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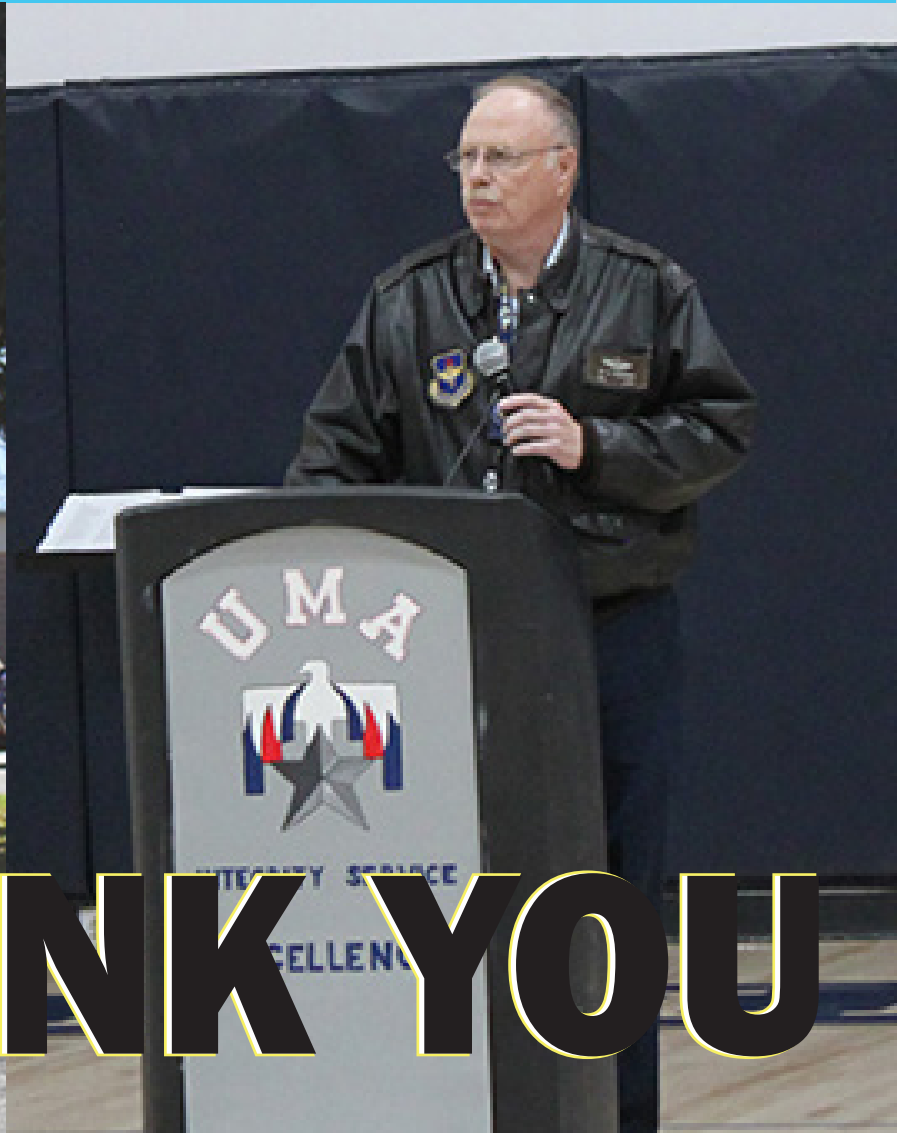
UMA TODAY



Mrs. McNeely talks with a cadet about his grades during Parent-Teacher conferences. She has been extremely successful in advising and coaching the Speech and Debate Team.

THE DEBATE TEAM

Mrs. McNeely leads a small but talented group of cadets looking to repeat or better their state runner-up performance from last year. See pg 5



THANK YOU VETERANS!

Utah Military Academy Salutes Those Who Serve or Have Served

by Cadet J.J. Welch

We do a lot for Veterans' Day here at UMA. It is very important for us as a military school to be able to honor those who don't get enough recognition. We make sure we fill our schedules for the whole Veterans' weekend. Veterans' Day is taken very seriously by all departments of learning at our school, and everyone always does their best to show their appreciation to America's veterans.

The Honor Guard is particularly busy during this timeframe, and on November 11th, they represented our school in multiple events. In this one day, they did services for the Leadership Learning Academy Assembly, Whiteside Elementary, Clearfield American Legion, a Flag retirement here at UMA, a Flag raising at West Point City, and they participated in the Sunset Veterans' Day Program. In all, six different events were executed by two teams.

The Honor Guard also participated in the Veterans' Day Parade in Layton, along with other groups like the UMA Band, our Civil Air Patrol, and our Drill teams. Honor Guard participated in this parade with their new instructor, Senior Master Sergeant Wass. We spoke with the commander of Honor Guard, Cadet Kaiser about what he thought of the new instructor, and he told us "She is great. She was on the Honor Guard for several years. She has lots of different tips and tricks, and she really helps us."

The Jazz Band is doing their own part for the veterans. They participated in the Veteran's Day Parade, as well as the flag raising ceremony at West Point. They have been practicing for months in preparation for these performances, and they didn't disappoint. The Chamber Choir also did their part by performing in the school assembly on Friday, Nov. 12th.

Why honor veterans you may ask? For UMA and many other schools, it is very important that we show our honor and respect for those who sacrificed for us and for those soldiers who never came home to their families. As for those who came home, they came home as warriors with unforgettable memories and our deepest appreciation.

Top left: Cadets Kingenberg, Kaiser, Hogan and Greenamymer present the colors for the Veterans' Day Parade. Top right: Commandant Major Workman gives the keynote address during the Veterans' Day Assembly. Right from top: Color Guard presents for the Veterans' Assembly, MSG DeVault facilitates the Veteran video while the audience watches intently, Cadets Miskell and Wass lead the Veterans' Day Parade, The Chamber Choir leads the Star Spangled Banner during the assembly, Members of the UMA Band March in the parade, as well as Armed and Unarmed Drill. Cadets Gruwell and Welch do a special skit with Captain Curtis and the Chamber Choir, and Chief Martin introduces the keynote speaker, Mjr. Workman.



JROTC NEWSLINE

by Cadet R. Kaplan

December Service Projects

Here are the service projects for the month of December:

Wreaths Across America

December 7th, 3:30-4:30, road cleanup

Now until December 7th, Giving Tree (in the office)

Dec 10th and 11th, evening 10th and all day 11th, community Christmas service

Channel your inner Christmas spirit and help make the holidays a little bit smoother for somebody. Get some service hours in before the break!

NOVEMBER PROMOTION CEREMONY

by Cadets M. Erickson and B. Kaur

November 3, 2021 was a day that the gym felt like one huge sauna. Everyone who attended the promotion ceremony knew that the program was very warm but also very successful. When looking at the number of cadets who earned ribbons this term, we realized that this is the most amount of cadets who have applied and been approved for the following ribbons:

Academic Ribbon- 53

Recruiting Ribbon- 7

Good Conduct Ribbon- 46

Dress and Appearance Ribbon- 44

Bataan Death March Ribbon- 45

As a Wing, we also have the goal of reaching a 30% promotion rate. Keep in mind that that is a year long goal. I am proud to say that in just one term we reached a 26% promotion rate. As the Wing Commander, it was great to see the amount of promotions and the amount of parental support at the ceremony! A big thank you to everyone who helped us reach 26%. For those of you that did promote, make sure to bring your friends along to the next service project so that we can reach our 30%. Keep working hard and I am excited to see the award and promotion list for next term!

Top right: Cadets await promotion during the ceremony on November 3rd. Right: The Wing leadership take time for a pose during the ceremony.

CyberPatriot Competition

On December 12th, the cyber patriot team will have their third tournament of the year. When asked to comment, Cadet Anika Ellis, one talented member of the team, sent a reminder to her fellow cyber patriots: "Don't kick the computers!" If you have a passion for all things computers, or want to break into the world of tech, consider going to the cyber patriot team time on Tuesdays after school. You may find a love for the activity, and even become a member of the competitive team yourself next year. For now, go and wish a cyber patriots member good luck!



JROTC November Cadet of the Month -



by Cadets R. Kaplan and M. Storm

Cadet Levi Hindrichs is undeniably one of the best and brightest students at our school. As his nominator stated, "Cadet Hindrichs is always looking out for those who need help with academics. He is one of the few people who is always on task in both academics and service. He is very responsible and respectful. He is an amazing example to his peers, and someone who people can depend on and trust. He has come a long way as a member of the flight; he used to be very quiet, and kept to himself. Now, he is always found playing chess with those who ask, or helping out with academics." This interview was a pleasant and intriguing look into the behind-the-scenes of November's very deserving cadet of the month.

Kaplan: How did you feel when you found out you were the cadet of the month?

"I was honestly surprised. I felt like there were a lot of other people that could've earned it as well."

Storm: How long have you been attending UMA?

"I've been attending UMA since my 7th grade year."

Kaplan: After that long, how have you seen the school change?

"I've seen it change a lot. I remember the old cafeteria and how it used to have the stage, and it's completely changed."

Kaplan: Would you say the atmosphere's changed at all?
"Kind of. I mean as a 7th grader you don't really pay much attention to the atmosphere, but I can definitely tell everyone is close-knit. Like, you can see another person across the hall and just go, "Hey!", and you may not know them too well, but you still know them."

Storm: Part of your nomination mentioned how you can be found playing chess with others. How has your experience on the chess team been?

"It's been really fun. I know that 2019 was probably the best year for chess, because we went to a lot of tournaments. 2020 made it a lot less active for people, but we're hoping to bring it back in 2021. There are a lot of people who are interested in chess which makes me very happy."

Kaplan: What are some team times you've participated in at our school?

"I've participated in quite a few. I've done drama club, and I did robotics club in 8th grade. I've also been in a video production club; we got all the shots in like a month, but at that point I just got too busy to stay."

Kaplan: Of all those team times, what's been your favorite?

"My favorite would definitely have to be the chess team. The close second would be drama club, because Captain Curtis made an awesome atmosphere where you could really be yourself."

Storm: As far as I know, you're also on track to be this year's valedictorian, and are ranked number one in the senior class. How did you accomplish this?

"I always made sure to be on time with my work, and monitor everything that I was doing. I would always set aside time to work on this work and focus."

Kaplan: Are there any teachers or staff members who've really helped you in your journey at the school over the years?

"Definitely Major Lovejoy when he was here. He was a person I could talk to, and as the host of chess team time, I got to know him pretty well. He'd tell amazing stories during his classes, and he was just a really nice guy overall."

Storm: Do you have any words of advice for your fellow students?

"I'd say make sure to cherish your high school life, because those years will be long gone soon."

FYI - DECEMBER CALENDAR

by Cadets B. Kaur and M. Erickson

December is Universal Human Rights Month

12/1- HS Boys Basketball Away game V.S Ogden high @5:30 &

JH Boys Basketball Home game V.S Highland @4:30

12/6- JH Boys Basketball Home game V.S Quest @4:30 & Hanukkah Ends

12/8- HS boys Basketball Home game V.S USDB @5:30

12/9- JH Boys Basketball Home game V.S HighMark @4:30

12/13- JH Boys Basketball Away game V.S Mound Fort @4:15

12/15- JH Boys Basketball Home game V.S Syracuse Arts @4:15

12/16- JH Boys Basketball Away game V.S Mount Ogden @4:15

12/17- Snowball Dance sponsored by the UMA Band

12/20 through 1/2 - Winter Break - No school

12/29- HS Boys basketball game home V.S UMA- CW @5:30

TEAM TIME CALENDAR

Monday:

Archery/Range (Sage)

Marksmanship Range (Maj. Workman)

Boys Scouts (Mr. Chapman) R101

HAM Radio (Mr Mamanakis) rm

Driver's Ed- Online

Tuesday:

Archery/Range (Sage)

Rangers TEAM Time (SGT Kitchens)

Marksmanship Range (Maj. Workman)

Team Player Games (CPT Curtis R101)

Chess Club (Wiegmann/Pynes) Library

JROTC Academic Team (Maj Gardenhour P1)

Weight Lifting (Mr. Clark)

Board Gaming (Miss Pond) Rm 116

Military Academy (CAP Lt. Col Carlisi- R-116)

National Honor Society (Mrs. McCutchan) R121

Honor Guard (MSgt Jimenez)

Dungeons and Dragons (Mr. Dockter) R203

Tutorials for English 7 (Mr. Larson R-110)

English- Mrs McNeely

Math- Rotating Math Rms

Drivers Ed- Online

Cyber Patriot (1700-1830)

Civil Air Patrol (1830-2100)

Fencing (1600-1830)

Wednesday:

Archery/Range (Sage)

Marksmanship Range (Maj. Workman)

Drama Club (Mr & Mrs West) Rm 115

Diversity Club (Mrs Barlow) Rm 202

Open Discussion Debate (Mr. Storm/Mrs. McNeely R107)

Martial Arts (MMA) Cafeteria

Weight Lifting (Mr. Clark) Weight Rm

JROTC PT (Maj. Gardenhour R 206)

PC Building (Mr. Larson) Rm 201

Fishing (Dr Stewart) Rm 117

Academic Team (Maj Nugen)

Crypto Math Club (Mrs Wright)

Model Building

Open Study Hall (Miss Pond) Rm115

Math (Mrs. Hansen- R113)

Science (Mrs. McCutchan) R121

Math- Rotating Math Rms

English (Mr. Dockter R203)

Drivers Ed- Online

Weber Co. Law Enfment Explrs(Wed 2xMonth, 1800-2000)

Weber Co. Sheriff's Office

Thursday:

Archery/Range (Sage)

Rangers TEAM Time (SGT Kitchens)

Marksmanship Range (Maj. Workman)

Movie Club (CPT Curtis R101)

E-Sports Club (Mr. Storm R107)

Art Club/Open Art, Photography, Videography, Graphic

Design (Mrs Carter/ Dr Stewart)- R123)

Weightlifting

Jr and HS Debate Team (Mrs. McNeely/Mrs. Kipnis R204)

Military Awareness (CAP Lt. Carlisi- R-116)

Strategic Gaming (Mrs McCutchan) R121

Honor Guard (MSgt Jimenez)

Dungeons and Dragons (Mr. Dockter) R203

Open Study Hall (Miss Pond) R115

Math- Rotating Math Rms

Drivers Ed- Online

Fencing (1600-1830) Kaysville

Friday:

Marksmanship Range (Maj. Workman)

Open Study Hall (Mr Storm - R107)

Math (Mrs Hansen- R113)

WINTER SPORT SPOTLIGHT: JR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL

by Cadets N. Beltran and A. Skibiell



As a JH cadet and a basketball fan, we're ecstatic for the winter sports season. The main reason we're excited about the new season is basketball or to be more specific, Junior High Boys' Basketball. This basketball season will be different from the other basketball seasons at UMA due to new players and a new coach. These first couple of games have been a rough start to the season. Although our games haven't been going the best, the team is still practicing just as hard and maybe harder. Something we would all like to see is our team start dominating their competition.

As for the changes to the team, a new coach has joined the team. Our new coach goes by Coach Bailey. The team's co-coach is the 7th grade science teacher and engineering instructor, Dr Stewart. Cadet Bosley stated that the new coach is very nice, understandable, and has very good advice for the team. Cadet Navarro says "The new coach is dedicated to getting the players playing better in a short period of time." Overall the players feel pretty positive about the new coach.

Most of the players are dedicated to the sport, though the time the players have been interested in the sport varies between each player. Some players have been playing since elementary school and some players have earned interest in the sport just this year. Most players are very dedicated. For example, some players practice from one to two hours on their own time and some practice thirty minutes.

This year our basketball team operates a bit differently; the team is split up into two teams, an A team and a B team. I interviewed players, once again asking them what they thought about this difference. One player explained, "The A team is a more experienced team and is more focused on academics. However, the B team is for players who need more practice and have more room for academic improvement." Another player added, "I feel the B team is more relaxed and interested in playing for fun and the A team is more interested in playing the best they can."

As you can see, we are very excited to see how this basketball season will play out. Many of the intense games have ended in losing scores, although there is still a lot of time to improve. If our JH high basketball team keeps up the hard work, hopefully we can be a winning team by the end of the season.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS: MRS. SCHREURS and Lt COL. CARLISI



MRS. EMILY SCHREURS

by Cadet A. Ellis

This month we chose an amazing teacher to introduce, who doesn't get much recognition for what she does. She helps so many people, but no one realizes it. Her name is Ms. Schreurs. Most people know her as Ms. S. She teaches junior high study skills, ELL (English Language Learners), study hall and literacy. Sometimes she even teaches the teachers how to improve their teaching methods.

Her only high school class is a literacy class. It has 9th through 11th graders in it. Literacy is a reading improvement class that students take if they are behind on reading a little. The rest of her classes are junior high classes. She mainly teaches literacy and ELL. ELL is an English language learning class, for students whose second language is English and they need some practice in it. At our school, we have people who speak Portuguese and Spanish.

She has study hall and study skills only a few days a week, but they're really good classes. To get credit for those classes, students are given a sticky note with scores to get up or assignments to do. If they turn the assignment in showing that they have made progress, they will get full points. Days they are absent don't affect their grade. If they are done, they have free time.

She motivates her kids by competing with them to be better than the other classes. They really came up with that idea on their own though. The class with the best grades at the end of the term will get a donut party and the satisfaction of getting better grades. Last term, her students averaged about a half an F, which is pretty good. She is



CAP LT COL SCOTT CARLISI

by Cadet J. Williams

We all know him as Colonel Carlisi. To some of us he's a mentor, a teacher, an advisor, or a close friend. In some way he's helped all of us with his amazing sense of sarcasm and a nice smile. Colonel Carlisi was chosen as one of UMA's teachers of the month, a well deserved title for all that he's done over the years here at UMA.

Lieutenant Colonel Carlisi graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and Natural resource Management. He then went on to serve in the Des Moines police force in 1987. He came to UMA with the intention of hoping to get more cadets interested in the Civil Air Patrol program but decided to stick around because of his shared love of teaching US history and wanting to build leaders. Lieutenant Colonel Carlisi's rank is from his service in Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

As a senior member in the organization, he believes strongly in the power of leadership and the impact it makes to have good leaders in an organization. When asked what makes a good leader he promptly replied, "a servant leader, someone that looks out for the interest of others over their own interest." Being a servant leader is the best way to build an organization especially because a person doesn't have to be a higher rank to be a servant leader, they could just be an airman helping to fix someone's rank or ribbons.

Everyone knows that all teachers have a favorite student or qualities that make up the title "favorite student." These qualities could span anywhere from just being helpful or being quiet in class to being the best class leader or someone who helps out the teacher a lot. Sometimes it depends on the teacher and what they look for in a favorite student. But for Colonel Carlisi, he looks for someone who has the drive to learn and someone who is willing to learn new things both inside and outside of school. It doesn't matter which grade they are in as long as they're willing to get all their work done on time and show that they are interested in the material they are learning, they could be Colonel Carlisi's favorite student. It would also be nice to once in a while offer some help or have a good conversation with him.

In addition to teaching at UMA and doing Civil Air Patrol, Colonel Carlisi has also been working at a youth facility for twenty years. He's been teaching for six years and he's been doing Civil Air Partol for fifteen years. He is a great part of our community here at UMA, and we can all agree that he deserves teacher of the month.

LUNCH SCHEDULE - SAY PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

by Mrs. T. Green, Food Service Director

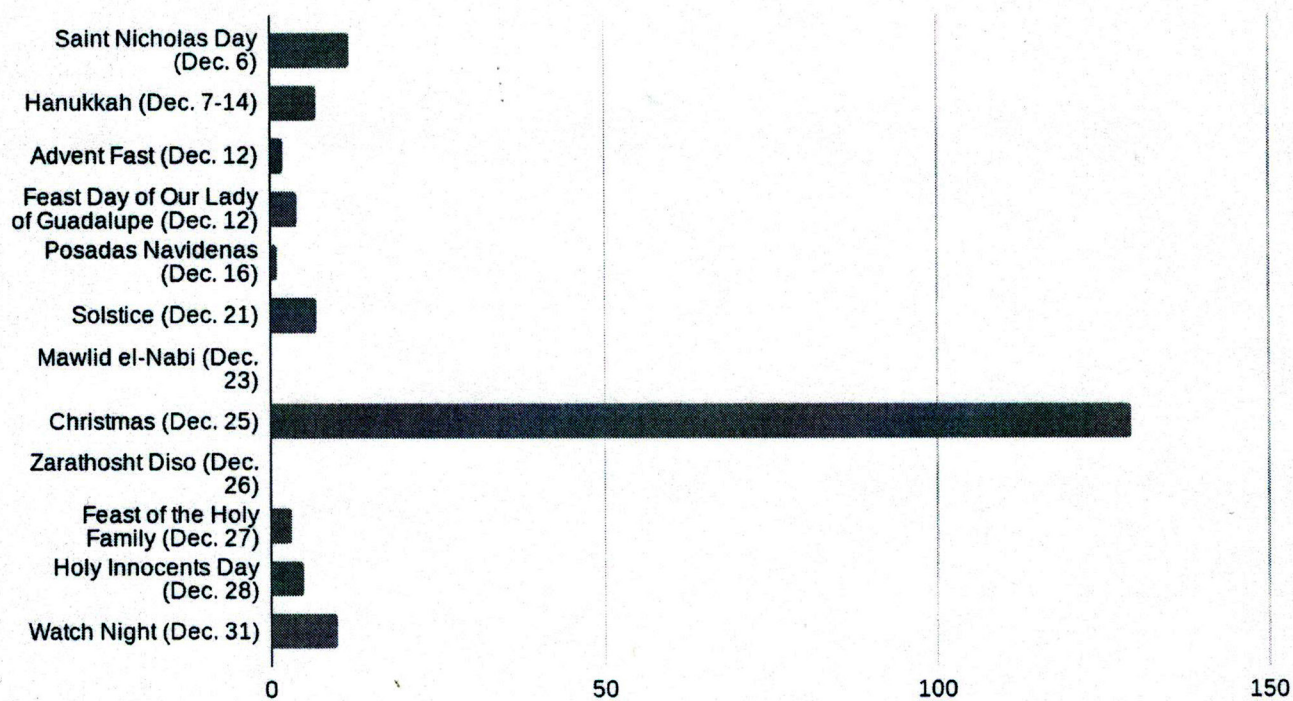
2021 December						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	01 Hamburgers Tom/lettuce/pick Ranch Potatoes Mixed Fruit	02 Pizza pep/cheese, Veggie Dipables, Pineapple, Yogurt	03 Corndog, Corn cob, Grapes, Carrots & Celery Chex Mix	04	05
06 Meatball/cheese Marinara Sub, Peas, Peaches	07 Taco bag, Meat Lettuce/Tom/chez, Apples, Corn, Churro	08 Crispy Chicken, Lettuce/Tom/pick Fries, Strawberry cup	09 Chicken/Cheese Quesadilla, Salsa rice, pepper/onion, Mxd Berries cup	10 Pulled Pork, or Rib Broccoli, Ranch potatoes, Mx Fruit,	11	12
13 Ham & cheese pocket, Fries, Mandarin oranges, Sunchips	14 Cheese Ravoli, Gar bread, Mx veg, Cinnamon Apples	15 Turkey&cheese Pita, Pickles Lettuce/Tom, carrots, Mx Fruit,	16 Pizza pep/cheese, Veggie Dipables, Pineapple, Cookie	17 French Toast sticks, Sausage, Hashbrown, yogurt, Blueberries&cream	18	19
20 EAT	21 YOUR	22 FRUITS	23 AND	24 VEGGIES	25 WHILE	26
27 ON	28 WINTER	29 BREAK!	30 BE	31 KIND!	01	02
03 WELCOME BACK	04	Notes: Choice of lowfat white, chocolate or strawberry milk is offered daily. Full salad bar is available daily. Menu is subject to change depending on availability. Lunch applications can be found at www.utahmilitaryacademy.org . This institution is an equal opportunity provider.				

LIFESTYLE

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS EXPLORED

by Cadet M. Erickson

What Holiday Traditions do you Celebrate?



Above are results from a UMA student and faculty survey regarding holiday traditions that are maintained. Nov. 2021.

Happy holidays everyone! The holiday season is fun and exciting for everyone regardless of which traditions he or she celebrates. While it is nice to celebrate the traditions that you know and do every year, it is important that you learn more about the traditions that you don't celebrate. As you can see on the chart above, it is clear that most of the students and teachers at our school celebrate Christmas. It is fantastic that so many people celebrate that tradition, but let's take some time to learn more about traditions from different cultures.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that is also commonly known as the Festival of Lights. This tradition lasts for eight days and marks the recovery of Jerusalem and the re-dedication of the second temple in Jerusalem. The festival is started

by lighting one candle on the menorah. A menorah is a multi-branched candelabra that holds all eight candles. Every night another candle is added, lighting them in order from newest to oldest. There are also blessings offered with every candle as it is lit.

The feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe is a Mexican Catholic tradition. This day is in remembrance of the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant Juan Diego (1531). This is a popular tradition in Mexico and is an important time for Mexican Americans to celebrate their culture and religion. Many people put up altars in their homes that are decorated with candles and flowers. Traditionally there is also a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the altar. Following a Catholic mass on this day there is a big fiesta with food and



THOUGHTS ON RELATIONSHIPS

Who is your crush? Tell them how you feel!

by Cadet M. Storm

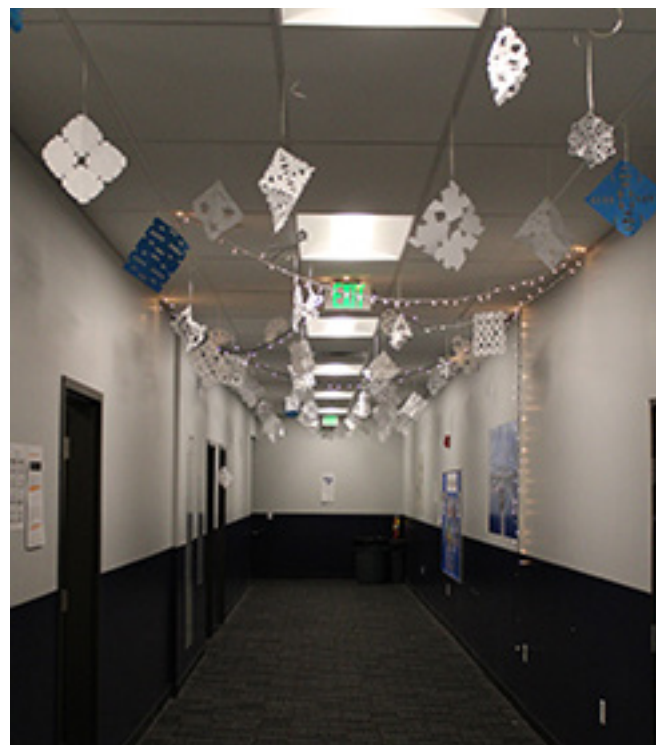
We've all liked someone. Maybe it's that girl in your calculus class who always asks you for the answers or the boy who works at the Walmart your family always goes to. Well, if you can think of the person you like, you have a common goal with everyone else thinking of their own crush. You want to be in a relationship with them, but relationships are complex... yet so simple.

Many relationships have not been started because someone was too scared or nervous to ask. That someone could have been the person you'll spend your life with, yet you missed that chance because you thought they would reject you. I have had too many crushes to name them all, but I've asked many people to date. So far, I've only dated six people. Yet of those six people, I only told three of them that I had feelings for them and they admitted that they had feelings for me. All of those people have broken my heart too, and many people could attest to the same thing.

Broken hearts are a very common thing in songs and stories. Even with most friends, broken hearts are everywhere. It is estimated that there are over 100 million breakups per year. That's a lot of

broken hearts. The worst part is many people think that's all that love is. They think all relationships will fail, causing them to avoid everyone they like. Yet what they don't know is that they may have been the cause of the ending of their relationships. They aren't talking to their partner. They find problems or see inconsistencies, but keep them to themselves, causing insecurity until the inevitable crumble of their relationship. With all those breakups, their feelings get worse and worse until they stop with normal communication with every partner they have.

It's also the same thing with getting relationships. They don't communicate their feelings towards others because of how they've been treated, making it harder for them to find someone. But instead of self-reflecting and fixing the problem, they complain. There will never be a time that no one doubts themselves; it's unavoidable. Although if we just learn to look past those doubts, to take our mistakes, and to try our best to make them our motivation, we can finally tell that one person that we like them.



SBO UPDATE by Cadet K. Wright

Captain Curtis and the SBO's decorated the school to get it ready for Christmas. Students can feel the festivity in the air. SBOs will be selling hot chocolate and candy canes before and after school through winter break. Activities will also be held during spirit week to help raise money for donation and school events.

TOP TEN PHONE APPS

Give them a try...

by Cadet K. Donnelly

10. Raid Shadow Legends, I myself wasn't so sure about RAID Shadow Legends, but after giving it a try, I can say I am addicted to it, if you start playing raid today using my code "MURDERGIFT" you will start with 500k Silver, 6 Energy Potions, 3-day XP boost, & 3 Multi Battles, to help you when you start. 6/10,

9. Instagram: I use Instagram a lot, its very commonly used throughout the world, and it is a great app as long as you aren't the reason it can be a problem, simply you can follow your favorite music artists, or actors, and see what they are up to outside of productions, it also can be used to keep friends together. Solid 7/10, there are some dark points to it.

8. Dad Jokes: It's just an app that has a bunch of dad jokes on it, super weak. But super awesome at the same time, you like dad jokes? This app is perfect for you, being that you are able to just pull up the app, read a joke and share it. Definitely able to anger some around you, but that's likely the reason you got it to begin with! Easy 7/10

7. Tik Tok, personally I don't use this app much, it's sort of a bummer, because all it does is bring about memes that can really just be a dead beat to your mind. But outside of that, it does have some good things to it, like actually good comedy to an extent, but it's an overall good app, based on what your interests are. 7.3/10

6. Bloons TD 6, great app, just the same thing as TD 5, but with a much more appealing look to the game, it's not really an upgrade from the last release, but it does have its charms, I don't use this app often, but it's a good time killer, if you have a few hours to wait after been done with all you have, definitely do get this, 7.5/10

5. Finger on the App 2. MrBeast presents Finger On The App 2, a multiplayer mobile gaming contest that challenges players to keep their Finger On The App for as long as possible! This app includes: nothing, you keep your finger on your screen as long as you can possibly go. The only thing that comes out of it is winning prizes. It's a weird app, but people love it. 7.8/10

4. Gordon Ramsay: Chef Blast, you may be thinking that this is a joke, but no, it's a simple match the blocks game, but with a side to it, the more you play, the more recipes you unlock, giving you all the ingredients and the way to cook as a full recipe, and I'll tell you, they are amazing to cook. 8/10 because its just a basic app really, only the cooking part gets ya.

3. Youtube: You should all be familiar with YouTube. It's literally YouTube; people use this all the time, for watching people play video games, music, or movies, if you pay for them of course. The only downside is that everytime you close the app, it asks you to buy YouTube Premium, that's the only bad thing to it, 8/10

2. Facebook, not that I use it, but it is commonly loved throughout the internet, connect with friends, family, or even people who have a similar interest as you do. It's side app, facebook messenger, is also a good app, used to directly message those people I mentioned before, not bad in any way, 9/10 based off of its users opinions, but personally 3/10 not a fan.

1. Angry Birds 2, the classic back for its title at one of the best phone apps of all time, you know the squad of birds, back with new gameplay and such, a definite upgrade from the previous installments, it's back at last! I have loved it since it launched. 10/10

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by Cadet M. Erickson

On Oct. 29th, Mrs. Carter hosted a “Paint with Me” activity where parents of cadets were invited to come join their cadets in a night full of painting bliss. Mrs. Carter played “Bob Ross” and stood up in front of the cadets and parents/family that signed up to participate and guided them through a simple and festive acrylic painting. Each person received a plate with all the paints needed, a cup of water, paper towels, and brushes.

Mrs. Carter would demonstrate a few steps on her painting, and then participants would follow. If people needed help and Mrs. Carter could not get to them in time, she also had some of her advanced cadets there to help in any way needed, from getting more supplies for people to helping them paint! One cadet in particular was very interactive in helping and encouraging people in their work, Cadet Isaiah Flowers. He was giving high fives and good jobs all over the place really helping keep the mood positive!

Seeing cadets interact with their parents and family in a positive and fun activity was so much fun! Each person had a different take on the overall painting and really had an opportunity to make their painting uniquely theirs. We had round pumpkins, square pumpkins, witches, and ghosts. Cat ghosts, and Aliens, OH MY! So Spooky!

After two hours, eventually their fun had to come to an end, it was time to clean up and head home with their new paintings in hand. However, not without a celebratory photo of course! Everyone was encouraged to pose with their paintings in hand and their tag-a-longs next to them with hopefully a happy and proud smile on their faces!

E.A.S.E FIELD DAY

Kids Get the Help They Need

by Cadet A. Ellis

Many cadets took advantage of the recent Ease Future Field day held at UMA on November 13th from 10:30 am to 2 pm. The cadets were able to get help with homework, get caught up on school work, and get the chance to win some great prizes

There were a lot of teachers there to help, including Mr. Summers, Ms. Wright, and Mr. Storm the computer teacher. They provided paper and pencils. They helped with specific assignments. There was one kid working on a math worksheet. I wasn't much help to him, but Mr. Summers came and explained how to do it. Apparently taxes are hard.

For breakfast they had yogurt, grapes, watermelon, and muffins. For the drinks, juice boxes and water. Lunch was mac and cheese and chicken tenders. They made so much that they let students bring some food home.

At the end, cadets earned prizes for each assignment they did. They put a ticket in the boxes and pulled random tickets at the end. The prizes were a variety of nice coffee mugs with lids, stickers, pins, coloring books, chalk, beanies, crayons, and notepads.

It was an amazing event and a good opportunity to improve grades. Students can also get more help from the teachers that have been troubling you to understand what they're teaching or how to do it. Cadets can volunteer to help others out at field day too. I can't wait to help out with the next field day!



PAINT NIGHT

Our Community Comes Together to Create!



Above are pictures from the Community Paint Night held at the end of October. Mrs. Carter, Art Teacher Extraordinaire, leads the “Bob Ross-like” activity for evening. As you can see, attendance was very high and everyone had a great time!

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Carrying On the Winning Tradition

by Cadet N. Falaschi

Speech and Debate is a competitive team, having placed 2nd in the state tournament last year, and 3rd in state for three times in row before that. It has multiple events all centered around public speaking and debating. Overall the team has a very competitive spirit. The team is looking to build the team for the upcoming years. Six of the current members will be leaving the already small team next year and they are hopeful for some fresh faces.

“The biggest thing, I think, to understand the debate team is that we aren't just a seasonal team, where someone could get cut from the team, and when the season is over the team just disbands, and during the season we all pretend we don't know each other.” Noelle Falaschi, captain of the speech and debate team, reflects “We stick together year-round, we celebrate holidays, achievements outside the team together, we help each other through the tough times. I have a small gang of seventh graders, most of which I've taught debate to one time or another, who follow me around sometimes chanting about how they know me. What I think I'm trying to get at is we're family. A really weird, loud, aggressive family. There has never been a doubt in my mind that the team wouldn't be there for me if I needed them to be.”

This feeling of family can be shown in traditions the team does, such as a Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas lights in Ogden, Saturday competition

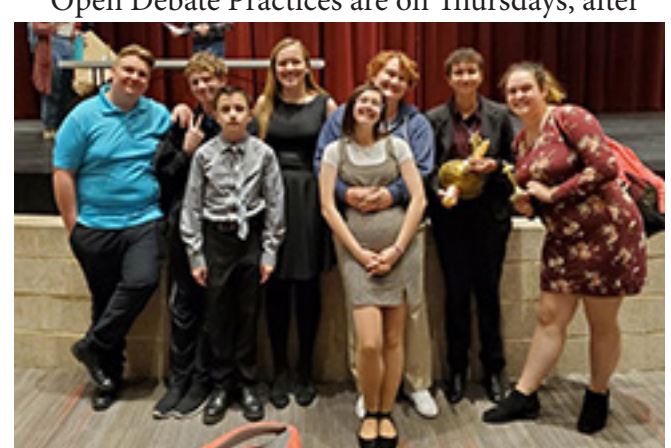
dinners, movie nights and so much more.

We asked members of the debate team leadership what the debate team has done for them. Meggie Kipnis, the vice captain said “I've made lifelong friends here. I was super shy in 9th grade and it helped bring me out of my shell.” Radeyah Kaplan, fundraising chair said, “To me, debate is the opportunity to develop and perfect one's linguistic ability. Debate is where you refine your quick-thinking ability, conquer your fears of public speaking, and master the art of wordsmithing”

When asked why they stuck around for long, Radeyah Kaplan said “This may only be my third (and final) year doing debate, but I've kept it up because it offers me the chance to create and improve a very unique skill set. Additionally, the community surrounding debate is one of the most welcoming, intellectually stimulating, and uplifting groups of people I've ever met.”

This year the debate team celebrates finally going back to in-person competitions, with several upcoming tournaments. Every tournament is open to all high school cadets to either watch or compete and any junior high cadets that want to watch and learn are more than welcome. One of the biggest tournaments and a fan-favorite is the two day debate tournament on December 3rd and 4th called Caesar and Cicero. This competition is one of the biggest and more entertaining competitions all year round.

Open Debate Practices are on Thursdays, after

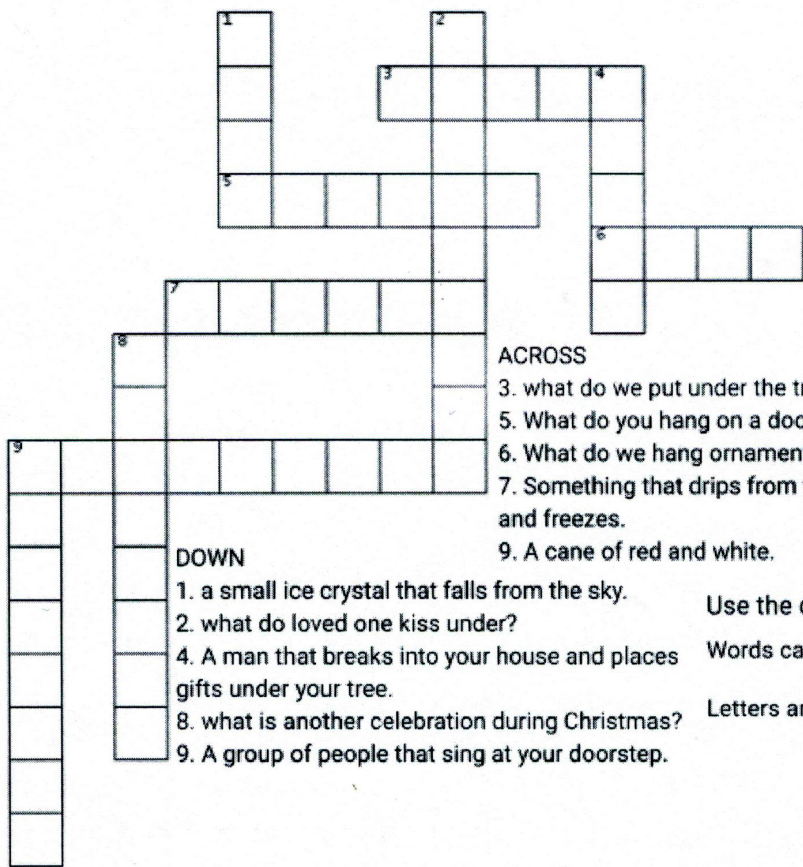


From left, Falaschi and Kaplan look at their Debate results, Morris entertains Storm before a competition, and the Speech and Debate team poses for advisor, Mrs. McNeely after a competition.

ENTERTAINMENT SECTION - Enjoy!

UMA Crossword and UMA Word Search

by Cadet E. Gruwell



- ACROSS**
3. what do we put under the tree?
 5. What do you hang on a door way?
 6. What do we hang ornaments on?
 7. Something that drips from the side of your roof and freezes.
 9. A cane of red and white.

- DOWN**
1. a small ice crystal that falls from the sky.
 2. what do loved one kiss under?
 4. A man that breaks into your house and places gifts under your tree.
 8. what is another celebration during Christmas?
 9. A group of people that sing at your doorstep.

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

f u v h g z p g m l i c f h d
 p m l u m i t n t k q q o a e
 w a w b l v a i a y j d o q c
 e g i g m r x f c k e w t r o
 q n r k s f p f q s b c b f r
 j i o a l m w u u c o m a l a
 m b x b v x h t i i w m l r t
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Buns

Cranberry

Decorations

Family

Football

Gravy

Indian

Nap

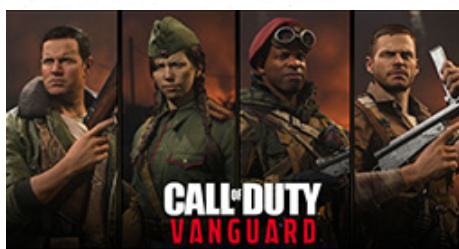
Pilgrim

Sharing

Stuffing

Turkey

Wishbone



A Video Game Review by Cadet C. Roybal

Have you ever wanted to experience parachuting into the Battle of Berlin? The new **Call Of Duty: Vanguard** is a WWII first person shooter like never before. Learn the origins of the special forces such as Green Berets, Night Stalkers, Rangers, Navy SEALs, as you change the course of history. Players play on twenty different maps, as well as a new and massive map. The four playable characters are Private Lucas Riggs, Sergeant Arthur Kingsley, Lieutenant Wade Jackson, Lieutenant Polina Petrova. Each of the characters overcome their own obstacles in their challenge to win the war. There is also an all new zombie mode where you team up and battle the undead to survive as many rounds as possible.. You can also play crossover, so you can group up and play together with other consoles such as Playstation, Xbox, and PC.



Five Guys

A Restaurant Review by Cadet D. Jennings

If you love going out to eat, like to take a break from cooking, and also enjoy eating burgers and fries covered with grease once in a while, my dad and I recommend a place called Five Guys. A couple of years ago was my first time trying Five Guys. My dad stated that it was "one of the best burger and fries I had ever tasted." At first, I almost thought he was exaggerating because when it came to burgers, he was pretty strict about them.

When we got to the restaurant, the scent was the first thing I noticed. It was so satisfying to the nose. What I inhaled was the smell of a bacon cheeseburger with lettuce, tomatoes, mayonnaise and ketchup, which I quickly ordered. We also got an order of fries. I took one look at burger and was amazed: the burger was covered with grease, and the smell was otherworldly. It was time to take a bite. It was so fresh and juicy, the meat juice plea-

Culinary Corner

by Cadet K. Wright, Expert Chef

Christmas Sugar Cookies

Before you start mixing all your ingredients, preheat your oven to 375 degrees fahrenheit.

In a large bowl mix together 1 cup of softened butter and 1 ½ cups of white sugar. After fully mixed add 1 egg and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract.

Next, gradually add your dry ingredients and stir until there are no clumps left.

Now take the dough and roll it out and take your preferred cookie cutter and cut them out. After you are finished with that, put the cooking on a baking sheet.

Bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. If you are frosting the cookies make sure to let the cookies cool completely before you apply the frosting.

You will make the frosting as the cookies are baking or after they are done baking.

You will need ½ cup of butter, 4 ½ cups of powdered sugar, ¼ cup of milk, ½ tsp of vanilla, ½ tsp of almond extract, and the food coloring of your choice.

Mix all of the ingredients together in a mixer. If you do not have a mixer you can just use a bowl and a whisk.

After all the ingredients are mixed together you can add some milk to the mixture to get the desired consistency.

If you are wanting to make separate colors, divide the frosting and add the colors to the separated frosting.

After your cookies have cooled, spread the desired amount of frosting on the cookie and if you desire you can add sprinkles or any extras.

Easy Pumpkin Pie Recipe

First we need to make the crust of the cheesecake.

For the crust we will need 1 ¾ cups of graham cracker crumbs, 3 tablespoons of sugar, a pinch of salt, and ½ stick of unsalted melted butter.

First you are going to make sure to butter your 9 inch spring-form pan.

Mix together all of your dry ingredients for the crust and then slowly pour the butter over the mixture while you are mixing.

Put the crust mixture into your pan and use a utensil or your hands to evenly coat the bottom of the pan and halfway up the side.

Put the pie crust into the freezer while you set the oven to 350 degrees. After the oven is heated up, take your pie crust out of the freezer and set it in the oven to bake for ten minutes. After your crust has baked, set it to the side to cool while you make the filling for the crust.

Now we make the filling for the pie

The ingredients for this portion of the recipe are ¾ cups of granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, ½ teaspoon of salt, ½ teaspoon of ground ginger, ¼ teaspoon of ground cloves, 2 large eggs, 15 ounces of pure pumpkin, and 12 ounces of evaporated milk.

Mix all of your ingredients together in a large bowl.

Pour all of the mixture into your pre prepared pie crust.

Set your oven temperature to 425 degrees.

After your oven is heated to the required temperature, put in the pie and let it bake for 15 minutes.

After the pie is done cooking, take it out and let it cool before serving. If you are going to put whipped cream or any other whipped topping wait for the pie to cool or it will melt.

sured my taste buds as I chewed. The cajun fries, oh my, the cajun fries were so good. We had gotten a medium order of fries, and the cup was overflowing, and the bottom of the bag also had a ton of fries in it as well. Probably the best cajun fries, or any fries I have ever had. Everytime I go to Five Guys, I usually get the same thing, but there are several orders you can get. Not once have I gone to Five Guys and haven't come out with a full stomach and a smile on my face. I fully support everyone to get the Five Guys experience at least once. Although the menu is a bit expensive, I absolutely think you should consider going to Five guys this year.