



The 'Minion House' de-LIGHTS again

by Kelsey Pease

The infamous 'Minion House' lives on another year. It started many years ago with a decoration war and now 20 minion inflatables have grown into almost 70.

When couple Michael and Anne Porteau got caught up in a decorating competition with their neighbors, Porteau tried his best to go above and beyond. Once their neighbors put out an inflatable, the Porteau's followed. Porteau took it upon himself to travel to the store and buy not just one, but 20 inflatables, which all happen to be minions from Dreamworks' Despicable Me. Light lovers can find this display in New Albany at 2032 Indiana Avenue.

Bullington, students yearn to return to auditorium stage

by Kelsey Pease

Last March was the last time the CHS auditorium was filled with singing, dancing and costume fittings. Ever since, the lights have been dim and the stage, lifeless. As the district shut down last spring, rehearsals for the musical Oklahoma! were underway. Now a brand new school year has started, Dan Bullington, theater arts teacher, has been determined to put on a show for both his theater kids and the rest of the CCSC community, but the likelihood of this is still unclear.

"If we can't be in school and meet face-to-face, it would only go that getting a group of kids together would be just as dangerous, especially indoors," said Bullington.

The danger of getting a theater production together goes farther than singing and dancing. It actually extends to the building and overall set-up of it. According to Bullington, his classes revolve around this "hands-on" building and designing of the sets. With COVID-19 guidelines, not only can his kids not sing or personally interact, but they lack access to the materials needed to even begin production. This direct form of learning is something he is not able to offer to students this year in light of the pandemic.

"They know I would certainly be putting a show on if we weren't, you know. Matter of fact, if there had been no pandemic, we would have already finished our first show.

We would have already built a set. We would have been taking it down, getting ready for whatever the next thing was going to be," said Bullington. "I mean I've got plans..."

In case this stand-still continues, Bullington has begun making some alternative plans to the traditional theater production. One could be film-making. With his experience in the movie business, he feels he could pull it off. In doing this, Bullington can meet CDC guidelines with a social-distance-friendly approach. The other plan is Zoom rehearsals, which is something the theater department has already begun, at an attempt to perform Frankenstein.

"We haven't really been able to have any rehearsals, and if we do, it's on Zoom. Which is really hard for me, personally, to memorize lines," said senior Madison Money who earned the lead role of Justine. "They haven't really been that successful at all. We haven't even read through the script fully as a group that usually happens the first rehearsal." In addition to memorizing lines, the lack of internet for some is also an obstacle. Right now, the Zoom rehearsals have not completely met their expectations.

"The pause really let me see how bad COVID actually has gotten. I thought everything was improving, but I guess not," said junior stage manager Bailey VanWinkle.

As expected, this halt in production has affected a lot of students and Bullington, himself. Bullington says that what makes someone a good teacher is developing personal connections with students. Connection is something that has been dwindling since the start of the pandemic and trying to build those ties has become increasingly difficult as the days go by. This is true beyond student and teacher.

"I was really looking forward to Frankenstein and working with the freshman like my upperclassmen had treated me my first play but now I can't really do that through Zoom. I can't make those connections," said Money. "The upperclassmen made me feel like it was my home and welcomed me with open arms. I guess that's why I fell in love with it (theater) besides the applause."

While it is uncertain just how long the CHS stage will remain dark, both Bullington and his students are determined to put on some type of show this year whether it be Frankenstein or Little Shop of Horrors, another play that Bullington had planned. And despite the setbacks, the theater department is tackling each one and improvising for the future, while keeping their hopes and goals in mind.



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Holiday travels could result in viral circumstances

For quite some time, the World as we know it has been turned and twisted in all kinds of different directions. This past year has been filled with major historical events that we’ve gotten the opportunity to witness right before our very eyes. Predictably, these times have been stressful and mentally hard on everyone. We all could use a nice, worry-free vacation, but as logical and caring human beings, no one should pursue this day dream.

The need for normalcy has been floating in the air. Everyone wants things to go back to normal and everyone wants COVID-19 to go away. For most, ignoring what is really going on has been very easy. So easy, that several families are still planning on traveling for the Holidays. They are still planning vacations and weekend trips. This is very irresponsible and inconsiderate. By continuing with holiday travels, one risks putting themselves, their family and their neighbors in the way of a possibly life-threatening exposure.

Some might mention how the price of traveling is at an all time low in an attempt to back up why they have chosen to travel. While this might be true and a very sweet deal, by saving the money that could be spent on this holiday trip anyone can have a very cost-efficient vacation the following holiday season.

Another thing mentioned is the need for a break, but traveling is not getting rid of the virus, it’s just making it easier for people to let the thought of COVID-19 slip their minds. Travelers are using this vacation as an excuse to forget about the virus and continue with their normal lives and are failing to real-

ize they are single-handedly making it worse in the long run. Holiday travels will just serve as a super spread, aiding our already increasing amount of cases. Instead of using the time people are getting off to take a vacation, individuals should make their very own winter wonderland at home.

One of the most obvious consequences

of traveling is exposure. Without even knowing, anyone can contract the virus and spread it to those they love dearly. This is why it is important for everyone to stay at home this holiday season. By doing this, we all can help ensure the possibility of another Christmas or Hanukkah with your family, friends and community.



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- 2 Hannah Compton
Alyssa Leezer
- 4 Ryan Waxler
- 5 Sierra Deplata
Marissa Stevenson
- 7 Kelsey Pease
- 10 Deep Patel
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- 14 Asher Nielson
- 16 Luke Cain
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- 17 Hannah Bryant
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Netflix original Christmas movie delivers happy ending

by McKenzie Murdoch

Holidate is a Netflix original movie that came out October 28, 2020. It stars Emma Roberts as Sloane and Luke Bracey as Jackson. Holidate is directed by John Whitesell.

Sloane had her heart broken by who she thought was, the perfect guy, and she hates holidays because her family always asks her about her dating life. At Christmas dinner her aunt Susan (Kristin Chenoweth) introduces her to the idea of a holidate, a date you only bring home for the holidays with no further commitment besides the holiday parties. All of Sloane's family are so concerned about her relationship status, claiming that they don't want her to die alone like her aunt Susan.

Meanwhile, Jackson is a pro-golf instructor that goes to a friend's house, Carly (Aimee Carrero), for Christmas because his parents were in Australia and he had no other plans. Carly and her parents end up going crazy because he didn't get her a Christmas present and she got him one. He ends up leaving her house thinking all girls are crazy just like Carly and her family.

When both Sloane and Jackson go to the same store after Christmas, they connect because they can't return the gifts they didn't like. A girl behind them offers to give them money and a coupon for pretzels and they take it and start talking about being each other's holidate for a New Years Eve party, which they agree to go to together and surprisingly actually have a good time with each other.

Then, on Valentine's day Sloane runs into her ex-boyfriend, Luc (Julien Marlon), and his new girlfriend, Felicity (Nicola Peltz), in a candy store while she is gorging on chocolate. Jackson pretends to be Sloane's boyfriend so she isn't embarrassed that she is in a candy shop all alone and essentially hasn't moved on from Luc. After this encounter, they agree to be each other's holidate for all the holidays until further notice, and they only talk during holidays or in regards to them. When Easter finally comes around, Sloane brings Jackson to meet the family, while her mom brings another guy to try and set Sloane up with.

During all their encounters they begin to bond over why they aren't too fond of the holidays and why they were alone. I really liked the bond between Sloane and Jackson and how it started out with them as strangers and they eventually become friends.

During the Fourth of July, Jackson accidentally blows off his finger with a firework and Sloane takes him to the hospital where Faarooq (Manish Dayal) reattaches his finger. After this event they seem to be closer than just friends, especially after their hands touch. It seems like they could be catching feelings for each other, but they don't want to admit it so they decide to go to Sloane's brother's wedding with other people. Here, Faarooq ends up liking Sloane's aunt Susan. They continue their arrangement making more memories and getting closer with each other and on Halloween they spend the night together. Unfortunately, that goes wrong when both of them don't want to tell the other that they still want to stay together, even though the holidays are over. Meanwhile, aunt Susan and Faarooq admit their feelings for each other.

I was pleasantly surprised with the ending even though I did see it coming because honestly, anyone could have seen it coming. I loved Emma Roberts' performance as Sloane and I liked seeing Kristen Chenoweth as Aunt Susan. I found her character to be completely different from the rest of her family. I wish we could have gotten to see more of Sloane and Jackson's lives together instead of just quick pictures, but at least it gave us a sense of where all the other characters were going. Netflix finally gave us a rom-com actually worth watching! It wasn't like the usual cliché Hallmark movie. I do like that this isn't like your normal holiday romance movie and wasn't childish like a lot of other ones. This seems like a more adult christmas movie which I thought was new and different and



really worked out. Although, it did have a few cringe-worthy moments, I liked that and yes, of course it is that kind of movie where you know they end up together because you can't forget that it is a Netflix movie.

Unfortunately, this movie did make me want to scream at the TV a lot of the time. It made me mad that they wouldn't admit their feelings when literally everyone knew there was a blossoming romance, but I was happy with the ending of the movie. I liked how it didn't take the typical route where the guy always is chasing after the girl. This is definitely the movie to watch if you like Christmas romantic comedies and the best part is that it won't make you want to look away like a typical Hallmark movie.

Santa gives special gift to teachers

by Sara Vaughn



Virtual learning takes a toll on CHS students' mental health

by Sara Vaughn

Clarksville High School will be going online until January 2021 due to 282,311 positive coronavirus cases in Indiana.

I believe it's important that we stay online because of the large increase in cases. Having some students come back in small numbers should be alright if done correctly, but the best option is to rely on staying behind a computer because it will restrict as much close contact with others. Although remote learning is beneficial for our physical health, it is harmful to several students' mental health. I do believe that online school can be very harmful to students who can't focus unless they are in a school environment, struggle with

subjects like math, and even those who have toxic households. I feel like this situation is both harmful and better for students. During June 24-30 the CDC conducted a survey and 40.9% of the participants reported "at least one adverse mental or behavioral condition, including symptoms of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder." Taking this into account. I feel that it's important to focus on the mental health of these students while we are online.

There are some students who are fairly inmdifferent to this change. "I think it's good to be online currently, especially with the covid cases in Indiana rising," said Madison Money. She agrees that staying home will keep us safer, but has also stated, "I think it depends on the type of student you are, some love it and some hate it, it just depends on how you learn." Money thought that some may have some trouble learning and doing

normal school activities online, while others may find it easier to complete work online. This could be because of some people learning

better visually, audibly, or even socially. Being disconnected with others can be a serious concern and the workload that is placed on some students may make this situation even harder.

While some people may be able to keep up like normal there are some students who have had a particularly difficult time with e-learning. "I don't like online schooling because it's a lot of stress and pressure, especially for those that have younger family or siblings," said sophomore Izzy Beezy. She also stated "Teachers seem to think they can as-

sign more work just because we are at home." She agrees that being home will keep us safe from the virus, but she is still concerned. "I only wish teachers would stop thinking that assigning more work is going to make things easier for us." Beezy is just as stressed out from the workload as she is worried about the virus. This unhealthy amount of aggravation can lead many students to be depressed or even have panic attacks.

This decline in mental health does not apply to all students though, There are some of them who have had a better experience online then in physical school. "Doing remote learning has made my health better. I think it's because I get to get more sleep and overall, I just feel more free," says Senior Kelsey Pease. On top of all the more sleep she's been able to get, Pease also feels that she has more time to work on school related and personal

activities at the same time. She also commented on the workload teachers have given her. Pease stated "I think teachers feel obligated to rush for assignments to get done when we are in-person, but with remote learning they push the due date back to later that night or the next day before class." She feels that this actually helps her stress less because it gives her more time to work. Pease does agree that certain teachers assign too much work and that it makes students feel overhwlemed. She has said that going online will affect people differently. She stated, "I think this difference is caused by how well a student learns outside the traditional classroom and how each of their teachers handle remote learning." This idea that online will affect different people makes sense. These three students have all had good and bad experiences with remote learning over the past couple weeks.

Going virtual seems to be the best way to keep people safe, but many people like Money and Beezy are worried about students' mental health and how this change will affect students and their families over the holidays. I can agree with these students that the stress that has been placed on them has been way more than expected. I believe that everyone bringing light to the fact that remote learning is a different experience for everyone is also very important to consider. There are some people like Pease who have managed the work better and feel better than a normal classroom would. Their mental health has actually improved over the past weeks rather than decline like Beezy. If we are going to be safe then I feel like we should keep staying home and take the students mental health into consideration. We need to listen to these kids because at the end of the day mental health is just as important as physical health and being able to tell if a kid is having a harder time with remote learning is not as simple as it seems so teachers, friends, and parents should help out when they can.

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Falling asleep in class has never been so easy

by Sara Vaughn



Inconsistency with coaching staff over the years creates bond

by Summer Neal

The coach of any team, in most cases, is the glue that holds the team together. They direct what goes on at practice, makes a plan for the games and helps teach the players new concepts. While it is not in their job description, the coach is supposed to be the one constant that stays the same as players grow up and graduate and new players join the team. This is not the case for the Lady Generals' basketball team, who have had four head coaches over the span of three years.

"It stresses me out and makes it harder for me to know what to expect from the new coach. It makes me lose a bit of confidence since every year our coaches will tell us how much potential we have and that they're there to stay, but they leave the next year," said senior Kylie Perez.

In the 2018-19 season alone, there were two different head coaches as the original one resigned mid-season. While the midseason switch caused problems on the court due to coaching differences, it actually brought the team closer together. "In the beginning with Coach P we were all kinda in different groups, but when the switch happened we all came together and communicated more," said Lilly Nixe. Nixe graduated from Clarksville High School in 2019 and played basketball for two years. The Lady Generals would finish the season 0-25.

The next season (2019-20) would begin and would bring with it yet another new head coach. The team would have a successful sea-

son and would finish 4-18, winning their first game in almost two years. When the team lost the ending of their season due to the global shutdown caused by COVID-19, the team would also, once again, lose their head coach. "It hit me hard personally because I finally had felt like I had a coach I could trust and it definitely caused a whirlwind of emotions of anger and sadness during the time we found out," said Sophomore Alyssa Leezer, "Her leaving affected my game this year (2020-21) because it has, yet again, become harder to get used to a new coach and finding someone I can trust." The Lady Generals are not the only team who struggles to keep a coach, as it is also a problem seen at Clarksville Middle School across almost all sports. Eventually, getting a new coach every year became the new norm for the Lady Generals.

"When a coach tells you they aren't coaching anymore, you get sad and frustrated, but for me, and probably others too, I just asked myself 'Alright, who's next?'," said Shaelin Bruner. Bruner graduated from CHS in 2020 after playing basketball for four years. "We knew not to get attached. We also asked ourselves if this coach is actually going to stay and that was probably the question we asked ourselves the most."

"I do plan on coaching the Lady Generals next season. One of the reasons I took the job was to give the program a sense of stability," said current head coach Amanda Carmichael, "We want to build off of what we have

learned this year and having the same coach will give us a jump start into next season—the girls won't have to start over each year." The Lady Generals can next be seen in action under Carmichael on Saturday January 2 at Southwestern at 1:00.

Sophomore Presleigh Yeates attempts a shot at the game against Christian Academy. photo by Kelly Short



Lady Generals strive for success through COVID-19 struggle

by De'Airel Baker

This year, it is no question that things are very different for everyone, especially the absence of fans at the basketball games. This year with COVID-19 in the way, all of the basketball games for the JV team have been cancelled from November 2020 to January 2021, until further notice. The Varsity team has games coming up and if their games aren't cancelled, the Lady Generals will get to play their full season.

"With some of the upcoming games being cancelled, it has some positives and negatives because while it takes some games off the schedule that we can win or compete, it also definitely gives us some more, unexpect-

ed time to practice," said sophomore Alyssa Leezer. "The season is going pretty well, it is different from other seasons because we didn't really get time to prepare as we do on other seasons, and it's a very rushed season start, along with taking a lot more protocols to keep us safe. I think we have a really good team that can work well and get far this season regardless of the circumstances."

With this in mind, more practice time could do the Lady Generals some good. Senior April Jackson says that it can give the team more time to get organized and more time to clean up some of their plays. Although, for several seniors this has been heartbreaking news as this is their last year being a part of Generals' basketball. The JV team has had a total of 17 games cancelled.

"To make sure the team is safe, I try to stay out of practice when I'm feeling unwell. I've also toned down the high fives and fist bumps to avoid too much contact. As a whole, we've all started to put hand sanitizer on throughout the practices" said Jackson.

While operating through COVID-19, the basketball team is still

making sure that they are taking precautions. Some precautions put in place are social distancing whenever possible, sanitizing frequently and being cautious even outside of practice. The girls are making sure that if they go somewhere to take precautions and not bring anything back to practices or the court. The team is making sure that they are protecting themselves and their teammates.

"It sucks that only family can attend our games, but I'm thankful that our season isn't canceled so far," said senior Myah Bagshaw. The girl's basketball season may be different for the students because non-relatives cannot be in the stands and support the girls throughout their games, but their parents still have the opportunity to cheer them on. As long as the ladies have their family in the stands, they are content with the support and they understand why their fans can't come and cheer them on due to COVID restrictions.

"I don't think this season is going too bad, for now. The team has good chemistry and more people are attempting to do things during games. This year hasn't been too much different from the other's," said Jackson. "Even with the JV games being cancelled most of the season, they are still pulling through the seam and making sure to practice harder even when their games are cancelled."

Even though the JV team won't get to play this year the varsity team has a few games coming up for December and January. The Lady Generals play at Southwestern on January 2 at 1:00 and Scottsburg on January 7 at 6:30.



Senior Jasmine Walker attempts a shot at the free throw line at the game versus Cannelton. photo by Kelly Short