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Workers quitting jobs at record rates

Makena Colihan, Reporter

Since the pandemic, employees have been leaving jobs at record rates. For many, new management and working conditions play a role in why people are walking away. The number of job openings jumped to over 10 million in June, the highest on record. Many companies compete for workers by offering higher pay, bonuses, better benefits, and more accommodating schedules.

The number of Americans leaving their job hit historic highs in 2019 before the pandemic, but quits have been over 3.6 million for each of the last three months. According to Jennifer Liu, “The latest jobs report says 8.7 million Americans are looking for work, meaning there are currently more than 1 million more job openings than people who can fill them. But unemployment numbers don’t capture the millions of people who are misclassified, experienced a pay cut or drop-in hours, or had to stop looking for work altogether.” After being asked why he left his job, Dylan Cornwell

says, “I left almost entirely because of new policies that were introduced... When I started there was absolutely no regulation and it was all very relaxed but about two weeks ago the whole job changed... and I needed to leave. We also had another employee leave because of this and another two putting in their notice.”

Workers are making decisions to leave based on how their employers were treating them and if they could get higher pay and better working conditions somewhere else. 4 million people quit their jobs in April alone, and studies show that workers in the labor market are coming out with higher wages. The average wage growth across the country has increased 1.5% in June, and 5.8% for job switchers, stated by Jennifer Liu. Dylan Cornwell states his opinion on minimum wage and says, “I think minimum wage should absolutely increase to make life more liveable.”

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Cornwell says "An increase in the minimum wage wouldn't only help teenagers buy a new car or clothes, but can help unskilled workers who can't afford a higher education... actually live life... Our federal minimum wage hasn't changed in over a decade and the

cost of living was much lower in 2009 than 2021... Increasing it would help workers be able to afford housing and bills without working multiple jobs." Job-switchers are joining employees with at least 500 workers who are making higher gains.

No one can deny the impact these empty jobs have had on the economy. Once employers and companies change their working conditions and become more accommodating for the employees, only then will people start working again.

Youth Substance Abuse

Sammie Bourland, Reporter

Research by the National Institute on Drug Abuse suggests that in 2019, 35 percent of teens in the US admitted that they had tried a form of illicit drugs.

Studies conducted by the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics show that 8.33 percent of teens 12 to 17 have used uncontrolled substances in the past month. Drugs are not only becoming addictive and hurting these kids, but they are killing them. In 2017 alone, 18.2 percent of 8th graders said they had tried a drug or other substance, and there were 5,455 deaths caused by overdose in young teens. Leo, a former Narcotics Agent, says, "It's like a glue trap, they get into it easily, but once they are in it, they are stuck". Once the child starts getting addicted, the only way out is to seek help, but many will not because they feel they may get in trouble or they may not want to stop at all.

In 2020, 21.3 percent of kids said they had tried some form of narcotic. Ms. Vaughn, a homicide detective, says "Personally, I have seen a saddening trend in

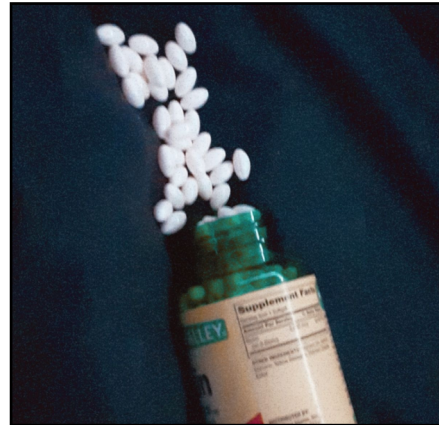


Photo by Sammie Bourland

child-related drug cases". These kids are listening to their friends, taking these drugs, and in turn, messing with their future. Vaughn also says that "These kids need to start realizing that what they are doing now, WILL affect their future. They can not just mess around, throw it away, and expect it to come back one day".

Luckily, the percentage of kids using these substances is going down. Hopefully, we will reach a point of zero kids using drugs or other substances. The effects of these drugs are detrimental, and eventually, they will start to show, and these kids will not function the same. They will start to distance themselves from families and friends, failing classes, or worse. These kids all have to get their fix from somewhere. In many cases, this is from their peers. In order to end this epidemic, we must end the problem at its source.

The Many Environmental Benefits of Tiny Homes

Mya Beard, Reporter

According to New Home Resource, a home under 400 square feet uses fewer materials to build than a 2,641 square foot (or average-sized) home.

Ecological footprints were reduced by an average of 45 percent in a sample of 80 downsizers located across the U.S., says New Home Resource

Tiny Homes are cheaper, according to Nicholas Tippins of Living Green. "For instance, a tiny house may have a single bathroom instead of four bathrooms, meaning fewer fixtures to repair and replace over the years. "

Supreme Court rules to allow Texas abortion restrictions

Griffin Eckstein, News Editor

The United States Supreme Court ruled 5-4 not to stop a Texas law banning abortions after 6 weeks from going into effect. The law, which, according to Justices Roberts, Kagan, Sotomayor, and Breyer in their dissenting opinions, violates the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, is now one of the nation's strictest since going into effect on September 1st.

The Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* to ensure the right to legal abortions to people in all 50 US states in 1973, and has since prevented states from instituting laws violating reproductive rights. At that time, the court argued that the right to receive an abortion was a private choice, and thus protected from government restriction.

In this recent decision, the court rejected an application for injunction from Whole Women's Health, a Texas-based healthcare provider, allowing Texas's ban on abortion after 6 weeks to stand. While the majority Justices did not issue a signed opinion, dissenting Justice Sotomayor said in her opinion, that "the Act is clearly unconstitutional under existing precedents."

The future of abortion rights remain undecided, with the ruling stating that the court "do[es] not purport to resolve any jurisdictional or substantive claim in the applicants' lawsuit." In other words, while the Court allowed the law to stand on procedural grounds, they have yet to make a ruling on its constitutionality, arguing only that they cannot stop it from going into effect.

The bill could restrict reproductive rights from as many as 85% of Texas patients, according to Sotomayor, and may inspire other states to pass legislation that challenges the precedent of *Roe v. Wade*.

"Any person ... may bring a civil action against any person who performs or induces an abortion ... [or] knowingly ... aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion, including paying for or reimbursing the costs of an abortion" - Texas Senate Bill 8

Vaccine Boosters: What do we know so far?

Madeline Moran, Special Features Editor

In the past months, a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has been highly discussed; however, a large number of people may not be entirely informed on what that means.

The technical definition of a booster shot is an additional vaccine dose that is periodically needed in order to do its job and 'boost' the immune system.

The CDC says, "An additional dose may prevent serious and possibly life-threatening COVID-19 in people who may not have responded to their initial vaccine series." The word "may" advises all audiences to take this statement with a grain of salt. It is expected to help, although the results are not definitive. According to Pfizer, out of those who were a part of the first phase clinical trial, the "third dose elicited significantly higher neutralizing antibodies against the initial SARS-CoV-2 virus".

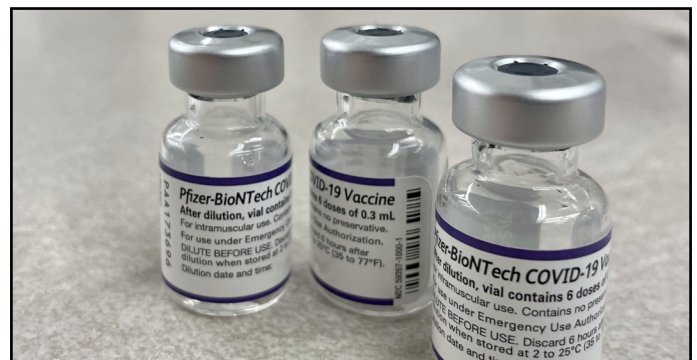


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For now, federal health officials are monitoring the side effects as well as the potential risks and benefits of the booster shot. The benefits seem to be outweighing the potential risks. The side effects are very similar to that of the previous two vaccine shots. Some of the side effects that are being watched range from fatigue and pain at the injection site, to myocarditis and heart-swelling. However, the more severe side effects have shown up in a very small number of people.

COVID-19 booster shots are expected to be released beginning the week of September 20th and offered to individuals who received their second vaccine dose at least 8 months prior.



Photo by Mya Beard

Historic Arizona wildfire season devastates flora, fauna

Andrew Philips, Reporter

Arizona's dry and sweltering environment is a perfect formula for wildfires, and this season was no exception. With over 1100 wildfires that have ravaged 550,000 acres of land, this season has been exceptionally damaging to plants, animals, and humans alike.

Fueled by drought, high temperatures, human carelessness, and lightning scorching the earth, an overabundance of fires has sprung up all across Arizona. While the heavy rains have been beneficial to halting the spread, it is far too little too late. Over 30 wildfires are actively burning in Arizona from the time this was written. "The 2021 fire season is already shaping up to be a big one, at more than 177,016 acres burned so far," said Garrett Archer of ABC-15 news on June 10, 2021. This figure is already greater than six of the last

20 years of wildfires, with a top 10 fire having started this season as well. The Telegraph fire, near Superior, claimed over 180,000 acres and required over one thousand firefighting personnel to combat the sixth most destructive wildfire in Arizona history. Marvin Percha, an Arizona meteorologist, told AZCentral.com, "Fire danger levels are definitely above normal. Right now, most of the state of Arizona is in extreme to exceptional drought". Once this perfect storm of factors is set up, it does not take much instigation to cause all of the dry grasses and forests to catch alight.

As of now, all major wildfires over 50,000 acres have been 100% contained, but multiple small blazes pop up at a nearly constant rate around Arizona. Throughout the 2021 wildfire season there have been

two fatalities, both caused by an aircraft accident while battling the Cedar Basin fire near Wikieup. The plane crash left no survivors, killing retired fire chief Jeff Piechura and pilot Matt Miller.

Year after year, Arizona reaches new highs in terms of temperature, and these fires and the incidents correlated with them will only pick up in frequency. The fires occurring over the last five years have been gaining in the level of destruction, with 2020 seeing 978,000 acres burned to the ground. Although the land claimed so far in 2021 is considerably less than last year, it has had a devastating impact on the wildlife in the area, with reports saying that it could take close to 80 years for the forests to fully recover from the ordeal. There is no way to completely remove wildfires from the equation, but all Arizonans should take increased precautions and remain alert in the likely event of this natural disaster striking near you.

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Tardy Policies: An improvement or a hassle?

Paris Estrada, Reporter

A new year has begun at Chandler High, and with it is the renewed effort to defeat the tardy problem that continuously plagues the school. If a student is late to their first period, they make their way to the cafeteria, where they have to wait in a line to be marked down and then receive their tardy pass.

This process has sparked some discourse among students as it's different from the procedures of past years. Some argue that the line makes it difficult to get to their first period, making them much later than usual to their classes. Chandler High student, Morgan Clarke, explained, "I know people that have been late and just came to class, so they miss less." This arrival time has caused missed lessons and assignments, creating an overall negative effect on some students' study habits.

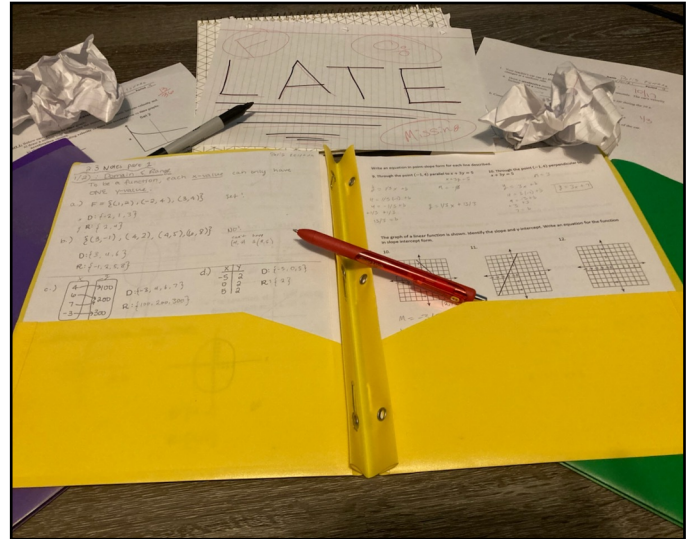


Photo by Paris Estrada

Others believe that this was an improvement. The more significant consequences — such as lunch detention — are being used to dissuade those who have made being late a normal circumstance. As we continue into the year, we can observe how this tardy policy continues to develop and see the lingering effect it takes on both staff members and students. Only time will tell whether it will be a benefit to attendance or a detriment to learning.

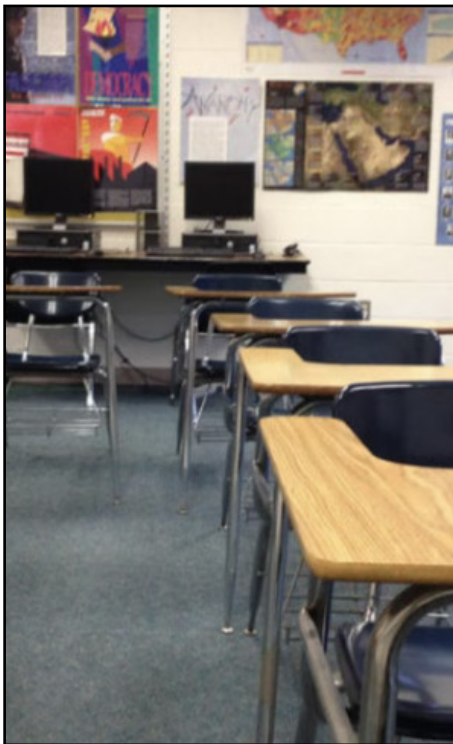


Photo by Kate Rogers

From Couches to Classrooms the transition from online to in-person school

Kate Rogers, Reporter

With school being back in person, many students are struggling with the transition from being online. Students that spent last year doing all online or mixed online and on-campus learning have had to relearn what it is like being fully in-person once again.

One student, who wishes to stay anonymous, had a fully online schedule last year and says, "In-person is a whole lot more overwhelming than being online, I have way more work and the

teachers aren't as willing to make adjustments for everyone's needs, but I really like being able to see my friends every day and being around people in general".

Because of how strange the 2020-21 school year was, Chandler High has been trying to find ways to make the transition as fluid as possible. Navigating through the unpredictability of the current school statuses is not easy, and the learning curve tends to be a big issue.

Some steps that can be taken to make the transition easier are:

1. Keep Papers Organized

Because most things were online last year, it is important to keep papers organized with a binder, folders, or notebooks so that everything is easy to find and keep track of.

2. Use Teachers' Office Hours

When things in class are confusing and overwhelming, it is important to take advantage of the provided resources that teachers offer to help stay on top of work.

3. Check Grades Regularly

Since less work is online this year, it is easy to miss an assignment without realizing so staying updated with grades can ensure that there's no last-minute late work.

4. Study With Classmates

Having other people around while studying can be very helpful and benefit multiple people with the subject.

Back 2 Blue: Fall Fun Around Campus

Alina Amaya, Reporter

We have 800 new students this year at CHS, including 300 more freshmen than usual. Now more than ever, and being the biggest student body yet, we strive to do our best! With fall sports, club activities, and even more events coming up, there is so much to tell you. We have just days before Fall Break so many events and activities planned for you this fall.

Fall sports just started and being named *The School of Champions*, our sports teams have a big name to live up to — no pressure. The girls' volleyball teams recently had their first games of the season, with the freshman team beating Red Mountain High with a score of 2-0. The junior varsity and varsity team played their best but came short of victory by a hair. The football team's first game was on September 2nd where the JV and Varsity team won against Centennial High School 28-7. They won the second game 17-7 against Cherry Creek. Other fall sports like Cross Country, Swim and Dive, and Badminton are still early in their seasons, but we at the Wolf Howl all wish a successful season for our players!

“ Build quality study skills that will support future educational and professional pursuits. ”

Using all of these techniques in class and at home will help ease the shaky transition from the last school year and build quality study skills that will support future educational and professional pursuits.



Photo by Alina Amaya

The CHS Club Fair in August showcased some of the 90+ clubs CHS offers. With clubs ranging from the Fashion Club to Letters for Rose to the Black Student Union, our school really has a group for everyone, so please don't hesitate to join!

Oh dear! Oh dear! Homecoming is almost here! On September 25th, CHS is hosting this year's homecoming dance for all grades. This year's theme is 'Wolves in Wonderland', so don't be afraid to dress to impress! And to all of our White Rabbits, try not to be late!

Our last day of this quarter is September 24th which means that congratulations are in order—you made it through ¼ of the school year! Our first day back from the Fall Intersession is October 12th, so make the best out of Fall Break while you can—I know I will. Look out for our Winter Issue next quarter, and enjoy your break, Wolves!

Dinner is Served

Imani Davis, Editor

People like murder. Generally, people dislike committing murder and being murdered—but we have a morbid desire to hear about it. True crime as a genre has grown exponentially in the past few years. An article from *The Everyday* states that there are now over 2800 true crime podcasts to choose from. A new docu-series or investigation will incite a buzz that spreads around campus in a matter of days. So, of course, we're buying into the overdone drama of true crime. Welcome to *True Crime Chandler*. Our first story is Katherine Knight, Australia's Hannibal.

October 24, 1955. Katherine Knight is born as the youngest twin to Barbara Roughan and Ken Knight. Kathrine Knight had a terrible childhood. Her father was an alcoholic who used intimidation and violence to rape his wife, who would then share intimate details of her sex life with her children. Knight also claims she was frequently sexually assaulted by several members of her family. In her high school years, Knight was remembered by her classmates as a bully who assaulted at least one boy at school with a weapon. She left school at 15 and proceeded to work at an abattoir twelve months later -- otherwise known as a slaughterhouse.

Knight claimed this was her dream job. She hung her first set of butchers knives over her bed wherever she lived, so 'they would always be handy if I needed them'.

Knight had several failed relationships/marriages, children, and instances of assault. She strangled her first husband on their honeymoon, stole an ax and threatened to kill people after placing her two-month-old child on a railway line, and slashed a woman's face with one of her knives and demanded she drive Knight to see her ex-husband. She was never convicted on any charges.

Knight's last relationship was with a man named John Price. In early 2000, a series of assaults resulted in Knight stabbing Price and him subsequently placing a restraining order against her for him and his children. On the same afternoon he placed the order, he told his coworkers that if he did not show up for work the next day, it was because Knight had murdered him.

Price arrived home that night to find Knight waiting for him. Price's children had been sent over to a friend's house. Earlier that day, Knight had videotaped her own children making comments, which has since been interpreted as a crude will.

At 6 a.m. the next day, a neighbor became concerned after seeing Price's car still in the driveway. An employee from Price's work was also called to investigate. They called the police after finding blood on the front door. Police arrived at 8 a.m., broke down the front door, and walked into Price's bedroom. The officer was supposedly hit face first with a bloodied towel hung over the door. Price's body was arranged with one arm over a large soda bottle with the legs crossed, a position that claimed to show Knight's contempt for Price. He was decapitated and several parts of his body were also removed. An autopsy revealed he had been stabbed at least 37 times.

Upon closer inspection, it was not a towel hung over the door. It was a large piece of Price's skin. In the kitchen, two plates of stew were found plated with assorted vegetables and the cards with the names of Price's children beside them.

Price's head was staring up from the still-warm pot of stew.

Knight was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole, becoming the first Australian woman to ever receive the sentence. She originally pled non-guilty, but then changed her plea to guilty with no reason publicly given. Many psychiatrists considered Knight sane, though her legal team used psychiatric evidence that she experienced amnesia and dissociation at the time of the murder to argue an insanity plea. Two psychiatrists concluded that Knight suffered from a borderline personality disorder.

The culprit is clear, yet this still feels like a cold case. No reason for the murder was ever found by officials or offered by Knight -- by all means, it could have simply been a passion killing. As gruesome and extreme as it was, one can't help but wonder: what drives a person to commit such a crime?

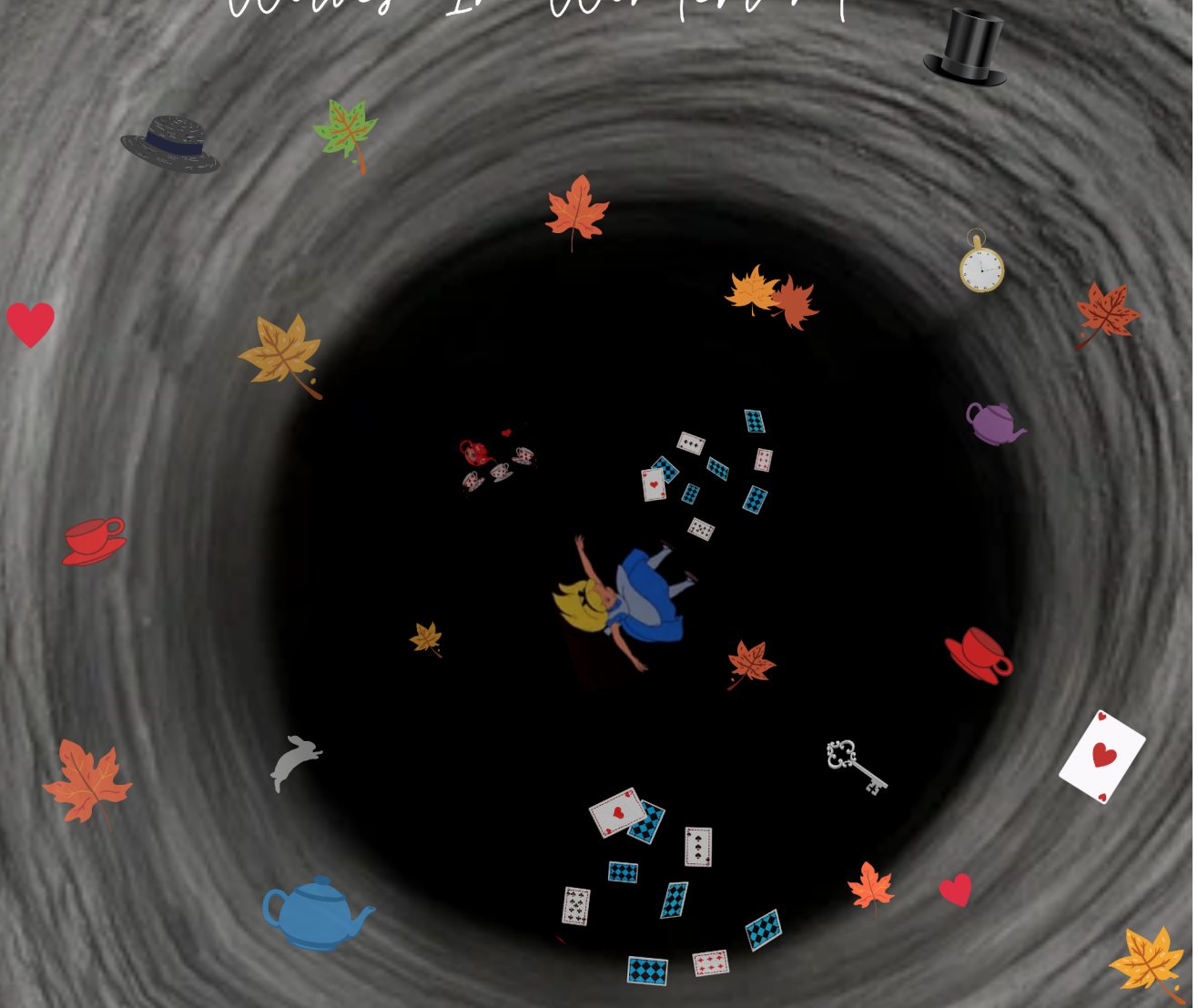
What drives us to learn about it?

If you enjoyed this segment and want to see more media like it, message @chs.wolfhowl on Instagram with your ideas and support. Hope this tickled your morbid curiosity!

Submit your experience with the paranormal at Chandler High for our True(?) Crime Halloween Special at @chs.wolfhowl on IG or email chs.wolfhowlnews@gmail.com

Fall back into School Spirit

Wolves In Wonderland



Chandler High School 2021-22 Homecoming Dance
Saturday, September 25th
8-11pm CHS Courtyard

Tickets sold \$20 in the
Bookstore \$25 at the door

QUARTER TWO CALENDAR

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With Rising Cases, Should Masks Come Back?

Liani Flores, Reporter

As cases are increasing over the last few months, people are starting to bring back masks once more.

Masks are becoming essential for us with both vaccinated and unvaccinated students on campus. Despite our school's mask mandate being lifted, it's still recommended that we all wear them inside of a store or restaurant that doesn't have a strict policy with masks.

The Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention states that "All Americans, including people who are fully vaccinated, need to mask up indoors in public places again." This is necessary since these cases keep going up each day.

With school starting up again across the U.S., CDC recommends that students and staff wear masks as a safety precaution.

I agree with this because it is possible that the vaccine doesn't provide lifetime protection against Covid-19, and combined with vaccinations and an extra boost of shots, masks are another way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 around campus or around the world. I understand that some students and faculty are hesitant to enforce masks for school; however, it appears that the virus won't be leaving us soon. Because of this, we should all continue to wear masks in order to limit spread in our school.

Despite our current reality with Covid-19 and the high numbers of cases in our community, if we continue to wear masks to limit the spread of COVID, I don't think that masks will be have to be permanent within the upcoming years in our communities.



Photo by Asia Cruz

Dress Code Disparities

Samantha Bourland, Reporter

Highlighting the Double Standards within Chandler Unified School District's School Uniforms

"It shouldn't matter what people wear if nothing private is showing."

- Emily Phan, Junior at Dobson High School

"Dudes can walk around with their pants halfway down, but I can't wear shorts that go [higher] than my fingertips."

- Jewelz Cox, Senior at Chandler High School

"If school has a dress code, then why don't sports? It's not fair at all."

- Estan Ramos, Junior at Canyon Valley High School

Why have a dress code at all if it isn't being enforced for everyone?

The Tangible Impacts of Climate Change

Autumn Towne, President of the CHS Sustainability Club

When Hurricane Harvey destroyed my grandma's house in Texas, I became much more aware of the dangers of climate change and the dangers of ignoring it.

Our climate is changing as a result of the atmosphere being thickened by industrial emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. These molecules prevent the sun's heat from escaping the atmosphere when it is reflected off the earth's surface, thereby trapping the heat like a coat, which has caused irreversible global warming and extreme heat waves.

This is also increasing the temperature of trade winds and ocean waters which causes more

severe hurricanes. Higher air temperatures also retain more water in the atmosphere, which is causing droughts. In turn, these droughts make wildfires more severe because more plant material is dry enough to ignite.

My aunt sent us a video of a California wildfire in her suburban Anaheim neighborhood, which was horrifying and heartbreaking to watch. The once lush green rolling hills were unrecognizable and resembled the aftermath of a volcanic eruption.

We cannot afford to speak of climate change as a hypothetical of the future.

The California wildfires, Louisiana hurricanes, extreme blizzards, the throat-burning New Delhi smog, the Arizona drought are

happening now, taking lives now, and can no longer be ignored.

Yes, Global Warming is also separating polar vortexes of cold air at the poles and moving them farther south, which is causing extreme low temperatures in the Northeast U.S. This is why it is incorrect to assume that pollution isn't changing the climate just because a city has cold temps.

With hurricanes, a rise in temperatures has caused a rise in sea level from polar ice caps melting, and a rise in temperatures above the ocean increases the amount of water vapor pulled into storms, which has caused the devastation of hurricane Ida in Louisiana which moved across land to New York and New Jersey and caused deaths from flooding there as well.

“ Learning about the severity of the climate crisis has given me a passion to act. Global carbon emissions and changing climates are an enormous issue to confront, but I thought of this issue in terms of the phrase 'Think Globally; Act Locally'. ”



Photos by Asia Cruz

With the help of officers Katrina Nguyen, Fiona Fajut, Mika Mesa, and Griffin Eckstein, and our 35 members and counting, Sustainability Club has made strides to help the environment in our own home turf. So far, we have established an educational partnership with the ASU School of Sustainability, met with administration about sustainable energy and water use practices, and planned volunteering opportunities in the community.

Solar power, water usage, and waste reduction are our club's focus. We will be continuing these projects as well as spreading awareness about sustainable practices individuals can make. In terms of a call to action for readers, 'Over two-thirds of

Americans believe the government is doing too little to reduce effects of climate change' (Pew Research Center).

Firstly, call your representatives to voice your concern. Just 100 companies are responsible for 71% of global emissions, so these polluters, rather than individuals, should be the focus of regulations. Sign petitions and donate to funds to help people affected by the climate crisis whether in Flint, Michigan or Lagos, Nigeria.

In your day-to-day life, be mindful of your purchasing. If a clothing item is cheaply made and will go out of style in a few years, consider saving your money. Dyeing and bleaching processes release toxins into the air that instantly harm

the lungs of factory workers and harm worldwide air quality.

Many clothing materials require crude oil to be extracted from the ground and are woven with plastic, which does not biodegrade (break down into reusable materials in the ground), making it a perpetual polluter. Many clothing and plastic items also have to be shipped overseas from China, which uses a lot of energy.

Eating less meat also helps reduce your carbon footprint, because beef requires much more water and energy to produce than similar foods, and cows release methane, which traps heat in the atmosphere.

The most important advice I could give is this: do not lose hope.

America Needs A New Labor Rights Movement

Griffin Eckstein, News Editor

With the impacts the pandemic has had on many US workers, combined with the possible passage of the PRO Act, Americans have a rare opportunity for a period of renewed labor rights.

The pandemic, though initially leaving many unemployed, has led to more workers questioning their true worth to their employers. As the economy restarted, businesses struggled to fill vacancies, with many workers demanding higher wages, more workplace protections, and better conditions. Chandler senior Lily Taylor says, "people have started to open up the discussion of being overworked ... and started to understand that if you overwork your workers then nobody is going to want to work for you."

Many workers in the US feel empowered to ask for increased benefits, but an even greater opportunity for progress in labor rights comes from a piece of legislation currently working through Congress. The PRO Act, or Protecting the Right to Organize Act, passed the House of Representatives earlier this year, and broadens the rights of unions and employees to organize, and restricts corporate anti-union actions.

According to the AFL-CIO, the largest federation of labor organizations in the US, the PRO Act would "[restore] the right of workers to freely and fairly form a union and bargain together for changes in the workplace." In addition to union support, a bipartisan majority of the American public supports the PRO Act. A Vox and Data for Progress poll conducted earlier in the summer of

2021 found that "40 percent of Republicans support the PRO Act, along with 74 percent of Democrats and 58 percent of independents. Overall, the poll found the bill has the support of 59 percent of likely voters."

The bill now heads to the U.S. Senate, where a vote has yet to be scheduled. Under the current chamber rules, the bill would require 60 votes, likely all 50 Democratic senators joining at least 10 Republican ones, to overcome the filibuster. Though it faces a difficult path, the PRO Act is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure workers a better future. Adults and teen workers alike stand to regain their ability to organize and demand better conditions, better pay, and fair treatment from their employers.



Photo by Angela Carlton

P.E. Dress Out Troubles Chandler High Students

Angela Carlton, Reporter

There is no denying that dressing out for P.E. is necessary. Without a mandatory dress-out for P.E., students would likely go to the gym wearing everyday clothes that may not be suitable for the exercises they do in class. However, several students agree that there are some issues regarding the P.E dress-out requirements at Chandler High.

Anyone who has or is currently taking a physical education course at CHS is likely aware of the requirements: a CHS P.E. shirt, basic athletic pants and or shorts in CHS colors, and athletic shoes. P.E. teachers recommend that students have at least two shirts, two pairs of pants and or shorts, and one pair of athletic shoes.

Generic athletic bottoms and shoes are easy to obtain. Various retail stores sell athletic bottoms and shoes for relatively low prices. However, getting the CHS P.E. shirt can be a struggle. The shirt is exclusively available at the campus Bookstore for \$7.50. While students have a week to obtain the shirt, this can still be an issue. The shirt is less easily accessible for families struggling with finances, especially since the recent pandemic. Some students are also unable to buy the shirts for other reasons.

Samantha Bourland, a strong supporter of the use of dress-out, even agrees in saying, “I think that we should not have to wear specific shirts. We should be able to wear tank tops or other clothes that we feel comfortable wearing.”

Another issue with the dress-out requirements is its conflict with cultural clothing, most notably for Muslim students. Islam has a code of modesty, with both boys and girls typically wearing clothes that cover a large portions of skin. To comply with both the dress-out requirements and their culture, many Muslim students layer on additional clothing, or walk around in the heat while their friends are swimming on block days.

Chandler High’s P.E dress-out requirements need some tweaks. When surveyed, one Chandler student suggests, “They should allow spaghetti straps, allow breathable clothing such as workout clothing, even permit wearing sports bras with no shirt.”

To fix the issue, instead of forcing students to wear such a specific set of clothes, we should require students to bring and change into their own workout outfits that make them feel comfortable.

Athletes Shape Mental Health Conversation

Paris Estrada, Reporter

The 2021 Olympics in Tokyo have started a global conversation surrounding athletes and mental health. Simone Biles, the 24-year-old gymnast who recently announced her withdrawal during the Olympics from several events, caused many different opinions to arise. One of the most important conversations brought up was the pressure that many athletes face while practicing and competing in their sports. Often these athletes face immense amounts of criticism and hear countless others' opinions. However, it's not always the fault of the general public. This stems back to even high school sports, where athletes have little time for anything besides their sports and struggle to stay afloat in school.

When taking a closer look at some athletes from the surrounding areas, the pressure against their mental health was even clearer than before. In a recent poll of 191 students, 86% reported that they feel that the intensity of their sports was enough to negatively affect their mental health. Marco Palafox, a junior who participates in wrestling, football, and track, recently gave his opinions on high school athletics. He admitted that football overall put the most stress on him, especially after suffering a serious injury. At the end of his sophomore year, he tore his ACL, undergoing a 7-month process of recovery. During his recovery, he said that he “skyrocketed down because I felt like an outlier and helpless.” These sports had such a large part in Palafox's life that he felt like an athlete first and foremost, and wasn't even able to focus on himself during one of the most difficult injuries he could have. Another student, Ryan Liu, had a similar opinion. When

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asked how Sanda—a full-contact combat sport—affected him, he admitted that he did quit his sport at one point “not because I got hurt but [because] I hurt other people”. These experiences don't only affect the person themselves, but they can also affect everyone around them. He talked about feeling regret about how his fighting affected others. Liu explained, “I accidentally hurt other people too much while defending myself.” This perspective showed the risks that can come with different sports, especially ones of high intensity. These accounts make what was already somewhat known very clear. Athletics are extreme stressors that affect anyone from a high school football player to an Olympic gold medalist.

With the correlation between Simone Biles' leave and high school athletes' mental health, it is clear to say there is an underlying issue. However, there is no definite answer to what the critical factors may be: over-working, lack of social contact, major injury, etc. It really is something to take into consideration while joining a sport. However, Biles is back in the 2020 Olympics, Palafox is healed, and Liu is back in Sanda. There is still something to look forward to: passion, happiness, or the whole world rooting for you.



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Phoenix Suns Make an Epic Turn-Around

Asia Cruz, Editor

For the first time in 28 years, the Phoenix Suns made it to the NBA Finals. Winning games against the Los Angeles Lakers (4-2), the Los Angeles Clippers (4-2), and the Denver Nuggets(4-0). A quick recap of the Suns in 2019-20 season:

Kicking off the 2019-20 NBA season, in October The Suns did well winning 3-2 overall. November The Suns fell behind in their winning streak with an overall of 5-8. The team did not quit; nor did the support of their fans. In December, they were still behind, 5-10. January 2020 improving, however still behind, the Suns started winning more games with an overall, 7-8. In February, the Suns fell 5-8. In March 2020, Phoenix was in a winning tie 2-2. Then the infamous Coronavirus hit, cutting the season for four months. When the season started back up in July 2020, Phoenix did not lose one game. Unfortunately, the Suns still could not make it to the finals.

Moving forward to the 2020-21 NBA season, winning their first game, December 23, 2020, the Suns beat the Dallas Mavericks 106-102. The last few games of December looked good for the Phoenix Suns, only losing one game vs. the Sacramento Kings on December 26, 2020, 103-106. January The Suns had many close games with teams like the Los Angeles Clippers, Dallas Mavericks, Detroit Pistons, and the Houston Rockets. The Suns stepped it up from last season and left their overall record for their season so far, 10-8. February was a very impressive month for the Suns; they ended off the month with an overall record of 22-11. They only lost three

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games and dominated the Detroit Pistons 109-92. However, the season isn't over yet. Nevertheless, the Suns still lived up to their potential in March, only losing three games again. Their overall record was 42-18. In the last two months of the regular season, the Phoenix Suns continue to impress everyone, from fans to other teams to commentators to people who don't even watch basketball. By the end of the regular season, the Phoenix Suns' overall record was 51-2, setting them a spot in the NBA playoffs.

The Playoffs started on May 22, 2021, the first Suns Western Conference playoff game was the next day. Overthrowing The Los Angeles Lakers 99-90. The playoffs continue until June 13, 2021, where the Suns are still in the season; they make it to the semifinals with the Denver Nuggets. Which fans seemed to think would be the end of their season, considering the Suns' constant loss to the Nuggets. Breathtakingly, the Suns won every game in the Semi-Finals, which brought the Suns to the NBA West Conference Finals.

Extremely confident and motivated, VS. the Los Angeles Clippers, the Suns win the Western Conference finals 4-2. Now nationwide, NBA fans are out of their seats now knowing what has happened. The Phoenix Suns have made it to the NBA finals. July 6-20, 2021, the Suns put up a good fight against the Milwaukee Bucks, unfortunately, lost the NBA finals 2-4. Some fans are disappointed. Some are ecstatic knowing the Suns made it so far. Either way, the Suns had an amazing 2020-21 season. For the first time since 1993, the spectacular turnaround from the team has left people thinking, what does the Phoenix Suns have in store for us next season? Will they return to being a decent team? Or will the Phoenix Suns continue to impress the Nation and bring home a championship?



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Chandler High vs. Cherry Creek Memories

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Chandler High Football Flicks

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Okami: A Criminally Underplayed Masterpiece

Angela Carlton, Reporter

Originally released on April 20, 2006, *Ōkami* is an action-adventure, Zelda-esque video game based on Japanese mythology. The player explores the land of Nippon as the Sun Goddess, Amaterasu, who takes the form of a white wolf. With the return of great evils, the land ishas been plunged into darkness and misery. The player must go through various obstacles and battles to defeat the enemy and restore peace to the land.

Ōkami comes in a relatively unique style. It is reminiscent of Japanese ink wash paintings, known as Sumi-e, which gives the game charming, traditional, and aesthetically pleasing to many players. These 2D, stylized visuals also make it stand out from more recently released games that strive for realism.

The game also has incredible music, each piece



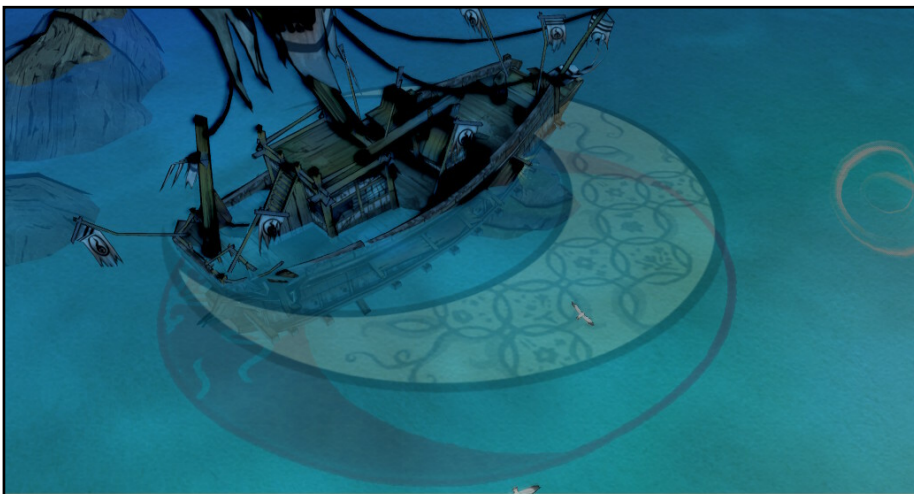
Screenshots from Okami

suiting the scenes they were made for. H. Smith, a player from Australia, says that in her opinion, “It’s easily one of the best soundtracks I’ve heard in a game.” Smith and many other players agree when saying that the soundtrack is worth listening to by itself.

But most importantly, for any adventure video game, is *Ōkami*’s engaging story. *Ōkami* is filled with a lot of depth to its

story and characters. Even the background characters have their own personality demonstrated by the small interactions that they have with Amaterasu. That, combined with the humor and side quests, make the game worth playing multiple times. The only notable complaint that many players have is the cutscenes. While the cutscenes are beautiful, they are long and can be somewhat tedious to get through. This can make the game a struggle to finish for some.

Overall, *Ōkami* is an incredible game that does not get enough recognition in many gaming communities. If one doesn’t mind the long cutscenes, the game is worth well over the \$20 it costs to play. As of now, *Ōkami* has been released on seven platforms, with its most recent HD port being for the Nintendo Switch.



What's New For Marvel Phase Four?

Felise Jones, Reporter

The Marvel Cinematic Universe, more commonly known as the MCU, has taken a huge leap into the future — literally. With the new *Loki* series recently ending there has been a lot of speculation as to what's going to happen moving forward.

Since the start of Marvel Phase four, fans have been working to figure out what the next move will be. For *WandaVision* it was the inclusion of Mephisto, and in the *Loki series* it was the appearance of Kang the Conqueror. In the new,

unreleased *Spiderman: No Way Home*, fans hope for appearances from Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield. Ever since the release of the trailer, there has been confirmation of several characters appearing on the big screen this December.

Alfred Molina will be appearing as Doctor Octopus, the Green Goblin is coming back and is being played by Willem Dafoe. This is enough to have fans begging for more -- but that's not all. These two appearances seem to be foreshadowing the appearance of the

Sinister Six, which appear several times in the Marvel Comics.

There has been more speculation of what characters are to come. Fans are expecting Electro to appear due to the yellow flash of lightning in the new trailer. With all of these conspiracies and possible plotlines, fans are still excited to see what Marvel will come up with, if you are one of those fans you'll just have to wait to find out.

The Adventurefuls

Annie Payne, Photography Editor

The Girl Scouts have announced that their newest cookie, The Adventurefuls, will release in 2022. This new addition will add to the delicious 11 flavors that are already on the flavor list.

This cookie is made very differently from the other flavors that the Girl Scouts already produce. According to the Girl Scouts website, the cookie is 'an indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt [that] take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their amazing adventures.' Many people are very excited as the Girl Scouts make new cookies every few years, each being unique from one another.

The flavors of these cookies



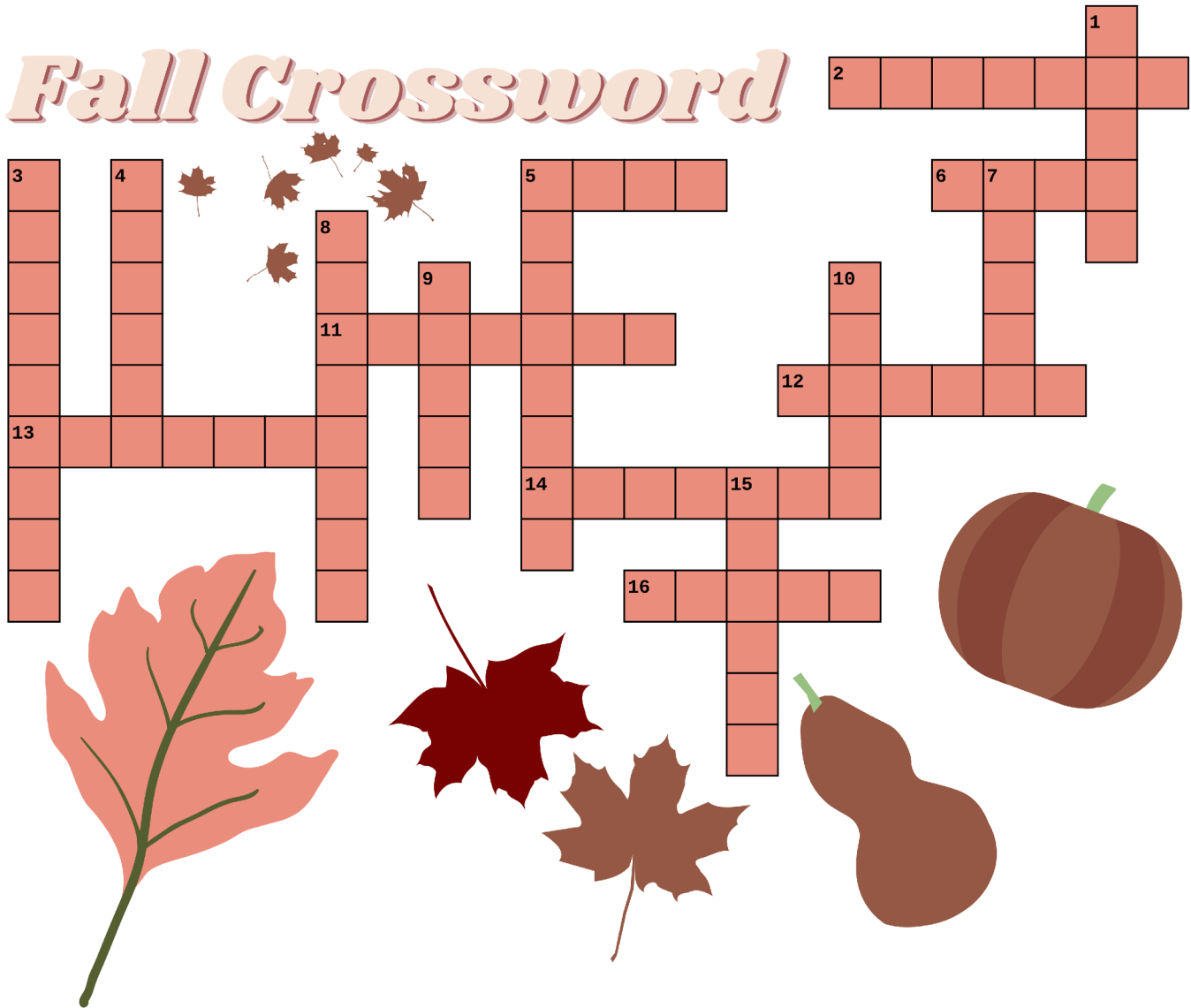
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signify trying new things and being brave and bold. The organization makes the selling process to fuel the adventures in the Girl Scouts and have them be themselves, discover new passions, and making new friends. Jaelle Valentine, a Girl Scout and student at Chandler High School says, "I think this will be a very popular cookie because it's bringing sweet and savory, and not many of our cookies have that savory aspect." She also states that it will be great for business because new cookies always mean more sales! The Girl Scout website shows

that the two cookie serving has about 120 calories, 6 grams of fat (3.5 grams saturated), 80 milligrams of sodium, 16 grams of carbohydrates, 9 grams of sugar, and finally one gram of protein.

As the word spreads, Girl Scouts will be busy next year selling these new cookies. With the unique savory and sweet flavoring, cookies will start rolling out at the beginning of the year. As for the Girl Scouts, like Jaelle, most are very eager to serve and make new memories.

Fall Crossword



Down

1. A beverage made of apples
3. With Dorothy, Tin Man, and Lion
4. What yellows and oranges on a tree
5. A spice featured in a viral 2013 challenge
7. A delightful tree fruit best baked into pie
8. Bones, in order
9. A patchwork of fabrics, as a blanket
10. Decorative Squashes
15. The season beginning in September

Across

2. The epitomic squash of the season
5. A warm spiced tea
6. Labyrinths, often of corn
11. This day is the year's shortest
12. A ground spice found in pumpkin pie
13. Worn on Halloween
14. Where apple trees grow
16. Where pumpkins grow

Answers: 1. Cider 2. Pumpkin 3. Scarecrow 4. Leaves 5. Chat
 6. Maze 7. Apple 8. Skeleton 9. Quilt 10. Gourd 11. Equinox 12.
 Nutmeg 13. Costume 14. Orchard 15. Autumn 16. Patch

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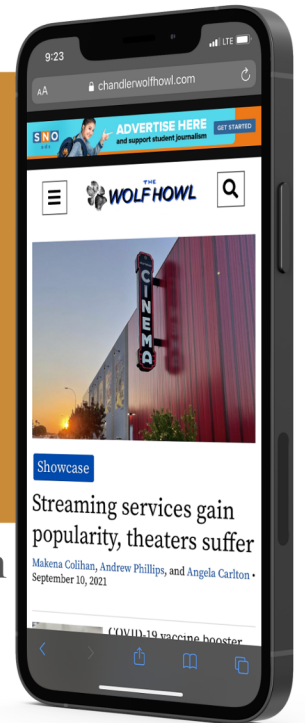
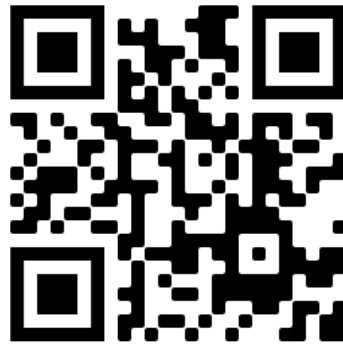
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