

RBHS looks to Measure H to help improve school facilities and programs

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Measure H is a 19 million dollar education bond on the November ballot to help improve Red Bluff High School and cost a 19 dollar property tax per 100 thousand of assessed property. The bond is in response to Prop 2 where if the funds are matched the school will receive 16 million but, if not the school will receive nothing according to Tom Brose, superintendent of Red Bluff Joint Union High School District (Red Bluff RBJUHS).

The measure will help improve Red Bluff High School and the continuation program, Salisbury, as a whole along with the Fire and EMT programs. The plan so far according to Brose is to spend 6 million to build two, new and more expansive buildings for the Fire and the health occupations program which is nursing and EMT classes. The fire building will

have an engine bay as well as different rooms for training and instruction. The health occupations room would be similar but with a large room filled with training materials, like a dental chair, hospital bed and other such tools.

The hope for this is that it will be used by both the high school and industry professionals in town to help expose students to more local job opportunities. “We decided to apply for these two programs because those facilities needed it the most.” Brose said. The rest of the combined Proposition 2 and Measure H funds of over 29 million dollars will be used towards improving the high school. With updates like, fixing the HVAC systems, replacing drinking fountains, further advancing safety measures, renovating rooms to follow current health and building safety codes, and more. According to the bond project list approved unanimously by the Red Bluff

RBJUHS Board of Trustees. But all of this only happens if the measure is passed and can match the state funds. “That’s

to take care of ourselves and our generations to not send that [state] money back.” said Brose. If said measure

of 2027, begin building by that summer and complete construction by the 2028-2029 school year, according

to the community within the Red Bluff High School district with property tax of 19 dollars per 100 thousand of assessed, not market value, of residential, commercial, and agricultural land. The school district spans from Red Bluff city into Shasta county and all the way to remote areas like Manton and Gerber. This property tax will last for 30 years which theoretically is when the \$19 million will be paid off according to Brose. The vote will be held on November 3rd and mail in ballots being needed by October 28th. For this measure to pass over 55% of voters must be in favor of the new tax.



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really the biggest reason we are asking our community is passed the school hopes to receive funding in the spring

RBHS administrators tighten dress code and phone policies

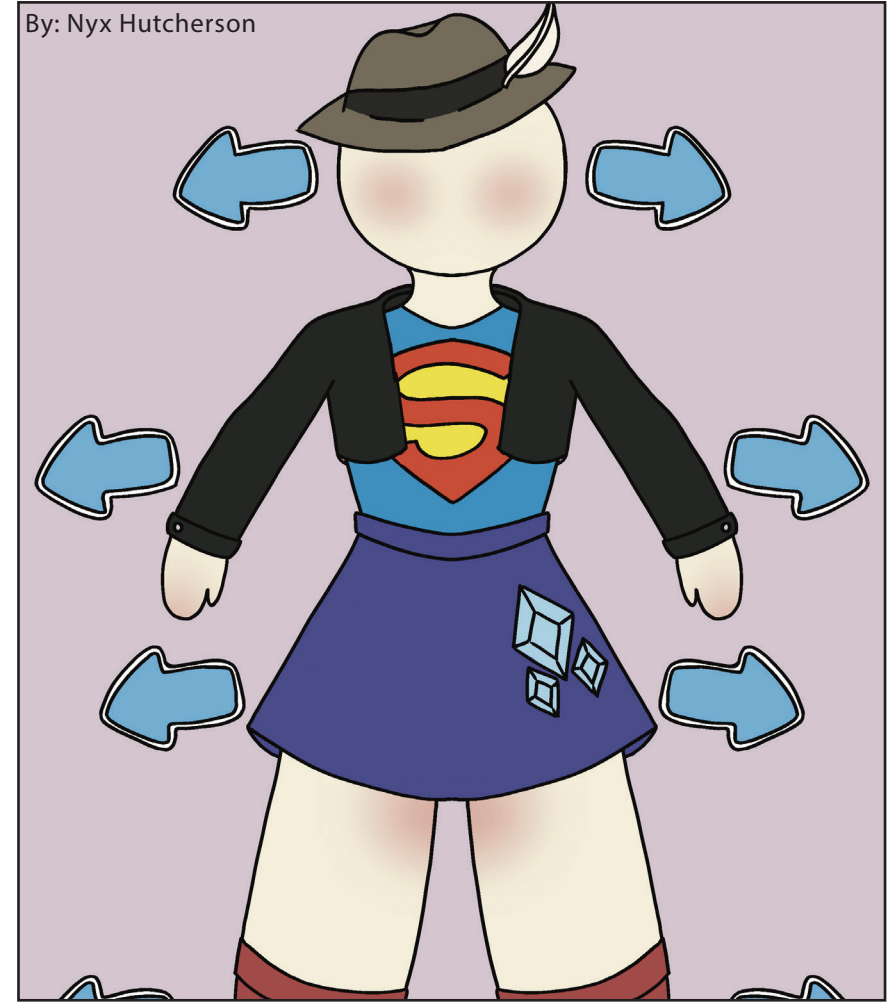
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This school year, disciplinary staff has let students know that they will make sure to enforce the dress code and cellphone

but they have changed the way they are responding when they are broken. This year, when a student is referred to the office for a code violation, they need to contact the guardians themselves and read from a

lunch detention, the second in Saturday school and detention, and the third in 3 days refocus. Your violations do reset between semesters.

It is also a policy that if you don’t have anything to change into after a dress code violation and don’t want to wear any of the provided clothes, you will need to sit in refocus until a parent can come pick you up. Mr. Gonzales says, “We found that we had many repeat offenders and the process we had was a l l o w i n g for some of those repeat offenders to fall through the cracks.”



policy. The policies remain unchanged from last year,

set script. The first violation of either code results in a

school. We want to give you the opportunity to be treated

that way, but also have some guidelines in place to help support.” They’ve also started to give students a reflection form after a violation, to assess what they can do differently in the future.

Another need for this change was the rise of academic dishonesty as the cell phone usage in schools increases. Mr. Gonzales stated that “We wanted to respond to these challenges and support our staff, support parents, and support our students and community.

Listening to the voices of other people and seeing what we could do to help support them.” The administrative staff team held a lot of meetings to revise these policy responses.

They also took student surveys into account when making these revisions. Mr. Gonzales says, “If somebody is dressed in a certain way that’s bringing an excessive amount of attention to themselves, that can take away the learning from others when things are going on in class.” When asked how he and other staff plan to encourage the dress and cell phone codes, Mr. Gonzales said, “I think just be vocal about it, and that’s what we try to do.

At Spartan Kickoff we lost our voices that day, communicating to students ‘hey this is coming down the pipe.’ We want to make sure it’s very clear to you all”.

Fire season hits the locals hard

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This fire season has caused some local devastation this year. The Rustic Rose, a wedding venue, was destroyed overnight on August 24 at 9:00PM. The fire has damaged the upper deck and everything below as it was set aflamed, which was the bride’s room, the dance floor, the pizza room and pizza oven, and the outside diner has been absolutely destroyed.

The Rustic Rose has been around for sixteen years since 2010, over 200 couples married there and rejoicing with the welcoming environment from the owners Randy and Valerie Holbrook.

The Holbrooks were too stunned and shaken to speak in camera, but they accepted giving out written statements for the news. “We came from the venue, and Val forgot her phone. So I said, “I’ll go get it.” Randy stated in a KRCR interview. “And when I came out, and then when I stepped out of the house, I saw that the tree was totally engulfed... It took me a second to believe what was going on. So. Then it just took off from there.” Thankfully there were no records of anyone being injured or worse, the CAL

Fire arrived six minutes later after the call and found the structure completely on fire beyond salvage. The CAL Fire stated that the fire successfully knocked the venue down in under an hour, surprisingly no neighboring buildings faced that type of damage along with it. The cause of the fire is still unknown and under investigation, however some had theories that this started by an electric fire.

The Holbrooks claimed that they will start focusing on the fiance and insurance of it, which alone cost half of a million dollars. With this, a thoughtful family member of the Holbrooks set up a fundraiser to support the causes after the fire. Randy and Valerie claimed they would rebuild it, however they’re considering not putting it as it was.

Instead, they wish to create a pottery shop for family and friends. Another fire, near Oriole Drive, two houses had been flamed on a Sunday morning August 13 at 1:00AM. There were two homes right next to each other as the buildings were flamed, the CAL Fire arrived within minutes. The two families escaped safely with mutual care from the CAL Fire, despite the families making it out they were even unsure how it happened. The CAL Fire are still investigating.

Ads for Grads

- Attention seniors! Don’t forget about Ads for Grads.
- Purchase online or at the student store on campus.
- Prices are listed online!

Academic Awards

- The date has changed! The academic awards night will now be held on November 17th.
- Be there or be square!

Wellness Wednesdays!

- For the month of September we will be recognizing Wednesdays as “Wellness Wednesdays” to spread awareness during suicide prevention month.
- Wear a mental health awareness or purple shirt to show your support!

Human Creativity vs. Artificial Intelligence

Staff Editorial

Since AI’s debut, it has become a popular tool for many. Whether that be creating a TLC-style romance show about fruits and veggies or creating a vibrant, colorful mountain range, it has become a source of entertainment for many. The majority of schools have looked at AI as a tool they can utilize to promote their events and activities, disregarding their role as an academic institution. The Red Bluff High School student body has become normalized to seeing AI used in our media pages, our daily bulletin, and flyers scattered around the campus. We, as a school, should not use AI in our flyers or promotional content. And it only does more harm than good. When schools use Artificial Intelligence, not only are they limiting the creative minds that they are teaching, but they’re creating an environment where speed and efficiency are valued more than precision and real human work. “The medium is the message” is a phrase that was created by the Canadian communication theorist Marshall McLuhan. He argues that the medium, or the means of communication, should be valued as equally as the message itself, if not more. When a group of people are creating a poster for an event using AI, no matter what message they are trying to convey, the medium can convey a message of sloppiness, laziness, or apathy. This has the ability to enable students to use AI on other things, such as schoolwork, which teachers have been heavily against students using.

Using AI with no attention to detail can leave the poster with many design flaws, such as misspelled words, missing details on human bodies, or an overall horrible design structure. As a public high school, we have multiple classes full of kids who are learning how to design flyers and use Photoshop. Our high school has many talented artists whose skills are showcased in photos in our school yearbook, stickers slapped on water bottles and olive oils, and paintings showcased across the walls of Mr. Moller’s classroom. Even though I cannot directly speak for these students, I’m sure any one of them taking graphic design classes or art classes would be ecstatic to help out in our school, paid or not. Giving these kids opportunities to make posters and flyers has many, many benefits: giving these smart kids jobs instead of using AI, which results in many flaws. This can also increase school participation and spirit. When a kid sees their creations on school campus, on water bottles, or on the daily bulletin, they gain a sense of pride that is hard to replicate. They become a bigger part of the community here at Red Bluff High School and create a stronger bond between the students and the administration. This can also be very useful for showing these kids who chose to take art-related classes that the things they learn in high school can take them places and be applied in the future when Artificial Intelligence takes over.

Many mourn Dolly Parton’s death

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Dolly Parton is a name that you might know well. She was very involved in American culture and society in general. As you may also already know, on August 25, 2026, she died at the age of 80. She was beloved by all, especially me, as an unforgettable country music song artist, philanthropist, and an American cultural icon. She was an exceptional individual and an inspiration to both me and many others.

My admiration stemmed not from the music she made but from who she was as a person. She stood up for what was right when nobody else would and was unapologetically herself at all times. Parton constantly advocated for love and acceptance, and is famously kind. She loved everybody no matter what and

expressed this through both her actions and words. Not only was she a known supporter of the LBGQT+ community, but she also cared a great deal about literacy for children. She owned a nonprofit book gifting program called the Imagination Library that would send free books to children in need. She donated millions of books before she died and helped so many kids and parents who couldn’t afford them.

This isn’t the only time she has given back to society. She has participated in many projects in which she would donate generously for a good cause. Nowadays, the world seems to be full of corrupt figures but Parton was like the silver lining between them all. She was the kind of woman who could pull together people from all walks of life, such as those with opposing political, religious, and social views

through her unrelenting kindness. For these accomplishments, she should be called a hero. Her actions constantly changed people’s lives for the better. It’s not often that you come across a public figure as morally sound as Parton.

Current events prove that I certainly wasn’t the only one who adored Parton. In memorization of her, the empire state building itself turned its lights to a bright pink the night she died which

showed how loved she really was amongst the community. Several people gathered around the building to witness this event. Many videos of this show people shouting and yelling about how much they love her.

Her death was a loss for millions around the globe and there will never again be anyone quite like her. I, along with many other people, will miss her dearly. Rest in peace Dolly Parton.



May Peter Cullen Rest in Peace

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Peter Cullen, a beloved voice actor that impacted many lives of children and even adults all over the world, has sadly passed away at the age of 85 on August 26th, 2026. He was known as voicing Optimus Prime in the Transformers movies. He impacted very many people’s lives as many children all over the world have watched these Transformers movies and the shows and knew him as the iconic voice. Some voices you hear in shows or movies are easy to forget, you enjoy it for a while as you’re watching the show but then you eventually move on, some may remember the voice and for me that was Peter Cullen. If you ask many children, one of the main symbols of hope in fiction they can think of would be Optimus Prime, the fact that Peter Cullen could play such an inspiring role and someone who brought joy to children made him one of the most well known voice actors of this time which makes his passing more unfortunate for many to think about. This is something that makes Cullen’s death feel different from many celebrities for me, his work became attached to my childhood which made his death feel difficult to understand, he

impacted me more than most voice actors or many people did because the way he portrayed his characters gave me inspiration and gave inspiration to many of the children around the world who wanted someone to look up to as well. Peter Cullen may be gone now, but his roles and legacy will continue to speak for themselves, newer generations will hear his voice, see his work and discover those characters and experience the same kind of motivation I did as a kid and many generations did, as sad as his death might be, I believe Peter Cullen would have wanted us to remember how great his work was and how much it impacted people’s lives and how many lives it will impact in the future.



Refreshers: The ultimate summer drink

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When you go to Starbucks there are many drink options. But the two most popular choices are the Refreshers and Frappuccinos. Although Frappuccinos are creamy and very sweet, I think Refreshers are better. Refreshers are more refreshing and are way easier to enjoy. The first reason why refreshers are better, they have multiple fruity and fresh flavors, like Strawberry Acai, Mango Dragon Fruit, Mango strawberry and more. Even though Frappuccinos also have lots of flavors they are not as refreshing as the refreshers. They are served cold and with fruity flavors that make

them perfect for a hot summer day. Frappuccinos are thicker and have more of a coffee taste which makes them less cooling and less appetizing on a summer day. The second reason why iced drinks are perfect for summer is because they give off a bright summery day type of vibe. A bright summery drink is good because it can boost up your vibe. Refreshers are also more long lasting than frappuccinos because refreshers do not tend to get nasty after a while. Meanwhile frappuccinos tend to get mushy and unappetizing after you leave them out. Especially if you leave your frappuccino in a class, your teacher has to throw away your mushy and melted frappuccino. Which is no fun for our teachers. And Last but

not least, Refreshers are easier to enjoy because they have fruit flavors and not coffee flavors. Refreshers are more light and enjoyable. Unlike frappuccinos which are heavy and thicker. Frappuccinos also have a lot more calories, they can have up to over 400 calories. Meanwhile, refreshers have between 70-130 calories which is not a lot compared to a frappuccinos calories. Refreshers also make a good drink for any type of food you’re eating because they are fruity and refreshing flavored. For example you can drink a refresher with sweet, savory or spicy food. Meanwhile Frappuccinos give off more of a dessert type of mood which makes them harder to drink with certain foods. So I think in the end I think

frappuccinos can be good in their own way but refreshers will always be better than frappuccinos.



Could lab grown meat transform America’s eating habits?

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Americans should not mind the idea of consuming cultivated meat as it’s well known that the food Americans already consume is just as much, if not more, artificial and pumped with chemicals than meat cultured from animal cells in a lab. When compared to traditional butchering, its environmental impacts are close to nothing. Ultimately, lab grown meat has incredible potential to be a net positive for the whole world, if it ever has the opportunity to become widespread.

The traditional meat industry as a whole accounts for up to 19% of global greenhouse gas emissions

worldwide. This isn’t surprising, as butchery has its roots set in prehistoric times, yet the modern industry didn’t become widespread until the mid-19th century. Now, the majority of Americans include beef, poultry, pork, and a variety of other meats in their daily diets. However, there is a clear dark side that most of society chooses to ignore. With the recent news of the FDA approving lab-grown meat for consumption, there is a promising chance of partially reducing the negative effects in which livestock farming has on the environment in the future.

Despite the upsides of the U.S. beef industry (food security, employment, etc.), there are some

clear downsides most Americans choose to ignore. For instance, the meat industry is one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and animal suffering. Even with this knowledge, most citizens turn a blind eye as there are very few feasible, sustainable alternatives to buying meat until now.

For a better understanding, lab-cultured meat is real animal tissue taken from livestock being grown in a lab. This process reduces much of the issues found in traditional livestock farming, namely the environmental impacts. However, many people are so against the idea of consuming lab-grown meat that a handful of states have gone to the extent of banning it altogether.

When mental illness meets law

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Mental illness should be considered during a court case; however, it shouldn’t remove any criminal responsibility. It creates a difficult case for the court to figure out, as it can’t always be proven. The Lindsay Clancy case provides a perfect example of why mental illness is important to consider differently, not just to take away any legal sentencing. Lindsay Clancy was allegedly responsible for strangling her three children in her family home back in 2023. After three years, her case is finally

at trial, and people are going crazy over the case. She attempted to commit suicide after committing the acts. Clancy pleaded not guilty by insanity, and a lot of people do believe that she must have some mental illness if she is capable of murdering her own children, so it’s reasonable for her to take that plea, however, she seems to be capable of understanding her own actions and owning up to them after being in court. Postpartum psychosis is a rare, severe psychotic emergency that occurs after giving birth, this is what Lindsay Clancy was suffering from at the time of the killings. Dr. Paul Ziezel,

a forensic psychologist, states, “She said she heard a male voice ordering her, telling her that she didn’t have any choice but she had to kill her children and then kill herself” (Ziezel). The prosecution doesn’t think this is true, as they argue that Clancy made a calculated decision to commit the murder. As of September 3, 2026, the jury is deadlocked, meaning they cannot decide if Clancy is responsible for the murder of her 3 children. If she is found guilty, she will be charged with three counts of first-degree murder. However, if she is found not guilty, she’ll be admitted to a mental health facility until she is deemed better.

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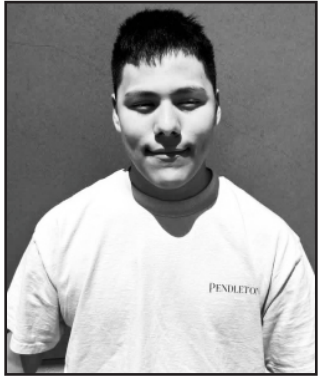
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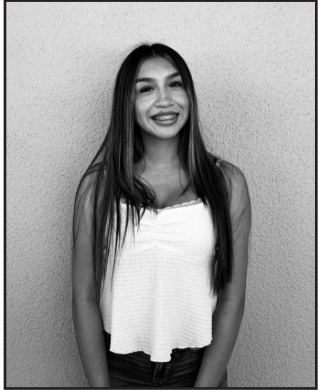
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What are you looking forward to this year?



Jose Lopez (9)
“Get good grades this year”



Aaliyah Aguirre (10)
“Keep my grades up”



Austin Hayes (11)
“Pass all my classes”



Taylor Perkins (12)
“Flag Football being introduced”



Mr. Weston
“The football season for this school year ”



Mrs. Alamo
“Getting to know all the students.”

Red Bluff High welcomes back ☆ new Key Club members ☆

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At Red Bluff High School, Key Club, a community involved club and service-minded dedication is taking center stage as Key Club prepares for another busy year of civic engagement. For incoming member Karely, joining the club is about representing the school and is an exciting opportunity to build lasting friendships and build new ones while devoting her time to helping the local community. Key Club has long established itself as a cornerstone of student leadership at Red Bluff High School. Centered entirely on community involvement and youth empowerment, the organization offers students a direct path to making a positive impact through hands-on volunteer work and group collaboration. The spirit of the club thrives on turning student initiative into meaningful local support. Throughout the academic year, members take the lead on several major traditions that bring residents together.

Among their key service initiatives are organizing and hosting campus blood drives, which bring together students, faculty, and neighbors to contribute to life-saving healthcare including the popular Jackson Heights Easter Hunt each spring and the high-energy annual Halloween Carnival. From designing game booths to managing event logistics

for local families and children. Behind the fun and social atmosphere, however, lies a structured commitment to personal responsibility and active participation. Holding membership in Key

are required to achieve a set number of volunteer hours each semester. Reaching these benchmarks demands real dedication and being involved, as students track their time spent planning projects, managing logistics, and executing hands-on volunteer work. In addition to event planning, fundraising forms a crucial pillar of the club's ongoing operations. Members regularly organize and host various fundraisers to generate financial support for local charitable causes, events that key clubs get to go to, purchase supplies for upcoming events, and ensure their community service initiatives remain successful. Through these effort-driven campaigns, students gain invaluable practical skills in communication, financial management, and project organization that serve them well far beyond their high school years. Key Club continues to demonstrate how RBHS students can work together to strengthen their school. For more information contact slinhar@rbhsd.



resources. Club members are also instrumental in organizing signature community gatherings, and distribution, members work tirelessly behind the scenes to create safe, festive, and memorable experiences

Club comes with distinct expectations that every student must navigate. To remain in good standing, members

Spartan Student Feature: Junior Xavier Nunez

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Red Bluff High School has so many great students, Xavier Nunez being one of them! Xavier is a Junior at RBHS. He is a very active student in the school, participating in as many school events as he can. Including being in Student Gov, so far just have been setting up posters all around school. Being a social and outgoing person, he has enjoyed his junior year so far from seeing and meeting all the new people. Out of school he loves playing football, and he has played for seven years. At the high school half his freshman year playing, was on the freshman team, but he quickly got brought up to varsity. Now this is his third year playing on the varsity team. His position is being the right tackle, blocking for the team, as well as playing nose tackle, second string defense with tackling the person who has the ball and the opening gaps. Another hobby Xavier likes is to vlog, which he started doing over the summer. He likes to vlog on Instagram, Youtube, Twitch

and Tiktok, usually about food, playing games, what his every day looks like and anything else he can think of at the moment. In his free time he enjoys listening to music, and his favorite artist is Daniel Ceaser. That said, he just got the privilege to see him live this month in San Francisco. Going to the concert with his close friend, Mikaela, gave him a memorable and great experience. That same day they got to go thrifting as well, which is another hobby Xavier enjoys doing. To add to his hobbies, he has been learning how to play the guitar. From

wanting to know how to play an instrument and even wanting to learn how to play some Daniel Caesar songs. This year Xavier is looking forward to all the rallies, dress up days, Halloween and Homecoming. Out of school Xavier is inspired by his mom, and he looks up to her. She is a very hard worker and always strives to be there to support anything that he does. Xavier has one thing he hopes people know, that he is not scary, and that they know how kind, loving and caring he is. Feel free to stop and say hi to Xavier anytime you see him!



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RBHS introduces Cosmetology Club

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There's another new addition to the Red Bluff High School clubs! This year the RBHS Cosmetology club has been founded. Sophomore Ancksunamun Soto founded the club, with Mrs. Manzo as the club's advisor. At this time the club consists of 49 members and is still growing. This is an educational club, as well as a training club. It can help students perfect their abilities to do their hair, nails, and makeup. The president of the club Ancksunamun informed me in our interview that she founded the club "to talk with more people and to educate her fellow students on cosmetology." Joining the club can not only educate you but also enhance your confidence at school and even when schools out of session. The clubs here are great for practicing social skills. The cosmetology club meets in room D95 every Friday and Wednesday during lunch break. On August 26, our high school held a club day event during lunch break. Several clubs had booths

at the shade structure outside the cafeteria. The cosmetology club had a fabulous display during that event. The founder and members of the club showcased their club and recruited new members to help build their population of members. This is yet another club here at RBHS that has the capability and potential to bring more students together, build friendships and relationships, as well as boost your confidence. This club is not only social but also extremely educational and preparational. Practicing self care can be fun but it can be even more enjoyable as a group. And that is why you should join our high school's very own cosmetology club. By joining this club you'd be giving yourself the opportunity to personally improve and make stronger connections at the same time. If you have any furthermore questions about the Cosmetology club please feel free to contact Ancksunamun Soto through this email s9asoto@rbhsd.org. Fill free to come and join them at the club and see all the fun and interesting things they do!

Spartan Teacher Feature: Mr. Null

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There are many Science teachers on campus and the teacher that most people like is Mr. Null. He said its his 22nd year teaching science and only taught science his whole teaching career. He started in 2004 and has stayed on campus since then. Mr. Null has never thought about teaching any other subject because science is required for all the subjects and the world as we know it. The world changes everyday and he enjoys when his students wonder and are curious about the world. He said "I mean, science is pretty much everything. It's a

little combination of everything and so I like the challenge of teaching science and making students be curious about the world around them." He teaches all grades and yet, many of the students are always interested in science. Not many people understand how important science is to life as it has changed many parts of our lives. Mr. Null cares about how his students learn and see the world and he wants to be able to change the perspective of how they see the world while also making it as fun as possible. "I love making students wonder and be curious about the world around them. As I teach,

I want to change the lens at which students look at the world. I am extremely passionate about engaging students and having fun while doing it." Mr. Null says that he enjoys when students are curious and when they ask questions, whether he knows the answer or not, he still thinks that the students are actually learning and understanding the concept of earth and space. Mr. Null is also very wise, as he says we should all try to understand and learn science a little bit better as we have such little time and getting to learn how everything started to the current state of the world is truly a great

experience. As our minds grow we learn something everyday, small or big, we still can learn new things. "I get excited when students ask questions that I can't answer or science can't answer. It really shows that they are engaging their brains and thinking critically. We are all on Earth for a limited time and the human brain is a freakin powerhouse. I wish other humans, students and adults, would wonder and think and be curious instead of just following along with what their peers think." His conclusion words were "Be curious. Wonder. Think."



Ariana Grande embraces her soft girl era with the release of ‘Petal’

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On the last day of July this year, Ariana Grande released her eighth studio album, *Petal*, through Republic Records and her label Baby Doll Music. Inspired by the metaphor “petal in the pavement,” the album’s primary theme is growing and healing, as Grande explores invasive fan behavior, media critique, and moving on from painful relationships. Similarly to her last album, *Eternal Sunshine*, Grande’s *Petal* is co-written and executive-produced with Ilya Salmanzadeh, including Max Martin on a few tracks. *Petal* is a new unique sound for Ariana Grande, as it’s still her signature contemporary

R&B and pop, infused with synth textures. She released the album’s lead single, “hate that I made you love me” on May 29, 2026, and debuted at number one on the US Billboard Hot 100, which tied Ariana Grande with Taylor Swift for the most No. 1 debuts among women. As of September 2026, the track has sustained a 14-week run on the Billboard Hot 100 and was named Spotify’s most streamed song of the summer, racking up over 430 million streams on the platform alone. Following the full release of *Petal* on July 31, 2026, it debuted at No. 1 on Billboard 200, making it Ariana Grande’s seventh No. 1 album, tying her with other artists such as Janet Jackson, J. Cole, and Beyoncé.



Petal contains twelve tracks, in which Grande shadows bold, unapologetic lyrics behind her beautiful voice. The first track of the project, “kiss me”, is a plea for empathy amidst a painful awareness that love is fading, giving her an urge for connection before a potential breakup, where she treats physical intimacy as an anchor, also serving as a push back on media toxicity surrounding her appearance. The second track of *Petal* and the lead single, “hate that I made you love me” operates on a double meaning, where Ariana Grande expresses regrets about a past relationship, asserting she will move on “like flowers from a tomb,” while also touching on misogyny in media, remarking “Why you so hate to see women

endure?” Additionally, she pushes back on parasociality and the constant pressure of living up to an idealized public persona created and policed by the media, asking “Is it really my fault you all gave me your hearts of your own accord?” And moreover, “You studied my crown and buried my body.” The title track, *Petal*, plays off the metaphor “Petal in the pavement,” where Grande embodies it, insinuating that she’s overcome her hardships and is ignoring outside noise, living her truth. The rest of the project’s tracks resonate with these lyrics, as she confidently and unapologetically expresses her true thoughts and feelings.

RuPaul’s movie ‘Stop! That! Train!’ wastes time

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In October of 2025, RuPaul announced that she was starring in and producing a “comedic” film. She also announced that multiple drag queens from her reality competition series (*RuPaul’s Drag Race*) would be cast in it as well. Being a fan of the show and one of the main cast members, I was extremely excited to watch this movie. I waited months for it to be released, and even paid nearly 20 dollars to see it the week it came out. I was let down almost immediately. The dialogue is a gross amalgamation of painful one-liners and queerslop. Using big names like Jujubee and Brooke Lynn Hyghts to bait *Drag Race* fans into buying this awful movie has to be a hate crime. The plot of the film is dull; follow these two best gal-pals as they get new positions as train attendants. Tess (played by Ginger Minj) is just flat-out annoying. My hate towards that deceased

frog puppet might be causing some bias here, but she’s just... not funny. Not once did I find myself laughing, other than at the absurdity of this hour-long train wreck. I questioned the plot more than I enjoyed or even laughed at it. Jujubee’s character, “DeeDee,” was the only somewhat normal person in this terrible movie. Before anybody can try to say anything about how it was intended to be absurd and whatnot, I know that. I love absurd, comedically odd films. This is not that. This felt closer to a mockery of queer humor and media instead of a possible addition to it. Jokes thrown left and right that could probably be considered distasteful. The musical



numbers in this movie are like everything else: unbearable and headache-inducing. Might I also add— for a cast of mainly drag queens, the wigs were completely clockable. Your whole livelihood revolves around imitating women, and you couldn’t blend the lace? Another issue I had with this film was the fact that lots of scene changes or “flashbacks” were unclear and confusing. It’s a basic film that follows the usual action/friendship filler movie, so why am I having to try and figure out the timeline? This isn’t some elitist editorial French film; it’s a RuPaul movie. Please do not waste any money or time on this movie.

‘The Lego Movie’: child’s movie or absolute cinema

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The Lego Movie is the best cinematic movie to exist in all time lines. The run time was one hour and forty-one minutes, and was distributed by Warner Bros. *The Lego Movie* has always had creativity from the colorful lego and the choosing of all the characters. It has explored all the ideas. It was revolutionary for the movie world because of the groundbreaking visual achievements that changed the modern 3D animation. The movie is also anti-authoritarianism, because the film has the character Lord Business who enforces rigid societal homogeneity, and consumer distraction. By the way lord business rules, lord business is running a classic dystopian society. Which is when a system enforces rigid society homogeneity while weaponizing consumer distraction. Rigid societal homogeneity is when a state of ruling power eliminates differences in thoughts, cultures, and behavior. When



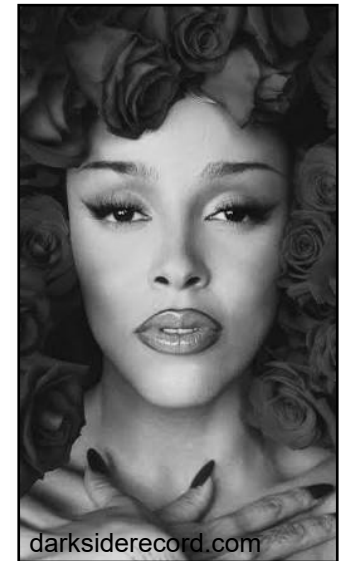
compliance is mandatory, and non-conformity is treated as a dangerous threat to social stability. For example, the way they eliminate differences in the movie is how everyone in Bricksburg is forced to follow instructions blindly. Along with the way they build only what is approved by Lord Business, wiping out individuality, creativity and unique architectural expression. The mandatory compliance in the movie is when they all follow a strict daily routine. They all listen to the exact same pop song “Everything is Awesome”, They watch the same television show and all act with force. Non-conformity is a threat

because it challenges group stability and questions established authority. The threat in the movie is the master builders. They are viewed as dangerous anarchists who threaten absolute order and perfection. Lord Business tried to make it a success by the Kragle. Back to my point that lord business is running a classic dystopian society. In the movie it is shown multiple times they have surveillance cameras all around Bricksburg. Surveillance cameras are used to have absolute control over the people, this is called the panopticon effect, causing citizens to police themselves out of fear of being watched.

Doja Cat announces new tour ‘Ma Vie’

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The female rap artist, Doja Cat who reached 55 million monthly listeners on Spotify in the month of September 2026, has recently released an album called *Vie*, which was released on September 26, 2025. The album has 15



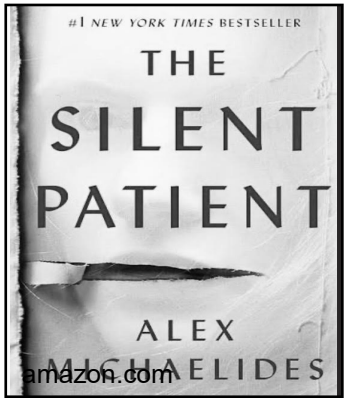
tracks, with a total playing time of 49 minutes. Listening to the album, it gave me a ‘retro’ type of vibe, mixed in with her classic pop and rap mix. I personally thought the album was good, as this type of music was definitely a new twist compared to the rest of her discography. It reminded me of a sort of 1970s type feeling. Since Doja Cat had released this album, like most other artists, she has announced a tour to go along with the album. Last November she started this tour, Doja Cat had split her tour up into sections. In early 2025, she started off with performing Oceania and Asia, with her very first concert in Auckland, New Zealand. Once early 2026 came around, she started her next section in Latin America. During Spring and Summer this year, she started her next section in European countries. In the European part, she had different openers before her concert.

And, finally, her last section is going to be performed here, in North America, with Latto being a special guest to perform with her. For her concerts, Doja Cat had asked fans who are attending that she would like it if people dressed in full 80s attire. I think that is a cute theme for this tour, especially since it really matches with the vibe that her album gives off. At her concerts, she is playing her new album as well as some of her older hit songs from albums like “Hot Pink”, “Planet Her”, and “Amala”. I am fortunate enough to be able to go to one of her concerts of her Tour Ma Vie World Tour once it starts in October for the North American section. I am very excited to be able to hear some of her hit songs live, especially from her album Planet Her. But, I am mainly excited to be able to hear the new album live!

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Reading is something that many of us enjoy, especially when it comes to books that know how to keep you on your toes. The *Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides is a psychological thriller featuring the story of a psychotherapist, Theo Faber, who desperately wants to help this disturbed individual named Alicia Berenson who also happens to be a famous artist. His want to help her spirals into a deep obsession with figuring out her silence and motive behind the gruesome murder. This then leads to a dark exploration of his own twisted psyche and unravels the events that led up to the day Alicia went insane. After supposedly murdering her husband Alicia was sent to an institution and never spoke again. Her silence made for questions to remain

unanswered as to what actually took place that fateful night. We delve into her own thoughts and experiences through the help of her diary entries which get more disturbing leading up to her husband’s death. This gives



the reader an insight into who Alicia was as a person and any hints as to where everything went horribly wrong. This globally popular book has mixed reviews online, some claiming that it is a very good book because of its deep

psychological structure and others saying that it was too long and drawn-out. While the ending took many by surprise, critics say that too much suspension was built up for a conclusion that could’ve been guessed from the very beginning. In addition, users online complain that this book depicts unrealistic therapy and forensic units. Real-life psychological accuracy and was more of an afterthought compared to the chilling thriller and mystery aspect of this story. Despite some of the readers being disappointed, that does not change the fact that this book spent lots of time on bestsellers lists. The heavy and disturbing themes draw in readers and keep them captivated throughout the story with its exceptional writing. This enticing book will most definitely stay on shelves for many more years to come.

- Track 1- Cards
- Track 2- Jealous Type
- Track 3- AAAHH MEN!
- Track 4- Couples Therapy
- Track 5- Gorgeous
- Track 6- Stranger
- Track 7- All Mine
- Track 8- Take Me Dancing



- Track 9- Lipstain
- Track 10- Silly! Fun!
- Track 11- Acts of Service
- Track 12- Make It Up
- Track 13- One More Time
- Track 14- Happy
- Track 15- Come Back

- Track 1- kiss me
- Track 2- hate that i made you love me
- Track 3- petal
- Track 4- stay
- Track 5- oh well
- Track 6- big feelings



- Track 7- freak
- Track 8- warning signs (interlude)
- Track 9- like i do
- Track 10- never get over me
- Track 11- bad thing (bunny hop)
- Track 12- nowhere, nobody

Red Bluff Volleyball pushes through a competitive season

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The Red Bluff Spartan Varsity volleyball team has had a challenging start to the season with a record of 3-11. However, they recently achieved success by winning two of their games in their tournament when they traveled to Sutter. Those games were against Willows for their first win and against Dixon for their second win. When playing Las Plumas at home on September 1st, they got their third win of the season. The Varsity Volleyball team is hosting their first home tournament this season on September 12th. They have 2 more non league games before their tournament at home on the 12th, and have league coming up soon, which many are ex-

cited about. Upcoming home games include Chico on September 15th and against Pleasant Valley on October 22nd. Ava Alvarez, a middle blocker on Varsity, said, "I think so far the team is going great. We have a lot of juniors pulled up this year, so we are working and coming together stronger and getting ready for the league." Ava's expectations are to have a good senior season. Junior Cassidy Merkle, who plays opposite hitter, says she's

excited to continue the season and start the league. Despite their losses, the girls feel optimistic and are excited for the sea-

son to continue. The Red Bluff High School JV volleyball team is off to more of a decent start, with a 2-4 record. Those wins are from Lassen High School and Yreka High School. Sophomore Riley Gleason, who plays front row hitter, said, "I feel pretty good about the season so far! I think we have a lot of potential as a team, and it's been fun seeing us grow and improve together. We still

have some things to work on, but I'm excited to see how much better we can get. And have a really successful season." Like the Varsity team, the JV team is also excited about future games and hopes to improve their record. Also, the freshman volleyball team is off to an excellent start with an 11-1 record, with their only loss being from U-Prep in Redding. Maci Bond (9), an outside hitter, says she's excited to be playing with this team. Her expectations are really high, and she believes that they could have a really great season. All home Volleyball games for Varsity will be pushed back 30 minutes once the league starts. Making their games start at 7:00. So make sure you come and support all of our volleyball teams!



Photo/Joeseeph Brent

Bobbylee O'Hara setting

Built for Battle: RBHS football leaves it all on the field

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When people think about high school football, most think about Friday night varsity games. However, at Red Bluff High School, the football program includes three teams: frosh, JV, and varsity. Although each team has different players and goals, they all share a love for the game of football and a desire to improve. From freshman learning fundamentals to varsity players with years of experience, every player has an important role to the program.

For freshman player Ivan Tyler, this is his first season playing at Red Bluff. Tyler plays wide receiver on offense, where he mostly blocks but sometimes runs routes to catch the ball. On defense, he plays linebacker. His favorite part of football is being part of a team. "If the team loses then everybody loses and if they win then everyone wins," Tyler said. Sophomore Hank Clement

is playing quarterback on the JV team. This is his first year playing football, which is something he has wanted to do for a long time. As quarterback, Clem-

ferring to Red Bluff, his goal this season is to adapt to the school's standards and push himself not to give up. For Middleton, football is something he has grown up with, and he enjoys the physical side of the game.

Next week, the varsity team will play Corning. Although the three teams are at different levels, each player has a different role and experience that will be contributing to the football program. The frosh team is focused on learning the basics and building confidence, while the JV players are developing their skills and learning how to work together. Varsity players use their experience to compete at a higher level and set an example for the younger players. Together, the three teams represent the Red Bluff football program and show that football is more than winning. It is also about teamwork, commitment, and improvement throughout the season.



Joeseeph Brent

Varsity Player Tyson O'Reiley Walters

ent throws and hands off the ball while reading the defense. He believes that the JV's biggest strength is their chemistry. He said everyone knows each other, gets along well, and that both the offense and defense have been playing strongly. On varsity, senior Triston Middleton brings years of experience. He has played football since he was five years old. After trans-

Stroke by Stroke: Red Bluff Spartans work towards success

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The Red Bluff High School 2026 swim team has been working hard in order to have great performances throughout the season.

They have shown their desire to succeed through the preparation taken. This is in their practices where their speed and strength are improved and challenged.

The students that are on the team are (11) Luke Bliss, (10) Estevan Bravo, (9) Dani Brown, (9) Micah Chamberlin, (11) Elijah Cole Thomas, (12) Alyssa Dausse, (9) Aaliyah Fish, (11) Santana Fish, (10) Elmer Fries, (11) Ariana Garrison, (10) Caleb Garrison, (11) Elvis Herr, (10) Emma Kordzikowski, (12) Ethan Lindauer, (12) Abigail Murietta, (10) Aiden Phen, (12) Emery Plemons, (9) Gabriel Pulido, (10) Liam Smith, (9) Deklin Snyder, (10) Hannah Sundquist, (12) Levi Ward, and (9) Wyatt Ward. Swimming is something

that many people can do, but still choose to not join the team. Abigail Murietta, a senior on the team this year, was inspired to start swimming because she "likes being in the water" and she "enjoys learning and getting better." This is showing that a lot of

cording to Abigail, who has been taught many things about this sport. Swim teaches discipline, resilience, confidence, and so many more important skills or attributes one could possess. These not only assist you in getting better at swimming, but also are significant characteristics someone

could have given the right degree of passion. This year's swimming team has shown teamwork, support for each other, and the coaches are great at uplifting their swimmers when their confidence is low. Although school sports, especially swimming, are a good activity to participate in, it can be different or hard to adjust to the schedule. Abbey balances out her school, social, and swim life by "managing my time well." Come support your fellow Red Bluff High classmates at their future swim meets. Overall, the swim team is extremely excited to compete and grow as swimmers!!



photo/Wendi Eden

Levi Ward (12) doing breaststroke

athletes or students who like to participate in school sports enjoy a variety of activities that come with the dedication and hard work put into it. Swimming can also bring people together. It means "teamwork, hard work, and staying positive," ac-

Red Bluff flag football continue to train hard

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A new sport has made its way onto Red Bluff High School's field with over thirty-five girls involved. This is the brand new girls flag football team. It has, and will hopefully continue to create new opportunities for girls to become more involved with athletics and develop teamwork skills and friendships.

Aubrey Magallanes, a senior on the team, says that when they introduced flag football she was "so excited and eager to join the team" Aubrey says that she had "always been interested in flag football," and she was excited that the Red Bluff administration added it to the school. The arrival of flag football represents more than simply adding a new sport to our athletic program, it gives the girls opportunities to build relationships and represent our school. Aubrey states



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Aubrianna Bravo running

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that over the summer she participated in conditioning and summer practices, and they weren't her favorite, but they made her a better player. Natalie Moreno, a freshman on the team, also spoke on all of the

practices that the team has endured. She remarks that "In practice we ran drills for defense and offense and we did lots of conditioning."

This shows how dedicated and how much hard work the players

are willing to put into their sport. The seniors this year are Raegen Bailey, Lily Benson, Addison Ceja, Bailey Fee, Nevaeh Flores, Aubrey Magallanes, Giana Martinez, Isnabet Perez Sanchez, Taylor Perkins, Patience Schorovsky and Kayla Troberg. They have been working hard to show how great Red Bluff High is when it comes to our athletes ability to perform. The players hope to continue their flag football journeys next year, so make sure to show support.

Athlete Feature: Addison Ferguson

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Addison Ferguson is a junior in high school and cheers on the varsity team. She chose this sport because she wanted to create new bonds with

redbull and dots pretzels. It's her favorite because it gives her energy and helps her get motivated beforehand. to balance out school with her sport. She tries to do all of her school work beforehand so as to not fall behind because of cheer-

people and be more involved. Team bonding is big for cheerleading because they have to work together when they are doing cheers like holding up the girls on the top they all have to work as one with it. Her favorite part about the sport is getting to be with her friends while she cheers and stunting. She likes to hang out with her friends after school before practice and work on their cheers as well. She said her favorite part about stunting is being the main base. She gets to hold up her teammate as they cheer above and show school spirit. To prepare before the game the whole team prays. Her favorite snack before she starts is a sugar free



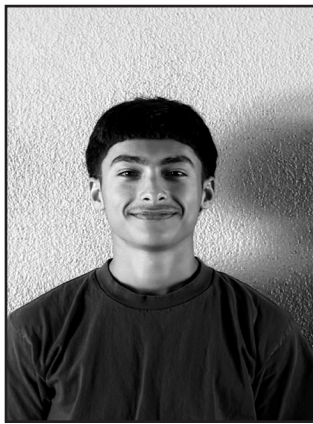
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Addison Ferguson

leading after school with practice and games. Staying on top of her school work is important because that's how she stays on the team and has better times in school as well. The best advice that she got from her coach was to push herself more for the sport even if she didn't believe in herself. Coaches advice goes really well for the team because as they cheer they can think about what the coach told them and keep pushing to be better and learn more even if they don't believe in themselves.



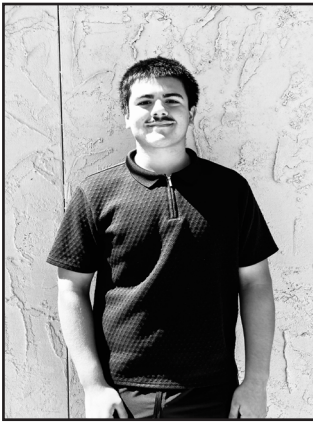
Ximena Mendoza(9)
"Barrel Racing."



Ethan Chavez (10)
"Football."



Callie O'Connor(11)
"Basketball."



Beau Silva(12)
"Baseball."



Mrs. Hardesty(Teacher)
"Baseball"



Mr. Young(Teacher)
"Curling."

RED BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

Did you not show up for Club Day, or regret not signing up for a club? Well, it's not too late! Our clubs are still open for more new members!

Mr. Linhart



Mrs. Karobi



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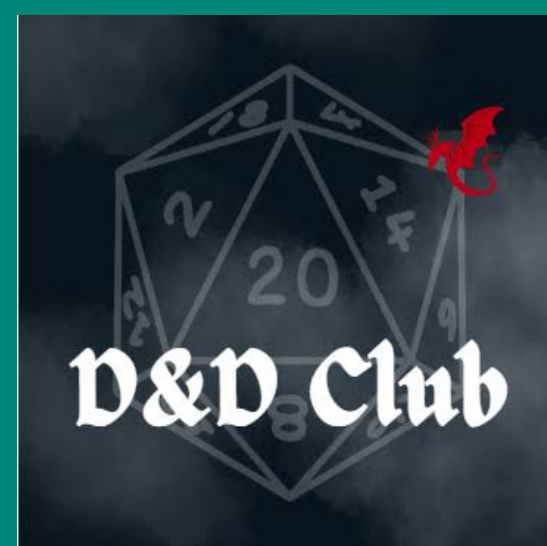
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