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# Letter from the Editor



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Hey Comets!

Thanks for reading The Comets' Tale Newspaper! This year we will bring our school and the community 5 publications for the '25-'26 school year. Our 5 issues include a fall, winter, spring, and a Senior issue.

This year, we're excited to display our new and improved cover (s) and stories written by our wonderful staff! On page 10, you can find our Dine-to-Donate fundraiser where all funds will go back to our paper to keep publishing for our readers.

In our fourth edition, we focus on current presidential news, The Master's, Earth Day, and local news. We would love to hear feedback from students for new story ideas and letters-to-the-staff! You can reach out to us on our Instagram page at @cometstalenews.

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## The Comets' Tale

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# Gary Peters Leaves Senate, Sparks 2026 Race



**Caitlynn McKelvey**  
SECTION EDITOR

With Senator Gary Peters announcing his departure from the Senate in early 2025, Michigan's political outlook is preparing for a significant transformation just months before

the 2026 midterm elections. Peters' exit leaves an open Senate seat that has quickly become a focus of attention for both parties, leading to a national back-ground, intensifying the battle. As candidates gear up to fill this vacancy, this race in Michigan is shaping up to be one of the most closely watched elections of the midterms, creating rising national tensions and the momentous 2026 midterms.

"I actually think that this race is going to be pretty important. I think that Michigan has the potential to be a swing state, and who wins this seat, I think, is going to get national attention," Mr. David Logel said, a teacher at Grand Ledge High School (GLHS).

During the midterms, many voters determine their vote based on how the current presidency is going. Michigan voters look for what is needed most for our state. This is more crucial, especially during this election process, because there is an opening for Governor, Senate, and the 13 House of Representatives seats.

"I hope that Michigan voters will focus on local issues and not national issues, things that directly impact Michigan, such as infrastructure, both road

infrastructure and water infrastructure. I'm hoping they'll focus on issues with the Great Lakes invasive species. So the things that are coming out of the Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and the environment, also known as Eagle," Logel said.

While most Michigan voters tend to make their decisions based on how political issues directly impact their daily lives. Economic factors, such as the cost of living, often weigh heavily in their choices on the ballot. This means Michigan voters will lean towards candidates who address local concerns, gaining their support.



**Campaign signs from the 2024 election are put away after the election. After every election, thousands of campaign signs across are disregarded**

*Photo by Caitlynn McKelvey/The Comets' Tale*

"I think that one of the big issues that Michigan voters are going to be looking at the polls this November is how is my pocketbook? How's my wallet being affected right now? Is my grocery bill higher than it was a year ago? Is my gas bill higher than it was a year ago, etc? I think that's going to affect how people vote," Logel said.

Midterm elections tend to have low voter turnout, but this election, especially for Michigan, is drawing significant attention due to the open seats for Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives, causing a competitive fight because of the swing of the state of Michigan.

"There are some other issues that are gonna get people to the polls, and I think because the House and Senate are so close, both of them or neither one of them could potentially be flipped," Logel said.

While Michigan voters prepare for a significant election year, the outcomes will not only shape the state's future but could also influence the national political balance. With so many crucial seats up for grabs, this power truly lies in the hands of the Michigan voters. Their decisions will determine the direction of local policies and national representation, making every vote count.

"I think that people, whether they're pro-war in Iran, or anti-war in Iran, I think whether people are pro-Israel 1st or anti-Israel 1st, I think how people feel about some of the national issues. Whether they're pro-ice or anti-ice, all of these things are definitely going to affect how voters vote," Logel said.

## Trumps Top 4 Craziest Tweets



**Isabell Castle**  
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Whether you love him or hate him, you can't deny President Donald Trump's digital footprint on Twitter is quite the interesting one. From political violent threats to dating advice, or even an AI generated picture depicting him as Jesus (or so called doctor), Trump hits his post button on Twitter no matter what.

With his approval ratings at an all time low, it's a perfect time to retrace his twitter steps and highlight the craziest and most idiotic tweets.

"After friday's twilight release, I hope Robert Pattinson will not be seen in public with Kristen--she will cheat on him again!" -Trumps tweet from 2012

For years, 2012-2014, Trump incessantly advised Robert Pattinson to not take Kristen Stewart back, for weeks. When Pattinson was asked about this thread years later he found it amusing as well as confusing as to why Trump was so invested in his love life. Kristen Stewart later fired back at Trump for his tweets about her breakup, responding with strong language

and dismissing his involvement in her personal matters. Trump was so personally invested. Trump even invited Robert Pattinson to the 2012 Miss Universe pageant, showing a surprisingly intense involvement in their personal lives through social media

"North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the "Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times." Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!" - Trumpo's tweet from 2018

During Trump's first term, he addressed North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, publicly on twitter. He seems to brag about how his Nuclear Button (capitalizing button for some odd reason) is larger than Kim's, while also making sure to say his regime is depleted and starved. This tweet was posted during a time of a heated relationship between North Korea and America as well.

"Happy #CincoDeMayo! The best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics!" - Trump's tweet from 2016.

A throwback to end the list, this is a post from Trump's twitter from 2016 on May the 5th, Cinco De Mayo, a celebration of Mexico's unlikely military success in the year 1862. He's posing with a taco bowl made from the Grill in his very own tower in New York. When he posted this he was facing a lot of backlash from the public about his accused racism and so forth.

"Sorry losers and naters, but my I.e. is one or the nighest -and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault" - Trump's tweet from 2013

Posted three years before his first term, during Obama's presidency, was a tweet of Trump boasting about his self proclaimed and not proven very high I.Q.. He, of course, continues to call all others stupid and insecure because they're not as smart as him, but he consoles them by stating it's not their fault. This tweet came during a time when Trump seemed to always be in the media spotlight and was often responding to critics and detractors who questioned his intelligence and business success.

# Presidential Impact Shakes Up 2026 Midterms



**Caitlynn McKelvey**  
SECTION EDITOR

As the 2026 midterm elections approach, the United States is undergoing a striking transformation. Many voters who once held loyal political positions now rethink their stance,

due to the actions and policies of our current president, Donald Trump. This shift has become a national conversation about leadership, values, and the direction the U.S. is heading. With these high tensions, the midterms guarantee a crucial moment— one where the traditional Republican party emerges with new beliefs, reshaping the future of American politics.

“I have seen recently, individuals who have been lifelong members of one party, change parties because their values no longer align with that party,” Mr. David Logel said, a teacher at Grand Ledge High School (GLHS).

Although midterm elections do not get as much voter participation, they play a key role in shaping Congress. Whether it is electing your local representative, senators, or even governor. For Michigan, voters will elect representatives, a senator, and a governor. But the influence of Congress is important to the president’s power, depending on whether there is a divided or unified government. This matters when voters are reconsidering their political beliefs ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, due to recent events such as rising prices, immigration enforcement, protests, and

U.S. involvement in foreign conflicts.

“The more participation that we have in this 2026 election, the more we will be able to have a lot of influence on what Trump will not be able to do. In order for him to get out of office and to lose power, participation in the 2026 election will do just that,” Indya Fitzpatrick said, a senior and new voter at GLHS.

The influence of Donald Trump continues to shape the political landscape leading into the 2026 midterm elections. His policies and language have influenced some voters, while others are being pushed away, not only creating divisions between parties but within them.

“I feel like I am much more intense with my support and my engagement with candidates. I feel like now we have shifted from just politics to morality,” Fitzpatrick said.

New voters/students at GLHS shape their political values for themselves, whether through their family, friends, education, media, or social networks. Many voters base their values on what they’ve seen from their parents, but the recent actions that have taken place during Donald Trump’s presidency have shaped the way people view Donald Trump.

“Personally, I feel like the president and the government should just handle economics. War should be handled very carefully and not as recklessly as it is being handled, and human rights shouldn’t have to be a part of politics,” Roman Howard said, a senior and new voter at GLHS.

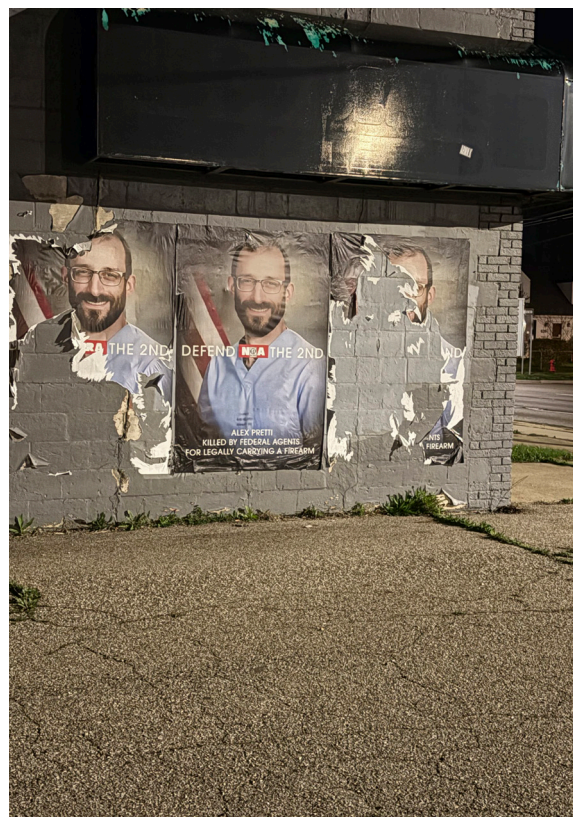
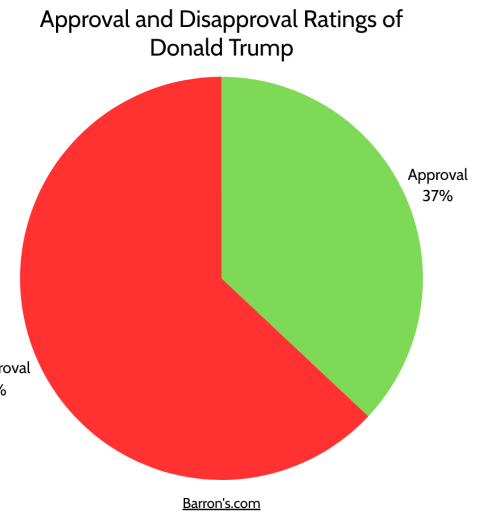
Ultimately, the voices of new voters at Grand Ledge High School reflect a national trend. Those whose

political beliefs are being questioned, reshaped, and strengthened. As students prepare to cast their votes for the first time, their decisions not only impact the 2026 midterm elections but also contribute to the future of American politics.

“The midterms are just to gauge how people are feeling. I think he’s going to drop in popularity a lot,”

**Donald Trump’s disapproval rating has increased over the past year. His disapproval rating continued to rise due to his actions in office.**

*Graph by Caitlynn McKelvey/The Comets’ Tale*



**Left Photo: A “No Kings” sign stands along a roadside reflecting political expression during the midterm election season. The sign is hung there after the recent “No Kings” protest in February and March.**

*Photo by Caitlynn McKelvey/The Comets’ Tale*

**Right Photo: The poster depicts a image of Alex Pretti. Written on the poster says, “Killed by federal agents for legally carrying a firearm”.**

*Photo by Caitlynn McKelvey/The Comets’ Tale*

# Grand Ledge and Oneida Township Could Have a New Fire Station in Town



**Isabell Castle**  
STAFF WRITER

Grand Ledge Michigan's firehouse has been the same over 70 years, while it's now turning into something historic and a relic, talks of a 22 million dollar fire station upgrade.

It would pose as a main station and be located on Hartel Road. The current station would be replaced completely by the proposal and would be almost completely modernized. With these upgrades would come a price of a higher health risk; a 9% increase in likelihood of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% increase in dying of cancer compared to the

**The Grand Ledge Emergency Services building on a Sunday afternoon. This is the building that would be replaced by the new project.**  
*Photo by Isabell Castle/The Comets' Tale*

general population. Yet firefighters would also benefit more surface level health wise with new equipment and more modern technology. The mention of a 22 million dollar project will strike some community members with anxiety, as current global conditions have caused much inflation on top of sky rocketing gas prices. An increase in taxes subjectively wouldn't be an ideal situation for many Grand Ledge residents. Tax payers would pay the certain amount taxed for

the project for four years, and then have the rate then decrease over a period of approximately 15 years after that initial four; however the long term effects of the solution will make the long run cheaper for residents and decrease maintenance costs. The fire station also accommodates Oneida Township residents as well as Grand Ledge residents. The proposal will be voted on by all community members on May 5th, 2026, from 7:00am to 8:00pm.



# Automatic Registration for American Men in 2026



In December of 2026, the Selective Service System enforced an automatic registration for young men concerning the military draft. The 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorized \$882.6 billion for national defense and an automatic draft. Beginning in 1917, the first national modern draft that accepted men ages 21-31, took place for World War 1 (WW1). In 1942, President Roosevelt lowered the draft age to 18 due to the fact that the United States needed more men to serve in World War 2 (WW2). The draft was then suspended in 1973 and resumed by President Carter when responding to the Soviets' invasion of Afghanistan in 1980. Although now that President Donald Trump has signed the NDAA in 2026, how could this act impact society and men as a whole?

This change could bring the possibility of changing views throughout the American people and their view on the U.S. military. I interviewed students at Grand Ledge High School and posed the question: What three words do you think of when you hear the word 'United States military'. Jackson Holloran, a sophomore at GLHS, takes a great interest in the military.

**Passed and enforced in December of 2026; how will young men respond to the change that could shift their entire life?**

*Photo by Erin McGinnis/The Comets' Tale*

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Holloran is anticipating attending the United States Naval Academy once he graduates.

"I would say three words I'd use to describe the military are... Discipline. Freedom. Heart," Jackson stated.

President Trump is well known for his undeniable patriotism, and while his administration could highlight this quality and promote the U.S. Armed Forces, displaying joining the force shows America's strength, they could very well take the lead down a wrong path. Based on Trump's nature and style of presidency, it's very likely some Americans may question their freedom and the government's involvement in a citizen's day-to-day life.

Altogether, this policy change will affect how Americans respond to the call of duty and the government's actions from here on out.

## When does a Movie Trailer Become too Revealing?



Photo taken from the promotional poster for Project Hail Mary.

Just recently, Project Hail Mary's release caused a notable amount of passionate discussion that we haven't heard for a space movie since Interstellar. The movie, which stars Ryan Gosling, was undeniably



**Cecilia Arredondo**

STAFF WRITER

well-done in all aspects of filmmaking. I've yet to meet someone who disliked it. During the months approaching its theatrical release, I paid my local theater a generous amount of visits. Me, being the massive potterhead I am, saw every Harry Potter movie when it came back into theaters for the holiday season. And, naturally, I got to see lots of trailers for upcoming films. 28 Years Later: The Bone Temple, Reminders of Him (which was absolutely insufferable), and, of course, Project Hail Mary. Each of which played every time I attended a Harry Potter "rerun".

Knowing Ryan Gosling was in it was enough for me to want to watch it, and I assume it was the same case for many others, but I also thought the basis of the film was super charming. There was just one blip for me— Rocky.

Don't get me wrong, I loved Rocky when I saw the movie, but... I just wish he wasn't in the trailer.

Nowadays, trailers constantly reveal too much— some people complain, some people like it. And, I mean, it makes sense— people are naturally nosy and want to know everything about an upcoming movie. However, with something like this, I thought it would

be infinitely more valuable to keep Rocky's appearance a secret so that people could go into the movie with a fresh mindset. Would he be a cute alien, like Stitch, or a horrifying alien, like a Yautja? Audiences would have no idea.

And by keeping Rocky's appearance secretive, it hides the tone of the movie. Will it be heartwarming or spine-chilling? Again, giving the audience a mystery that will unfold as soon as they sit in their well-cushioned seats.

Rocky also appeared at the movie's premiere alongside Gosling, which admittedly, was very cute. But, again, it reveals the tone and vagueness that is attractive when it comes to awaiting a movie's release.

Se7en, a forever-iconic horror-thriller from 1995, did a great job of practicing concealment in marketing. The culprit behind the grisly seven deadly sin-themed murders was kept secret across every premiere, red carpet, and cast list to avoid any spoiler possible. And the result? A highly-respected, well-done, and timeless horror film that is beloved across generations.

So Project Hail Mary definitely did not need to be overly revealing for the trailer- Se7en did amazing with such a secretive marketing tactic.

Regardless, the film was incredibly well-done. That just doesn't mean that anything subverted my expectations, which is extremely disappointing.

## National Library Month: How Libraries Impact Our Community



**Aubrey Davis**

STAFF WRITER

National Library Month, which takes place in April, is a nationwide observance that highlights the essential roles of libraries, librarians, and library workers. Overall, it's crucial

to recognize the importance of what libraries bring to the community, whether it's reading a book, joining an organization that's interesting, or just providing someone who needs a quiet place to relax and work. Lise Mitchell, the library director at the Grand Ledge District Library, shares her thoughts on why libraries are beneficial.

"The library is the one place that you can go to where nobody's trying to sell you something. In the Michigan Constitution, you're allowed to go into any public library in the state of Michigan, So wherever you go in the state, you can go in, you can sit down, you can pull out a book and you can sit down and you can read. And most of the public libraries across the state of Michigan are going to have public Wi-Fi. So you can sit down, you can get on a device, you can relax, and nobody's there saying, you know, buy a



**Paisley Neff, a worker at the Grand Ledge Area District Library, working at the front desk computer.**

Photo by Aubrey Davis/The Comets' Tale

Coke," Mitchell said.

At the Grand Ledge District Library, workers and librarians strive to not only help customers who come in, but also students, teachers, and other outside individuals who need help and want to learn. The library has an immaculate range of programs that are de-

signed for anyone, including kids, teenagers, or adults who seek to find new majors. The district library also provides a summer reading program for high school students who are interested in maintaining a goal for reading outside of school.

"So in a public library, we work with schools, we work with seniors, and we work with kids and families. On any given day, I can be working with SciStarter, and we're doing science education. Then the next day, I'm working with seniors, and we're helping them figure out how to understand Medicare better. It all works together so that they're reading and they're learning. There are so many ways to be creative, and so every day my job is a little different," Mitchell said.

Overall, making connections towards the library community is an important aspect in National Library Month, and it's good to recognize how much they impact our society.

"For the National Library week, I guess we would just encourage people to maybe try a resource that they haven't tried before, try a book that they haven't, maybe a genre that they haven't tried before. Spring is a great time to just try something new, whether it's science or poetry or whatever. There's just so much that the library can offer, and we're certainly here to help," Mitchell said.

# Sick of Sequels? Never fear, *Backrooms* is

## here!

Upcoming A24 film *Backrooms* outshines overdone sequels like *Scream 7*, *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie*, and *Ready or Not 2: Here I Come*



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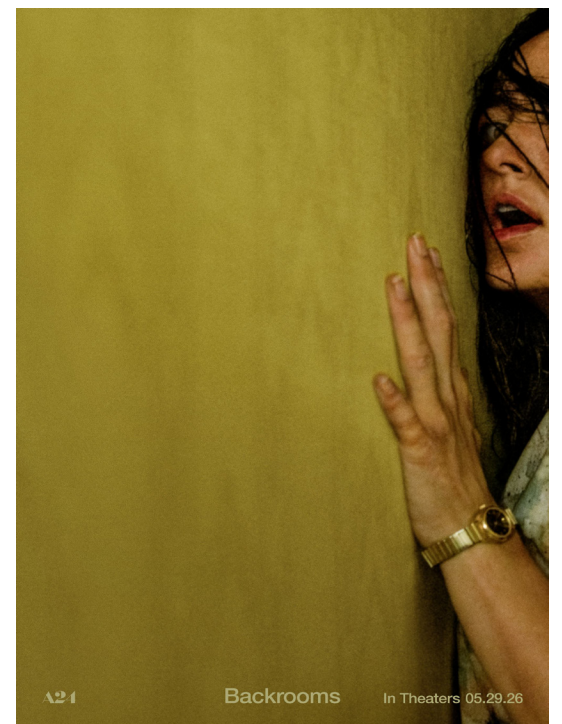


Photo taken from the promotional poster for *Backrooms*.



Photo taken from the promotional poster for *Scream 7*.

So who's ready to see *Scream 7*? Yes, *Scream Seven*. The seventh installment in the *Scream* franchise. I feel like I could leave the article at just those three sentences, and the stench of my cynicism would reveal exactly what I think about those sucky slasher flicks. I mean, how many times can we go through the same mysterious-teen-stabber story and call it something new?

And this isn't the only movie in theaters right now that is the cash-grabbing continuation of the same sickening story. We also have *Ready or Not 2: Here I Come*, *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie*, *I Can Only Imagine 2*, and *Faces of Death*, which is a reboot of a movie of the same name, originally released in the 1970s.

Why can't we just come up with new ideas? Why is it always the same one? These questions have haunted me every time I've scrolled through the "currently showing" tab on different movie theaters' websites. I actually slightly went into this in my article about the

horror movie *Undertone*, an original film that came out somewhat recently. *Undertone* did a great job at contradicting this 21st-century phenomenon.

These production companies find charm in the safety net that is sequels and reboots, so they go with them a lot more, and a lot of times, the quality is of a much lower standard than a standalone movie. Fortunately, we do have some upcoming movies that are original ideas. The one I'm most excited for is *Backrooms*, a horror movie based on a YouTube series made by 20-year-old Kane Parsons. Parsons initially created the YouTube series based on an unsettling liminal space photo he found on a forum, which depicted a cramped room with uncomfortable lighting; Parsons must've felt creatively inspired by it because he spiraled the photo into a whole world that broke the internet.

He turned it into a story of an inescapable world inhabited by monsters, or "entities", with endless amounts of levels one would have to go through to try

and escape. After just a few years, Parsons caught the attention of A24, a production/distribution company, which offered him the opportunity to turn his idea into a real film. It's such a huge feat for someone to start their directorial debut at only 20 years old in such a huge entertainment industry, especially since the entire world of *The Backrooms* was created by him.

A24, unlike every other studio, took a huge risk by handing a multi-million dollar project over to a 20-year-old, and I admire the heck out of it. Instead of going with a safe option, like *Halloween Part 67: The Final Halloween*, they put a film in the hands of someone who's never even touched a movie set. I'm ecstatic for the coming of *Backrooms*, and I know it'll outperform the countless sequels that these studios pump out every year.

# Traditions, McIlroy, and Green Jackets



**Erin McGinnis**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Masters Tournament, held at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, took place on April 9-12, 2026, for the top-ranked global players. This year's champion was

Rory McIlroy, a Northern Irish golfer who plays for both the PGA Tour and European Tour. For McIlroy, this was his second green jacket in the last two years. The iconic Masters Green Jacket, introduced by Bobby Jones in 1937, stands as a symbol of excellence and membership to champions at the exclusive club. Although The Masters Tournament has been held for the last 88 years, 56 players have earned the jacket, and 18 of the men have worn the jacket twice.

Rory McIlroy first began his professional career with the European Tour at just 18 years old in 2007 and joined the American PGA Tour in 2010. As of April 12, 2026, and stated on the charts, McIlroy holds 2nd place in the league with Scottie Scheffler claiming 1st.

For Rory's daughter, her dad winning The Masters is normal, while he's been working toward this championship for 14 years. McIlroy's victory shows fans that his success resulted from years of dedication and hard work, and it wasn't just all pure luck. Rory, in some eyes, is labeled as one of the greats for being the fourth one to tackle being a back-to-back champion at Augusta National.

Following traditions, on the Tuesday before the tournament, the player who won the tournament the previous year holds a Masters Champions Dinner that typically consists of 3 or 4 courses. Rory decided to begin with 4 options for appetizers, one for the first course, a main course consisting of filet mignon or seared salmon, and finishing off with a sticky toffee pudding for dessert. All dishes tie back to a personal memory for Rory, and he now shares his love for those meals with the attendees of the dinner. The Wednesday before the tee off, players' families join to participate in the Par 3 Contest. This fun game, where the spouses and their children wear the traditional caddie white jumpsuit, and are given the opportunity to hit a shot over the water onto the green. Along with the fun and games, the course has several strict rules that each individual must follow. Augusta National keeps a strict rule of no phones, no running, no backwards hats, and a "no tipping" policy for any of the services provided during the tournament. These services would include gift shops/merchandise and concessions. Keeping the streak of originality and traditions, The Masters has not changed their menu prices since 2002, cementing their low prices like the \$1.50 egg salad and pimento cheese sandwiches.

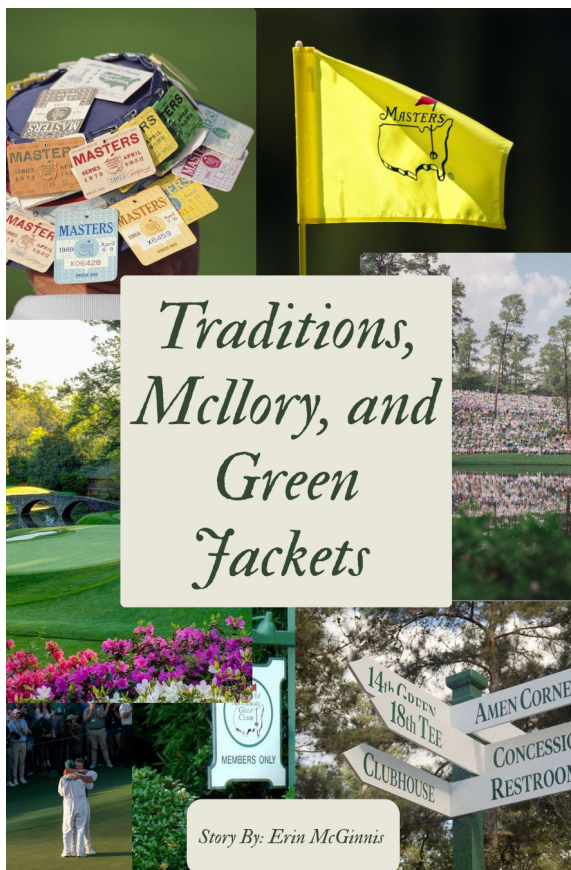
Three words come to mind when the phrase 'The Masters Tournament' pops up: classiness, competitiveness, and scenic. Grasping tickets for this tournament is harder than it seems. Once a year, from June

1st to June 20th, applications for the following year's tickets via lottery are open to reserve with payments following in late July. Fans are able to find the tickets on The Masters website. Tickets every year sell for around \$125-\$150 on practice days, while tournament days go for \$160. Although tickets are limited and hard to grab, many fans have been applying to the lottery application portal for years and still end up with no luck. Each household is allowed one application each and must be bought through the official website. Second-hand sale may result in being turned down at the entrance of the course. Tickets can be purchased individually by day or as a package for all 4 days. The 2026 Sunday round, also considered the final round, has taken the lead for the highest viewership with 13.9 million fans watching live out of all 4 days.

As the Irish golfer leaves his legacy with the course, he leaves the picture-perfect views as he returns home. Augusta National Golf Club is known for its infamous Amen Corner, showcasing bright pink azaleas and perfectly pure greens, but bringing a great deal of stress for the players. The Amen Corner, consisting of holes 11, 12, and 13, essentially predicts who will be winning or losing the tournament due to its challenging fairways and greens. His victory is a reflection of his sweat, tears, and endless hours on the course.

**Brian McGinnis, a resident of Grand Ledge attended 'The Masters Tournament' in the spring of 1995.**

*Photo by Erin McGinnis/The Comets' Tale*



*Story By: Erin McGinnis*

**Once a year fans gather at Augusta National Golf Club to watch the infamous 'The Masters Tournament'.**

*Photo by Erin McGinnis/The Comets' Tale*



## From Earth Day to Everyday: How Students Can Help the Planet



**Aubrey Davis**  
STAFF WRITER

Earth Day, arriving on April 22nd, is an annual holiday that raises awareness for environmental issues and promotes actions to help save our planet. During this day, individuals usually plant trees, pick up trash, and participate in activities in nature. Stella Dayrell, a student at Grand Ledge High School (GLHS) and the student leader of the Eco Club, talks a bit about the holiday.

“As far as younger kids go, they like to celebrate a holiday, but there’s a deeper meaning behind it. As people learn about this holiday, it kind of motivates them to research more into Earth Day, and this convinces people to want to celebrate it in some way, whether that’s a cleanup or just doing little things to show that you care,” Dayrell said.

In elementary school, teachers usually educate students on this holiday, but as they get older, it’s not talked about as much. Earth Day should be celebrated and learned about more, especially in today’s society, when there are so many issues going on. Dayrell seems to agree with this type of idea.

“I’m taking AP biology right now, and they talk more about how humans affect the environment overall. I believe that other subjects could use that in some way also, to show kids that there’s more to the subject than what you’re taught,” Dayrell said.

In today’s society, humans are struggling with issues that include climate change, air, water, plastic pollution, and biodiversity loss. Saving the environment is a very crucial key to help our earth stay protected and safe.

“We’ve taken so much from the Earth that we, as humans, have to do something in order to balance it out in some way. I would say to just try to do our part in making things a better place if we can,” Dayrell said.

While for some individuals it seems easy to know how to save the environment. For others, it can be overwhelming to know where to start. For starters, a helpful way to conserve the environment is to recycle items that are plastic. Some examples of this include non-reusable water bottles, plastic bags from the grocery store, and other plastic utensils that may be used. Another example is turning off water, lights, or electronics that are in use to save energy. Ultimately, individuals can help conserve the earth just by cleaning an item up from off the floor, spreading awareness, and reducing products that use emission.

“If you’re washing your face or brushing your teeth, you should turn the sink off. You don’t have to keep it running the whole time, because that will waste water as well. I’d also say composting is good, recycling, using reusable bags at the grocery store instead of getting the plastic ones every time, just little things like that will help the environment,” Dayrell said.

If a student is interested in learning more about the environment and is intrigued to do more for the earth, then they should consider joining the Eco Club.

In this organization, students strive to make an impact on the earth and

do activities like planting, picking up trash, and more. Dayrell talks a bit more about what they do in this club.

“Mainly, we can collect that we later on recycle, and we’ve been recycling batteries as well. We also do garden beds. In one of the courtyards, we have garden beds set up, and we’re planting more before summer, so that things can grow. We mostly do little crafts, and we try to do things that are more selfless to benefit the environment in some way,” Dayrell said.



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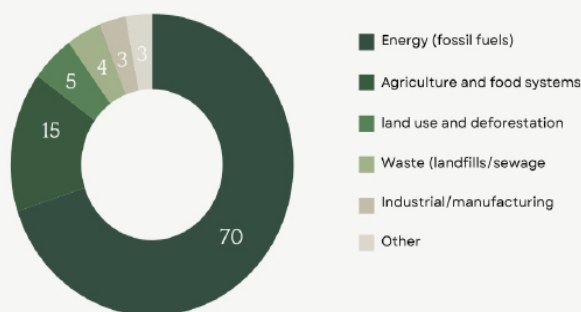
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HUMAN-DRIVEN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



Pie chart out of a percentage of 100 of environmental issues driven by humans.

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