

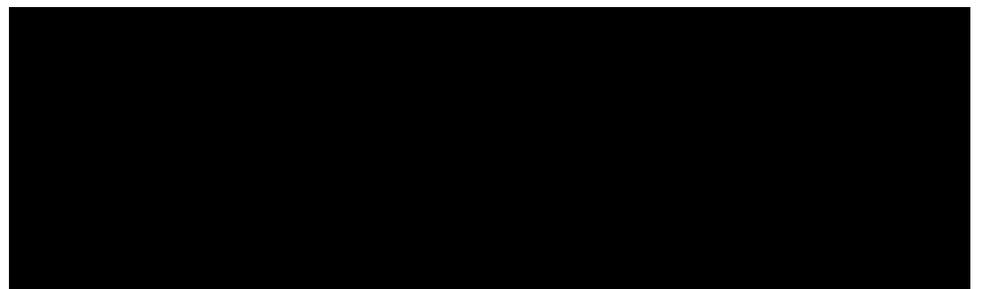
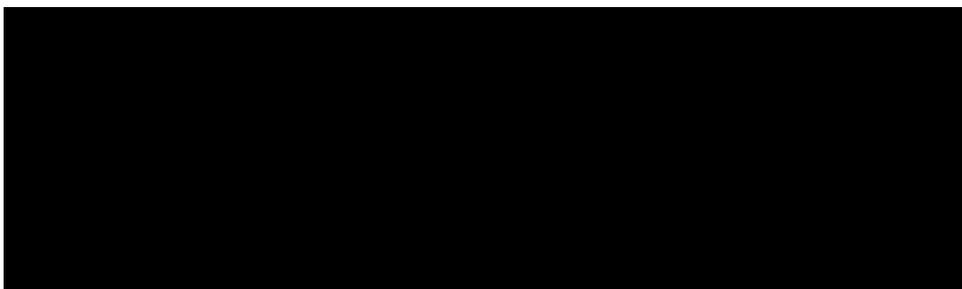
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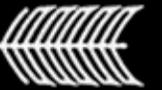
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Please sir, could we have some more Oliver?





It's a fine life- Oliver wows the audience

by Brittney Chism

Every year Broken Arrow High School's drama department works for countless hours on the spring musical. This year the musical was "Oliver" which is based off of the classic Dickens novel "Oliver Twist."

Oliver! was directed by drama teacher Jo Jo Nichols and performed by students from third to twelfth grade. While the lead role was performed by eighth grader Benjamin Lee, he was accompanied by junior Maddie Riggin, junior Austin Wyatt, sophomore Caleb Ricketts, and senior Jeremiah Rankin.

Oliver! starts off in London during the 1860's and follows an orphaned boy, young Oliver Twist, through life's up and downs. Oliver's journey starts at an orphanage where he is then sold to an undertaker. Oliver runs away from his new life and ends up with a group of young pickpockets and quickly learns the tools of the trade. Oliver! has everything from danger to excitement.

"Oliver! was my first lead role in a musical," junior Maddie Riggin said. "I learned so much about myself, the acting process, and performing. I loved watching the younger kids mature in the craft of acting."

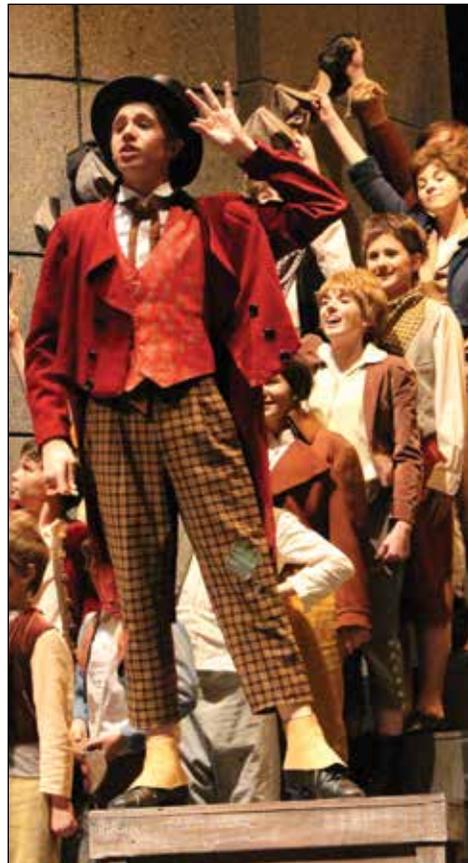
The cast rehearsed daily for months in order to make the show a success. The closer opening night got, the later the rehearsals ran; some would start right after school and would continue until eleven o'clock at night, which led to the cast becoming closer as a family and making fun memories.

"Everyone in the cast was so great, and it was always a joy to spend time with them, even through the long nights of practice," senior Sierra Abbott said.

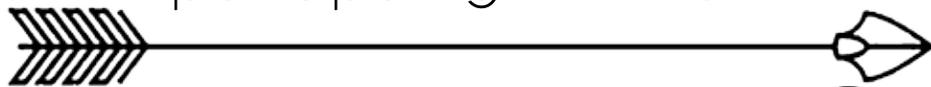
The music for the night was live and came from students in the band and orchestra departments. They worked on the music for Oliver! every day for a month prior to the show.

On the Friday night performance there were so many people in the audience that the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center had to open the balcony seating. The BA PAC can hold 1200 people so opening the balcony is considered a feat for any production.

By the end of the show the audience was on their feet begging for more and left with the songs of the show stuck in their head for days. The proceeds from the show go towards the Broken Arrow High School Drama department.



What is your favorite memory from participating in **Oliver**?



"My favorite thing was the group of people I got to work with."

Samantha Sabio, 12



"I loved getting to know everyone and getting to sing such beautiful music with the cast."

Emily Cope, 11

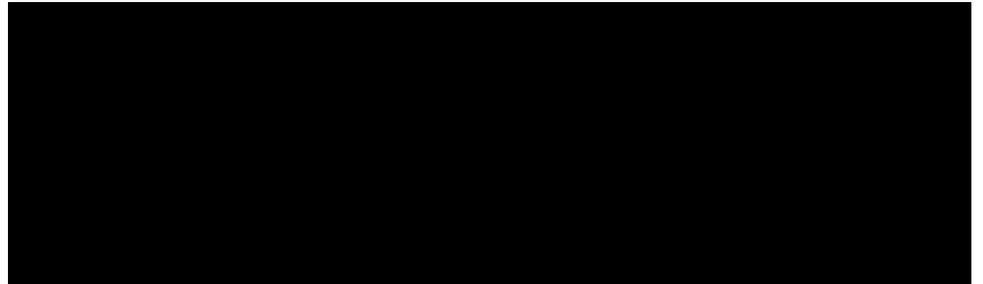
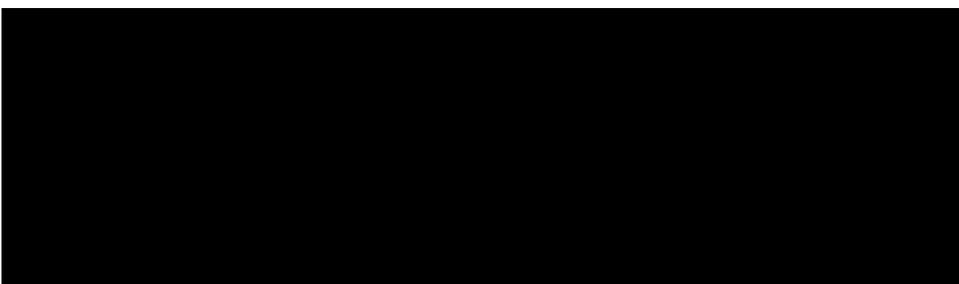
"This was my first musical and working with Nichols and Rosser made everything so much easier."

Austin Wyatt, 11



PHOTOS BY BRITTNEY CHISM

Oliver wows crowds (Top to bottom): The entire ensemble creates street chaos together, senior Jeremiah Rankin performs a song as The Artful Dodger, the pit provides music for junior Maddie Riggin's solo, and eighth grader Benjamin Lee performs a song as Oliver.



Students give blood

by Meagan Shrader

On Friday, April 3, students donated blood in the Field House lobby for the Red Cross. The drive lasted the entire school day, and the donations will go to help disaster relief victims.

"It's a convenient location, so this helps more; people don't donate as often when they have to go out of their way. More local events like this would help stock blood banks," donor and senior Bradley Dame said.

Both male and female donors 18 years old and under must weigh at least 110 pounds. They must also bring a primary form of identification to the donation center.

Teacher and blood drive advisor Misty Galleher expected right around three hundred students to donate. One pint of blood can help up to three people, so at least nine hundred people can be helped by just one day's drive.

"Blood drives help the community by helping people live longer," senior Chelsey Matthews said.

The blood collected by the Red Cross helps thousands of people. The process includes donation, processing, testing, storage, and then

distribution.

"It really helps after natural disasters," senior Emma Davis said.

The blood is shipped to hospitals around the clock and to disaster relief sites as they need it.

"People can donate money to the Red Cross or promote the organization more often to help the blood banks," Matthews and Davis said.

Though this was the last blood drive of the year at the high school, residents of Broken Arrow and Tulsa can still donate at the Broken Arrow Community Center, the Woodland Hills and Promenade malls, and the Tulsa Blood Donation Center on 11th St.



PHOTO BY ERYN SCHROCK
Junior AJ Truman gives blood.

Sophomores attend Crash Court

by Cheyenne Adamson

On the morning of Friday, April 10, an annual event titled Crash Court was held at the Broken Arrow High School Field House.

Crash Court is unique, as it consists of an actual trial and sentencing by a legal judge in front of a live audience of sophomore students.

With this method, students are shown the impact their decisions can make when intoxicated behind the wheel in a relatable manner.

This year's defendant was charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. The sentence given was 32 hours of community service, along with mandatory drug testing.

Sophomore Maria Cook enjoyed the presentation.

"I thought it was interesting seeing how a judge handles a trial and the

types of sentences they give," Cook said.

Once the ruling had ended, students were shown actual drinking and driving cases. These cases included one of a victim and his wife stepping forward to tell his story.

Once a prestigious marathon participant, his passion ended when he was struck by a drunk driver. Paramedics on the scene proclaimed him dead, but were able to successfully revive him. From there, the two would journey through difficult times; doctors claimed he would never walk again. However, to their great surprise, he began to swallow on his own, and eventually, he walked.

Students found this story inspiring and emotional. The assembly encouraged young drivers to stay clean for the safety of themselves and others.

Popping the second biggest question

by Kelly Johnson

Along with the end of the year comes testing, graduation and most importantly, prom. One of the biggest parts of the prom season is how to ask someone. The "promposal" has become a staple when asking someone to go to prom.

There are many different ways to ask someone to prom including making a massive sign with "PROM?" on it, picking a theme and coming up with a catchy question that goes with that theme, or asking with food or a gift for a person.

"I felt a little nervous at first to ask Megan to prom, but when I saw her reaction I knew it was right," senior Nathan Mullins said.

Walking down the hallway at school during prom season, students can always see someone who put together a perfect way to ask their date.

Senior Don Nixon even got the help of a teacher and used the Smartboard to ask his date, senior Michaela Childers, to prom.

"I told her best friend that I

wanted to take her to prom," Don said. "So we spent hours planning something that would make her happy."

Being asking in a flashy, unique way makes the proposal unique and memorable.

"It was completely unexpected being asked in front of tons of people with signs and music," senior Megan Burkett said.

Big promposals are great ways to make a statement about prom and to make the experience of prom even more unique, especially for seniors.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Senior Shelby Cathcart pops the question to Cody Osteen.

Prom prep is in full swing

by Brittney Chism

With the end of the year approaching, preparing for prom has taken over. For some, going to prom on April 18 will be as simple as throwing on their ensemble and hitting the road. However, for others it will be an all-day event of pampering and preparation.

"Preparing for prom is crazy," senior Erin Tabberer said. "There's so much to do, like getting your makeup, hair and nails done."

Buying a prom dress is one of the most important parts of prom preparation. Girls shop everywhere from JcPenney's at the mall to Glamour Gowns on Main Street in Broken Arrow to try and find the perfect dress.

Senior Shannon Landreville

was excited to sign the wall at Glamour Gowns after finding her perfect dress.

"Signing the wall at Glamour Gowns made me feel special and excited for prom," Landreville said.

The Junior Board has been preparing for the event. They are in charge of putting up decorations, setting up the venue and working the event.

"Being in charge of prom has opened my eyes to all of the little details that go into making the night perfect," junior Ryan Harper said.

This year's prom will be held at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks on April 18. The theme for the evening is "A Night in Paris" and was voted on by the senior class.



The Arrow links with the Pulse through student news website

by Abigail Yang

At Broken Arrow High School, connecting with students is important. This year, a way to interact with students is the new Pulse video that is featured every week, sometimes live and sometimes recorded. Just like the newspaper, the Pulse newscast and website gives weekly information about school events.

"The site is really organized and easy to navigate, and I like working with all the people within the Pulse," junior Tommy Talbot said.

The students who put in all their time and effort to bring the school together make the Pulse so successful. It consists of over 40 students who range from sophomores to seniors. In every episode students present a skit, share announcements from clubs and administration, and share breaking news.

In addition, to add more entertainment, the staff has even created their own show called "Syncing with the Stars." Individuals and teams compete by lip-syncing songs, and viewers can vote on their

favorite through the website. Visitors can also locate all the videos under the tab "videos" on the website's homepage.

"I like the Pulse; I find the skits really funny," sophomore Andrew Skinner said. "Syncing with the Stars is even more hilarious. My favorite is Kiyree Puckett."

To add more to the site, you can find additional information about athletics, fine arts, and view recent articles by the newspaper. The site brings student news and amusement to everyone at the high school.

"The website provides me with news that I wouldn't have known about otherwise," sophomore Josh Linfoot said.

With the technological age reaching more and more facets of everyday life, having an online broadcast linked with a constantly updated website provides the school community with the most relevant information in the easiest place to access. For more information and a look at the new site go to bahspulse.com.



BAHSPULSE.COM

The Arrow newspaper staff and The Pulse video staff have come together to launch a brand-new avenue for student news, bahspulse.com. The site features articles, videos and pictures.

THE STUDENT SCOPE

Key to Life

by Tim Stout

Happiness is key
It is not bought at a fee
What makes you happy -- I dare to ask
Is it the way the water shimmers like glass
or the sunrise on a summer morning
or in what many find boring?

Is it in the writings of love
or in the purest dove
or in a hard days work
or in the food on a fork
or the touch of your lovers hand
or the symphony of your favorite band?

Is it the way she looks in pale moon light
or in the way for her you'd fight
or the way she looks into your eyes
or how with her, time flies
or the way you feel with her
or the way you dread days without her?

Words of wise say don't put your happiness in a person
Because they will just fail you when it's said and done
But in a way, I can't help but do this
Because there's just something about that feeling when she gives me her kiss.



Colbie Martinez is a natural

Sophomore Colbie Martinez has a passion and talent for drawing.

She has been drawing all of her life. Her talent comes naturally to her, as she has only ever taken one art class when she was in eighth grade.

"I especially love drawing cartoons in Sharpie," Martinez said. "That's my favorite kind of art to do in my spare time."

This piece of art, which is entirely pencil, is titled "Man in the Paper."

"I saw something similar to this piece online that I really wanted to recreate," Martinez said. "It took me about two hours

to complete."

Martinez started drawing with her dad, and has always enjoyed it.

In addition to art, Martinez is also a talented writer. She writes short stories and poetry in her spare time, and took Creative Writing with teacher Ashley Spencer last year.

"Colbie is a great writer, and I have enjoyed reading everything she has shared with me," Spencer said.

In the future, Martinez plans to continue drawing in her spare time, though she doesn't plan to take an art class any time soon.

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