

Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/24- Project Grad meeting @ 6:15
- 10/26- XC meet @ Lebanon Time TBD
- 10/27- Home Football vs. Central Linn Senior Night!!
- 10/29- Winter Sports Signup

Celebrity Analysis

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Adam Sandler

By Gunner Rodgers

Adam Sandler is an Actor and Comedian who has been involved in many well known projects since the 90's, masterpieces like Big Daddy and Billy Madison. His career seemed to have peaked around the 2000's, but his older movies still hold a very strong nostalgia. In more recent years his projects have seemed a bit repetitive, and many people have noticed that creating these films seems to just be an excuse for him and his closest friends to take extravagant vacations. That said, a huge majority of his movies are extremely entertaining, having a very specific tone that only Sandler can produce. And, with minimum exceptions Sandler stays out of any serious controversy, making him less problematic than most celebrities nowadays. At heart it seems he is a family man, having been with his wife Jackie since 2003. The couple have two daughters together, Sunny and Sadie, who along with Jackie make many guest appearances in Sandler's movies. He likes to keep his family and friends close, stays out of trouble in the media, and produces good movies for a night in with the family. In my opinion he seems like a top tier, truly high quality actor. And I swear I'm not that biased, I've only wanted to be him since I was 7.

Celeb Gossip & Cross-Country

Celebrity Gossip

By Paige Piper

1000-LB Sister, one of TLCs most famous series, ended with a 4th season in March of this year, but fans haven't given up on the sisters quite yet. If you watched the show, you would know that Amy, the younger sister, had been pretty successful on her weight loss journey, but the same couldn't be said for Tammy, the eldest. Tammy was put into a medically induced coma due to medical conditions at the end of season 4 of the series. After facing this life threatening event, Tammy states she "Wised up" regarding her health. Since then, Tammy has been surprising her devoted fans with selfie updates, and you wouldn't believe the difference! While we were never given a number, it's safe to say that Tammy has been working hard and we can see it as a result. Unfortunately, Tammy was recently caught and arrested with drugs and drug paraphernalia in her home state of Kentucky. She was arrested only 5 days after her late husband's funeral, where she commented "Rip sweet angel. You will forever be missed and loved so much thank you Caleb for showing me real love and happiness". So while she has been putting in a lot of work on herself, it seems that the world might just have it out for her.

https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/1000-lb-sisters-tammy-slaton-145900419.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAD9jPIA2TIkXFbvngnSUhrIkcs6Hjpv7X-D7cxsK5gNIYo4gKBkUfryooKGgoY5nUdxBL9MLnYuAMDGSqP_IXGGLtVuZmW2wQA7nC8Tp8xWu6NLIT9N-USWljzQD0S5_KdZor43a2Jlqnnaz1iVBo4WGnDoxWLSm5-b7I9e3uSW

Monroe Boys Cross Country

By: Aiden Koroush

The Monroe Boys are still on a rampage; they just had a race on Saturday October 4th. They ended up getting 4th out of ten teams, first place was Newport with 28 points, Philomath was second place with 70 points and third place was Cottage Grove With 79 points. Those schools are all 4A that are all in the running for the 4A state championship for a tiny 2A school, I'd say that's pretty impressive. Sadly no one on varsity got a P.R. but on J.V. Logan Bledsoe increased his P.R. with a time of 25:02. We are still predicted to place first in districts but the second place spot will be a tough race Western Christian was predicted to get second but Regis is sneaking up on them. They are only behind by a few points. Run Fast and Go Dragons!!

Country of the Week

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~ Maldives ~

By: Kyli Cejas

Maldives is an island country Located in the North Central Indian Ocean in South Asia, with a population of over 500,000. Male is the country's capital, Maldives official national language is Dhivehi. Dhivehi is shaped/influenced by other languages like Arabic, French, Portuguese, Persian and English. Since it is an island country the only bordering is the ocean although India and Sri Lanka are nearby. Popular and most commonly eaten dishes usually consist of fish of some sort, due to the fact that Maldives is surrounded by the sea. Coconut is also commonly used. Some of those dishes are Garudhiya (fish soup), Mas Huni (shredded smoked tuna), Maldivian Live Lobster (which is lobster that is cooked alive), and lots more. Yams are also popular, they are one of the few crops grown there.

The Glowing Beach is one of most visited attractions in Maldives. It is located on Vaadhoo island. During the nighttime the ocean waves glow. The glowing comes from the sea planktons that are present in the waters. The Glow is visible at night because the plankton's glow is not seen during the day.

The color of the glow is a very bright blue, visitors say the view is "breathtaking". The country's capital Male is just about 120 miles. I'd definitely like to see this attraction, it sounds amazing and very unique.

Overall the Maldives seems very interesting and somewhere i'd like to visit. There are various islands to see, with a lot of different attractions. I'd like to visit, and see the glowing beach because it's something very different that would be very nice to see. So if you're thinking of somewhere to travel to, I'd say the Maldives would be a great option.

Sights to See & Student Interviews

Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

Oregon is home to the Columbia River Gorge, an 80 mile long, and 4,000 foot deep river canyon. This river canyon stretches along northern Oregon, forming the border between Oregon and Washington. The Gorge was designated as the largest National Scenic Area in America.

The Columbia River is a stunning river itself, cutting through the cascade mountains. This area includes many other natural beauties, “dozens of awe-inspiring waterfalls spill from basalt cliffs, lining the Historic Columbia River Highway, like the famous Multnomah, Bridal Veil and Latourell falls”according to,

<https://traveloregon.com/places-to-go/regions/columbia-river-gorge/>

Because of all these cool views, the Columbia River Gorge is a perfect place to visit if you love exploring, hiking, cycling or water sports! The temperature is the best in summer and fall. If you are up for an adventure, plan your trip now!

Student interviews

By Karmin Hatfield

This week I interviewed Lucian Smith. My first question was, (What is your favorite class?) (He said Algebra 2 because he likes math). Then I asked (How do you spend your free time?) (Lucian said riding his dirt bike because it's fun). Then I said (If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?) (He said teleportation because he can be anything and go anywhere he wants). My next question was (What is your favorite sports team?) (Star Racing Yamaha because his favorite rider is Cooper Webb). I asked (What do you wanna be when you grow up?) (He said he wants to be a billionaire playboy philanthropist). After that I asked (If you could be any movie star who would you be?) (Lucian said Tom Holland ,so he could be spider man). Then (I asked if he won the lottery what would he do with the money?) (He would hire a financial aid advisor, so he wouldn't have to worry about his money). My next question I asked was (If you could eat any food for the rest of your life what would it be?) (Luican would eat sushi for the rest of his life because it's healthy and good). My last question was (If you were a dessert what would you be?) (He would eat mince pie dairy ice cream because he loves it).

Top Five

Kayley Nelson

Top Five

Mascara brands

Mascara is one of the most commonly used makeup items. Everyone has their own personal favorite mascara, but these are the top five brands of 2023 according to “whowhatwear.com”.

1. **Lancôme Lash Idôle Volumizing Mascara**

The Lancome Lash Idole volumizing mascara was rated the best overall and everyone who tried it loved it. It gives your lashes great curl, lift, length, and volume, without clumps, smudges, or flakes.

It is also a lightweight gel formula so it doesn't weigh down your lashes. The only cons with this mascara are that it is \$30, which is more than most mascaras, and it only comes in one color, black, (which is what most people would want anyways.) It also doesn't have a very natural formula, but it does have some conditioning ingredients. This mascara got an average rating of 4.8/5 stars.

1. **Maybelline Lash Sensational Sky High Mascara**

This mascara got an average rating of 4.1/5 stars, and was voted the best drugstore mascara brand. There are four different colors, waterproof and non-waterproof options, but the non-waterproof blackest black one is only \$13. Sky high mascaras are good for fanned out length, and don't give you clumps, smudges, or flakes. They are also easy to remove. The lifting and curling could be better and they don't have a natural formula.

1. **Ilia Limitless Lash Mascara**

This brand was rated the best lengthening mascara. It has a dual sided brush for curl, volume, and lifting. It is a natural formula with highly conditioning ingredients, and it is safe for sensitive eyes. It lasts long and doesn't smudge, clump, or flake. However, it is expensive, only has one color, and doesn't have a waterproof option.

1. **Dior Diorshow Iconic Overcurl Mascara**

The Diorshow mascara got rated 4.6/5 stars as the best curling mascara. It is \$32, but has 5 different colors and a waterproof option. It is also refillable. It gives great curl, separation, volume, and length, without flakes, clumps, or smudges.

1. **Milk Makeup Kush High Mascara**

This brand was the best volumizing mascara with a 4.7/5 star rating. It makes your lashes look natural while giving them volume and thickness, but it doesn't give as much length. It gives no clumps, flakes or smudges. The Milk Makeup Kush High Mascara is vegan and has natural ingredients. It also has highly conditioning ingredients that will give you long term healthier lashes. It only has one color, but it is waterproof.

Video Game Review

Persona 4 Review

By Hayden Slagle

The Persona series is one that may sound familiar, due to the extremely popular recent entry in the series, Persona 5. But the series didn't start with 5. There are many Persona games before it that could be seen as underrated compared to its successor, even though the past games were just as revolutionary as 5, especially for their time. To provide evidence for this, this week's review covers Persona 4. Released in 2008 on the Playstation 2, the game was moderately popular due to the past entries in the series.

The game's story is quite extensive. A basic rundown is you, the player character known as "Hero" are sent to the small town of Inaba to live with your uncle for the year. Over time you quickly meet friends at school. After a mysterious murder falls in Inaba you and your friends find themselves accidentally falling into a TV while watching a station known as the "Midnight Channel", bringing you to a whole new world inside the TV. Without spoiling too much the game's clever use of character bonding makes you get widely attached to Inaba's residents throughout the mysteries that ensue in the small town. The game will definitely make you feel some things at its largest points.

The gameplay of Persona 4 is a lot similar to its peers, it's a turn-based action RPG using something called the "One More System", where when knocking an enemy's weakness your character gains another turn. Your party has the max capacity of 4 party members, leaving for diverse team-editing and strategizing for each situation. Speaking of party members, each member uses the power of a "Persona", magnifications of the human mind, and a reflection of one's self. Your main character has the ability to wield multiple Personas while your party members may only hold one. Persona's dictate what skills and stats you have at a given time.

The Persona mechanic is a staple of the series, and is a fun pokemon-like way of gaining abilities, due to the wide number of Personas you can encounter in the game. The main areas you explore are dungeons, despite their decorations having well thought-out story importance, the dungeons themselves may sometimes feel like a drag to explore as most of them include dungeon crawling with only sparse puzzles here and there.

Another staple of the Persona series is the social simulator part of the game, at day you would either go out and visit friends, or you would visit the "Midnight Channel" as mentioned before. The social simulator part of the game plays a big role in how efficient you'll be in the TV world. And should not be overlooked if you are planning on giving the game a try, many side stories are included in events called "Social Links", and their quality differs from each one.

Just like its 100 hour long successor, Persona 4 has mountains of content to explore, The game has a definitive edition recently released for all consoles and pc. There is much to explore in the small town of Inaba, And in my personal experience the game had a beautiful story, music, And pretty balanced gameplay. And I encourage to give the game a try if it seems like something that might interest you.

7/10.

Movie Reviews

The Princess Bride

By Tashi Frystak

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The Princess Bride is a movie that was released in theaters on Oct 1st, 1987 and was available streaming in December 2016.

It starts off with a sick kid who's in bed and his Grandfather comes to read him a book called "The Princess Bride". Buttercup(Robin Wright) fell in love with a farmhand named Westley(Cary Elwes), but then he had to go and she was left waiting. Years later she was due to marry Prince Humperdinck who secretly plans to kill her on their honeymoon and stage it to make it look like an assassination so he can rule alone. Buttercup does not love him and still yearns for Westly's return whenever that may be.

On a ride in a forest, Buttercup gets kidnapped by 3 men, Vizzini(Wallace Shawn), Fezzik(André the Giant) and Iñigo Montoya(Mandy Patinkin). Vizzini hired Iñigo and Fezzik to help kidnap Buttercup to start a war between Prince Humperdinck and an enemy nation. Iñigo and Fezzik didn't want to kidnap the girl(Buttercup) but Vizzini reminds them that he's paying them. They then find out someone is following them and they try to get away. Iñigo Montoya duels him in a sword fight where he finds out the person following them is the "The Dread Pirate Roberts" the fiercest pirate of all the land. Then Fezzik tries to defeat him but somehow Iñigo and Fezzik lose. Vizzini challenges him with "one goblet is poisoned and one is not, you pick first." and Vizzini somehow gets the poisoned cup.

Then we learn that "The Dread Pirate Roberts" is actually Westly, he and Buttercup are finally reunited. But then Dun Dun Duunn, Prince Humperdinck finds the two and manages to get Buttercup back and tortures Westly. Fezzik and Iñigo manage to find where Westly is getting tortured and get him to a Prince's old doctor where a famous line "Have fun storming the castle!" is said after Westly, Iñigo and Fezzik agree to storm the castle to get Buttercup back.

They storm the castle but are too late to stop the wedding, then Iñigo finds out that The Count Rugen is the one who killed his Father in front of his eyes and duels him and says " Hello, My name is Iñigo Montoya, prepare to die" then he kills the Count avenging his father's death.

Fezzik finds 4 white horses and he, Iñigo, Westly and Buttercup ride off escaping the Prince where Westly and Buttercup live happily ever after.

In my opinion this movie is a classic and not too many parents watch with their kids anymore other than Gen X Parents like my Mother who introduced it to me when I was a toddler.

MHS Football & Volleyball

Monroe Dragons Football

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By Xavier Aldabe

Monroe had a bye last week, so the team took their time to prepare for the 0-6 Santiam Christian the following week on 10/19. JV however had a game on Monday, 10/9 against Lowell, but sadly lost 28-0. Monroes JV is hoping for a win away against Sweet Home on 10/16, which is gonna be the last JV game of the year. Varsity has their last game against Central Linn home on the 27th of October, which is a league game so come support your Monroe Dragons!!!

MHS Volleyball

By: Lilly Freeman

Last week the Lady Dragons had an away game at Lowell against the Red Devils. The Lowell Red Devils were ranked number 1 in the state; however, the Lady Dragons gave them a run for their money by having good rallies. The first set ended with a score of 25-16 in favor of the Lowell Red Devils, as well as the 3rd (25-16) and the 4th (25-15). The girls pulled through in the second set winning a tough battle with the final score being 25-23. Overall the Red Devils won 3 of the 4 sets but the team put up a good game.

This week the Lady Dragons traveled to Toledo to play against the Toledo Boomers. The Dragons won 3 out of the 4 sets against the Boomers only losing the first one (23-25). The second set was won 25-19, the third set was won 25-15 and the fourth set was won 25-23. While talking to some of the players I gathered some information about the game, the Toledo Boomers had beat the Bandon Tigers in 4 Sets while the Dragons lost to the Bandon Tigers in 5 sets. They went into the game thinking this team was going to be tough but they were able to push ahead and take the win. With every up there is a down Lainie Bateman injured her ankle but was able to continue playing to help her team obtain the win. The Lady Dragons do have another game coming up this week so be sure to stop by and show your support.

Polls & Exotic Animals

Polls

Running or Swimming

Hannah Smith

Swimming wins with 41 votes to runnings 28

Running in professional terms is “a form of terrestrial locomotion”, it allows us to move rapidly on foot. Running is characterized by an aerial phase where neither of your feet are on the ground at the same time ever. Running is done at a variety of speed, it ranges from jogging to a full sprint. Jogging can be done at the same pace as walking if the person wants. It is proven that running increases a human’s life expectancy and has many health benefits. Some people believe we developed the ability to run longer distances 2.6 million years ago so we could hunt easier. Running is described as the most accessible sport to people. Running is a part of many sports, whether it’s running up and down a court or a field to just plain running in cross country.

Swimming is done for fun or as a sport by the majority of people who enjoy it. Many people do enjoy it. If it is done as a sport it is either as a single person sport or as a team. It requires the use of your entire body to move through water swiftly. Swimming is done in many different styles, distances and times. Swimming is found to have been done by people as late as the stone age. There are cave paintings of people in what is thought to be water. There also are references to it in 2000 bc, some are found in books like the odyssey, the bible and the quran. Swimming is considered risky to some people mainly because it takes place in water.

The Okapi

By Mikayla Smith

Do you know what an Okapi is? The Okapi is an animal that many people know little about. The Okapi looks like a mixture of a zebra and a giraffe. Its body slightly resembles a giraffe, and is only about the height of a zebra and has stripes on its rear and legs. In fact the Okapi is the giraffe’s only living relative. They are only found in the northwest Democratic Republic of Congo, Central Africa in the Ituri Rainforest. In the U.S. there are about 100 Okapis born in human care and spread across 30 different zoos. These animals have been protected since 1933 in their natural environment but still largely suffer from poaching and destruction and deforestation of their habitat. In 2015 the species was declared endangered on the IUCN red list, today there is an estimated number of 10,000-15,000 Okapis alive but this number is said to be declining.