No tricks this Halloween as students collect food for Grant County Food Shelf

Members of the Ashby High School Student Council and National Honor Society hit the streets of Ashby on Halloween to collect donations for the Grant County Food Shelf.

A call was put out to residents requesting donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, or monetary donations to be ready for when the trick-or-treaters came around. From 6-7:30 p.m. a variety of students from grades seven through twelve canvassed the town gathering 1,200 pounds of food and paper products, as well as $55 in cash donations.

On the following Thursday morning, four of those students joined in bringing the bounty to Elbow Lake where Food Shelf coordinator Deb Lacey thanked the students and community of Ashby for their generous contributions.

A look back on Homecoming 2018

By Kaylee Schlundt (9)

Homecoming week has come and gone, and it was a great week filled with school pride and fun activities! On Friday, Sept. 27, the junior and high school decorated halls and performed skits that they had been preparing all week.

The juniors took first place for their skit, and the freshmen and eighth graders tied for second place. On Saturday, we kicked off homecoming week with coronation and the dance! Seniors Christian Norby and Josey Ness were crowned 2018 Homecoming King and Queen.

Also, at coronation the eighth, ninth, and 11th graders showcased their awesome skills. Monday was Spirit Day, and the school was filled with maroon and gold. At 2 p.m. that day was the annual pep fest and parade. On Tuesday, the dress up day was Imitation Day where the students dressed up as anyone they would like.

Also, that day was the 7th-12th grade dodgeball tournament. The sophomores excelled in their dodgeball throwing skills and took first.

Wednesday was Pajama Day - a student favorite. On Thursday it was solid color day: most kids wore all black but there were some colorful exceptions. Friday brought a flood of jerseys into our school. That’s right, it was jersey day! At lunch there was tailgating, and during fifth and sixth hour there was a bean bag and blind volleyball tournament. Friday night, the WCAA Knights took on Staples and had an awesome win! Homecoming week was a sure success for the Knights.

Social Studies teacher Mr. Tom Gronwold was the man behind our homecoming this year, as he filled in as Student Council adviser while Mrs. Noelle Kratzke was on maternity leave.

“Homecoming was very successful,” said Gronwold. “We had lots of activities with lots of kids participating.” His favorite dress up day was spirit day because, “it kicked off the week and everyone looked good at the pepfest. We could show the community our school spirit.”

Gronwold was a bit stressed, however, about all the planning. “It takes a lot of time, and it’s a lot of work,” he said, “but the help of the student council and Student Council adviser while Mrs. Noelle Kratzke made it better and easier.”

Members of the 2018 Homecoming Court included left to right Haleigh Brendmoen, Sam Heeter, Celi Nelson, Deklin Goeden, Kalista Aamot, Scott Johnson, Eli Johnsrud, Brad Anderson, King Christian Norby, Queen Josey Ness, Annika Anderson, Dakota Ecker, Anissa Heinrich, Jaden Norby, Shelby Smith, and Hunter Norby.
Homecoming

Gronwold went on to talk about the activities of the week. “Dodgeball is always the most fun to watch for me,” he said, as he also talked about how unique Ashby’s Homecoming is. “It keeps a tradition alive that runs back a long ways,” said Gronwold. “It’s a chance to involve the community in what’s going on in the school.”

Student Council member, Matson Hoff had some fun this Homecoming, especially on Friday. “My favorite part of Homecoming was the football game because we had a big win,” said Hoff. “It felt good to win because it was my first varsity Homecoming game.”

A favorite activity this year for Hoff and many other students was the addition of the bean bag tournament. “It’s fun to play bean bags one more time before we get serious about school.”

Hoff enjoyed all of the dress up days this year but said pajama day was the best “because I didn’t have to change when I woke up.”

The general consensus among the students is that Ashby’s Homecoming is far superior to the other schools. As Hoff said, “We have a lot more school pride than the other schools.”

Outdoor learning

In conclusion the kids had fun and liked learning about the area’s wildlife. Many of the kids talked about how much fun they had on the trip. They said they learned a lot.

Having the kids go on field trips like the Prairie Wetlands trip is good because when kids have fun they are more likely to remember the things they learned. It is also a good way for kids to get out of the classroom and learn.

Think Fast!

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Check out the next issue of “The Golden Arrow” for the results of the Junior High season and outlook for the Senior High teams.
For the love of reading

By Joan Mannumadi
(12)

Once again, Ashby Public School hosted the annual Scholastic Book Fair as it has for the past 35 years. Although the book fair is held in the media center, the fair used to be set up each morning and packed up every night in the hallway by Heidi Kent’s room.

“We have a book fair in order to get books into the students’ and their family’s hands at affordable prices,” said Julie Van Santen, who is in charge of running the book fair.

There was a wide selection of books to suit the tastes of those from elementary to young adult; there was even an added Spanish selection this year. Aside from books, there were also many other miscellaneous products that can be purchased as well: things like pens, pencils, erasers, posters, bookmarks, finger pointers, diaries, and various types of kits. The books and merchandise were provided by Scholastic and earnings from the book fair go towards improving the book selection in the Ashby library.

The book fair is operated by volunteers from the Ashby community. “I am so very grateful to the people of the community that help out,” said Van Santen.

The fair was held in the media center from October 22-26, and students were able to browse and purchase books any time through-out the school day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some books that were kept from the book fair for the library where Diary of a Wimpy Kid, I Survived, and many others.

Ashby 8th graders take annual trip to Terry Redlin museum

By Lilly Evavold (9)

On October 23 the eighth grade art class went on their annual trip to the Terry Redlin Center in Watertown, SD. The Terry Redlin Center is a museum full of Terry Redlin’s original art from 1978 to 1984 and every original after. The eighth graders have been going on this trip for about 15 years now.

The annual tradition began in 2005 when Ms. Camille Schultz asked her eighth graders where they should go on a trip. Jordan Lillenrud said they should go to Watertown, SD where he hunts and see the Terry Redlin Center. “It’s perfect because we are a hunting and fishing community and enjoy art like that,” said Ms. Schultz.

When this year’s eighth grade class went to the Center, they had a trap, archery and merchandise competition at the Terry Redlin Center. “Traps is a fun and competitive sport that anyone can be good at,” said Sorenson.

FFA Annual Fall Rally and outdoor competitions

By Ashlyn Markus (10)

FFA Adviser Dustin Steenblock wants to see 100 percent of the Ashby FFA members at a competition in Alexandria, September 26. The competition featured many other miscellane-ous products that can be purchased as well: shooting trap, archery, and orienteering. One of the biggest events, with the most contestants, is trap.

The FFA state program held the competition at the Alexandria Shooting Park, which also hosts the Annual High School Shooting events once a year. The reason for doing these competitions is to educate youth on how to responsibly handle guns and bows in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Ashby sophomore Zander Hanson was a participant in this year’s competition. “I like trap because it’s a good experience and a great way to make new friends,” he said.

Sam Sorenson, a freshman who also attended, also had a great time and is a member of the Ashby Trap Team. “Trap is a fun and competitive sport that anyone can be good at,” said Sorenson.

FFA and the annual outdoor competitions are also a great way for all grades to have bonding time and set an example for future generations.

Discovering art at the local level

By Anissa Heinrich (10)

The eighth grade art class went on a field trip September 21 to Battle lake to the Lakes gallery. Several different media exhibits were on display including quilting, relief sculptures, paintings, and drawings.

The students did credit lines of many artworks and wrote about the media choice. The students learned plenty of new things to add to their own art. “I learned that famous art isn’t always in a big Smithsonian museum or in a big city,” said Kennedy Skougard. “All the art was worthy of that, yet it was an average person’s art in a tiny gallery in a small town.”

The purpose of the trip was to expose students to artwork from people they may know or locals around the area. It was also to show competition in the style of Terry Redlin which was judged and prizes were received.

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By Joanna Skougard (10)

Once again, Ashby High School Art students had a chance to show their art at the Terry Redlin Center in Watertown.

This year there were 37 participants in the Terry Redlin Art contest. Students submitted art to the Terry Redlin Center, and their artwork was judged and prizes were given.

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Elementary Corner

Touch a Truck event held for youngsters

By Ashlyn Markus (10)

On October 11, Heather Dewey and her preschool class put together a family event called Touch a Truck. Community members brought all different kinds of vehicles for kids and family members to look at and touch.

The vehicles brought to the school were a race car, a cop car (Jeremy Obright), a John Deere and a Coots Ice Castle (Kyle Nylander), a Lakeside Lumber flatbed truck (Rossam), a crane (H&R constructions), a CAT tractor (Dewey Farms), and a fertilizer truck (Ashby Equity) to name a few.

Around 120 people from local and surrounding communities joined in on the fun. This is a good way for family and friends of all ages to bond and enjoy the up-close sightings of the local vehicles that are seen on the roads everyday.

The program is open to students from preschool through sixth grade and consists of free time to play, a snack, library time to read, craft time, and a special activity each day. Often the kids get to have breakfast in the cafeteria and craft time.

Currently there are about 45 kids signed up for the after school program, although only about 15-20 kids show up each day because they come when they need to.

Due to the success of the after school program and the growing need for child care in the morning hours, Ashby has created a before school program which began on September 10, 2018 by new principal Jon Moore. The before school program starts at 7 a.m. and ends around 7:45-8 a.m. It is usually more low-key than the after school program.

The kids get to have breakfast in the cafeteria and craft time.

Currently there are about 20 kids signed up for the before school program. In order for a parent to enroll their child in either the before or after school programs, they can contact and get paperwork from the office.

Laura Pettit Grade 5

By Tarryn Hill (10)

Laura Pettit decided three weeks after graduating with a Communication Studies degree that she wanted to go back to school and get her elementary education licensure. She was very lost going through college, not knowing what she wanted to do afterwards, but she finally realized that teaching was her right path.

Pettit is excited to make a difference in people’s lives. “There are so many kids that need someone to care about them,” said Pettit.

“My goal as a teacher is to make sure every student feels that someone cares deeply about them.”

Pettit grew up in Howard Lake, but after performing her student teaching last year with Ashby fourth grade teacher Brenda Johnson, Pettit fell in love with Ashby. “As soon as I left my interview with John Kent for coaching softball that spring, I immediately knew I wanted to be part of the Ashby community,” said Pettit. “Ashby reminds me of the small town I grew up in, and I love how welcoming and friendly everyone is.”

Pettit is now the new fifth grade teacher and is beyond excited to start here teaching career here. She also coached junior high volleyball this year and plans to coach JV softball again this spring.

Marisa Baune Grade 6

By Lilly Evavold (9)

Marisa Baune joined the Ashby crew this school year as the new sixth grade teacher! She originally comes from Wabasso.

Prior to teaching in Ashby, Baune taught mostly fifth graders for eight years at Kerk-zMurdock-Stenburg. Her favorite subject to teach is math.

Baune knew she wanted to be a teacher when she was in first grade and her oldest brother was going to school for elementary teaching. He is now also a sixth grade teacher, and another brother is a assistant principal. So one could say teaching runs in her family.

Baune has two young sons. Her first son, Zayne, is in preschool.
Helping kids know they are not alone

Many new faces in the halls of AHS

Interviews by
Kyra Aamot (9)
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Several new faces have been seen throughout the halls of Ashby High School since the beginning of the 2018-19 school year as families move into the district.

Grade 11
Austin Audefdenkamp

Austin is one of the new students in the junior class. He says he likes Ashby and the people and has made plenty of new friends. Austin came from Bison High School in South Dakota. He enjoys going to the movies and spending time with friends.

Grade 10
Colby Finkelson

Colby is the son of Darren and Kris Finkelson, and he only has one sibling – his sister Kaitlyn who is in sixth grade. His family came to Ashby because they wanted to be closer to their grandparents.

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By Paton Smith

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By Brandon Anderson

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AHS Band performs at Timberwolves game
By Jacob Rein (10)
On October 26, Mrs. Ruth Umbaugh and the Ashby High band students took a short three-hour bus ride to Minneapolis to take in a Timberwolves versus Bucks game. The main reason for going was an opportunity for the group to play band in the stadium prior to the game.
On the way there, and on the way back, the group stopped at the truck stop in Clearwater for its famous bakery or other snacks.
After playing by the court near the players warming up, the band members made their way to their seats a few rows up and got some food for the game.
During the game the Ashby kids got to see the team mascot, Crunch, place second in musical chairs against the other contestants along with a break dancing group. All in all it was a fun trip for everyone even if the Timberwolves ended up losing 95-125. All the students commented they hope this experience will happen again in the future.

Jr high football team undefeated on season
By Tristin Anderson (11)
The West Central Area / Ashby Knights junior high football team had very good year as they were undefeated all year! In an interview with members of the team, they said that one thing that they could have worked on during the year was having a good attitude. One thing that they were proud of was how good their defense was.
The junior high team played a total of six games for the season.

Brian Heston

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Studying problems
by Zach Fagre (9)

Have you ever been studying and find it very hard to concentrate? I know I do. I find myself getting distracted by social media, video games, Youtube, and tons of other things at my house or at school. I have my phone on silent or I turn it off. Another thing that helps other people as well as myself is eating a certain gender. I find myself eating some chocolate, like a Hershey's bar or even chocolate milk. The motivation is what you’re looking for trying visualizing your goals

Gender dysphoria
by Tanner Hart (12)
Gender dysphoria is a disease that makes people think they are a different gender than they were assigned at birth. Someone cannot identify as something that does not exist. It does not make sense.
People thinking that they are something else has been a problem for a while now, and it’s becoming a major issue. If I went around telling everyone I was a fruit, no one would believe me because it is impossible. So my saying feelings, I’m a woman when I was born is unethical. You cannot just say you are a woman when you were born a male. It is impossible for a third gender to exist because there are only two chromosome types a baby can have. If a chld has a Y chromosome, their sex AND gender is male. If they do not have a Y chromosome, they are female. No matter what gender you believe you are, you are one or the other, and it is determined at birth.
My final thoughts on this topic are that facts do not care about your feelings. And just because I say I am something, does not make me that thing.

Nowadays not only I, but many other students, feel like our schools WiFi blocks everything. There are students that need to use certain websites or watch certain videos for classes but can’t due to our school blocking almost everything.
According to Principal Jon Moore, the reason for the blocks is because kids are accessing things that are inappropriate. The only things our school should block are games and shopping websites as we don’t need to be looking at these things during school. Many times I have gone looking for information for classes but can’t access it due to the site being blocked. If our school didn’t block so much stuff I think kids would be getting their homework done faster, and it would be so much easier to find things for classes. I also think we should get access to the WiFi during the entire day because a lot of the time kids are having to use their own personal data if they have to use their phones for classes. Sometimes we have to upload a picture or video from our phones, which we can’t do on our school devices because we can’t use the cameras on them.
The cameras are blocked on the school devices because students might use them for things not related to school or bring them into locker rooms,” said Moore. “It is more for a safety reason, and so we cannot use them for bad things, but at the same time I do realize it is inconvenient as to some students need to record things for classes.”
With the school blocking the WiFi, students may have to once again use their phones to search for specific information to get around the blocks, again forcing them to use their own personal data rates.
“In my opinion, there is a time that we are looking up things for good purposes, but it is hard to access the things students need and it causes problems that we aren’t needed,” said Moore. “But having the blocks helps keep the school friendly and keeps kids from searching up bad things. It is just a good security thing to ensure that our school is friendly and safe.”
If the school would let the WiFi either be on all day so we didn’t waste so much data or not block so much stuff kids would be getting their work done faster, and it would be much easier for them to get it done as well.

The impact of controversy in pro sports
by Jacob Rein (10)
A lot of people in the world, or even our school, wear Nike products, whether it be clothing or shoes for sports or just general wear. That is why everyone was shocked when this fall Nike released an ad of Colin Kaepernick stating, Believe in something, even if it means losing everything.
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Colin Kaepernick was a former NFL quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers who probably is most known for kneeling during the national anthem in 2016 and starting a whole protest on police brutality and racial injustice.
Kaepernick’s contract with the team was ending, and he opted out. He resigned from the team and became a free agent, but no team ended up signing him. He is currently a free agent and is also participating in multiple

Jr high volleyball team strives for the best
By Cooper Peterson (9)
This junior high volleyball girls strives to make the 2018 season one of the best, and I have to say that they did more than strive.
“The girls improved a lot during the season,” said Coach Laura Petit. The team this year looked exceptionally good on the court, and their season matched.
They improved a lot from their first day of practice and their first game,” said Pettit. “The girls really did a great job this season!”
Fans cannot wait to see what the girls have in store for us in the next volleyball season!

The only job this season!

Nike/8

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Jr high volleyball team strives for the best
By Cooper Peterson (9)
This junior high volleyball girls strives to make the 2018 season one of the best, and I have to say that they did more than strive.
“The girls improved a lot during the season,” said Coach Laura Petit. The team this year looked exceptionally good on the court, and their season matched.
They improved a lot from their first day of practice and their first game,” said Pettit. “The girls really did a great job this season!”
Fans cannot wait to see what the girls have in store for us in the next volleyball season!

The impact of controversy in pro sports
by Jacob Rein (10)
A lot of people in the world, or even our school, wear Nike products, whether it be clothing or shoes for sports or just general wear. That is why everyone was shocked when this fall Nike released an ad of Colin Kaepernick stating, Believe in something, even if it means losing everything.
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Not enough time by Zach Fagre (9)

Have you ever found yourself wishing that you had more free time in the school day to just do what you want? Sure you get a half hour to eat lunch and socialize, but is that really enough? For example, the freshman class has Phy. Ed. right before going to lunch. Those kids that shower and have good hygiene oftentimes are late to lunch and find themselves rushing around to get everything done (like homework) that they need to.

People that are in sports often have to leave early for games or meets and have homework that they will have to do outside of school after their activities. If they forget their homework, they should have an opportunity to have a little bit of leeway and have some extra time in school to get it done. After all, they are representing our school in an athletic and competitive way. If we maybe had 10-15 extra minutes we could possibly get our homework done and in turn, all of us would get better grades.

Gun Control

Gun control has been a very controversial subject in the news lately, and many things about it have been spread around that are not true.

The majority of mass shootings occur in gun-free zones. Many shooters attack these areas because they know that nobody will shoot back at them. Also as the number of gun ownership went up, the amount of gun violence in the USA went down – this was found by a study by the CDC and FBI.

The number of lives saved by guns is much higher than the number of lives taken by guns.

There was a range of 500,000 to over 3 million defensive gun uses in 2013, according to research from the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council published by the CDC.

That same year, there were 11,280 firearm homicides and 414,562 nonfatal illegal gun uses, according to the CDC and National Justice Institute. The U.S. Dept of Justice says that three out of five felons will not confront someone with a firearm.

I hope these things show how good guns are, and I hope you change your mind on gun control.

A Wrinkle in Time: Book Review

By Tae-yah Johnson (12)

If you are into sci-fi/fantasy, I recommend reading A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle.

Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Joined by Meg's classmate Calvin O'Keefe and guided by the three mysterious astral travelers – Mrs. Which, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which – the children brave a dangerous journey to a planet that possesses all of the evil in the universe.

I suggest you read the book if you really like sci-fi/fantasy.

The Nun disappoints in the scare factor

By Tae-yah Johnson (12)

When a young nun at an enclosed building in Romania takes her own life, a priest with a past and a nun on the threshold of her final vows are sent by the Vatican to investigate. Together they uncover the order's unholy secret.

Risky not only their spread but their faith and their very souls, they confront a vicious force in the form of the same possessed nun that first terrorized audiences in The Conjuring 2, as the building becomes a horrific battleground against the living and the damned.

The Nun hit theaters this fall in time for Halloween, but folks looking for a fright were left disappointed as viewers found the movie predictable and lackluster.

Online reviews called the movie “Rotten Tomatoes.” One reviewer, Kelly Vance, stated, “The Nun is about as terrifying as a Cub Scout weenie roast.” Another movie-goer, Soren Andromed, had a similar take. “It’s all Aaahh and Eeeek! and on and on. It’s so sloppy and predictable, that it becomes laughable.”

The final review, by Christy Lemire, wasn’t quite as negative, but still called the movie “an empty thrill ride.”

A revolutionary musical

By Max Gronwold (9)

Hamilton came to Minnesota this past September 8, though it originally came out in 2015. Hamilton is a rap and hip-hop musical with instrumental beats based on the life of the founding father Alexander Hamilton, created by Lin Manuel-Miranda.

The musical covers Hamilton’s life from when he first immigrated to America to his death. The musical covers from 1776 to about 1804. The first act covers his immigration to America from the winning of the Revolutionary War and him becoming the first Secretary of Treasury.

The second act covers more political themes with Hamilton making the Federalist Papers with James Madison and John Jay, creating banks, and moving the U.S. capital from New York to Virginia.

The ending of the musical sees Hamilton in his old age, where he loses a duel and his life.

The writing in the lyrics is incredible with word play and memorable lines. The instruments were live, when I viewed it, which added an extra bass and shook you to the core, adding more emotion when it needs to. Most of the actors were incredible, with amazing voices and choreography. The incredible acting immersed you in their world. Mostly that is. There was one pretty big problem – Hamilton himself.

Hamilton, played by Joseph Morales, felt a bit stiff during the run time. You could not really hear any emotion and he sounded pretty monotonous. Compared to the other actors, who were all lively, and you could feel their emotion off their sleeves, Morales fell a bit short.

Being the main character, you have to remember the most lines and all of the choreography. However, I felt slightly disappointed when he did not capture the emotion of the scene.

The rest of the cast, as previously mentioned, did exceptionally well. My favorite performances were given by Julius Thomas III, who plays Aaron Burr, and Marcus Choi, playing George Washington. I felt they captured emotion in their voices with a level of intensity that fits the scene. Yet, the fact that the main character

Apple crisp

By Molly Sorenson (10)

I love apple crisp any-time of the year, but it’s especially good in the fall when the trees are changing colors and when you can pick your apples off the tree. I personally like it best when you add extra of the topping stuff.

Ingredients

6 apples, peeled and chopped (could also be sliced)
2 Tbsp granulated sugar
1 ⅓ tsp ground cinnamon
1 ⅓ tsp lemon juice
1 cup light brown sugar
⅛ tsp ground nutmeg
1 tsp all purpose flour
2 ½ cups cold unsalted butter, diced into small cubes
Pinch of salt

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F degrees. Butter an 8x8 baking dish, or spray with non stick cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a mixing bowl, add chopped apples, granulated sugar, ½ tsp of the cinnamon and lemon juice. Stir to combine and add to the prepared baking dish.
3. In a separate mixing bowl, add topping ingredients (brown sugar, oats, flour, 1 tsp cinnamon, salt, diced butter). Use a pastry cutter to cut the butter into the oat mixture resembles pea-sized crumbs. Alternatively, you can use two forks or even your hands to cut butter into the mixture.
4. Spread topping over apples in baking dish, and gently pat to even it out. Bake 40-50 minutes, until golden brown and bubbly.
5. Serve warm and enjoy!

Happy Thanksgiving

Nike

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Believe in something. Even if it means one less something.

Joseph V."
Hamlet’s performance was lackluster in comparison, but it can certainly not be ignored.

All in all, the entire experience was amazing. The Orpheum Theatre is great, and I had no issue with anything outside the musical.

The instrumentalists were incredible, and I heard no flaws in the music. The actors were amazing, though there were some flubbed lines along with all of my issues with the main actor. The story was easy to follow and tear jerking at some points. With all of my gripes I give the whole Hamlet experience a solid 8/10. I encourage everyone to listen, however you can, or go to the actual musical.

By Max Gronrowld (9)

Spidey Swings onto PlayStation 4

By Tarryn Hill

Pumpkin Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients for cupcake
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of ground nutmeg
- ¾ cup canned pumpkin
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup granulated dark brown sugar
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs

Ingredients for cream cheese frosting
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 4 cups powdered sugar

Directions

1. Make the Cupcakes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper liners.
2. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg & cloves.
3. In a bigger bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, both sugars and the vegetable oil until completely combined.
4. Whisk in the eggs, one at a time. Add the flour mixture in two additions.
5. Divide the batter between the baking cups, filling each about two-thirds full. Bake until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean, 18 to 22 minutes.
6. Make the Frosting: With an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat the butter until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the cream cheese, vanilla and salt and continue to beat for an additional 2 minutes. Reduce the mixer speed to low and add the powdered sugar gradually and mix until smooth and combined. Increase the mixer speed to medium-high and beat until light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes.
7. Frost the tops of the cupcakes.
8. Enjoy!

Emoji Crossword

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Unscramble the words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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BEEESTRMP
SVRTAEH
TECTHUNS
AUMUTN
ATOLFLOB

Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

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