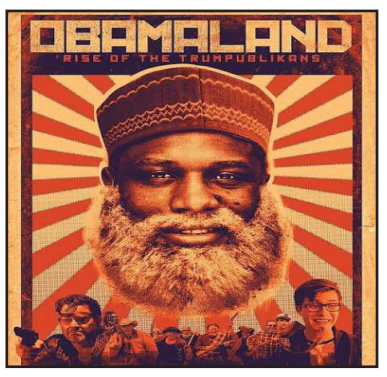
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Red Bluff Unites in Support of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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October is both Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Red Bluff High School Student Store is giving pink popcorn cups in exchange for a dry or canned food to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month every Friday of October.

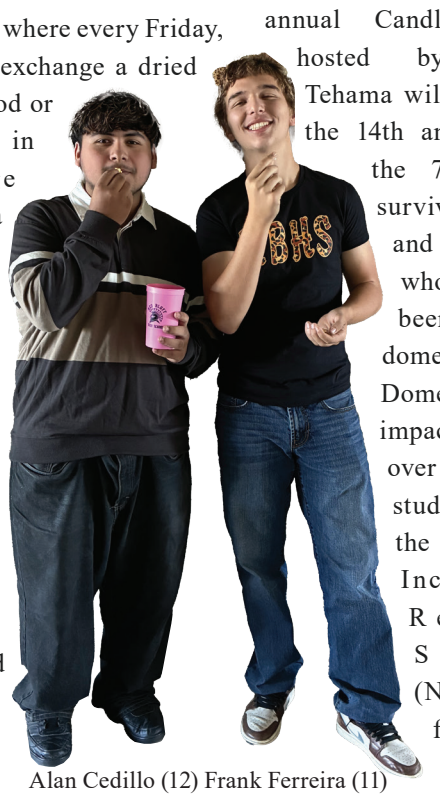
The 14th Annual Candlelight Walk hosted by Empower Tehama is to honor those whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

According to seer.cancer.gov about 321,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 42,000 will die. Breast cancer accounts for 15% of cancer diagnoses and 6.7% cancer deaths. When caught in its earliest, localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is over 99%.

In support The Pink Sundial Resource Fair will happen October 15 with resource booths and local entertainment to further educate and bring awareness to Breast Cancer Awareness. Red Bluff Dignity Health is also illuminated in pink to show their support. RBHS Student Store is also showing support by offering an exchange where every Friday, kids can exchange a dried can of food or food can in exchange for a small pink popcorn bucket.

The student store is also offering Pink Out! shirts and hats both for $10.

The annual Candlelight Walk hosted by Empower Tehama will visit Orland the 14th and Red Bluff the 7th to share survivor stories and honor those whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.


Alan Cedillo (12) Frank Ferreira (11)

Domestic violence impacts many, over a five-year study period the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) has found that domestic violence cases have increased.

Law enforcement over the years 2020-2024 reported more than 11,000 domestic violence murder victims and an additional 1.1 million victims of domestic violence. Nearly 75% were female.

In addition, in 2024, there were a reported 70,500 incidents of teen relationship violence. These are only the reported statistics, according to data from USAFacts, roughly 48% to 50% of domestic violence goes unreported. Local sources like Empower Tehama can be a resource to help those who are in abusive relationships who need help.

Tardy Troubles

Diana Martinez Lopez
Staff Writer

As we enter the ninth week into the school year tardies rise, it has become an increasingly more visible problem across campus.

Every morning at eight o'clock long lines form from the start of the office through the doorways almost extending to the new staff parking lot. This isn't just a morning issue, as it also spikes after lunch because many students choose to go off campus for lunch, making fast food lines long as well. What was once a minor issue has turned to a major focal point and rising issue for administration. Leading staff members to strictly crack down on students who fail to arrive on time. The system for handling tardies has raised concerns among students. Junior Class President Frank Ferreira claims after waiting in the long line to get a tardy slip, a staff member came and sent him straight to refocus, which led to him missing class. In refocus Frank said he did nothing but sit there in silence and expressed he would rather be in class late than be seated and do nothing. Students miss learning material which they then have to make up later, as opposed to being late and still getting part of the lesson. This is unfair for students who aren't usually late to get sent to refocus, but can be confusing knowing it is three tardies till you get a lunch detention. Accumulating three tardies within a week results in lunch detention. Lunch detention requires you spend your lunch sitting down, unable to leave the building. Lunch detention is held in the computer science building. While you do lose your lunch for the day there is not much of a disciplinary action. Especially when you get a tardy slip and get sent straight to refocus, there is no educational purpose to it.

While administration aims to encourage punctuality and reduce classroom disruptions, many students feel the current punishments create additional obstacles to their learning.

As the morning lines continue to stretch across the quad each day, the ongoing debate over the balance between discipline and instructional time remains a pressing topic for both students and staff alike.

A Safety Measure or Surveillance: ALPR Cameras divide RB over Privacy Issues

Iris Neevel
Staff Writer

The city of Red Bluff is torn over the issue of ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers) cameras with 11 scattered around the city controlled by either the Red Bluff City police department or Tehama County sheriff's office. The 8 cameras run by Red Bluff City police department are all Motorola Camera's and use Vigilant Solutions software.

While the 3 flock cameras in Red Bluff are controlled by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. These ALPR's can track license plates as well as the vehicle's make, model, color, and any other identifying features like stickers or dents and if the vehicle is suspected for a crime the cameras will flag it and contact local police according to flock safety and motorola solutions websites.

Both companies also claim they can make predictive routes by taking all the data collected and statistically mapping out the most likely outcomes. Flock cameras depending on the model can also detect gunshots to mobilize police. This leads to the debate on ALPR which is whether the cameras are for safety or mass surveillance according to several local social media posts.

The biggest indicator of mass surveillance would be the state and federal government gaining access to the data the ALPR's collect. Though on both the Flock and Motorola website it clearly states that federal agencies like ICE or databases like Palantir, that work with national security, have no access to the data.

Instead, the federal agencies and programs use data given by data brokers or local law enforcement in official or unofficial contracts.

Though, after many attempts to contact, there is no insight from the Red Bluff police station or Tehama County sheriffs department on whether data from local cameras are used by federal agencies or data analyzing programs.

This question feeds into worries that Tehama County harbors over camera abuse and mass surveillance in our communities.

Now according to CBS San Francisco Article on Flock Abuse in an audit of SFPD there was found to be over 300 improper searches in roughly a year making it only about 0.005% of all searches done by the department.

And according to the American Civil Liberties Union they have found 170 to 200 more documented abusive searches by law enforcement agencies.

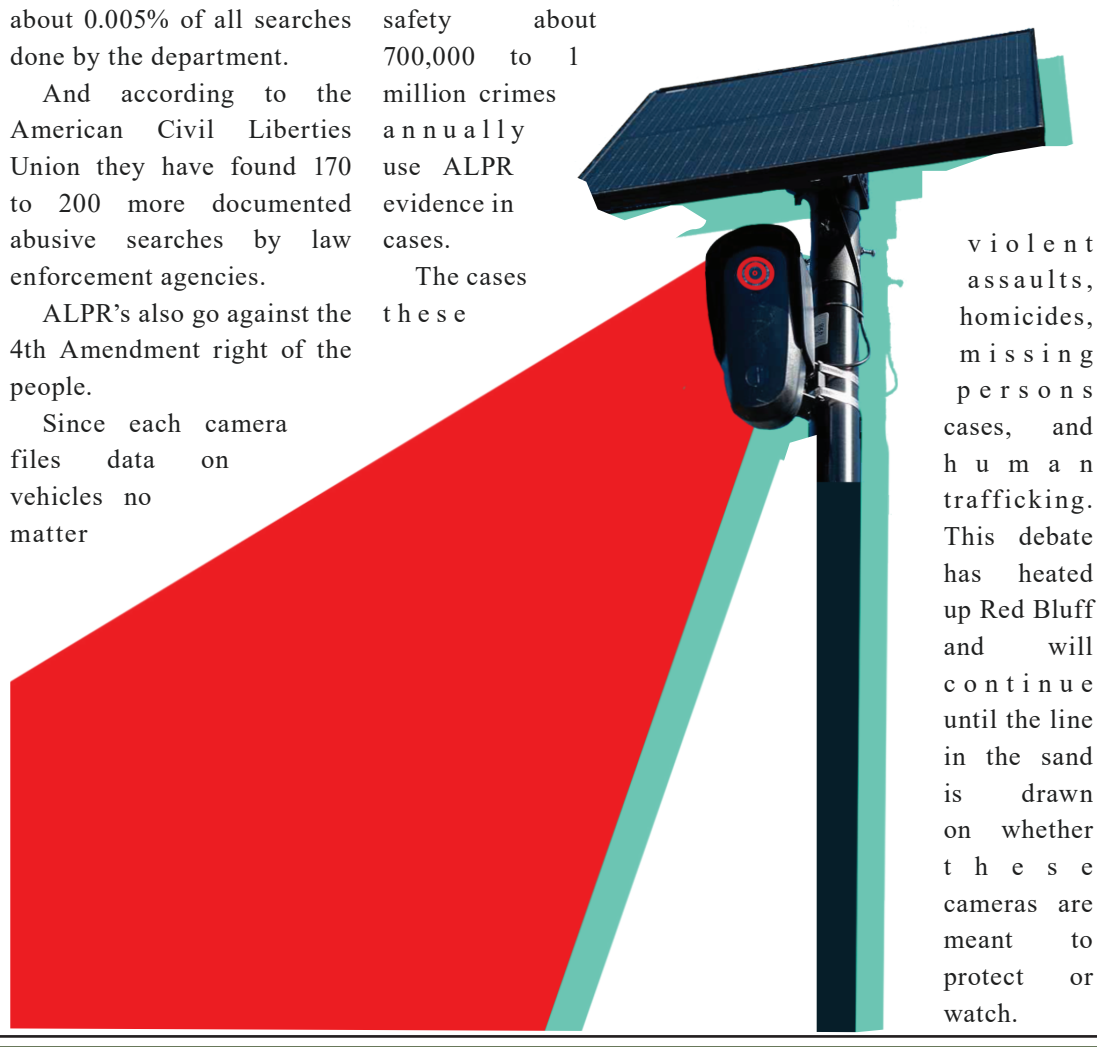
ALPR's also go against the 4th Amendment right of the people.

Since each camera files data on vehicles no matter what it has done, it breaks the ideal of protection against unreasonable searches due to the fact it collects data without any probable cause and allows that data to be searched at any point in time.

On the other hand, according to flock safety about 700,000 to 1 million crimes annually use ALPR evidence in cases.

The cases these cameras are used in are often the most time sensitive and dangerous.

According to the National Policing Institute's article on ALPR cameras, the crimes are auto theft, AMBER alerts, violent assaults, homicides, missing persons cases, and human trafficking. This debate has heated up Red Bluff and will continue until the line in the sand is drawn on whether these cameras are meant to protect or watch.



Upward Bound

- Pick up an application in the Counseling Center
- Application deadlines are November 30th
- For more information contact Mrs. Johnson

FAFSA/CADAA Night

- Fill out your FAFSA/CADAA on Tuesday October 27 @ 5:30-7:30PM
- Don't miss this opportunity
- Bring your chromebook charged!!

RB Parks & Recreation

- Juniors! you can now apply to be a student representative for RB Parks & Recreation
- Applications are available in the counseling center and they must be submitted by November 20th!!

Partisanship Over Patriotism in a Divided Democracy...

Staff Editorial

Ever since the Washington era, political parties have been at a point of war with each other. Washington directly warns of the construction of major political parties in fear of the loss of popular sovereignty; the idea that the people of said country have such authority over their directly who they put into governmental positions. Now, more than ever this threat to true democracy is prevalent. Pew Research Center polling observes a growing number of political aggression between the two major parties, in PRC's words, "In 2016, 47% of Republicans and 35% of Democrats said members of the other party were more immoral than other Americans; that increased to 55% and 47%, respectively, in 2019. Today, majorities in both parties (72% of Republicans, 63% of Democrats) view members of the opposing party as more immoral."These kinds of hostile and divisive views of each other have created a deadlock in our legislative branch. Just last year, the U.S government had the longest government shutdown in our history, the fourth one since the new millennium. This was a direct result of a stuck-out government who couldn't bear to compromise at the risk of letting down their political party.

A study from Professor Milan Svolik and Matthew Graham's experiment Democracy in America? Partisanship, Polarization, and the Robustness of Support for Democracy in the United States explores Americans' willingness to give up their democratic values for more popular values such as policies and their political party. It found, in summary, that only a minute fraction of American citizens prioritized democratic values when filling out their ballots. This study sadly shows that an intense partisan loyalty will reign, even if it compromises democratic values.

Now why is this becoming such a trend? Maybe our parents are right. Social media's rise has dug our trenches of political views deeper and deeper; as their algorithms have filled our feeds with more galleries of one sided stories, and it's only ever the sides that we agree with. When we're given a fixed algorithm of only our opinions, we're creating a confirmation bias for ourselves, removing the want or need to hear the opposing side's opinion. But these sensationalized stories are nothing new to us. Ever since 24-hour news broadcasting began with CNN in 1980, news, similar to social media in modern terms, had to find content that was entertaining, and make it even more entertaining than it seemed, exaggerating events in similar ways to the Boston Massacre, and when different news channels started panning to different groups of people, we saw an early sign of what social media would become.

To overcome these deep divisions between us, we must look to the foundational principles of our past. The patriots who founded this country recognized the only way to create unity is for us to collaborate and compromise. They knew there was no threat in a difference of opinion, and if anything it was a vital part of democracy. This country was built to be a unified family with varying political ideals, but never ignorant ones

Justice Falls Short: Cornell's Jane Doe

Alan Cedillo
Staff Writer

Cornell's 'Jane Doe' case, first reported around November of 2024, was brought back into light in the past month due to the civil lawsuit being filed, but this has been a major problem and can even be seen as a setback for women. In this case Jane Doe only consented to 2 of the men that were there that night and it all started off consensual but these men started giving her ketamine and other kinds of drugs to the point where she couldn't say yes or no to anything they wanted.

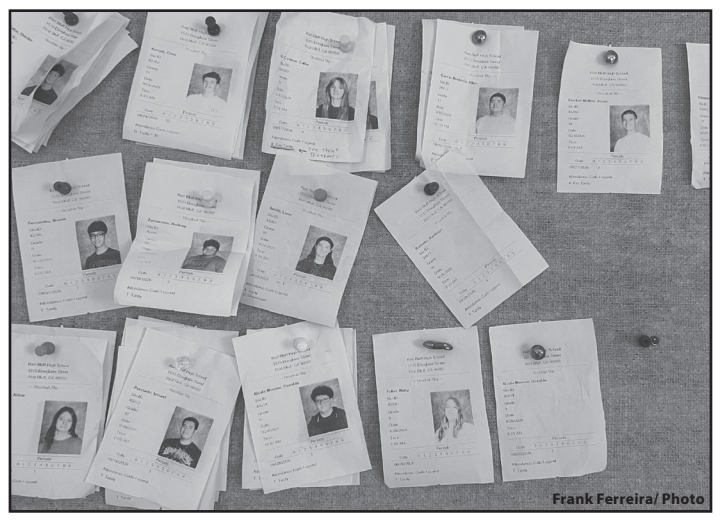
After this happened those boys sent pictures of her and said that anybody who wants some can go and get some and eventually other boys came in and she was raped by 7 men. There has been many sides to this story and many people not taking Jane Doe's side in this case which is awful, taking the guys side when she was drugged, raped and many more things that most likely happened that night.

I believe that those guys should get more punishment than what they got, this whole case is awful and it has not been handled very well. Out of all of the boys, 2 were expelled, one had graduated when this case was brought up again, 2 were suspended, 1 for 2 years and the other for 1.5 years, 2 were lightly treated or not found for sexual misconduct. One of the guys that was involved in this, Matthew Ingall is now trying to accuse Jane Doe of assaulting him, which does not make sense and is overall stupid he is trying to do this, that poor girl went through all of this and one of the guys that raped her wants to play the victim now just because he got caught, in that group of the guys that were there, there was talks and concerns about whose futures were gonna be ruined and this alone proves that Matthew was not assaulted and he is only trying to get the blame off himself because he knows what he did was wrong and he needs to face higher consequences. This case was also brought by the student run newspaper, not Cornell themselves, the editorial page of that paper exposed the boys and got what we know now released. On October 5th students at Cornell protested at the campus, they protested and had their own rally where more than hundreds of students and even faculty marched and gave speeches for 7 hours to get something done about this case.



RBHS Admin Rethinks the Tardy Policy

Nathali Vargas
Staff Writer


Frank Ferreira/ Photo

Why getting refocus for being tardy or getting a tardy slip in the morning is sometimes not fair.

I know students have to be responsible for being on time to class but sometimes being late isn't their fault. What if there's traffic or their parents and siblings are taking forever to get ready and go, and because they made the student late now that student has to go and get a tardy slip and get it marked and after three tardies they get lunch detention. Also I think three a semester is not enough tardies. Like at least give us more than three tardies a semester.

I know students being late to class is a big deal because they miss class time and sometimes important information. But giving them refocus for being late is worse than getting lunch detention. Because that way now the student misses a whole period of class time and they miss all the important information they needed for an assignment. Or while they were in refocus they didn't get time to finish a project or work that was due in class so now they get marked off points and their grades drop. It's also frustrating for teachers when students get refocus because then they have to repeat what they talked about in class to a student who got refocus for being late. Also a lot of students who get refocus probably like to be there because they miss class time and they don't have to do the work in class.

There should be a time limit before you get a tardy and refocus after lunch and morning tardies. Tardies should be excused if the student gets a tardy atleats 10-

Converse Releases Racist Ad

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Staff Writer

Converse has pulled one of their most recent advertisements, as it has received significant backlash from social media users and advocates from all over the world. This criticism is due to the clear, racist imagery presented. August 27th of 2026, Converse released an advert showcasing the release of a new shoe-line, the Chuck 70 X Trainers. It seems normal at a first glance, however, when reading deeper into the image, it is clear to see the discriminatory symbolism depicting a Ku Klux Klan member and the hanging of a person of color.

The main image of controversy showcases a model dangling a pair of shoes from her hands whilst wearing a white skirt. There is nothing out of the ordinary about that. However, the symbolism is revealed through the unusual lighting of said advertisement. The triangular highlighting of the skirt and the shading of the shoes and arm is being compared to a Ku Klux Klan member's hood and the


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legs of a black person being lynched. Also, the model for this ad, Karina (from the K-pop group Aespa) already has a history of prejudice and political controversy. The claims of racism in this promotion are not a far stretch, and those claiming to not see it are simply not digging deep enough and are not skilled in media literacy.

Converse is not a small brand, and they have the resources and marketing teams to prevent this sort of controversy. So, how did this blatantly racist imagery pass inspection?

It's simple, this advertisement was not an innocent lighting mistake, but rather a subtle, planted dog whistle. That is also why Converse did not try to explain their intentions or deny the claims, but simply issued an apology and refused to respond to inquiries. They knew what they were doing, and racism is still heavily and systematically present today. This subtlety is deliberate and we must not fall victim to ignorance.

The Effects of Declawing Cats

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Many people seem to think that the declawing of cats is an easy fix to their instinctual desire to scratch at furniture and leather.

What most people don't realize is how truly evil this "simple fix" is for their poor pet. Educating yourself on a topic takes barely a second, yet neglectful and ignorant pet owners won't even do as much as googling if declawing is the right choice.

Declawing an animal not only takes away one of their only sources of self defense and leaves them feeling vulnerable, it is also very painful for the pet.

If you aren't aware of what declawing a pet actually is, it's the surgical amputation of every last joint of each toe on the pet's foot. This is a gruesome and horrific thing to do to an animal, especially one in which you claim to love. This surgery takes away much more than your pets claws;

It strips away their sense of safety and makes life much harder for them. Their paws become sensitive and uncomfortable under their weight, and many animals will suffer from chronic paw and back pain after an operation such as this, leaving the now defenseless pet confused and hurt.

As annoying as scratches on your furniture may be, just know that declawing should never be an option in anyone's right mind.

There are alternatives to this surgery and, if left with no other option, please consider rehoming your pet before going through with something so cruel.

Pets shouldn't have to forfeit their knuckles, safety, and wellbeing, just to protect your inanimate objects.

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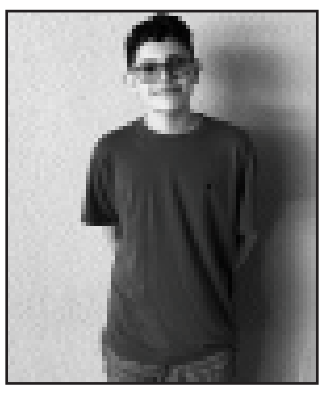
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Spartan Sound off

What are you looking forward to for Fall?



Aaron Ramirez (9)

"It getting colder and not as hot as summer"



Finley Dominick (10)

"Halloween"



Xavier Nunez (11)

"Dressing up for Halloween"



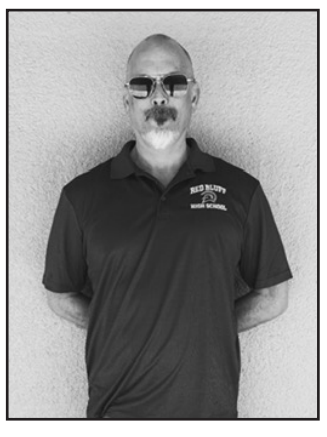
Reagan Bailey (12)

"The weather change "



Mrs. Richardson (Teacher)

"Homemade soup and wood stove fire"



Mr. Conwell (Teacher)

"Thanksgiving and the time change."

Red Bluff High Congratulates 2026 HOCO Queen

Kayden Lyon
Staff Writer

Homecoming night is an enormous night for red bluff high and its students. An event most looked forward to is the coronation that occurs at the time of the JV halftime. This is where the homecoming princesses for each grade and the stunning queen nominees walk down the football field in their glorious gowns and loved ones at their sides. After walking through the decor and taking the annual photo with their featured supporters. They are left anxiously waiting to see if their peer votes were enough for them to then be crowned the schools homecoming queen.

Just two weeks ago our school's very own Trystan Burris was crowned Red Bluff High's 2026 Homecoming Queen! Just wait it gets even sweeter, during our interview Trystan informed me that at the exact moment she was crowned she was so filled with a gazillion amount of excitement and feelings of gratefulness that her beloved peers thought and truly believed that she was a good fit for their homecoming queen.

Trystan has had such a stellar record of winning these types of competitions and it is not only proof of her popularity but also of her school involvement. For example, when nominated her first year of high school she was granted the role of freshman princess, due to the rule of not being able to qualify for the princess position twice in a row she was a member of the 2025 spirit court, still leading up to the crown she fulfilled the role of junior princess just last year.



Courtesy Photo

At last she received the crown and title of the queen. These sorts of competitions are not just about popularity, it is based on the people's opinion of you and the representation provided of yourself.

Being queen is an enormous privilege and honor. It should be well deserved and there should be work put into it in order to receive the privilege Trystan Burris has put in such effort to carry the crown. She's heavily involved in FFA as well as Cheer.

Our queen also has 500 hours of volunteering on her list of accomplishments. During our interview we chatted it up about her favorite things throughout the whole process and she said " by far it was getting to perform and be my naturally funny self with all of my friends during the kick off rally.'' As mentioned before her excitement level while being crowned was through the roof when asked about that level she said " oh most definitely 10, like a ten out of ten.''

The night of Homecoming is truly a memorable night for everyone of course including the queen. In fact our very own queen said her most memorable moment, a moment she remembered for eternity, was when " all of my friends began running and jumping after my coronation providing me with their gratitude. I felt so loved at that moment. And I won't ever forget it''.

This tradition is truly wonderful and shines such a great light on our students. Congratulations Trystan Burris!

Spartan Teacher Feature: Art teacher Mr. Moller

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Staff Writer

Phillip Moller is a great teacher here."When asked what the most interesting thing about him was?"He stated''I became an artist without ever taking a formal art class. What started as a beginner art kit gifted to me by my husband grew into a passion that completely changed the direction of my life.

After spending seven years working in healthcare,''when I asked how did you pursue your passion in art and how did that become a passion for teaching art for children?''He stated.."I pursued my love of art through murals, commissions, graphic design, and community art projects before finding my calling as a high school art teacher. My journey has taught me that you don't need a traditional path to discover your passion or make a difference .''When I asked what message do you want to send out ?''He stated ''I want to share that same message with my students by encouraging them to think outside the box, experiment, and discover their own creative potential.''''When I asked how many years have you been teaching?He stated'' "I started teaching art 5 years ago when I was hired on as the After School Arts Program Coordinator.

I decided to begin the process of obtaining my teaching credential in visual arts. In 2023 I began teaching full time here.''''When I asked do I have any school clubs?''He stated ''I'm 1 of 3 advisors for Spartan OUTreach which is a club that practices acceptance of all people, with a focus on the LGBTQ+ community.

We organize and participate in school activities that promote anti-bullying, acceptance, and providing general information. I also advise Spartan E-Sports which is an after school club where we meet every Thursday in the PACS and play video games from 3 different projectors from Xbox to Switch.

Lastly, Spartan Creatives which is the After School Art Program that is every day except Wednesday in the PACS where you can create whatever you want on those days.''



Women Lift each other up

Anais Estrella
Staff Writer

Every year here at Red Bluff High School, teachers ands t u d e n t s create, run, and continue different clubs for students to join and participate in.

This year, the Women Supporting Women club has been reopened for girls to join, as it was running for the '24 - '25 school year, but not last school year.

Junior Ashley *Yaeger* is the president of the club this year, as she had been in the club her freshman year and really enjoyed it.

Ashley noticed that the club wasn't being run by anyone last year, so she asked Mrs. Pelanconi to be the supervisor of the club this year. As well as Women Supporting Women club, Ashley is also a part of NAMI club, Student Government, and helps out with LTA (Lunch Time Activities). In the Women Supporting Women club, she says that they have plans to reach out with Empower Tehama to potentially help out and work with local women's shelters to help get support for her club, as well as to see if she can help the shelters out.

Another plan for the club also includes participating in the Halloween Carnival event happening here at Red Bluff High School.

The club has meetings every other Thursday to discuss future events and ideas for other students to enjoy or use as a tool.

One future goal that Ashley has for the club is to expand it and make it a safe place for women on campus to go and get help on issues they may be having, or just somewhere that students can go to for reassurance. Ashley says that the club benefits the school, "By having a safe zone for women because some don't feel safe with their predicaments." Making sure there are resources and available people to talk to when someone is having problems is something that really matters to Ashley, so Women Supporting Women's club is extremely important to her. Making women feel welcomed and comfortable is her main goal. Ashley is very caring when it comes to other people and how they are feeling, or how their situations are difficult to deal with.

She wants to make sure that women around her and at school are feeling safe and happy.

Spartan Student Feature: Alexis Guerra

Mariah Craig
Staff Writer

Red Bluff High School is full of incredible seniors, ready to take all the skills they have learned with them onto the next chapter.

Alexis Guerra is a senior at the high school. At the school she has gained many skills and talents that she now loves.

Alexis plays basketball and does dance at the school. She has played basketball at the high school for three years, about to be her fourth this year.

She first wanted to play basketball hearing about the Red Bluff's program, of how good it was, so she wanted to try it.

While playing, she stays motivated by her team and knows that she can always learn more.

As for dance, Alexis is on the dance team this year. She has been dancing now for three years.

Taking Dance 1 her sophomore year and taking Dance 2 her junior year. So far the dance teams performances have all been good and all coming together well from them all working together as a new team.

Happy to be able to spend her last year with dance on the dance team. Outside of school Alexis keeps herself busy by staying active in the gym, going out with friends, going to football games and trying to keep up with all the school events. So far her favorite memory for her senior year has been the first football game.

Just an exciting way to start the school year as it is her last first football game. Alexis had fun being with all of her friends all dressed up and all together in the Rowdy Crowd.

This year she is looking forward to prom and graduation, even though it will be sad to let go, she is excited to start the new chapter of life afterwards. After High school Alexis would like to go to a CSU or a UC for a nursing program, however, still not too sure knowing that she would want to go out of the town, not, hopefully going to Southern California to major in nursing.

Alexis is inspired by her mom, because she has always kept her motivated to try new things and keeping up with school events knowing all the memories Alexis could make will impact, better and improve her senior year. Being a pretty social person, Alexis would like to be known by others for always being kind and having an open mind to others ideas and opinions.

Never afraid to do something for others, willing to help and take any needed criticism.



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Foreign Show 'The Wonderfools' Balances Humor and Emotions

Daisy Bentley
Staff Writer

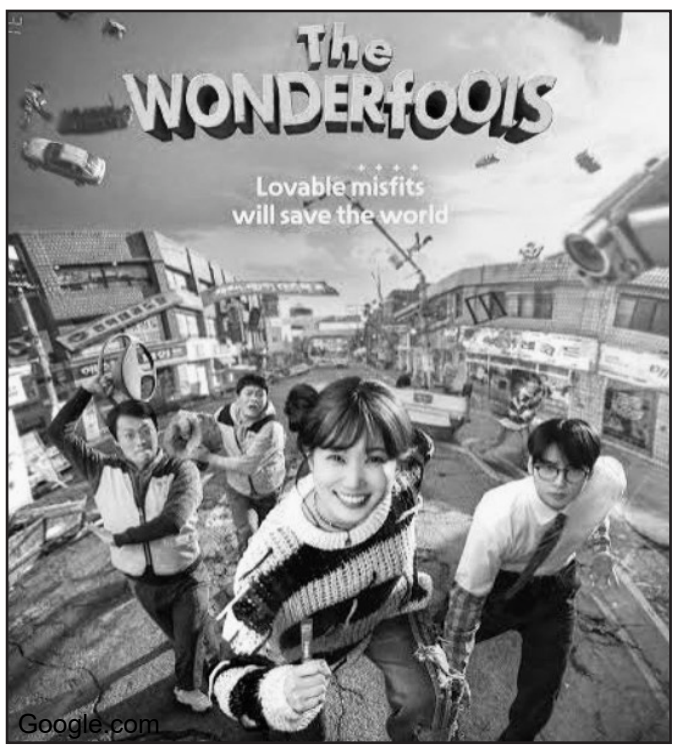
Wonderfools is a foreign, South Korean show about a group of normal people developing their unnatural abilities during a zombie apocalypse.

It sounds chaotic and overwhelming at first, but the ratings have a strong 100% ratings on Tomatometer and 95% on Popcornmeter, which means regular audiences and even professional critics enjoyed this short show.

What I think makes Wonderfools a wonderful, well done show is how the setting describes the environment and how they are interactive with the main characters, the peak Y2K (Early 2000's) style, and the dynamic humor that balances the emotional weight surrounding them. And I really appreciated how they didn't make them all power-hungry after discovering their powers, they were still themselves even if they were startled or a little confident once understanding their strengths. Who wouldn't be confident after realizing you have superpowers, come on now.

They keep up with their comedy with realistic reactions, I enjoy the plot twist at every end of the episodes and I enjoy how dramatic they make it in some of the most random situations. I just wish they had made more episodes instead of cutting it off.

My favorite character was Kang Ro-Bin who was played by Im Seong-Jae. I find him really



funny and relatable, especially how he reacts to things emotionally while still patient, which is why his superpower of strength contrasts him. I find almost every character interesting and understanding while they present themselves by how they interact with the other characters, how they dress, and so much more that describes their personalities and characteristics without words or the character's reputation.

I genuinely just think this show is very well done for everyone to enjoy. Each episode is over an hour long, which is why other people enjoy watching despite having a total of eight episodes.

In the episodes, everything is somewhat explained and there is tight storytelling to leave out the mystery that is further explained. I find it overall funny despite it having a few corny and over-the-top moments.

Another favorite character of mine is Son Kyung-Hoon who was played by Choi Dae-Hoon, I just find him funny for his loud mouthed personality and being a family man which is something I can respect.

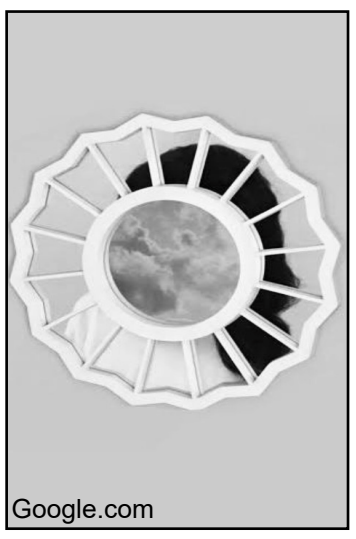
Overall reviewing this show and their unique style, I actually like it as a foreign show and I encourage everyone who wants to watch a new show or someone who is interested in watching K-drama shows, this would be a good start to go for to get used to those genres if you like comedy and somewhat action to it, or something new to watch and to just enjoy.

'The Divine Feminine' Celebrates a Decade

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Ten years after its original release, Mac Miller's The Divine Feminine remains a beloved exploration of love and intimacy. To honor the project's decade anniversary, his estate has unveiled three tracks that are brand new to the public.

The release of these previously vaulted tracks offer fans a rare look into the recording sessions of this soulful album. Released in 2016, The Divine Feminine marked a significant shift in Mac Miller's sound,



moving away from the darker themes of his earlier work, towards a more melodic, bright aesthetic.

The album is celebrated for its collaborative spirit, featuring fan favorites such as Ariana Grande, Ty Dolla $ign, Kendrick Lamar, CeeLo Green, and more that help define its warm, expansive production. It was a record about vulnerability, a rare and unfiltered look at a man learning to navigate the complexities of a deep romantic connection for the first time in his life.

The release of these tracks is part of a dedicated effort by the estate to share Miller's creative journey with his devoted fanbase and these three new tracks from the vault allow listeners to experience the depth and versatility of his artistry during one of his most vibrant and creative periods.

These archival recordings highlight Mac Miller's unique ability to blend jazz, funk, and R&B into a cohesive, romantic narrative. Fans have long cherished the album's interpretation of love, making these new additions a deeply meaningful tribute to his enduring influence. In these three tracks Miller explores romance, vulnerability, and internal struggles. In "Grand", he goes down the slippery slope of longing for a past relationship, wondering what it could've bloomed into had it worked out. "Channel 13" is a much deeper track, on which Mac Miller explores the toxic dynamic between addiction and dissatisfaction, highlighting the media's perception of him and his hidden struggles with mental health.

On the contrary, "Butterflies" is a lighter, whimsical song where Miller takes listeners on a journey of infatuation, nervous excitement surrounding a new love interest, and intoxication. "Butterflies" also has another side where Mac Miller expresses a longing for nostalgia and uncertainty around vulnerability.

These three tracks, unveiled from the vault of original recording sessions, capture the same ethereal, funk driven spirit that The Divine Feminine has secured its reputation for. The original album's influence was already undeniable, paving the way for artists to explore vulnerability, and now it's arguably untouchable.

Tubi Delivers Another Masterpiece: Obamaland

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Tubi is a free streaming platform that has some beautifully terrible movies; combing through iPhone-made movies is always a good time. Some are good, some are bad. None of them are quite as good as Obamaland, though.

In this absolute gem of a movie, Trump dies a mysterious death, and Obama is named president for life. It's literally as if everything all the MAGA soup-brained Trump knob-slobbers tweeted about was true. Obama is actually from Africa, and he's in Kahoots with 'The Middle East'. He reforms America into "Obamaland", and it's as if every registered user on DeviantArt multiplied by 22 and replaced everyone else. The dialogue is terribly awkward, and everyone is acting like they're on Benadryl. All the dudes in this movie also have a long braided goatee, and it's like a beauty standard? I don't know, and I don't care.

The main character, Tinder, is some skinny Seattle leftovers casserole of a person; it's the worst bit of the movie. In the middle of Obamaland, there are groups of "Trumpublikans" that stay in old abandoned American diners. Tinder is introduced when he goes to interview an underground band, as this is



said to be his passion. The ultra-talented band sings an amazing song, all of which is them repeating "Kill the Gringos." There's a stiff bar-fight scene involving far too much bodily excrement and the first of the Trumpublikans.

After this, the old man who saves the MC brings him back to meet the others. Somehow or another, he ends up joining forces with the Trumpublikans? Who knows. They end up getting detained by the police, but they get saved by the best part of the entire movie. It's some Trumpublikan vigilante named Hope White, and she looks exactly like she sounds. She and the main character end up having this weird opposite-sex "relationship?" That was sort of weird, and it felt like they were just scrambling to somehow fit that in there. No shade, I just think opposite-sex relations weren't appropriate for the movie. Also, Obama is crazy, and Michelle is dead, and he imagines her still there.

The Trumpublikans end up invading this lab where Obama is trying to make a "Super Distributor", a machine that divides everything equally. The movie ends in the worst, most ambiguous way, with Hope and Tinder escaping into underground tunnels. Please watch this, it's the best Tubi slop I've ever seen.

How Different Can Food From Other Countries Be?

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Have you ever thought about how different the snacks are in different countries? Every country has at least one snack that they couldn't live without, just like America with Doritos and Oreos.

In the United Kingdom, they have quite a few trending snacks and candies that they are used to eating, which probably aren't known here in America. The biggest chain of candy in the UK is called M&S, and the famous candies that they produce are called Percy Pigs and Colin the Caterpillar. There are also these hard candies called Butter mints and Parmaviolets that are widely known. They also have their own versions of Lays, and they have some popular flavors.

I happened to have a friend who lives in the U.K. who was able to send me these candies to try. Percy Pigs are gummy candies that have a soft, marshmallow-type texture. They are fruit-based and have a very delicious taste. I personally enjoyed these the most because they reminded



me of fruit snacks but with a soft texture. Colin the Caterpillar gummies are very similar to the Percy Pigs with a soft gummy texture, except they are flavored a little bit differently. These were good but probably not something I'd grab again. The next candy is completely different, with a chalky texture and a strong violet taste. I very much disliked these, as I don't like the taste of flowers. They reminded me of Smarties but with a powerful perfume taste. I wouldn't recommend grabbing these if you ever get the chance.

The last treat I was able to try was butter mints. Butter mints were very similar to regular mint candy but with a butterscotch taste. There are very similar treats in the US to them, so I did not think these were anything special.

She also sent me Monster Munch chips in the original flavor and a roast beef flavor. These were my favorite thing I tried. They were amazing and had an interesting flavor. The original flavor was the best and had a pickled onion taste to it. It was unlike any other chip I've tried over here in the US, which is a reason I enjoyed it so much. On the other hand, the roast beef flavor was a little strange to taste. Overall, I had a great time taste testing these snacks, and it was such a fun experience.

'The Life of a Showgirl: The Encore' Sparks Controversy

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Taylor Swift's new album, 'The Life of a Showgirl: The Encore', has to be one of her top controversial ones yet. When I first listened to it, I actually enjoyed it quite a bit. It has a mix of upbeat songs while still having the sad underlying vibe in some other songs included in the album. Personally, I liked it because the lyrics were satisfying to hear and all of them went together perfectly.

To give a picture, most of them were her telling stories in the song itself, which I found quite interesting when listening because it made me pay more attention and enjoy the sound of the song while also, listening to a storyline amongst itself. The reason it's risen up as a controversy is because most fans, even dialing it back to her old fans, disliked her album. This was due to the fact that it doesn't really sound like her usual albums she releases.

Many people weren't expecting such a different album this time around. The newer songs being released didn't really have the same feeling as her older albums did to fans and disappointed them. Not me though, I liked it although many other fans thought differently on it, and it is fair for them to think that because it really isn't like any of her albums she's released before. But that is why I like it so much, it's a different, new style she's tried out and it's gleeful when artists branch out instead of doing the same genre of music and style over and over again.



People are going to change over time, and the same goes for artists. That's why I accept it because the overall music itself isn't bad, it's just different from her older songs.Thats why it got people in a twist. They aren't used to her music sounding the way it did in her new album. But that doesn't mean it's completely terrible, that's the overlying difference.

Overall, I enjoyed listening to every song on Taylor Swift's new album. I understand and can see the different types of perspectives and peoples hot takes on it, but I think the album should be judged on its own rather than it being compared to old albums and songs of hers. Obviously due to it creating such a controversy on social media, it may not be everyone's cup of tea, but for me, I think the changes were more uprising than disappointing, and I will definitely be listening again.

Spartan Spotlight

What's your favorite football team?



Teyah Walters (9)
"The 49ers"



Ricardo Reyes (10)
"The 49ers"



Ceinna Owens (11)
"Bang Bang niner gang."



Aiden Madrigal (12)
"My favorite team is the Ravens."



Mrs. Damonte (Teacher)
"The Green Bay Packers."



Mr. Dais (Teacher)
"San Francisco 49ers."

Under the Lights: Red Bluff Battles Through Another Friday

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Staff Writer

As Football season continues, our Spartans have faced many other teams, such as The Corning Cardinals with the winning score of 41-14. Orland Trojans with a winning score of 14-0, and the most recent game being against Texas MidLands Bulldogs with the score being with the Bulldogs taking the win.

Both teams competed throughout the game, however The Bulldogs made every play count. Their quarterback, Hoit Howard, made great with the help of Elijah Ramos and Tayte Frazier. Their 2 touchdowns were enough to give Midland the points they needed to keep their win.

Although the Bulldogs made it sound easy, Red Bluff made the battle difficult with their great rushing game. The Spartans kept the ball on ground, putting stress and pressure on Midlands defence, and putting them in their place.

Nickolas Mejia led Red bluff's rushing attack with 107 yards on 22 carries, which helped the Spartans gain 279 rushing yards during the game.

Red Bluff's yard game was great, but Midland's defense was enough to wipe down the Spartans. Cade Rylander made an unexpected interception, making the Bulldogs come up with an important defensive play. Midland also came up with a key red-zone stop, stopping Red bluff from making scoring plays into points to put up.



Photo/Joe Brent

Jace Miller running down the field

The most stressful part of the game was towards the ending. Red Bluff had a chance to tie the game, placed at Midlands 15 yard line and facing fourth and one. With the Spartans' pressure and the chance to score, Luke Anderson made a clutch play by blocking the pass, and stopping the drive. Luke's defensive play kept the 14-6 lead and secured the win.

The Bulldogs didn't win without red bluffs dedication. Midland struggled with turnovers near the goal line, missing a field goal and failing to convert a fourth-down opportunity.

Those mistakes kept the Spartans in the game and gave Red Bluff the chance to make a comeback. Even though Midland made many mistakes, their ability to make great plays to steal the win was enough to prove there is always someone or something better.

The Bulldogs dropped many touchdowns with the help of their defense and enough to keep their winning score, even with the spartans pressure. In the end of the game, Midland took the win with the final score being 14-6.

The Spartans put up a great game with their pressure and with the help of our defense. The Bulldogs had a stressful ending with the Spartans turning over the game. Even though Red Bluff couldn't keep up with the Bulldogs, this game proved that one big play can make a big difference in high school football.

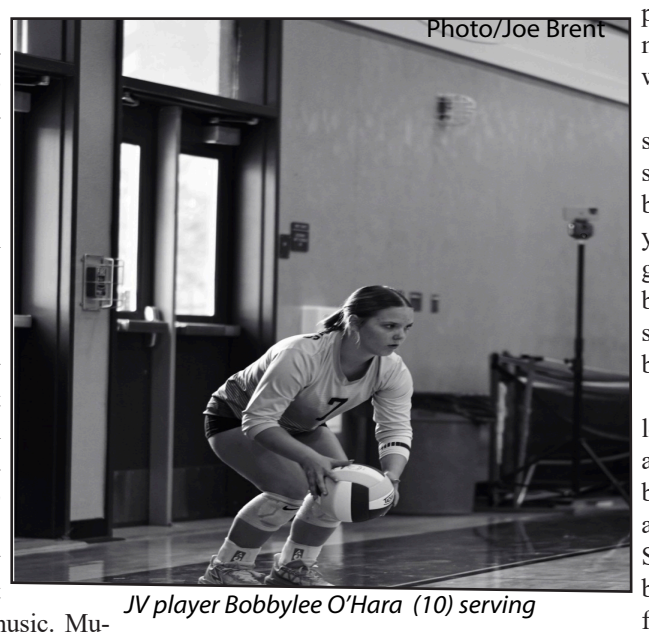
At Red Bluff Every Set Brings a New Challenge for our Teams

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Staff Writer

More than a game! For Emily Villarreal, a sophomore on JV, volleyball is more than just a sport. It's a challenge that pushes her to improve, a place where she has created memorable moments and something that has been supported by the people closest to her.

Throughout Emily's volleyball journey she has learned that staying focused and being motivated is a very important skill to have on the court. One thing that gets Emily into the right mindset before any game is music. Music helps Emily feel ambitious us and her go-to choice is Drake. She says any song by him gets her feeling hyped and ready to compete. It's a pregame ritual for her.

Being an athlete isn't always easy, one of Emily's biggest challenges is maintaining focus when her team starts winning. She explained that sometimes when the team gets ahead of themselves they can start losing flow and lose their sets. She says that she wishes they could come back together and finish strong. Staying focused through difficult games can be hard for some players.



Photo/Joe Brent

JV player Bobbylee O'Hara (10) serving

Emily says that when a game gets difficult she relies on her moms advice and thinks about the support she has given her.

One of her funniest memories in volleyball was her freshman year when she tried to pass the ball and completely missed it. Emily says that in the moment it was so embarrassing but now she can look back and laugh. Varsity player Ellie Ellis Voth says that she has way too many fun and embarrassing memories to pinpoint but she loves making memories with her teammates.

Ellie is very passionate about her sport and she has been playing for 6 years and her biggest challenge is backrow because she cannot pass the ball to save her life.

Though she loves practicing and trying to get better for herself and her teammates. She strives to be better and be there for her teammates.

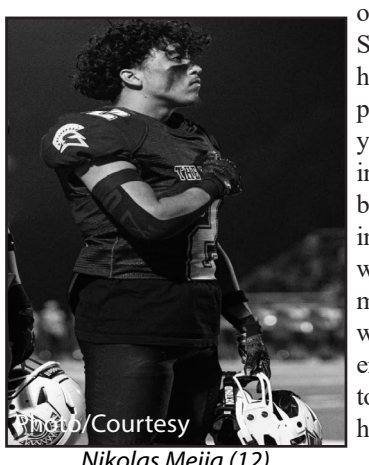
Ellie is a senior at RBHS, and a Varsity volleyball player she says she's sad to stop playing for her high school team.

Ellie says one thing has helped her improve was chemistry, it taught her to maintain a relationship with each of her teammates throughout the season. Chemistry benefits everyone and it's so extremely important to have.

Athlete Feature: Nikolas Mejia

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As a senior, Niko Mejia is making the most of his final football season at Red Bluff High School. He is enjoying every moment with his teammates and creating memories that he will be able to look back on long after his high school football career comes to an end. One of the highlights of his season has been getting to experience new things with his team, including traveling to Texas to compete against a team from Midland.



Photo/Courtesy

Nikolas Mejia (12)

Experiences like these have made his senior season even more memorable and have given him opportunities to build stronger friendships with the people he has played alongside throughout the years. Between attending practices, preparing for games, keeping up with schoolwork, and making time for life outside of football, Niko has learned the importance of commitment and balancing his responsibilities. He started playing football when he was six years old. He was first interested in it because of his friends. Since then, he has continued playing year after year, developing his skills and building lasting relationships with his teammates along the way. He really enjoys the rides to games with his teammates.

One of his favorite experiences has been the trip to Texas, including the flight and bus ride with the team. As his high school football career begins to come to an end, Niko knows there will be many things he will miss about being part of the team. Niko plans to continue playing football in college, allowing him to keep playing a sport that he loves. Looking ahead to the rest of his senior season, his main goal is to make it to the section championship.

The Long Road Toward Success for Cross Country

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This season's Red Bluff High School Cross Country team has kicked off to a running start and the runners have been working hard to improve their abilities to do the best that they can.

The team includes the following students: Maizy Bickford (9), Mateo Camarillo (10), Maximiliano Ramirez Cisneros (9), Frank Ferreira (11), Landon Gallagher (11), Avery Glenn (10), Matheus Gonzales (10) , Evangeline Gozzo (9), Ella Hickok (12), Owen Hickok (10), Jericho Jenkins (12), Cohen Kramer (10), Owen Ludkin (10), Brendon McNulty (12), Alan Pike (10), George Rupp (9), Ryder Stinson (11), Jacoby Stringer (12), Luke Walker (11), and Kylie Wilcox (11).

There are different levels that these runners are in. Some are in varsity, which is where they run three miles of a 5K, while everyone else is a step lower so they only do two miles.

Ella Hickok, a runner for three years on varsity, initially started because "I wanted to get in shape for soccer in off season," but she continued because she developed a passion for seeing her progress.



Photo/Courtesy

Jacoby Stringer(12) posing for a picture

Many runners enjoy challenging themselves in something they wouldn't normally do.

This can bring a love for running and a want to push yourself harder to achieve your goals.

Staying mentally strong and knowing that the faster you go, the quicker you finish are also Ella's motivational factors.

Doing cross country takes a lot of self discipline, and you need to have a good mindset.

Avery Glenn, a freshman, along with Ella think about food and divert their minds from the distractions or desire to quit when running in a difficult race.

This sport involves hard weather conditions at times and may include running in mud which will get your shoes all gross.

All of these racers want to stay consistent in their racing and are striving to be the best at what they love to do. Being involved can be rewarding for yourself and your team.

From the First Tee, to the Final Hole Golf Excells

Destiny Drum
Staff Writer

For the Red Bluff High School golf team, the season has been a chance for students to improve their skills, spend time with friends, and compete. The team includes Charlotte Dent (12), Ellie Eggleston (11), Pia Lewandowski (11), Ella Mattingly (11), Ceinna Owens (11), Vera Gonczeruk (10), Joslynn Owen (10), Taylor Pitner (10), Macie Peterson (9), and Harper Sutfin (9).



Photo/Courtesy

Cienna Ownes (11)

With players from different grade and experience levels, the team provides a supportive environment where everyone can learn from each other.

For Junior Pia Lewandowski, an exchange student from Germany, this is her first year playing golf. After arriving in Red Bluff shortly before the school year began, Pia's house sister asked if she wanted to try the sport. She decided to give it a chance, especially because golf is not a very popular sport in Germany.

Her favorite memory this season has been seeing her own improvement. "I like seeing that when you stick with something, you can actually get better at it." Pia said.

She enjoys having players from every grade on the team because the more experienced can help those who are still learning. Sophomore Vera Gonczeruk is also in her first year on the golf team.

Her favorite part of playing is being able to play with her friends. Her favorite course is her home course because she enjoys the hills. As the season continues, Vera hopes to keep improving. Her goal is to "get better every tournament." Whether they are playing for the first time or working to improve their game, the golfers are finding their own reasons to enjoy the sport. With plenty of the season left, the team is looking forward to seeing how much they can accomplish.

Halloween Activities In Town



October 9th, 5:30-8:00 PM. 328 Oak St, Red Bluff, CA.



October 31st, 2-5 PM (Family Time slot) 9 PM-12 AM (Late Night Time Slot). At Lariat Bowl, Red Bluff CA.



October 31st, 5-8 PM. Calvary Chapel Red Bluff, 12375 Paskenta Rd, Red Bluff.



October 24th, 11 AM-1 PM. At the Red Bluff High School Gym.



October 28, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. Girl Scouts Red Bluff Hall, 933 Jackson St., Red Bluff, CA



October 30th from 2-5 PM. In Donwtown Red Bluff.

