



# CHEER WINS STATE

Cheerleaders dominating season continues with two regional titles and a state championship

## RobertButler

The Rebels Small Varsity Cheer team won the KHSAA State Championship, Dec. 14, at All Tech Arena in Lexington, KY.

The Rebels posted a final score of 96.1 and beat second place Pikeville by more than six points.

This win highlights the Rebels dominant run so far this season. Before winning state, they had already won two regional tournaments and a state wide tournament.

Head coach Michelle Schuster says that there is a lot of pressure being reigning national champs. She hopes that after their state championship they can place top three at nationals later this season.

"I am proud of how this team has handled the pressure. They continue to be humble and persevere," Schuster said.

Seniors Ashtyn Fangman, Lanie Fangman, and Madi Monroe all recognize the pressure that comes with winning the national championship, but they say that their team possesses a unique drive and work ethic that allows them to outperform their opponents.

"The best part of being a part of the varsity team this year is that we have a team that is willing to do anything to succeed," Lanie Fangman said. "I've never seen a team have as much determination and drive as this one."

"At competitions, we all know that the person standing to the left and right to us are going to be able to do their job in our routine. We have a focused, driven mentality," she said.

That was one thing Monroe could get behind when describing the team's success this season.

"No one on the team wants it more than the next. All 12 of us



The Rebel small varsity squad emerges for their routine at the KHSAA Region 5 Championship at Boone County High School on Nov. 23. They eventually went on to win the regional championship that secured their spot in the state tournament.

give it our all every time our music turns on," Monroe said.

Ashtyn said the amount of talent on this team is "crazy", and that this team has the most talent out of any team she's ever been on.

"We all breathe cheerleading, and we are all so dedicated to be the best at what we can do," Ashtyn Fangman said. "The skill we have is one thing, but the drive and dedication we have is rare to find in a lot of teams, and I think that's why we have been successful so far."

This is the first time a team sport at Boone has won at state since the 1971 wrestling team.

They also mentioned that their bond with their teammates has also been a big part of their historic run. After years of cheering together, they've grown closer and closer to each other.

"I thought after last year I would never be as close to a team I was, but I was wrong," Monroe said. "These girls are my best friends. They all have the same

drive which makes cheering four days a week worth it."

Ashtyn Fangman said that every person on the team cares about each other and they treat each other like family.

"We've been dreaming of having a team like this together since 6th grade," Ashtyn said. "I've grown so close to these girls and growing the Boone legacy with them has been a dream."

The Rebels haven't lost a competition since last season and

with a young group of talented underclassmen and senior leadership they could make even more history down in Orlando later this season.

The junior varsity team won their division at two different regional tournaments this season before getting ninth at state.

"We all work so hard and we don't make excuses for anything. We want to go back-to-back together and we are willing to go the extra mile to do it," Ashtyn Fangman said.

## After 12 years in charge, superintendent to retire June 30

### Career Highlights



1985

Dr. Randy Poe



Present Day

**Coaching jobs at Boone:** Soccer & tennis

**Achievements:** NKU Outstanding Alumnus Award, KASA Superintendent of the Year Award, NKYEC Spirit of the Region Award

**Years working for Boone County:** 37 years

### KaidenHuber

The superintendent for Boone County Schools is planning to retire in 2020 after working in Boone County for 37 years, leading them for the last 12 years. Dr. Randy Poe announced to the Boone County School Board on Nov. 14 that his retirement will take effect on June 30, 2020.

He has worked as a teacher and coach at Boone; assistant principal at Conner Middle School; principal at R. A. Jones Middle School; Executive Director of Research, Data, and Technology; assistant superintendent; deputy superintendent and is ending his career as the superintendent of the district.

"Upon my student teaching, which was here at Boone County, I decided that I really enjoyed teaching and that (it) was a passion," Poe said.

Boone principal Bill Baker asked Poe to teach introduction to marketing, retail management, and entrepreneurship.

While teaching at Boone, Poe also coached the soccer and tennis teams, had multiple players go into the state semifinals, and was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Soccer Coach Hall of Fame. While coaching, his soccer team won the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference.

He said one goal of his when he first started as superintendent was to make sure all of the students were "career, col-

lege, and life ready." According to Poe, Boone County was the first district in Kentucky to say life ready. Most districts only say career and college ready, but Boone wanted their students to be ready for all aspects of their lives after high school.

Poe has won several awards including the 2012 NKU Outstanding Alumnus Award, the 2013 KASA Superintendent of the Year Award, and the most recent being the 2019 NKYEC Spirit of the Region Award along with several other awards.

"For the last 37, years the Boone County School District has been my second home," Poe said in a letter to Boone County schools families.

For the past eight years, Boone County Schools has had an average composite ACT score of 20 or above, and Poe has helped with that by supporting giving students more opportunities to be in college classes and adding college readiness assessments. Boone County's ACT scores have increased to give Boone County the title of the highest performing diverse public school district in Kentucky according to the Northern Kentucky Tribune.

After retiring, he said he plans on spending more time with his grandchildren and taking more opportunities to play golf, which he enjoys. For his career after retirement, he will be working in the region as the executive director of the Northern Kentucky Education Council, continuing his passion for working with kids.

# Hongkongers protest against Chinese government

Political crisis was sparked in June by new extradition law

**Samuel Colmar**

What started as peaceful protests in response to an extradition bill quickly turned into Hong Kong's worst political crisis in decades: the "Water Revolution."

Known more commonly as the "Hong Kong Protests," the Water Revolution is the name given to the current wide-spread movement in Hong Kong, a territory under the sovereign state of China.

Originally, the protests started in June and opposed a bill that would allow for the detaining and extradition to mainland China and Taiwan of wanted fugitives in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong's refusal to defer the bill sparked the protests to turn violent, and while the bill was eventually withdrawn, demonstrators claim the decision was "too little, too late."

Now, protesters are advocating for stronger civil liberties for

Hongkongers, as well as a strengthened form of democracy within the region's government.

Chinese officials have largely condemned the protests, calling them a "threat" to the nation. Yang Guang, spokesperson of the State Council Office for Hong Kong, said the movement was "evil and criminal," and later told protesters to "not play with fire."

Violent methods of protest have become increasingly more commonplace as the Water Revolution continues, a "necessary expense," as one demonstrator put it. Said methods include the blockade of airports, the destruction of government facilities, and the disturbance of Hong Kong's primary public transportation system, the "MTR" (Mass Transit Railway).

The police response to the situation has also become a concern, with many calling the Hong Kong law enforcement into question over alleged corruption and abuse of power. Over 5,000 arrests have been made thus far, many of which have been argued as "unlawful" by protesters.

Fear of being shot with rubber bullets or subjected to tear gas has led many protesters to wear helmets, body armor, and eye-goggles, as well



Pro-democracy demonstrators holding placards are reflected on a protester's sunglasses during a rally outside the Times Square shopping mall at Causeway Bay in Hong Kong, Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

as carry weapons of their own—ranging from pepper spray to baseball bats.

In early October, an 18-year-old demonstrator was captured on video getting shot by police, the first instance of a live round being used since protests started.

The use of face masks in Hong Kong was banned in October of last

year, with offenders facing a year of jail time. The move was used as an "emergency" measure by the government to help identify protesters.

One young protester, who referred to himself as Chan, told Business Insider that he, along with "almost all frontline protesters," are "ready to be arrested or die" in the efforts to secure their demands.

Despite the efforts by Hong Kong's government to suppress the movement, the number of participants and media coverage has only increased.

An estimated 2 million demonstrators attended the largest rally last year, and more events of a similar turnout are expected this year.



- 1) Hongkongers protest against Chinese government
- 2) Hundreds killed in Iran during gas hike protest

## Hundreds killed in Iran during gas hike protest

**ColeWaymeyer**

*Editor's note: This story was written in December 2019, before the recent escalation between Iran and the U.S.*

The streets of Iran have erupted in protest.

These protests, that started on a small scale, have turned into what the New York Times has called the, "deadliest political unrest since the Islamic Revolution 40 years ago, with at least 180 people killed."

This catastrophic unrest was born after a significant hike in gas prices, with citizens beginning to storm the streets.

The gas prices were just the beginning of the unrest, as the protests escalated to a larger movement and were met with backlash from security forces, largely on young men.

Further reports and imagery have revealed that this protest has

evolved into a nationwide effort, making it even more significant.

According to the Atlantic, somewhere between 200 to more than 1,000 are now dead with over 7,000 imprisoned.

Images of charred property and destruction have surfaced worldwide highlighting the nature of this conflict.

In the midst of this protest, the Trump Administration has begun to speak on issues of human rights, referencing these events in Iran.

"This administration has taken a completely opposite view of the important political protests, the freedom-seeking, the freedom-loving people of Iran, than President Obama and his administration did," said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

"these people are simply asking for a basic set of freedoms, and the Iranian leadership—that regime should change in a way that reflects the desires of their own people," Pompeo said.

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# TV SHOWS TO STREAM



**R Samuel Colmar**

“The Mandalorian,” set in the canon universe of beloved sci-fi film franchise Star Wars, follows the narrative of a skilled bounty hunter known simply as “The Mandalorian” or “Mando” as he journeys throughout space fighting aliens, flying spaceships, and finding unlikely companions along the way.

The show, which can be streamed on Disney+, has garnered praise from critics and fans alike through its impressive fight choreography, high-value production, and engaging storytelling.

Though most recent additions to the Star Wars franchise have been met with mixed reception, most fans agree that “The Mandalorian” is nothing short of remarkable; as such it has quickly skyrocketed to the most watched series on television and currently has a formidable IMDB score of 9/10.

Because of its uncompromising one-liners and intense gun fights, the show’s plot often resembles that of a spaghetti western film, a notable influence that coincides with the original Star Wars trilogy.

This resemblance between the original films and “The Mandalorian” is what makes the show so great, providing a nostalgia factor with Easter egg references to movies like “A New Hope” and “The Empire Strikes Back.”

While “The Mandalorian” is already well into its first season, viewers needn’t worry, as plans for season two have already been confirmed by the show’s creator, Jon Favreau.

In addition, a second Star Wars TV show following fan-favorite character Obi-Wan Kenobi, is set to begin filming sometime this year.

## The Mandalorian

**Seasons:** One  
**Release Date:** Nov. 12 2019  
**Where to stream:** Disney+

**R KaidenHuber**

“Marvel’s Runaways” is a Hulu original television series based on the Marvel comic that started on Nov. 21, 2017 and has made three seasons so far.

The third and final season was released on Dec. 13, 2019, consisting of 10 more episodes. This show is a teen drama with a little bit of action added to it.

The show is about a group of teens who discovered their parents are secretly evil.

The group’s members, for the good of everyone, must band together to stop their parents from going berserk despite all being extremely different people like a witch, a dinosaur owner, a leader nerd, a flying alien, an inventor, and an immature, yet invulnerable, “Princess.”



## Runaways

**Seasons:** Three  
**Release Date:** Nov. 21 2017  
**Where to stream:** Hulu

**R GraceRobinson**

The modern reimagining of Shirley Jackson’s novel “The Haunting of Hill House” follows adult siblings who grew up in one of the most haunted houses in the country as children.

The plot originally takes place in 1999 in Massachusetts southwest of Boston; now that the siblings are grown up, a tragic situation makes them return to the house.

The siblings must confront the ghosts of their horrifying childhood past. The ghosts bother them still as adults and they can’t seem to shake them.

Some of the ghosts may be actual shadows lurking in the house.

This was written by Mike Flanagan, who also wrote “Hush,” “Gerald’s Game” and “Ouija: Origin of Evil.”

This show will scare viewers out of their minds.



## The Haunting of Hill House

**Seasons:** Two  
**Release Date:** Oct. 12 2018  
**Where to stream:** Netflix



## Big Mouth

**Seasons:** Three  
**Release Date:** Sept. 29 2017  
**Where to stream:** Netflix

**R GraceRobinson**

Puberty isn’t easy, not even for cartoon characters.

On the Netflix original series “Big Mouth,” Andrew and Nick are two middle school boys who have hormone monsters that control their everyday lives.

The boys experience first hand the nightmares of turning into an adult.

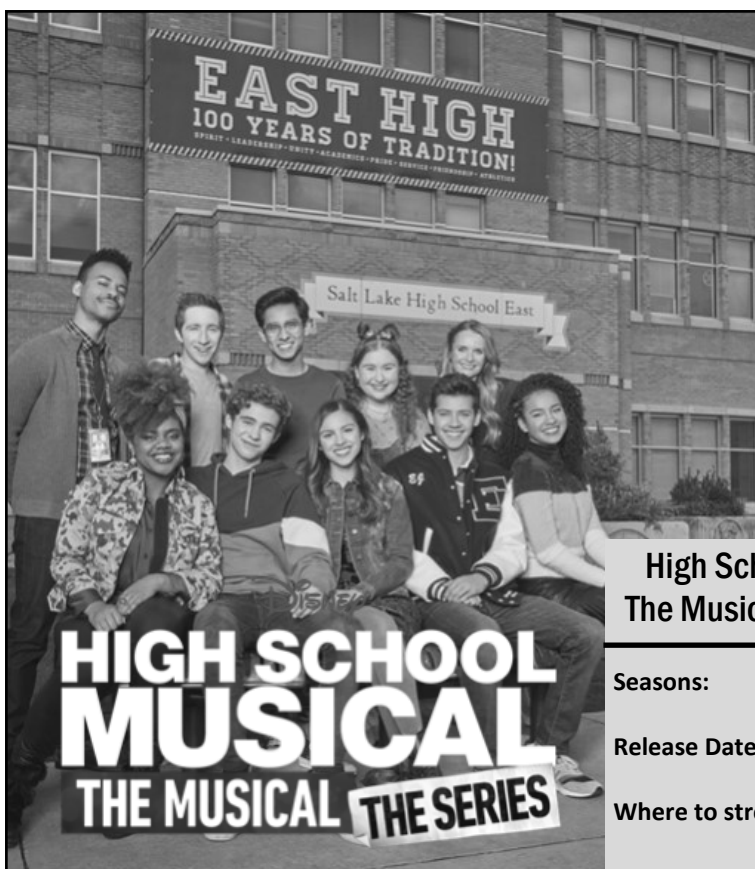
Their groups of friends are also going through these searing puberty experiences; middle school

romances, divorcing parents and weird hormones.

This show is a comedy for teenagers and adults and has won the hearts of many critics.

The show was created by Nick Kroll who is known on Comedy Central for his standup; he is also an actor, writer and producer.

This show has a dark humor with a lot of mature jokes that has made fans of teens and adults.



**R KaidenHuber**

“High School Musical: The Musical - The Series” is a Disney+ exclusive that fans of the original movies would love.

The show is based on the 13 year old movie “High School Musical” and, according to critics, the show follows too closely to the original.

The series was created by Tim Federle and the first episode was aired on Nov. 8, 2019. New episodes come out every Friday.

The show is set at East High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico where the original movie took place.

## High School Musical: The Musical - The Series

**Seasons:** One  
**Release Date:** Nov. 8 2019  
**Where to stream:** Disney+

The new drama teacher, Miss Jenn, is running the school musical and decides to do “High School Musical: The Musical” because of the connection to the original film.



# Boone's FAVE YouTubers OF THE 2010's

**R** EricLinda&DavidHelton

**A rewind of some of our favorite YouTubers of the previous decade!**

**YouTube is one of the most well-known video-sharing platforms of this century. Many people have become celebrities and some have generated large amounts of wealth by making videos, earning sponsorship deals, and selling merchandise. Here's a few of Boone's favorite YouTubers:**



## DAVID DOBRIK

Named Boone's YouTuber of the year by the Rebellion staff in May 2019, Dobrik is a Viner turned YouTuber.

After the shutdown of Vine, Dobrik has made many videos that people have expressed their love for, such as vlogs and silly challenges.

David Dobrik

**Subscribers:** 14.7 million  
**User joined:** Dec. 19, 2014.  
**View count:** 6.3 billion  
**Main videos:** Vlogs, pranks, challenges.  
**Born:** Košice, Slovakia.  
**AS OF JANUARY 2020**



## PEWDIEPIE

PewDiePie is the first individual YouTuber to achieve 100 million subscribers despite some controversies.

Felix Arvid Ulf Kjellberg is from Sweden and currently resides in Brighton, United Kingdom.

He is popular for his gaming videos, such as Minecraft and looking at memes that his fans submit to him.

PewDiePie

**Subscribers:** 102 million  
**User joined:** Apr. 29, 2010.  
**View count:** 24.2 billion  
**Main videos:** Gaming, memes, commentaries/news.  
**Born:** Gothenburg, Sweden.  
**AS OF JANUARY 2020**



## MR. BEAST

Originally well-known for his worst YouTube intros series and doing random stuff such as counting to 100,000, Jimmy Donaldson has used his money earned to give back to the community.

He's done challenges where someone wins a large amount of money, he's given free stuff to people in need, and he's started a fundraiser to plant 20 million trees by 2020, which he did.

Mr. Beast

**Subscribers:** 27.2 million  
**User joined:** Feb. 19, 2012.  
**View count:** 4.1 billion  
**Main videos:** Challenges  
**Born:** Greenville, NC.  
**AS OF JANUARY 2020**

## HONORABLE MENTIONS (Most to least subscribers)

- VanossGaming** 24.8 million
- Markiplier** 24.6 million
- Shane Dawson** 23.1 million
- jacksepticeye** 23 million
- Jeffree Star** 16.7 million
- James Charles** 16.3 million
- LazarBeam** 12.1 million

# 'Half-Life: Alyx' aims to take VR to the mainstream

After 12-year hiatus, Valve bringing series back with VR

**R** OliverMyers

In 1998, "Half-Life" blew away the 3D gaming scene and pulled 3D shooters into the next generation. Its 2004 sequel, "Half-Life 2," continued to break barriers and even won Best Game of the Decade from IGN and several others.

However, the last time players picked up Gordon Freeman's crowbar was in 2007 with "Half-Life 2: Episode 2," which ended with a gut-wrenching cliffhanger.

After 12 years of waiting for another chapter in the Half-Life series, many fans thought they would never again pick up the legendary crowbar.

That all changed with a tweet on Nov. 18.

Valve announced "Half-Life: Alyx," one of three full-length virtual reality games the company is developing, the next installment in the Half Life series, and Valve's



attempt to bring VR to the mainstream.

The story takes place between the events of "Half-Life" and "Half-Life 2" before Gordon Freeman, the protagonist in the previous games, returned.

It follows Alyx Vance and her father fighting off the Combine, an alien empire who conquered Earth.

The major difference this time is the control scheme. The entire game is VR exclusive and there is no keyboard or controller support whatsoever.

The game can be played on most VR headsets including the HTC Vive, Windows Mixed Reality, the Oculus Rift, and Valve's VR headset, the Index.

The game-play consists of

using the VR controllers or "gravity gloves" to get supplies, use interfaces, throw objects, and engage in combat.

Like the gravity gun from "Half-Life 2," the gravity gloves allow the player to manipulate gravity.

The trailer suggests the game is extremely interactive as well, having the player move aside objects on a shelf to reveal previously hidden shotgun shells or throw a nearby bottle to distract a combine soldier.

The game also features Valve's new engine, Source 2, which improves game performance

by utilizing proper multi-core rendering and newer technologies like Vulkan and DirectX 11, meaning CPU requirements are reduced. It also includes a new physics engine.

Character models are also somewhat different with more seamless designs which is expected, but characters also look more cartoonish with emphasis on certain parts of the face.

Even though it may not be the "Half-Life 3" fans wanted, many feel the game is a promising reawakening for the beloved series and a leap in the right direction for VR.

The release date is currently March 2020.

Half-Life: Alyx	
<b>Publisher/Developer:</b>	Valve
<b>Release Date:</b>	March 2020
<b>Cost:</b>	\$60.00
<b>System:</b>	PC Exclusive/VR required

## 10 Years Forward,

## Backward 10 Years

**B** Bayleah Vogel

As the 2010s come to an end, it's an appropriate time to reflect on the previous decade, and predict what the next one will bring. The Rebellion asked several veteran Boone teachers to take a trip down memory lane and gaze into the future. What changes have they noticed at Boone since 2010, and how do they anticipate it will change by 2030?



Linda Pleli (2010)

### Linda Pleli

#### Backward

Linda Pleli has been a math teacher at Boone for 11 years. She believes that Boone has changed a lot since 2010.

One change that she has noticed, is the diversity in the student population and the acceptance of that diversity. She has also noticed an increase in school spirit and student involvement because of the increase in opportunities for students to be involved: board game club, Harry Potter club, archery, pep club, etc.

She also has seen an increase in cell phone and technology use. She feels as if it is isolating to students and it makes it harder for her to talk to them.

#### Forward

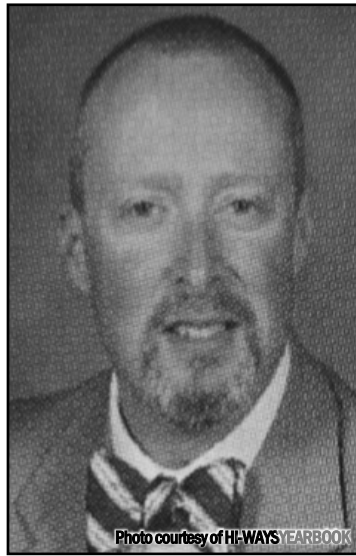
Pleli expects to see Boone changing a lot by 2020. She has concerns that students may become even more dependent on their phones than they already are.

She also hopes that there will be more AP and dual enrollment classes available for students, as well as more clubs and opportunities for student involvement.

She also predicts that technology advancements will continue to affect how teachers teach and how students learn.



Linda Pleli (present)



David Kohl (2010)

### David Kohl

#### Backward

David Kohl has been an English and year-book teacher at Boone for 25 years. During that time he has witnessed many changes, especially throughout the past decade.

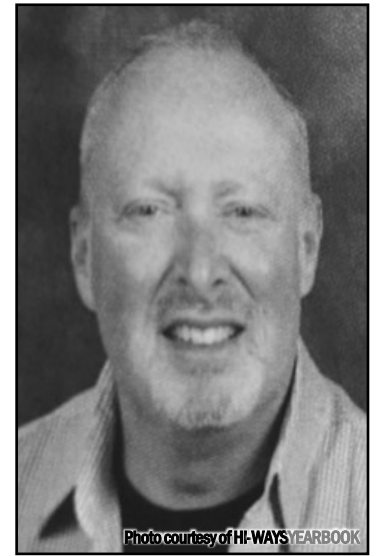
However, Kohl has decided to highlight the main things that have stayed constant throughout the decade. He said that Boone is a very diverse school that "embraces all of the backgrounds and personalities" within it.

"This is a place where we embrace and celebrate the very differences that bring us together," Kohl said.

Kohl also noticed that the staff and administration at Boone are very invested in the students. He said that the principals seem to not only care about the students as students, but they care about them as a whole person.

#### Forward

Kohl expects these constants to stay constants.



David Kohl (present)

### Michelle Schuster

#### Backward

Michelle Schuster has been a science teacher at Boone for 22 years. She has been here through the 2010s and all of the changes at Boone that came along with it.

Schuster noticed that cell phones are something that have become more common in classrooms today.

"Ten years ago a student would be terrified to pull out a cell phone in class, but now it's normal," she said.

She also pointed out that more AP and dual enrollment classes have been available for students to take as well as the early college program.

As the cheer coach, she has witnessed the cheer team build itself back up, after program and school lost students with the opening of Cooper. The team won nationals in 2019, and will compete again in 2020 after they won the Kentucky state cheer competition.

Schuster said that one thing that has grown a lot stronger over the past decade is the extracurricular programs offered at Boone. She believes that there is something at Boone for everyone, if not a sport, then some other type of extracurricular activity.

#### Forward

Schuster thinks that Boone will be changing a lot by 2020. She thinks that the classroom instruction will be a lot more individualized to cater to each student's needs.

She also foresees that school work will become more computer based and grades will be based on mastery of standards.

"Students will be tracked according to career paths," she said. "Juniors and Seniors will be taking college classes."



Michelle Schuster (2010)



Michelle Schuster (present)

# TOP 10 of the Past 10



The Rebellion staff reviewed 10 years of sports stories, and these were the favorites.

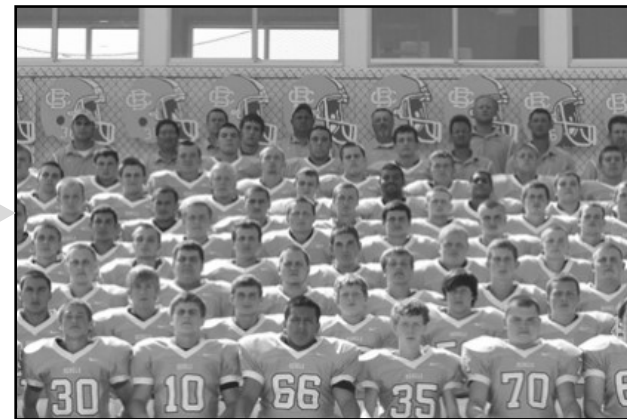


### 2010 Baseball wins region

The varsity baseball team finished the season with a 27-12 record. They scored in double digits 15 times that season on their way to winning the district tournament against Conner 12-7. They then went on to win the Regional championship against Dixie heights 3-1.

### 2010 Football advances to state semis

The Rebels recorded a 9-5 record that season which was their best record since 2008. They improved from a 3-7 record the previous year and won the 6A Regional Championship against Lexington Lafayette. They advanced all the way to the state semifinals where they lost to Scott 16-14. They combined for 3,984 total yards on offense.



### 2012 Basketball teams sweep region

For the first time in school history, the boys and girls basketball teams won the region and qualified for the state tourney in same year. The varsity boys team won 54-49 over Newport Central Catholic and the varsity girls team won 62-58 over Notre Dame. Forward Sydney Moss lead the team with (23.3) points per game and (10.2) rebounds per game. She went on to win Miss Kentucky Basketball.



### 2012 Boys soccer wins region

The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished with a 20-4-3 record. They defeated Newport Central Catholic 2-0 to win the Region 9 Championship for the first time since 2002. They made it all the way to the state semifinals where they lost to St. Xavier 2-0.



### 2015 Girls soccer reaches region finals

The Girls Varsity Soccer team finished with a 17-7-2 record. They won the district championship against Conner 3-0 and advanced all the way to the regional final against Notre Dame where they lost 3-1.



### 2015 Fookes retires with 686 wins

After 30 years of coaching the Varsity Girls Basketball team, Fookes won 686 out of 941 games (.729). Since she started in 1985, she never recorded a losing season at BCHS. She ranks third all-time on the Kentucky win list. She won 22 district titles, and 9 regional titles. After her tenure with the school was over, the court was named in her likeness.



### 2017 Boys swim and dive reaches state

Junior Robby Winterman tied for first place in the 50 free at regionals. He became the first swimmer to win a regional event for Boone and he qualified for state in the process. Senior Nick Berry, junior Sean Courtney, and junior Adam Persons all qualified for state that season as well. Berry finished as the leading scorer in program history (1338) and the team finished 31st overall which is the best finish in a state meet at BCHS.



### 2017 Golfer Finn qualifies for state

Landon Finn qualified for state for the first time in his career after winning a tiebreaker at the regional tournament. He shot a 74 at the 7th Region Tournament after suffering a mallet fracture in his right ring finger on the ninth hole of the tournament. It was the first time since 2011 a boy qualified for state. He went on to shoot a 79 at state to end his high school career.



### 2018 Girls bowling caps record run

The Girls Bowling team won the regional tournament for the sixth straight year in a row, dating back to the 2012-2013 season. They defeated the 2 seed Cooper to advance to state. They finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record. They tied the football teams from 1985-1990 for the most consecutive regional team championships.



### 2019 Cheer wins state and nationals

Over the calendar year of 2019, the girls Varsity Cheer team have won countless events, won the KHSAA State Championship, and also became the UCA National High School Cheerleading Champions. Their success continues into 2020 as they attempt to become repeat National Champions.



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# Musical cast opens up about winter musical



(ABOVE) Senior Casey Beusterien (Reno Sweeney) and junior Robert Saner (Lord Evelyn Oakleigh) perform the final number of "Anything Goes!" in the Boone auditorium on Dec. 6. (RIGHT TOP) Seniors Bryce Herzner (Billy Crocker) and McKayla Major (Hope Harcourt) perform a duet. (RIGHT BOTTOM): Juniors Vance Jones (Eli Whitney) and Rebecca Bowman (Evangeline Harcourt) link arms during the song "Finale."



## Michel Arroyo

"It's delightful, it's delicious, it's De-lovely!"

What is being described?  
Why, *Anything Goes!*

This 1934 comedic and romantic musical was staged by Boone students in December with a Boone alumnus directing.

The musical featured senior Bryce Herzner as Billy Crocker, senior McKayla Major as Hope Harcourt, senior Casey Beusterein as Reno Sweeney, and junior Robert Saner as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh.

The story all starts when singer and evangelist Reno Sweeney goes on board the S.S. American to go from New York to England. It just so happens that her bud, Billy Crocker, has stowed away on the very same ship to be close to a girl he fell in love with, Hope Harcourt. Unfortunately, Harcourt is engaged to the very rich, very British Lord Evelyn Oakleigh.

The Rebellion interviewed actors Herzner, Beusterein, and Vance Jones who played drunk, old man Eli Whitney.

**Q - Was there a part you were trying to go for or were you willing to accept any role?**

**Vance:** I was up for anything! It's good to be open about roles.

**Bryce:** The role I mainly wanted was the one I luckily got. Although I would've accepted any role because I would just want to be part of the show.

**Casey:** I was auditioning for Reno, but I'm always willing to accept any role.

**Q - How is the character like you?**

**Vance:** Eli had his eyes set on one person that he was in love with and would do anything for, and I really relate to that.

**Bryce:** I relate to the character's humor the most because the way that he uses it is to bring light to the situation, especially to get out of (it).

**Casey:** I think this character is very much like me. She's very independent and opinionated, and also a performer.

**Q - Is it easier to play your character or be yourself on stage?**

**Vance:** It's definitely easier to play someone else. Judgement passes right over you when you're someone else.

**Bryce:** I've had many challenges throughout my theatre experience. I played Donkey in "Shrek the Musical" and then the dentist in "Little Shop of Horrors," which are polar opposites. It's a challenge, but something that helps you learn.

**Casey:** I'd say being myself, because I'm able to give more genuine emotion.

**Q - What is it about the character that you love?**

**Vance:** I loved his energy! He's an old man but he still acts like a kid.

**Bryce:** The thing I love most about my character was everything I got to do. I got to dress up and sing as an old woman, I got to dance a lot which is my favorite part about musical theatre. Then all the songs I had the chance to sing.

**Casey:** What I love most about Reno is the energy she has, and the strong independence she has despite being a woman in the 1930's.

**Q - What was the hardest thing about playing the character?**

**Vance:** 100% the "gruff old man" voice.

**Bryce:** The hardest thing about playing that character was the tap dancing. In most adaptations, my character is off stage during the number "Anything Goes," but the director, Sam Johnson, wanted me to tap dance because it was different. So I learned how just for the show.

**Casey:** The hardest part was trying to convey all the attitude and humor she has.

**Q - What makes a good scene for a character?**

**Vance:** Eli and Evangeline were absolutely comic relief, so whenever I was on stage, there was a guaranteed laugh.

**Bryce:** Passion and dedication. You can't really have a good performance if you don't have the dedication because if you don't care, there's no reason to be there. You have to have passion for what you do, and you have to be dedicated so you don't let the director, the crew, or yourself.

**Casey:** A good scene for me has to have good timing, and also a good balance of emotions.

## News of the Huh???

A monthly collection of strange stories from around the globe

### Oliver Myers

#### Man too lazy to go to the bathroom

A Draper Rancherito's employee was fired Sunday after a viral video caught him urinating on the kitchen floor.

Robert Talivakaola, the man who took the video, was trying to order food around 5:30 a.m. When he got no response, he drove up to the drive-thru to get someone's attention only to see one of the employees relieving himself in the kitchen.

The manager of the restaurant claims the employee depicted in the video has been fired. They had worked with the company for approximately three months.

The facility is currently closed pending a sanitation.  
(Hunter Geisel & Mark Klekas/KUTV 2News)

#### Crocodiles in the land of maple syrup?

An escaped alligator was spotted moving across a Montreal, Canada street Sunday afternoon.

According to police, the scaly fella escaped the van of a company that handled exotic animals. The animal made its getaway while the van's automatic door was closing.

The drivers of the van had stopped for lunch and didn't notice the critter make his escape.

The animal made its way across the street and under a car, gaining some attention from pedestrians along the way. According to police, the employees were able to successfully re-capture the alligator.

(Staff Report/CBC News)

#### How to quit with flying colors

Anesti Danelsi, a Toronto Starbucks employee, quit his job musically. Danelsi wrote and performed an entire profanity filled song all about his manager who tried getting him fired and promised Danelsi he would never get a promotion.

During the performance, Danelsi emphasized the fact he loved his coworkers and customers and the song was only about his manager.

Once his little musical session was over, Danelsi was given a round of applause and was deemed an internet hero by many who watched the viral video.

This goes to show one should never hire someone with musical and comedic talent; It will never end well if you infuriate them.

(Erica Tempesta/DailyMail)

#### That sure went from 0 to 700 real fast

A hyperloop—a high-tech, high-speed train—could take passengers from Chicago to Cleveland in 32 minutes, ten times faster than a car and twice as fast as a plane.

According to the Great Lakes Hyperloop Feasibility Study, this would create over 900 thousand jobs.

The technology is still deep in development, so the timeline of this project is not exactly predictable.

If this technology is successful, it will shoot past the competition.

(Mary Wisniewski/Chicago Tribune)

#### The picture might be exaggerating, but we aren't

A man stole \$500 in cash from a caricature artist during Riverside's Festival of Lights Parade on Dec. 5, but forgot his own caricature.

Police are now using the exaggerated portrait as his suspect description.

It may not portray the suspect exactly, but police believe it may help identify the individual.

Let's see if the police can catch him just as well as the artist did in the portrait.

(Jesus Reyes/News Channel 3)

#### Hey! You're not Santa!

A man was arrested after he was found hiding inside a closet in a Wisconsin home Dec. 10.

Kabian Coleman, 32, was caught inside a closet after the homeowner's dog kept barking at it. When the homeowner and a family member attempted to open it, they found something, or someone was holding it shut.

According to the family members, while inside the closet, Coleman uttered, "Ho Ho Ho," and told the family members that if they opened the closet it would ruin their Christmas surprise.

After two family members called 911, Coleman fled the scene. Officials later caught him in someone else's garage a street over after following his footprints in the snow.

According to police, it took a few attempts before they were actually able to open the garage; every time they tried to open it, he would close it.

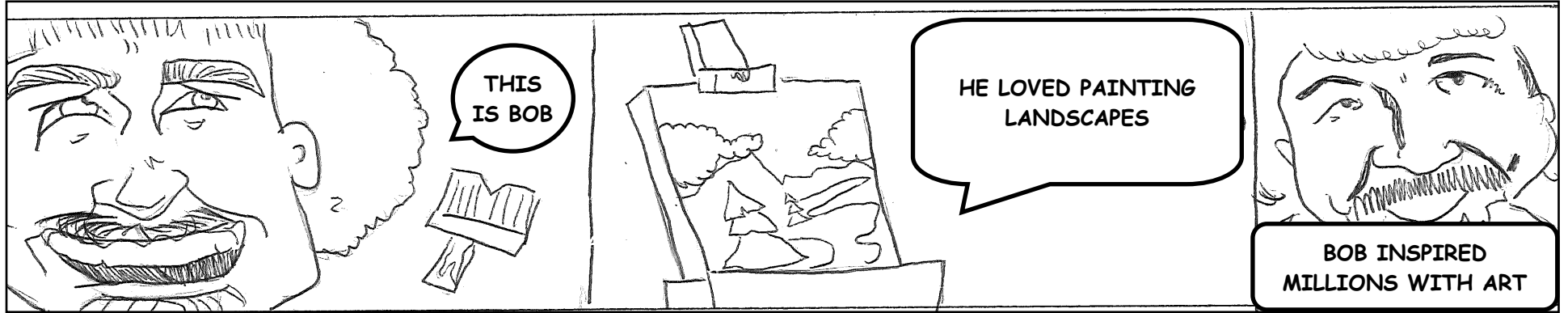
(Jordan Mickle/WTMJ-TV)

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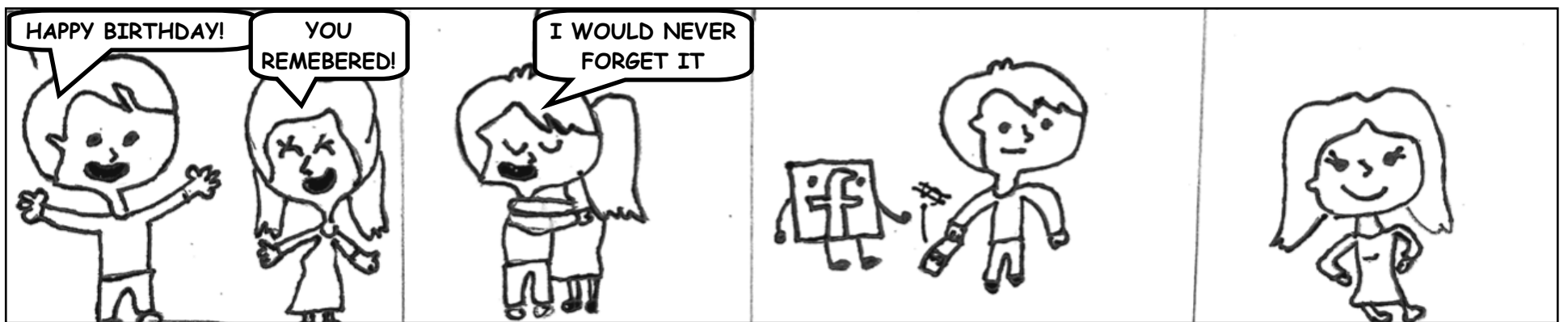
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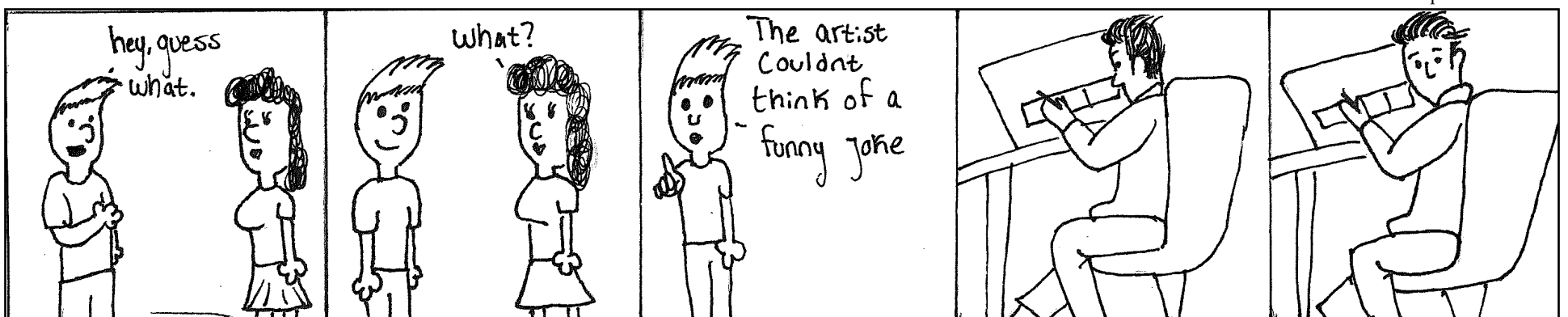
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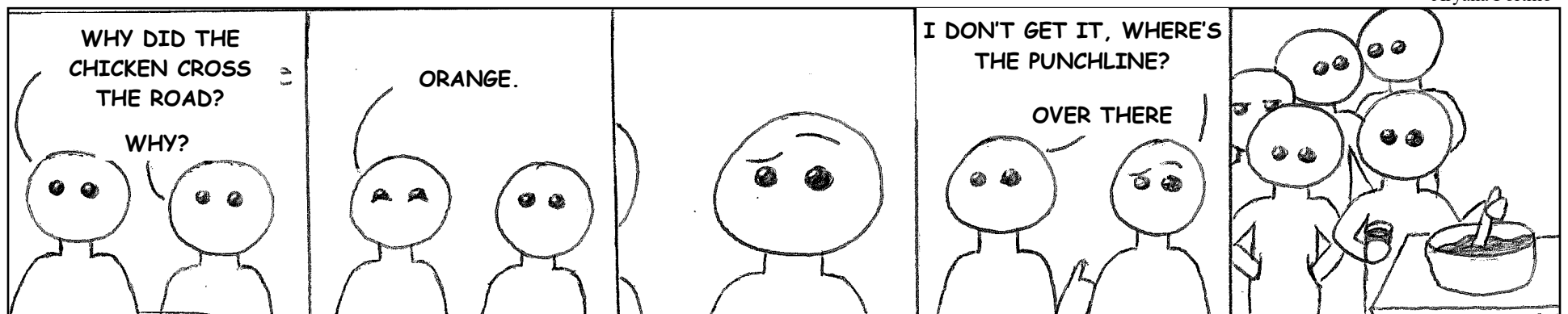
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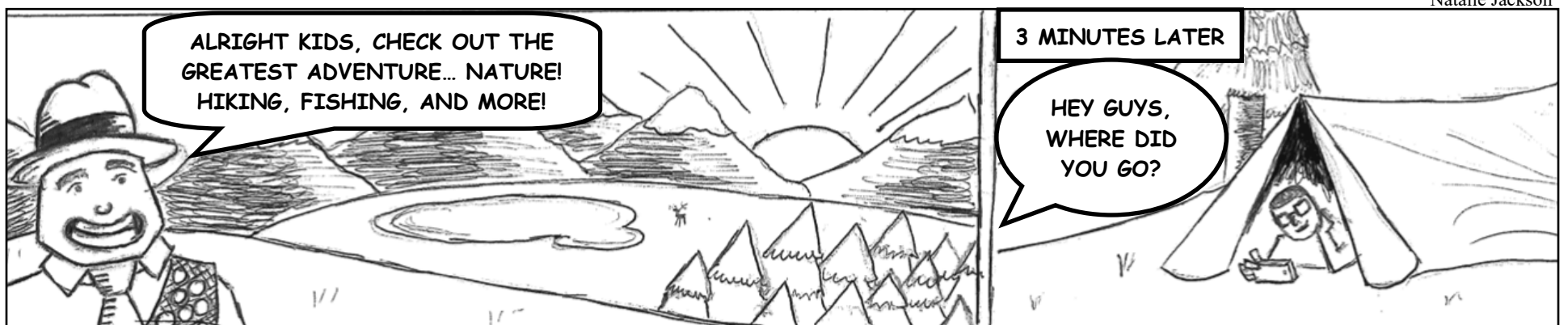
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