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## SWATTING INCIDENT

### SHOCKS AGHS

#### Threat forces school into lockdown

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Avon Grove High School was hit with a swatting call that has become a trend as of late across the United States. According to the Anti-Defamation League, in 2019, there were reports of almost 1,000 swatting calls in the US.

Swatting is the action of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a certain address.

On October 10, 2023, it was just a normal school day at Avon Grove High School as classes were taking place as scheduled until shortly before 10:00a.m.

At that time, the main office received a phone call from an unidentified number that was later traced to Nebraska.

The call stated that they were near the school with a gun and were going to be entering outside of the gym.

After this, Dr. Christie Snead, the Avon Grove High School principal, announced on the intercom, "We are now going into a lockdown."

"This is not a drill."

According to an email sent

by Dr. Chris Marchese, AGSD Superintendent, "Within moments, PA State Police were at the school and began sweeping the campus. The call was very quickly traced to a number in Nebraska, and the number from which it originated has been used in numerous other swatting incidents nationwide."

Sophomores Charlotte Munger and Elizabeth Grondin were two students attending study hall in the cafeteria.

Since the cafeteria has many windows, there was a lack of space to provide cover during a lockdown.

Therefore, they and many others from the cafeteria decided to leave the building and run to the Shoppes at Jennersville as they felt as if they would be the safest there. Other students found places to hide in the serving area of the cafeteria.

While students were planning on what to do next, administrators and security were doing the same.

Mr. Bill Coyle, the head of security at Avon Grove High School who has been with the school since 2012 said, "My first thought was to run to the gym to make sure the students and staff were safe."

#### OCTOBER 10, 2023

#### LOCKDOWN TIMELINE

10:00 A.M. - The school receives an unidentified call from Nebraska stating they were near the school with a gun and were entering the gym

10:02 - 10:03 A.M. - Dr. Snead announces that the school is going into lockdown

10:04 - 10:05 A.M. - Pa. State Troopers respond and arrive at AGHS campus

10:45 A.M. - Announced that school was in restricted movement to help the police manage the flow of students throughout the building

10:50 - 10:52 A.M. - Announced that students could use the restroom

11:20 A.M. - Students were dismissed for the day

The gym is where students were in danger because that is where the intruder was going to enter.

Coyle then added, "If something were to happen to one of them I couldn't live with myself."

Another closest to the situation was Assistant Principal Mrs. Ashley Penn.

"I wanted to calmly calculate the situation, make everyone safe, and start announcements," said Mrs. Penn, who tried to keep a calm demeanor throughout the incident.

Throughout the incident further instructions and police whereabouts in the building were given by Dr. Snead and Mrs. Penn over the intercom and via email.

At 10:45 a.m. it was announced that the high school was still in restricted movement to help the police manage the flow of students throughout the building.

Around this time an announcement was also made that AG would have an early dismissal and students would be able to use the restroom.

At 11:20 a.m. students were dismissed from school and all after school activities were cancelled.

Mrs. Penn commended the calmness of the students and

teachers.

"Everyone did a really good job and the teachers' focus on the students and their safety was great."

As for what AG will do going forward, Penn added, "Security drills and continued debriefing with teachers about how students are doing will be the key to being prepared for another situation like this."

With all this in the rear view mirror, Avon Grove High School is moving forward, but also more tested if a situation like this were to arise again.

#### Staff overcome obstacles to stay safe

By LeeAnn Baker  
Column

On October 10th at around 10 a.m., Dr. Snead, the Avon Grove High School principal, announced that the school would be on lockdown. "This is not a drill."

As my teacher, classmates, and I heard this announcement, a rush of panic formed.

I was in fourth period at the time that this happened, which was my English class in room 220.

One by one we all rushed to the closet within the classroom. For a visual, this classroom was fully surrounded by glass on two sides; one of the sides looks out to the courtyard and the other side is looking out to the hallway.

Another side of the walls has half glass and half solid concrete, with only one large side of the wall being solid concrete. On this side of the wall there was a door, which

led to the somewhat spacious closet.

However, I don't think I would use the word "spacious" when being cramped with twenty other students.

At first, no one knew what was going on. The announcement didn't specify why this was happening which led to a lot of confusion and a tense atmosphere.

The lockdown lasted about forty-five minutes, and for the duration of this, I was squished in the corner of the closet on the floor.

Although it was a little hard to hear Dr. Snead on the intercom when we were in the closet, I noted how she would occasionally make announcements which I found to be reassuring.

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#### Students and staff share their sides of the story

By Myles Ruess  
Staff Writer

The threat call came to Avon Grove High School's main office, immediately setting the school into a lockdown. Administration sprung into action as the Pennsylvania State Police sped towards the school.

AGHS principal Dr. Snead soon came over the intercom announcing the threat as teachers and students tucked themselves away in their classrooms.

Every fourth period class faced a different circumstance that they had to adapt to, especially the staff and students in a study hall period in the cafeteria.

Still newly built, the high school cafeteria has an open floor concept with spread out lunch tables and a wide lunch line area. Walls facing the bus parking lot are mostly made up of floor-to-ceiling glass.

Lining the wall between the cafeteria and the hallways also has smaller windows, giving those in the hallway a view in.

With all of that glass and space, the people in the cafeteria made the decision to run.

"We originally tried to follow Dr. Snead's directions and found a place to hide, but quickly realized that was not an option. We decided that leaving the school was

the best course of action," said senior Jacob Yarnall, who was in the cafeteria at the time. "Some people straight up left the school. Others were trying to figure out what was going on, and others were calm."

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"This is not a drill."

"I woke up to a text from Nick. He said that the school was on lockdown and it wasn't a drill."

-Anna Parcels





# HERALD SPORTS

● **Nov. 17**  
**Girls Ice Hockey**  
vs. WC Henderson, 6:45p.m.  
**Boys Ice Hockey**  
vs. Spring-Ford, 8:10 p.m.

● **Nov. 19**  
**Girls Ice Hockey**  
vs. OJR-Spring-Ford,  
6:45p.m.

● **Nov. 22**  
**Boys Ice Hockey**  
vs. Unionville, 8:15p.m.

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## FIELD HOCKEY

# Lady Devils win game to make States

By  
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Staff Writer

The Avon Grove field hockey team won against Downingtown East with a score of 2-1 on Wednesday, November 1, allowing them to move onto the PIAA State Tournament.

The Lady Devils were up against Downingtown East, a team that had beaten them earlier in the season 4-2, and they were ready to fight back.

Bridget Keagan scored the first goal for the Red Devils, tying the game 1-1.

Later in overtime, Morgan O'Donnell scored the second goal for the Devils, taking the victory over Downingtown East.

"I am extremely proud of this team for not only making it this far in the postseason, but in our regular season as well. This year we had a ton of new players on the varsity team along with our younger players stepping into new roles, and then our seniors

who we are fortunate to have had on our team since they were freshmen, creating an amazing environment," said Head Coach Giuliana Antignani.

"We showed up to practice every day ready to compete with each other, enjoy the moment, and fight for every win," said Antignani.

"I'm so proud of our team and the win [against Downingtown East]. Each day we show up for each other and work hard," said senior Cassidy Ashworth.

"What makes us a good team comes down to the bond we have and less about the skill. We truly work as a team, trust each other, and keep the environment positive. Because of this, we have been so successful," continued Ashworth.

"The past few wins have exceeded our expectations and we have realized our potential as a team. We put in work everyday at practice. The strong relationships we've built have ultimately been a huge factor of our success," said



-Photo courtesy of Kristin Cheney

Avon Grove's field hockey team posed for a picture after their 2-1 win against Downingtown East on November 1.

senior Bri Gillin.

After the win against Downingtown East, the Lady Devils played Methacton on November 4 and they lost 3-1 to finish sixth in the

district.

The Lady Devils made it further than they ever have in history as they lost to Manheim Township 5-0 in the first round of the PIAA

State Tournament on November 7.

The team went 14-3-1 during the regular season and 2-3 in the playoffs.

## CLASS OF 2024

# Chase, Pfaff, Strawhecker lead 19 seniors who commit to colleges

By  
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Staff Writer

"So what do you plan to do after high school? Are you going to college?" These are the number one questions revered high school students are asked time and time again throughout their high school career.

It tends to be easier for student-athletes to gain recognition from colleges due to the fact that, in order to receive an invitation or scholarship, you have to be proficient grade wise and exceed other peers in your sport.

Three of Avon Grove's finest—Elias Chase, Ava Pfaff, and Caleb Strawhecker—are fortunately talented and hardworking enough to the point they have been associated with this extraordinary group of achievers and have been recognized by highly honorable colleges and universities.

Elias Chase, an admired javelin thrower for the Avon Grove track and field team, has verbally committed and signed to join the University of Pennsylvania. This is an Ivy League college, which is extremely prestigious and hard to gain access to.

That's no deterrent to Elias though, the program holds important characteristics that he is seeking.

"I really liked the program. They had the national champion in the javelin in 2022 and I've had family go there in the past so I'm a legacy," he commented.

His determination doesn't

start there though; it starts in the heart, where the love for the sport comes from.

"I just really like the progression. If you take the time to work hard on your form and technique, you'll see results no matter what.

There's always incentive to work and improve," he stated.

Though it seems he has made it and achieved his goal, it's always good to have a back-up plan.

"I'm just going to see how far I go with javelin, whether that be NCAA championships or even world championships while also pursuing business at UPenn in the Wharton School of Business. Business is what I ultimately plan on pursuing," he remarked.

His greatest self-perceived achievement was earning a medal at States.

Ava Pfaff, a commendable member of the cross country team, has accepted a scholarship offer to the University of Denver, a

NCAA Division I school for sports. For Ava Pfaff, it's the values and environment of the program that intrigued her.

"The team camaraderie had a huge influence on my decision as well. Over the past year of my

introduced me to various sports. My dad raced in local triathlons when I was little and he encouraged me to start racing when I was five years old. I took to the sport of triathlons quickly and my love of competing stemmed from my first race," she stated.

Though it feels like Ava pours all her heart and soul into her sport, she also has a back-up plan.

"I will be majoring in a 4+1 program called Real Estate and the Built Environment while also minoring in Spanish," she remarked.

Some of her self-perceived greatest achievements include earning a gold and silver medal at the 2023 World Triathlon Championship in Hamburg, Germany, a gold medal in a national triathlon, qualifying for the PIAA State Cross Country Championships twice, and qualifying for the PIAA State Swimming Championships once.

Unlike the other track and field stars, Caleb Strawhecker, is an

honorable member of the Avon Grove varsity baseball team. He committed to West Chester University, an NCAA Division II school for sports.

Caleb was intrigued to join WCU due to the increasing amount of opportunities offered there.

"I have an opportunity to play a lot as a freshmen."

He also wants to join WCU due to it's proximity.

"The campus is great and has a big town. I liked the feeling of having a pretty big school while staying close to home," he stated.

For Caleb, his love for his sport came directly from the competition aspect of the game.

"I like to see and be around players who are already at the next level. It motivates me to make the most of what I have and keep working harder for it. It has definitely shaped my life and given me friendships I wouldn't have without it," he observed.

Though he is determined to become a professional baseball player, he does have his safety net option.

"If I were to go that route, having a degree for after my playing career is very important. I'm pursuing a business degree at WCU," he mentioned.

Caleb joins six other baseball teammates who will also play in college.

A total of 19 seniors signed their letters of intent on November 8 in the high school gymnasium.

## COLLEGE COMMITS

ELIAS CHASE- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	AVA PFAFF- UNIVERSITY OF DENVER	EMILY KLEIN- ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
AIDAN CASEY- ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE	TRENT DOSENBACH- UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON	KEITH MINTSCHENKO- ALFRED UNIVERSITY
TREVOR DOSENBACH- UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND	NATHAN SCHWING- ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE	JOE O'CONNOR- PSU ALTOONA
ABBEY MACDONALD- MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY	ALEXIS MANFREDI- VIRGINIA WESLYAN UNIVERSITY	MARY KATE WALKER- SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
EDEN VEENEMA- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	PAYTON HALE- BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY	RILEY WIERCINSKI- WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
SYDNEY CORRELL- UMASS- LOWELL	BRAYDON GOLDSTEIN- ROLLINS COLLEGE	ELLA CARWILE- ITHACA COLLEGE

verbal commitment, I have been in communication with many of my future teammates on a regular basis. I feel as if I'm already a part of the DU family," she remarked.

For Ava, her love for racing started from home, where the heart is. "From a young age, my parents



## CLASS OF 2024

# College athletics at three levels

## Comparing the varsity, club, and intramural levels in college sports

By  
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Staff Writer

57% of students played at least one year of high school sports according to *Education Week*.

A little over 7% play varsity sports in college and less than 2% play in Division I according to ScholarshipStats.com.

There are more options than just varsity in college. Other than varsity, there are club and intramural sports.

If a student would like to play at the varsity level, they could either walk on or commit to their school for the specific sport. Club teams have tryouts and are compared to travel teams outside of the school. Intramurals do not have tryouts, but the players are responsible for organizing their team.

The time commitment between all three levels varies heavily with 8-12 hours of more work as you go up. Being varsity means more work all the time, while club and intramurals are only during the respective sports season.

Griffin Edwards, AGHS alum and a lacrosse player at Wagner College, said, "We just finished

20-hour weeks and are now in 8-hour weeks."

The 20 hours include practice, lifting, and film, but it is the off-season for lacrosse, so that is why they cut down to 8 hours a week. He also puts in 2-3 hours a week by himself.

The lacrosse season starts in the spring. Edwards is putting in the same amount of work in the off-season as a club soccer player.

Nick Giambra is a club soccer player at Millersville University, who plays 8-9 hours a week. The team travels for games but does not go as far as Griffin Edwards' team will go during his season.

Cameron Graber is a student at the University of Delaware and was a part of an intramural team. His team had 30-minute games once a week.

College club sports are sports offered at universities or colleges where different schools compete with each other.

Intramural sports are much smaller compared to clubs, as they only play other teams at their school.

"A bigger college definitely has an impact on the experience of club soccer. For example,

Penn State has many more players to choose from and most of those players are people who were almost good enough to play for their school team," said Nick Giambra.

Schools like Penn State may also have more time commitment, further travel, and more students trying out for the team.

Intramurals is open to all students who want to play, have fun, and hang out with friends. The club sports are aimed at players who still want to play competitively, but can't do it at the college varsity level.

With all the hours committed, they may be concerned about having time for friends and classwork.

"It doesn't affect college that much. I still have time to do everything else I need to do and I don't miss out on social events," said Griffin Edwards.

For the social part of intramural soccer, Cameron Graber said, "Intramural affected the people I met and the relationships that I grew because of meeting new people on the team."

When on a team with the same people around, it is easy to make friends. For intramurals,



-Photo by Jessica Giambra

Nick Giambra (#14) had 2 goals this season for the Millersville club team.

everyone is on the same campus, making it easier to find new friends on any team.

Varsity and club friendships are mainly with teammates. For Griffin Edwards and his varsity team, there are at least 8 hours a week where he is with his teammates and that's without them hanging out in their free time.

Club sports do not have as

much time together, as they are only together for the season of the sport. Still, Nick Giambra was able to make friends with some of his teammates and had more time to hang out with them outside of soccer.

All levels have their benefits depending on the player's skill level and the amount of time willing to spend.

## LOCKDOWN

# Preparation and drills credited for calm demeanor, safety

COLUMN FROM PAGE 1

Throughout this I was with my friend, Morgan O'Donnell.

"I felt nervous and scared because I never would've thought that the school would have a real lockdown," explained sophomore Morgan O'Donnell.

O'Donnell stated that her first instinct was to hide and stay with the class.

"Mr. Myers took us to a small closet and made sure we were all quiet. I felt safe because I was with my teacher and in an isolated area."

At around 11 o'clock, Dr. Snead told us we would be getting dismissed from school early and this was when we were able to go back to the actual classroom instead of the smelly, cramped closet.

My teacher, Mr. Myers, was calm throughout the lockdown and stationed himself right in front of the door the entire time. I think that he handled the situation well.

"I felt a bit nervous when Dr. Snead originally announced we were under lockdown because I was concerned about protecting my students since I have the glass wall that exposes us to the hallway," stated Mr. Myers.

Mr. Myers recalled his perspective on the event, "I told my students to get out of sight in the glass. We locked down by getting out of view of the hallway."

"I felt very prepared. We (the teachers) had a drill during an in-service last year where we simulated an active shooter event. I snapped into the response I have been trained for."

Morgan O'Donnell reflected on her experience with the lockdown and stated, "I would have ran out of the school instead of hiding because I could have gotten out of the building faster and would have made myself safer than staying inside the building where the potential intruder would be."

At the time, there was concern that the intruder was outside, so going outside would not have been a good option.

Mr. Myers, Morgan O'Donnell, and myself all had our own experiences with the situation. However, we were all together in the same classroom.

I think the best way to describe this classroom layout would be that it looks like a "fish bowl" due to the glass surrounding the majority of the classroom.

In my opinion, I think that it risks the students' safety if there were to be a situation like this again.

However, I think that my teacher was well prepared for this which makes practicing lockdown drills much more important to do annually.

## LOCKDOWN

# Staff, students react to different lockdown experiences

LOCKDOWN FROM PAGE 1

"I knew [students still in the building] were good because they were still talking to me, but at the same time they were in much more danger than I was," said Yarnall.

Junior Sage Smith was in a first floor classroom when the lockdown started.

"I didn't feel fully secure. There are so many windows in the cafeteria and throughout the building."

Texts between parents and students passed rapidly; news was being shared as it came in from administration and students were looking through windows.

Senior Anna Parcels was home sick on the day of the lockdown. Her friends reached out to her over text, including her boyfriend who was on the third floor of the high school.

"I was really scared because I had taken a nap and I woke up to a text from Nick. He said that the school was on lockdown and that it wasn't a drill and he loves me."

In the spring of 2022, staff members throughout the school district underwent a training exercise for shooting threats and incidents. Many teachers thought and hoped that they would never have to put their knowledge to the test.

"We shut the blinds, pulled the already locked door shut, and sequestered ourselves in the back corner of the room," said English teacher Mr. R.J. Pizzini.

"We had no idea what was going on, so I thought through endless possibilities. I tried to envision my reactions to whatever new information we received so that I could do my best to keep myself and my students safe," said Pizzini.

Mind swirling with thoughts, Ms. Tracey Happold-Brown gave a rundown on how she and her students protected themselves during the lockdown.

"How could I keep my students safe? What was going on? Was this real? Would we all be okay? That I needed to text my mom and my husband to let them know what was going on," Ms. Happold-Brown said on the topic of her thoughts at the time.

"My students were awesome! They took it seriously. They were respectful. Avon Grove kids are the best," said Happold-Brown.

Avon Grove's high school teachers followed the protocols which was no easy feat. They adapted to a sudden change in safety and security and tried to balance it with small things that were in their control, like locking doors and hiding where they could.

"Once we received the information that this was a swatting incident, we were able to debrief about our response to the incident and discuss the value of knowing what to do. I am very proud of the way my students handled the incident," said Mr. Pizzini.

## News Briefs

### Friends Cast reacts to death of Matthew Perry

On October 28, actor Matthew Perry, who was best known for his role as Chandler Bing on the television series *Friends*, passed away. According to *The New York Times*, Perry was found unresponsive in his hot tub at his Los Angeles home. He was only 54 years old. This is a very hard time for his close friends and family, and even for fans. Some people that the public are wanting to hear from are Courteney Cox, Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer, who are Perry's former co-workers and stars on *Friends*. They had said that they need time to grieve and process the loss. The creators of the show released a joint statement saying, "We send all of our love to his family and friends. This truly is The One Where Our Hearts Are Broken."  
~By Callin Maley

### A new cure for sickle cell disease may be coming, Health advisers will review it next week

On Tuesday, October 24, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration will review a gene therapy for sickle cell disease. According to AP News, when patients undergo the treatment, stem cells are removed from their blood and CRISPR is used to "knock out" the switching gene. Victoria Gray, the first patient to receive gene therapy, stated that she "was being reborn" the day she got gene therapy. The FDA is looking to see if there are possible off-target effects. If the treatment is allowed on the market, then the product is expected to outline the potential risks.

~By LeeAnn Baker



**Nov. 17**  
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**Nov. 20-24**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 28**  
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**Dec. 5**  
CSHS Induction

**Dec. 6**  
Choral Concert

**Dec. 12**  
Band Concert

## Lytle's farm spans generations, impacts community

By  
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Staff Writer

In 1941, William Bradford Lytle purchased 40 acres of land in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania.

The farm was originally intended to be used for raising chickens to be able to sell eggs, raise turkeys to sell at Thanksgiving, and it had a butcher shop and sold produce.

Today, four generations later, the farm has become a staple in many families' fall festivities as a pick-your-own pumpkin patch and corn maze, known as Lytle's Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch and Farm.

Although the farm was a source of livestock and produce in the earlier years, Don Lytle, known as Farmer Don to many, took over the family farm in the years after World War II. He wanted to find a way to unite the local community after such a trying time.

In the 1970s he introduced the idea of starting a pick-your-own pumpkin patch. The idea was a success and brought many to the farm, until the 1990s when a frost killed the strawberry harvest, preventing the crop from ever growing again.

They needed to find a financial solution to keep the farm. Farmer Don decided to plant a pumpkin, where he would allow families to come for a hayride and pick their own pumpkins.

Flash forward twenty years, in an effort to raise money for their triplets heading to college, third generation David and Barbara Lytle added the addition of a scavenger hunt style corn maze, in addition to the pick-your-own pumpkins and hayrides.

Each fall the farm opens their season to the public in mid-September and closes Halloween.

Families come back each year from across the tri-state, as it has become a staple in their fall tradition, to pick their own pumpkins, purchase corn stalks, gords, straw bales, and cider.

A new addition to the experience this year was that the farm partnered with Crossan Kettle Corn to sell freshly popped kettle corn on selected weekends.



-Photo courtesy of Kayleigh DiEmidio  
Lytle's Farm started in 1941 and has spanned four generations.

Every Lytle generation leaves their own mark on the farm. The latest have renovated the property's farmhouse to become a for-rent place for patrons to live.

For some, the Lytle name is familiar within our school community.

Art Teacher Ms. Alyssa Lytle says that her first year of teaching was thrilling as many students would share pictures of them at the family farm throughout their childhood to now.

"Making this connection with students has been super helpful in creating and maintaining relationships with students," Lytle stated.

Patrons of the community are happy to see the farm continuing to open season after season as well as continuing to grow.

Most importantly, they are excited to see what the future holds for even more generations to come.

### FALL PLAY

## Tinker Bell flies onto AGHS stage



-Photos courtesy of the AGHS Yearbook

Above: Tinker Bell, played by Isla Palkovitz, gets direction from Peter Pan, played by Ruby Queen.

Below: Captain James Hook, played by M Welch, tells Mr. Smee, played by Brady Fox, his plan.



## Community members are thankful for family, friends

By  
**Hannah Strawhecker**  
Column

What is the one thing you are most thankful for this year? For some it may be family, friends, pets, or food. For me, it's the amount of opportunities for my own success.

I am lucky enough to be provided with access to the internet and social media, as well as the materials needed to become an entrepreneur, a scholar, and an athlete.

In order to lighten the mood and break out the holiday spirits, I asked *The Herald* readers to provide their input on what they are thankful for this year.

While most participants voted for family and friends, a few responses stood out to me even more. Some people are thankful for their pets, life, food, and the

ability to forgive.

One respondent says that her family, boyfriend, and Jesus are the reason she gets out of bed each morning.

Another respondent says that they are thankful for the ability to forgive others and themselves.

"Not only is it important to forgive others, but I have been able to forgive myself for when I do something wrong or don't try my best at something."

The three top voted Thanksgiving traditions were to eat or cook a traditional meal, watch an American football game, and celebrate friendsgiving.

However, one individual said that their favorite Thanksgiving tradition is eating "open faced sandwiches the next day- bread, mashed potatoes, stuffing, turkey, gravy."

Another informant tells us that their favorite tradition is "all the pumpkin spice flavors that are brought out during the fall season."

Out of 100 interviewees, 33% said their favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes, while 24% said macaroni and cheese, 14% said stuffing, and 10% said pumpkin pie.

The other 19% consisted of cranberry sauce, corn, sweet potatoes, turkey, and other foods associated with the holiday.

This Thanksgiving season, make sure you tell your friends and family that you are thankful for them.

It's a great time to forgive yourself and others, mend relationships and strengthen the ones you already have!

### What we're thankful for

- Family and friends
- Sports, teammates
- Jesus dying on the cross
- Family, boyfriend, Jesus
- Food
- Weekends
- The food we get to eat on Thanksgiving
- Dog and cats
- Grandparents
- Girlfriend and kids
- The ability to forgive
- Loved ones
- Being with family
- Husband and kids
- Friends, family, and health

\*Responses taken from a survey of 100 people



# Students opine on Swift-Kelce romance

By  
**Joe Lewis**  
Staff Writer

When two celebrities get together, paparazzi are all over them, but has the sports media gone too far with this romance?

According to Realtor.com, Travis Kelce even purchased a brand new \$6 million mansion in a gated community that resides in the suburbs of Leawood, Kansas to get away from them.

When it was first announced that Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift got together, Kelce's jersey sales went up drastically by a whopping 400%.

According to Bleacher Report, Kelce gained 1.1 million followers on Instagram amid their relationship.

How do high school students view the relationship between the two? Are they for it, or are they against it?

Junior Kayleigh DiEmidio is a huge fan of Taylor Swift. Despite her feelings towards Swift, DiEmidio believes that the relationship gets too much media attention.

DiEmidio says that "there's no

way it doesn't make Swift and Kelce uncomfortable."

Avon Grove graduate Julian Koudstaal also weighed in on the Kelce-Swift relationship. Koudstaal says he had to unfollow many sports accounts because they were going "over the top" with the coverage of the relationship and is quite annoyed by it.

Koudstaal adds that it's good from an economic standpoint, but not from a football standpoint.

Junior Abbey Hood and senior Delaney Stein think that the NFL is more diverse for the wrong reason. They both think that the Swifties care more about Taylor Swift herself than actual football.

Stein adds that it seems like ever since the relationship between Kelce and Swift started, that ESPN posts more irrelevant stats connecting the two stars than Travis Kelce himself.

Junior Leia O'Connor actually believes that this is positive for the NFL. O'Connor says that from an economic standpoint it was



good that the NFL switched over from just football to now Taylor Swift.

According to ESPN Stats & Information, on September 24, Vivid Seats saw a 173% increase

in site traffic for the Chiefs-Jets game amid Swift's sighting at Arrowhead Stadium.

# Jupiter shines brightest, meteors in view

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Column

This November edition of astronomical events is full of meteor showers and oppositions!

First on the agenda is the opposition of Jupiter. Jupiter, as you may know, is the largest planet in our solar system, and it is composed of hydrogen and helium with a metallic hydrogen core.

It is the fifth planet from the Sun, after Mars, making it very bright in the night sky. Not only Jupiter, but its moons are highly studied in the realm of astronomy.

The Galilean moons are: Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. Of course, with the gravitational influence of the giant, Jupiter does not only have four moons, it has around eighty natural sat-

ellites.

When a planet is in opposition, that means it is directly opposite of the Sun in the night sky. It rises in conjunction with the sunset and sets at sunrise. This also means that Jupiter is the brightest it will be until the next opposition because it is the closest to Earth that it will be.

Its closest approach is from November 23. If you miss it, don't worry! Jupiter isn't going anywhere.

Now for the meteors. This month, be on the lookout for Taurus the Bull, because the northern and southern Taurids came this month.

The southern Taurids lasted from November 5-6, and the northern Taurids appeared from November 11-13.

Tomorrow, the Leonids will peak. Leo can be found early in the morning in the northern sky.

And finally, on November 28, the Orionids peak in frequency.

Now for conjunctions and passes.

On November 9, Venus passed behind the moon in an occlusion event. This will happen in the early morning, so if you were getting ready for school in the morning, if you noticed the moon on the November 9, maybe you caught it without even knowing.

Another exciting pass is on November 25 as the moon will pass right by Jupiter. I know I'll be in my front yard with my telescope to see this up close!

At this pass, the moon will not be fully full, it will be a waxing gibbous approaching full. This brings



us to the Beaver full moon on November 27.

You won't want to miss this, not only for the beautiful moon, but also for the position of the open star cluster Pleiades in relation to the moon. They will pass right by each other!

*Editor's Note:* All data and information sources are from the National Aeronautics and Space Agency's website (NASA.gov)

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