



# The Bluffer



## Red Bluff High School adopts new motto, 'Cultivating Connections' to inspire students

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Going into the 2021-2022 school year, many things have changed, including the Red Bluff High School motto becoming, 'Cultivating Connections'. This new motto underlines the school's enthusiasm to hopefully create better relationships and connections with their students. RBHS staff were concerned after getting results from surveys conducted last year, revealing students were not feeling a connection to their teachers or other members of the staff. They decided to rectify this by having staff "... slow down and get to know kids on a deeper level," stated Mr. Hassay, Principal of Red Bluff High. Students are not the only ones Hassay hopes to be

affected by this new mindset. "We want our teachers and staff to cultivate as well," he stated, believing that new teachers this year and the year before were not getting an ample amount of time to develop connections with their teachers due to restrictions. The staff believes that developing a bond with students and giving them an adult they can trust not only increases the sense of culture and comfort, but has also been shown to result in higher academic performance. One way that Mr. Hassay is helping to cultivate connections is by going back to a single lunch period. Last year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was decided to have an A and B lunch period to minimize the amount of students at one time. However, with restrictions slowly easing

down, they have decided to return to a single lunch period to allow students and teachers to spend more time with their friends.

This attempt to cultivate connections not only includes direct staff or students of Red Bluff High, but parents and other

residents of Red Bluff. Mr. Hassay stresses the importance of making a good impression on visitors with him stating, "When we

get someone who walks in that front door, they need to feel the energy of Red Bluff High because when they walk in that front door it's their first impression." He hopes that creating connections in and around the school will create a better sense of community. This new found goal has already been making ripples throughout the students; some students have stated that they enjoy being at Red Bluff High and the biggest difference, being nice and funny, is that even with just eight or nine days, students are feeling the effects of the teachers' efforts. Even though Covid is still here, social interactions are returning, and it is more important than ever for connections to be made and rediscovered. That's what Red Bluff High is hoping to achieve with this new motto in the coming year.



## Red Bluff High School re-adopts old schedule; students like the change

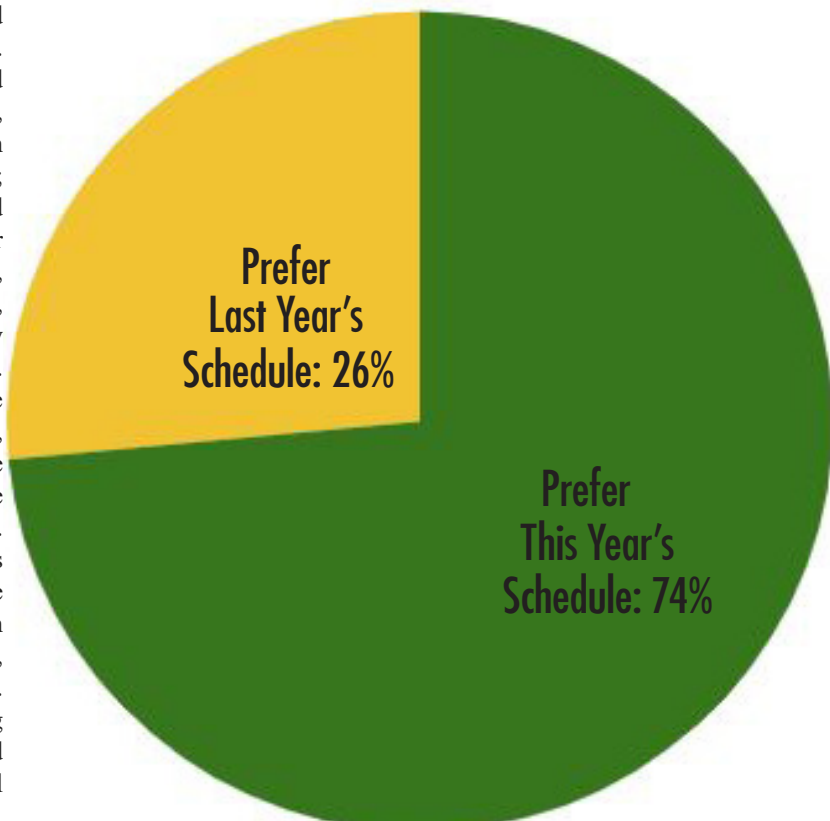
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With the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, there have been a number of changes. One of the more prominent changes is the schedule. Last year, we had block periods everyday. Students would attend their first, second, third, and fourth periods on Monday and Tuesday; then Thursdays and Fridays would be their fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth periods, with Wednesday alternating each week. Now, with the new year beginning, RBHS students have reverted back to the original schedule. This schedule entails that students have to attend all seven classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. The remaining Wednesday and Thursday school days are block days, meaning that classes are 40 minutes longer. Wednesday has the

first three classes, while Thursday completes the remaining four. Bluffer recently held a poll to see what students prefer. 74 percent of students prefer the new schedule, with the

remaining 26 percent preferring the old schedule. I have brought over 2 students from RBHS to describe the changes they like and dislike. RBHS Junior, John Sheffield said, "I liked

last year more because we were able to get food. I can't drive yet so I have to wait in line at lunch and now it's super long." Mackenzie Bradley shared similar thoughts. "I like the shorter periods more because I don't have to sit in a class for an hour and a half. But I kind of liked last year too because I could wake up at eight some days. The mask mandate is not as extreme this year, but the passing periods are way too short; five minutes is not enough time to get settled into our classes. Giving us an eleven minute passing period was great. This was a hard transition back." The start of the school year has proven that the school is reverting back to a more normal schedule and school year. Most students will be grateful for the shorter classes and reintroduction to the ten minute break between the second and third period of the day.



In a survey taken by 68 RBHS students, the green portion of the pie chart (74%) represents who likes this year's schedule more. The yellow portion (26%) represents who likes last year's schedule more.

## New greenhouse for the AG dept.

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As we enter the 2021-22 school year, we continue to see changes being made to various compartments of the RBHS campus. One change we are seeing this year is the new AG department greenhouse. If you haven't noticed, the AG department had a major shift of location on campus. It can now be located on the east side of campus where the old Spartan Cafe was previously. A big reason why we are adding a new greenhouse to campus is because the old one is quite far from the new AG building. The new greenhouse won't just be architecturally new, but it's also going to utilize up to date technology that can aid in the growth and care of the plants. The new greenhouse will have improved architecture and embrace a greater land area in general.

It will include a self automated sprinkler system, and long distance communication to and from the greenhouse when there is no one in close proximity to monitor its logistics and performance, such as turning the sprinkler system on or off, changing the temperature, etc. Like usual, the new greenhouse will be used to grow succulent plants, cacti, veggies, etc. Furthermore, the plants for the annual plant sale are going to be grown here. Some may begin to wonder, "Where did the school district get the money to cover the construction of this new greenhouse?" In fact, great news for the AG department, they were able to obtain a grant that will pay for the greenhouse and other projects that go on with the department. This new greenhouse will be a great addition to the school and aid in the learning of AG sciences.

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### ASB Stickers

- ASB stickers for sale in the Student Store for 25 dollars. Present your student ID at all home games to get in for free.

### Labor Day

- Labor Day Weekend is coming up this weekend. There will be no school on Monday, September 6.

### Work Permit

- If you are under 18 years old and employed, you will need a work permit. To get one see Mrs. Blacketter in the F Building.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Bluffer looks forward to the new school year...

The 2021-2022 school year is officially underway and it looks completely different from last year, thankfully. To begin with, fall sports are happening IN THE FALL!

It is nice to feel the energy around sports again because they feel more real than last year. Probably the biggest difference on campus is the more relaxed masking policy.

Another big change that is favorable to everyone is the return to the old bell schedule. In a small survey, more than 70% of students said they were in favor of the change.

Another one of the most exciting returns to school is the rallies. The first one is the Hawaiian Rally on Friday, August 27th.

though. This one will be shorter, start in the morning, and it will also be held outdoors. Our Emcees are seniors Lynsey Forsberg, Bagegech Dittner, and Ashley Nunez.

That's true for a lot of things with the sophomore class. Along with rallies, they get to experience school dances and the activities that come with those, sporting events including Holiday Classic and football games.

The return of normalcy does mean another thing that most kids aren't excited for, and that is homework and a busier school schedule. Last year wasn't easy on anyone, especially teachers.

Regaining a balance between real school and life may take some time but everyone will figure it out. To the freshman that are just starting high school, enjoy it. It flies by.

USA exits Afghanistan

Asa Morris Staff Writer

Since October of 2001, American troops have been deployed in Afghanistan, by President Bush, fighting the Taliban day in and day out after their terrorist attack on American soil.

At the time, the American public was told we were fighting a war on terrorism, an opponent we didn't have the luxury of letting run wild. Apparently, we now do as U.S. troops have been pulled out of

Joe Biden is confident in his decision. Joe Biden told reporters, "I was the fourth president to preside over an American troop presence in Afghanistan - two Republicans, two Democrats.

I would not, and will not, pass this war on to a fifth." Speaking of passing on wars, many of our very own Spartans have decided to join one of the

gotten involved in and although it's sad we needed to leave."

When asked about his future time in the Marines, Mr. Hughes responded, "This was just as embarrassing as Vietnam. I don't think this kind of "war" will happen for a long time and hopefully never again."



Twenty years down the drain.

Over a trillion dollars spent in defense contracts and spending.

Over a thousand American lives lost and around 20,000 soldiers injured in battle. The U.S. Military had nearly

Afghanistan, leaving behind the ill prepared and powered Afghan government to face the wrath of the Taliban.

Just days after pulling troops, major cities began to fall out of the Afghan government's control. Now all major cities have fallen and Kabul is soon to follow.

Despite the clear presence that the U.S. military provided to the region, current President

military branches after high school. Trey Hughes has already enlisted in the Marines and is set for boot camp this coming July.

Mr. Hughes stated, "I think it's too bad for all the veterans who spent so much time over there and all the lives lost, just to see it was for nothing. It casts a negative light on the Biden Administration even though it wasn't fully his fault; It was another foreign war that we shouldn't have

full control of Afghanistan, pushing terrorists into adjacent nation states and building the Afghan government into a strong ally that could eventually control themselves. All that progress was lost in just a few days. America might be World War champs, but we are 0-2 for foreign civil conflicts that we attempted to resolve.

Ads target the Gen Z kids

Caleb Polster Staff Writer

Gen Z is an ever growing market for advertisers as we enter the workforce and have more and more disposable income. With this, companies are trying their best to learn how to most proficiently market to this new demographic.

According to a recent Forbes article, authenticity, influencer marketing, and utilizing user-created content are key for appealing to the younger generation.

However, despite its popularity, influencer and creator driven advertising is still a young form of marketing, and with it comes murky waters.

Specifically, the (often intentional) blur of

advertisement and content is a hallmark of recent marketing. The lack of disclosure is bad for both audiences and businesses. Therefore it's a practice that needs to stop.

Today, most ads seen by younger generations come from social media. However, prior to its existence, most ads you saw would come from television; when the show cuts and goes to commercial break, with a clear distinction between the two.

On social media though, the line may not be so clear. While the more obvious ads may have a 'Sponsored' label on them, others may not be so aptly identified.

It could be an Instagram post from an influencer with an #ad tag hidden in the caption, or it could be an ad disguised as a simple recommendation, not disclosing itself

as sponsored content. One study found that 93% of top celebrity Instagram advertisements are not properly disclosed as per Federal Trade Commission guidelines.

Even news websites and other educational resources are guilty of a practice known as native advertising, which is the blending of ads with other content in a way that purposefully makes it difficult for consumers to tell the difference.

The lack of discernment between genuine and sponsored online media is a worrying trend.

Not only is it deceptive to the audiences and consumers, but it breeds distrust towards both creators pushing undisclosed sponsored content and the companies paying them.

Nobody wants to support unethical companies or creators. It would be better for

Healthcare workers worry about the mandated COVID vaccine

Ericka Soliz Staff Writer

The local hospital employees currently working at Dignity Health in Red Bluff, California are furious with Governor Gavin Newsom's decision on making the Vaccination Mandatory for all hospital employees.

If they don't cooperate by October 1st and get the vaccination, they will no longer be an employee for Dignity Health Hospital. Over 100 employees plan to quit if nothing changes. Nurse Heather Dainauskus works as an O.B Nurse at Dignity Health Hospital and she comments, "The state is overriding my rights."



Heather has been working there for 6 years and states, "I 100% do not agree with this mandation." Based on these circumstances, I have to agree with her. Some Dignity Health employees don't want to take a vaccination that hasn't been FDA approved.

Also, it seems like the state has forgotten about the 14th amendment. The 14th amendment states, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

In Heather's case, that's exactly what their doing. I asked nurse Heather Dainauskus if she thought this mandatory vaccination had anything to do with political

schemes. "Yes there is a lot of research to support that," she stated. There's never been a time that the government was forced to bribe its country to take a vaccine.

This presses the employees to believe something is wrong, and that's why the employees currently work at Dignity Health are going to stand up for their rights. Defending what they believe in. They are only doing what the hospital isn't.

On Monday, August 23, 2021, the vaccine was approved by the FDA. In this case, you would think that the employees would now be okay with the hospital making the vaccine mandatory.

However, that isn't why they're standing up. Their jobs are on the line and some workers spent years going to school for their dream job. They aren't going to give up that easily. At the end of the day, they have their family to think about. They should not be thinking about what they are going to do if they lose those rights and become jobless.

California votes for Gov.

Abigail Bentley

Politics, uniquely, have the ability to disrupt entire lives. Each news cast brings a new problem to the table. And every day, more events take place that cause disconnection, uncertainty, and fear.

There's always a political struggle taking place in America, and in California specifically, we have multiple. Our State Governor Gavin Newsom's job is hanging by a thread, held in the balance by the hands of the citizens.

Some look at Newsom's actions in a negative light, and others view him as a stable politician. No one could agree on who was right or wrong, or who should stay and who should go, so some of us decided to attempt to throw him out. The events that led

up to this event are numerous, though most have taken place during the pandemic.

From catching the disease himself to a vaccine mandate, Governor Newsom has led a busy life in recent times. The people of California themselves have taken physical action to fight back Newsom's mandates and laws through protest; most notably, the hospital strikes, where medical faculty have attempted to fight back the vaccine mandate through peaceful protest.

Most of the problems started when Newsom caught Covid-19 at a private dinner party, and in his apology, admitted to not wearing a mask. Though this was a mistake, I believe we have all made a similar mistake in the past. No matter what way you look at it, the people decided it was time to take a vote. You may have seen a ballot

in your mailbox- so did every eligible resident of California.

On Tuesday, September 14, the people of California will have their answer. The date for the vote is set, and voters are on edge. It's only a matter of time before the recall comes to a point, and everyone has the chance to vote. It is clear that California's political future is uncertain; yet, one thing is for certain- that political future hangs in the balance until further notice.



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# Spartan Sound off

What are you looking forward most this school year?



Joslynn Stone (9)  
"Being able to help kids in the future."



Gianni Dentoni (10)  
"Sports starting"



Lizzie Cannon (11)  
"I'm excited for rallies and doing sports on time."



Jordan Kirk (12)  
"My last year of baseball for Red Bluff and hanging with friends."



Mrs. Gantenbein (Teacher)  
"Sports and school activities making a return."



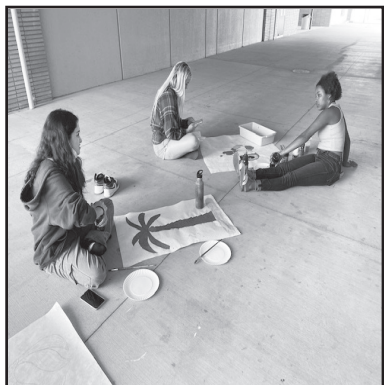
Mr. Penner (Teacher)  
"Making connections with students in person again."

Sound Off /Natalie Moore

## Hawaiian Rally Begins 2021-22

Kelina Lindstrom  
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Rallies are a tradition here at Red Bluff High School and have always been since it started. The Hawaiian Rally, which is the first rally to kick the year off, happened on August 27, the same day as the football game. Covid made the rally different, but we still had a great time. The rally happened the day of the first JV and Varsity football games of the year. Rallies are put on by the student government and it takes them weeks to prepare for. At



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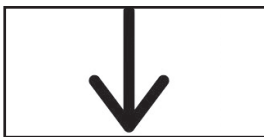
want to win and bring pride to their school. Pep rallies are historical and almost fundamental in high school. Rallies help create a culture of community as students work hard towards a common goal. They grow school spirit, create unforgettable memories, and also inspire athletes. Why break a high school tradition? After a long year of Covid-19, a pep rally will make things seem normal again. The Hawaiian rally was only 25 minutes long but student gov is made the best of it. However, Student Gov made the best of it. At the Hawaiian Rally we sat by grade and we yelled the year we are graduating, where the loudest grade wins. We also play many fun games by grade. We got to watch performances from our High School cheer team. We also got to watch our school band and choir perform at the rally too. There were many announcements from our school's MC's. Things like our school's upcoming events, they talk about the JV and Varsity football games and what the new school year is going to bring. A lot of crowd participation was encouraged during the rally.

## One foreign exchange student joins Red Bluff High School

Marlene Coyot  
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Who is Eileen Maack? Eileen Maack is a senior here at RBHS, and she is also an exchange student from Germany. More specifically, she is from a town in the Northern part of Germany called Prisdorf. Prisdorf is a suburb town 20 minutes away from Germany's second-largest city, Hamburg. While in Red Bluff, she joined the school's cross country team. Some of Eileen's hobbies include hanging out with her friends, cooking, working on her bullet journal, interior design, playing music, canoeing, working out, cross country, organizing events, and traveling. In Germany, Eileen would normally take a train or a bus to get to different places, but as she has come to learn, most people in the U.S. prefer to drive, which she enjoys. Eileen wishes to travel to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York sometime in the future. Eileen also has seen that here in the U.S, people prefer bigger quantities than people in Germany but she still enjoys it. While in the US, Eileen has observed that the school system is very different from the school system in Prisdorf, Germany. In Germany

the students are given three options of school. Each school had different levels of graduation from lowest to highest. The first school was



called "Die Hauptschule", with the lowest school graduation, the second school was called "Die Realschule", which was the medium school graduation, and then there was the "Das Gymnasium" school which was the highest school graduation. Each school also lasted a

## Dixie Fire burns through NorCal

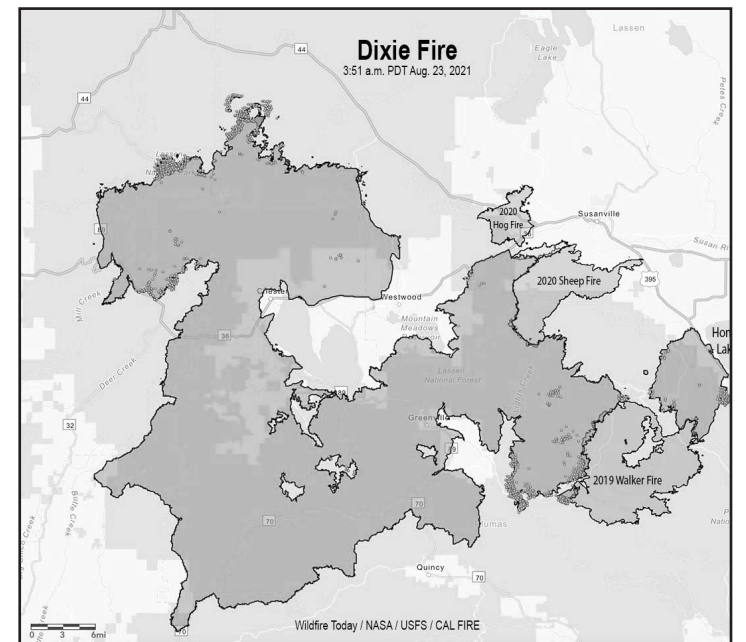
Luke Lyford  
Staff Writer

Fires are spreading like weeds across California, stretching for miles with no end in sight. The most recent and ongoing fire would be the Dixie Fire, spreading across some 630,000 acres, and still growing. This has just recently passed as one of the biggest fires of late, The Camp Fire, which torched the entire town of Paradise, California, and more, while boasting a huge area of 150,000 acres. The Camp Fire destroyed roughly 18,000 houses along with only eighty-five fatalities. The Dixie Fire has been named as the biggest single fire in California history.

The causes of how the fire was started are not completely known yet, but investigative Californians have evidence that the fire was caused by a fallen PG&E powerline; another similarity to the Camp Fire. The fire started above the Cresta Dam in the Feather River Canyon on July 13, 2021. This fire has invaded three counties including Butte, Plumas and Lassen County. This fire has been running rampant for thirty-five days so far with only 33% containment. Directly in the middle of the fire is Lake Almanor. Houses are lined all the way across the edge of

the lake. The houses lining the lake have a combined cost of millions upon millions of dollars. Our men and women on the front lines have been fighting to stop the burn from taking over these houses. Right next to the lake is the small town of Chester, where the firefighters have taken more extreme measures to preserve the town from the blazes. While the firefighters

fatalities from the fires reported as of yet. There have been evacuation warnings stretching all the way from Butterfly Valley to Talorsville. The California Fire Department says new fires have been started from lightning strikes. Although these are different fires they are still being classified as one single unit - the Dixie Fire. As of writing this article, the information is still accurate.



were protecting the lake, some houses along the west end of Chester, including a landscape yard and junkyard, were burned. The town of Greenville has also joined the ranks, having been almost completely burned, destroying over 800 structures. Thankfully, there have been no



## Women supporting women

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Staff Writer

Women Supporting Women is a club that is organized by students who attend Red Bluff High School; however, the club is not officially affiliated with the school. The club was founded by Amber Bowling, a graduate from Red Bluff High, in 2021. The club was thought up of to provide volunteering opportunities for students and to help support the local community, also just to do something productive whilst under quarantine. The current President of the club is Olivia Pelanconi, a senior at Red Bluff High. She has been the President for just a few months. She states that the purpose of the club is to help out the community and make it a better place for everyone, as well as the supporting community. Some of the things the club currently is trying to do is support local businesses and make Red Bluff a better place to live. It's admirable how not only are they supporting women, they are supporting businesses who need it, and therefore supporting the town, too! One of the proudest moments for the club is when they obtained

and donated over 1,000 dollars to local organizations. They continue to work towards goals such as those as you read this. Some of their hardest times were trying to follow COVID-19 guidelines to stay safe, whilst also trying to stay involved. Some things they've done in the past are toy drives and working in the Christmas Parade that the town hosts every December. In the future they hope to work with women's shelters and with the public library to further their efforts in helping the community. Recently, they've done things like make cookies and thank you notes for the local firefighting teams. There are currently 29 members, and they are all people who want to leave a positive note in their community and are all around amazing people who have the best intentions in mind. They are looking for new members, too. If you wanted to be part of the club, all you would have to do is find a member and talk to them, and then you'll get an invitation to join the club. They don't currently have a schedule because they are waiting for Red Bluff High's "club day" to get more members and eventually work out a schedule that works for everyone.

## Teacher feature: Mr. Shilts

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Mr. Shilts is a beloved English teacher who has been teaching for a total of four years. He is a freshman English teacher and this is his third year teaching here at Red Bluff High School. He has taught multiple grades, but this year is his first year teaching all freshmen. It was a long road but he achieved his goal of becoming an English teacher. Mr. Shilts received his education from three different colleges, attending Butte College, Chico State, and UC Santa Cruz. He said that he has wanted to be a teacher for as long as

he could remember and it was a passion of his. He was inspired for the most by his parents because of their teaching profession. His father was a math teacher, and his mother is a former English teacher and the current dance teacher here at Red Bluff High School. He didn't always want to be an English teacher, though. He actually came up wanting to be a history teacher because he found it very interesting. But one day at Butte College, something just clicked for him. That's when he randomly changed his mindset, and he then knew he wanted to be an English teacher. "I get through everyday,

and even if it's hard, I feel good. It always means something," he responded when asked what he loves about teaching. Mr. Shilts knows he can help people and influence future generations by making a positive impact on his students. However, he is not just a teacher. He has some very interesting hobbies outside of school as well. He likes to workout and play board games. He even enjoys the video game Rocket League. Yes, he likes to read, but not just books. He reads a plethora of things. He is subscribed to multiple magazines, he reads a lot of articles about history and

religion throughout history; he also reads Wikipedia for fun sometimes. Even though he reads all those things, he does read books too. Some of his absolute favorites include Blood Meridian by Cormac McCarthy and Labyrinths by Jorge Luis Borges. He tries to have fun in his classes and wants his students to have an enjoyable High School experience, especially with his students going into their first year. It sets the tone for the rest of our years at our school. This definitely sets him apart from other English teachers and it's admirable that he puts that kind of effort into teaching.



Photo/Bluffer

# 'Outer Banks' season 2 released on Netflix excites fans, reaching number one overnight

Jaycee Lee  
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When quarantine first started, it quickly became very boring.

Luckily, Netflix came through and brought us many new TV shows, one of these being Outer Banks.

After its debut of season one in 2020, Outer Banks quickly became one of the most popular shows on Netflix.

It still is after the highly-anticipated release of season two.

Outer Banks is about a boy, John B, who enlists the help of his three friends, Pope, JJ, and Kiara, in order to find a famed treasure that can possibly be connected to his father's disappearance.

This search for the treasure remains the primary goal throughout both seasons.

Outer Banks is that John B is innocent and get him out of jail. While John B is in jail, there's more focus on the other characters. Especially Pope, who is searching for his own treasure. We also focus more on Sarah and Kiara's strained relationship with their families, JJ's life without his father, and the newfound "romance" among the Pogues.

It is filled with many twists and turns, it makes for a good watch. \*Spoiler Alert\* The first season of Outer Banks I found somewhat boring. Season two makes up for that with John B and Sarah Cameron still trying to get the Royal Merchant's gold.

However, this time they're in the Bahamas. After having many near death experiences, they eventually make it home to their friends.

This is where John B is wanted for murder. He is arrested after a few days of being back on the island.

Obviously there is going to be some kind of outrageous plan to prove

I appreciate this focus on the other characters because last season it was all about John B and his search for the Royal Merchant gold.

However, the show goes more in depth with the other characters than in the first season so we get a better idea of what the characters are like.

Certain phrases seemed forced and it seemed as if the actors were trying too hard to make the show more dramatic than it already is.

Although the acting is not the greatest, with all the cliffhangers in the show it still proves time and again to be interesting.

Outer Banks is a very popular show, even with its crazy plot, but this



To every good

TV show, there's bad, and in this case would be the writing and the acting.

Throughout season two, I found myself cringing at a lot of the things the characters were saying.

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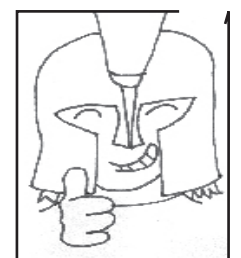


doesn't stop the show from

being as good as it is. From evading the police to using an ambulance to get out of jail, season two of Outer Banks is even more action packed than the first.

It had me on the edge of my seat wanting to know what happened next.

If you are thinking about watching season two of Outer Banks, you definitely should.



"Would watch one hundred times over."

## Marvels' Black Widow hits box office

Keira Klein  
Staff Writer

July 9th reintroduced Marvel fans to a fan-favorite, Black Widow.

The heroine's movie opened with an explosive scene from her childhood, leaving many fans gaping by the close of the first five minutes.

The opening credits summarize the childhoods of young Natasha and her sister, Yelena, showing how they were trained to become assassins, known as Widows at a classified facility in Russia.

The rest of the movie takes place immediately after Captain America: Civil War, following Natasha Romanoff as she leaves the only family she's ever known and finds her way back into the hold of another she had once lost.

Unable to remain in America after her violation of The Sokovia Accords, Romanoff goes into hiding.

She wasn't in hiding long, when she received a

package from her similarly exiled sister, containing a serum that could reverse the Widows' conditions; the



serum could turn them back into the ordinary women they had hoped to become before their childhood inductions.

Throughout the movie, Natasha and her sister reunite with the rest of their family, breaking their father

out of jail and confronting their mother at her house. Violence follows as the family breaks into the

Widow facility (The Red Room) and attempts to administer the serum to the women within, freeing them.

It's no secret that Marvel fans have been begging for a Black Widow movie for years now, nor that it is bittersweet to only get one AFTER the heroine's story line has ended.

Many fans were upset, saying that the movie had been delayed for too long and had lost its effect.

However, there were plenty of fans that were overjoyed with Black Widow's return, praising the story line and acting.

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It can give you accident reports and crime reports in your area.

If someone in your circle has been involved in an accident, Life 360 can notify you and send help to the location immediately.

Many students have this app on their phones so their parents can track where they go.

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Logan Deveraux  
Staff Writer

Life 360 is an application to help track your children, family, and friends.

This app is compatible with Apple, Android, and even Windows devices.

You can create multiple groups of people called Circles.

It can show you live tracking, completed drives, and where someone went during that day, including at what time.

If someone is driving, it can show you speed limits in the area and how fast they are driving.

It can give you accident reports and crime reports in your area.

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People have said that the locator is inaccurate and shows people false locations.

They say it used to work great and how they loved the app, but it eventually began to give incorrect readings, therefore not working properly.

What parents don't know is that kids also use this app to spy on their parents.

Life 360 can be a great app to track your friends and family, if it's used as intended.

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## Discover ideas and inspiration on Pinterest

Allison Spencer  
Staff Writer

The app that I'm reviewing is Pinterest, the app of craft moms and girls who can't find an aesthetic.

Pinterest is used for many things: food recipes, makeup tutorials, architecture, craft ideas, fashion etc.

Pinterest is set up really well and it is easy to organize your pins. You organize your pins by finding a pin you like on the home page or looking something up.

When you find something you like you hold down on it

and a bunch of options pop up.

You then press the one that looks like a push pin, then you place it into a board depending on what category your pin falls under.

One of my favorite parts of the app is being able to share pins and boards with your friends.

You can add people by going to the search page and clicking on the search bar, looking up your friends account.

You should then scroll down and click on the button that says search accounts (you can find them here).

Me and my best friend

have a board together, and it is so fun to see what she will put in our board, including the difference between the pins we save.

I mostly use Pinterest for fashion and art ideas. I love using Pinterest for fashion ideas because there are so many aesthetics you can find.

I have never looked something up where I can't find exactly what I'm looking for. You can look up very detailed searches and still find that exact clothing item or aesthetic.

I like using Pinterest for looking at art tutorials

because there are pictures and videos on how to draw what you are trying to draw. There are useful art tips as well!

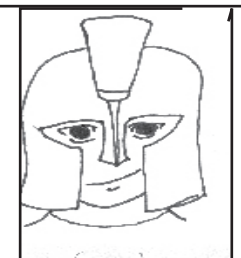
Pinterest is very easy to use and it is useful to people of all ages.

It is an amazing app that I definitely recommend.

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# Red Bluff High School freshman and JV games canceled versus West Valley

Asa Morris  
Staff Writer

Red Bluff High School Football is back. The season kicks off with Red Bluff playing West Valley High school. Lower ages such as freshmen and JV have been canceled due to West Valley being short handed. They will resume their first game next week, September 3rd, versus Paradise High School. Varsity plans to still play. The Spartans were 2-4 in the spring, but they're trying to make the best of a bad situation. It provided an opportunity for participants to become acquainted with their new system. For players like Quarterback Caiden Wehbey, who split time last season, this was extremely useful. For starting running

back Mohammad Holmes, a normal day is a busy one. sleep, then drink more water." Mohammad also stated,



When asked what his day is like Mohammad Holmes said, "A lot of work: wake up, school time, drinking water continuously, breakfast(huge), work hard in the classroom and weight room, practice time, try my hardest every play, go home, dinner,

"breaking through the hole and scoring a touchdown, intercepting a pass, hyping the boys up, and trucking kids," when asked about his favorite part. Mohammad and the football team have high expectations for him this year which "he can easily fulfill,"

says Quarterback Caiden Wehbey. Gabe Villanueva, senior, says "You gotta be a dawg no cap; mentally prepared to wreck kids," when asked what it takes mentally to play his position. Gabe loves getting that sack in the back field and

the energy surrounding the team during a game and hyped to smack corning this year. Gabe is just excited for a great season. Trey Hughes is also excited for the season and says it takes, "commitment, commitment to the team, to your body, and commitment to pain." Trey's favorite part is hitting

football, #America I love the intensity while playing. Trey says, "Safety is fun, and we got that dynamic duo in the backfield." For future weeks to come all levels of Red Bluff high school football will play corning high school at corning, anderson high school at anderson, and Lassen high school at red



bluff. This will sum up non-league games or preseason games. Next will come the league where teams will play for playoff seeds. Week six Red bluff high school plays chico at chico, enterprise high school at red bluff, foothill high school at foothill, shasta high school at shasta, and for the final game and senior night red bluff will play Pleasant Valley high school at home.

## RBHS Cheerleading



Codi Nguyen  
Staff Writer

This year, the Red Bluff Cheerleading Squad is eager to finally start the season. Cheerleading requires an immense amount of rehearsing and physical ability.

Cheerleading is necessary to get both the crowd and players motivated and energetic during the game. The cheerleading team is led by coaches Deanna Reid and Cori Dittner.

When asked about what she is looking forward to the most in cheerleading, Junior cheerleader Lizzie Cannon said, "I really can't wait for the rallies!"

One of my favorite stunts is the straight up lib, which is when the flyer is held above the base's heads with her feet held close together."

Lizzie has been on the team since her freshman year, and will have one more year of cheerleading at Red Bluff High School. Up-and-coming fresh-

man cheerleader, Ava Blankenship said, "I'm looking forward to bettering myself and learning all the new stunts! All the senior cheerleaders have been super helpful with teaching me!"

I'm excited to be part of this year's cheer squad." This is Ava's first year of cheering on an actual team, and hopefully she will become a recurring face on the Cheerleading Squad for years to come.

The Red Bluff Cheerleading Squad will be performing at the Hawaiian Rally, which will occur on the 27th of August.

They will also be appearing at our next football game, where we will be challenging West Valley.

The game will be occurring on the same day as the Hawaiian Rally, the 27th of August. Abi Zirkle said, "I am looking forward to everyone being together again for a school event, since there was none last year," when asked what she is looking forward to at the Hawaiian rally and rallies to come.

Abi Zirkle's favorite part about rallies is when people get hyped during our performances.

Abi also says her team is ready for these shows because they have been working hard leading up to them.

You can check all of the Red Bluff High School Cheerleading Squad's upcoming events and other sports events on the Red Bluff High School website.

The Red Bluff Cheerleading Squad has been training extensively for the past few weeks and they hope to impress during this incredible season.

The cheerleaders travel to all the games and do half-time performances. They also cheer on the side while the game is being played.



## Cross country team prepares for season

Micah Jackson  
Staff Writer

With the 2021 school year starting, fall sports have begun.

Go Spartans!! One of the first fall sports is cross country. Cross country kicks off their first meet on September 3rd. This meet is invitational only and Mr. Starmer is ready to compete against thirty-three other highly competitive programs stretching throughout northern California. Last season, the girls were top five in their section

and Starmer is excited to see what is in store for them this upcoming season. Starmer enjoys coaching cross country because he likes to see the growth and development of his runners. "My goal is to turn non runners into competitive runners,"

Starmer affirmed. When speaking with Coach Starmer, he also mentioned that he is highly competitive and uses that edge to push his runners limits during

meets that his runners will have to face in the near future. Starmer said, "I expect to see some of the younger runners build confidence and develop and to see



some of the older runners achieve the goals they set." John Sheffield, a

new cross country recruit, is excited about his time in the upcoming season.

When questioned about practice, he comments, "I like the feeling after running, the feeling of accomplishment and bettering myself for the future."

Some of the returning runners that played a key part in last year's season include Caytlinn Singler, Sofie Parks, Eli Moore, Wyatt Gardner, and Henry Duggins. Cross country is one of the four sports offered during the fall at Red Bluff high school and everyone is excited how their season turns out .

## 2021 girls field hockey begins

Keira Klein  
Staff Writer

A return to school brought a return to sports, with many students going out for sports they have always loved or ones they would love to try. A

popular sport many chose to take on was Girls' Field Hockey.

"I wanted to try a new sport," Angelica Venegas explained. She is a senior on the field hockey team, and played during the 2020/2021 season. "I'm looking forward to a real season and playing more than three schools," she added.

Last year, due to Covid, many sports had the misfortune of being cancelled completely. Some, like field hockey, merely played shortened

seasons against few opponents. However, this year the team will be returning to a regular schedule, with their first game on August 28th in Chico. Their first home game takes place on Wednesday, September 1st with Junior Varsity playing at 3:30,

and watch them grow over the season and years. Since field hockey isn't something widely available, many of the girls that tryout have never played before. Nevertheless, Coach Azevedo says that there's "a lot of positivity" among the



team, leading to a lot of hard work and dedication to the sport. The Bluffer

reached out to a first year player, Lillian Alvey, to see what she enjoyed about the sport. "I like

having something active to do with a goal in mind, and I like having a team," she told Bluffer.

Having a team helps build school morale and spirit. So be sure to show up with your green and gold to support the Red Bluff High School Girls' Field Hockey team!

## 2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS POST-PONED TO 2021

The Summer Olympics were supposed to be held July 24 through August 8, but were postponed because of the pandemic. The 2020 Summer Olympics started on July 23, with some special events happening 2 days earlier, and ended on August 8, 2021. They were held in Tokyo, Japan. The top five qualifying nations based on medal count were, United States, China, Japan, Great Britain, and Russia. The United States had thirty-nine gold medals, forty-one silver medals, and thirty-three bronze medals. They had a

total of one-hundred-thirteen medals with some notable athletes such as Lee Kiefer, Xander Schauffele, Nelly Korda, and Sunisa Lee. China had a total of eighty-eight medals. The first gold medal of the Tokyo Olympics goes to Qian Yang from China, after the 21-year-old came out on top in the women's 10 meter air rifle competition. Japan's Tokyo Olympic team included a record 582 athletes, with basketball player Rui



Hachimura and wrestling gold medal hopeful Yui Susaki

by martial artists with taekwondo-ka Bradly Sinden guaranteeing Team GB at least a silver medal by qualifying for the final of the -68 kg event in taekwondo. Russia athletes have been entered by and representing the "Russian Olympic Committee", using the acronym "ROC" for a country name. The 2020/2021 Tokyo Olympics ended on Sunday, August 8th, with the closing ceremony, putting

all eyes on Paris in 2024. France will host the Summer Olympics for the third time. The closing ceremony includes closing speeches, the parade of athletes and the handover of the Olympic flag with an artistic spectacle to showcase the culture and history of the current and next host nation (France) for the 2024 Summer Olympics. One of the Closing Ceremony's most memorable moments came when a video of a saxophone-playing astronaut appeared on the screen during the French national anthem.

# New Teachers $\equiv$ New Possiblites



Phil Graber

I was born and raised in Chico where I went to Chico High and graduated from Chico State with a Bachelor of Arts in English Education and a minor in Linguistics. After working my way through general education classes at Butte College, I decided to follow my instincts and pursue a job in education. Aside from my love of teaching, I coach the cross country team, which, in my opinion, is the best possible way to cap off my day.



Taylor Richardson

I taught down in the Palm Springs area for 6 years. Both middle and high school. Decided I wanted to come back up North. I grew up in Redding California and graduated Foothill High School in 08. Don't worry, I'm loyal to Red Bluff High School cause they sign the paychecks. I enjoy hiking, hanging out with old friends and exercising every day. This is my first year at Red Bluff High. I teach world and U.S. History and it has been awesome thus far and can't wait for more!



Jamie Bliss

I am a Red Bluff High School graduate (Yay 95!) and graduated with my AA and Brigham Young Universality with my BA and Secondary Ed Teaching Credential in English. From San Diego State and Simpson University I got my Multiple Subject Credential. I have taught here for 7 years- everything from 3rd grade at Bidwell and 6th grade at Vista to Juniors and now Sophomores. Im particularly grateful that I get to see my previous students again!

I was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, grew up in Pasadena CA, and now I live in Chico CA. I have worked in education for seven years. I have worked as a tutor, puppeteer, private teacher, and also as a Spanish and ELD teacher. I am a foodie and I love to cook! Two years ago I started a cooking account on Instagram and soon after, I was invited to audition for a cooking show on the Food Network.



Alejandra Montes Martinez

I am a graduate of Red Bluff High School and Chico State University. I've lived in Red Bluff my whole life and started working here starting about 20 years ago. In the district, I worked as a substitute teacher, classroom aide, co-teacher, director of the afterschool program. For the se past 7 years I have been a teacher at working at Salisbury. It's exciting to be back where I started as a teacher and I'm looking forward to a great school year at RBHS with both staff and students!



Christine Sanders

I'm a third year teacher and this is my first year at Red Bluff High School. I am the new Band Instructor. I've been playing instruments for 13 years. I've played in Carnegie Hall and been a part of multiple honor bands. I graduated from the University of the Pacific's Conservatory of Music in 2019. I'm happy to be here and hope to have a great year! I am looking forward to it all! Go Spartans!



Juan Casteneda

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Kate Briggs

I was born and raised in Chico, California. I earned a BA in Child Development with a theater arts minor from Chico State. While working for a social advocacy nonprofit, I became a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor and a Bridges Out of Poverty instructor. I returned to Chico to earn a Master's in Education and a Teaching Credential in English. I love being part of the Red Bluff High School community and the connections I've made so far this year.



Leandra Vazquez

I graduated from Chico State where I also received my credential. I was born and raised in Red Bluff. Spartan for life! The local schools I attended were Metteer, Vista and RBHS. My high school experiences led me to play on the spartan swim team my freshman and sophomore year! Thus continuing on and becoming a cheerleader my junior year. I love the great outdoors including kyaking, camping, woodworking and showing school spirit as the sophomore class advisor!



Marybel Torres

I was born a 1st generation Mexican American and raised in Tehama County. I am a former Red Bluff High School graduate and mother of two awesome children! I have been on campus as an educational assistant for the special education department for the past 3 years, this being my first year teaching Math Essentials, English Essentials and Academic Success at RBHS! Not only do I teach at Red Bluff but also Ballet Folklorico and passionate for photography on the side!



Karlee Garcia

I am from Los Molinos, CA. I went to Red Bluff High School and graduated in 2014. I was a Top Academic Senior and Homecoming Queen, and involved in Student Government and other clubs while here. After high school, I went to UC San Diego for my undergrad and Michigan State University (Go Green!) for graduate school. I started long-term subbing at RBHS last year, and this will be my official first full year of teaching math at Red Bluff!



Sean Linhart

I was born and raised in Chico where I attended Chico Sr High School and graduated from CSU Chico. I have a degree in History, and a minor in MiddleEastern Studies and so far have really enjoyed my time with Red Bluff High! Besides History, I love playing guitar and have been for the past 30 years, including in some unsuccessful bands., fishing, outdoors and baseball. As of currently, I have found RBHS to be full of exceptional students and awesome staff!



Kyle Conwell

I was born and raised in San Diego ,CA. I got my start working at Juvenile Hall as a TA which was tough but eye opening. After a few years, transitioned into working in different IT Jobs. Some time later, after realizing I enjoyed teaching, I transitioned into working at a school for Foster Youth called San Pasqual Academy. I am new to Northern California, but looking forward to getting outdoors (hiking,running,fishing) and becoming part of the Red Bluff community!

