

THE WINDSOCK

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!!!

BY: ANNA MILLER AND PAIGE HUTCHESON

Your favorite ice cream experts and enthusiasts, Anna Miller and Paige Hutcheson, are ready to tell you about how a few local ice cream stores stack up against each other. Ice cream is a cold, creamy, delicious dessert. A perfect frozen snack for these upcoming wintery days (for those who aren't lactose intolerant or allergic to dairy products). This month's contestants are Grammie's, Smileys, and Klines. We tried vanilla, birthday cake, and a fancy specialty flavor ice cream at each franchise.

- Grammie's: Specialty (peanut butter)
- Smiley's: Birthday Cake
- Klines: Vanilla

First off, we tried Grammie's ice cream. They only had an outdoor window, so our brave experts withstood the cold to stand to order ice cream to inform our loyal readers. To start off, the vanilla at this parlor was nothing to write home about. There was no vanilla flavor, leaving what can only be described as the flavor of milk ice cream on our tongues. The birthday cake here was not good, and some might call it bad.



It was swirled with ribbons of thick blue icing, and its frozen texture is nearly identical to the consistency of play-dough. Their redeeming factor, or should we say redeeming flavor, was the peanut butter overload. Creamy ooey-goey peanut butter layers mixed with mini peanut butter cups, created the perfect combination. Be sure to note that all of the ice cream textures at Grammie's, except for the birthday cake, were impeccable.

Next, we continued down Rt. 42 to Smiley's ice cream. While Smiley's did have an inside dining area, it wasn't heated enough to make up for the chill of the ice cream, so our fearless judges once again faced cold. The vanilla ice cream, similarly textured to Klines, was bland and had a similar milk-flavor to Grammie's.

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However, their birthday cake was impeccable. The texture, the flavor, and the appearance of Smiley's birthday cake captured the essence of a good birthday cake wonderfully. Light, fluffy, flavorful; it was everything you could want. Additionally, their specialty flavor, salted caramel chocolate chunk, was extraordinary. A vanilla base with caramel swirls and chocolate covered pretzels created a most pleasing atmosphere upon the palette. In the judges' opinions, Smiley's offered the best overall ice cream experience.

The final stop on this fun frozen adventure was Kline's Dairy bar. After traveling back to downtown Hburg via I-81, our beloved ice cream tasters arrived at their downtown location. For the third and final time, our brave experts endured the peril of the cold in order to appease the masses.

The vanilla at Kliens was a delectable, creamy combination of that classic vanilla flavor and the signature silky texture of Klines' ice creams. One of our fearless taste testers, Paige, had indulged in their birthday cake prior to this excursion, but was able to recall its qualities. There wasn't much birthday in this cake one could say. This flavor seemed to simply be their vanilla with the addition of copious amounts of sprinkles, as well as what may have been a hint of birthday cake flavoring, while overall leaving the ice cream enjoyer missing with a partial birthday cake flavored hole in their heart. The specialty flavor when we were there was blueberry cheesecake. Although our taste testers were skeptical at first, the combination of the cheesecake chunks with the swirls of blueberry resulted in a rather nice flavor.

All of that is to say that we have some pretty good local ice cream shops around that you should definitely check out if you can. Longing for a comfortable classic? Kline's is where you should go to get that silky vanilla ice cream. Wanting to celebrate with a cold, creamy snack? Smiley's has got you covered with their tantalizing birthday cake ice cream. Searching for some excitement and potentially a new favorite flavor? Grammie's has got you back with their peanut butter overload ice cream. Once again, if you have an opinion you'd like to share that disagrees with our obviously highly qualified experts---

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please feel free to not tell us. Tune in next month for another professional tasty food review.

	Grammie's	Smiley's	Kline's
Vanilla	6.5/10	7/10	8.5/10
Birthday Cake	4/10	9/10	7/10
Specialty Flavor	9/10 (PB Overload)	8/10 (Salted Caramel)	7/10 (Blueberry Cheesecake)

INDOOR TRACK! BY: NORAH GERLACH



Image courtesy of EMS Athletics

Moments ago, the starting gun went off, and I started the race. I'm three-quarters of the way around the track. Another 100 meters to go. I'm about to hand the baton off to the next member of the 4x400 relay team.

At the end of the relay, all of the other members of the team (totaling over thirty people) were waiting and cheering us on, which wouldn't have been the case just a few years ago. The indoor track season just started, and this year there are 35 people, which is great for a sport that competes with the popularity of basketball in the winter. Five years ago, when the indoor track club had just started, there were only eight people. The following year, in 2019, it became an official sport at EMHS. Chafin Vrolijk, who co-leads cross country and outdoor with Katie Cimini, began the indoor track club so that athletes could stay in shape and have competition during the winter season. The indoor track made a lasting impact at EMHS when it became an official sport, and this year proves it will continue to grow and hopefully inspire more people to run.

THE WINDSOCK WARRIOR ADVICE COLUMN

How can I help my friend who never gets sleep and is addicted to caffeine?

To answer this question, we must first inspect an ancient example of this. You are a peasant farmer, and you are experiencing debilitating concern for a friend of yours, who has come down with a sickness inflicted upon them by eating the tail of a sewer rat. There is practically no difference between this scenario and the one you have presented. You must stand in solidarity with your friend! Back in the day, you would've eaten the same delicious sewer rat appendage, and today, you must drink entire pots of coffee and stare into the heavens, wondering where it all went wrong. Consider it a competition; whoever suffers extreme burnout first wins! Best of luck!

To: Windsock Warrior
From: Anonymous Student

What do I do if someone is sitting in my chapel seat?

This is an act of war on their behalf. Just like the troubles in the Balkans of Europe in the year 1914, having someone muster the audacity to take your rightful throne is an insult to you, your bloodline, and everything you stand for. In this scenario, I suggest you print out an image of Billy Mays (May the Lord rest his soul) and tape it to your face, screaming words of goodwill and mercy while flapping your arms as though you were trying to signal a plane to rescue you from the perils of everyday life. If they still do not budge, start crying and summon the mighty Augustus King to do the job. Best of luck!

To: Windsock Warrior
From: Anonymous Student

How do I stop being jealous of someone who is so much cooler than me?

This question, my friend, has plagued teens and tweens since the beginning of time. The answer is more simple than one might think. Be cooler than them. You can't be jealous of someone that you're cooler than, that'd just be stupid. "But how?" Another good question, dear reader. There are a plethora of ways to become cooler than another, but my favorite is sabotage. Follow my simple three-step plan and you'll be loads cooler than them in no time. Step one: Turn their friends against them. A person's coolness and popularity can't thrive if no one is there to feed the fire. Step two: Steal their significant other. A cool person is obviously going to be dating another cool person. Everyone knows public opinion should be based on a person's romantic life. Step three: Give them weight gain bars saying that it'll help them lose weight. Before you know it, you will have blown past them in coolness. I hope this helps!

Author's Note: My editor has informed me that I cannot copy the plot to Mean Girls and think that no one would notice. Bummer.

To: Windsock Warrior
From: Anonymous Student

**HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE
WINDSOCK WARRIOR?**



MONTHLY INTERVIEW

COLUMN BY: HANNAH DREGDER

SHAWN VALENTINE

This month, I interviewed Shawn Valentine, a new student this year and member of the Varsity Boys Basketball team. Shawn said that their season has been great so far. They have a 3-1 record and plan on having a positive season. Shawn has been playing basketball consistently for five years and he plays because he enjoys the fast paced feel and the adrenaline rush he gets every time he plays in front of a crowd. He hopes his passion can carry him to college and personally, I believe in him! Shawn's favorite memory from this year was when Isaiah made a half court buzzer beater in practice to get them out of sprints.

Shawn chose to come to EMS this year because they offered him better opportunities not only in basketball but also educationally. He said it was a major adjustment for him going from being in public school his whole life to a small Mennonite private school, but the transition was easier than he thought it was going to be due to the teachers and students. One thing Shawn thinks people should know about him is that he jokes around a lot and it's his way of getting out of awkward situations and coping with things.



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SPECIAL QUESTIONS

Now, time for our special question! This month's question from Carson Cale is, "Which planet in our solar system is your favorite and why?" Shawn said that he'd choose Earth because it's the only planet with life and people, and he feels like without people life would be boring. His special question for next month is, "Would you rather live in the desert or Antarctica, and why?" which we will be asking Mac Rhodes-Lehman.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE QATAR WORLD CUP

BY: FATIMA POLANCO AND KATE PIPER

The FIFA World Cup is the biggest sporting event hosted in the world. Over 3.5 million people visited Qatar to watch the 32-team tournament. Celebrities, football leaders, Government, and even the royal families attend this every-four-years' event, including the 5 billion people that watch it on television. Countries bid millions of dollars to host this special event and give their national soccer teams an instant spot in the tournament. The average cost for countries to host a World Cup is around 10 billion dollars, with Qatar hosting the most expensive World Cup of all time with 229 billion dollars spent. The reason Qatar has had the most expensive World Cup is because they built seven stadiums with over 40,000 seats in each. They also built a mall which was as large as 50 soccer fields combined, to host their visitors. None of this would have been possible without the two million migrant workers who make up 95% of Qatar's labor force. The majority of these people are employed in construction or domestic labor, and many have traveled from South Asia, South East Asia and Africa to work there. Building for the World Cup started in 2015, and for seven years migrant workers were forced into hard labor for very little money, resulting in over 400 workers dying. The World Cup is an incredible world-wide event that has been around for 92 years, but having to put lives at risk for luxuries for the event is unacceptable, and countries like Qatar need to do better.

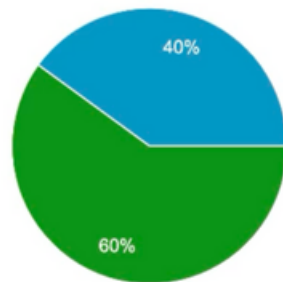
HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

BY: EMILY ROGERS

It's almost Christmas! Postcards are being written and lights are up in the hallway. Did you know Christmas lights were invented by Edward Hibberd Johnson, Thomas Edison's friend and partner in Edison's illumination company. At the time, Christmas trees were becoming popular. A big part of Christmas tree decorating was candles to light them up; however, they were a big fire hazard. Edward Hibberd Johnson saw this as an opportunity and hand wired 80 colorful bulbs, strung them on a tree, and even placed the tree on a revolving pedestal. By 1915 the lights were being mass produced and, now, over 150 million strands are sold in the US each year.

However, hanging lights is not a favorite tradition of the students who filled out the "Favorite Holiday Traditions" survey, but gift exchanges are enjoyed by many. The tradition of gift giving can be traced all the way back to cavemen! It was thought that if you had gifts, you were respected and had accomplished great things. Though, sometimes, their purpose was to show affection. During those times, common gifts were often stones or teeth. What do you think? Would you enjoy unwrapping a tooth under the tree this Christmas?

What is your favorite holiday tradition



- Watching a christmas movie
- Making a gingerbread house
- Christmas caroling
- Doing a gift exchange
- Watching/putting on a nativity scene
- Making christmas cookies
- Hanging Christmas lights

DABLOON ECONOMY

BY: MACKENZIE MILLER

Recently, a sizable community on the app tiktok created their own imaginary currency called dabloons, the name originating from a cat meme (as shown above). With said currency, the dabloon economy was formed. The rule was honesty and your notes app. The once small economic ecosystem evolved into a full fledged society. Burglars tried to steal dabloons, law enforcement tried to stop the burglars, a revolution began to overthrow the law enforcement. A mafia was started and merchants were selling anything from houses, to potions and weapons to defend oneself from burglars or the purge. As with any economy, inflation occurred when some individuals attempted to give out fake dabloons, sometimes by the million. Instead of prices skyrocketing like one might suspect, everything remained ridiculously affordable. Much generosity was shown through the endless options of free lodging, food, and defence. Many even gave away dabloons when you visited their shop or stayed at their bed and breakfast.



In the words of the wise alumni Claire Parsley, "the world is a bubbling, boiling, frothy, mucky, pile of goop at present." We live in an undeniably ugly time. With the rapid success of dabloons, many have speculated that the younger generation might be more competent than first expected. Maybe we should hand over the economy. Get more youth in political office. Give in to the revolution. Yet there is one question that leaves many on edge and pondering what the future has in store. Do you know the muffin man?

A CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLE

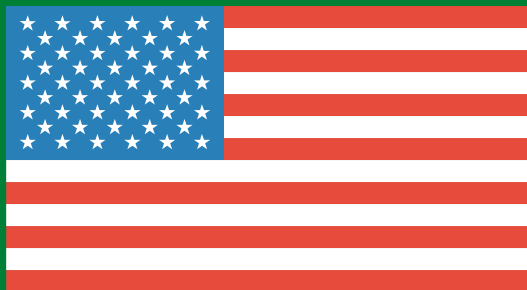
BY: RYAN HOSTETTER

Governments cannot be trusted. It is a simple statement but has so much evidence proving such, there really is no debate. Their biggest lie that they have convinced the world of is that not only space is real, but they have "gone" there. Let's just start with space first. What is space? Go ahead, try to define it. You can't, because there is "nothing" there. Strange, almost like space is nothing and therefore does not exist.

Traveling outside this world has always been a dream of humans. Having a fire breathing dragon as a pet and flying without wings are ones too. As you can see, some of these dreams we have are simply that, dreams, illusions we create to satisfy our creative desires. During the mist of the Cold war, some genius in a lab thought up a creation that was so brilliant, that the Soviets were befuddled. He invented space. Something that doesn't exist, and cannot be reached. Now think about the "race to space," if both countries tried to reach a dream, they're not going to admit they were chasing something someone made up as a joke, instead, they are going to fake reaching the so-called space dimension.

So the Soviets plastered the news with a "satellite" in space that in reality, never left earth's atmosphere. And the US of A created the first ever, fake moon landing. Just look at the footage, if it was on the supposed moon, why is the astronaut not holding the camera? Who is holding the camera?

I understand learning the truth is hard, it is hard to find out your entire world lied to you, but it's okay, just remember that while space doesn't exist, the world is still round--oh wait...



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

PRODUCED BY SAM CASTANEDA

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

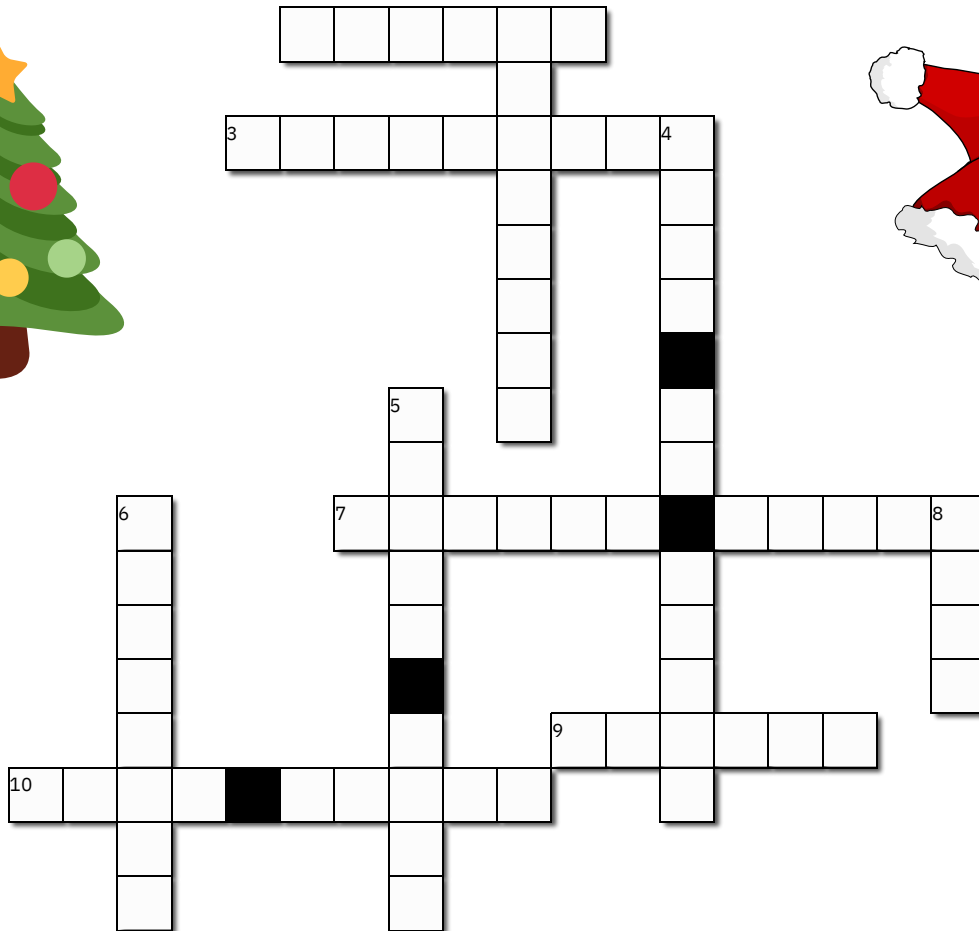
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Word Bank

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| 1. christmas | 2. elf | 3. cfd | 4. santa |
| 5. ornaments | 6. carol | 7. jingle | 8. star |
| 9. manger | 10. jesus | 11. lights | 12. angel |
| 13. jolly | 14. snowman | 15. stocking | 16. gingerbread |
| 17. mistletoe | 18. noel | 19. festive | 20. roudolf |

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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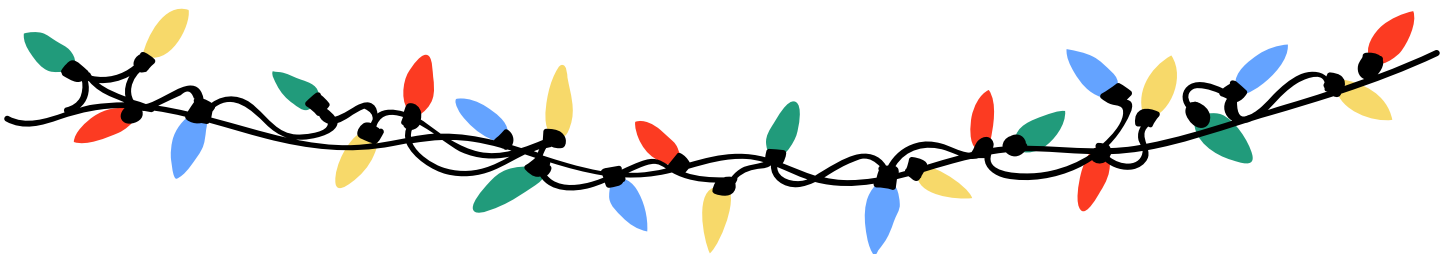
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Across

- 1 A time of waiting for the birth of Jesus
- 3 A season of jolliness and the birth of Jesus.
- 7 A classic Christmas tune talking about dashing through snow
- 9 That one guy who stole Christmas
- 10 A fun thing that EMS students can participate in

Down

- 2 The set of figures that shows the birth of Christ
- 4 The star that the shepherds followed
- 5 The dude who comes down your chimney
- 6 Things you open on Christmas day!
- 8 White stuff that falls on the ground.



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