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Letter from the Editors



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Dear students and staff of GLHS,

The Comets' Tale is excited to present another print publication. Our staff has been working hard to cover news stories and updates in print as well as over on our website, glcometstale.com. We are wrapping up the second trimester, but we will be releasing two more print publications next trimester.

Keep an ear out for our podcast, The Comet Cast, for more local news and events, as well as exclusive interviews with members of the community. It's been a long winter, but spring and summer are right around the corner. We won't see you again until after spring break, so safe travels and have a good March, Comets!

All the best,
Cole Bennett and Megan Reynaert

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Meet the New Board Member



Garrett Callison
STAFF WRITER

The community of Grand Ledge Public Schools has a new addition! Toni Glasscoe is the newest member of the GLPS Schoolboard. With her new position, she is excited to help change and improve the Grand Ledge Public School district.

Ms. Glasscoe has lots of respect for the world of education. She has worked in multiple schools as a fourth grade, middle school, and high school teacher.

"[As a kid] I would line up my dolls in chairs and teach. By the time I was five I wanted to be a teacher" said Glasscoe.

She has a driving ambition of wanting to make a difference in the world through the education of students, especially in Grand Ledge. She wants to be a positive influence in people's lives. Her biggest goal is to help Grand Ledge have the higher test scores and more graduating students.

Her goal as a board member is to not only be able to help the community but understand what is going on.

"There is always more to the situation than what you see,"



Sawdon is the administration building in which the board members meet for the school district. There has been a recent meeting regarding the mask policy, which Glasscoe attended.

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said Glasscoe.

She wants to learn about the different layout of each school in the district, to better understand the culture of Grand Ledge.

"I am still gathering information to determine if I will run. I will say that it is very likely that I will" Said Glasscoe.

With elections approaching she wants to understand the educational ability of Grand Ledge and what the people of the community want to see from her specifically, the board, and Grand Ledge as a whole.

Toni Glasscoe is a driving power that cares about the students and teachers of this school district. She has plans to run again for the board after meeting the district students and parents. Toni Glasscoe plans to improve the schools and help Grand Ledge reach its highest degree of education.

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New Masking Policy for GLPS



Garrett Callison
STAFF WRITER

As of February 17th, 2022, the Grand Ledge School Board has voted to change the mask mandate from required to optional.

The board decided to vote in favor of changing the mask mandate after the Michigan Department for Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced new guidelines regarding masks on February 16. The new guidance was released in response to the decrease in daily COVID-19 cases compared to last month, as well as a statistically lower seven day testing rate.

"The major concern is that we're still at a high transmission rate in our community, but that number tends to be declining rapidly" stated Marcus Davenport, Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools.

These new numbers set the state of Michigan into what the MDHHS classifies as a recovery period after surges in January.

"I certainly saw value in wearing masks when COVID numbers were spiking and peaking, and I am hopeful we don't have to wear a mask again in the future... On the flipside of that, when there's... a reduced risk of people contracting and spreading COVID, I think it's the right choice to let people take the masks off" said Greg Almy, the physical education teacher at Willow Ridge Elementary School.

The board met on February 17th, and after an



The Grand Ledge Schoolboard discusses repealing the mask mandate. They called an emergency meeting on Thursday, February 17th to discuss the matter.

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hour-long segment of the meeting devoted to public comment, the board discussed the topic of repealing the mask mandate in Grand Ledge schools. Dr. Davenport discussed the possible issues that the district may face following the decision. Board member Toni Glasscoe talked about how to plan on dealing with those issues.

"We can decide the what but we need to expedite the how." said Glasscoe during the meeting.

The board went into closed session, and soon after, it was announced that the board had voted for the mask mandate to be repealed. Two board members were not present for the meeting, but with the present



Cole Bennett
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

members, the vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

"The board made a decision based on the recommendation from the MDHHS as well as a collection of

information provided from parents, community members, staff members, and building leaders." said Dr. Davenport.

The possible ramifications of this decision are being evaluated. Some were mentioned at the meeting.

"The only concern is just simply keeping our students, staff, and school community as safe as possible, knowing this could be another surge that we may face in the near future." said Dr. Davenport

This could put extra pressure on medical staff as well as teachers. Contact tracing could also be more challenging.

"If we have people...come to school with COVID [without a mask], we're gonna have more people in that person's surrounding area be affected." said Mr. Almy.

On February 17th, students received an email from Dr. Wright about the new decision, mentioning the new changes in the policy and reminding students to be respectful of their peers' choices.

Although masks are optional in schools, they are still required on buses and all forms of public transportation, by federal law.

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Hollywood In Our Own Backyard



Cole Bennett
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Big things are happening in the old Lansing Mall Cinema. Amaru, a comedian and film director, has bought out the building in order to transform the location into a movie studio,

called Greenwood District Studios.

"I came into an idea the same month George Floyd was killed... and COVID was hitting. It made me unemployed in most aspects. I came to a crossroads in life... and it really made me sit down and think about what we are really marching for" said Amaru.

The name of the project, Greenwood District Studios, comes from the events of the race riots in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1921. Black Wall Street, located in The Greenwood District, was a community of black-owned businesses. It was burned to the ground, and as many as 300 people of color were killed. In recent history, this massacre has been somewhat forgotten about. The intention behind the name is to remember the tragedy and what it stood for, as well as what the studio stands for, as it is entirely black-owned.

"We made history... You don't see a movie and television studio that's owned by a black person. I'm probably the fourth or fifth in the country" stated Amaru.

When Amaru began the project in 2020, he had a plan. The movie theater layout of the building lent itself very well to the setup of the movie studio.

"We're gonna do what Motown did, and what Motown did was buy the block" said Amaru.

In this case, the 'block' is all contained in one building. Each auditorium in the old movie theater is devoted to a different aspect of filmmaking. One has been transformed into an editing bay, and another has been remodeled into a soundstage.

The studio will provide opportunities for up and coming local filmmakers. Having a location so close to home will help out artists who can't make the big move to Hollywood. It also brings more activity to the area.

"Why we're here is to give... the youth... an outlet to be creative and have access to the industry without compromise... I was your age... To have a studio like this in my backyard, I would've been here every day after school... I would have been here out of trouble" stated Amaru.

The studio also aims to give back to the people, not only by offering filmmaking opportunities locally, but by actually sharing a portion of the revenue generated at the studio with the surrounding community.

"We're trying to home grow some talent and at the same time, create some value within our community, because part of our proceeds will go back to... underrepresented communities by way of y'know. fixing the streets..." said Amaru.

Amaru mentioned ways that the money could help,



Greenwood District Studios stands behind the Volunteers of America Thrift Store. The location houses a soundstage, an editing bay, The Funny is Funny Comedy Club, and much more.

Photo by Cole Bennett/The Comets' Tale

such as paying to fix things like a hole in someone's roof or a broken muffler. He also hopes to create something of an insurance plan for the community during times of need, like the pandemic.

"If COVID happens again, or some other issue, we as a studio can cut that check," explained Amaru.

The studio had plans to start an outdoor movie theater in the parking lot of the studio. The project, aptly named Amaruflix, had plans to open in the summer of 2021. It would have brought in money for the studio to turn around and spend on renovation. Unfortunately, the Board of Trustees of Delta Township turned down plans for Amaruflix.

"It was the first time the board has ever denied anything that the planning commission has approved... That put a monkey wrench in our finances, so we've been playing catch up ever since" explained Amaru.

An aid to their financial troubles came in the form of their comedy club, located in one of the auditoriums, called Funny is Funny. Shows at the club are recommended for ages 17+, and there is no alcohol served, so the environment is more appropriate for younger audiences.

"I like not having the problems that liquor brings, and we don't need it to make you laugh" said Amaru.

The club has open mic nights on Tuesdays with an entry fee of \$5. Any budding comedians looking for exposure are invited to give stand-up comedy a shot. On Wednesdays, the studio shoots a sitcom, and people are welcome to sit in on the filming process for free as a studio audience. On Thursdays, there is a comedy show at 8 PM. On Fridays and Saturdays, there are shows at 8 PM and 10:30 PM. The 8 PM show on Friday is also broadcast live on the official website, funnyisfunnycomedyclub.com. Tickets for the livestream can be purchased ahead of time online

for \$22. On Sundays, there is a show at 7 PM. This is a clean comedy show, for "people who don't like to cuss outside of the house", as Amaru put it.

Despite the earnings brought in from the comedy club, the studio has found itself struggling. An article written by Fox 47 was published last month, highlighting the financial troubles that the studio has faced as it continues with renovations. Amaruflix would have brought in lots of revenue for the studio, but without it, their main source of income comes from the comedy club. However, there are other ways to support Greenwood District Studios. They have a GoFundMe page, as well as merchandise that can be ordered online or bought on location. There is also a subscription service, where subscribers can watch past comedy shows recorded at the Funny is Funny club for \$2.99 a month. Links to these sites are provided in the online version of this article, at glcometstale.com.

Greenwood District Studios may look like just a movie studio on the surface, but it stands for so much more. The studio is a place where anyone can express themselves and have a local outlet to create film and television projects they might not otherwise get the opportunity to make. It is not about the final products or the money made in the process, it is about giving underrepresented members of the community a place to be heard.

"It don't matter what color you are, we all have the same emotions, feelings, and observations, so when you tap into those, that's how we all connect... Our mantra is 'We will show the industry what inclusion looks like'" emphasized Amaru.

The full interview with Amaru, as well as ways to support Greenwood District Studios are available on our website at glcometstale.com.

SAT Format is Going to Change in 2024



Garrett Callison
STAFF WRITER

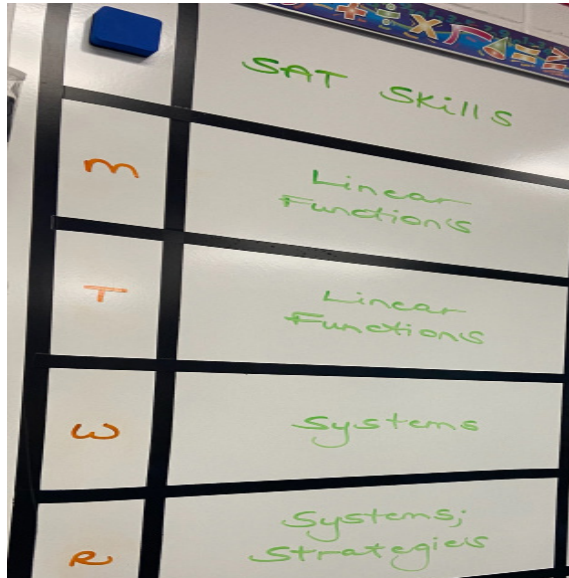
College Board, the administrator of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), announced on Jan. 25, 2022, that the test would be experiencing a few changes to the basic format, coming in 2024. This new format is raising concerns for students and teachers.

Anna Montgomery, one of the teachers of the SAT Skills class available at GLHS, sat down with The Comet's Tale to explain the SAT and her thoughts on the changes.

"[The SAT] Is a standardized test that is created by the College Board, and it serves to provide a standardized assessment for students' skill proficiency," commented Montgomery. The time of the test is "A total of 230 minutes, not including break time."

The test typically involves four sections: Reading, Writing & Language, Math (Calculator), and Math (Non-Calculator). Other topics such as History, Science, Social Studies, and others are incorporated through different questions, but the format is changing.

The changes coming to the test are, a shortened



The schedule for SAT skills is filled with different lessons for each of the three parts of the course. This class is available for the benefit of students to help them prepare for the upcoming test.

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time from three hours to two hours, a digital format, shorter passages, and a full calculator math portion. Concern has been raised around issues such as test security, academic honesty, and accessibility.

"Inequities could impact the test. Certain districts could not guarantee there would be enough resources for everyone to take the test," Montgomery said, "I don't know how they are going to manage the security so they know if the student taking the test is who they say they are and how they control what access the student has to other things."

There are many concerns about this new format for teachers. Some colleges in the past have been dropping SAT score requirements for their applications, such as the University of California, Akron, Alma Boston, Grand Valley, etc. These colleges have cancelled for COVID-19 since access to the test is harder to access during the time, since the test is administered at an educational facility for the district. With schools both temporarily postponing the SAT and others since phasing it out completely, the necessity of the standardized test has declined.

These changes will be impacting the SAT and how schools administer it. The test changes have come with surprise, but teachers have time to plan for the big change. The test will be different for students, teachers, and colleges in 2024.

Safe Driving Saves Teen Lives



Carmen Cline
STAFF WRITER

Sixty-two percent of passengers are just as at risk of being killed in an accident as drivers behind the wheel, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Thankfully, at Grand

Ledge High School, there is a safe driving committee led by the students.

"The club was started by S4SD [Strive for a Safe Drive], it's a campaign held in Michigan and different schools can participate," said Braylond Price, the leader of the committee.

This is a student-run group that spreads awareness and tips on how to be a safe driver. With the high school having many new drivers, there is a higher risk for the dangerous inexperience.

Each year the committee holds a different campaign. This year the safe driving campaign is centered around passenger safety, and it includes planned events throughout the year. The committee's main goal is to teach drivers at Grand Ledge High School about driving safely with a passenger on the roads. There are also events that the committee holds to



Many students at Grand Ledge High School have their own vehicle. There has been accidents involving teen drivers before, especially in the winter.

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spread awareness to more people. The next upcoming event will happen on March 23rd. The event is called the Just Drive Expo and will be held at the gym in the high school.

Each safe driving event will include games and interactive exhibits for the students. There are posters

scattered throughout the school mentioning safety facts about things like distracted, DUI's, and risky driving.

According to the New York Department of Health (NYDOH), teens are more likely to be involved in a car accident due to the fact that they are young, and might not have much experience. There is also a factor of teens taking risks while driving. The NYDOH's job is to prevent students from being injured in accidents. The National Highway/Traffic Safety Administration says 2,042 people were killed in crashes involving a teen driver in 2019. These statistics are very high and show the danger that exists during driving. The Michigan State Police is part of Strive for a Safer Drive. So there are more ways to learn about safe driving. The committee is simply there to notify students about the dangers of driving. The committee does have their information from the MSPD and other outlets notifying about the topic.

S4SD is here to help the students protect themselves. Follow the group on their Instagram and TikTok it is a great way to be informed about upcoming events. Safe driving is a great way to protect many lives in and out of school.

Basketball: Homecoming Edition



Madison Bartlett
STAFF WRITER

A part of the Grand Ledge homecoming activities is watching the girls and boys varsity basketball teams play, with girls playing on Feb. 8th and the boys playing on Feb. 25th.

The homecoming basketball game has been a tradition for a long time now at Grand Ledge. It brings all the former teammates, families, and friends together on a night to celebrate the basketball season and the accomplishments.

To begin the festivities, the Varsity girls team played Jackson Northwest on Tuesday, February 8th. This night was all about honoring the seniors, and their last time playing on the Grand Ledge High School court.

This year's seniors are as follows, Taylor Piper, Adeline Schroeder and Claire Willoughby.

The Varsity Girls unfortunately came short in a hard fought battle to Jackson Northwest, the final score of the game was 49-43. The three seniors were honored after this game for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the season, and all the memories they made on their home court.

"My favorite part of senior night was getting to kiss the floor!," said Senior, Taylor Piper, "Although it was a very sad goodbye kiss to our home court, so many great memories have been made within the

past four years here that I will keep with me forever." The Varsity Boys played on February 25th for their homecoming game. The Boys Varsity team faced off



The girls varsity basketball team celebrates the seniors last home game. All the girls on the team gave the three seniors a group hug to say a goodbye.

Photo by Braelyn Jackson-pointer/The Comets' Tale

against the Dewitt Panthers.

This game was some of the Seniors last time experiencing that homecoming game feeling. The senior's that competed in their last Friday night game were Justin Odlum, Zion Jones, Isaiah Bailey, Caden Knight, Nicholas Ellis, Joe McCrary and Caden Andriessen.

"I'm going to miss the closeness of the team," stated Senior, Caden Andriessen "I just feel like we were

pretty close throughout the year even during the bad times we stayed together."

After an amazing first quarter the Comets' took the lead with 20-8 against the Panthers. At Halftime, the Comets went into the locker room on top with the lead of 29-17. The student section was loud and proud when the varsity players were coming out of the locker room. After the end of the third quarter, Grand Ledge had an amazing performance over the Panthers continuing the lead of 44-23.

With the Comets' still up after the third quarter, the Comets beat the Panthers with a score of 53-42. Grand Ledge will now advance to 6-12 overall and is now 5-7 in conference play (teams in the district).



Senior Isaiah Bailey looks for a teammate to send a pass to. The Comets' defeated Dewitt in the winter homecoming game.

Photo by Jason Westra-Hall/The Comets' Tale

Crowned Royalty: Homecoming Edition



Madison Bartlett
STAFF WRITER

Lights, cameras, royalty. Homecoming court is a part of every homecoming. Court involves nominating and electing two class representatives for each grade level.

The Seniors, on the other hand, have ten representatives, and each grade level will vote on two Seniors to win "Royalty." The winners of the Winter 2022 Senior class court are always announced at the boys homecoming basketball game, at halftime.

The winners of the Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior class were all already decided by each grade.

The class representatives for the Freshmen class were Alisia Lopez and Ian Medina. Next, the representatives for the Sophomore class were Benjamin McDiarmid and Grace Pribble. Lastly, representing the Junior class was Madeline Coscarelli and Rebecca Foster.

"I was at first shocked, but really excited to get to

experience such a great opportunity and represent such an amazing class!" Junior, Rebecca Foster stated.

The Senior class royalty winners were announced at halftime of the Varsity Boys basketball game. The Nominees for the Senior class representatives were Andrew Hoa Pham, Emersyn Truong, Emily Crofut, Kaedyn Hirschman, Kaili Heinze, Liam Elder, Madelyn Marsh, Madelyn Prince, Nathan Edlin and Sharanjit Kaur.

"I really never believed I'd be nominated for homecoming court. I think it's incredible that I got nominated for my last ever homecoming," Sharanjit Kaur stated. "I think it's amazing that my class chose me to be someone to represent them."

At Halftime of the Boys Varsity Basketball game, the winner for homecoming royalty was announced and the winners for the senior class royalty were... Madelyn Marsh and Nathan Edlin. They were both crowned and named Senior class royalty of 2022. The crowd did not seem disappointed about this decision as the whole student section was yelling and screaming when Marsh and Edlin were announced.



Left to right: Alisia Lopez, Ian Medina, Madeline Coscarelli, Emily Crofut, Liam Elder, Kaedyn Hirschman, And Madelyn Marsh.

Photo by Jason Westra-Hall/The Comets' Tale

Winter Olympics Make a



Braelyn Jackson-Pointer
STAFF WRITER

The 2022 Winter Olympics have been long-awaited. Since Covid, some athletes never thought they would see this time come. The winter Olympics started on Feb.4 with a beautiful opening ceremony.

Women's Figure Skating

The women's side of figure skating took a very serious turn with a doping scandal. Russia, which is still under an Olympic ban limiting them from certain activities for past doping scandals has, an athlete test positive for a banned substance.

Kamila Valieva, a 15-year-old who was a gold medal prospect, tested positive for a banned heart condition drug back in December. Trimetazidine is a heart condition medication usually prescribed to older patients suffering from angina and other heart conditions(N-PR).

When the test results were discovered by officials, she was immediately banned and the team medal ceremony where she won gold was postponed. Her legal team appealed and was successful. She was able to still compete in the individual event.

The women's individual event started on Tuesday, Feb.15 with the short program. At the end of the night, it ended with Valieva in first with 82.16 and Anna Shcherbakova in second with 80.20, both from the Russian Olympic Committee. Finally, Kaori Sakamoto finished third with 79.84 for Japan.

When it came to the free skate Valieva shockingly had two falls in her free skate. Her final score was 224.09, causing her to take a fourth place finish. Anna Scherbakova took gold with her final score being 255.95, Aleksandra Trusova got silver with 251.73

both from ROC. Finishing third with the bronze medal was Kaori Sakamoto from Japan with 153.29.

Men's Figure Skating

The team event for the men's short program started on Feb.4. It was a showdown between Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu and the United States' Nathan Chen. Hanyu was the favorite to win and is a two-time Olympic gold medalist. Winning in 2014 and 2018, he was the only Asian skater to take gold in the Olympics ever.

Nathan Chen is a 22-year-old American who had a not-so-great Olympic debut in 2018. Chen came back from his 4th place loss to go and dominate the sport for the years after.

In the end, Chen came and showed up for his first event for an individual medal. He set the record for the highest score in figure skating history with his short program scoring a 113.97. His routine included two quadruple jumps(4 rotation jump) and a triple axel(3 1/2 rotation jump).

Nathan Chen took gold with his final score being 332.60. Yuma Kagiya from Japan took silver with a final score of 310.05. Finally, Shoma Uno took bronze with his final score of 293.00 also from Japan. Unfortunately for Yuzuru Hanyu, he came up short and ended up in fourth place with his final score being

Men's Halfpipe

Men's Halfpipe qualification rounds started Feb.9 with 25 of the world's best men's snowboarders. The favorite for the United States was Shaun White, has been to five Olympics including this one. He's won three gold medals out of his five Olympics.

In the qualification round, athletes get two runs with their best scoring run being their final score. Unfortunately, run one wasn't good for White, only scoring 24.25, but he cleaned it up with run two, scoring 86.25.

Another favorite was two-time Olympic silver medalist of Japan Ayumu Hirano who scored high with his first and second runs, having 87.25 in the first and 93.25 in the second. The standing for the top five at the end of qualifying runs was Hirano A., James, Hirano R., White, and Guseli.

The final round for the riders began on Feb.11. In the finals, each rider gets three runs and their best score is counted. White started well with his first run being 72.00 and his second being 85.00. Sadly his third

run was a 14.75 ending his final and putting him in fourth place. It was an emotional goodbye for White as it was his last Olympics.

Hirano ended up having a bad first run with a 33.75 but having an amazing last two runs as he scored ,91.75 and 96.00 securing him the gold. There was some controversy over his second-run score. Some argued that it was one of the best runs in the games. Even a commentator expected it to be a 98.

Hirano expressed anger over his scoring which got lowballed to a 91.75 even though it included a triple cork(3 flips in a diagonal rotation) which he was the first to do in the Olympics. Todd Richards, a commentator who has won X Games Medals in the past expressed disbelief at the moment. Even going on to say "as far as I'm concerned, the judges just grenaded all their credibility."

In second with the silver came Australia's Scotty James with his best run score being 92.50. In third with bronze was Jan Scherrer from Switzerland with his best run score being 87.25.

Women's Halfpipe

The qualification for women's halfpipe rounds kicked off on Feb.10 for the women with 22 athletes. Chloe Kim from the United States, the favorite going into it won gold back in 2018. This qualification is the same as the men's, where riders get two runs and only their best run counts.

Kim started pretty well, scoring an 87.75 but did not have a great second run, ending up with an 8.75. She was still able to maintain her stance in first at the end with the second-best being 83.75 scored by Mitsuki Ono from Japan. The other three in the top five were Xueting Cai(China), Queralt Castellet(Spain), and Sena Tomita(Japan).

Similar to its men's counterpart, there are three runs for the finals. Unfortunately for Mitsuki Ono, the 17-year-old from Japan dropped from second to ninth place with her best run score being 71.50. Others in the top five managed to stay there, including Xueting Cai who came in fourth with a best of 81.25.

Kim continued her Olympic reign as she took gold for a second time in a row with a 94.00. Just behind

Men's and Women's Hockey

Hockey reigns superior as one of the most viewed Olympic sports outside of what's being televised. Hockey is a fast paced, strategic game that keeps viewers on their toes.

"Hockey is a very fun sport to watch because it usually comes down to the last couple seconds," Zachary Rainsberger said.

Hockey is particularly popular in Michigan, where four of the players on the USA Men's hockey team are from. This includes two students from the University of Michigan Hockey team, who contributed to the performance of the

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Return in Beijing

USA Men's team. Unfortunately, the USA Men's team lost before they could reach the podium.

It was an intense match for gold in the Final Men's ice hockey game between ROC (Russian Olympic Committee) and Finland. The match was well fought from both sides, but Finland pulled through with a 2-1 win against the ROC.

The USA Women's team did exceptionally well, fighting it out for a gold, but ultimately losing to Canada in the end in a tight 2-3 loss, only taking silver. The two teams have been dominating the competition since it was introduced in 1998, as they are the only countries to bring home gold medals in Women's hockey, and have faced each other in every final match, except in 2006.

Men's and Women's Bobsledding

Bobsledding returned for the 2022 Winter Olympics and fans were hyped.

"I like the speed and pacing of the sport as well as having a sport where people are given equal chances of all heights, weights, age, gender, etc." Grand Ledge High School student J.T. Campbell commented.

The three German teams competing in the two-man bobsledding competition made history by sweeping the entire Olympic podium. Germany is the first nation to ever take home bronze, silver, and gold for that competition. The gold-winning team was led by returning champion Fran-

cesco Friedrich who completed his team's run in 3 minutes and 59 seconds.

The Germans continued their winning streak in the four-man competition, receiving both gold and silver medals once again, though Canada didn't let them take bronze.

The USA women went on to make history as well, being the first women from Team USA to take both gold and silver in Women's Monosledding.

Men's, Women's, and Mixed Curling

How can sliding a rock on ice and sweeping ice be an Olympic sport? Curling is one of the less understood and slower-paced Winter sports, giving it a bit of a bad wrap. Of all the votes for Grand Ledge High School students' favorite Olympic sports, it received the fewest amount of votes.

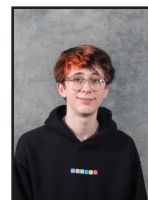
"[It] helps me fall asleep because it's so boring," Grand Ledge High School student Logan Schafer stated.

While curling can be a bit dull, once you understand the rules, it becomes quite fun to watch.

"It's very unique and has a lot of underlying, underrated strategy," student Landon Birschmeier commented.

For those who don't know, two teams take turns throwing five "stones", trying to make them land in the middle of the target. After the first person throws, a second person scrubs the ice in front of the stone to warm it slightly, reducing the friction, and therefore causing the stone to slide farther.

One Olympic event for curling is the Mixed 2v2 Curling



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Competition. The teams composed of one man and one woman made their second-ever Olympic appearance. The final match was between newcomers

Italy and Norway's curling power couple.

While the Norwegian power couple put up a good fight, they ended up with only a silver medal, leaving Sweden with bronze, and Italy with their first ever gold medal for curling.

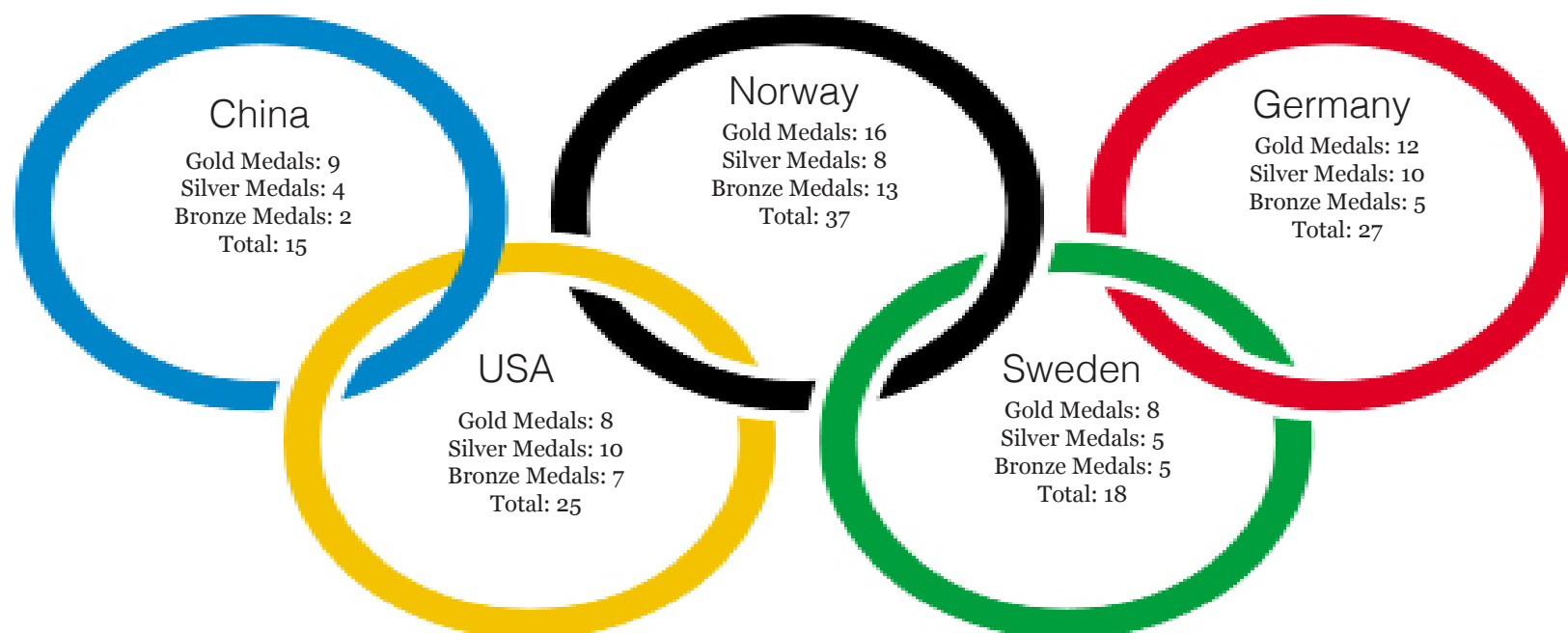
The men's and women's competition went a little differently. First, they played in teams of four. Secondly, the medal results were also a bit different. Sweden took the gold for Men's, Great Britain took silver, one of only two medals they won at this year's Olympics, and Canada took bronze. Great Britain followed that success up by earning themselves a gold medal in Women's curling, with Japan and Sweden falling close behind.

Despite the bad wrap that curling gets, this year's curling competition was surely one to remember.

Conclusion

All in all, it was an exciting and fun Winter Olympic games to watch, whether it's watching young athletes breaking records or using a move for the first time in Olympic history.

2022 Olympic Medal Count



Celebrate HER

March is designated as Women's History Month to remember the impact of women in history, as well as the future of females.



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After a lifelong battle, ups and downs, and a continuum of protests, women have been heard and changed history. March marks Women's

History Month, a month to celebrate how far women have come in the fight for their rights, and how resilient they can be.

A complicated idea that has been brought up over the years is girlhood. Girlhood commemorates the anniversary of women's suffrage. Women have changed history in multiple areas including but not limited to politics, education, work, health, and fashion, according to a website on women's history month.

For decades, women have made achievements in the areas mentioned above and more. Around 1943, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed. Grand Rapids had their very own team, The Grand Rapids Chicks.

Turning it back to a remarkable moment in history, In 1955, Michigan's very own Rosa Parks sat for the rights and dignity of African American Women everywhere. In 1925, Cora Reynolds Anderson was the first woman and one of the first Native American elected

to the Michigan House of Representatives. A website dedicated to women's history elaborated on the hard work of Cora Reynolds Anderson.

"As a state representative, she worked towards improved health care, especially in the fight against tuberculosis. A building bearing her name houses the state representative offices to this day," stated Awesome Mitten.

These women and their achievements are only a few examples of their history. The foundations of women's history helps younger females to grow and persevere through the hardest of times. Not only have the women of the past contributed to the future, but the women of today continue to write the stories of tomorrow.

"Women have fought for the freedom to do what we [women] want. Women don't have to be told what to do. Women are able to have their own choices. Women have less limits, but there are still places where men have more power, and I believe that this will change in the near future" elaborated Sophomore, Avery Zann.

History is ever changing. Women today continue to fight for their peace. Learning may be an important way for someone to write their own story, or simply learn about the battle from the past.

"I try to learn more about women's history by watching documentaries and interviewing family members

who lived and experienced women's suffrage," stated Zann.

Many women influence the world around them. Teachers, models, doctors, celebrities, and peers act as role models in their communities. The women mentioned above are just a few influential women that changed history.

"My 8th grade English teacher, Emily Hamlin, is the most influential woman in my life. In 8th grade, there were a lot of mental health things I was going through, and I was able to relax in her class and talk to her about what was going on," said Zann.

Women's fight for rights is not over. Females today continue to write a new story for females everywhere. Take this month to reflect on the achievements made by women, and the goals women set for themselves.



A glimpse of GLHS's women leaders. Student Council is made up of primarily females!

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Black History is American History

Every February, the United States celebrates Black history to honor the struggles and hardships African Americans went through during the construction of the United States. It is a whole month dedicated to them to recognize African Americans central role in U.S. history.

Before February was dedicated as Black History Month, very few people studied black history. Next to nothing was included in textbooks prior to February



The Media Center displays some heroes that changed African American history. These heroes showed bravery and resilience.

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being declared Black History Month. A historian named Carter G. Woodson saw this as an issue and co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He wanted more people to be aware of and learn about the part that African Americans played in the development of the United States. Woodson chose a week in February that included both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays to be the first Negro History Week. These two people are both very important when it comes to Black history. Frederick Douglass was an abolitionist who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people and Abraham Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was fought mainly over the enslavement of African Americans.

Eventually, President Gerald Ford extended the recognition of Black history month from one week to a whole month. President Ford saw the importance in honoring the often neglected accomplishments of black Americans, and February has been Black History Month ever since.

Learning about Black History is extremely important because we are surrounded by people who are a part of this history. Being aware of the past allows for more equality and peace in the

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United States.

"It's important for us to learn about the history of African Americans and their struggles and how they overcame it so we can learn from the past" said Brianna Craig, a student at GLHS. "Learning from the past is really the most important thing."

There are so many important African American people that have had a large contribution to the United States. Martin Luther King Jr, a black rights activist during the 1950s and 60s, helped African Americans earn more equal rights. Mae Jemison, the first female African American woman in space, and Barack Obama, the first Black president of the United States, along with many others, showed the world African Americans can be and are equal to everybody else.

Knowing this information can make a world of a difference. So, take an extra five minutes today to learn a little bit more about Black history.

GL Shines Spotlight on Diversity



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The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) of the Grand Ledge Board of Education was formed on June 22, 2020, at the school board meeting.

According to the high school's website, the committee strives to foster "a learning and work environment that values and promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion." Since then, the committee has continued to work towards further developments in the curriculum which align with this view. Teachers, administrators, GL alumni, and parents work to discuss and implement equity in the community.

Their priority areas are:

1. Cultivating a welcoming and inclusive school community for students
2. Prioritizing racial and ethnic diversity in the District's hiring practices
3. Diversifying the curriculum across subject areas to include more antiracist and social justice content
4. Establishing a plan for professional learning focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion for teachers, staff, administrators, and students

Within each of their priority areas, the board has created goals that fulfill the specified task. Many of these goals have been completed or are in the process of being completed.

Goals like "Establish and/or expand student-led diversity, equity, and inclusion clubs at elementary, middle, and high schools" are evident in organizations such as Diversity Club, Gender-Sexuality Alliance, International Club, and the soon-to-be Women's Equality Club.

Aside from this, Diversity Club has done its part for the student body as well. Advised by Mrs. Rios-Thomson, Diversity Club works to evaluate social awareness to create change in the community. Most often, presentations are created to educate the group on a specified topic. Members also spend time discussing and sharing personal experiences.

In addition to a primarily student-led Diversity Club, there is also a teacher-led EDIC. This committee is led by Mrs. Dohm, counselor at GLHS.

The EDI teachers committee provided many re-

sources for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We are working... to bring awareness and instruction to MLK day and more diverse, inclusive instruction. We are working together for this to be accessible for all courses, not just the humanities," Mr. Westra-Hall, Journalism and Yearbook advisor said.

As events like MLK Jr. Day, Black History Month, and Women's History Month occur at the beginning of the year, staff and students have recognized their histories and linked values. Ms. Coulon, Grand Ledge High School's art teacher, has proposed the idea to create a project portraying this as a whole.

Among the school board's EDIC priority areas, priority area 1 involves the creation of visual displays for school buildings that instill a welcoming atmosphere upon entry.

When this priority area and action align, ideas are bounced around between staff and students.

"... We wanted something all students could participate in but also represent their diversity... This is just a way to represent everyone working together... to show unity," Coulon noted.

Hung in the main entrance, it will incorporate both student and staff input.

Each participant will answer diversity-related questions on a slip of paper during a pride lesson. These questions, with the intention to provoke thought, stand as:

What do you have in common with everyone else?

What makes you unique?

After this process, the slips will be folded origami-

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mi-style and later hung up by Diversity Club members, creating a beautiful mural. Collectively, they will picture a rainbow heart with a range of skin tones.

"The design is based on Senbazuru, a Japanese art form meaning one thousand origami cranes," Coulon adds. "The cranes are given to people at weddings and as gifts; they symbolize healing and good luck."

However, this initial plan and pride lesson have been delayed a couple of times. Those in charge felt that the heart in the project would be too closely associated with Valentine's Day.

Despite this delay, students and administration should continue to educate, apply, and embrace diverse perspectives in more ways than one.

Making efforts to create greater levels of diversity at a smaller scale, such as a high school community, brings enrichment and inclusivity to not only the city of Grand Ledge but to the rest of the world as well.

"We need to be willing to embrace empathy and initiate change in how we have always done things" Ms. Coulon concludes.

A link to the 2020-2021 Report of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee PDF can be found on the Grand Ledge Comet's Tale website attached to this article.

Equality is a continuing focus among many at GLHS. The upcoming mural will showcase the inner worlds of individuals for others to see.

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Have Some Hoop



Grand Dorland
CO-EDITOR

The Grand Ledge varsity basketball team has had an up and down season thus far. Losing key players at different times of the year caused some questionable losses. Heading into

the playoffs the team is looking to tap into the early season success that boosted them to a 3-1 start.

The Comets' lost their four-year starter Senior, Isaiah Bailey, earlier this season to injury, which contributed to a ten-game losing streak.

"We lost our best defensive player, and he was the glue of our team. So obviously he was a huge loss but we are getting him back at the right time," Junior, Caleb Estrada said.

Looking ahead to the playoffs, the Comets' are hoping to avenge the first-round exit to Waverly that ended their 2020-2021 season.

"Handling the ball, limiting turnovers, and limiting offensive rebounds have been a problem all year and when we do all of those things we are a hard team to

beat," Estrada stated.

Prior to Baileys' injury, the early wins came easy. Good defense led to early offense and had opposing teams on their heels. After the injury, the Comets seemed to be unorganized and turnover prone.

Tapping into that early season success the Comets defeated their rivals in an electric atmosphere. This game came at the perfect time with playoffs just around the corner this will be a great confidence booster. Following the big win Grand Ledge will take on Eastern in their last home game of the season (Senior Night) and Haslett to cap off their regular season. Finishing that stretch, with three wins is a must if the Comets are hoping to have any success in the playoffs.

Following this year, the Comets' have a lot to look forward to heading into next season. The fact that three of their five starters will be returning is going to be extremely beneficial to the team.

With a season-ending injury to Senior Justin Odlum and the prolonged absence of Isaiah Bailey, the Comets' have turned to Freshman, Preston Bohnet, to pick up a lot of playing time which will prove to be beneficial in the long run.

"I think that bringing up the underclassmen was an extremely smart move by coach and will definitely help us in the long run," Estrada commented.

Although the regular season has been rather disappointing, the Comets are hoping to have a great playoff run. Go Comets!



Junior Teddy Williams and Senior Justin Odlum prepare for a tough defensive possession. The Comets lost this game to the Williamston Hornets 65-47

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Gymnastics:1 Gravity:0



Megan Reynaert
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Grand Ledge Varsity Gymnastics team has had an outstanding season so far. They have hosted three meets this season so far versus

Haslett, Holt, and Escanaba High School. Grand Ledge will host one more meet, the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Regionals, on Saturday, March 5th, 2022, which will be against multiple opponents.

The season started with an away meet at Holt on December 4th, 2021. When they're not performing at home, the team travels to meets across the state. They have attended a meet almost every weekend since the beginning of January. The team holds practices seven days a week with the exception of meet days, according to Senior Kennedy Sabin, with one or two of those days usually being optional to attend so the team can have time to complete school assignments or simply take a mental break.

"We usually practice everyday, with some practices being longer than others. On the day before a meet, we will usually have in and outs where we go in to complete our routines and fine-tune any deductions we took from the previous meet," stated team Captain

Isabel Tenniswood.

Head Coach, Duane Haring, has been coaching Grand Ledge Varsity Gymnastics for almost 21 years now, since early 2001. The team this year features a combination of all grade levels with the four seniors; Isabel Tenniswood, Emily Crofut, Emma Olds, and Kennedy Sabin, as acting captains.

"We spend a lot of time together, so grade level and age gets forgotten more often than not" commented Senior, Kennedy Sabin.

The team has been performing and scoring better than they have been compared to previous years. Sabin also commented that they have won four out of the eight meets they have had. On Friday, February 11th, Grand Ledge hosted Escanaba's Varsity Gymnastics team for Grand Ledge's Senior Night. Grand Ledge ended up winning the meet in honor of their seniors.

"Being a senior on a team of multiple grade levels is a unique experience. Seeing how the younger grades grow as a gymnast and as an individual adds into the experience, as well as getting to help them work through high school and their own experiences on and off the team", commented Tenniswood.

None of the seniors plan to continue gymnastics in college, so they are taking advantage of their 'one last run' with their teammates and friends.



Taking on Escanaba at their home gym, GL Varsity Gymnastics wins the meet. Junior Alana Chapman dominated the beam.

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Soarin' Into Musical Season!



Isabella Dionise

STAFF WRITER

Musicals have returned to GLHS, and the Grand Ledge High School theater is ready to present a childhood favorite, *High School Musical*!

High School Musical is a show about a basketball star and the smart new girl, brought together by their love of theater. They both fight stereotypes and competition for the lead in their journey of finding out who they truly want to be.

Grand Ledge has implemented several student directors in the past few years. This allows students to gain knowledge of directing a cast and running the stage. For this production, A'miah Winston is the student director.

"This is my first time student directing, and I hope to do it again at some point next year," stated Winston "I'm so excited for audiences to see the amazing dances and songs. This being my first time stage managing, I hope that I don't mess up anything backstage, but I'm very lucky to have Leigha Pardee as my partner on the other side of the stage."

Typically, leads of musicals are shared to allow more students opportunities to perform. Casting usually goes by a "Blue" cast and a "Gold" cast. However, Ms. Clark is trying something different for this production.

"I'm excited about having single casted leads. We haven't single casted leads intentionally since I've been working with the program!" remarked Clark.

The movie came out in 2006, so many students grew up watching it and it's sequels. Students were ecstatic when the news of this show was released. "I'm also excited about this show because my kids watched it growing up and the music is fun and there is lots of great choreography! And a challenging basketball dance" Clark mentioned.

A lot of work has to go into each and every musical production. Students work day and night perfecting their routines and lines. Not to mention the endless hours of rehearsal after school and on weekends. "So far my favorite moment is just seeing how hard everyone is working on producing this show in a short amount of time! It really shows how dedicated our students are to this art," stated Clark.

To this day, there are many students that get excited to hear any song from the playlist. Each song un-

leashes a different emotion, making them unforgettable.

"I think that 'Getcha Head in the Game' is my favorite scene/song so far. Hopefully everyone that comes to see it will agree with me when I say it's an amazing part of our musical" Winston added.

People who are interested in buying musical tickets should go to glmusicals.net. This production will be showing the week of March 17-20. Each ticket is \$10. The Grand Ledge High School Musical Theatre program hopes to see many familiar faces in the audience this coming spring.



The three leads of High School Musical. They performed with the flashmob at the winter pep assembly

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Super Bowl Halftime Show



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The new year has started which means Super Bowl LVI and the halftime show are back. This year, for the halftime show, five big musical icons,

Dr. Dre, Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Mary J Blige, and Snoop Dogg, came together and performed some of their big hit songs. There was even a surprise guest, 50 Cent, that made an appearance.

This year, Super Bowl LVI was held at the SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California. The show started at 8:00 p.m. ET. Before the date of the performance, a sophomore student at Grand Ledge High School, Pierce Dahlgren shared his predictions for the show and who he wanted to see.

"[I want to see] Eminem, I want to see what song he chooses" Dahlgren said "He has a lot of good songs... I would say *Rap God*, but that's basic and that's not one of his funny songs,"

This year's halftime show opened up with Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg singing *The Next Episode* on top of a set that looked like rooms of a house. After that it transitioned to *California Love* was, sung by Dr. Dre as tribute to Tupac.

It then transitioned to 50 Cent, a surprise guest,

who was hanging upside down singing *In Da Club*. He eventually got down and continued singing with backup dancers.

After he was done, Mary J Blige was seen on the roof of the massive set piece, singing and dancing with backup dancers to *Family Affair*, and from there, it transitioned to *No More Drama* where she was seen dancing by herself and then dropping on the ground.

The next musical artist that performed was Kendrick Lamar, singing *Alright* with backup dancers in black suits. He was spotted on the main floor, and popped out of a brown box that said "Dre Day."

When he was done, Eminem was seen on top of the roof of the set, part of which was intentionally destroyed when he came out. He started singing *Rap God*, and quickly transitioned into *Lose Yourself*. In the end, Eminem took a knee like Colin Kaepernick, a quarterback that used to play for the San Francisco 49ers. This action represents a protest against police brutality and racial inequality in the United States of America. From there, the show transitioned to the next singer, Dr. Dre.

Dre took the spotlight and started singing *Still D.R.E.* Snoop Dogg joined in to sing the song. They were both seen singing and dancing on the roof of the set again with dancers on the ground moving to the song.

After a little while, the rest of the singers met up on

the roof and started dancing with them bringing the show to an end. Dahlgren watched the show and had some positive thoughts about it

"I wasn't really expecting 50 Cent which made it even better," Dahlgren said, "[Eminem's] intro was awesome when he came riding up on the [floor of the set]"

A lot of people really enjoyed the show because of how much nostalgia it brought. People all over the internet have even called it the best halftime show ever.



The 2022 halftime show was presented to viewers by Pepsi. It was a nostalgic performance to some.

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Hiding Behind A Screen

Is the world of Social Media a place for people to express themselves, or a place that causes harm?



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The world of Social Media is ever changing. While hiding behind a screen, can social media be a harmful place, or a place for people to express themselves? Social Media is gener-

ally a place for people to connect with others, share content, and participate in social networking.

People around the world are using apps and social networks daily. Social Media is vast and retrospectively untouchable due to how big it is.

Social Media is a place for those to create an entirely new identity, or express themselves in a way they are unable to in the real world. Social Media can act as an outlet. People are able to post things that make them happy, feel included, and show the world the version of themselves that they want to be.

"I feel like you are more able to express yourself physically through fitness, fashion, cooking, etc. It is easy to bring up the more light hearted aspects." Senior, Payton Aughnay stated.

Nowadays, especially with a pandemic, Social Me-

dia and apps are able to act as messaging platforms for those who can not see each other all of the time. Apps like Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and so many more, allow people to connect with each other, whether it be a long distance relative, or a close friend.

"I feel like it gives you more of an opportunity to talk to people. At least for me, I use it as a way to communicate. I guess I like being able to see what my friends are doing when they post stuff" Junior, Maddie Laucher stated.

Instagram and Snapchat may be used to share news about big life events or funny moments. In addition, Social Media can be used to spread positive messages. High school students may use their Instagram stories to repost quotes and messages to influence the people that view them.

"I follow a lot of motivational accounts, and when I see something that resonates with me, I usually share it so my followers can see it and pass it on to others. I think it is important to spread kindness, and so people know they are not alone." Senior, Jenna James said.

On the other hand, Social Media has its negative influences. An increase in Social Media usage can

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STAFF WRITER



lead to FOMO (fear of missing out), low self esteem, depression, and many other things. When it comes to FOMO, people see their friends and family posting their life on an app, and often wonder why they can't be enjoying the same opportunities as others.

People, especially teens, see a lot of pictures and posts of other people's lives when scrolling through their feeds. In reality, a lot of moments online may not be real. A lot of people post more "perfect" moments than other moments that aren't going to get them likes. Viewers see their peers "perfect vacations" and "perfect lives" which leads them to reflect on their own life and think that their life may not be as amazing as what they see.

An abundance of posted pictures are usually edited, some more than others. Some images show unrealistic beauty standards and are normalizing them when they may be unachievable. For example, Kim Kardashian and her family display a lot of unrealistic beauty ideals. When asked during interviews if she thinks she is promoting those ideals, she denies it.

"Nikita Dragon has had many plastic surgeries, not to mention she is trans." Sophomore, Victoria Xiong said, "Don't get me wrong, she is beautiful, but just unrealistic."

In order to achieve today's standard, humans may feel the need to go through plastic surgery, lots of editing, and rigorous amounts of fashion and make-up.

Beauty standards have been raised due to the addition of the resources mentioned above. Without being influenced by what others see and do, these demands may not be as high.

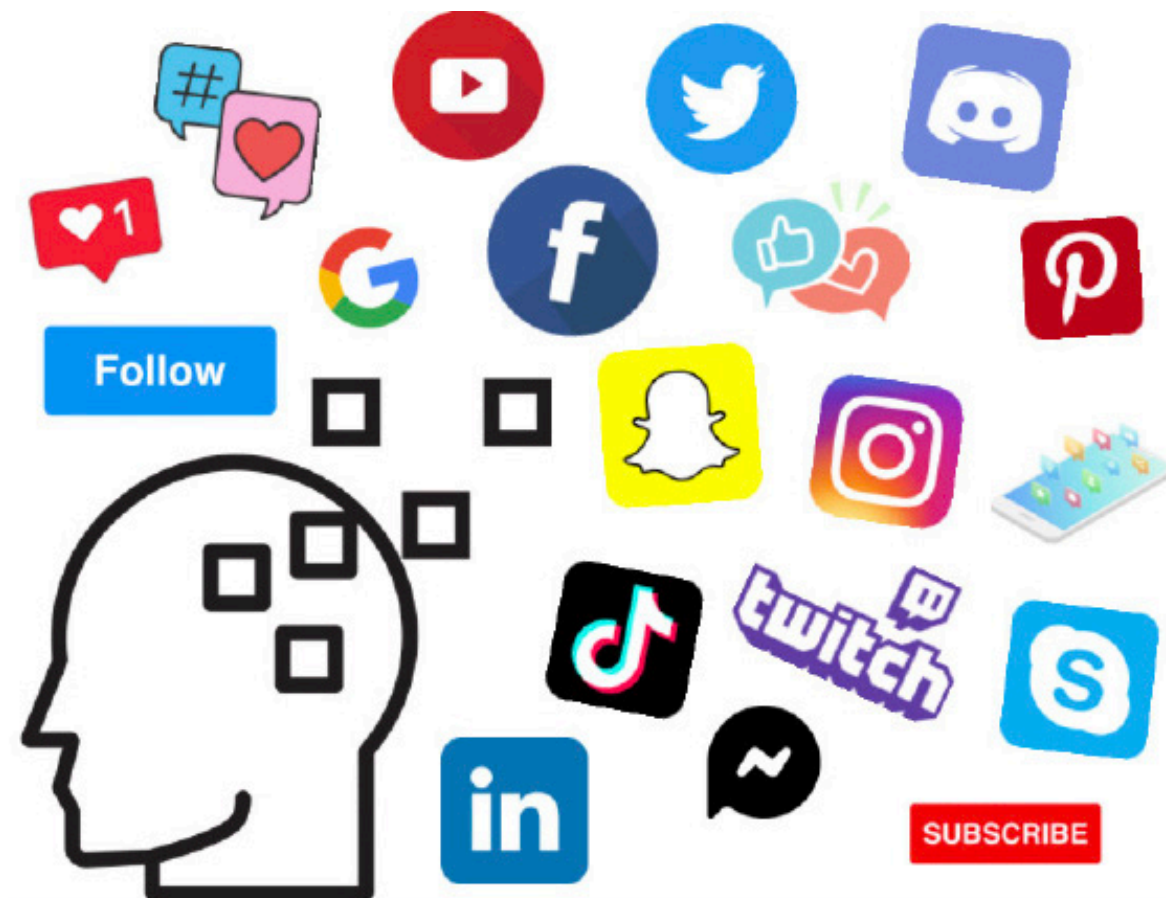
"[Unrealistic beauty standards are] something that an average human being couldn't get unless altered (by) plastic surgery, photoshop, the usage of make-up, ect" stated, Xiong.

This brings down a lot of people who use Social Media, because they think that they can never achieve that beauty. This can lead to an increase of depression and a lower self esteem.

Social Media is very vast. There is so much to see and do. How the world uses Social Media, and how it impacts humans is extraordinary. Is Social Media a harmful place or a way for people to express themselves? Send a letter to the editor for student input!

Social stigmas fill the brains of humans across the world. Social Media sites allow communication and entertainment very accessible.

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Should We Change the Clocks?



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Guys, it is the second Sunday in March, do not forget to spring forward tonight!

First Sunday of November, time to turn the clocks forward. Woohoo, extra sleep!

Changing the clocks is important. It creates a differentiation between the seasons.

People get to look forward to summer because of the long evenings, and the winter for early winter sunsets in the dark.

The fact is, keeping the clocks at one or the other for the entire year would cause many problems.

It is fun to have an extra hour of sleep when the clocks change. Just like it is exciting to have the first long sunny day of spring after a cold winter.

What kind of fun would it be if the sun was still out and shining after you left grandma's house on Thanksgiving?

What kind of fun would it be if it was dark at 4:00 PM when you wanted to have a summer barbecue?

Changing the clocks makes the line between the seasons. It shows change and opportunities for new routines and plans.

Universally, Benjamin Franklin is credited for the idea of changing clocks. During the years of World War I, it was utilized to conserve fuel.

Because of new inventions like solar power and energy conserving lightbulbs, DST only poses a marginal difference in conserving energy.

In addition to being a good mental reset to the start of the seasons, experts suggest that daylight savings time is a good reminder for people to check vital safety equipment like smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

In conclusion, changing the clocks is an exciting part of the year. It gives a chance to change a person's day-to-day. For example, doing spontaneous during the day in winter to really appreciate the sunlight. Or staying outside all day in the summer and enjoy all of the time. Changing your clocks means new opportunities, and new opportunities mean chances for growth.

Daylight Saving Time is taking place this year from March 13 to November 7. DST began as a practice during WW1 as a way to extend daylight to conserve fuel use at night by extending hours of daylight. Initially, it was used in European countries and was quickly adopted by the U.S. Soon after WW1 it was abolished because farmers objected to losing 1 hour of morning light. When WW2 broke out, DST was re-established for the same reason. After the war, each town in each state was given free will to decide if they would practice DST. It became chaotic because everyone was on different times. In 1966 the Uniform Time Act was passed, giving states the choice to practice DST or not, but it would have to be used throughout the entire state. Now, all states in the United States practice DST except Arizona and Hawaii.

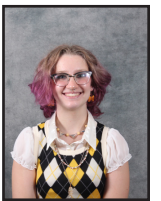


DST is practiced in most of the United States. It ended Nov. 7th last year.

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Against



Changing the clocks twice a year isn't a big deal right? Phones do it automatically at 2:00 am, so it may seem like nothing much. Though most people don't have to manually change the clocks (aside from microwaves, stoves, etc.) in this modern age, DST does unfavorably disrupt humans' sleep patterns, change daily routines, and is just overall unconventional.

In a poll posted on the GL Comets' Tale Instagram, asking if Daylight Saving Time should be "kept" or "trashed," 60% of the students polled said that Daylight Savings Time should be eliminated.

"Daylight savings is essential but can mess up someone's sleep patterns and can drop productivity!" Anisa Hassouna, GLHS Junior, said.

Whether the time is jumping forward or falling back, DST changes the amount of sleep people get, therefore changing their circadian rhythm. This can cause many problems throughout the day, other than just being tired. Lack of sleep or lack of rhythm can weaken the immune system, create groggy mornings, and stress people out in general.

"The consequence of that is that the majority of the population has drastically decreased productivity, decreased quality of life, increasing susceptibility to illness, and is just plain tired," chronobiologist Till Roenneberg said to National Geographic in 2010.

Decreased productivity in a workplace amounts to a loss of income too. If something doesn't get done, someone will have to pay for it.

In addition, a groggy morning can lead to unsafe driving conditions. Nuremberg Law associates noted a 6% increase in car accidents the week after daylight savings time. This is something that can be easily prevented if Daylight Saving Time was stopped.

Not only that, but a farmer doesn't wake up at a specific time, they wake up before dawn, and dawn is not changed by changing the clocks. When caring for animals, it is important to stay consistent when feeding them. This is because an animal's schedule doesn't revolve around a clock like humans, and won't change their schedule for DST.

When it boils down to it, who wants their schedule messed up? Sure, the extra hour of sleep in the fall is great for the day, but is it worth the loss six months later?

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New teachers to GLHS

Get to know the new faces of Grand Ledge High School



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Mr. Lupton
Essential Elements

Mr. Lupton teaches Essential Elements. Outside of school he likes to spend his time camping, boating, kayaking, or just anything outdoors. His favorite thing about Grand Ledge High

School is all of the great teachers he gets to work with. Mr. Lupton would also like to remind you that it is another great day to be a comet!



Mr. Sisco
Algebra 2

Mr Sisco is an Algebra 2 teacher, who is very spiritual. He believes everything is energy. Along with doing math and helping students succeed, he enjoys dancing. Mr. Sisco's favorite thing

about Grand Ledge High School is the students and staff.



Ms. Howard
ADS/LINKS

Ms. Howard is the new addition to links staff. Outside of school she likes to hangout and spend quality time with her family. Her favorite thing about Grand Ledge High School is working with great kids,

in a great community. Ms. Howard also loves to read and to go to concerts.



Mr. Fritz
Algebra 1 & 2

Mr. Fritz is an Algebra 1 & 2 teacher. Outside of school he loves to coach, in the past he has coached baseball, football, and basketball. He also enjoys, hunting and fishing along with

the occasional video game. He recently took part in a play called "Wait Until Dark," and is hoping to get onstage again soon. His favorite thing about Grand Ledge High School is the students, and he has two bull dogs, Easton and Maui.



Mr. McKennon
Interventionist

Mr. McKennon is working as an interventionist. Outside of school he likes to coach football and baseball, go skiing with his family, and watch Michigan State sports. His favorite

thing about Grand Ledge is the community feels, and relationships with students. Mr. McKennon Graduated from Grand Ledge in 1999, and has lived here for the majority of his life. He loves Grand Ledge and is excited to begin working here.



Mr. Dade
Music/Choir

Mr. Dade teaches music tech, concert choir, Beagle MS Tenor/Bass, and Madrigals. Outside of school he loves spending time with his family and friends. Most of that time is spent Go-Karting, laser tag, or many other fun activities. He also enjoys watching movies and TV. Some of his favorite shows include "How I met your mother, and "Schitt's Creek." Mr. Dade loves to teach music students, and he appreciates the staff and students that keep the art of music alive in GL. (He can also do a backflip).



Ms. Brehemer
Special Education

Ms. Brehemer does Special Education here at Grand Ledge. Outside of school she spends her time walking, doing yoga, reading, or just anything outdoors. Her favorite thing about grand Ledge

High School is the people she has met and worked with, as well as being a part of the community where she lives.



Mr. Hengesbach
Online education

Mr. Hengesbach is a trained US History teacher, but currently runs the in house online classes. Outside of school he spends his time running a dairy farm with his family, as well as building

model ships and reading. His favorite thing about Grand Ledge is how welcome he has always felt. Mr. Hengesbach can name all of the presidents in order frontwards and backwards.



Ms. Hayes
Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry

Ms. Hayes teaches Algebra 1 & 2 as well as geometry. She loves to spend her free time hiking, doing yoga, watching her kids do sports, reading and traveling. This is her 18th year

teaching. She taught in Maple Valley for seven years, and then at Grand Rapids community college for ten. She has two sons, Kaleb, 9, and Gavin, 13.

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