Disney’s High School Musical, Jr. comes to the N-W Stage!

By Brayden Cox

The middle school musical was January 26-28 in the High School auditorium and the show was a great success! Outstanding job to Mrs. Letcher, Mr. Fick, other directors, and the cast and crew of the ETMS Musical. Disney’s High School Musical centers around the blossoming relationship between Troy, (played by Jonathon Higgins), a high school jock, and Gabriella, (played by Liz Fuerch), the new smart girl at school. They meet at a New Year’s Eve party but are separated in all of the commotion of the party. Luckily, Gabriella is the new girl at East High, Troy’s school.

When the two of them audition for the school musical they are challenged by Sharpay, (Sarah McCune), and Ryan (Andrew Giandomenico). When Troy and Gabriella are called back they realize that the basketball championship and Science Decathlon are both at the same time as callbacks.

Will they be able to do all of their activities at once or will they have to let the whole school down because of their activities? Thank you to all who came out and supported our show!

(Photo credits to Mr. Fick)
By: Michellynn Schroeder

10. Horses aren’t the only one:
Dogs are canine and cats feline. Many people don’t know horses are equine. Other equines are zebras, donkeys, mules and hin-nies.

9. Donkeys + Horses = Mules?
If you were to ask most people, they would say that horses and donkeys make mules which is true. But that is only what a female horse and male donkey make. A male horse and female donkey make a hinnie.

8. Mules + Hinnies = ?
Nothing! Not even hinnies or mules bred with the same species make a baby because both are sterile.

7. Donkeys aren’t a breed of horse.
Actually, they are both equine but donkeys are not breeds of horses.

6. Horses can be shorter than 38 inches!
That is the maximum height of a mini.

5. The teeth tell the age of a horse.
Teeth are constantly growing and so are different features. Therefore, they DO in fact tell a horse’s age.

4. Horses kick like cows!
When a horse kicks sideways, it is called a cow kick.

3. A horse has two major blind spots.
Right behind it and under its nose. A horse is a prey in wildlife so its eyes are on the side of its head.

2. Horses can jump “blind”:
Because it can’t see under its nose equines jump over something without being able to see it.

1. Equines can’t throw up!
If your horse eats fur it can colic which is a problem that can cause expensive and major surgery or death because horses cannot throw up!
Yum...
A column about good treats and good eats!

by Olivia Barbarossa-Robinson

For our Harry Potter fans or anyone who likes good food, this recipe from the Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook will lead you in making the best mini meat pies you’ve ever eaten.

Crust:
2.5 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
1 stick (8 Tbs) butter, chilled and cut into pieces
1/2 cup (8 Tbsp) vegetable shortening, chilled and cut into pieces
1/2 to 3/4 cup cold water

Meat Filling:
2 Tbsp vegetable oil
6 ounces Gardein Beefless Tips, or other steak substitute*
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 Tbsp all purpose flour
1.5 cups No-Chicken Broth
1 medium red-skinned potato, peeled and diced into 1/4" pieces
1 medium carrot, peeled and chopped into 1/4" pieces
1/4 tsp ground sage
salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
1 egg beaten with 1 Tbsp water, for brushing the crust

5. Heat the oil in a large skillet. Add the chopped onions to the skillet and saute until well browned.
6. Add the beef tips and cook until completely thawed and starting to soften. Sprinkle with 2 Tbsp of flour, and mix with a wooden spoon until combined.

8. Add the chopped potatoes and carrot, sage, salt and pepper, and cover. Cook for another 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
9. Remove from the heat, transfer to a bowl, and cool to room temperature.

10. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the chilled dough from the fridge and roll out one of the disks on a well-floured surface until very thin.
11. Cut out six circles of dough and fit into the cups of a muffin pan, leaving the overhang.
12. Fill each dough cup generously with filling.
13. Roll out the other disk of dough and cut 4" circles.
14. Brush the overhang of the pies with a little water, lay the dough circles over the filling, and crimp the edges with your fingers or a fork.
15. Cut slits in the tops of the pies for vents, and brush the crusts with the egg mixture.
16. Bake for 45 minutes to an hour, rotating the pan midway through baking.
17. Let the pies cool for few minutes before popping them out to serve. The dough is really buttery, so they shouldn’t stick to your pan. If they do, use a knife to help ;)

* Using chicken is absolutely delicious!

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Hello and Happy New Year!
Wow, it’s already 2018! I can’t believe it! Well anyway, not much really happened... Other than me snuggling with stuffed animals when everyone’s gone... I hope no one minds but I get lonely sometimes, and I need a friend. I just found a whole lot of them in this one room. But I’m super bored. I don’t know how though I was just playing with a bunch of crafts from the art room. It was fun and all but now I’m all rainbow and sticky... I think the recipe that I found in there that I made, is a gooey like substance and kind of sticky, but I’m pretty sure the kids call it ‘slime’. Now that I think about it, I’m getting kind of hungry. Well, I’m going to go get me a snack. Bye!

Look for more clues in next month’s issue to try to figure out who’s behind all these mysteries!
NFL Super Bowl LII

By Kameron Stenzel

Super Bowl LII (52) is now here and will be broadcast Feb 4, 2018 beginning at 3:30 PM PST.

The New England Patriots will face the Philadelphia Eagles in what could be Brady’s sixth championship title!

The New England Patriot’s comeback win over the Jacksonville Jaguars — after being down at the half 14 to 3 — caused quite a stir across the league. With a second half upset, the Patriots managed to score two touchdowns both to Danny Amendola. The Jaguars responded by scoring again bringing the match up within three points to 20 to 17. With time running out, the Patriots would comeback with a score to make it a 24-20 final much to the disappointment of both Jags and Bills fans.

The Minnesota Vikings vs the Philadelphia Eagles match-up was quite a different story.

After the Eagles scored three touchdowns, the Vikings were only able score one during the whole game. This lopsided match-up resulted in the Eagles winning 35 to 7.

In related news, the Pro Bowl resulted in an AFC win: AFC 24 NFC 23.

Will Robots Rule the World?

By Nicholas Thomas

Robots are getting better at Artificial Intelligence (AI) every day.

A prime example of this is Anki’s Cozmo. In 2016 when Cozmo was released, it could sense a table ending or know your name through facial recognition.

Another example of a super robot is Boston Dynamics Atlas (featured in the photo below). This six foot tall humanoid robot may have been made in 2013 but you don’t want to mess with it! Made for United States Defense Department, it can break solid bricks in half!

Robots can even make your food, complete basic household chores (like the Roomba vacuum), and even take orders in restaurants in some parts of this world.

With the advances in AI evolving so quickly, the only question left is...will Robots Rule the World?
Game Review: Today’s game is... Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild

By Carter Galyen
Rating: E 10+
Developer: Nintendo
Release Date: March 3, 2017
Genre: Action-Adventure Game
Average Rating: About 4.5/5

Description: One of the newest releases in the Legend of Zelda franchise, Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild is a game loved by Nintendo lovers everywhere. It comes on many different consoles and is the first Zelda game of its kind. It is different in the way that it seems like a mixture of Legend of Zelda: The Windwaker and Minecraft. If you don’t know about this game, then you don’t know anything about gaming!

My Rating: 4/5

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Attention, Gamers!
This section deals with the latest in gaming news and reviews.

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Pokemon Ultra Sun and Moon

By Anthony Strangio

Pokemon is a fan favorite when it comes to video game series. It has even become its own tv show, card game, and a mobile game where you walk around in real life. Today, we won’t be talking about Pokemon Go though. Today we are going to be reviewing the new game, Pokemon Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon. Just 1 joke before we get ready, ok? How do you get a Pikachu on a bus? You Poke-em-on!

Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon are what they basically sound like: Ultra versions of Sun and Moon. However, now there are more Pokemon, Trainers, Challenges, Locations, and even additions to the story. One more thing: SPOILER WARNING!!! Now, let’s start the review.

Pokemon Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon have done what no other game in the series has done. Introduced new Pokemon to catch, train, battle, care for, and collect in the middle of the generation. A generation of Pokemon is a time frame where everything released during that time is part of it. Currently we are in generation 7. Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon introduced us to 5 new Pokemon. The first of these are Poipole and its evolution, Naganandel. Poipole is a cute poison alien thing. Naganandel is a cool poison alien bug dragon thing. Next up are Blacephalon and Stakataka. Blacephalon looks like modern art in my opinion and Stakataka is a living building. Finally, for new Pokemon, we have Zeraora. Zeraora is a cool electric cat that looks like Lucario. Now that we’re done with new Pokemon, let’s go on to the story. (spoilers!) The story is similar to Sun and Moon with some changes. There are 4 new characters, 2 of which appear depending on the version, called the Ultra Recon Squad. Some of the totems are changed, like how Vikavolt is replaced by a Togedemaru. Lusamine is less crazy while Lillie gets a Pokemon other than Nebby in the postgame. A level 60...Clefairy. That’s it. Treating your Pokemon with love and care has really gotten some more reasons to try it. Your Pokemon can dodge attacks and survive 1 hp. Overall, Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon helped improve the previous games and the only problem I had with it was that some of the parts were hard. Way too hard. (cough Totem Togedemaru cough cough) So, I’d give Pokemon Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon a 9.8 out of 10. Thanks for reading!
Creative Corner

**Slime**

By: Abigail Hatfield

Slime is my favorite
I play with it everyday
But sometimes it can be sticky
Then it makes me feel so icky
Although I’m not picky
I quickly chose my slime
But I have this friend named Mickey
He sometimes can be very tricky
Me and him like to play kicky with his slime

Even though I like lime
It doesn’t go very well with slime
But really I’m not blind
I can sell it for a dime
Because it’s not a crime
It’s mine
Now I don’t have much time
But I’d like to thank you
For listening to me rhyme
About slime.

The Funny Side

An original comic by Michellynn Schroeder