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RBHS steps out in purple to support staff member in her fight with cancer

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Staff Writer

Nischa Gall, our school librarian, recently discovered that she was experiencing early symptoms of pancreatic cancer.

Having been known to keep her personal life private, she has become an “open book,” in her words; extremely grateful for the support she has received from both students and staff during the Purple Day event and beyond.

About the event, Nischa says, “It was pretty humbling. I didn’t anticipate it. I thought some of my friends and some staff would participate, but I didn’t expect so many

students to participate.”

Apparently, the Purple Day event encompassed more than Red Bluff High; her husband Hardy’s workplace even saw many employees don purple outfits for the occasion. Nischa has been a librarian for eighteen years and says she enjoys, “not only the books and the knowledge, but also the students, the staff, and the interactions I have with students and staff here on campus.” She sees everybody on campus as an extension of her family. “A wonderful addition to my family,” she says.

Nischa was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on August 11. Her favorite pastime

was running, and when she noticed a recent lack of energy in her jogs, she decided to ask for help. “It’s pretty rare for somebody my age. Most doctors I ran into expected me to be twenty to thirty years older, overweight, and with a bad diet. Before this started happening I was an active runner who ran daily. A limited amount of energy is how I knew something was wrong. A lot of people who suffer from pancreatic cancer don’t know until it’s too late, so I was really lucky because I knew very early. I could barely walk around the block with my dog.”

Most cases of pancreatic cancer are discovered too

late, however Nischa finds herself extremely fortunate to have reached out for help so early. She says her prognosis is positive, and that she is still overwhelmed by the amount of support she has received. She is happy to have an “amazing husband” that she’s been married to for 24 years, and “two amazing children”, who are a “great inspiration and strength” for both of them. “I’m a family oriented person.”

Mr. Sinclair, a teacher on campus and friend of Nischa’s, wore purple in support of her fight a few weeks ago. Having lost family due to pancreatic cancer, Sinclair understands the need to surround victims

with positive energy and offer as much support as possible to both victims and the families of victims struggling with cancer.

Sinclair recognizes the importance of keeping Nischa employed while easing her workload to best accommodate Nischa’s challenging circumstances.

Teachers pose in purple (Top Left), Mrs. Bliss’ class snaps a selfie (Top Middle), Staff members stand in support of Nischa (Top Right), Shantelle Estrada, Gary Ulloa, and Shannon Stone participate in purple day (Right)

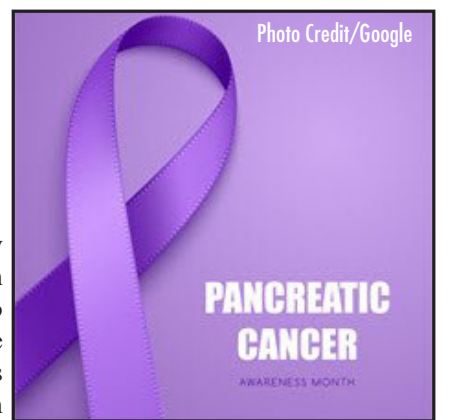


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RBHS helps community during holiday season

Keira Klein
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After the culmination of the Push Project, many students were left wondering what would take place in Advisory. After all, the Push Project seemed to encompass everything Advisory stood for: Friendship, challenging yourself, being grateful, embracing vulnerability, and so much more. The next project in Advisory focused on something new: Generosity.

In early November, Advisory groups were introduced to a

simple teamwork exercise, and then told to create a name for their entire Advisory class. Each class would be competing with the other Advisory classes to fundraise money for local families in need of Thanksgiving meals.

Classes were given the choice of either raising money for the Adopt an Angel program, or bringing in food to donate to families in need this holiday season.

The Adopt an Angel program got its start through the Salvation Army, who is in charge of the ‘angels’ every year. The angels, who are

children from local families unable to get Christmas gifts, write letters including details such as colors they like, toys

they want, and things that would really make their Christmas. These letters are passed on to donors that have



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Mr. Starmer strikes a pose with his advisory class’s pile of donations

chosen to adopt an angel, giving them ideas on what to get the children for Christmas. For our school, money donated from Advisory classes that choose to do the Adopt an Angel program will be used to purchase gifts from the children’s wish lists.

Since many teachers did not wish to be responsible for money for this project, many classes chose to do the food drive. Any non-perishable, unexpired food items were welcomed for the food drive. Unused stuffing and cranberry jelly were a popular donation item.

All students had to do to donate was bring in food to their Advisory classroom, where it piled up until the deadline, December fourteenth. Then, food was transferred to the local Salvation Army, who, over the next few days, distributed it to local families in need.

Everyone that donated both money and food through their Advisory class played an important role in making someone’s holiday season, somewhere here in town. This project did a fantastic job of showcasing the generosity of our school’s students and teachers.

Finals are coming up!

Sophia Drugovich
Staff Writer

It is pretty clear that everyone on campus knows what is quickly approaching: finals. Finals are always a hectic time around school. There are many events, such as the Holiday Classic Tip-Of Assemblies (Friday December 9), dress up days,

the Band and Choir shows, along with many winter sports like wrestling, soccer, and basketball. It can be a bit distracting sometimes, but it is important to be as prepared as possible when it comes to taking these big exams, especially knowing the schedule.

This year, finals will take place between December

19 and 22, followed by a break which will take place starting on December 23 through January 9. The first day of finals will be a normal release at 3:12 p.m. and the following three days will be an early release at 12:40 p.m..

On Monday, December 19 the first period final will take place from 8:00-10:00

a.m. After this, the rest of the periods will be 40 minutes each. Another important schedule change to know is that the week of January 9 there will be no advisory, but it will resume on January 17.

Monday, December 19	
Finals P. 1	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Break	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM
P. 2	10:15 AM - 10:55 AM
P. 3	11:00 AM - 11:40 AM
Lunch	11:40 AM - 12:15 PM
P. 4	12:20 PM - 1:00 PM
P. 5	1:05 PM - 1:44 PM
P. 6	1:49 PM - 2:28 PM
P. 7	2:33 PM - 3:12 PM

Tuesday, December 20	
Finals P. 2	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Lunch	10:00 AM - 10:35 AM
Finals P. 3	10:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Wednesday, December 21	
Finals P. 4	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Lunch	10:00 AM - 10:35 AM
Finals P. 5	10:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Thursday, December 22	
Finals P. 6	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Lunch	10:00 AM - 10:35 AM
Finals P. 7	10:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Trip Opportunity

- A trip to Costa Rica over the summer is being offered through RBHS
- Contact Mrs. Durfee (H403) for more information

Winter Break

- Winter break will begin on the 23 of December. School will resume on January 10

MLK Day

- There will be no school on January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The college application process is getting expensive for seniors

Throughout high school, students spend countless hours studying and working hard, leading up to one moment at the beginning of their senior year, college applications. As an applicant who went through this process, it was extremely shocking to me just how expensive these applications can cost.

Each application I sent in cost \$70. This cost may seem small at first, but the more schools I sent my application to, the steeper the price got. I applied to six schools in total, which ended up costing me \$420 on just the application alone. This was crazy to me because I only applied to public universities which are funded by the government. I can understand the high costs of applying to a private university because the students are the primary funding source.

Now looking deeper, students who apply to these colleges want their applications to have strong transcripts. I took most of the AP classes offered by the high school, and I plan to take the AP test for each of these classes at the end of the year. Each one of these AP tests costs \$96 to take. I enrolled in seven AP classes adding \$672 to my total. If you pass your test, you have to pay to submit your scores to the college you're applying to. Each AP test that you send to your college is an additional fee of \$15. Once again, if I were to magically pass all my tests, it would add \$105 to that application fee. Luckily, I didn't pass my AP World History test, so it looks like I can save some

money, but not realistically. The College Board charges \$10 to withhold your AP scores.

The argument regarding the high costs of admissions is that top schools need these fees to subsidize the costs of the admission staff. This makes sense until you look into how long college admissions officers look into each application. Each application is viewed for around 7-8 minutes on average. In an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Admission officers can run through as many as 15 applications an hour. So, doing the math on the application cost, these colleges are going through as much as \$1050 an hour. I know these costs aren't going straight to the college admission officers. However, the amount of money coming in is still extremely high. The college system could reduce the costs from \$80 to \$60 and they would still have good money coming in.

Another argument is that the price of applying creates a sense of exclusivity. However, applying to colleges shouldn't be exclusive due to the financial aspect. People don't apply to colleges just because they know other applicants can't afford it; they apply because they love the culture within the school. Therefore, using money to keep others away is highly selfish and self-serving.

Applying to college is already stressful, thinking about grades, talking about extracurriculars, and writing personal insight essays. We don't need applicants to stress on the basis that it's going to cost them a lot to apply.

Nintendo game tournament

John Sheffield
Staff Writer

The Smash World Tour, a gaming tour that has been host to hundreds of thousands of people each year, has been abruptly canceled by Nintendo. Smash World Tour was a fan-hosted event created in response to Nintendo's unwillingness to run a smash tournament; this tournament ran from March 12 to November 20 and was hosted in 6,500 different facilities.

This rash decision has cost organizers lots of money, since they were not directly involved with the Nintendo company. In 2021, the Smash World Tour hosted over 325 thousand

people worldwide and the winner of the entire tour was awarded \$350k. Following this sad announcement for many Smash Bros. fans, Nintendo announced that not only had they spent the last year watching and hoping to recreate their own world tournament, but they'd also be partnering with Panda to run said world tournament. Panda Global is an infamous company known for hosting many video game tournaments.

Although this is an amazing opportunity for Panda, the way the company received this Nintendo partnership could be described as sleazy.

While people were preparing early for the upcoming

tournament, Panda went around to smaller organizers of the event, and relayed to them that the tournament would be canceled; causing many to become reluctant in their support.

One professional player with hundreds of thousands of viewers stated on Twitter that he would, "...never attend a publicly licensed Nintendo or Panda Circuit event ever again." Unfortunately for Nintendo, many fans share the same sentiment, and although this multi-million dollar company won't face any financial troubles for one silly mistake, many previous workers and owners are now facing financial troubles.

Overrated Thanksgiving bird

Callum Lugo
Staff Writer

Alright let's be real, turkey is mad overrated. You can make the argument that, "you just made it wrong," but NO. It's always super dry and takes forever to cook. There is the dark meat and the white meat in a turkey, and the white meat tastes like the Sahara Desert.

I just don't understand the hype that turkey gets. I never see people eating turkey other than on Thanksgiving. Why is that, you may ask. Because it isn't good and takes forever to cook, bake, roast,

whatever. Okay, imagine this, it's Thanksgiving morning, you start the turkey, and you're hungry because you know you're going to be eating a bunch of food, so you're saving space.

You're making all these side dishes, the turkey is making your whole house smell really good, and you're like, "DANG! I want some turkey right now, but I have to wait."

You get all excited and your expectations go through the roof, but when it's time to eat, your sky high expectations end up being below sea level.

Okay, okay, we can talk about turkey being dry all day, but let's talk about how long it takes to be prepared,

and how much work it takes.

You can cook turkey so many different ways, and it still takes forever. You can roast it, cook it, smoke it, or fry it. So much work for such little outcome. You know what you can smoke, roast, cook, or fry, and it still tastes better? Chicken.

Also, turkey is huge. You have to have it in your freezer until Thanksgiving, which takes up a lot of space, and if you don't have a lot of family to eat most of the turkey, it's sitting in your fridge for a super long time.

Let's be real people, turkey is an overrated meat that can easily be replaced by chicken, a far superior bird.

Bruno Mars remains perfectly rated

Logan Deveraux
Staff Writer

There are many overrated things, and many underrated things. What there are not enough of, however, are perfectly rated things. By perfectly rated, I mean that there is not too much or too little of something; there is a perfect amount. For example, Bruno Mars can be considered to be in this category.

He has had fourteen songs reach the top forty, nine of which have reached the top ten, and five of those hitting number one. That said, Bruno Mars is one of the biggest stars of our time, and he is still not overrated. Since all of his top hits as a solo artist, he has taken a turn and now sings with a band named Silk Sonic. The debut studio album, An Evening With Silk Sonic, by

Bruno Mars and Anderson. Paak was nominated for the 2023 Grammy Awards. After winning four other awards earlier this year, they have decided to withdraw their album from consideration. Bruno Mars told American magazine, Rolling Stone,

"We truly put our all on this record, but Silk Sonic would like to gracefully, humbly and most importantly, sexually, bow out of submitting our album this year." It is not fully known why they decided to do this, but said they still wished to attend the party and celebrate the past year of music. Mars also added that it would be crazy to ask for anything else regarding their album, especially after their previous awards. All things considered, you can conclude that Bruno Mars is a perfectly rated music artist within society.

Tragic passing of four University of Idaho students sparks safety concerns among the college

Codii Nguyen
Staff Writer

On November 13, in Moscow, Idaho, four students from the University of Idaho were found brutally murdered inside their home by police after receiving a call reporting an unconscious person at an off-campus residence.

Police arrived to find the door to the residence open and discovered the bodies of Ethan Chapin, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle, and Kaylee Goncalves.

Two roommates were at the home when police were called to the residence around noon the next day, though investigators do not believe they were involved in the deaths.

A coroner determined

the four victims were each stabbed multiple times and were likely asleep when the attacks began. Some of the students were said to have defensive wounds, according to the Latah County coroner.

The night before, Goncalves and Mogen were at a sports bar, and Chalpin and Kernodle were seen at a fraternity party. None of the students seemed to show any signs of panic or distress.

Detectives are seeking any possible tips and video footage of the places the victims went that night, even if there is no discernible movement or content in them to solve the senseless slaughter of these young people.

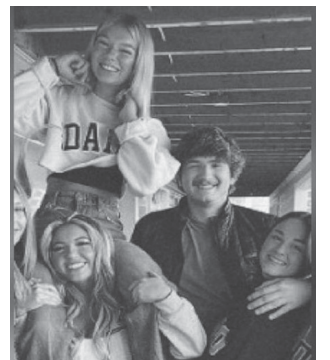
Currently, police have no leading suspects, motives, or murder weapons. More than 260 digital submissions have been submitted, which

include photos and videos, to the FBI tip form, yet the police still have no idea who is responsible for the killings. Police have sifted through more than 1,000 tips and conducted at least 150 interviews.

With an unknown killer lingering around campus, students are left panicked and in disarray returning from Thanksgiving break. "It definitely feels a little bit different," said student Hayden Rich. "It's kind of a different vibe. It seems kind of a sad setting. It is kind of quiet." Some students have expressed moving away from campus, and some refuse to return to campus until the suspect has been found and arrested.

"Maddie exuded love. She was kind, gentle, and oh-so-fun. Maddie was smart and motivated. She often worked

multiple jobs, did extremely well in school, and somehow always prioritized time with her friends and family first," her aunt Katie Blackshear said. "Maddie was cherished by our family, and we are all shattered."



4 Idaho University victims Photo posted by Kaylee Goncalves

Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle, Madison Mogen and Kaylee Goncalves

Governor Gavin Newsom is a product of nepotism in politics

Laylin Johnson
Staff Writer

Last month the United States partook in its bi-yearly commencement of election season. The following weeks of election day slowly, but surely, revealed the new makeup of the federal government and state governments alike.

A less important and unsurprising result was the re-election of Gavin Newsom

to the office of Governor of California. Whilst his victory is likely being celebrated by those within and connected to the democratic party of California, it should reveal to us as Californians how the current political machine has failed us all, a gross example of the extent that elitist nepotism continues to suffocate us.

The most blatant example of this nepotism is evident in the familial connection between House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Gavin Newsom. Though their link is now more political than familial, it still is an uncomfortably close connection. Newsom's aunt, Barbara Newsom, was married to Pelosi's brother-in-law, Ron Pelosi, between 1956 and 1977. A more subtle, though close connection, is that between Newsom, and former governor Jerry Brown.

It traces back to Newsom's grandfather, William Newsom

II, who stood as a main contributor to Pat Brown's campaign to become San Francisco district attorney in 1942. To return the favor, Pat Brown gave Newsom and his partner John Pelosi rights to operate lands in Squaw Valley (now named Palisades Tahoe).

Pat Brown's son, Jerry Brown, would later ascend to the governorship himself in 1975, where he appointed Newsom's son, William Newsom III, as a judge in the

California court of appeals. When Jerry Brown later became governor again in 2010, Willaim Newsom III's son, Gavin Newsom, would serve as Lieutenant Governor with Brown, and would himself run for and win the governorship.

From these connections it seems as if the political higher-ups of California are actively creating an intergenerational and interfamilial dynasty, organizations whose creation should be avoided at all costs.

We already suffer from the absence of term limits for our Senators and Representatives, and the establishment of political dynasties creates a neverending loop of unchanging and ineffective ideals, perpetuating snail pace reforms and stagnant government. Therefore, Newsom's reelection was not truly a positive for California, but a sad example of how uncaring individuals can so easily eclipse our social and economic needs.

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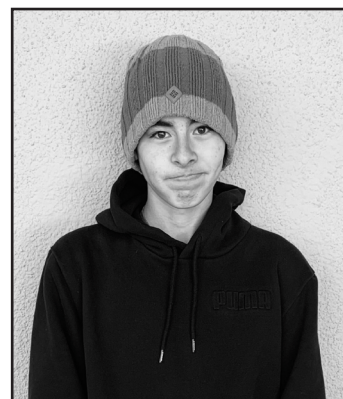
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Spartan Sound off



What present is on the top of your X-mas list?



Grayson Duarte (9)
"Honda CRF 250F Dirt Bike"



Carley Goodwin (10)
"Tan Uggs"



Logan Gore (11)
"YZ 250 Dirt Bike"



Savannah Marr (12)
"Smell goods like candle and lotion cause they make me happy"



Al Skaggs (Campus Supervisor)
"A new butcher's cleaver to chop meat"



C-Rod (Teacher)
"All my kids together in the same place at the same time"

Sound Off /Mickey & Brailynn

Spartans getting ready for the holiday season with rallies and spirit days

Griffin Grundon
Staff Writer

Starting on December 9, this month will be a busy one starting with the Tip Off Rally as our first event this month. In the Tip Off Rally student government revealed the nominees and winners for the Spirit Court. Abdel



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A possible design for red flag day

"Owen" Ali and Ashtyn Johnston-Dover were the freshman winners, Jackson

Bachmeyer and Josephine Parks were the sophomore winners, and Manny Ruiz and Brailynn Vaillette were the junior winners. The senior boy nominees include Ryan Nguyen, Trevor Tatro, Kristian Ago, and Miguel "Kirby" Moreno, and senior girl nominees are Elena Renteria, Lillian Gardner, Emily England, and Bailey Ferguson. Following this, student government announced the dress-up days for the week after. Starting it off with Monday, as normal, it happened to be a pajama dress-up day, although this time with a little more holiday spirit. On Tuesday, Ugly Sweater Day crept up, showing everyone the worst designs for a

sweater possible as if it was a contest. Holiday Color Day happened to fall on Wednesday, with freshman dressing in gold, sophomores dressing in green, juniors dressing in white, and seniors dressing in red. Thursday Candy Cane Day came, urging people to wear red shirts with red flags on them or white shirts with white lies on them, maybe even pairing up with someone you know to have one red and one white at least.

Today we have Holiday Character Day, allowing those who wanted to dress up like a Holiday Character and show their holiday spirit. Along with this today will be yet another rally, the last of the rallies

this month, this one more holiday themed however. After all of this, we'll be entering finals, a very

a break off of school. The winter break gives students two weeks off of school to account for the holidays and the end of the semester at the same time. At this time, most students, although not all, celebrate holidays which take place in those two weeks. Sometimes the holidays can stress us out even if it's supposed to be a time to relax, and for most people it is a busy time of the year. Overall this month has been, and will likely turn out to be, an all around stressful and busy time. Advisory is covering how to help with that stress and view this month with positive outlooks and silver linings.

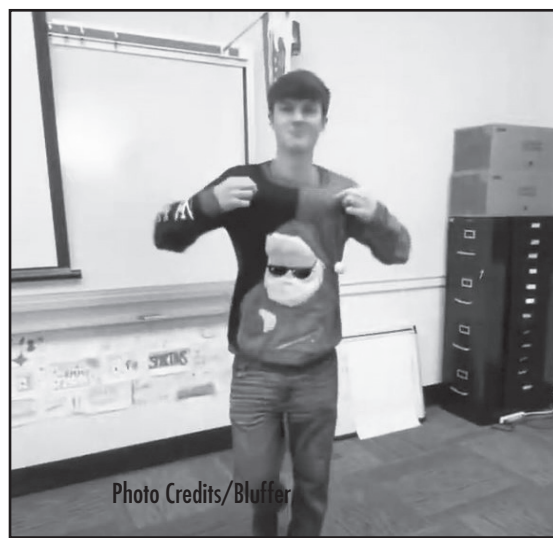


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Trevor Tatro showing off his beautiful ugly sweater

busy and stressful time of the year to most everyone, and following that we have

Artist of the month: Naomi Rodriguez

Luke Lyford
Staff Writer

November's Artist of the month, Naomi Rodriguez has a bright Art Career in front of her as she's already doing impeccably in her high school art career. Naomi has been in the Art Class since her Freshman year and as of now she is well into her Junior year. Although she has only been a part of the school's art program since her freshman year she has been doing art for so long she can hardly remember.

Naomi was asked who she gets her inspiration from and she says that it was her grandmother who was a very good artist who enjoyed painting. Naomi says, "I get my inspiration from my grandma because ever since I was little she would be painting and I grew up around her painting." She says she went to her grandmother's house when she was younger and she would always be painting which sort of jump started her art career. Her reasoning for why was basically the same as stated before, she just wanted to be like her grandmother

so she started to draw and paint. Looking through so many paintings throughout the years she claims one to be her favorite, "The Starry Night" by Vincent Van Gogh. Naomi says that this isn't necessarily her favorite but she is taking lots of inspiration from it for her most recent art piece.

She says that she has a very specific style so she can't choose just one piece so as of now it's just Starry Night. When Naomi was asked how she felt about being nominated she was ecstatic, she said, "I had heard Mrs. Null talking about it but I never thought it was going to be me, so I was very shocked." When she was asked what her plans were for her future she stated that she was unsure but she would like to possibly get an art major.

Naomi said she might want to attend a college in California, maybe in San Francisco but she's not certain on anything as of now. Naomi plans to continue on with her art career, as she definitely should, because she has quite a bright future ahead of her.



Photo/Bluffer



One of Naomi's masterpieces

Spartan Student Feature: Jett Bonham

Havyn Miller
Staff Writer

Over the past two years, Red Bluff High School has been very welcomed to have sophomore, Jett Bonham at our school. He is a very kind young man that spreads lots of joy throughout the campus.

During his first two years in high school, Jett participated in many sports and activities. In his freshman year, he started playing football for the first time and he enjoys it a lot.

Jett's favorite memory from football is hitting a big kid at U-Prep this year.

He enjoys being part of the football team with all of his friends that has grown with him since middle school. Now that Winter sports are starting Jett will be playing basketball for the high school.

He has played basketball for almost

eight years and is a great leader on the team every year. Jett's main sport is baseball, which he pitches most of the time or plays outfield.

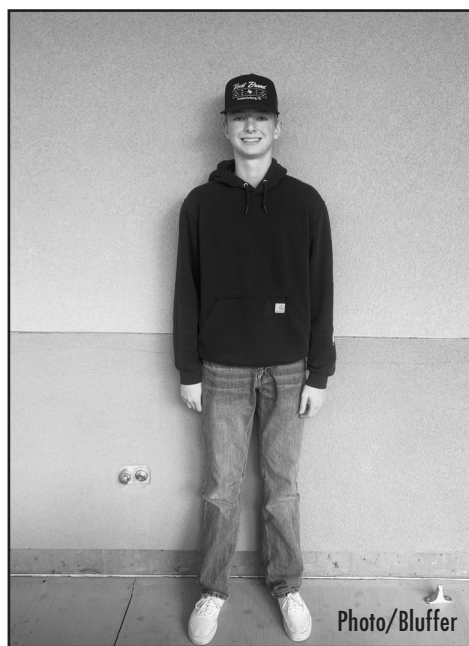
This year for baseball he is looking forward to the season starting and winning a lot of games. At school, Jett is a very great student to have in class and works hard in everything he does. He has

been in Ag mechanics for two years and woodshop class for one year.

He maintains very good grades while participating in sports, school, FFA, and doing extra activities at home.

While outside of school Jett enjoys going hunting, snowboarding, and fishing with his friends and family.

His favorite high school memory is going to rallies and watching people fall during the running games. After high school, Jett would like to go to college to play sports, but his backup plan is to either begin welding or construction management. Red Bluff High School is very pleased to have Jett at our school to help other students and his teammates become a better person like himself.



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Spartan Teacher Feature: Mr. Dais

Courtney Evans
Staff Writer

For this issue of *The Bluffer* we are featuring our English teacher, Mr. Dais. He is one of the 11 teachers we have in the English department here on campus and is also the advisor for our book club, Fiction Addiction.

This school year is Mr. Dais' tenth year teaching, and he has taught here at Red Bluff High School his whole teaching career. Mr. Dais has always wanted to be a teacher, but while at Chico State, he majored originally in Business. In the interview representatives of the Bluffer

had with him, he expressed the main reason why he wanted to be a teacher was to make a difference, and be a positive influence in students lives, that may need a positive influence.

Having a love for reading and writing has also paved the way for wanting to become a teacher specifically in the English department.

As some may or may not know, Mr. Dais was a student here at Red Bluff High School. There were many staff here on campus that made a big impact on him like Mr. Barrow, Mr. Palubeski, Mr. Fox and more. They had inspired

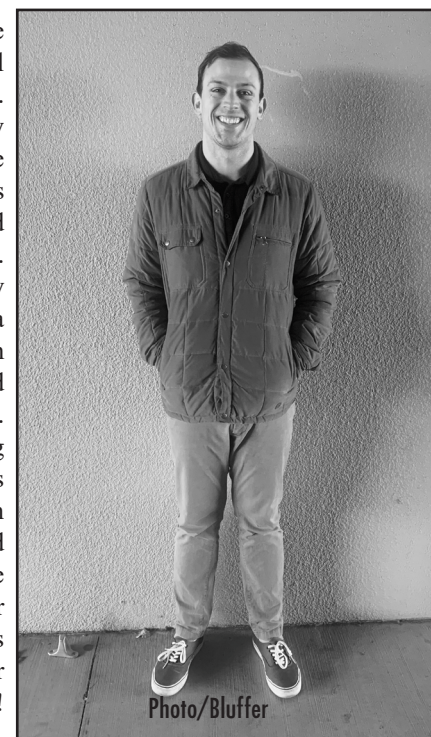
him to become a teacher because of how passionate they are towards their profession. As much as he loves his job, he says if he could have a different job it would be a voice actor, a WWE wrestler, or the most important job in the world, being John Sheffield's life coach.

A few fun facts about Mr. Dais is that when he was a student here at Red Bluff High School, he was ASB vice president and Gentleman Of The Year. He was also voted for best sense of humor and best ears. In his spare time Mr. Dais loves spending time with his wife, his

cat named George and his beautiful daughter, June.

Mr. Dais is a very kind, passionate teacher that is very warm and welcoming to all.

He will definitely continue to make a positive impact on everyone around him. Even with Mr. Dais only teaching senior classes, juniors and under classmen should get excited because you have may have the honor of getting Mr. Dais as your English teacher your senior year!



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The 2022-2023 Girls' Basketball season has started; players prepare for Holiday Classic

Keilina L. & Asia L.
Staff Writers

It's official! The 2022-2023 basketball season has finally begun! The teams have very high hopes this season and think it's going to be a great year playing with their friends and making new memories. Now that the girls season has started, the excitement has risen with their first scrimmage/tournament which took place on Saturday, November 19th. The JV and Varsity girls tryouts were held on October 31st, and November 1st from 3:30 to 5:00. The freshman girls team tryouts were

held on November 7th through the 9th and practices began right after. Camryn Dyke and Mackenzie Harris are 2 players on the freshman team, and I

recorded their thoughts about the season. Camryn Dyke is a point guard and has been playing for around 5 years which made basketball her favorite sport. She is most excited about playing West Valley but also nervous since she knows everyone on the freshman team. Her goal for this season is to get better at dribbling with her left hand but overall thinks we have a very capable team. Mackenzie Harris plays shooting guard and has been playing for about 7 years. She is very excited about playing with our team and is ready to get on the quart. Her thoughts on the team are that we have a good foundation and we can build a strong team that can grow and get better. Mackenzie

is most nervous about playing against the challenging teams and losing but being able to learn from them. Aralynn Stroing is a sophomore that got

she is a multi-sport athlete. Aralynn is most excited for a tournament in Florida which is taking place December 26 - January 1. Since she is a

playing since kindergarten and said "you miss a hundred percent of the shots you don't take". She got into basketball when she was young and fell in love with the sport.

For the team to be able to go to the Florida tournament they had to do a lot of fund raisers like an email fund raiser, free throw fund raiser, and some small town events give a majority of the money to the team. Other than the Florida tournament, the biggest tournament of the year is the Holiday classic which is held here at our high school.

Girls and Boys basketball teams from all around California come and compete against each other. The teams are most excited to play against Chico and Foothill and think they are their strongest competitors. All the girls on the team get along and already have strong friendships.



Varsity team poses after winning a game



Mya Rodriguez holding their trophy after winning second place in their tournament

bumped up to play on the varsity team. When she was a Freshman he got bumped up to play on JV. She has been playing since middle school and

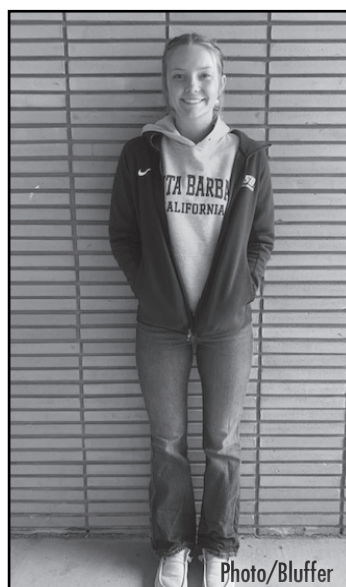
younger player on the varsity team she hopes to get a good amount of playing time. Ava Stroing a Junior on the Varsity team has been



Hannah Stringer (11) has been playing basketball since the second grade. Her favorite part about playing is the adrenaline rush it gives her.



Kalee Arrasmith (11) has been playing since sixth grade. Her position is post. She loves helping the team in a game.



Jordyn Brandt (11) is currently a guard and has been playing basketball since kindergarten.



Haley Christensen (12) has been playing since the fifth grade and plays the Post position. Haley loves being with her team and having fun, And, of course, winning.



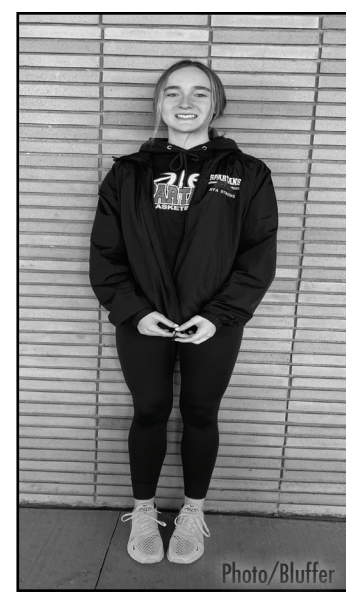
Elaina Owens (12) has been playing since fourth grade. She is excited to play in the Holiday Classic for her second time.



Mackenzie Banks (12) plays post guard and she is excited to play in the Holiday Classic this year. She has played throughout highschool.



Mya Rodriguez (12) has been playing since the fifth grade and is a guard. Her favorite part of basketball is the excitement after winning a game.



Ava Stroing (11) has been playing since second grade and is the shooting guard. She loves the intensity of the team.



Kaley Schorovsky (11) is a point guard and has been playing since she was about seven years old.



Havyn Miller (12) has been playing basketball since the third grade. She is the point on the team and her favorite memory is travelling for AAU.



Aralynn Stroing (10) Currently plays Guard position for the team and has been playing basketball since sixth grade.



Cidney Matatule (10) currently plays as a post guard for the team and is one of the two sophomores on Varsity this year.



Abby Sakalowsky (12) is planning on going to Shasta for a year and then transfer to Oregon Tech.

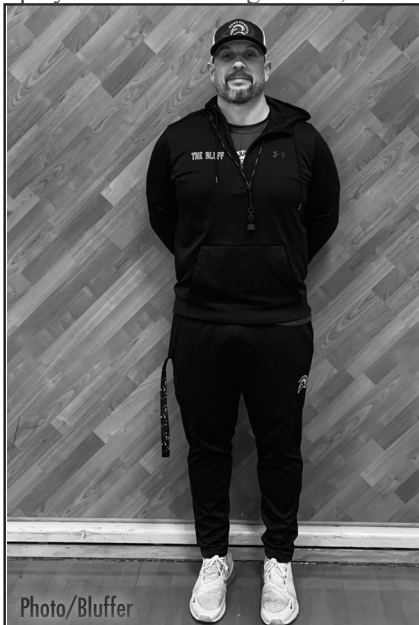
Varsity basketball's 2022-2023 season tips off with the Holiday Classic tournament

Piper Hardwick
Staff Writer

The Holiday Classic Tournament begins on December 15 and ends on December 17 this year. This tournament allows Red Bluff High School to play different teams from different areas. The coaches believe that it is a good opportunity for the kids from different schools to come from different towns and get to play teams they haven't played yet. However, this year the only out of the area team is traveling from Arcata, Ca.

The teams they will be playing against are Pleasant Valley from Chico, UPrep from Redding and Arcata which is located in Humboldt County. Unfortunately, there are only four teams playing

in the boys' tournament this year. This will be a round robin tournament so every team will play each other. "I am excited to play with my team and I am excited to play in front of a big crowd,"



Coach Armstrong

said Martin Radonich, junior. Red Bluff played Arcata the weekend of December 9 and Radonich said, "I heard they are a pretty good team and I am excited to play them."

The boys are hoping to bring a victory trophy for the Holiday Classic RBHS, because historically this tournament has been a very competitive tournament. Hopefully, the tournament can be more competitive next year if they get more teams involved. The Holiday Classic has been a favorite to every school because it's a fun experience for all the students to go and support their team. During the Holiday Classic tournament, while the games are happening there is a snack bar for everyone to get hot chocolate, food

and other goodies to snack on while they are watching the game. There will be more going on than just the basketball games, they will be nominating the spirit court nominees that will be performing in the kickoff rally with their group that they get to choose.

Every year they have shopping carts and they decorate them for Christmas to show them off in the holiday classic, they take a vote of which cart is better out of all of them. They have teachers compete to be a winner, they would have to show their school spirit by going big for the holiday classic.

During the halftime

show the cheerleaders put on a performance where the football boys do stunts and help with the students, they



Coach Nye

have the lights off and they dance with glow sticks and do all kinds of cool things. The school is also trying to house boys from Arcata to give them a chance to participate in the games. The teachers also do a dance during the halftime show and they all have to perform in front of all the people at the holiday classic. They used to have a fun game for the girls and guys to play and they had the girls do a three pointer contest and a dunking contest for the boys, they might or might not have it this year. The band and choir usually play during halftime also but nobody knows if they will be performing this year in the holiday classic. Everyone is very excited for this great opportunity that comes only once a year.



Diego Ortiz plays as a Point Guard on the Varsity basketball team. He also likes to play the ps5 and game with friends. He loves eating food and is always kind and extremely funny. Hard worker, intelligent, second year playing basketball. He says, "My favorite professional basketball player is Russell Westbrook."



Noah Bennett plays as a wing on the Varsity basketball team for Red Bluff, and has been playing basketball about 6 years, or since middle school. He said that he likes to chill out with friends and likes to listen to music. When asked what was part of his Christmas list, he responded with a PSS.



Carson Ledbetter Plays as a wing on the Varsity basketball team for Red Bluff, he said he's not a basketball player but plays anyways, is athletic, sometimes funny doesn't like math, wishes to get money for christmas and also wants a winch for his truck, Likes to hangout with friends.



Marcos Torres plays as small forward, and pushes others to do better for themselves. He likes to keep people motivated. He's been playing basketball since he was five, and is obsessed with winning. My favorite basketball player is Kevin Durant because he is a really good basketball player.



Martin Radonich plays as a center, 6'6 feet, likes to hangout with friends, and played basketball for 4 years. He says, "I love to eat mexican food. I Like to play video games with friends or by myself and also like the color blue." His favorite basketball player is Larry Burden.



Zane Dewsnup plays as a guard, his favorite color is green and has been playing basketball for 6 years. He is 5'4 tall. His favorite artist is Mac Miller. He likes sports performance the most out of all his classes, went to Vista for middle school, and played basketball throughout those years.



Josiah Browning is a junior at Red Bluff High School. He plays as a center, and this is his first time on the varsity team.



Kyler Contreras is a senior at Red Bluff High School. His position on the varsity team is a guard.



Ty Guibergia is a senior at Red Bluff High School, and has been playing basketball since middle school. At Red Bluff he plays Forward for the Varsity team. He is going to college to major in economics.



Mateo Vasquez is a senior at Red Bluff High School. Mateo plays as a forward. As a kid, he played in the Coca Cola League, and has continued since then.



Braden Grubert is a senior at Red Bluff High School. He has played for four years and played in middle school. He plays a small forward and shooting guard. He is also going to Shasta College.



Braden Robinson is a senior at Red Bluff High School. His position in basketball is a power forward. After high school he plans to go to Shasta and later become a cop.

Red Bluff Kiwanis
Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament
in Remembrance of Chip Thompson

Thursday, December 15, 2022
2:30 PM Corning Girls vs UPrep Girls
4:00 PM Enterprise Girls vs West Valley Girls
5:30 PM PV Boys vs Red Bluff Boys
7:00 PM Arcata Girls vs Red Bluff Girls
8:30 PM Arcata Boys vs UPrep Boys

Friday, December 16, 2022
2:30 PM Enterprise Girls vs Arcata Girls
4:00 PM UPrep Boys vs PV Boys
5:30 PM Corning Girls vs Red Bluff Girls
7:00 PM Arcata Boys vs Red Bluff Boys
8:30 PM UPrep Girls vs West Valley Girls

Saturday, December 17, 2022
11:00 AM West Valley Girls vs Corning Girls
12:30 PM Arcata Girls vs UPrep Girls
2:00 PM Arcata Boys vs PV Boys
3:30 PM Enterprise Girls vs Red Bluff Girls
5:00 PM UPrep Boys vs Red Bluff Boys

This year's Red Bluff Kiwanis Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament bracket



Daniel Parraz is a senior at Red Bluff High School. He plays as a power forward. Besides basketball, he has played football for 11 years.



Red Bluff High School Spirit Court Nominees

As the holiday's come closer and the spirit days have begun, Red Bluff High School would like to introduce this year's Spirit Court Nominees for the 2022-2023 school year. Each of these students and teachers have been nominated for their involvement in school activities, dances, events, rallies, dress up days and sports.

2022-2023

"Camo Day, because I like to hunt."



Owen Ali(9)

"Pajami Day, because its nice to be comfortable at school."



Ashtyn Johnston-

"Pajam Day-it's comfortable."



Jackson Bachmeyer(10)

"Bikers vs surfers- it's really fun because me and my sisters went on opposite sides and I had alot of ideas."



Josephine Parks(10)

"Crazy Hair Day- you can get really creative and it's cool to see all different hairstyles."



Manny Ruiz(11)

"Celberity Day- because there are a lot of options and peope are able to get creative with who they choose."



Brailyn Vaillette(11)

"My favorite theme for Spirit Week is 'Ugly Sweater' day, because I can be warm, cozy, and cringe - all at the same time!"



Ms. Batman

"LumberJack Day, because I feel like its super accesible, cuz everyone has a flannel, and wearing a fake beard is funny."



Ms. Bliss



Ryan Nguyen(12)

"Celebrity Day, because I got to dress up as George Washington."



Kristian Ago(12)

"Sports Day- because il like to wear jersies especially soccer jersies."

"Pj Day, because it's the easlesxt and they're comfy."



Trevor Tatro(12)

"Pajama Day, because I get to sleep in more."



Elena Rent-

"Red Flag and White Lie/ Candy Cane Day bewcause,-we haven't done tht before and I think it will be really fun and creative."



Bailey Ferguson(12)

"Ugly Sweater Day, because I have a really funny sweater to wear."



Lillian Gardner(12)

"Pajama Day, because im comfy on those days, and i feel its better to feel comfy than uncomfortable."



Emily England(12)

Mr. Pablo Vazquez teaches physical therapy 1st and 2nd period.



Mr. Vasquez

"Chistmas charcter day, because I get to dress up as the Grnhc, and that's great because I hate christmas. True fact."



Mr. Ackley