

Happy Valentine's Day!

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February's far from drab in BEHS art class



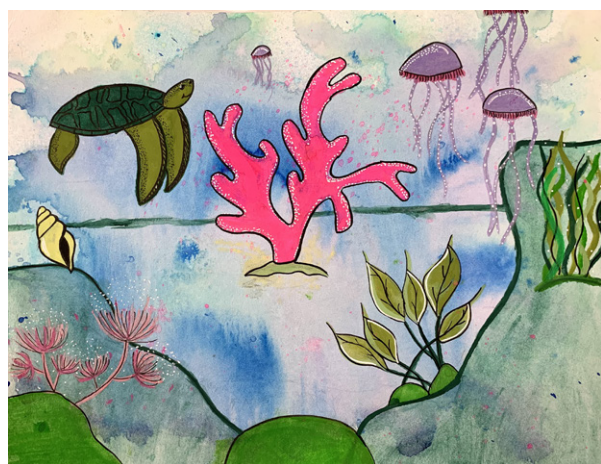
From staff reports

Ms. Hannah Tauroney's Illustration & Lettering class has been brightening up the midwinter landscape in the BEHS art room with their "Abstract Ecosystems" projects.

According to Ms. Tauroney, the illustrations shown here were inspired by illustration artist Yellena James, who encourages students to use shapes from nature, such as stars, spirals, fans and branches, as the basis for their own creations.

"These pieces represent colorful 'flora' and 'fauna' from a specific ecosystem the students selected and researched," explained Ms. Tauroney. "They were painted with watercolor washes and gouache paint."

Clockwise from top left, the artists are Julianna Czachor, Arianna Zarate, Adeline Tremblay, and Fu Ru Kuilder, an exchange student who is taking the class this trimester.



Calling all BEHS artists and writers!

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Winter sports underway with shortened schedule

By Amelia McAvoy, Lillian Gaudiano and Macey Cabral

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the winter sports season has begun. Shortly after the Maine Principal's Association changed its guidelines and allowed schools in yellow zones to hold winter sports on Jan. 23, boys and girls basketball, ice hockey, swimming and indoor track teams at BEHS began practicing.

Mr. Eric Curtis, BEHS athletic director, expressed confidence that winter sports could safely take place.

"We have procedures in place just like we do in school to limit exposure to our athletes. We pre-screen athletes every day, we clean equipment after



Senior Spring Parsons is happy the waiting is over, and she is ready to play real games again.

Courtesy photo

use. Our coaches continue to educate the kids on the importance of hand washing and face coverings."

According to Mike Burleson, coach of the boys indoor track team, his athletes are excited to be able to be back working out and are focused on gaining fitness and hopeful for competition soon.

"Due to the decent winter weather and limited indoor space, they have been spending a large amount of time running on the track, parking lots and roads. Our coaches are organizing a virtual track meet that will allow teams from around the league to compete in any track and field event on their own and compare results in a

virtual meet."

The girls basketball team, which has been practicing at the Buxton Center Elementary School for social distance reasons, was able to open its season in the high school gym on Feb. 11. They will play Gorham twice over February break and have 10 games overall. Of course, with COVID, no spectators are allowed in the gym, but all home games are streaming on the Bonny Eagle YouTube account.

"Overall, we're really excited and looking forward to playing against somebody else," said girls varsity coach Mr. Scott Regan. "It has been challenging having to practice on the road every night, but we are

getting used to it. We are really appreciative that we will at least get to play our games at home here at the high school."

Although the winter sports athletes are extremely grateful to have a season at all, it is still challenging for them to play under such unique circumstances, especially for the seniors. Spring Parsons has been playing basketball since she was six years old and has been with the varsity team since her sophomore year. After spending all these years dedicated to the sport, she never imagined her last season to be such a difficult one.

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Bonny Eagle ice rink now open!



At left is a screen shot from Superintendent Paul Penna's Youtube video welcoming the community to the new ice rink behind Bonny Eagle High School. The rink, created on top of the tennis courts, is open to the community.

The Class of 2021 will be hosting a Senior Social at the ice rink on Feb. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

They bucked the odds to pick the Buccaneers and Brady

By Zachary Myers

The results of Super Bowl LV are in. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers surprisingly blew out the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9. Tom Brady won his 7th Super Bowl and 5th Super Bowl MVP.

Only two people picked the Buccaneers to win in our Super Bowl poll (besides two Eagle Times staff members): junior Anna White and sophomore Joshua Warren. For their efforts, Anna and Josh won \$5 Dunkin Donut gift cards.

Josh predicted a Tampa Bay win 28-21, while Anna predicted a Tampa Bay 24-14 win. Josh explained that he thought Tampa Bay would win because Tom Brady has much more experience being in the Super Bowl and would have less pressure on him. That being said, while he predicted the Buccaneers to win, he didn't expect the poor offensive showing from Kansas City, explaining that "I thought the Chiefs would do more offensively and defensively."



Anna White, left, and Josh Warren, above, went with the Bucs.

Courtesy photos

He did overall say that while the game was surprising, it was still fun to watch.

Anna made her prediction for Tampa Bay because Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski were both very good players (that's true). She said that she completely guessed on the score but said that, "I thought it was going to be a closer score." That being said, even though she wasn't a big football fan, she enjoyed watching the game, which is what the Super Bowl is about.

Pritchard seems to have a bright future with the Celtics

By Kaylei Myers

In 2020, Payton Pritchard was drafted by the Boston Celtics as the 26th pick in the first round. Pritchard is a point guard who stands on the smaller side at 6'1. He played college basketball for the Oregon Ducks, but wasn't drafted for the NBA until after his senior year of college.

In his time with the Ducks, Pritchard achieved a couple of notable accomplishments. He was named second-team all-conference in the Pac-12 in his sophomore year. As a senior, he was a finalist for the Naismith Trophy. These accomplishments foreshadowed how this rookie would perform on the court for the Celtics, as he has shown his worth so far.

Just a couple of months into the season, Pritchard is showing how valuable he is. For instance, at the start of January, he scored the game-winning put-back against the Miami Heat with 0.2 seconds left on the clock. Also, in a game against the Toronto Raptors, he scored 23 points, pulled down 2 rebounds, and handed out 8 assists.

It's not all about the stats either because his plus-minus that game was 18+ which is pretty good. In that same game, he played loads of minutes even though



Payton Pritchard is turning heads in his rookie year.

USA Today photo

coming off the bench (32). During that game, Pritchard made history by being the second Celtics rookie to get 23 points or more, along with 8 or more assists in his first 42 games. This stat puts him right next to Celtic legend and Basketball Hall of Famer, Larry Bird.

Not only is he tremendous on the offensive end, but he is pretty decent on the defensive end as well. I would con-

sider him a steal from the draft.

With Kemba Walker returning from an injury, it has cut down some of Pritchard's minutes, but he is starting to work his way up into the rotation. With Jeff Teague's unexpected decline, this might be another opportunity for Pritchard. Along with Teague, Pritchard has already surpassed Aaron Nesmith in all areas stats-wise. Nesmith was 12

picks ahead of him in the 2020 NBA Draft.

Not only that, but he is passing Carsen Edwards and Tremont Waters (some of last year's rookies) in the rotation and everything else stat-wise with the exception of Carsen Edwards' field goal percentage, as well as Tremont Waters' assists per game.

Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck sang Pritchard's praises on Masslive.com last December.

"With Payton Pritchard, Danny just rubs his hands together. It reminds me of when we drafted [Rajon] Rondo and I encouraged him to trade up and get Rondo, because I'd never heard him so excited about a prospect. I'm not saying Payton Pritchard is Rondo, but Danny had that level of excitement about seeing this kid on the team. He's got a fire inside, he's ultra-competitive," Grousbeck said.

Pritchard continued to do remarkably well up until Jan. 22 when he suffered an MCL sprain in the knee. After being ruled out to play for the past two weeks, he is nearly healed and has played in the last two games.

Life is full of setbacks, but in Pritchard's case, they may only make him stronger.

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While COVID has made everything much harder, she says, "I've been trying to stay positive and make the most of the year that we do have."

Mr. Curtis explained that the major changes for athletes are having to wear masks while playing and not being able to use the locker rooms before, during, or after games. Spring is just glad that the uncertainty is over.

"Whether or not we could or couldn't play was always unknown," she said. "It was hard

earlier this season being told we couldn't play over and over again."

Mr. Curtis echoes that sentiment. "I believe sports are very important for kids socially and emotionally. I know watching my own children I worry about their well being and how important being active is to them so I know many of our student athletes are in the same situation."

The girls basketball team will only play 10 games, if that many. Coach Regan ex-

plained that some of the schools they will be playing don't have enough players for two teams.

Despite the short season and no playoffs, Spring and her fellow seniors say they are looking forward to being able to have a Senior Night. Their families will watch the game on livestream, and then meet with the senior players in person for rose-giving and pictures.

Meanwhile, Mr. Curtis is hopeful that by the time spring sports are scheduled to begin, they will be able to proceed



The girls varsity started its season with a win on Feb. 11.

without the delays and uncertainties that the winter sports teams endured.

"I am hopeful with more vac-

cines being administered and being outdoors will allow for a more normal spring," Mr. Curtis said.

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Ways to connect on Valentine's Day

By Lillian Gaudiano

COVID-19 has posed many challenges to students in 2020 and 2021. With social distancing guidelines in place, and many families choosing to stay home rather than risk contracting the airborne virus, it has become increasingly difficult for students to connect with their peers. With Valentine's Day taking place during these unprecedented times, the *Eagle Times* surveyed BEHS students to find out what impact the pandemic has had on their romantic relationships.

Many students feel as though COVID-19 has made dating and keeping connected with romantic partners more difficult. Those in relationships have found it harder to spend quality time with their significant other, and others have had difficulty in meeting new people whom they are interested in. One student remarked how COVID "has made it more difficult in the sense that we can't go out and do things together. We haven't gone out to do anything since the summer."

However, some students also feel as though their dating life has been the same, and a few believe it is actually easier for them to meet new people on



Snapchat has become even more popular as a way to connect.

Snapchat photo

social media platforms as opposed to in person.

As COVID precautions have prevented many teens from hanging out with friends, spending time with significant others, and meeting new people in person, many have turned to new methods of communication and interaction. Although social media may have played a large role in students' social lives before the pandemic, interacting with others

on social platforms has now become an even more significant form of communication, as it is all online. Apps such as Snapchat provide teens with the opportunity to chat with friends without the risk of contracting COVID, and some students believe that Snapchat in particular has now become their primary method of communication.

Another way that students have been communicating has been over video chat and video chat platforms, such as Facetime and Google Meets, which allow for face-to-face interaction while being socially distant.

Although navigating social distancing guidelines while still communicating with loved ones has proven to be a challenge, there is still lots to look forward to on Valentine's Day.

While some plan on celebrating the day with friends or a significant other, others are looking forward to receiving candy and having the day to themselves.

It's important to keep connected, and whatever you do this Valentine's Day, make sure to follow social distancing guidelines and stay safe!

Love stories with a comical twist

Editor's Note: Valentine's Day is a great day to snuggle up and watch a love story with someone you care about. Here are three movies, one classic, one recommended by an older sibling, and one very recent movie that you might want to check out this weekend.

Killers (2010)

This action packed rom-com starring Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher is actually pretty funny. I'm not usually a fan of romantic movies (as I may have mentioned), but this one seemed very relatable in the beginning.

After a breakup with her boyfriend, Jen goes on vacation to Paris with her slightly embarrassing parents. There, she meets the charming Spencer—who's actually a secret agent—and they fall quickly in love.

Life is moving steadily along until three years later, when Spencer's hidden past catches up with him, and he and Jen are forced to hilariously fight off a coup of relentless assassins.

Although it was funny, the plot seemed a little plain to me. There was a big twist in the end, but otherwise it got a bit predictable after a while. I think I would give this one three stars out of five.

Macey Cabral



Above, a poster from Killers.
Lionsgate Studio.

Palm Springs (2020)

What starts as a wedding farce becomes a time-bending comedy in the mold of the classic Bill Murray movie, *Groundhog Day*, as the bridesmaid's boyfriend (Andy Samberg) and the bride's black-sheep sister (Cristin Milioti) become unstuck in time.

Samberg, whom some of you might know from NBC-TV's, *Saturday Night Live*, or *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, is as funny as you would expect. This is an original Hulu production and so it is only available on Hulu. But the chemistry between Samberg and Milioti is kind of sweet, as well as amusing, so if you have Hulu, I'd recommend it.

Ms. Lannin



A scene from The Princess Bride.
20th Century Fox



A scene from Palm Springs. Hulu Original

The Princess Bride (1987)

Although skeptical at first, I really did enjoy this movie. The plot wasn't extravagant, but it was witty and fun to watch. The chivalry was strong in this one.

I honestly expected more romance though, but when it was there, it was very romantic. I totally expected the plot twists when they came, but in a good way.

Though ridiculous at times, it was funny, interesting, and the best use of clichés I've seen yet. I wish I could give it five stars for the adventure of the plot, as well as the great characters, but considering the romance, I would have to give it four stars out of five.

Macey Cabral