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Tennessee Volunteers: Men’s College World Series Champions

By: Jacob Scheuring

The Tennessee Volunteers Mens’ College Baseball team concluded a historic season with a record of 60-13 (Wins-Losses) and their first Men’s College World Series (MCWS) title in school history.

Led by pitcher Kirby Connell and head coach Tony Vitello, the Volunteers clinched the nation's number one-ranked team title. They began their College World Series campaign against the 4th-ranked Florida State Seminoles.

The College World Series is a double-elimination bracket until the final, a best-of-three-games format. The matchup between the Volunteers and Seminoles took place on Friday, June 14, 2024. The Volunteers narrowly escaped the Seminoles with a final score of 12-11.

The number five-ranked North Carolina Tarheels was the next obstacle on the Volunteers’ path to college baseball dominance. Two days later, the two teams would face off, and after a not-so-contested game, the Volunteers walked away unscathed with a 6-1 victory.

The MCWS semi-final was a rematch of the opening game between the Tennessee Volunteers and the Florida State Seminoles. The Seminoles, who had been on the brink of elimination after two victories over Virginia and North Carolina, came back from the brink.

Less exciting than the opening matchup, the Volunteers ran away with the game, winning 7-2 and punching their ticket to the biggest game in college baseball. All that was left on their road to glory was a best-of-three series against the Texas A&M Aggies.

Charles Schwab Field in Omaha, Nebraska has hosted every MCWS game since 2011; this year is no exception.

Game one of the MCWS Final between the Volunteers and Aggies was controlled by the latter teams, with the Aggies



taking an early 7-2 lead by the top of the 4th inning. Scoring stayed quiet until the top of the 7th inning when the Aggies put up their final two runs. In the bottom of the inning, the Volunteers attempted to come back, only to come up short, adding just three more runs to make the final score 9-5, favoring the Aggies.

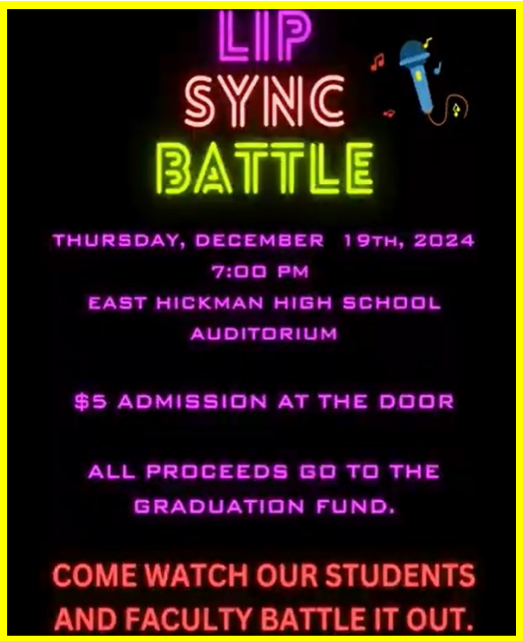
Game two, however, would be a different story. The Aggies scored a single run in the bottom of the first inning, their only runs of the night. However, after staying quiet the entire night, the Volunteers scored two runs in

the top of the 7th and 8th innings, sealing their game two victory and forcing a third game of the series.

Game 3, June 24, 2024, of the MCWS Final between the Tennessee Volunteers and the Texas A&M Aggies began with the Volunteers taking an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. They held this lead all night, with the Aggies playing from behind, only to come up short with a final score of 6-5.

Winning the College World Series is a massive accomplishment for any team.

However, this was the first time the Volunteers won the MCWS, and they will take their number-one ranking and try to replicate this success in the 2025 season.



Freshman Spotlight: Brayden Moore

By: Izzy Naragon

One thing many people may not know about Brayden Moore is his fascination with history. “I’ve always enjoyed it,” he says. It was his uncle who first introduced him to his love for the subject. Brayden says that they bonded over the subject by reading nonfiction historical books and watching documentaries of all the “wonders of the world.” They even made plans to go look for Native American artifacts, such as arrowheads.

Brayden Moore, a freshman at East Hickman High School, is exceedingly involved within school already. He is on the golf, basketball, and tennis teams. Brayden is also a part of the student council, Beta Club, FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students), and Pep club. He is a sports ambassador for the tennis team. When he is not in school, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time outside.

According to Brayden, his freshman year has lived up to his expectations by the way teachers respect the students and the freedom they are allowed to have. He also says sports in high school have more “competition” and are faster paced than it is in middle school. His favorite thing about high school is having another class



that could lead to new friendships and opportunities.

Brayden’s favorite teacher is Mr. Williams (EHHS Agriculture Science teacher and FFA sponsor) because he goes into specific details about the things he enjoys learning. Mr. Williams says, “Brayden Moore is honest, trustworthy, and ready to do and learn. He embodies the pursuits of FFA and Agriculture.”

After high school, Brayden plans on going to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

While his sister also resides there, that is not the only reason he sees this place in his future. Brayden likes that while the campus is big it is still easy to get around. “I love the atmosphere there,” he says, “and their sports teams.”

Brayden says he would really like to try and get on the golf team at the university. He wants to graduate with a bachelor's degree in “wildlife of fisheries management, wildlife biology, or another field that is acceptable.” He will also have to take a criminal justice class, but he says he has not researched about that yet.

Brayden says that the best part of his

everyday life is he can do his best and make mistakes knowing that his parents will not “shame me for messing up.” He also knows that his friends have his back and that he can do anything as long as he sets his mind to it.

His biggest role model in his life is his parents. “They give me really good advice,” Brayden says. “I know that I can look up to them and learn from their mistakes.” He also admires their work ethic and their discipline. Brayden believes that he can be like his parents when he is an adult, if not even better.

Brayden’s personal motto is to “always stay true to who you are and don’t let certain people change you.” He advises that people should not let others' disapproval get to them, and it is okay to make mistakes as long as they do not let it push their dreams out of reach.

His biggest pet peeve is when classmates constantly talk during class everyday. He hates how they never seem to care how it affects others learning around them.

When asked if he had anything else he wanted to share, Brayden says to “always stay true to who you are. It does not matter if people make fun. You just have to do what is right and never give up on your dreams.”

The Revival of Spanish Club

By: Ryker Hicks

The Spanish club is back! It is now under new management. Mrs. Elsa Rodriguez has taken it over as a sponsor, and she is very excited to see what the club will do this year. She said “I want to help us work on our Spanish speaking skills. She also said that she wants to do it for the kids. She said “we are going to work fundraisers for trips and other fun activities.”

She wants to teach the club more about the culture and traditions of the Spanish speaking countries, and she wants students to know the differences in these countries, helping students understand why cultures do certain things. Mrs. Rodriguez said she is excited with the people in her club, and she believes that she will be able to deepen knowledge on Spanish culture.

Mrs. Rodriguez said the reason she wants to do a Spanish club is for the kids, and she wants them to have fun. She wants to bring more Spanish culture to the school. She would also like to make Spanish foods for the kids in the Spanish

club to try. Mrs. Rodriguez is planning to do tailgating events for all of the football, basketball, soccer, softball/baseball; it would be for the home games only and have foods for sale like quesadillas, tacos, burritos, street corn, salsa, nachos, and queso. All of this money is going right back into the club. They are going to prepare and cook all of the food before and during the tailgates.

Mrs. Rodriguez is excited to show the Spanish club how to cook these foods. She said please come out and help support the Spanish club as they will reasonable prices.

Later in the year the Spanish club will be going to the elementary.

Another fun activity for the Spanish club is going to make pinatas and let the elementary kids smash them. She wants to work a lot with younger kids .

She would like to encourage the Spanish club to look for opportunities that may come up to take trips abroad to Spanish speaking countries.

This is her first year so she is going to see how it goes from there. She is hoping everything goes well, and she might add more things. She has lots of ideas and is open to what the club would like to do.

The Spanish Club Officers are Ryker Hicks as the president Mielly Garcia as

vice president Chrislyn Shupe as Treasurer Kanan Patel as Historian. For next year, she is hoping to get more people in the club, so she is changing the rules to where you have to have taken Spanish or speak Spanish.

This year's election for president was won by Ryker Hicks. Meilly Garcia got second, so she is the vice president. However, next year there will be a test for the presidency. The other officers were won by vote; she will keep that the same. She hopes to have more people in the club; she would also like to take on more events.



2024 EHHS Spanish Club
Left to Right: Chrislyn Shupe, Meilly Garcia, Elsa Rodriguez, (Sponsor) Ryker Hicks, Kanan Patel

The Downfall of Modern Gaming

By: Andrew Bryant

If anyone plays video games today he or she is almost guaranteed to see a small page in the menus labeled Store or Shop.

While gaming has significantly gotten larger and more advanced, it has also become a lucrative business. According to Statista.com, gaming went from a 200 billion dollar industry in 2017 to a 600 billion dollar industry in June of 2024. That is larger than the movie and music industry combined.

But sadly, with such a powerful money-making industry, industries abuse this power to get as much money out of players as possible.

Companies such as Electronic Arts (EA), Activision/Blizzard, and Ubisoft have implemented “features” such as cosmetics and battlepasses, which can all be purchased through microtransactions. Microtransactions are small financial transactions made online.

Usually, these microtransactions are used to purchase online currencies which are spent on cosmetics and battlepasses.

Now, before diving into the current state of gaming, who popularized the the golden goose of microtransactions? It was a small little game that was released in 2017, *Fortnite Battle Royale*

Fortnite released to major internet stardom becoming one of the biggest battle royales with a unique take on the third person shooter genre with unique features such as building cover from enemy fire with materials from the environment.

While not the first Battle Royale, it was the one of the first to introduce an online currency. Known as V-Bucks, which could be used to purchase skins

for the game or the battle pass. A battle pass is a type of unlockable path which includes skins and other types of cosmetics.

While *Fortnite* perfected the system, other companies saw the potential of microtransactions and jumped on it like a predator jumps on prey. Activision, the famous makers of *Call of Duty*, have fallen victim to the greed of microtransactions.

After the explosion of the battle royale genre with *Fortnite*, Activision tried to replicate the success with their first attempt at a battle royale with *Blackout*, a gamemode for *Call of Duty: Black Ops Four*. It was not as popular as their second attempt.

Warzone, essentially an entirely new game tied in with *Modern Warfare (2019)*, was received with general positivity. It was even updated through the multiplayer games that were released in the following years.

This game also fell victim to greed in the form of COD Points which could be spent on bundles which contain skins and other cosmetic items. However, there are other ways that companies get greedy without microtransactions.

Playstation, home to some of the most recognizable games and gaming systems in history, has recently gotten greedy with its recent re-releases and remasters on their newest Console the Playstation Five.

A re-release is when a company takes a game from an older system and releases it on their current console.

One of Playstation’s most infamous remastered games (when a company or developer takes older games and upgrades them for new consoles) is *The Last of Us Part One* for Playstation Five for \$70 which was released in 2023. The Last of Us originally came out on the Playstation Three in 2013 for \$60.

For a game that came out over 10 years ago, \$70 for a full remake is an unreasonable price.

Some companies and games have

attempted to find a happy medium with microtransactions. *Helldivers Two* released in early 2024 and featured their own currency: Super Credits. While purchasable through microtransactions, one can also earn the currency through looting the levels, or searching through the setting, in the game.

These companies that have a target audience of 25 and under are targeting the variable emotions of teens and young adults. Seeing these “cool” skins and seeing others that have these skins trigger an almost immediate impulse to buy and spend.

Gamers have voiced their concerns over this issue in gaming for several years now, yet companies continue their greedy practices. One can only hope that in the future companies will see the outcries of gamers and listen to them. However, until then, gamers will have to ride out one of the most greed filled times in gaming.

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Borderlands: Movie Review

By: Jamie Meadows

The Borderlands movie, based on the game-series of the same name, was released on August 9th, 2024 and was a horrific movie.

Borderlands consists of three mainline games, a ton of spinoffs, and an upcoming fourth mainline game in 2025.

It took what had the potential of a good two and a half hour movie and made a one hour and forty-two minute disaster. It felt like when I would blink I would miss multiple major plot points because of how fast paced it was. The pacing may have been trying to be comedic, but it created a feeling of confusion and made the plot hard to follow.

It tried to be funny, but only made me laugh one time, the only remotely funny character was Claptrap, with all the jokes being very cliché or filled with overused inappropriate language that were all equally un-funny.

Confusingly, the movie uses the same

type of humor the games have all used, but the movie just didn't have the same feel for the humor as compared to the games possibly this was because of the game animation versus real-life actors.

The cast, while star studded, is just that, star studded. The main character of the movie, Lilith, is played by Cate Blanchett. Lilith in the game is a 27-year-old who looks a little younger than she is. Cate, however, is 55 years old which makes no sense, why have a younger character played by an older actor? They could've pulled random people from a hat and could have delivered a similar and more accurate performance.

I found no character really memorable apart from Claptrap. Claptrap delivers most of the punchlines, but the jokes were not the best. The jokes made me remember Claptrap as the character he's meant to be, a not-so-funny jokester.

While Claptrap, the annoying but lovable little robot is definitely the highlight of the movie; they pull what I like to call the Jack Black card.

Jack Black has been featured in many movies in the past twenty years and has

made a successful acting career for himself. He has also appeared in many video games and video game inspired movies. He has appeared in Jumanji and its sequel, The Mario Movie, and is set to be a major character in the upcoming Minecraft movie. The characters he plays are normally comedic relief, which is why he is a great choice for Claptrap.

We shouldn't continue without talking about the delayed release. This movie concluded shooting in 2021. This three year gap was full of reshoots which is almost never good for a movie.

You would think for a movie they would hire a director for a high action and comedy movie. They would, wouldn't they? No, instead they hired Eli Roth, who is best known for horror and thriller movies—not even someone who has experience with this concept of movie.

For final thoughts, the Borderlands movie is riddled the whole way through with inconsistencies and problems with the characters, plot, and overall feel of the movie. It is not a good adaptation of the game or a good movie.

I give this movie one dumpster fire out of ten Jack Blacks.

Short Story Contest Winner: The Great Death

By: Chyanne Jarmuzek

The sun rises from the east and with it comes the chill of autumn weather. I walk on the stone path, feeling the crunch of the rocks below my boots. With change of weather, comes more struggling. Starvation has slowly been on the rise. The world has watched as Europe slowly crumbles. However, my worry should not be on things I can not control. The biggest worry at the front of my mind is my family's future. We are at risk. This morning, my son gave me an eagle necklace for my birthday. He has a love for creating. I think of him as I open the door to the shop, made entirely of stone bricks. The interior of the room is hot and humid, despite the various windows around the room. The forge is located near one window. With the war tensions increasing, it is possible that I will be working overtime to finish everything. "Almost late again, I see". My employer says those same words to me everyday. He relishes in the fact that he can torture me with possibility of being dismissed.

"I am your best worker, have you forgotten?" He laughs hysterically but the laugh is overpowered with a brutal cough that sounds like it erupted from the depths of his soul. He doubles over, falling out of his seat and onto the floor.

"Oh my! Sir, let me assist you back to your seat!" I say as calmly as my voice will allow. I manage to get him back into his chair but not before he covers my tunic in his own blood. He must be terribly ill! I attempt to lean him forward so the blood he coughs up will stride to the floor.

"I am so sorry good son, I did not mean—". The next cough is violent and he begins to tremble as he tries to regain himself. "There is a sickness spreading, my boy. I was hoping that you would return to your residence before I get you sick."

"A sickness? I heard quite a while ago about an illness spreading throughout Europe but I've been so occu-

pied that I did not question it. Is the sickness here? What can it do? "I will go home sir, but not before I get you help!" I must hurry! I make haste through the door and back onto the street that I came before. I rushed to the infirmary, which is in poor condition as of late. The door to the infirmary is busted open, thanks to me, and I scout the room for anyone who can help me. The "doctor" is currently sitting on a pale sheeted bed, with a man who is covered in ice, to break his fever I conclude. "Doctor, my boss has fallen ill, over in the plaza! The Steeled Sword, you know him? I take a moment to look around and I cannot believe what I see. The infirmary is stocked and men are layed out bed-to-bed. There is not an empty bed in sight. He looks at me and shakes his head.

"Son, there's nothing I can do for anyone anymore. The infirmary is full and I am unsure about this illness, if that's what it is." If this has spread to this many people then what is happening back home?

"I am sorry about your predicament but I must go home, God forgive me!" I ran back through the door which I came, hurrying back to my home. This must be a nightmare from which I have not awoken. The streets that were peaceful on my way to work are now flooded with bodies everywhere, both living and dead.

The loss of many lives spreads through my village like Death, capturing everyone in his wake. Has God forsaken us? The street to my house is eerily quiet, a complete contrast to the loudness coming from the larger part of the village. I approach my house, but I notice that the door is open.

I feel a rush of several emotions at once; fear, sadness, depression, and anger all hit me at once, almost stunning me into stillness. However, I must press on. As I open the wooden door, it creaks slowly. I don't hear anything at first but after listening for a few heartbeats, I hear a girl crying. Wait, I know that sound. Beatrice? Why is my daughter crying? I do not hesitate to dash into the kitchen, where my daughter sobs.

"Beatrice sweetheart—" My daughter holds my son, Cassian, in her arms. She weeps as he appears to be unresponsive. Oh god above, no! This is not happening to my family, not them.

"Beatrice darling, give me Cassian!" She looks up from where she sobs, the tears come to a halt when she lays her eyes on me. "Papa, is he dead? I cannot wake him, I fear he is gone." I hold her gaze, hoping to calm her down. "Darling, let me look". Oh how I wish I didn't look. Cassian's face is drained of color. He has a large lump in his neck, it protrudes out of him like a violent egg trying to escape. His eyes stare into the abyss, his body unmoving. I hold in my tears as I take Cassian from Beatrice, trying not to cry. What would she do if she saw my tears? "Sweetheart, where is your mother?" I glanced at her through my tears, holding Cassian's limp body.

"She left earlier papa, she wanted to help the sick people." Oh god, is she gone too? My lovely wife, no not her too!

"Okay darling, I need you to stay here! You hear me? Do not leave this house and do not open the door for anyone!"

She immediately replies, timidly she says, "Yes, sir. I understand." I lay my son down in the dirt and get to work. When I'm finished, there is a hole about 3 feet deep in the dirt.

Physically, I am unable to continue. I shed the tears I had been holding in while I lay my son in his resting place. My boy is gone. No more crafts and no more smiles. No more him. I barely manage to cover my son in dirt before I wail. My weeping would most likely be heard from every corner of France as I grieve for my son. How is this happening? My boy did not deserve this. I turn my gaze towards the sky to question why God would allow this to happen. As my eyes drift upwards, I see the lonely tree in our backyard.

The tree is not lonely, however, as a giant eagle swoops down and perches on a branch, staring intently at me. My son had always wanted to see an eagle. He had spent days dreaming about what one would look like. Now, I was seeing one and my son would never get to. My tears began to pour harder as I remembered what my son said the last time I saw him. "Here's a good luck charm papa, I will not need it because I am a lucky boy and you are not."

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EAGLE'S FOOTBALL



Should Study Halls Make A Return?

By: Jamie Meadows

In my opinion, and other students' opinions, we should. I have heard many students talk about how they would like a study hall and how it would benefit their grades and overall school performance.

Implementing a study hall would help students mentally by giving them a chance to regroup their thoughts and recharge their brain, as well as managing academic responsibilities by helping get work for all classes caught up so they are not behind. It could also help reduce students' academic stress by helping them to lower their workload at home, and get assignments done sooner, giving them less work to worry about during other classes and at home.

A study hall would also be a very good time to study. It's even in the name! Students could use the time to study for any upcoming quizzes or tests. It would give the opportunity to study more than you usually could.

Study hall would be a huge help for students who need to catch up on missing work when students have been absent.. I hear a lot of students complain about the amount of work they are given and how when they miss days they can not catch back up to where they need to be. A study hall would open up an opportunity to help complete this work in school.

It would also help open up time for after school activities, like sports and jobs, by helping complete their missing work, homework, and projects, and many other things at school instead of when

they get home or even not getting it finished at all.

Study halls will help students improve their GPA, according to a study at Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Montebello, California. The study says that within just a few months of incorporating a mandatory study hall into their schedule, students' overall GPA rose by about half a point and honors students increased from 32% to 50%. This demonstrates how a study hall could help see an improvement to students grades and attentiveness.

They are also very beneficial to students who have all their requirements for the year in just a few classes and need gaps in their schedule filled. It could help with students who want to change from a required class .

In addition, it would give students an opportunity to get with someone who could help tutor them so they can better understand the material they are going over in classes, helping them catch up to the other students' level of understanding.

These are the reasons why I and many others believe we should have a study hall. It would give students a time to get work done, study for their classes, catch up in classes, and to raise their grades higher.

The Evolution of Bullying

By: Kaylee Moore

In today's age, bullying is a major problem. It always was, even in the 1900s when tech and advancements were just being developed. However, as the world has grown so has the communication between humans. In turn, bullying and the forms it takes have also been affected. It can happen to anyone anywhere in life, not just high school students.

High school is known to be one of the most volatile phases of life. A place filled with teens corralled together against their will who are developing both physically and emotionally.

Taking that into account it is no wonder why bullying is so rampant in schools. But how have the forms of bullying advanced since previous generations? The first guess most would have is the uptake of bullying using social media and cyberbullying. Rapidly advancing technology like social media has given the population quick and easy access to information. This boosts the reach of people, but in turn it isolates kids from their peers through the glamorous lens of social media life. It also happens to be an easier way to attack people or say things they would not say to their face. Now if you're being bullied it can't be left at school and it follows one home.

In time past, alarming or embarrassing photos that only had one copy, can now be spread easily through social media. The same can be said for rumors or threats.

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Hurricane Helene and Milton

By: Ryker Hicks

Florida has just been hit back to back by two different Hurricanes named Helene and Milton. These two Hurricanes devastated Floridians. It caused 55 billion dollars worth of damage according to Bloomberg.com.

Hurricane Helene hit on the 26th of September and devastated places such as Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. Tragically, more than 230 people were killed from Hurricane Helene according to ABC News. The most recent hurricane, named Milton, reached category 5 on route but hit Florida at a category three level.

This devastated Florida according to NBC and caused 14 confirmed deaths. However, this number could go up because according to Forbes, nearly 100 people are still missing after Hurricane Helene.

Hurricane Milton sucked up 5 ft of water from Tampa Bay exposing rocks, sand and silt. This was causing storm surges all over Tampa and was taking water from anywhere it traveled.

However, Helene was the most widespread in damage. This affected many states, including Tennessee. Hurricane Helene shut down East Tennessee when it hit Interstate 40 and caused massive damage. This resulted in millions of dollars of damage and left many people stranded in their homes

without knowing what to do..

Many people were trapped on their roof. Sadly lots of people lost their homes due to TN not experiencing many natural disasters. Many people had nowhere else to stay or go.

According to ABC news, there were 54 people on top of a hospital due to Hurricane Helene's flood waters. There are so many cases like this, where people are trapped and stuck. However, there are some people who put themselves in this situation.

A man who refused to evacuate during Hurricane Milton went viral after his survival. Known by his first name only, he was given the nickname, "Lieutenant Dan" stayed on his boat all the way through Hurricane Milton. Many police officers went to his boat and asked him to leave but he refused. Soon after the hurricane, the locals went and checked up on him. He ended up surviving the devastating hurricane. This was very irresponsible especially if he had gotten hurt or needed to be rescued. Rescuing someone takes money, especially if it's just one person and can be avoided.

A positive new invention coming out of so much devastation was the Aqua Fence. They built a sea wall just hours before the hurricane flooded the streets around a hospital in Tampa that is a very important level one trauma center. It was built so soon because the water went over sea level so quickly. These sea walls are Norwegian technology and they can range from 5-10 feet tall.

Hurricane Milton destroyed the roof on the Tampa Rays Tropicana stadium. What is special about this is that the roof was

designed to withstand 115 mile per hour winds. This structure was touted as "the world's largest cable supported dome roof". The dome had 6 acres of teflon coated fiberglass, and supported itself with 180 miles of cable connected to struts. Now, there is almost no more teflon coated fiberglass because the frame is all that is left. They still have not evaluated all of the damage because of how extensive it was. They said it could take weeks to find all of the damage.

Hurricane Milton and Helene devastated multiple states and many people are trying to recover from them. According to WhiteHouse.gov, "Thus far, the Administration has approved over \$2.1 billion in Federal assistance for those affected by Hurricane Helene, as well as Hurricane Milton, which made landfall in Florida shortly after Helene."

The most recent update on the hurricanes from ABC news says that "More than 230 people have been killed from Hurricane Helene, which unleashed devastation across Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee."

New Faces at EHHS: New Staff Spotlight

By: Kanan Patel

New year, new teachers! Every year there are new teachers who fill turnover spots, and everyone seeks to know who they are as a person along with their interests.

Mrs. Laird is one of our new teachers this year that is teaching in the mathematics department. She went to Thornton Fractional South High School and went to Grand Valley State University in Michigan to major in music. She first taught band.

Some of her interests outside of school include: hiking, doing mixed media art, and playing with her dog Kirby. She’s a very authentic person and cares a lot about other people and is very helpful.

She considered this career because throughout her whole childhood she knew she wanted to help people. Some challenges that she faces while doing her job is never having enough time and the vast differences of student needs can be daunting at times. Everyone has different needs.

One of her biggest accomplishments is making it 21 years without quitting, and pushing through the hard parts. Every year there’s different things that can be hard; as with any job, there is something not optimal every year.

She thinks her first year here is great; people have been very helpful towards her. Something she really enjoys here is that people are very open and honest about what is going on with them.

Mr. Huntt is one of our new teachers here at EHHS taking over the duties of wellness/PE teacher and baseball coach. He went to Chester County High School and Freed-Hardeman University.

Some of his hobbies include baseball, hunting, being outside, watching the Baltimore Orioles, and spending time

with family and friends. He can be thought of as a leader who is always looking to provide help or support to others or those who need it.

He chose this career because of the opportunity to help and have an impact on the lives of young people by serving as a positive role model and influence. A challenge he faces in his teaching career is finding a new routine in a new school with new people and a different environment than what he was accustomed to.

One of his big accomplishments is learning about his students, and even students not in his class, building relationships with them and learning about them as people.

He said his first year has been great so far, the faculty, staff, and students have been extremely welcoming. Something he really enjoys here at EHHS is the atmosphere, it seems as if the students are a close-knit group, and he is excited to see them show up and support each other through athletics and extracurricular activities.

Mr. Murrell is a new teacher here this year in the history department. He went to West High School in Knoxville and for college he went to Appalachian State and then MTSU.

He has snowboarded since he was 12, plays golf, used to be in band when he was in college, and is also a three-time champion of his fantasy football league. He can be thought of as a sarcastic, witty, humble, intelligent guy with a dry sense of humor.

He was a financial advisor for several years when he got out of college and his favorite part of that career was the teaching aspect! He also started coaching football while still in college.

One accomplishment that fills him with pride is that in Mr. Murrell's first year teaching there was a student who came to him during lunch and was crying because their grandfather had collapsed in front of him that morning from a heart attack. The grandfather had been taken to

the hospital, but the student came to school without knowing if his grandfather was going to be okay or if he would even be alive when he got out of school. They had a long conversation about the situation and Mr. Murrell helped him write a letter to his grandfather saying all of the things he had wished he had said before, and he gave the letter to his grandfather that night at the hospital. The grandfather recovered, but it was a very stressful time for the student and Mr. Murrell was appreciative that they trusted him with that delicate and important time in their life.


He is genuinely very happy with how things have been here his first few weeks and excited for what the future holds! Thanks to students, teachers, and admin who have all made him feel welcome! He really enjoys the mutual respect among administrators, staff, and students here at EHHS. It's a big deal, and makes coming to work enjoyable day after day.

Mrs. Poff is also another one of our new teachers this year she is in the P.E and wellness department, she also coaches cheerleading here. She went to Centerville High School and UT Martin.

She enjoys running, skydiving, reading, and cheerleading. She’s a very organized, energetic, and talkative person.

She chose this career because she wanted to be a teacher when she was younger and got a health degree in college so it all just worked out. She hasn’t really faced any challenges so far in her first year. Her students always give one hundred percent participation so she feels that is a big accomplishment.

She loves it here so far and is a proud eagle. Here at East Hickman High School she enjoys the students, the vending machine, Dr. Pepper in the teacher’s lounge, clubs and sports.



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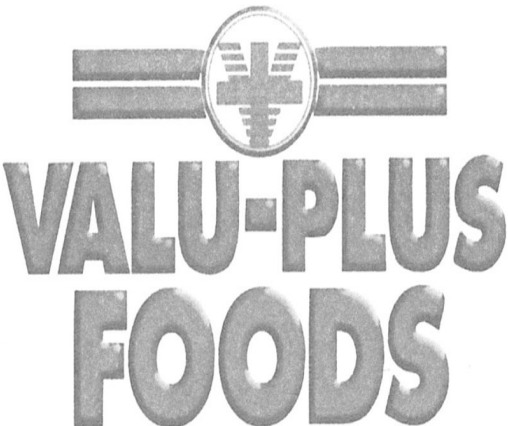
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Despicable ME 4: Movie Review

By: Chrislyn Shupe

After seven years, we finally got the fourth *Despicable Me* movie in the franchise, which is quite a long time to wait for such a boring movie. You would think after three movies and two spinoffs people would be tired of it, but as the targeted audience is children, it does pretty well in theaters.

The plot in each of the *Despicable Me* and *Minions* movies is funny and some of them have been a little interesting and that is why the movies do so well even for ages older than the target audience. This sequel to *Despicable Me 3* is still a very good movie even though we do not get to see one of the main protagonists of *Despicable Me 3*, Gru Gru, who is Gru's long lost brother, which is a little disappointing.

Despicable Me 4 starts with Gru going back to his roots, where he started his path to his evilness. Gru goes back to his old school, Lycée Pas Bon, which is interesting to see where Gru comes from, for a school reunion to find Maxime Le Mal, who is the main antagonist as Gru is working for AVL.

During the reunion, Maxime is awarded by Principal Übelschlecht and during this, he gives a speech where he reveals his cockroach abilities and attacks Gru because of something petty, which makes for a dull plot.

Maxime ends up getting out of the AVL prison and he and his girlfriend,

Valentina, want revenge on Gru, and this is very banal, and a tired, repetitive subject in most of the *Minion* movies. which I imagine is because of the fact that he is running out of things to make a movie on.

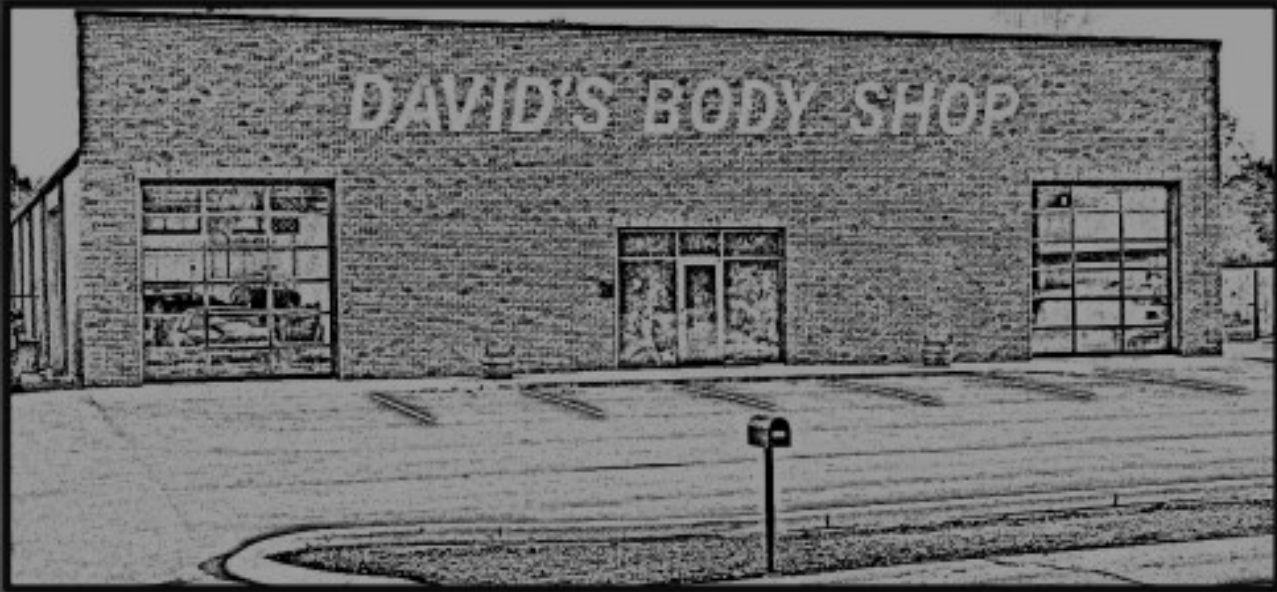
Gru and Lucy are on the run after discovering Maxime is out of prison and Gru, Lucy, Agnes, Margo, Edith and Junior all have to go under an alias, and with that, they have to move. This all pulls together to make such a tedious movie that only kids would want to watch or be interested in.

In their new neighborhood ,their neighbors are quite strange, especially Poppy, their daughter. Poppy ends up pressuring and blackmailing Gru into helping her kidnap Lenny, the Lycée Pas Bon honey badger mascot. The only thing that is keeping this movie going is that it has good humor and it is funny. There is basically no plot to this movie, so it is a good movie for kids, but not really for ages older.

Even though they almost got caught, they still succeeded in stealing the mascot. Principal Übelschlecht wanted her precious Lenny back. She tracked down Lenny and found where Gru lives but she knew Maxime wanted revenge and told him where Gru and his family now reside. Übelschlecht fights Gru and Lucy, and Junior goes on the run outside the house and Maxime and Valentina find him. This boring plot must be the reason why there were only about 5 people in the movie theaters to watch this movie. They kidnap Junior and Maxime turns him into one of his cockroaches, and Gru goes to save his son. This is a very cliché ending

to the Synthetic biology startup target audience is for children then it is fitting.

Gru and his family are eventually able to move back to their home and Poppy goes to her dream school Lycée Pas Bon and Dr. Nefario changes Junior back into a normal baby. Overall, the movie was funny and had a funny twist to it but the movies are getting tired. I think Chris Renaud has run out of things to write about and if he were to try and make a new movie, he would have a very boring movie, so I think this movie deserves the somewhat terrible IMDb rating it got.



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The Popularization of Piracy

By: Jacob Scheuring

Any company or corporation that produces media for a consumer wants that product paid for, whether it is movies, television, video games, sports, or music. It all comes with a price tag to be paid by the consumer. However, these prices have become outrageously expensive in recent years. Consumers often take to the internet's dark corners to get around these paywalls and consume their preferred media while dodging pop-up ads, viruses, and other harmful parts of the internet.

Consumers will eventually find their content for free through piracy. The maximum penalty for misdemeanor copyright infringement (piracy) is a \$100,000 fine and one year in prison. Piracy is not a new practice; it has existed since before the Internet. However, the ease of access to illegal websites has caused consumers to prefer piracy to paying subscription costs or video game prices.

Any popular sports league can now only be watched legally by purchasing subscriptions such as NFL Sunday Ticket, NBA League Pass, or MLS Season Pass (through Apple TV). These subscriptions often drain consumers' wallets just to watch their favorite teams. The three aforementioned subscriptions cost a staggering \$580 just for one season. Fans understandably are looking for any way to avoid this cost and will scour the internet for illegal streams to watch their favorite teams for free.

Video Games are also a popular form of often pirated media. The expansion of emulators, software that replicates the older systems, can run game files, known as ROM files (read-only memory). ROM files can be found for any retro game with just one search.

Newer games are not exempt from piracy, and the files downloaded upon purchasing a game can be repacked and republished online, appropriately named Repacks. These Repacks are not necessarily emulation, as they run independently with no emulation, but they are a similar concept. This redistribution of games saves consumers a lot of money because new games made for current consoles are often priced at \$70, which can turn away players without the budget for such a cost and turn them into the realm of Repacks and ROMs.

Streaming services are also victims of piracy, similar to sports piracy. Many streaming services, such as Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, Apple TV+, and HBO Max, have recently increased their subscription prices while offering no new benefits to justify the price increase.

A Netflix premium subscription once cost \$19.99/month and is now \$22.99/month, Disney+ with no ads was \$10.99/month, now \$13.99/month, and Hulu with no ads was \$14.99/month, now \$17.99.

Price increases like these are common and have driven consumers away from purchasing subscriptions.

Piracy is not a new practice and will likely persist unless changes are made to make expensive media more affordable and consumer-friendly to attract buyers or if piracy laws are enforced.

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The definition of cyberbullying, according to an article by Nemours Children's Health, is exactly that: "...the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person."

Not only does this impact the victim of bullying, but it can also affect the community around them as well. If a class of freshman are bullied by their peers, why would they feel compelled to participate in extracurricular activities? It damages the interactions as well as the population in the community. As stated by stopbullying.org they agree it can cause "experience negative physical, social, emotional, academic, and mental health issues."

The person bullying does harm to those around them, but why? In the book Preventing Bullying Through Science, Policy and Practice it finds that "Individuals who bully others are likely to experience negative emotional, behavioral, and mental health outcomes ..."

The person who is the aggressor may be going through some hard times, however it does not excuse their behavior. All types of harassment should be reported if it is safe to do so.

Bullying has evolved with the introduction of the internet and social media to include a whole new array of ways to bother someone. However, it is still widespread and detrimental both to adults and adolescents. The new age of technology is here to stay and as it continues to develop so will the ways it is dealt with.

Tourism in Hickman County

By: Andrew Bryant

Hickman County is not the biggest dot on the map in Tennessee, but that does not mean there are not an abundance of tourism opportunities. Hickman County is home to tons of unique experiences that can't be found elsewhere in the world. The National Banana Pudding Festival is a yearly festival that happens on the first Saturday and Sunday of October. This festival was started in 2010 when volunteers in Centerville and the surrounding area found a way to help local nonprofits earn money. While the festival has grown, bringing in thousands every year, the goal has never changed. Even our own Culinary class and club participated and earned 6,000 dollars for themselves. They have many forms of entertainment, including live music, a children's play area, and over 100 craft vendors. Most importantly, they have the Puddin' Path. For ten dollars, you can sample many fantastic pudding recipes, and if you crave more, you can go to the Puddin' To Go tent to get your filling.

The small but cultured and hospitable town of Centerville comes together in the historical downtown area. Downtown has a few shops, restaurants, and the Hickman County Historical Society, which holds thousands of historical records and historical information.

There are also several restaurants not that have excellent food and theming.

Fish Camp Restaurant serves several seafood options with home-grown catfish. Papa Kayjoe's Barbeque serves barbeque and other smoked meats. Homestead Restaurant serves southern meals and has an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Hickman County also has several outdoor activity opportunities. You can canoe and/or kayak on the Duck River, Piney River, or Swan Creek. With an abundance of wildlife, Hickman County is one of the best places for hunting, fishing, and trapping.

There are hundreds of hiking trails, dirt roads for offroading, and paths for walking and running.

Have you ever heard of Johnny Cash? Well, if you have, you might know that his ranch sits right here in Hickman County. Located in Bon Aqua, the Storytellers Museum and Hideaway Farm is a tribute and memorial to everything Johnny Cash.

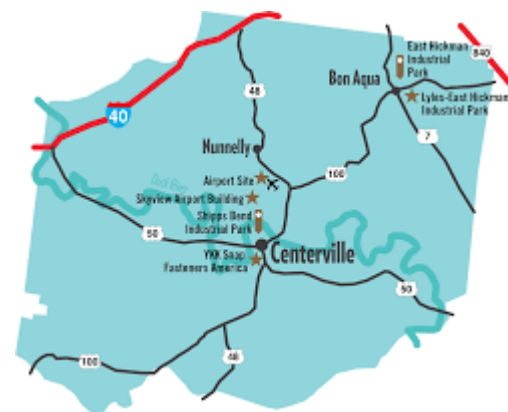
The Museum was originally constructed in the 1800s as a general store. In the 1960s, it was used as a recording studio and was sold to Johnny Cash in the early 1970s. After renovating the building with friends, Cash and his song catalog manager, Loney Hutchins used the location as a gathering place for musicians who desired experience. Loney then started the *Saturday Night in Hickman County* concerts where local musicians and even Cash and his family made appearances. Soon the building was sold back to the original owner and after his death, it was abandoned.

The farm fell into Cash's hands in the early 1970s because his accountant embezzled his money and bought

property, including the farm. Johnny fell in love with the farm and spent more than 30 years in the house. He even called it "the center of my universe." Soon new people bought the farm in 2015, they gave the place modern accommodations and started offering tours.

Then in 2016, the owners of the Hideaway Farm purchased the Museum just months away from its collapse. It was restored to its former glory and returned to hosting concerts.

While Hickman County is a small fish in a big pond, that doesn't mean it doesn't have its unique qualities. There is so much to do in this small droplet of the south.



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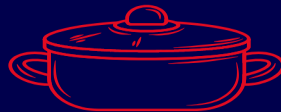
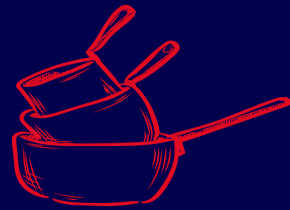
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