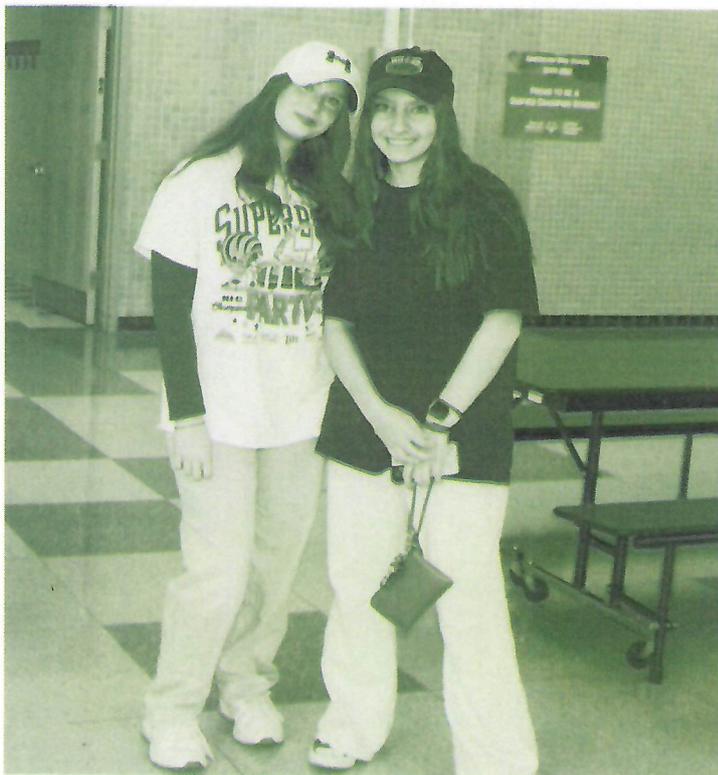
Johnny Mancini and Jocelyn Daigle wear gray and black in style.

HOLIDAY DAY

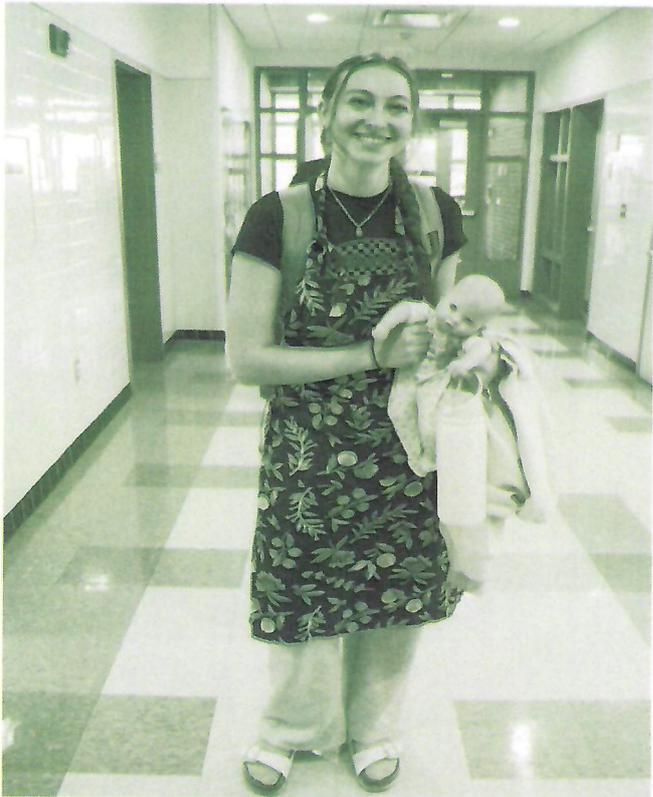
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Annah Beslile is the Grinch.



Addi Snow and Avery Huggins are superbowl sunday



Lydia Hunt is ready for Mothers day.



Aurora Montello and Evie Pifalo are Christmas ready.

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HOLIDAY DAY

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Alex Berthol in his Christmas outfit!



Carol Rose looking gorg!



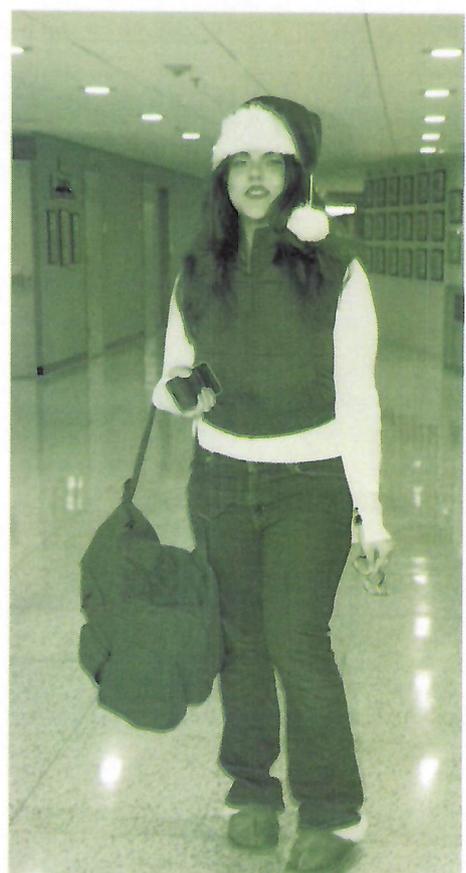
Sarah Mackie celebrates Christmas.



Lexi LeBlanc is in her Gingerbread Man swag.



Lincoln Kime is Santa's favorite Elf.



Grace Orobi is Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree!

SPORTS DAY

Spirit Week



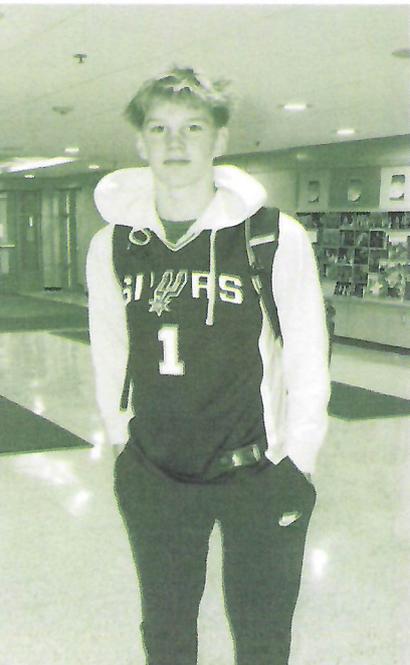
Aiden Neale supports the Pats.



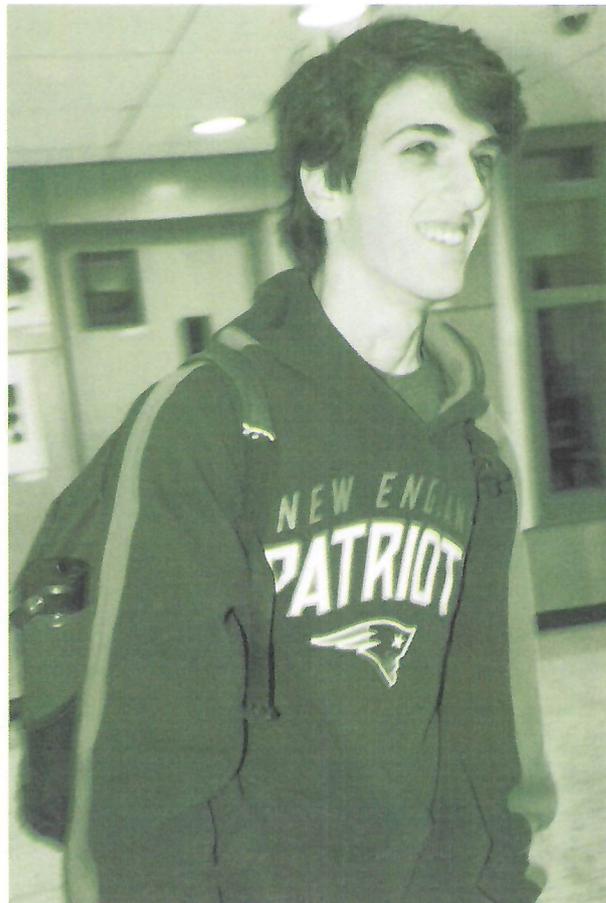
Nathan Oliva and Amari Mendez celebrate sports day.



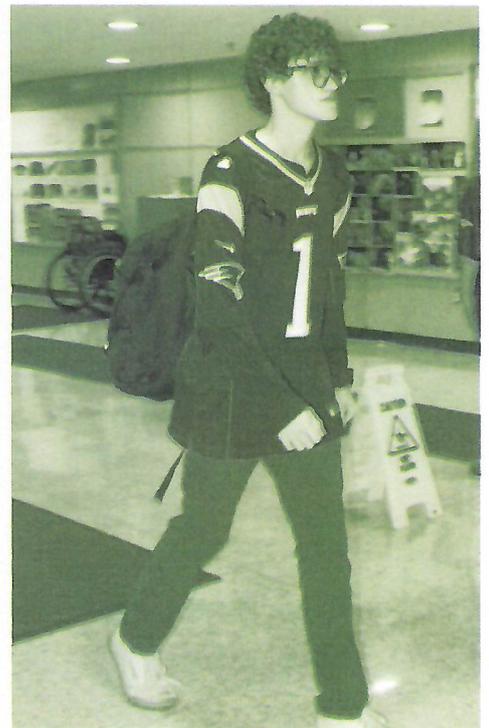
Miss Regis reps the Celtics!



Teddy Hildt smiles with glee.



Ty Giangregorio is captured in a close up!



Noah Blouin struts his stuff.

GO REDHAWKS!

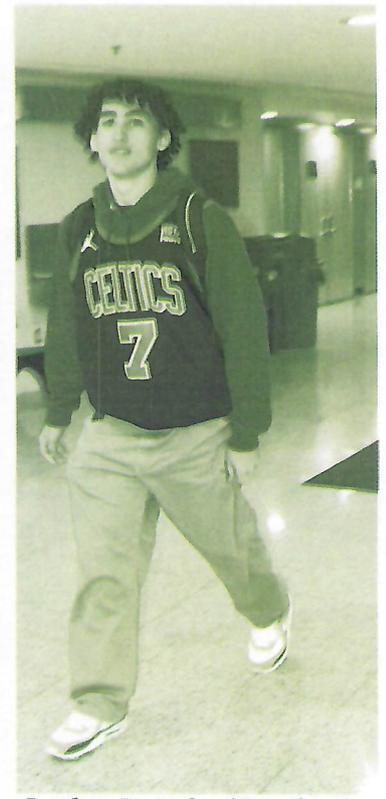
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Avri Henson walks in smiling!



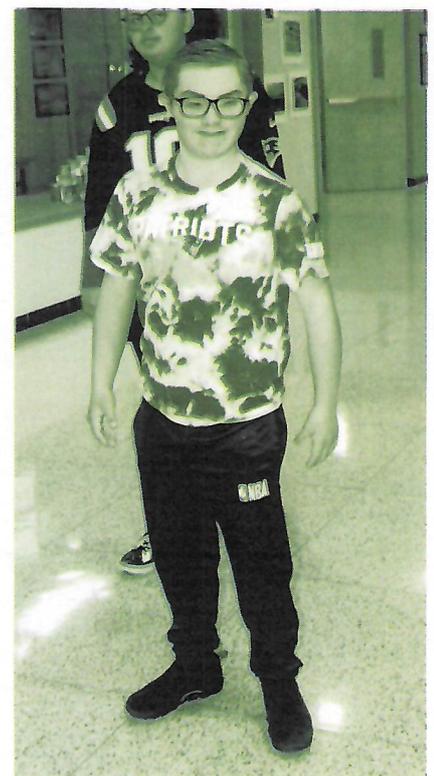
Kenzie Cameron and Jackson Dixie dripped out.



Jordan Roig looking fresh.



Celia Travaris smiles wide!



Marco D'Agnese with both NBA and NFL.

USA DAY

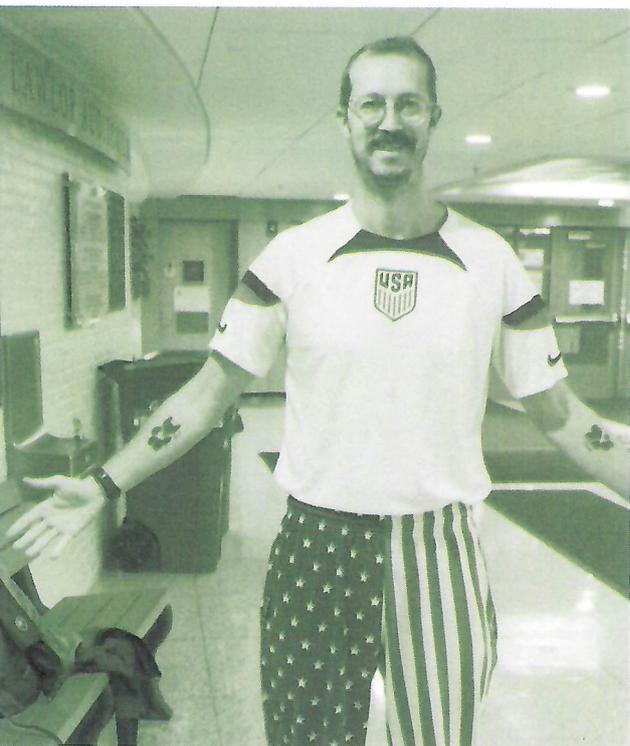
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Brooke Woodsom gets her points!



Riley McPherson and Madison Martin strut their stuff.



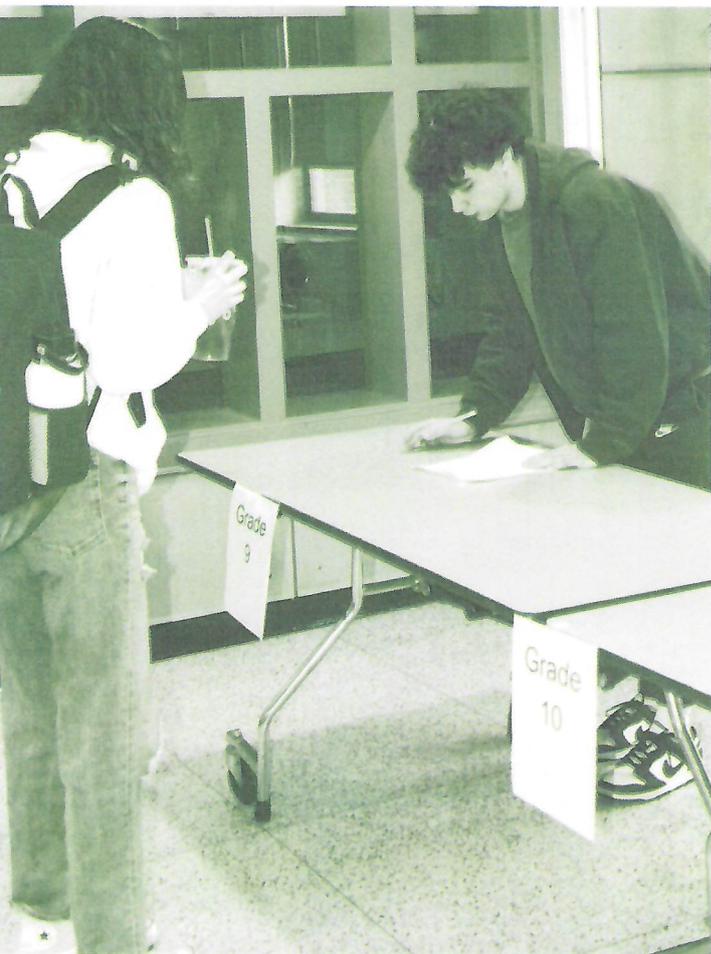
Mr. Miller was born in the USA!



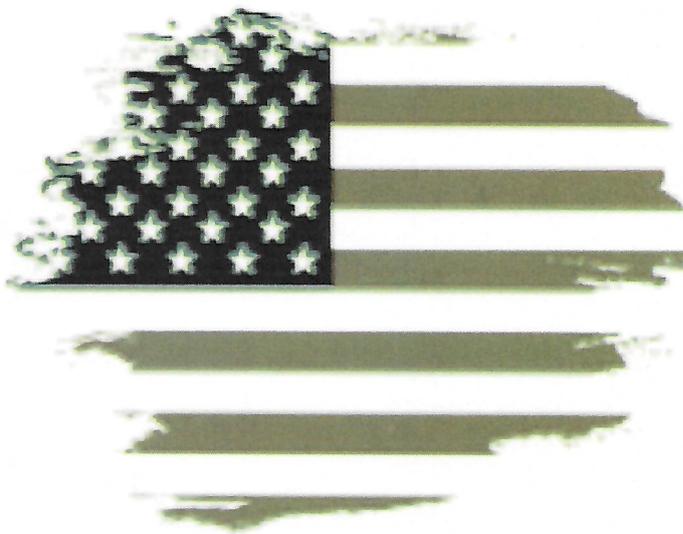
The smiling Johnstons celebrate sports.

'MURICA!

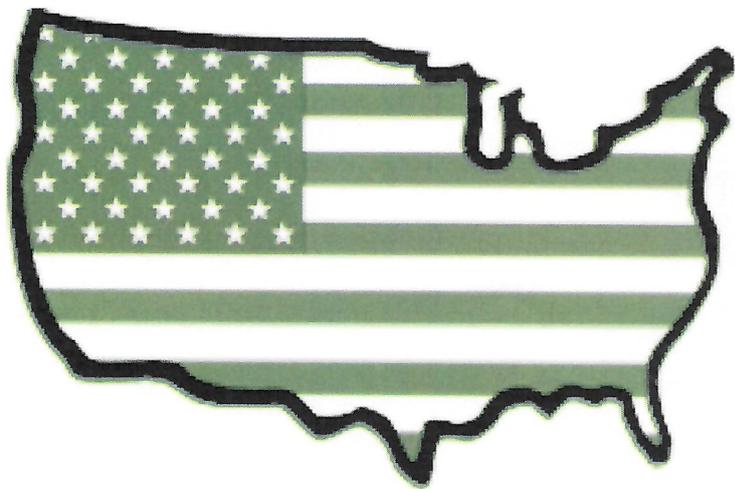
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Dorian Willerson counts those points.



Mrs. Morison and Mrs. Shlack are besties!

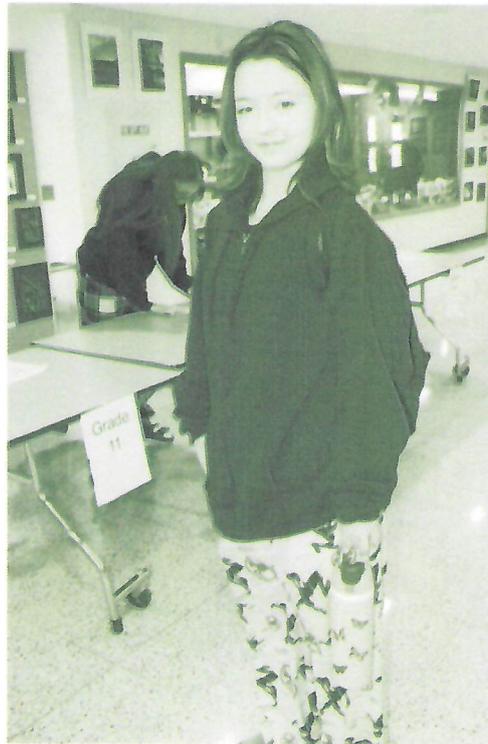


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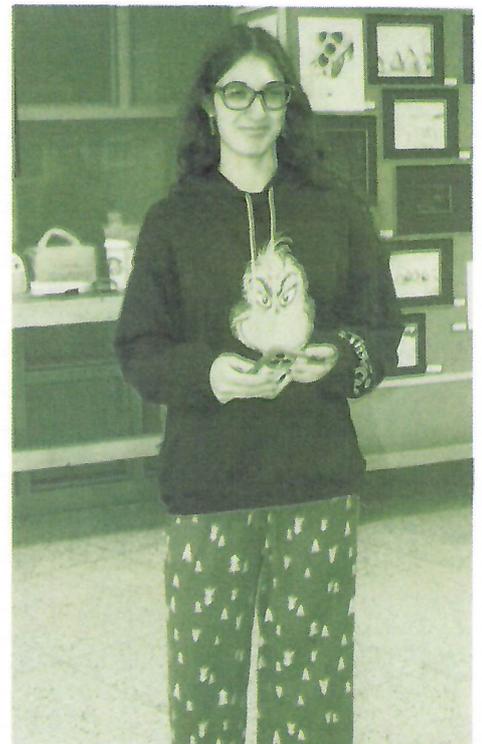
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Mr. Larry shows off his fashionable robe.



Ryo Grove just got out of bed.



Stella Giangregorio must have slept in.



Aiden Neale and Kylie Desmond are looking glamorous!



Ms. Regis looks incredibly comfy!

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WAIT, WE HAVE SCHOOL TODAY?

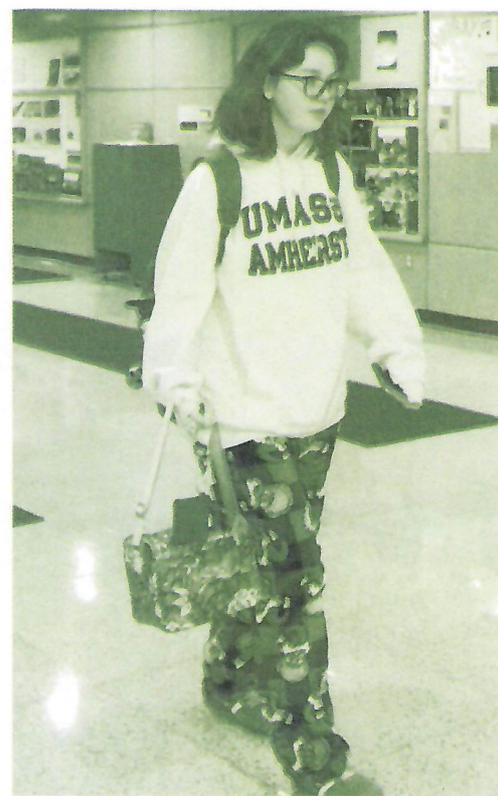
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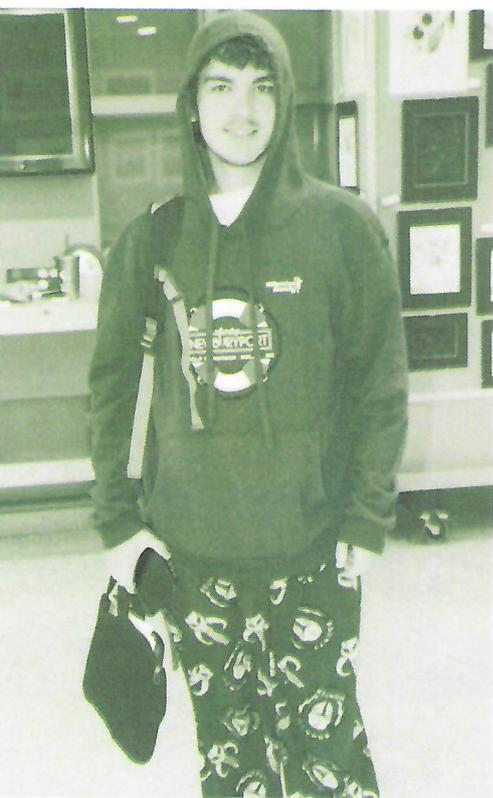
Gabby Entrican is running late!



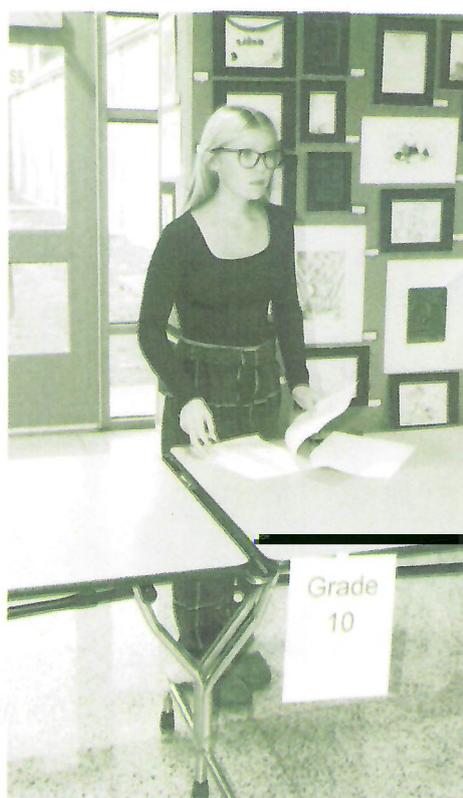
Avari Henson in her fuzzy robe.



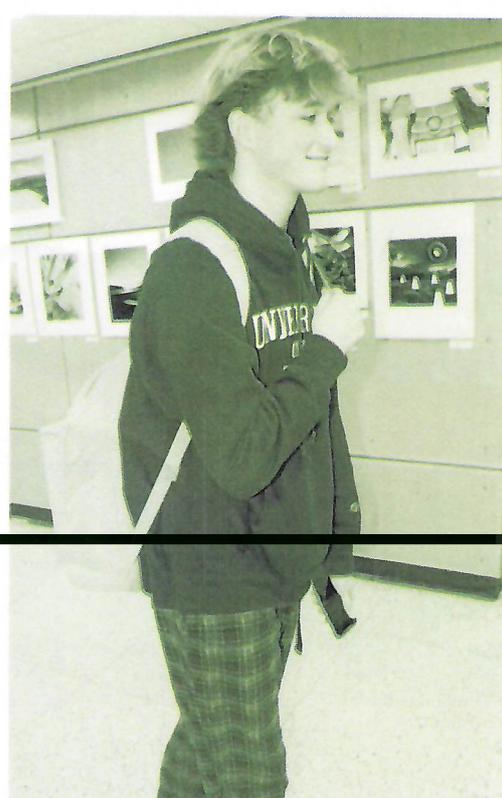
Evie Pifalo is ready for nap time.



Connor Olson looks extremely tired.



Carly Testa checks in the Sophomores.



Quinn Fortier rocks his plaid pajama pants.

TROPICAL TUESDAY

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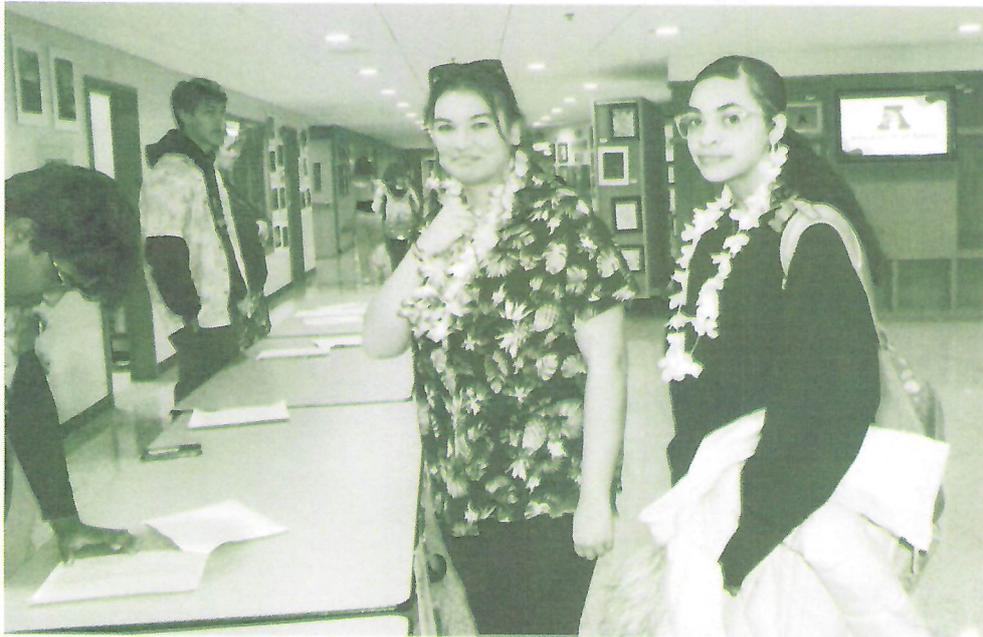
Brooke Woodsom is tropical.



Lexi Desmond is ready for Hawaii!



Annah Beslile brings the school spirit!



Iris Martin and Jaliezah Greene check in.



Grace Orobi looks tropical.

BEACH TIME

Spirit Week



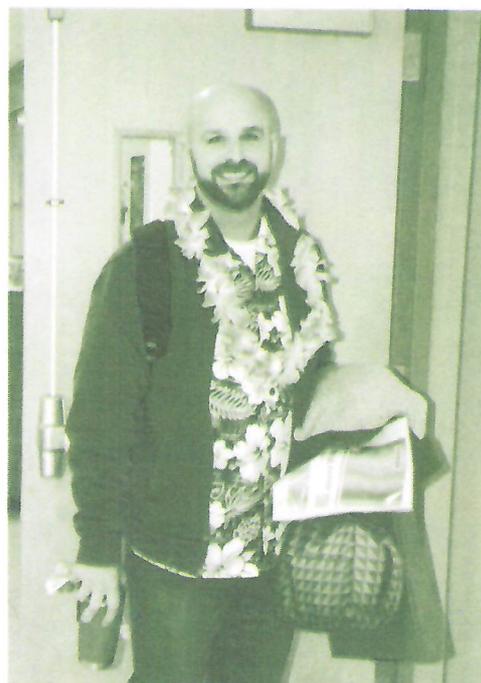
Cole Gibson and Hailey Gillis are ready for Hawaii.



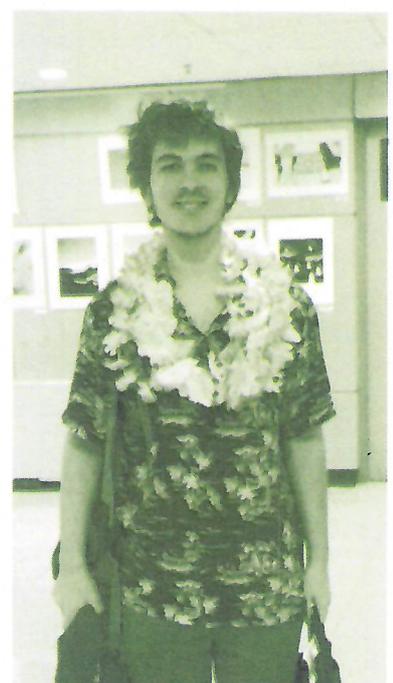
Ms. Schlack has flower power.



Ms. Santosuosso is in the spirit.



Mr. Opolski looks happy to be here.



Connor Olson is dressed for Hawaii.

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

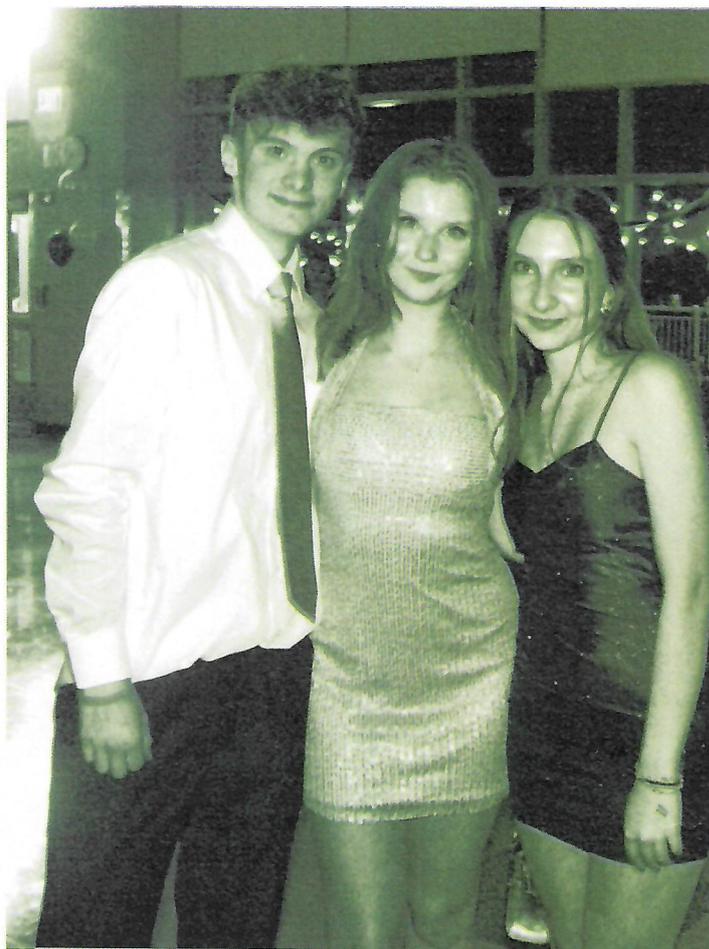
Homecoming

By Dash Bogart.

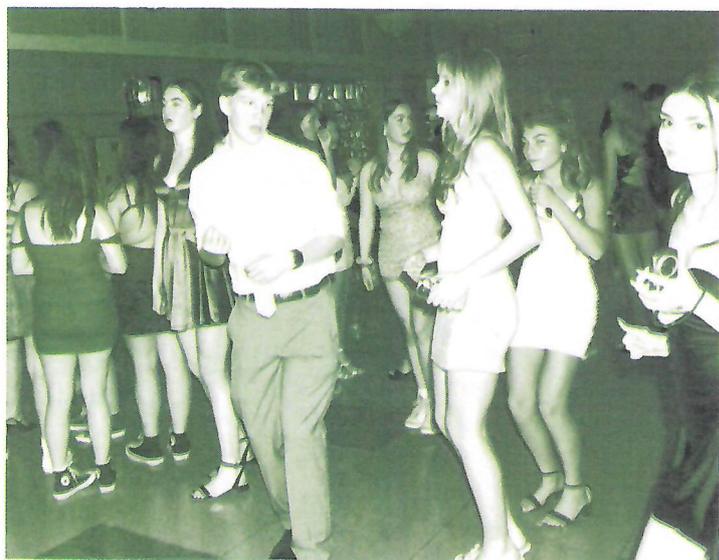
On Friday November 22, 2024, the Amesbury Student Council held our first ever Homecoming semi-formal Dance in the AHS Cafe. The dance was a massive success with over 250 tickets being sold, nearly half of the entire school!

The dance ran from 7pm to 10pm that Friday night, and the dance floor was packed the entire time. Many students from all grades attended the dance, and had a great time. The DJ played many hits such as FE!N by Travis Scott and Careless Whisper by George Michael. Thanks to help from the Class of 2028, Hoco had a chocolate fountain and a candy apple station. Both of these options were very popular, along with many snacks and candies. Freshman class advisor Mr. Foley made sure the long buffet table was fully stocked.

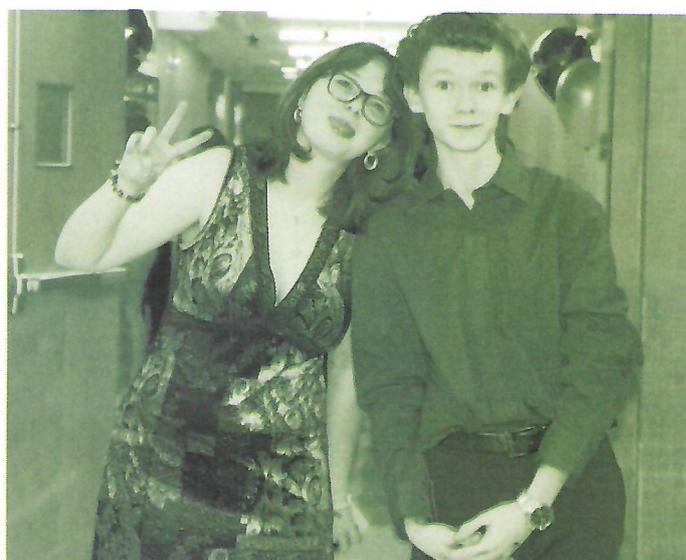
The Student Council also collaborated with Yearbook, who supplied a fun photo booth filled with props for students to use. The yearbook's Dan Maraventano had a line almost all night. Student Council would like to thank all staff members who volunteered to chaperone the event, Mrs. Brockmyre who led planning for the dance, Dr. Ricci for her input, and all students who helped set up and break down the decorations. The first Homecoming dance went very well, and hopefully it will set the groundwork for a tradition of yearly Homecoming Dances.



Party goes smile for the camera.



The dance floor is packed!



Evelyn Pifalo and Aiden Neale taking a photo.

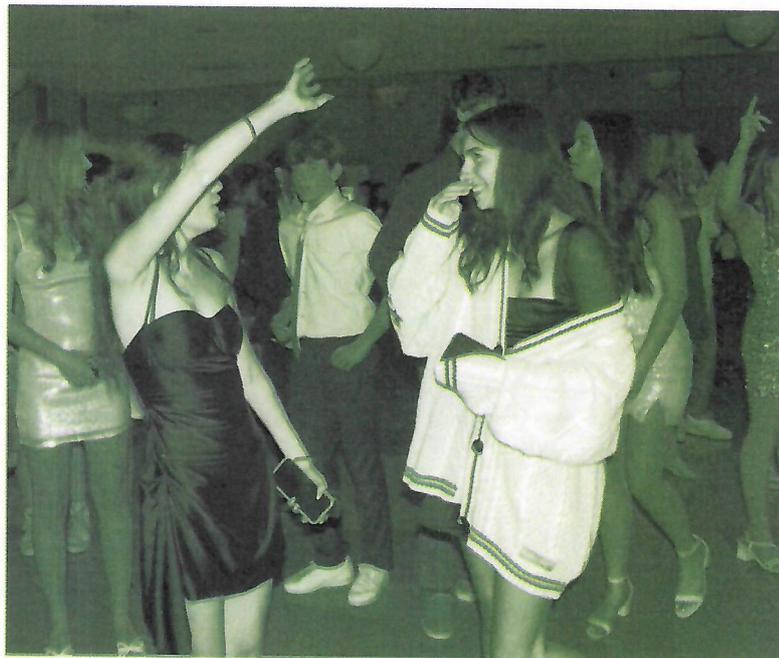
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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

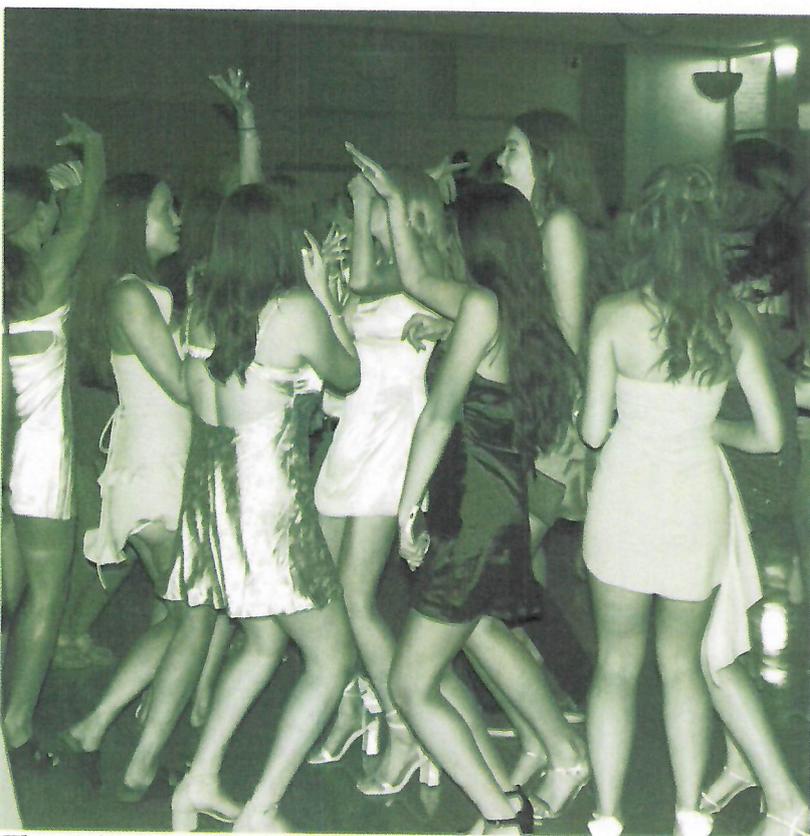
Homecoming (Continued)



Alexis Leblanc is partying!!!



Some smooth dance moves.



The girls are making a mosh pit.



Della Hildt has taken her shoes off!

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A PARTY TO REMEMBER!

Homecoming (Continued)



Dan Maraventano is in charge of the photo booth.



Attendees checking their homecoming photos.



Jackson Kusler is dipping that marshmallow.

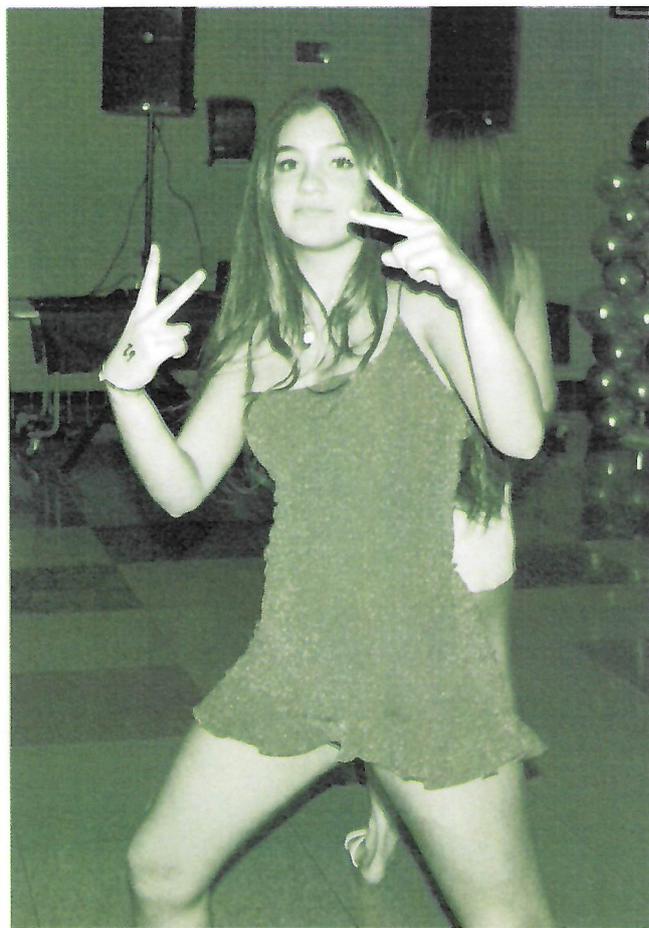


Sabrina Alyward is jamming to the music.

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UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Homecoming (Continued)



Maria Barbosa gave the best pose.



Jamie Hawkins, Faith Mainville, Lauren Talbot and Gemma Peacock pose!



Abby Lamott and Thomas Kirby are checking in.



Julian Sherwood and Sam Tavares pose for the camera.

RHYTHMICS PERFORM

Our very own Rhythmics were once again invited to participate in Pentucket Art Foundation's "A Cappella Night" on Saturday, November 16th. The Rhythmics are an a cappella singing group here at AHS who practice after school and on Friday mornings before school. The singers are: Samantha Bender, Desmond Brisson, Ginger Brisson, Samya Clark, Charlotte Costigan, Norah Costigan, Avari Henson, Bailey Kimball, Sophie Manetakis, Ellie Marden, Emmalyn Omohundro, Norah Primack, Andrew Roberts, Jessica Silva, and Heather Wetherell.

These singers all boarded a bus at 3:15 PM on Saturday, November 16th. When they arrived at Pentucket High School, they were shown to their backstage room

where they left their stuff, warmed up, and practiced a bit.

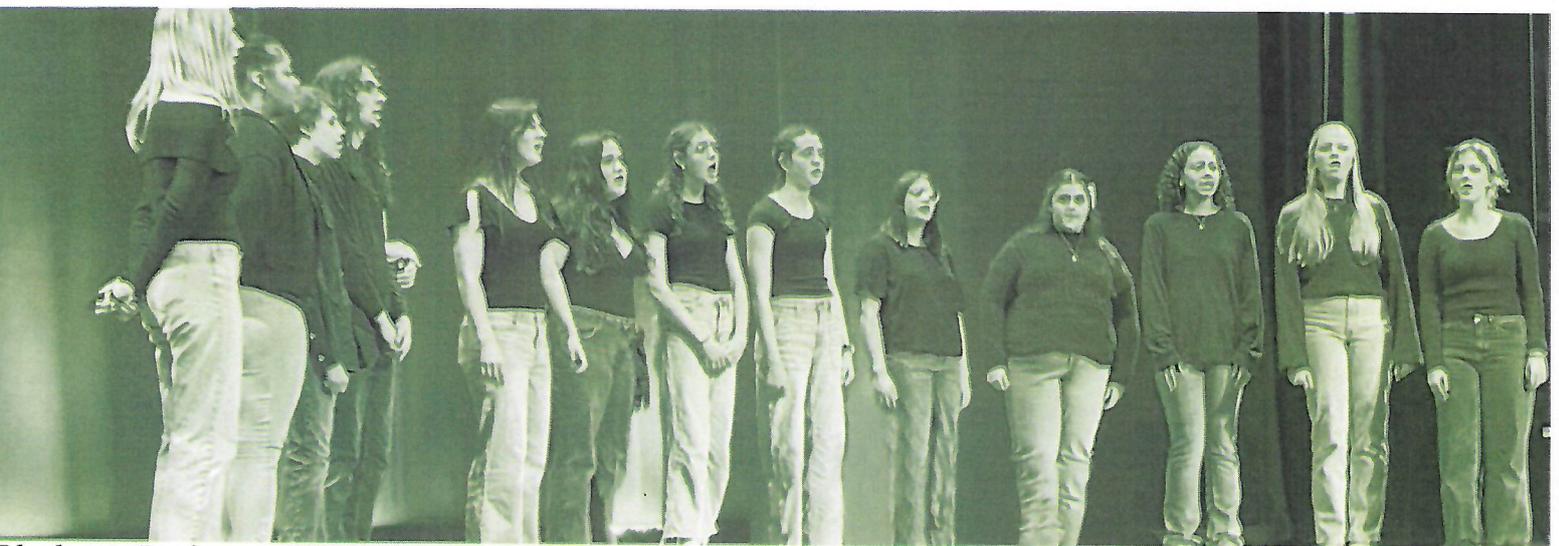
The Pentucket High School "Harmonix" and St. John's Prep "Swingtown" also attended this event. Berklee College of Music's "Upper Structure" was the headliner act and they also ran an awesome workshop for the high school students. Singers learned new warm-ups and also learned their own parts in Alessia Cara's "Fishbowl." Everyone learned a lot and the sound was pretty incredible when everyone sang together!

The performance started at 7:00 PM and Amesbury was the first act. Samya said hello to the audience and introduced the first song, which was "Attention" by Charlie Puth. Ellie Marden sang lead and she absolutely nailed it. The harmonies

were also beautifully sung!

The next song the group sang was "Let the Light In" by Lana Del Rey. Everyone loves this song, and it was a group effort to arrange it for their voices. Senior Heather Wetherell sang lead, and Ellie jumped in for the duet on the choruses. Samantha Bender thanked everyone for their support of music and the arts. The last song they sang was "Irish Blessing" arranged by Joyce Eilers.

Amesbury should be proud of this group and how they represented at the A Cappella Night! Over and over we see the positive impact music has on our souls and how good we feel when we work together. This was a "feel good" night and the positive energy was contagious!



Rhythmics Perform: Ellie Marden, Samya Clark, Andrew Roberts, Desmond Brisson, Samantha Bender, Emmalyn Omohundro, Charlotte Costigan, Norah Costigan, Sophie Manetakis, Jessica Silva, Avari Henson, Bailey Kimball, and Ginger Brisson.

OBSERVER

NHS COLLECTS FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

On a cold and rainy Saturday, November 23, the National Honor Society collected food to fill a cruiser for *Our Neighbor's Table* Market outside Stop and Shop. They were there from 8am to 2pm. It was one of the many service projects conducted by NHS.



*Front Row: Julia Parsons, Olivia Nash, Julia Losee, Addie Upson, Annah Belisle, Aliana Paulino
Back Row: SRO Officer Burrell, Kal Noseworthy, Sadie Bolth, Stella Mitchell, Ashley Wilson, Lindsey Williams, Aiden Neale, Evie Pifalo, Lexi LeBlanc, and Officer Clark.*

STUCO FILLS THE OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE VAN

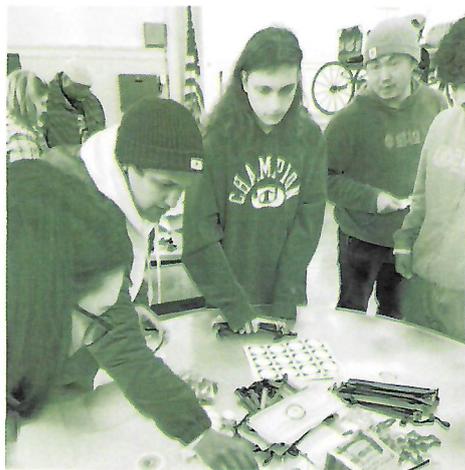
All those canned goods classes donated for Color Day were stuffed into the Our Neighbor's table van Tuesday during WIN block.

Right front: Annah Belisle, Alianna Paulino, Jared Black, Tori Murphy, Sadeep Vaduka, and Officer Burrell. Back: Dash Bogart, Maria Barbosa, Dorian Willerson, and Connor Calderwood fill the van.



OBSERVER (CONT.)

PACT COMBATS VAPING



PACT (Partnership of Amesbury Community and Teens) is an coalition of students and adults dedicated to substance prevention. The group is dedicated to providing youth with a network of supportive adults and opportunities to prevent them from turning to substance abuse.

Two Mondays ago, the group got together to produce kits for kids who wanted to stop vaping. The kits consisted of items such as candy, gum, toothpicks, and fidget toys. So far, 90 have been assembled and will soon be available in the nurse's office.

Left: Members of PACT, including Max Benica, assemble anti-vape kits.

SOPHOMORES GET RINGS

An age-old tradition of purchasing class rings seems on its way out with only 11 sophomores choosing to order rings. Those sophomores received their rings from class advisors Ms. McLean and Mr. Miller on Color Day morning. Despite the small numbers, the class did continue the tradition of providing breakfast snacks for the students picking up rings. The ring purchasers also received free sweatshirts from Jostens.

Right: Four sophomore guys display their rings: Sam Travares, Ryan Guertin, Matthew Way, and Shawn Asselin.



YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Tuesday night the Student Advisory Council tackled an age-old problem - how to improve school lunches. Many suggestions were made to provide lunches kids would like better. The lack of choices, especially during second lunch, was one of the issues brought up. Later this month, SAC will meet with administration and a representative from Chartwells to see what can be done. Some SAC members mentioned that their friends at other schools like their school lunches, which are also prepared by Chartwells.

Right: SAC Chair Addi Snow makes a list of suggestions for improving school lunches.



NEVER GIVE UP

Football

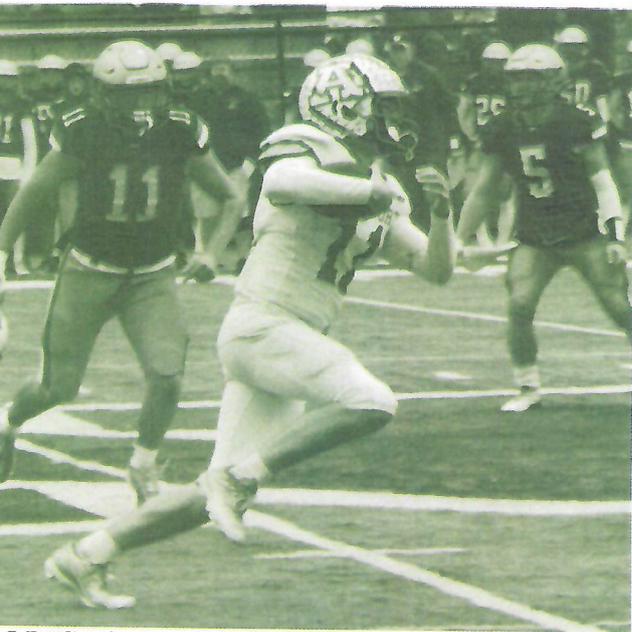
If you'd like an example of "never give up," just look to the Thanksgiving Newburyport-Amesbury football game. Trailing the entire game until the 1:45 mark of quarter 4, the Redhawks pulled out a 2-38 victory to avenge last year's loss to the Clippers.

It didn't look that way to start. Theoretically, Amesbury should have lost this game. With a very small roster and ranked two divisions behind Newburyport, the Redhawks should have been the underdogs.

Newburyport scored five minutes in. When Amesbury got the ball back, they immediately fumbled, giving the Clipper great field position for another score. It was not the defense's finest hour as Newburyport scored again and the Redhawks found themselves trailing 14-0. Amesbury got some of it back at the end of period as DJ DiCarlo proved why he

is the highest scoring player in the area and quarterback Justin Dube punched it in from the 2 yard line. It was now 14-8 Newburyport at the end of quarter 1. Newburyport scored almost immediately in quarter 2 on a pass. The terrible weather didn't seem to stop the passing game as Amesbury came back for 6 with a trick play from Dube to DiCarlo to Ben Berg. Newburyport scored again two minutes later on a run and DiCarlo answered in the last minute. If it seems like this was just back and forth you'd be right, but Newburyport was capitalizing on its extra point runs. while Amesbury mostly wasn't. It was 30-20 Clippers at the half. The Redhawks received the ball in the third period and Dube punched it in about 3 minutes into the quarter. The yards, however, were being picked up by DiCarlo and Joe Puleo, who had a great day picking up 136 yards. Newburyport scored at the end of the quarter on a 45 yard run. It was now 38-28.

When Amesbury got the ball back it was DiCarlo (124 yards rushing) and Puleo marching down the field. Despite a zillion (it seemed) offside penalties against Amesbury, Dube was able to score about midway through the period and DiCarlo did get the extra points, making it 38-36. This time Amesbury was able to stop the Clippers and Amesbury took their first lead of the game on a DiCarlo score with 1:45 left. But Newburyport had time and mounted a passing drive which took them to about Amesbury's 15 with 5 seconds to go. The next Clipper pass was to the endzone but was knocked away by Parker DeLong and Ben Wood, who eventually came up with the ball. Game over 42-38.



DJ DiCarlo carries the ball.



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REDHAWKS UPSET THE CLIPPERS

Football (continued)



Justin Dube hands off to Ben Wood.



Connor Mazaglia returns the punt.



Mike Olbrot kicks off.



Evan Murphy is not intimidated by a larger Newburyport lineman.

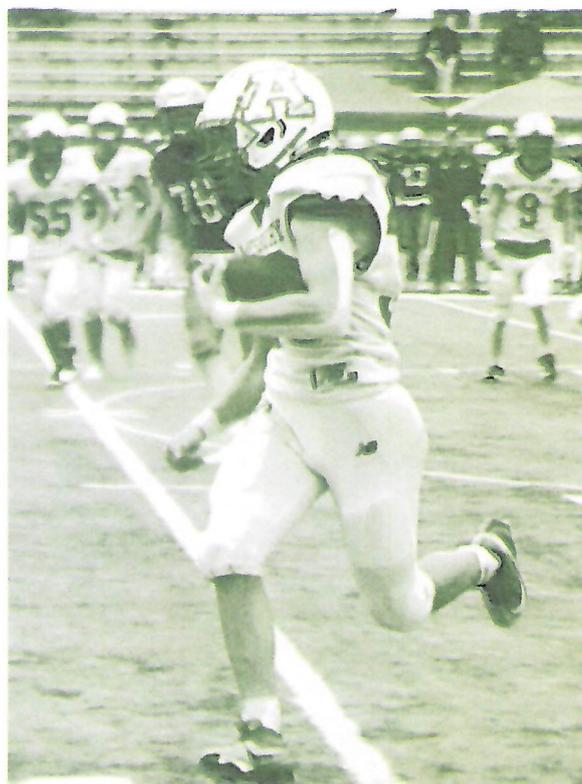
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THE TROPHY IS OURS

Football (continued)



Connor Scialdone had some decent carries for the Redhawks.



Joe Pulleo is the master of long runs.



The team poses with the Chase victory trophy.

AN UNUSUAL TEAM TAKES THE WIN

Powderpuff Football

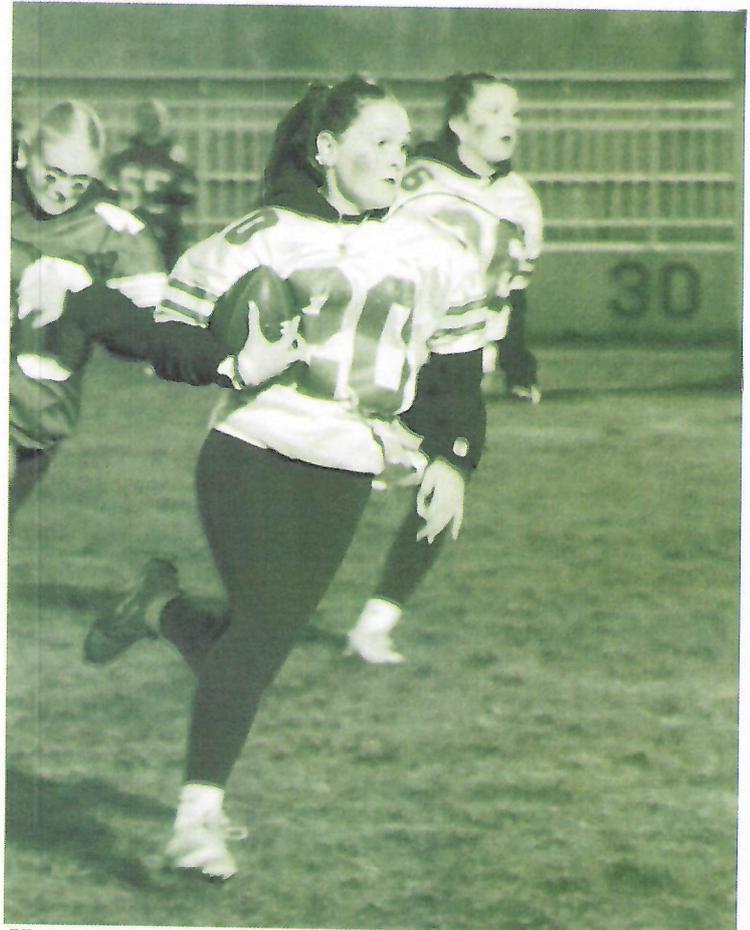
The annual Powderpuff football game, held at the stadium on Nov 21, was not the usual close matchup won by the senior/freshman (red) team. Instead, the junior/sophomore (white) team, quarterbacked by Lexi Desmond, ran away with the event, winning 28-6. The star of the day was Hope Shanahan, who followed in her older sister's footsteps in scoring most of the points.

If speed is the name of the game in powderpuff, Shanahan had it in spades. The white team got the ball first and took 10 minutes for Shanahan to march the 70 yards to score. The extra point attempt failed. When the red team got the ball back, it took one play for Katie Isihara to run 75 yards down the edge of the field for the score. Annah Belisle's attempt to kick the extra point failed. At the end of the first period, it was 6-6.

It didn't take Shanahan long to score again and Desmond added the two point conversion, making it 14-6. The red team quarterback Sadie Bolth attempted to get something going through the air, but Shanahan intercepted the pass deep in red territory and soon had 8 more points on the board. It was 22-6 at half time.

In the third, white team coach Kevin Johnston kept urging his players to be more aggressive, which they did, leading to an unnecessary roughness call by ref Grady Hagan. Hagan and Jackson Gordon should be commended for calling a very organized game. Red team Coach Pat Foley couldn't get his team going, and the white team soon took over again. Sophia Le picked up yards on two runs and Melia Travares hauled in a 20 yard pass from Desmond. Desmond then scored from the 5 yard line. Maeve Snyder's extra point kick failed.

It was now 28-6. Katie Ishiara tried to get something going, but the red team just couldn't do much. The final quarter was uneventful and cold for both teams. Announcer Jared Black, who did a masterful job calling the game correctly, couldn't resist noting that it was 38 degrees.



Hope Shanahan scored 20 of the white teams' 28 points.



The final score documented with 9 minutes left in the 4th quarter.

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SHANAHAN DOMINATES

Powderpuff Football (continued)



QB Lexi Desmond thows to Celia Travares.



Julia Parsons tries to stop Hope Shanahan.



Celia Travares hauls in the catch and runs.



Katie Isihara was the only one to score for the red team.

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JUNIORS/SOPHOMORES WIN

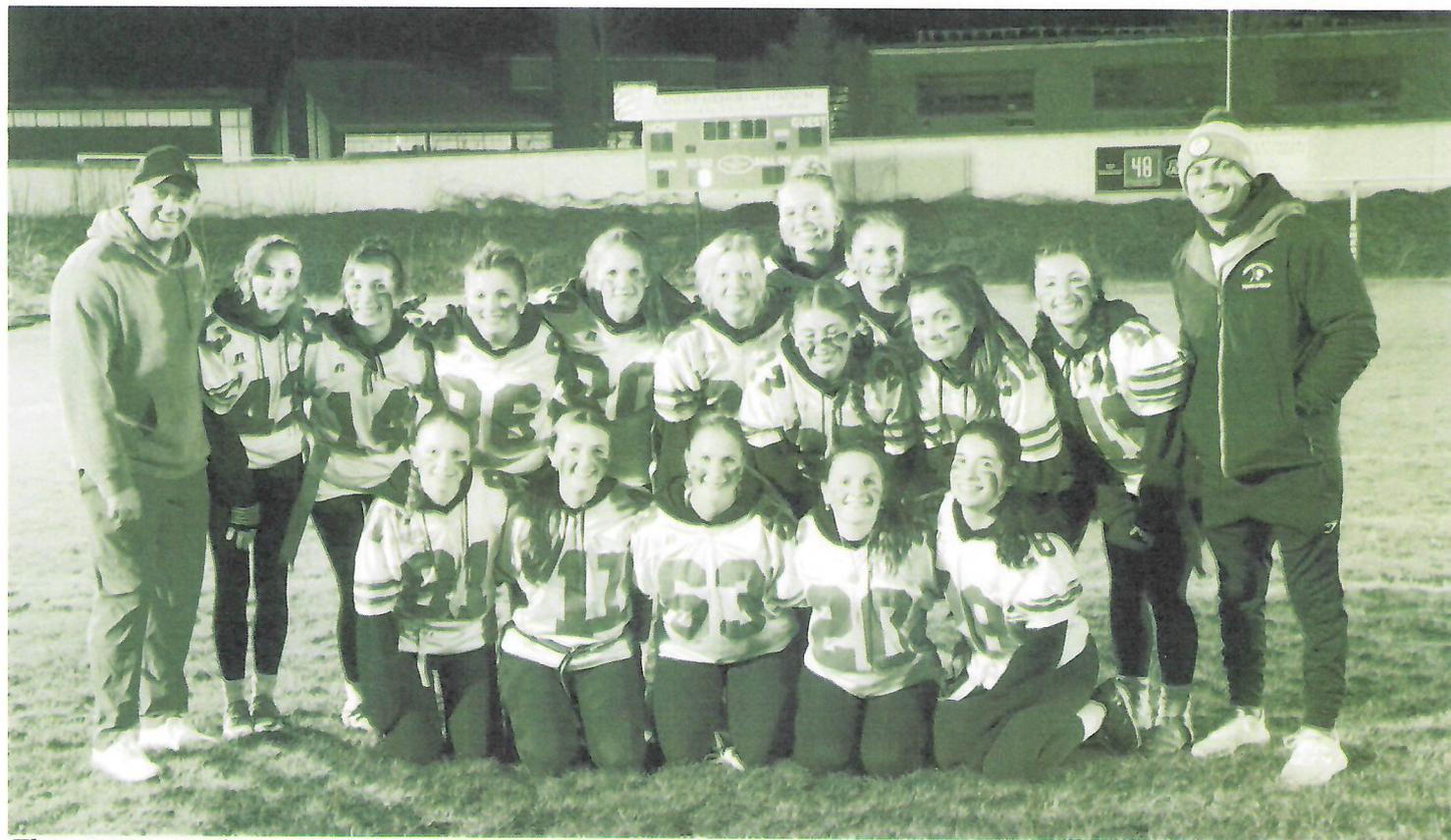
Powderpuff Football (continued)



Senior QB Sadie Bolth goes back to pass.



Annah Belisle takes the handoff from Bolth.



The winning sophomore/junior team poses after the game.

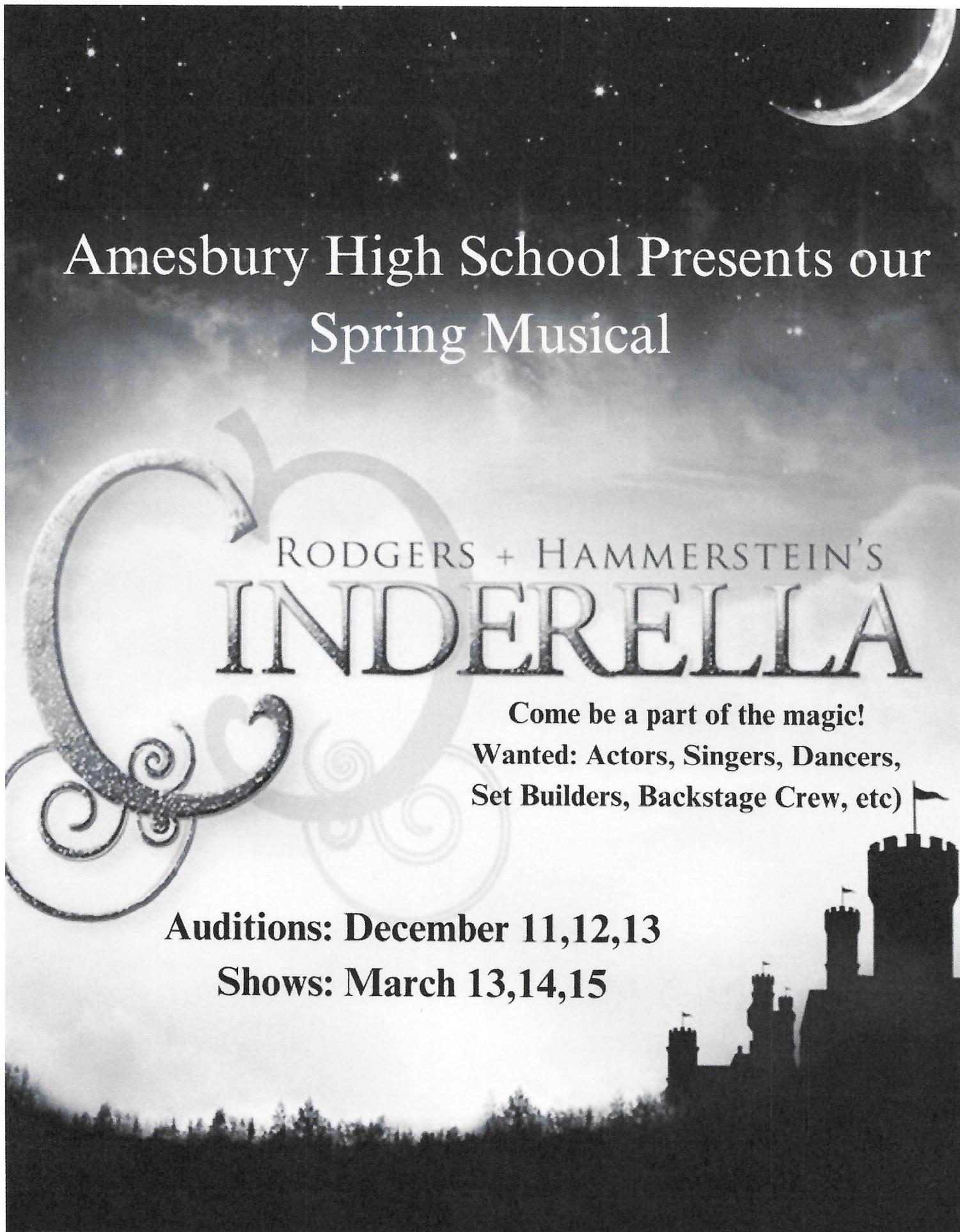
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**CLASS OFFICE: GROUPS OF REPS,
WHOLE GROUP, INDIVIDUAL
OFFICERS**

SOLEIL BENNETT

Senior Profile

By Alice Moulton

Soleil would say the most unique thing about her is her artistic-ness, and you'll often see her come into school with paint on her clothes

or hands. Due to her talent, she was the first junior at AHS to take AP Art and Design. Soleil would also understandably say she is very creative due to how much making art has altered her ways of thinking.

In school, Soleil is in class office, Ap Art, Ap Lit, and National Honors Society. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Jackson, as not only do they cross paths often, his confidence and motivation is very inspiring

to Soleil. Although Soleil is very attached to the arts, her favorite class was freshman biology because of her classmates and the fun labs she got to do. Soleil loved her freshman year as a whole, as everything seemed so new and fun to

her. Some of Soleil's other favorite things at AHS include Color Day (especially the skirts) and Alex Donnell for sticking with Soleil for the entirety of her high school career.

sweet treat, and world peace. Two of these seems pretty obtainable! If there were to be a movie made of Soleil's life, she would want to be played by Audrey Hepburn.

After high school, Soleil plans to go to college to get her bachelor's in fine arts. Ten years in the future, she plans to become an art therapist for children with disabilities. She wants to teach kids to love art and learn to express themselves! We hope Soleil reaches her goals, and that her passion and creativity do her well in the future!



Outside of school, Soleil likes to paint and spend time on the treadmill. She also likes to eat potatoes, listen to Lil Wayne, playing *Mario Kart*, and take trips to The Art Supplies. If Soleil were granted three wishes, she would want thirty dollars, a



OLIVIA WOODSOM

Senior Profile

By Alice Moulton

Olivia, who is sometimes referred to as Oli or Olive, would say her most unique attribute is her Emily Dickinson obsession and collection. Her love for language is also present through her 100-day Wordle streak! If she were to use a single word to describe herself, she would say she is caring from what others have said to her.

In school, Olivia is the editor of the literary magazine and is a part of MVP, class office, environmental club, and a whole host of honors societies!

Olivia also has a lot of staff friends here at AHS, with Dr. Walsh, Mrs. Daileanes, Mrs. Alley, and Mr. Miller all tied for her favorite teacher! Olivia would say her favorite class so far has been AP Lit, but if we offered another history elective that may take her top spot. Olivia would say her

best friend throughout her high school career has been Samantha Bender, and

would want AHS to hire more teachers, more history classes, and

more English electives. After that, I'd wish for a bigger building!

If there were a movie made of Olivia's life, she would want to be played by Saoirse Ronan. She would also want to maybe include her favorite quote from Mr. Miller: "Don't be a rock." When no one is looking, Olivia finds herself watching old *Nickelodeon* shows and judging those who chew too loudly. Munch munch munch...

When Olivia was younger, she wanted to be a pop star because they were cool. Now, she plans on sleeping for two straight months

top make up for the past two years of losing sleep and becoming a crazy cat lady. We hope Olivia gets plenty of cats, and that her future is full of all that she desires!



that she can brag about being her bff when Sam eventually cures cancer.

Outside of school, Olivia enjoys dancing, and is the Senior Company dance captain at *Rap 'N Tap*. She can also be found reading, writing, eating popcorn, or playing *Block Blast*. If she were granted three wishes, she

ASK PETUNIA-JONES!

Christmas Shopping

Dear Petunia Jones,

With Christmas around the corner, It seems like a good time to invest in some presents for my family! I have more than enough money for any gifts (I am disgustingly rich now that I work for mr Burns; as suggested in your latest column). I have quite a large family with 7 kids, 1 wife 3 sisters (who are mooching off of my resources) 4 dogs, 1 second cousin and 7 grandparents (all on life support). This is a very special Christmas for my family (It is the 10 year anniversary of our dearest deaparted uncle Edward (also known as Eddie boi) getting kidnapped by Santa. Despite my immense brainpower and funds, I have no idea what to gift my family for Christmas! Please help me Petunia Jones!

-John Donne

Dear John

You have come to the right place! You may not know this, but I worked for several years in the Christmas gift purchasing industry, and eventually earned a Bachelors degree in the art of gift wrapping, gift selecting and gift presentation. when selecting gifts, you must first ask yourself what is needed in your household. One gift I always reccomend is a plant (many households are unknowingly oxygen deficient). I suggest purchasing a plant for each of your seven children. You must choose a plant that will bring honor to your family. Do not choose any shameful plants like ferns of poinsettas or your children will never forgive you. You must choose a strong, honorable and kind plant (a venus fly trap raised on a diet of human blood is an excellent option). Your 1 wife will surely appreciate new jewelry or ornaments for the tree. You mustn't get her anything sub par. In order to show your appreciation I recommend purchasing her a piece of jewelry of historical value. The Mask of the Red Queen currently kept at the Metropolitan Museum

of Art would be a delightful gift; If you are unable to purchase it, simply send in the children as a distraction and take it from its case. It would definitely be happier with you than with the museum people so this is a morally acceptable thing to do. Your 3 sisters deserve the most special gift of all! A bucket of gravel! This is incredibly versitile and will surely be appreciated. They can use the gravel to craft many gifts for themselves including a zen garden, an hourglass, a house, a bag full of rocks, minerals to put in food and drinks, etc. The remainder of your family (4 dogs, 1 second cousin, and 7 grandparents) can share a squeaky squirrel shaped dog toy to fight over, you will have Christmas day entertainment for the whole family!

Happy shopping!!!!

- Petunia



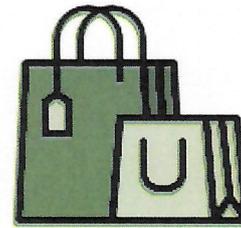
SHOPPING STATS

Tori's Column

By Tori Woodsom

The holiday season has begun, and so has the shopping. This past week had the biggest shopping days of the year. Starting with Black Friday, then Small Business Saturday, and ending with Cyber Monday. Here are some surprising statistics about America's shopping habits.

- In the U.S. there are more shopping malls than high schools.
- The average American throws away over sixty-five pounds of clothing every year.
- Wednesdays are the most popular shopping day.
- Nearly 7% of Americans have a shopping addiction.
- The U.S. has over 260 million online shoppers.
- In America an average of 3.5 million packages are delivered by Amazon in a single day.
- This past Black Friday, shoppers spent a record \$10.8 billion just on online purchases.
- The average U.S. citizen shops at least once a week.
- 81% of American shoppers purchase online.
- People under the age of 40 do the majority of shopping.
- The average American family spends \$1,700 on apparel per year.
- Millennials are the generation that buys the largest percent of clothing.
- Mondays and Tuesdays are the least busy shopping days.
- The U.S. leads the global ranking of consumer spending on apparel.
- On average, Americans purchase fifty-three new pieces of clothing per year.



RESOLD AND REHOMED

Column

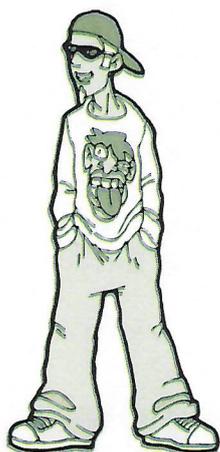
By Ryo Grove

In recent years, people in alternative groups and those who want to limit spending have moved away from buying things from department stores and first hand articles, and have slowly leaned towards purchasing items off of resell websites. The questions most people ask are; “Why would you want something second hand?” and “Why not just buy it new?”

There are so many reasons why people prefer reseller websites over buying items brand new. Fashion trends have become more and more important to the online world and pop culture. But what happens when these items become so expensive that they are barely affordable to the general public? That’s where reseller websites and apps come in. Apps like Depop, Poshmark, Mercari, and so many others allow those who already have these items and don’t want them anymore to sell them to those who are interested. Most of them, depending on the quality and age of the item, are listed for a cheaper price than they were originally bought. This is not the case for many vintage items, which go up in price as they get older. Some people prefer to buy resold items because they like the product, but don’t want to directly supporting the brand or original designer. Another pro to resell websites is the variety of clothing options. You can purchase shoes, shirts, pants, sweaters, jackets, accessories, and even items that aren’t wearable (I was on Depop last week looking for acoustic guitars and found some in wonderful condition).

So if there are so many amazing things about resell websites, what’s the catch? It seems too good to be true, so what’s really wrong with them? There are many things that could go wrong when it comes to buying a resold item. In most cases, it is one out of two things; The seller will not ship the item, or the item was falsely labeled or advertised. Most websites have safety precautions to deal with issues like these, so don’t worry too much. There are help centers on almost all resell websites that assist with problems like this. In a best case scenario situation, sellers get a marketplace strike against their account, and with enough strikes they can be temporarily or permanently banned. Usually, issues like this are resolved with a simple refund.

These websites help so many people in different ways. It helps sellers clear out their closet of unwanted items and make some money, it helps save money on clothing that is usually a higher price, and contributes to the environment by not increasing the demand for designers to unethically produce clothing items. Next time you want to buy something new, check a resell website before buying it at full price!



Lunch



DECEMBER 2024 Amesbury High School

Menu subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Cordon Bleu on a Pretzel Roll Waffle Fries 2	Taco Tuesday Nachos, Cheese sauce Sour Crem, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato 3	Thai Pineapple Fried Rice with Chicken Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie 4	Chili Cheese Dog BBQ Baked Beans Crinkle Fries 5	Bacon, Egg and Cheese Wrap Yogurt Cup Potato Smiles 6
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Spiral Fries 9	Taco Tuesday Soft Tacos Rice, cheese Lettuce, tomato, salsa 10	Asian Marinated Chicken Fried Rice Dinner Roll 11	Egg, Ham and Cheese Bagel Hash Brown Patty 12	Mozzarella Filled Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Side Salad 13
Triple Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup 16	Taco Tuesday Chicken Fajitas Peppers, Onions Refried Beans 17	Chicken Broccoli Alfredo Garlic Breadstick 18	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Cornbread Coleslaw 19	French Toast Sticks Sausage, Hash Brown Fruit Crisp 20

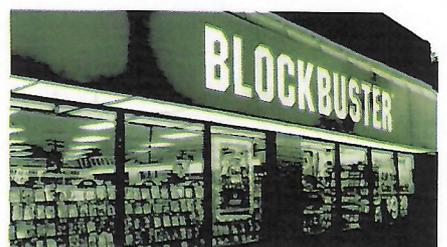
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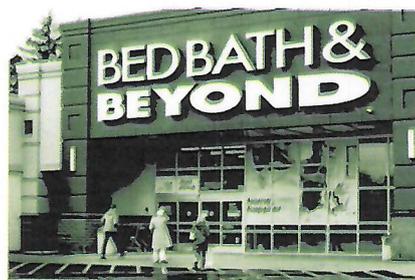
#1. The Container Store



#2. Temu



#4. Blockbuster (RIP)



#3. Bed Bath and Beyond (RIP)



#5. Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium

ITS SHOPPING WEATHER

Weather

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:

31°, Precipitation 40%, 63% Humidity, Winds 9 mph



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:

49°, Precipitation 40%, 79% Humidity, Winds 11 mph



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:

49°, Precipitation 76%, 39% Humidity, Winds 13 mph



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7:

31°, Precipitation 40%, 65% Humidity, Winds 16 mph



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

55°, Precipitation 70%, 88% Humidity, Winds 12 mph



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

40°, Precipitation 0%, 71% Humidity, Winds 19 mph



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:

55°, Precipitation 70%, 84% Humidity, Winds 15 mph



RETAIL THERAPY

Roving Reporter

Question: “Where is your favorite place to shop?”

Olivia Woodsom: “JABBERWOCKY.”

Sophia Manetakis: “Goodwill.”

Ryo Grove: “Depop.”

Aiden Neale: “GOODWILL.”

Alice Moulton: “Newbury Comics.”

Zen Zents: “Five Below.”



Horoscope

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Life: You will give a very encapsulating presentation on Albert Fish.

Single: You will get to work side-by-side with Elon Musk as a part of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Couples: You and your partner will both lose your life savings on Dogecoin because you think the government DOGE will increase its price.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Life: You will watch *Home Alone* and find yourself as an extra in the background.

Single: You will learn how to pick locks and will never be caught in your life.

Couples: You will lose track of them in a Barnes & Noble and decide to just stay there indefinitely.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Life: You will get your blood drawn and the phlebotomist will discover your blood is pure Mountain Dew Code Red.

Single: You will literally watch any movie on Netflix if it has the descriptor "thriller."

Couples: You and your partner will work to breed a liger in your basement but will accidentally make a tigon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Life: You will reach the top of Mount Everest on a segway but will lose battery on the way back down and will just kinda slide down the whole rest of the way.

Single: You will do something to anger "The Beast."

Couples: You and your partner will capture "The Beast" in a specially crafted cage, but when you come back, it is inexplicably gone.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Life: You will train to become a professional boxer but will trip during your walkout and twist your ankle and have to forfeit the fight.

Single: You will become a based hot dog fan instead of a cringe hamburger fan.

Couples: You and your partner will fight over the correct basedness and cringeness of various meat products, resulting in your breakup.

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)

Life: You will crack the code and discover that this conspiracy goes all the way to the top, you must keep digging, but you know everyone around you is in on it.

Single: You will discover you are delusional.

Couples: Your partner will continue to feed into your delusions as you continue to unravel this mystery.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Life: You will star as Robert Plant in a Led Zeppelin biopic and do all your own singing.

Single: You will not get away with it.

Couples: You and your partner will not get away with it.

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20)

Life: You will be recruited for Harvard as a part of their fencing team.

Single: You will become the foremost fencer in the world, prompting former Phillips Exeter fencer Mark Zuckerberg to a duel that you will ultimately win.

Couples: You and your partner will fight over who is the true heir to the fortune.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Life: You will change your name to Humbert Humbert (just don't do *everything* that guy does).

Single: You will be too ashamed to show people your Spotify Wrapped because all you listened to was Funky Town over and over for the entire year.

Couples: You and your partner will be unable to agree on the true origins of "The Beast," each of you with your own beliefs on where that wicked creature came from, but neither of you correct.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Life: You will spend all your free time working on your play masterpiece, a musical on an obscure American historical political figure, only to realize when you go back through that you just wrote the entire plot and songs of *Hamilton*.

Single: You will boycott the movie *A Complete Unknown* for not having Bob Dylan play a younger version of himself, no de-aging makeup, just an 83-year-old man pretending it is the 1960s.

Couples: You and your partner will brave the fredamptic Caves of Froglophriopia, mining the rare poltrilxian gems as you avoid the beast that is Dartrillwriclivx.

Cancer (June 22 - July 24)

Life: You will find wisdom in an unexpected place.

Single: You will.

Couples: You and your partner will.

Leo (July 25 - Aug. 23)

Life: You will feel weird for reading *Lolita*.

Single: People will think you are weird for reading *Lolita*.

Couples: You and your partner will each take one leg of the same pair of jeans.





Today In History

In 1907, a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia, killed over 350, many of them boys.

In 1921, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed, establishing the Irish Free State.

In 1967, American writer, director, and producer Judd Apatow was born.

In 1973, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as Vice President of the United States after the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew.



In 2006, NASA released images from the Mars Global Surveyor indicating the former presence of water on Mars.



Shopping Trivia

- 1) This German company invented the running shoe.
 - 2) King of Prussia Mall, a location with over 400 shops and 40 restaurants, is located in which US state?
 - 3) Which store chain is the SECOND most valuable retail brand?
 - 4) How many shopped this Black Friday to Cyber Monday?
 - 5) What store sells the "bolmen" trash can and "ektorp" sofa?
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**Amesbury Public Schools
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P r o g r a m S c h e d u l e
W e e k o f D e c e m b e r 9 t h , 2 0 2 4

Monday, December 9th

4:00pm Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 11/18/24
7:00pm Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 12/2/24
10:00pm Whittier Tech School Committee Meeting -Recorded 11/9/24
11:00pm Information Bulletin Board

Tuesday, December 10th

6:00pm AHS Magazine Show (R)
6:30pm Cashman Elementary School 2018 Holiday Concert -Recorded 12/12/18 (R)
7:00pm Amesbury High School 2024 December Tri-M Open Mic Night -Recorded 12/4/24
8:30pm Shay Elementary School 2024 Peter Hoyt Walking Bridge Dedication -Recorded 9/24/24 (R)
9:00pm Information Bulletin Board

Wednesday, December 11th

6:00pm Amesbury 2024 Santa Parade -Recorded 12/7/24
7:30pm Amesbury High School 2024 Color Day Rally -Recorded 11/27/24 (R)
9:00pm Amesbury High School Thanksgiving Football vs Newburyport -Recorded 11/28/24 (R)
11:30pm Information Bulletin Board

Thursday, December 12th

5:00pm Footprints -Amesbury's History from Those Who Have Lived It -Show 3 -Guests: The Costellos (R)
6:30pm Around Amesbury -Show 63 -Guest: Steve Stangenelli (R)
7:00pm Amesbury High School 2024 Fall Sports Awards -Recorded 12/5/24
9:00pm AHS Magazine Show (R)
10:00pm Information Bulletin Board

Friday, December 13th

6:00pm Amesbury Middle School 2023 Student Artist Recital -Recorded 3/22/23 (R)
7:00pm Amesbury High School 2024 Fall Sports Awards -Recorded 12/5/24 (R)
9:00pm Amesbury High School 2024 December Tri-M Open Mic Night -Recorded 12/4/24 (R)
10:30pm Information Bulletin Board

Saturday, December 14th

8:00am Amesbury Educates -Shows From the Archives of this Long Running Series (R)
9:00am Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 12/2/24
12:00pm Around Amesbury -Show 63 -Guest: Steve Stangenelli (R)
1:00pm Footprints -Amesbury's History from Those Who Have Lived It -Show 3 -Guests: The Costellos (R)
5:00pm Information Bulletin Board

Sunday, December 15th

7:00pm From the Archive:
Amesbury Middle School 2004 5th & 6th Grade Holiday Concert -Recorded 12/9/04
8:00pm From the Archive:
Amesbury Middle School 2004 7th & 8th Grade Holiday Concert -Recorded 12/8/04
9:00pm Information Bulletin Board

GET THROUGH THE SHOPPING MALL!

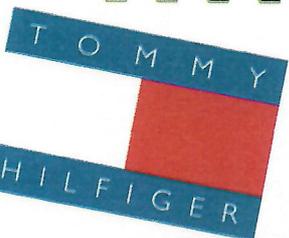
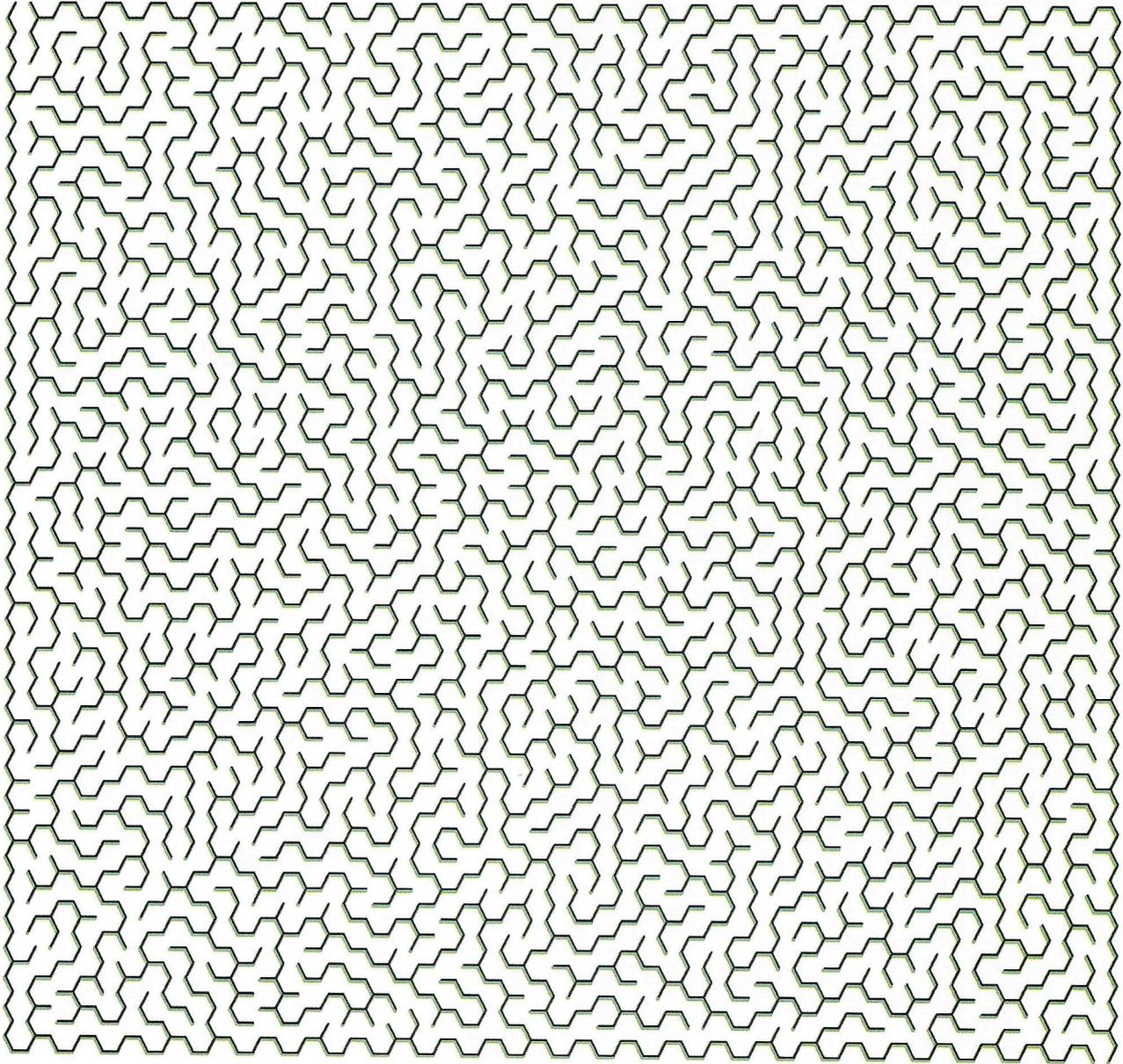
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LANCÔME

FENTY BEAUTY BY RIHANNA

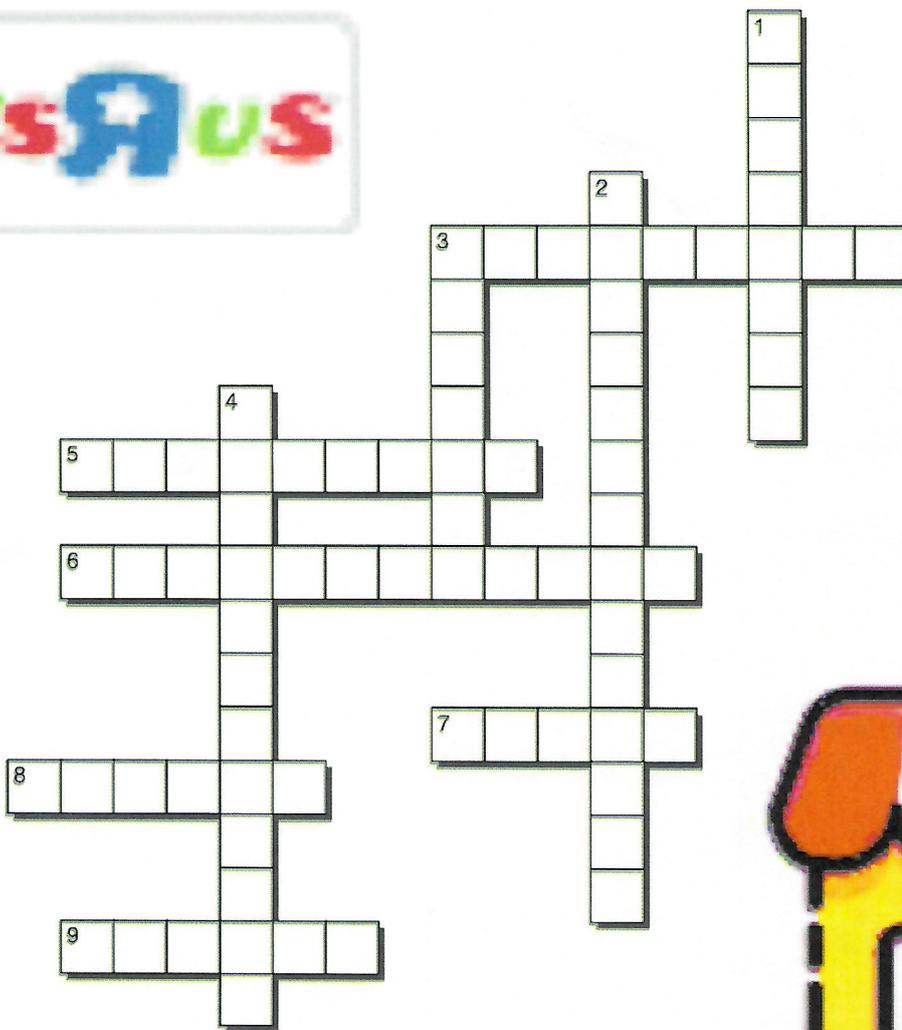


Too Faced COSMETICS

Glossier.

I'M SECRETLY A SHOPAHOLIC

Crossword



Clues

Across

- 3) This coffee shop can be found in a Target or Barnes & Noble.
- 5) Every girl owns a pair of this brands' leggings!
- 6) This grocery store, which is very close to us, is only found in four states!
- 7) This fast fashion, Chinese based, brand has grown popularity through TikTok.
- 8) An online shopping site that is the leading, most popular, site for online shopping
- 9) _____ is known for being a huge and only accessible if you have a membership to said store

Down

- 1) This store, found in malls, are widely known for their adult restricted items.
- 2) A brand, known for some controversy surrounding their "one size fits all" clothing.
- 3) _____ will normally sell expensive makeup brands.
- 4) _____, the coffee shop, originally started in New England and is extremely popular in Boston.

FAST FASHION

Sudoku

ROMWE

SHEIN

ZARA

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MANGO

OYSHO

ESPRIT

boohoo