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## IBHS library debuts new "Olympic Book Bingo"

By Lillian K.  
Managing Editor

The Illini Bluffs High School library offered a new challenge this winter for both middle school and high school students to participate in: "Olympic Book Bingo." Teachers Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Seaman came together and brought the Olympics to the surface for the students.

"I love everything about the Olympics," said Mrs. Lowe. "I love the stories. I love the crazy sports that we don't see here in the States. So, I wanted to do something related to that."

After that discussion, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Seaman knew that they had to do "something," and that took the shape of "Book Bingo."

During the month of February, students were given a bingo card with different categories to fulfill. While there were many to choose from, a few included, "Book set in winter, Award Winning Book, Book written by someone of a different gender than you and Book that was written by someone or takes place in another country." As the kids would complete

reading books, they would report back to the library to receive a sticker of a medal for each square that was completed. The goal of this event was to be the first to complete a BINGO and read as many books as possible.

Many individuals stick to a certain genre of books that they know they like; despite this, students were faced with the challenge to branch out of their comfort zone and read something they normally wouldn't to complete the bingo tile.

"Everyone is comfortable with what they like to read, but may not even know that they like something," said Mrs. Lowe.

The library saw a huge rise in book checkouts and calculated a total of 171 books completed during the duration of the Olympics. There was more middle school interaction within the month compared to high school students; however, being able to have the kids excited to read took some incentives. The students who placed in the top three medalists were awarded with a gift card, and the class period with the most medalists will receive a donut party.

"Kids do not read for fun anymore, and sometimes we've got



Freshman Audrey Dickinson, sophomore Garrett B. and freshman Carstin P.

to incentivize it," said Mrs. Seaman. "Literacy is at an all-time low, so anytime we can get kids excited about reading, and they're doing it out of their own excitement, that's a win-win-win."

Sophomore Garret B., freshman Carstin P. and freshman Audrey D. placed as the top three medalists for the high school, and Mrs. Halverson's seventh-grade class was the recipient of the donut party.

"I really enjoy reading a lot, and it was even more fun competing with

my friends," said Audrey D.

While the Olympics only occur every four years, this event could be tweaked in the future years to keep kids engaged with the topic of reading. To help keep the excitement of reading afloat in the library, Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Lowe are currently in the works to make different types of "book brackets" as we approach closer to the season of March Madness.

## Anything Goes: What you need to know before the battle

By Mallory S.  
Copy Editor

With 2026 Anything Goes happening soon, there are some noticeable changes this year that students are already talking about. While the event has always been known for its loud energy, friendly rivalries and unforgettable moments, this year is bringing a fresh twist to some of the classic traditions.

We have had a sudden loss of the balloon stomp game due to injuries in past years, which led organizers to rethink some of the more physical events. While balloon stomp has always been loud, chaotic and a crowd favorite, safety ultimately became the top priority.

While balloon stomping was taken out, there has been two new games added to take its place. The first is Box Stacking, which will be a tricky but fun game made up of seven huge boxes that competitors

must carefully balance and stack. The second new game is Pizza Box Knock, involving holding a pizza box with one hand, just as someone normally would, and trying to knock down your opponent's boxes with the other hand. This game will test balance and quick reactions, and it is expected to be both competitive and entertaining to watch.

The changing of the games is not the only difference this year. They are also removing heats for games that are timed, except for Tug of War and Dodgeball, saving us time for more games and keeping the event moving at a faster pace. In previous years, multiple rounds sometimes slowed down the schedule, but this adjustment will allow more classes to compete without long breaks in between. Overall, this change should help maintain energy throughout the entire event.

The last change, but definitely not least, is that students can gain spirit points for their class



Graduated seniors Devon White and Tessa Howard team up with then-sophomore Aubrey Duhs to eliminate the junior competition

by dressing up for the spirit days and taking a picture in front of the backdrop before school or at lunch. This gives everyone the opportunity to participate, even if they are not competing in a game. By encouraging more students to dress up and show their class

pride, school spirit is expected to be higher than ever.

With all of these changes, it is still believed that this year's Anything Goes will be a great year of competition between the classes.

# Weather whys: Planning for severe weather season

By Ella D.  
Managing Editor

This past Sunday, February came to a close, and with that begins March, but March isn't the only thing that has begun. Severe weather season is here as well, a season many wish didn't exist. As temperatures warm and birds start to sing, we may forget what could be along the horizon. Although to many it may not be officially spring, March 1 does mark the start of the season for Meteorologists, and with that begins the three most astonishing and terrifying months in weather: severe weather season. The spring months serve as a transitional period of weather with warm, moist air surging north from the Gulf of Mexico colliding with cold, dry air lingering from Canada, causing Tornado outbreaks, flooding, high winds, major snowstorms and enormous temperature changes. To many, Spring is a season of happiness and hope, a breath of fresh air after the long months of winter, but to others, it is a season of anxiety and panic. These elements of weather are anxiety-inducing for

many across America. Not being able to control the situation you are in, as well as not knowing what is going on, can be one of the most agonizing things to experience. Here are my top three ways of dealing with weather anxiety, coming from someone who has struggled with it in the past.

## 1. Have a plan

Having a plan in place for when the warning sirens sound can take a lot of worry off your shoulders. You'll know what to do, and you can tell yourself, if something were to happen, I am prepared, and I will be okay. Having a plan includes knowing where your safe spot is, prepping your safe spot beforehand by bringing blankets and pillows there, having a meeting spot in case you and your family were to get separated, having proper clothes on that include pants and closed-toed shoes and lastly having an emergency bag ready to quickly grab.

## 2. Have an emergency bag

Getting an emergency bag together can provide much

- 3 Basic Things to Include in Your Severe Weather Safety Plan**
  - Where to Shelter
  - How to Reach Each Other
  - Meet-up spot if You Get Separated
- Knowing Important Sources of Weather Information**
  - NWS Chicago Web Page: [weather.gov/chicago](http://weather.gov/chicago)
  - Watches and Warnings
- Have Multiple Ways to Get Weather Information**
- Ensure Wireless Emergency Alerts are Enabled on Your Smartphone**
- "Get In, Get Down, Cover Up" → Be able to quickly activate your plan!**

Knowing this information and utilizing these tips should improve your chances of being safe if severe weather threatens.  
**Be sure that you, and your family or coworkers, are familiar with everything on this list!**



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**Self-Assessment: Can you check all five boxes?**

comfort knowing you can do something if things become bad. In the emergency bag I would include things like a first aid kit, bottled water, nonperishable food items such as crackers since you may need to stay in your safe spot for an extended period of time, weather radio, portable chargers, flashlights, batteries, Identification, medical information, blankets and a helmet to protect yourself from flying debris as well as anything your pets need.

## 3. Watching Meteorologist

I personally believe this helped me the most. Watching weather personnel, whether that

be on your local news channel or a Meteorologist covering weather on YouTube. This will help you to know where the storm is, when it will impact you and how bad it is. Knowing these things eases the fear of the unknown; just make sure the person you are watching is a credible resource.

In doing these, you not only reduce your worries, but you also increase your safety, leading to a significantly reduced chance of being injured. I encourage you to do these things, but also do things that you have found and/or find that work for you, and as always, remember, don't be scared, be prepared.



# The competition of the year: Predictions for Anything Goes

By Mallory S.  
Copy Editor

As the most awaited battle of the year is upon us, the classes are busy with preparations. Between the tedious job of getting their banners ready and deciding who will be in which event, students are filled with spirit. As we hear insights and rumors relating to the games, we have predictions to make.

Rumor has it that the freshmen will be kicking off their start of the high school competition with some luck in the hobby horse event, but maybe struggling with other events that they lack experience in. Leaving them most likely in last place.

Not too far behind, and definitely not left out of the talk, are the sophomores, who are said to have luck in tug-of-war, and possibly spirit too, with their Vice President, Hendricks S., leading the way. It was the sophomores, current juniors, who won last year, but they have moved up and are staying ready. Putting the sophomores in third place.

Talking about last year's winners, the juniors are coming in seeking a repeat and are said to be good at relay; they definitely still have the spirit after winning last year. Given their five-point win last year, they have a strong chance of beating the seniors for first place.

Last, but definitely not least, are the seniors, predicted to go strong in the boys relay and girls tug-of-war, in their final year of Anything Goes. Running close to the juniors, the seniors will have a good advantage since they have the most experience through the years, as well as the fact that seniors do typically win, but it is believed to be that the juniors and seniors will have a close race.

Despite the rumors, each class puts in a tremendous amount of effort each year, between all of the different events and other ways to earn points. After tuning into some insight, let's see if these predictions are proven true.



## Stardew Valley: Ultimate update

By **Jac Y.**  
Voice Reporter

Stardew Valley just turned 10 years old! Leading up to the anniversary of the game on Feb. 26, the creator, ConcernedApe, did an interview talking about what he plans for this new game update, talking about new updates and where the game began.

Stardew Valley was originally called “Sprout Valley” before its initial name change; this game is a farming RPG where you inherit a farm from your grandpa who passed, as you leave the city life to live in the country you enter Pelican Town, where you can grow your farm and relationships with the towns people, being able to date and even marry someone if you want.

The game teaches the players how to live on their own and thrive off things you do for yourself and to help the people of Pelican Town, leading into the newest update 1.7, following 1.6, where we got the raccoon neighbors, green rain and even a new farm type called “Meadow Lands,” where you focus more on livestock than farming crops.

1.7 also brings us new ideas and even more exciting things. In this update, creator ConcernedApe has revealed the two new marriage candidates, Sandy and Clint, two NPCs that players have split responses to. Most players are so excited for Sandy being marriageable. Though most are hating even more on Clint, which is most of the Stardew community.

Some more information dropped by the creator is that he is going to update dialogues and even more cutscenes for the NPCs, giving more depth to the game's friendships with the player.

In the interview, there was one thing that stood out to the community.

“I’m going to make the children more interesting,” ConcernedApe said.

This quote led to many people wondering if the farmer’s children will actually be given the time they deserve, rather than just being in the way for the player. Bringing that forth, he also revealed that he would be giving the players some things they never asked for but think they will appreciate, leading to speculation of what this update could include.

There has been no release date for this update, but the Stardew Valley community is very excited for sure!



## Humor: The types of track athletes

By **Nathan O.**  
Sports Reporter

While Track and Field can be an interesting sport, there are many different stereotypes for each event. Here are some “accurate” ones that I think track athletes, at least at Illini Bluffs, could confirm.

### Shot and Discus

The only group of people who get food incentives for running. They spend 90 percent of practice lying down on the grass, but, unlike high jumpers, they consider the shot put their friends. I’ve also never seen them around at the end of the meet.

### Long Jump and Triple Jump

Long Jumpers and Triple jumpers will destroy their knees, then build sandcastles for the remainder of their practice. They only group of people who will delegitimize all of their scores by scratching three times in a meet.

### High Jump

High jumpers will have two good jumps, then sunbathe for the rest of practice on the mat that they’re supposed to be landing on. When the coach notices and tells them to join sprinting practice, they will claim to have a few jumps left, then go back to tanning.

### Sprints

Anything over 400m will instantly put them in a bad mood. They struggle with the warm-up jog, but will never admit it. They’ll prepare for a meet for days, just to false start in a seven-second event.

### Distance

The biggest complainers who do it to themselves. They will do a mile warm-up before a two-mile event and then cool down with a mile after. They will completely disappear on a jog to nowhere in

the middle of practice and wrap it up 20 minutes after practice. When everyone else is driving home, you will spot them jogging in the wild.

### Hurdles

They spend the majority of their practice stretching. When questioned about it, they will challenge you to try it. They spend hours practicing their craft just to wipe out at a meet. In fact, I recommend going to meets just to watch their glorious wipeouts.

### Relays

They will practice for hours just to drop their baton and DQ. For a sport focused on holding a baton, they seem to be afraid of it. The relay team will always claim to be able to break a school record, but there will always be someone who is having a bad day.

## Megan Moroney puts fans on 'Cloud 9'

By **Lillian K.**  
Managing Editor

Retiring from her signature color, royal blue, Megan Moroney stepped into a new era of pink and tiger print on Feb. 20 with the release of her new album, “Cloud 9,” signaling a dramatic shift from her previous aesthetic, but what does the album actually entail?

The new album consists of 15 songs, two of which feature Ed Sheeran and Kacey Musgraves. Before the full album was released, Moroney dropped a teaser called “6 Months Later,” giving listeners an early listen into her project and an insight into her new album. Throughout the record, the country artist presents a range of emotions, including heartbreak and confidence. With all this insight and emotion surrounding the album, companies were ready to jump on the advertising bandwagon.

To make the experience more interactive for fans,

Target is selling album-themed merchandise, which includes T-shirts, sweatshirts, vinyls and CDs. The vinyl includes a special feature not available on streaming platforms: “Traitor,” an exclusive track available only on the record. However, there are many songs fans can choose from.

Personally, it was difficult to choose an overall favorite, but after multiple listens, I decided that “Medicine” was a standout among the others I could connect with. But, no matter who you are, I am sure you can find a song that

speaks to you.

Overall, the album delivers a mix of stories, emotions and messages that listeners can relate to while also making a step further into the artist's career. Moroney is currently on a mini tour visiting nine cities in nine days with low-cost tickets of \$9 for fans, and she has already sold out multiple venues on her upcoming arena tour supporting the new album. I think it’s pretty safe to say that Megan Moroney’s fans will be glued to “Cloud 9.”



# Movie review: "Scream 7"

By **Serina S.**  
Copy Editor

The newest chilling Ghostface sequel has finally come out with the anticipated "Scream 7". The producers of "Scream 7" pulled together a fantastic movie to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Ghostface. It delivered nostalgia and thrill while also creating a new story.

"Scream 7" respected the original legacy while also keeping the story fresh with suspenseful events. Before watching "Scream 7", I had my own predictions, and surprisingly, for the first time, I couldn't guess who Ghostface was until the big reveal. While this movie was amazing and mostly unpredictable, it also has its own flaws. Warning: Spoilers Ahead.

Every "Scream" movie has made Sydney Prescott the target. In this movie, Sydney's daughter Tatum, named after Sydney's bestfriend in the original, was now the same age as when Sydney first got attacked. To create more fear in Sydney, Ghostface decided to turn his target on to Tatum, causing Sydney to experience the fear she's been anticipating since she had kids. I enjoyed the switch of focus because it finally gives Ghostface a new motive and gives fans a new story.

Though I personally enjoyed watching this movie, I was also disappointed by some of the plot choices. The character development was subpar; I wasn't impressed. Almost everyone had

maybe 10 minutes of scream time. In my opinion, I didn't get to know them, specifically Tatum's friends. I personally believe that they got killed off in a meaningless way, as if the producers put them there because they didn't know what else to do. They were all introduced at the beginning of the film and also had their own scenes with Tatum, Sydney or whoever else was with them.

Shortly after being introduced, they were killed off. There were a few survivors, but it was mostly everyone who had survived the other movies, including Tatum.

The producers also made Tatum's friends look guilty. It seems like they aimed to cast doubt on everyone's innocence, but then killed them off and made Ghostface random. I wouldn't prefer that approach because it reduces emotional depth, making the characters feel less significant overall. I also wasn't impressed by the reveal of Ghostface; it felt rushed, and I was disappointed.

They say all Ghostfaces relate to the target in some way, and I

guess, in a sense, for this movie, Ghostface was connected, but it felt irrelevant. One of the motives for Ghostface was being upset about Sydney moving to a quiet area. She believes the "final girl" should continue to experience trauma rather than being able to run from it. That part in the movie didn't make a lot of sense to me. Another scene that didn't make much sense was during the opening scene, Ghostface burns the original house down, and then it's not mentioned the rest of the movie. I feel like it should've been mentioned because it was a significant event, considering the house has been used in a couple of movies, and it's where murders have happened.

Despite the film's shortcomings, it was interesting and also made sense, which is more than I can say for some "Scream" movies (cough, cough, "Scream 3"). It did what it needed to do: honoring the legacy and keeping the nostalgia alive; I just wish they allowed us to invest in the characters before slashing their screen time.



## The merit of partaking in spring cleaning

By **Ashlyn F.**  
Voice Reporter

As winter's chill fades, we're presented with an opportunity to refresh not only our living spaces, but also our minds and bodies through the time-honored tradition of spring cleaning. Beyond the surface-level tidiness, this annual ritual offers a chance to declutter our lives both mentally and physically. This process is more than just tidying up; it's a chance to reset, enhance our well-being and create a more pleasant environment. Spring cleaning enables us to shed the old, make space for the new and experience a sense of renewal that can positively impact our overall health and well-being.

### Improved physical health

Deep cleaning eliminates allergens and dust that accumulate when windows are closed during winter, thereby reducing respiratory issues. This is achieved through actions such as thorough

vacuuming with filters to capture fine particles, including dust mites and pet dander and by regularly washing textiles like bedding and curtains in hot water. It also helps disinfect high-touch areas, removing bacteria and viruses. A focused approach includes wiping down doorknobs, light switches and remote controls with appropriate cleaning agents. By taking these steps, you actively create a healthier environment, reducing the spread of illness and promoting overall well-being.

### Mental health and focus

A tidy, decluttered space reduces anxiety and improves mental focus, as a chaotic environment can interfere with the brain's ability to process information. This helps reduce visual clutter, which in turn lessens the feeling of being overwhelmed. When our surroundings are arranged properly, our minds can also feel more organized, allowing for better concentration and

improved cognitive function. This sense of control over our physical space can translate into a greater sense of control over our thoughts and tasks, leading to enhanced productivity and a more peaceful state of mind.

### Long-term maintenance

This provides an opportunity to deep clean areas often overlooked, such as behind appliances, on top of cabinets and on baseboards. It prevents the buildup of dirt and grime, reducing the need for extensive cleaning sessions later on. Essentially, spring cleaning sets you up for a more manageable and consistent level of cleanliness throughout the year. It also helps appliances from burning out by reducing strain on motors and heating elements caused by dust and debris. Regular cleaning prevents overheating, improves energy efficiency and can extend the lifespan of appliances by several years.

## Finding what 'fits'

By **Mallory S.**  
Copy Editor

You've finally found the one, a floor-length strapless fitted gown, black with mesh cut-outs, but, most extraordinarily, the colorful, shattered glass pieces carefully placed throughout. The dress you bought on a questionable note is finally being worn on the day of prom, and you couldn't feel more confident now that the day is here.

Much like your dream dress, good friendships will fit you perfectly. As a female, you see different dresses throughout your life. It starts with Easter dresses, Christmas dresses and random church dresses growing up. Then, middle school dance dresses, if you decide to be someone extra fancy. When you finally reach high school, that's where it all happens. You have four homecomings, and that gives you four chances to find your perfect dress, if not all of them are.

Most awaited at my age are the two prom dresses, if you're not lucky enough to get more. With all of these dresses in their high school years, most girls will visit many stores, awaiting their dream dress. Each store you step into is a blank slate, and you get to begin trying on what you might believe is the perfect dress, much like starting a new school year and making friends in my new classes. Each year of high school, I have made connections with different people just by being in their class.

I start off the friendship open-minded, like when trying on a dress. You might immediately love the dress when you look at it in the mirror, then you might look at it a little longer and realize maybe it's not the one for you. The sequins could be too itchy, it's too hard to walk in or you don't feel supported. It's okay for the dress not to be your dress because there are always others out there, much like those friendships I've carried. Each friendship may have drained me more than the joy and sparkle that the perfect dress would have. It is important to protect your shine and not get upset when dress shopping because it could ruin the others for you, and you can miss out on the opportunity of finding your dress.

All of these dresses have led me to friendships I will cherish eternally. All of my past experiences have taught me lessons and put me in positions that I knew I wanted to stay away from, leading me onto the right path for myself.

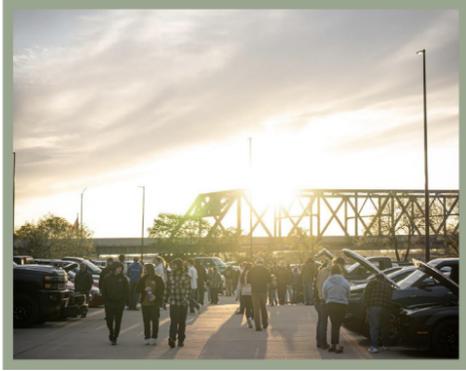
Having these learning opportunities through high school has given me the ability to know certain things that I know look good on me and that I like through dresses. But also what to look for in friendships.

These opportunities have also shown me who I will have around me for my very last dress; my wedding dress will be my last dress and the most important dress for me. That is where I'll have my official circle of friendships of a lifetime, handpicked by me, just like my dresses.

# Car shows: The when and where

By Skylar G.  
Voice Reporter

Compared to other places, the Central Illinois Truck and Car Scene is not as developed; however, there are still decent shows. Here are the best ones to go to if you want to see the largest variety of cars.



## Cars and Coffee Season Opener - April 4 at Bass Pro

The season opener of the Central Illinois Car Shows is at Bass Pro, hosted by Preston Lutton, the owner of the Cars and Coffee show series. You can expect to see several old school cars there, as well as newer and modified cars. It's a lively event that is usually one of the biggest of the season. While there are no competitions, you can expect food trucks and coffee vendors.

## Season Opener for Friday Night Lights - April 17 at Bass Pro

The Friday Night Lights opener is largely the same as the Cars and Coffee Season Opener. It typically features the same crowd, but is later in the evening, hosted from 8-11:30.



## Import Face Off - April 14 at Joliet Speedway

Import Face Off is a very versatile car show because you see different cars every time. There is drag racing, a drift event, speaker competitions and show and shines, which leads to a jam-packed event. The event has a mix of everything, but is focused on foreign cars, especially Japanese models like the Honda Civic. My favorite part is the rev battle, where crowds vote for the louder car via cheering and applause.



# Spring's back: The quiet impact that daylight savings time has on daily life

By Emma H.  
Voice Reporter

Twice a year, daylight savings time quietly reshapes our schedules—shifting clocks by an hour and subtly altering how we live our daily lives. While it may seem like a small change, that single hour that we'll lose on March 8 can have a big impact on sleep patterns, energy levels, mood and productivity. From groggy mornings to disrupted routines, many people feel the effects almost immediately.

## Sleep schedules

Daylight savings time mainly disrupts our sleep because we lose an hour when clocks "spring forward." That sudden change throws off the body's internal clock (circadian rhythm), which controls when we feel sleepy or awake.

## Daily routines

When we lose an hour of sleep, it forces the body to change suddenly—without giving people time to adjust.

Even an hourshift can create ripple effects throughout the day, such as rushed mornings. Darker mornings make it harder to wake up, especially for people who wake up very early. It also makes it harder to feel alert, often throwing off your entire day.

## School and work performance

Reduced sleep can temporarily affect focus, memory and productivity—especially during the early mornings. This ties into the daily routines. Darker mornings make it harder

to wake up, and that can affect your day at school and work. This can be tough, especially for young kids who may experience increased irritability and difficulty settling down at bedtime for up to a week, which can weaken school performance.

The evidence provided overwhelmingly suggests that daylight savings time is more trouble than it's worth. From disrupting sleep patterns to negatively impacting our health, the drawbacks of this phenomenon outweigh the benefits.



# My high school journey: Each semester in song

By Jocelyn J.  
Voice Editor

Throughout high school, music has helped me cope and see situations in a different light. Sometimes I felt like I was the only person going through these situations, but when I would sit down and listen to my music by myself, I would listen to the lyrics and realize I'm not alone. With that, certain songs have described my semesters throughout high school. They are not necessarily my favorite songs, but they called to me in that time of my life.

For the first semester of freshman year, the song that describes that semester is "End of Beginning." Now, this wasn't a song I listened to in my freshman year, since it hadn't come out yet, but it very much does describe that time in my life. Freshman year was, in a way, the end of the beginning. It was the start of my last four years of grade school.

Second semester of freshman year, the song that described my life was "Mirrorball." "Mirrorball" talks about how someone is reflecting off of the other people in their life. I related to this because second semester, all I wanted to do was fit in, so I was just acting off of others' actions. Thankfully, I realized later that I didn't need to do this to make friends.

First semester of sophomore year, the song that called to me was "Vienna," which talks about how someone needs to slow down, have dreams, but don't think everything you dream about will come true. At this time, this helped me cope with how hard I was pushing myself to be great. I never wanted to slow down and breathe, but that is all I needed in that moment.

Second semester of sophomore year, I was going through a much rougher time than the others. I related to "Doomsday" because it was making me realize that I wasn't the only one feeling like this. It talks about how your world almost feels like it's ending, and in my 15-year-old mind, my life was "over."

First semester of junior year, I was finally starting to feel like myself again. I related to "Almost" because I felt like myself, finally becoming who I was again. The song talks about how you are "almost" yourself again and finding yourself with other people. At this time, I was finally finding friendships that I needed and feeling like the person I was months ago.

Second semester of junior year, after kind of a rough year, I was finally feeling free again. I relate to "Free Now" because it talks about someone who you lost needs to find themselves and free you before they come back. I was finally freeing myself from someone who was taking hold of my life because I realized they needed to work on themselves before they could be there for me.

First semester of senior year arrived, the year everyone waits for. I relate to the "Girl I've Always Been" because, after feeling like I had to change myself my entire high school career, I finally felt like myself again. Feeling like I did when I was a little kid was the best feeling I felt in a long time.

In the second semester of senior year, I finally realized it was all ending. After being with these people for the better part of eight years, we're finally leaving each other. I relate this time in my life to "Landslide." As many times as I begged to graduate and leave, I'm not ready for us to all leave each other and go our separate ways.

# Staff picks: Favorite spring flowers

By Staff

## STAFF

### Lilacs: Emmi W.

"My favorite spring flower is Lilacs because they are so gorgeous and smell so good. My grandparents have two big Lilac bushes in their yard and whenever they bloom I go over and take some for my house and my teacher who loves them!"



### Tulips: Emma H.

"Tulips have been my favorite flower this ever since I was little. The colors, the way the petals are shaped, they're just so beautiful to me."



### Pansy: Emma M.

"It's really pretty and my dad's neighbor used to grow them. She grew a lot of flowers but this one was always in her main garden. Then, one day when we had those super bad storms a couple years back, her big tree in her yard fell and ruined her garden."



### Hyacinth: Carson B.

"I just think it's so beautiful. Multiple pedals all bunched together in cluster, but in a way that is not chaotic or too much."



### Daisy: Addy D.

"I love Daisies, so much so that I named my dog after them. They are so simple, but always super elegant. They bring fun and whimsy to every bouquet, and are by far my favorite spring flower."



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