

# Red And Blue News

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# CHARGERS in the NEWS

The following students participated in Marywood University's Senior Wind Band Celebration. Students prepared an audition and won seats within two ensembles, the Honors Band and the Celebration Band. Marisa Matoushek and Julian Fedorchak achieved places in the Honors band, Julian winning the top chair overall. Adrienne Titley, Jizelle LaRoche, and Lexie Mancuso won seats in the Celebration Band.



# Junior/Senior Volleyball Tournament

The volleyball tournament consisted of the juniors and seniors competing in teams of 5 and up to 7. The team, the Icers, won the final round of the tournament.





# Julian Fedorchak: Aspiring for Musical Greatness



There's been growing recognition in the Carbondale Area News surrounding one extracurricular standout—the Carbondale Area Band and Marching Chargers. Among the dedicated students in both programs, one name continues to rise to the top: Julian Fedorchak. Julian, a junior at Carbondale Area and a three-year band student, has made an impressive mark this year. He plays percussion for the Carbondale Area Band and has participated in several major events, including the Winter Band and Chorus Concerts, PMEA District Band, District Orchestra, Marywood University's Wind Band Celebration, and the Northeastern Youth Wind Ensemble. Julian's list of accomplishments is nothing short of outstanding. He successfully auditioned for PMEA District 9 Band, becoming the sole representative from Carbondale Area to attend the prestigious festival. Held at Honesdale High School, the event brought together talented students from across Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Wayne, and Susquehanna counties. Julian also earned a spot in the PMEA District 9 Orchestra, performing at Wyoming Valley West High School. In addition, Julian joined five other students—Jizelle Laroche, Marisa Matoushek, Lexie Mancuso, and Adrienne Titley—at Marywood University's Senior Wind Band Celebration, where he achieved top chair overall, setting a new standard of excellence for the Marching Chargers. Julian also took part in the Northeastern Youth Wind Ensemble, a regional organization that gives middle and high school students the opportunity to perform alongside peers from surrounding schools, further expanding his musical experience. When asked if he would choose band again if given the chance, Julian shared that while other electives had caught his interest, he would always choose band. His passion, dedication, and hard work have clearly paid off, and he has become a source of pride for the Carbondale Area music program. We wholeheartedly congratulate Julian Fedorchak on all his remarkable achievements and look forward to seeing what the future holds for him!



# Polar Plunge 2024

On January 24th, 2025, the Carbondale Area Avidum Club joined other local schools, such as West Scranton, Mid Valley, North Pocono, Wilkes-Barre Area, Wyoming Area, Abington Heights, Delaware Valley, Dallas School District and Lakeland at Montage Mountain for Polar Plunge 2024. Lakeland raised the highest amount of \$7,000 dollars. Carbondale Area came in third place, raising \$3,625 dollars. Our own Carbondale Area student, Mitchell Masco raised the highest amount in our club with a total of \$350 dollars. Some of the activities included in the day were karaoke, corn hole, and entertaining games that included everyone! AT the end of the day, the members of the club are thrilled that they were able to take the plunge and help raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.





# A E V I D U M \* C L U B

On Monday, March 10th, 2025, The Aavidum Club took a trip to Lakeland High School to take part in their One Big Tribe. Aavidum is a club that brings awareness to mental health and provides better ways to cope. Mental health can be a major struggle in your daily life, and it can be very hard to deal with. This club allows students to recognize that they are never alone. There were twelve other schools from the area that were in attendance that day. There were many activities, such as making sleeping bags for the homeless, group work, mental health awareness, disconnect to connect, and even an open mic. This event helped many students socialize with each other and meet new people from all around our area. Everyone was very welcoming and friendly, which made it a lot easier to take part in all of the activities. Going on this trip brought about awareness to the different forms of mental health someone can be dealing with. Meeting people from all different schools throughout the area and seeing that we all go through the same struggles was an amazing experience. Overall, it was a great way to spread awareness of mental health and what it is really about. Some people may feel isolated and feel like they have no one to talk to. This is exactly why the Aavidum Club is here to surround you with people who have your back to support you no matter what you are going through.



On February 26th, 2025 members of the Carbondale Area Ski Club went on a ski trip to Elk Mountain for the day. It was a first time for many! This was an exciting way for the students of Carbondale to try something new. It was also a fun way for the others to go skiing in a big group. This trip is one of the many things the club looks forward to and enjoys every year!





## Carbondale Area Drama Club Presents: Annie Junior!

The Drama Club closed their season with their only performance of the 2024-2025 school year, Annie Jr. The musical was performed on March 21st and 22nd at 7pm and March 23rd at 2pm. The musical follows the life of little orphan Annie, played by the talented sophomore, Clara Crandal! Annie lives in an orphanage with many other young children, under the supervision of the cruel and evil Miss Hannigan, who was voiced by the powerful sophomore, Chloe Yoskowitz. Eventually, Annie is rescued by the very kind Grace Farrell, who was played by an equally compassionate, Elianna Connolly. Grace reveals to the audience that she is the secretary of the billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, who was played by the distinguished junior, Zachary Tarchak. This musical consists of many beautiful musical and dance numbers. One of the most beautiful musical numbers in the musical, "Tomorrow," follows one of the escape attempts of Annie, who encounters a stray dog who she names Sandy. Sandy was played by the one and only, Sansa. Some could argue that Sansa was the true star of the show, but most students would argue that Mr. Foote, Geometry and Probability and Statistics Teacher, was the true star. Mr. Foote played President Franklin D. Roosevelt! To conclude the season, the Drama Club bid farewell to the senior members of their ensemble with a beautiful speech and gift bags for each student on Sunday. The seniors were also granted the opportunity to write a little spotlight about themselves, which was placed in the program. Senior members included Elianna Connolly, who played Grace Farrell, Ryleigh Brink who played Lily, Summer Young who played Duffy, Sevine Tighe who played Mrs. Pugh and the apple seller, Madysen Usher who played Mrs. Drake, and Jada Malone, who played Officer Ward, Bert Healy, and the announcer voice. As the Drama Club bids a heartfelt farewell to their seniors, they will try to remember to look forward to a brighter "tomorrow," for themselves and their senior members.

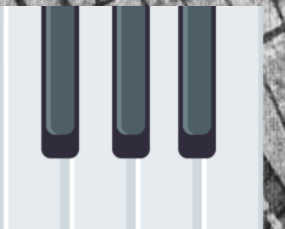




# 2025 Super Bowl National Anthem Singer



This years 2025 national anthem singer was Jon Batiste. Jon sang very well and even added a different type of jazz to the national anthem, which many people enjoyed. Jon is a multi Grammy and Oscar winning musician. He is known for his jazz music, his role as a bandleader, and being a music director. He was born in Metairie, Louisiana. While growing up in a musical oriented family, Jon started playing the drums at age eight and began to take piano lessons at the age of eleven. Later on, he then graduated from St. Augustine High School before going to the Julliard School, where he earned both B.A. and M.F.A. in jazz studies.





# Top 5 Super Bowl Snacks



**Ingredients:** 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, 1/4 teaspoon ground paprika, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 10 chicken wings, 2 cups vegetable oil for frying (or as needed), 1/4 cup butter, 1/4 cup hot sauce, 1 pinch ground black pepper, 1 pinch garlic powder, **Directions:** Mix the dry coating: In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, paprika, cayenne pepper, and salt. **Coat the wings:** Add the chicken wings to the bowl and toss until evenly coated with the flour mixture. **Chill the wings:** Arrange the coated wings in a single layer in a 9" x 13" glass baking dish. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. **Prepare the oil:** Add about 1 inch of vegetable oil to a deep, heavy skillet. Heat to 375°F (190°C). **Make the sauce:** While the oil is heating, combine the butter, hot sauce, black pepper, and garlic powder in a small saucepan over low heat. Cook and stir until the butter is melted and the mixture is well blended. Remove from heat and set aside. **Fry the wings:** Carefully place the wings into the hot oil and fry for 10 to 15 minutes, or until they are crispy and golden brown. Maintain a steady oil temperature during frying. **Drain the wings:** Remove the wings from the oil and place them on paper towels or a wire rack to drain any excess oil. Serve and enjoy! Drizzle or toss the wings in the warm sauce before serving.

## Burger Sliders



**Ingredients:** Cooking spray, 2 pounds ground beef, 1 (1.25-ounce) envelope onion soup mix, 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 24 dinner rolls, split, 1/2 cup sliced pickles (optional), **Directions:** Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Cover a baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat with cooking spray. Grease an additional sheet of aluminum foil and set it aside. **Cook the beef:** In a large skillet, mix together the ground beef and onion soup mix. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until the beef is browned and crumbly, about 5 to 7 minutes. Drain and discard any excess grease. **Make the filling:** Remove the skillet from the heat. Stir in the shredded Cheddar cheese and mayonnaise until well combined. Assemble the sliders: Place the bottom halves of the dinner rolls on the prepared baking sheet. Spoon the beef mixture evenly over each roll, then top with the remaining roll halves. **Bake:** Cover the sliders with the greased sheet of foil. Bake in the preheated oven for about 30 minutes, or until the sliders are heated through and the cheese is melted. **Serve:** Serve warm with sliced pickles, if desired. Enjoy!

## Buffalo Chicken Dip



**Ingredients:** 2 (10-ounce) cans chunk chicken, drained, 3/4 cup hot pepper sauce (such as Frank's Red Hot), 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened, 1 cup Ranch Dressing, 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, **Directions:** Heat the chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat, combine the chicken and hot pepper sauce. Cook until heated through, about 3 to 5 minutes., Stir in the cream cheese and ranch dressing. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the mixture is well blended and warm, about 3 to 5 minutes. Mix in half of the shredded Cheddar cheese. Transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining Cheddar cheese on top. Cover and cook on Low until the dip is hot and bubbly, about 35 minutes. Once heated through and melted, the dip is ready to be served. Best enjoyed warm with chips, crackers, or celery sticks.



# Top 5 Super Bowl Snacks

## NACHOS



**Ingredients:** Aluminum foil, 1 pound ground beef, 3/4 cup water, 1 (1.25-ounce) package taco seasoning mix, 1 (18-ounce) package restaurant-style tortilla chips, 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (or more, to taste), 1 (15.5-ounce) can refried beans, 1 (10-ounce) can pitted black olives, drained and chopped, 1 cup salsa, 1 cup sour cream (or more, to taste), 4 green onions, diced, 1 (4-ounce) can sliced jalapeño peppers, drained

**Directions:** Preheat the broiler. Set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Cook the beef in a skillet over medium heat, cook and stir the ground beef until it's browned and crumbly, about 5–10 minutes. Drain any excess grease. Season the meat. Stir in the water and taco seasoning mix. Simmer until thickened, about 8–10 minutes. Assemble the nachos. Spread the tortilla chips on the prepared baking sheet. Top with shredded Cheddar cheese, refried beans, and the ground beef mixture. Broil the nachos. Place under the broiler for 3–5 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly. Add toppings. Sprinkle with olives, salsa, sour cream, green onions, and jalapeños. Serve and enjoy! Best enjoyed fresh out of the oven.

## FOOTBALL BROWNIES



**Ingredients:** 1 box brownie mix (plus ingredients called for on the box), 1/3 cup heavy cream, 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, 2/3 cup powdered sugar, 3 1/2 teaspoons milk **Directions:** Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 9" x 13" baking pan with parchment paper. Prepare the brownie mix according to package instructions. Bake for 20 to 23 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the brownies cool completely. Cut out football shapes from the baked brownies and place them on a cooling rack set over a baking sheet. **Make the ganache:** Place the chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl. Microwave the cream until hot, about 40 seconds, and pour it over the chocolate. Let sit for 3 minutes. Then, stir until smooth and creamy with no lumps. Dip the brownies into the ganache, covering the tops completely. Place them in the refrigerator to set for 30 minutes. **Make the icing:** In a small bowl, mix together the powdered sugar and milk until smooth. Transfer the icing to a piping bag (or a resealable plastic bag with a tiny corner snipped off). Decorate the brownies with icing to resemble football laces. Return them to the refrigerator to set for another 5 minutes. **ENJOY!** They are a **TOUCHDOWN!**



## Top 5 Super Bowl ADs of 2025



This year's Super Bowl commercials once again captured the attention of millions, with standout ads from Doritos, Dunkin', and Reese's leading the pack.

Doritos delivered another memorable spot, continuing its tradition of bold, entertaining marketing. Dunkin' made headlines with a commercial featuring actors Casey Affleck and Jeremy Strong—both known for their acclaimed roles and now gaining even more recognition thanks to their humorous Super Bowl appearance.

Reese's also made waves by debuting a new flavor during the big game. As one of America's favorite snacks, the brand leveraged its popularity to generate excitement and buzz across social media.

These ads stood out not only because of their star power and brand recognition but also because they tapped into the cultural relevance and widespread appeal that define successful Super Bowl advertising.



## Super Bowl Halftime Show Review

This year's Super Bowl halftime show delivered a powerful performance, headlined by Grammy-winning rapper Kendrick Lamar and featuring acclaimed R&B singer SZA. The duo brought high energy, emotion, and star power to one of the year's most-watched televised events.

Lamar opened the show with fan-favorite tracks like HUMBLE., DNA., and Not Like Us, commanding the stage with his signature intensity and lyrical prowess. SZA joined him for several standout moments, adding her soulful vocals to tracks such as Luther and the Oscar-nominated All the Stars, their hit collaboration from the Black Panther soundtrack.

The setlist also included Squabble Up, Euphoria, Man at the Garden, Peekaboo, and TV Of, giving fans a dynamic mix of Lamar's hard-hitting anthems and more introspective works. The crowd responded enthusiastically, with many praising the chemistry between the two artists and the thoughtful curation of songs that resonated with audiences across generations.

The Kendrick-SZA collaboration marked a rare and powerful moment of artistry and cultural impact on the Super Bowl stage, earning praise for both its musical quality and emotional depth.





Super Bowl LIX was an American football championship game played to determine the champion of the National Football League for the 2024 season. In a rematch of Super Bowl LVII two years prior, the National Football Conference (NFC) champion Philadelphia Eagles defeated the American Football Conference (AFC) champion Kansas City Chiefs 40–22, securing their first Super Bowl championship since Super Bowl LII seven years earlier, and second overall. Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, who scored three touchdowns 2 passing, 1 rushing, completed 17 of 22 attempts for 221 yards, and set the Super Bowl record for quarterback rushing yards with 72, was named Super Bowl MVP. But in the end it was the Eagles defense that came up big for them allowing only 23 total first half yards.







# History of NFL Free Agency

NFL free agency is a pivotal period in the National Football League (NFL) that occurs annually, allowing teams to acquire new talent and reshape their rosters. This event typically begins in March, following the conclusion of the NFL regular season and the Super Bowl. During free agency, players whose contracts have expired or who have been released by their teams become available to negotiate with any franchise. This process is crucial for teams looking to improve their performance, fill gaps in their lineups, and build a competitive roster for the upcoming season. The impact of free agency on the NFL cannot be overstated. For players, it represents an opportunity to secure lucrative contracts and find a team that fits their skills and aspirations. High profile free agents often generate significant media attention, as fans and analysts speculate about where they might land. Teams that are aggressive in free agency can quickly transform their fortunes. For example, a franchise that struggles the previous season may sign a few key players, significantly improving its chances of success the following year. The balance of power in the league can shift dramatically in just a few days during this period. However, free agency also comes with its challenges. Teams must navigate salary cap constraints, ensuring they do not overspend on players while maintaining financial flexibility for future seasons. Additionally, not all free agent signings pan out as expected; injuries, poor fit within a team's system, or simply under performance can lead to disappointment. Thus, while free agency offers a chance for teams to enhance their rosters, it requires careful planning and execution to achieve the desired outcomes. As the NFL continues to evolve, free agency remains a critical component of team building strategies and a key element of the league's competitive landscape.





# MLB SPRING TRAINING



Major League Baseball's spring training is in full gear, bringing fresh energy — and some fresh rules — to diamonds across Florida and Arizona. With exhibition games underway, fans are not only evaluating their favorite players but also adjusting to one of the most significant rule changes in years: a newly defined strike zone.

In an effort to improve consistency and pace of play, MLB has implemented an automated ball-strike (ABS) system in all spring training games. The rule adjusts the strike zone to a standardized height from the batter's knees to the midpoint of their torso — and removes the subjectivity of umpire calls behind the plate.

This rule will be further tested throughout spring training and may be adopted league-wide if proven effective. The ABS system is just one part of MLB's broader initiative to modernize the game and attract younger audiences.

Meanwhile, the usual excitement of spring training is still front and center. New stars, including high-profile offseason acquisitions and top minor league prospects, are taking the field. With rosters still in flux, every pitch, swing, and out counts.

The regular season begins April 1, but for now, fans are soaking up the sun — and the new strike zone — in what promises to be a dynamic start to the 2025 campaign.







# NBA ALL-STAR BREAK



NBA Slam Dunk Contest history was made Saturday night in San Francisco. Mac McClung, who had four perfect 50s on four attempts, won the Dunk Contest for the third consecutive year, becoming the first player in history to pull off a three-peat in the event. McClung took down Spurs rookie Stephon Castle in the finals.

The 2025 NBA All Star Championship was an all star single elimination basketball tournament played on February 16, 2025, during the National Basketball Association's 2024–25 season. It was the 74th edition of the NBA All Star Game. It was hosted by the Golden State Warriors at Chase Center. It was the fourth time the Warriors hosted the game and the first time since 2000, when the NBA All Star game was played at the Oakland Arena in Oakland, California. The Warriors also hosted the game in 1960, as the Philadelphia Warriors at the Convention Hall in Philadelphia and in 1967, as the San Francisco Warriors at the Cow Palace in Daly City. This was the first time that the NBA All Star Game was held in San Francisco. The All Star Game was televised nationally by TNT for the 23rd and final consecutive year, before returning to NBC (which aired the game for 11 years prior to TNT taking over coverage) in the next season.

The All Star championship itself consisted of a four team single elimination tournament as two semifinals and a championship game, similar to the most recent NHL All Star Games and Rising Stars Challenges. Three teams were drafted from a pool of twenty four selected all stars by NBA on TNT analysts Shaquille O'Neal, Kenny Smith, and Charles Barkley, while Candace Parker, also a TNT analyst, managed the winning team from the Rising Stars Challenge (which has used a four team tournament since 2022). Shaq's OGs defeated Chuck's Global Stars to win the tournament. Stephen Curry was named the All Star Most Valuable Player.



Tyler Herro defeats Buddy Hield and Darius Garland in final round to be crowned the winner of the 2025 Starry 3-Point Contest





# St. Patrick's Day Origins

St. Patrick's Day is for nothing other than to celebrate his life, and all he achieved. Patrick never had it easy, but he did have faith. You probably didn't know that Saint Patrick was a real person or a bishop at that!

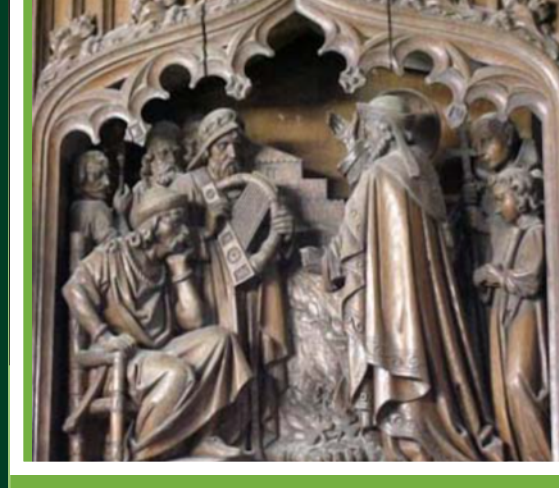
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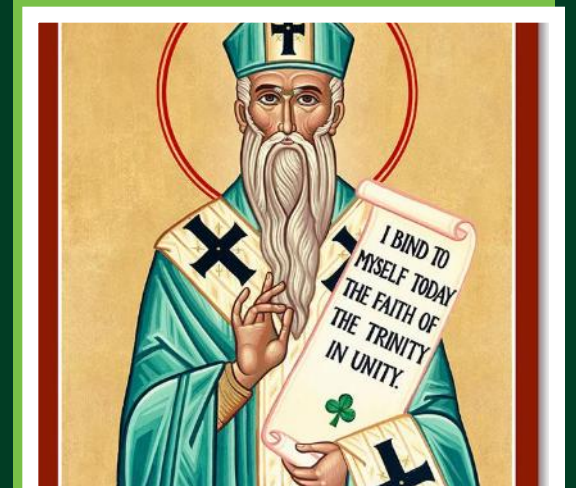
St. Patrick's real name was Maewyn. He was born in Roman Britain. At age 16, he was kidnapped by Irish Raiders from his father's villa. Patrick was taken to Ireland and sold into slavery for six years. Patrick herded sheep before he attempted and succeeded in a daring escape.



Patrick escaped to a Monastery in France then back to Britain where he was briefly held captive a second time before reuniting with his family, and where he spent 15 years studying to convert to Christianity and soon became a priest.



St. Patrick went back to Ireland in 432 as a Missionary. He was on a religious mission to establish Christianity in Ireland and convert people, even the king. In 433 St. Patrick went to the Hill of Tara, the Seat of High Kings, to confront the pagan king. He abolished their pagan rights and is said to have used a three leaf clover to explain religious symbolism.



St. Patrick played a pivotal role in the widespread of Christianity in Ireland. Although St. Patrick is associated with blue not green, the green emerged with how he used the shamrock to explain religious symbolism.





# Why Do We Celebrate Easter?



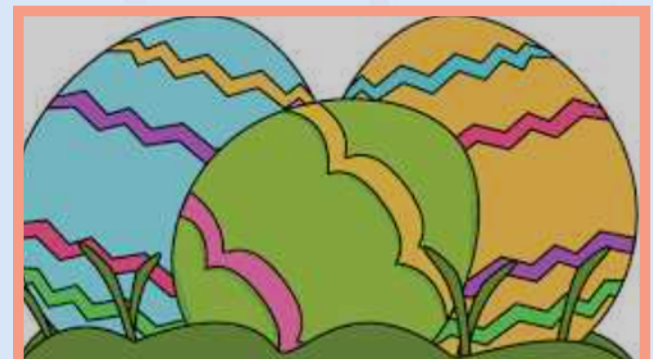
Long before Easter became the spring holiday we know today, many ancient cultures celebrated the arrival of spring with festivals that honored fertility, growth, and renewal. These early traditions often included symbols like eggs and rabbits—representing new life and the changing of the seasons.



Today, Easter is celebrated in many different ways across the world. While its meanings can vary from culture to culture, it has largely become a time for people to enjoy the coming of spring and spending time with family and friends. Common traditions include decorating eggs, participating in egg hunts, receiving treats from the Easter Bunny, and sharing meals with loved ones.



These modern activities carry forward the themes of joy, renewal, and togetherness. Whether it's through colorful crafts, sweet treats, or festive gatherings, Easter continues to be a fun and meaningful holiday that connects people to both nature and each other.





# The Ultimate Easter Candy Showdown

Spring is in the air, the flowers are blooming, and there's only one thing on every student's mind (besides spring break): Easter candy. Whether you're hunting eggs or just raiding the clearance aisle on Monday morning, there's a delicious debate every year over which Easter treat reigns supreme. After careful "taste-testing" we've narrowed it down to six unbeatable contenders. Let the candy countdown begin!



## 1. Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs

A holiday classic and for good reason—Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs are the perfect ratio of creamy peanut butter and smooth milk chocolate. The egg shape isn't just cute, it actually delivers more peanut butter per bite than a regular Reese's cup. Fans call it "perfection in egg form," and we can't argue.



## 2. Cadbury Creme Eggs

Possibly the most iconic Easter candy, Cadbury Creme Eggs have been a seasonal favorite since the '60s. Their gooey, fondant "yolk" center wrapped in a milk chocolate shell is either a love-it-or-hate-it experience—but for millions, it's love at first bite.



## 3. Starburst Jelly Beans

Move over, boring old jelly beans. Starburst Jelly Beans bring the same bold fruit flavors you love in chewy form, but now in a crunchy-shelled, bean-sized package. They're colorful, addictive, and impossible to stop eating once the bag is open. Don't say we didn't warn you.



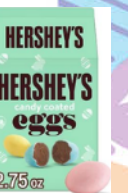
## 4. Peeps

Ah, Peeps—those fluffy, marshmallowy chicks and bunnies that spark endless debate. Are they candy? Art? A science experiment in sugar? However you view them, Peeps are an undeniable part of Easter tradition. Toast them, freeze them, or eat them right out of the pack—the possibilities are endless.



## 5. Kinder Joy Eggs

These are the surprise hit of any Easter basket. Half candy, half toy, Kinder Joy Eggs bring fun and flavor in one package. On one side, you get creamy layers of milk and cocoa with crunchy wafer bites, and on the other—a mystery toy! It's like the candy version of a two-for-one deal.



## 6. Hershey's Milk Chocolate Eggs

Simple, nostalgic, and totally satisfying. Hershey's Milk Chocolate Eggs are bite-sized bursts of smooth, classic chocolate goodness. They're great for snacking, sharing, or hoarding in your personal candy stash (no judgment here).

## The Final Word

Whether you're into rich peanut butter, fruity jelly beans, or good old-fashioned chocolate, there's something on this list for everyone. So, as the Easter Bunny makes his rounds, keep an eye out for these top-tier treats. Your taste buds will thank you.



# NEW MOVIE RELEASES



WolfMan Released January 17th 2025

Directed by Leigh Whannell, Blake and his family are attacked by an unseen animal and, in a desperate escape, barricade themselves inside a farmhouse as the creature prowls the perimeter. As the night stretches on, however, Blake begins to behave strangely, transforming into something unrecognizable that soon jeopardizes his wife and daughter.

Mickey 17 - Released on March 7th 2025

Directed by Bong Joon Ho, A disposable employee is sent on a human expedition to colonize the ice world Niflheim. After one iteration dies, a new boy is regenerated with most of his memories intact.



Captain America: Brave New World Released February 14th, 2025

Directed by Julius Onah, Sam finds himself in the middle of an international incident after meeting with President Thaddeus Ross. He must soon discover the reason behind a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red.



Lilo & Stitch - Releasing on May 23rd 2025

Directed by Dean Fleischer Camp, Is a tale of a young girl's close encounter with the galaxy's most wanted extraterrestrial. Lilo is a lonely Hawaiian girl who adopts a small ugly "dog", whom she names Stitch. Stitch would be the perfect pet if he weren't in reality a genetic experiment who has escaped from an alien plant and crash landed on Earth. Through her love, faith, and unwavering belief in Ohana, the Hawaiian concept family, Lilo helps unlock Stitch's heart and gives him the ability to care for someone else.



Dog Man Released on January 31st 2025

Directed by Peter Hastings, A police officer and his faithful police dog get injured in the line of duty, a harebrained but life saving surgery fuses the two of them together and Dog Man is born. As Dog Man learns to embrace his new identity, he must stop feline super villain Petey the Cat from cloning himself and going on a crime spree.

Last Breath - Released on February 28th 2025

Directed by Alex Parkinson, this is based on a true story of seasoned deep sea divers who battle the raging elements to rescue a crew mate who's trapped hundreds of feet below the ocean's surface.





# New Netflix Releases

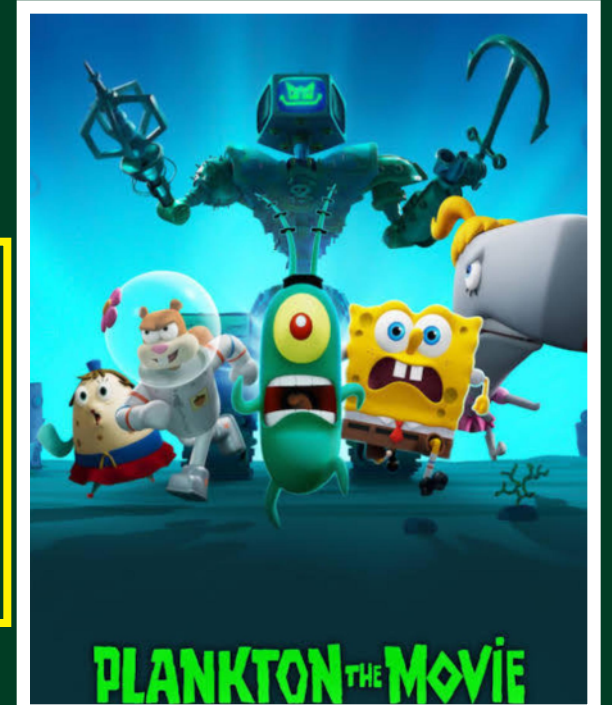


The Sand Castle  
Released January 24, 2025

"Directed by Matty Brown, A family of four got stranded on an deserted island. They scavenge for survival as their past unravels, sending them into a downward spiral."

Plankton the Movie  
Released March 7, 2025

"Plankton's tangled love story with his conscious computer wife goes sideways when she takes a stand and decides to destroy the world without him."



One of Them Days  
Released January 7, 2025

"When her boyfriend takes her rent money, Alyssa and her roommate race against the clock to avoid eviction and keep their friendship intact."



The Witcher: Sirens of the Deep  
released feb 11 2025

"Hired to investigate seaside village attacks, mutant monster hunter Geralt unravels an age-old conflict between humans and sea people that threatens war between kingdoms."



Celebrity Bear Hunt  
Released February 5, 2025

"A group of British celebrities drop into the Central American jungle as prey for one of the world's most fearsome predators Bear Grylls; Bear believes there is an action hero inside us all even the celebs, but how strong is their will to survive?"

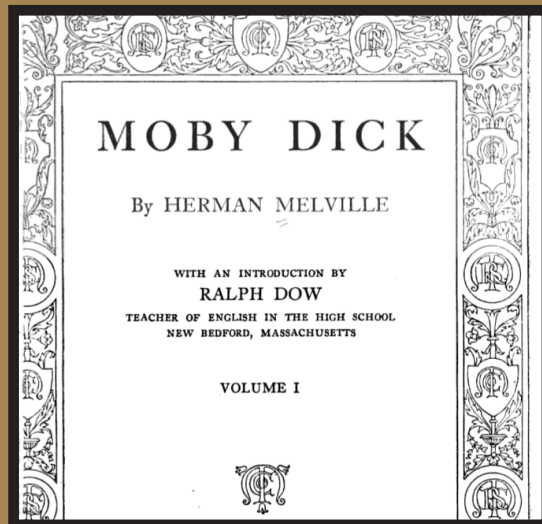
La Dolce Villa  
Released February 13 , 2025

"When his daughter decides to buy a crumbling Tuscan villa, Eric rushes to Italy to talk her out of it. He instead finds beauty, romance and a new purpose."

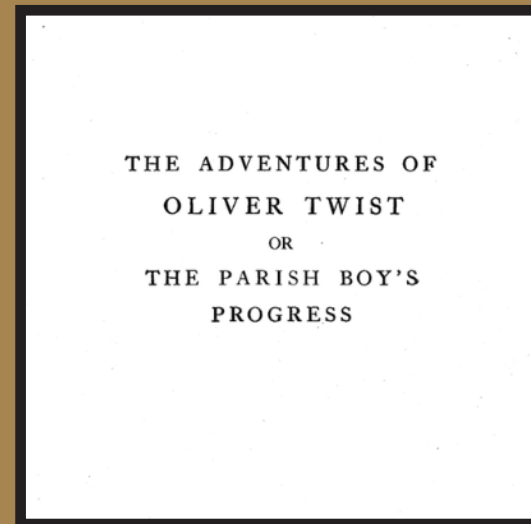




## \* Book Recommendations \*



Moby Dick



Oliver Twist

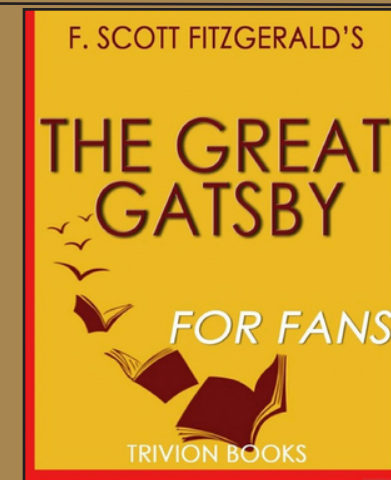
"Published 1851, Moby-Dick is an epic novel by Herman Melville. The book is revolved on the sailor Ishmael's narrative, of the maniacal quest of Ahab for revenge against Moby Dick, a sperm whale who bit off Ishmael's leg on their prior journey. This novel is partially based on the Whaling Ship Essex where the ship was rushed and sunk by the whale. Melville also took inspiration from a real albino whale called Mocha, who was extremely difficult to catch, though there's many interpretations, ambiguity is the main one."

"Oliver Twist was published in 1838. It is a social novel written by Charles Dickens. This novel is about a young orphaned boy who resides in London during the Victorian early modern era. After his mother died during childbirth, Oliver is sent to live in a workhouse, where he is mistreated along with the other children who live there. There's not enough food to go around and no role models to call on. Oliver is a virtually perfect child, breaking stereotypes of greed and ingratitude in impoverished, orphaned children."



The 5th Wave

"The 5th Wave, published in May 2013 pursues Cassie Sullivan, a 16 year old, as she attempts to sustain oneself in a world demolished by the waves of an alien invasion that have already devastated the Earth's population and knocked humankind back to the Stone Age."



The Great Gatsby

"A 1925 novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald claimed itself as a classic, following the story of a self made millionaire and his infatuation to find a wealthy woman he once loved in his youth. This book takes place in the Jazz Age in Long Island. It is loosely based on Fitzgerald's own life and experiences during his time in the Jazz Age."



Poisoned

"Poisoned was produced in 2020 by Jennifer Donnelly, Poisoned is a mature narrative about a righteous princess, who hears whispers from all parts of town saying she's unfit to rule. After a huntsmen attempted to cut out her heart and succeeded, seven strangers save her, so she could face a darker evil."



# Crunch Cup



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What is your go to breakfast cereal? In all honesty, there isn't just one that stands out from the rest.

However, to get to the bottom of this, several students from each grade and some teachers were asked what their go to morning cereal is. Here are the results.



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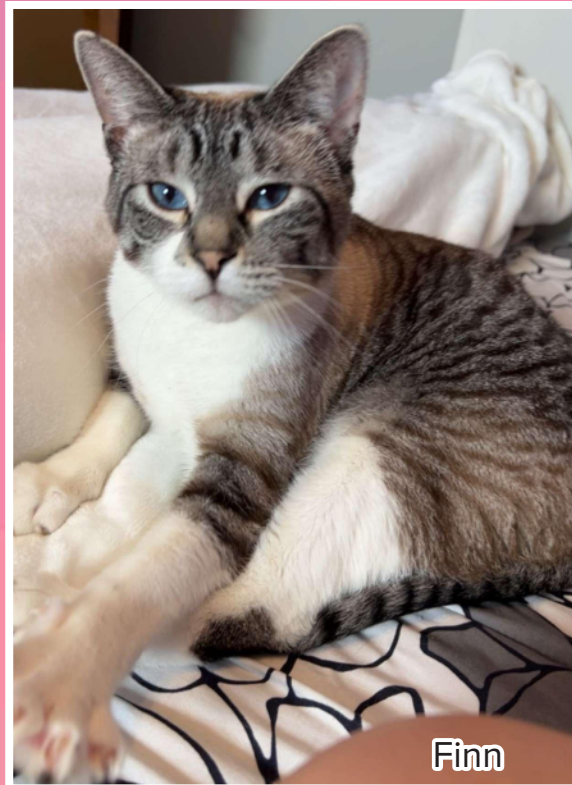
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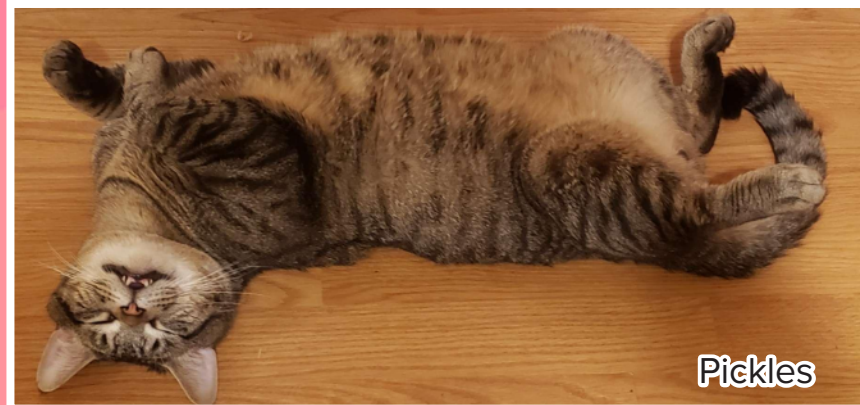
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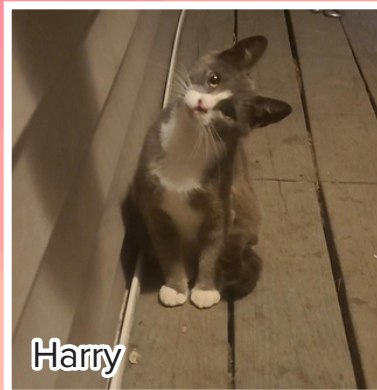
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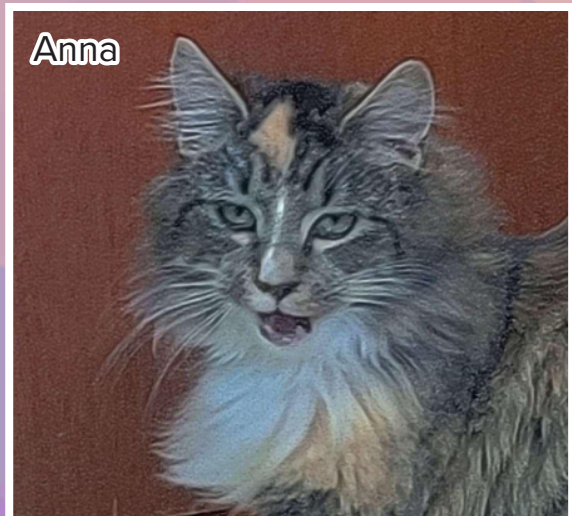
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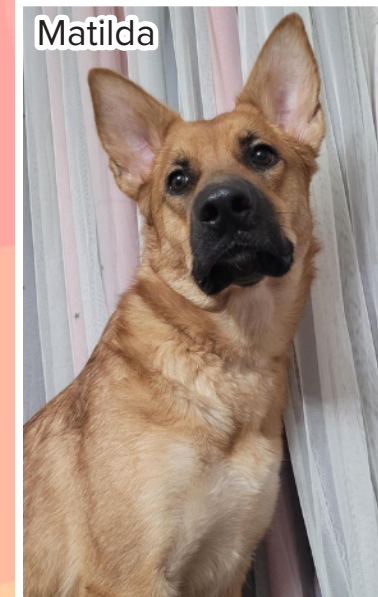
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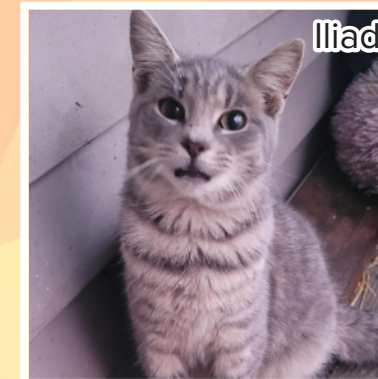
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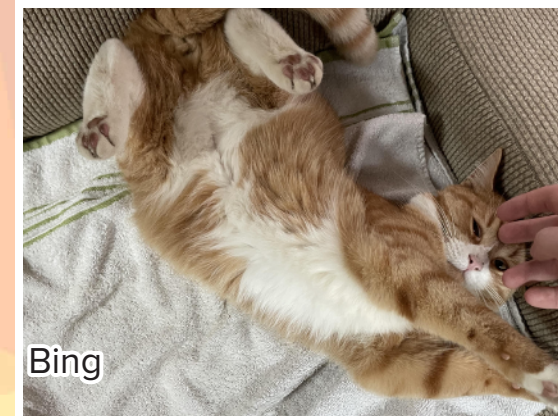
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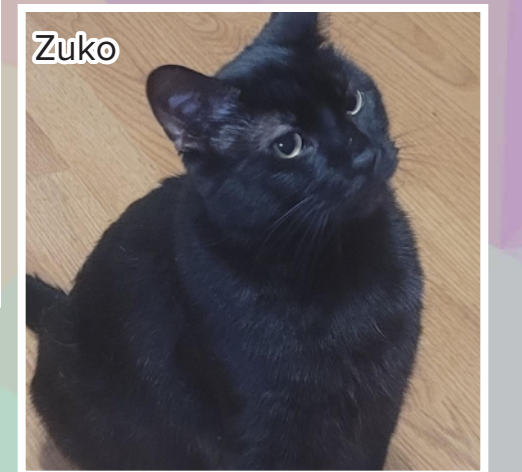
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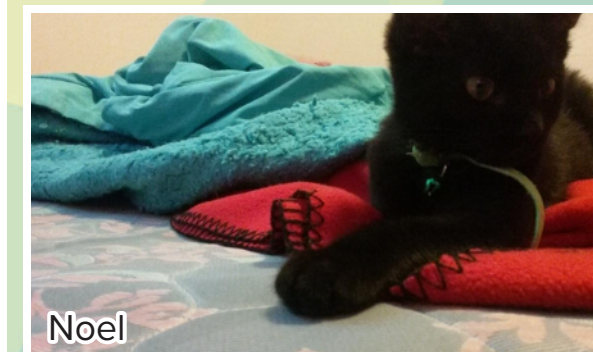
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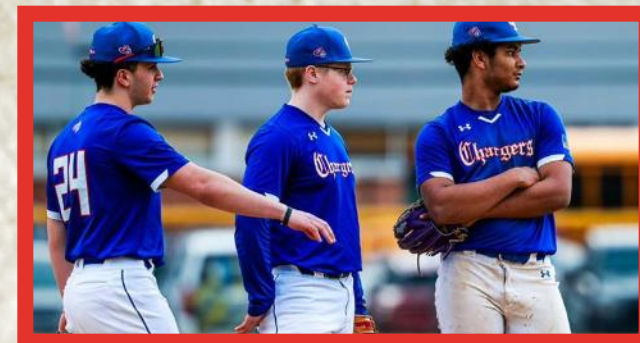
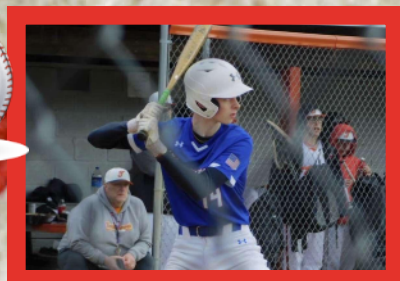
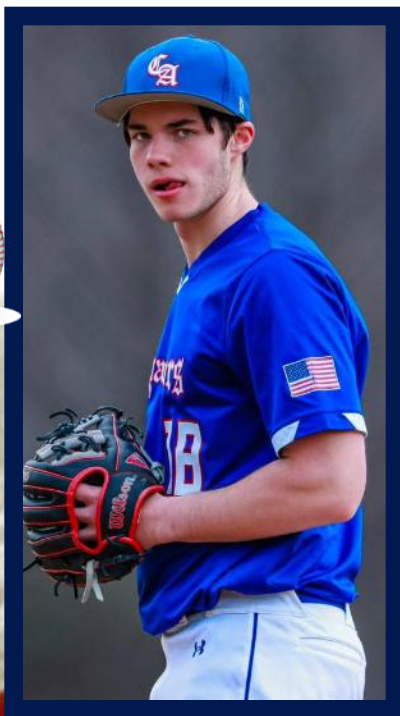
Maya

They say a dog is a man's best friend. However. In the Yearbook class, all our pets are more than friends. They are family! So, to show our pride and passion to our furry buddies, we have decided to share our favorite photos of them with you!

Madysen Usher



# Sports Photo Dump





# What Motivates You?

Students at Carbondale Area High School celebrated the second half of our school year with the arrival of the third marking period. Did you ever notice that during the third marking period, it's hard to come across motivation? As the summer approaches, that's all we can think about, especially our younger friends. We fall behind on assignments and grades drop. However, most people have at least one thing that motivates them. One thing that pushes a person to do what they need to do. We gathered information from members of the Yearbook and newspaper class to tell YOU What motivates them.

**Aubrey Borosky:** I am motivated by keeping my grades up to stay in academic honors, to make my family proud!

**Riley Brennan:** I am motivated by my future Plans. In order for me to have the future I want, I know I need to do my best.

**Ethen Brewen:** I am motivated by my past failures

**Krystel Calderon:** I am motivated by Lebron James.

**Addison Colona:** I am motivated by keeping my grades up so I can make my family proud and get into Florida Atlantic University.

**Jesenia Justice:** I am most motivated by my goals, like where and who I want to be. Being successful in my soon-to-be career is more than rewarding to think about.

**Isaiah Kilmer:** I am motivated by making money.

**Emily Northrup:** I am most motivated by my future and how I want things to turn out for me. I want to have a good paying job and a nice house with a good environment.

**Dominion Ramos:** I am motivated by having a promising future. I am also motivated by Lebron James

**Nate Ulmer:** I think about my future and think, everything I do is for my future.

**Madysen Usher:** I am motivated by my dreams. I want to be able to stay in drama club while I am in school. When I graduate, I want to do so with good grades. When I graduate, I plan to get a full-time job at the school I am currently employed at and move into a cozy home with my cats. To do this, I need to complete my work.



# Notable Quotables

"Be curious. Read widely.  
Try new things. What  
people call intelligence just  
boils down to curiosity."

— Aaron Swartz



There is a  
*past* version  
of you that is  
*so proud*  
of how far you have  
come.

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good  
things  
take  
time

Never  
let your  
fear  
decide  
your  
fate.



slow progress  
is better than  
no progress.  
Stay positive  
and never give  
up.



**"BE  
PROUD OF  
YOURSELF  
; EVERY  
SMALL  
STEP  
COUNTS."**



everything  
happens  
for a  
reason.



Two things you  
are in total control  
of in life are your  
attitude and your  
effort



*enjoy  
every  
moment.*