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## EVENTS

### TUESDAY || OCT. 22

- 10AM-2PM: Southern New Hampshire University: Transfer Information Table (CTR Lobby)
- 10AM-5:30PM: Discounted Regal Movie Ticket Sales (CTR 210)
- 11AM: Yoga with Paul Calarco (CTR 270)
- 11AM-12:30PM: On POINT: Friend-Chips and Dip! (Will. Hall)
- 1PM: Día de Muertos: A discussion of a Mexican Tradition with Prof. Malú Benton (MRV MP Room)
- 1-2PM: Citizen Preparedness Corps Training (HGB 101)

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- 11AM-12:30PM: On POINT: Friend-Chips and Dip! (Will. Hall)
- 11:30AM: Pizza Time! (CTR Lobby)
- 2PM: HVCC Leadership Workshop Series: Self-Awareness and Situational Leadership Theory (Virtual)
- 6PM: Baseball vs Diamond Baseball Academy

### THURSDAY || OCT. 24

- 9AM-3:30PM: University at Albany: Transfer Advisor Visit (CTR 294)
- 11:30AM-1PM: Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest (CTR Lobby)
- 5:30-8PM: Pumpkin Palooza Family Festival (MCD Field House)

### FRIDAY || OCT. 25

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- 6:30PM: Women's Basketball vs RPI

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## HVCC PUMPKIN PALOOZA FALL FESTIVAL

DON'T MISS THIS FREE PRE-HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 24TH

**KELLY NGUYEN**  
Staff Contributor

The Hudson Valley's annual Pumpkin Palooza Fall Festival is coming up Thursday, October 24. Join the community for an exciting day of fun and festivities. Students, staff, and families from the community are all invited to celebrate an early spirit of Halloween. All attendees are welcome to wear Halloween costumes! In fact, a varying number of student volunteers running the festival may also be dressed up.

The event will have various free activities throughout the day for participants of all ages to enjoy. Families can enjoy the live music and captivating magic show by Jim Snack, the ma-

gician, providing entertainment who will surely delight both children and adults. For those who enjoy art, cari-



captures and face painting booths will also be present to capture the memo-

rable moments of the day. Moreover, the event will have the special appearance of Mr. Twisty, the friendly clown to entertain with his antics and jokes.

Refreshments will be available to keep everyone fueled and energized. In addition, there will be a plethora of carnival games with prizes for families and kids to enjoy run by student volunteers. If interested, participants also have the opportunity to explore and walk through a display of pumpkins carved and/or decorated by Hudson Valley Students and Staff from a competition.

The Pumpkin Palooza is a fun event with many exciting opportunities. It runs on Thursday, October 24 from 5:30PM-8PM, and is located in the McDonough Sports Complex.

## SPACEX FINISHED 5TH STARSHIP TEST FLIGHT

AN ADVANCEMENT ON SPACE EXPLORATION

**CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN**  
Staff Contributor

SpaceX, a space navigation and rocket design company run by the world's richest man, Elon Musk, has been working on their famous Starships in hope to bring humans back to the moon, and to one day, bring them to Mars.

Space exploration has been the final frontier of mankind since the Kennedy administration, and SpaceX has been one of the most prominent leaders of this industry since 2002. The Starship program started with its first flight August 27, 2019, titled "Hoppy". In light of this endeavor, Elon Musk has been trying to create rockets that would land back on the Earth after going into space. This would dramatically change the space industry, cutting the cost of space travel into fractions of what it is now.

On October 13, 2024, SpaceX sent up their fifth Starship test flight, and in light of their previous launches, all



fingers were crossed. In complete shock, SpaceX staff watched as they narrowly and very finely landed their rocket by catching it in the arms of a tower with a height of around 480 feet, making their goal of having a fully reusable rocket possible and a reality. "What we just saw, that looked like magic," said Dan Huot, a SpaceX communications administrator.

SpaceX continues to this day to create more reusable rockets, until we can comfortably entrust SpaceX to take astronauts into space and back with minimum expenses of both property value and human life. With this incredible milestone, the possibility of the United States returning to the moon, or even stepping foot on Mars, Earth's neighboring planet, seems more possible than ever.

ABOVE: STARSHIP FLIGHT TEST 5  
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## 50 SKELETONS FOUND

FROM VIKING AGE IN DENMARK

**CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN**  
Staff Contributor

Everyone knows Hudson Valley Community College's mascot is Victor the Viking, but did you know that there were 50 skeletons found in Denmark, popular for their Viking history, that were well-preserved in a burial ground.

In the village of Aasum, Denmark, 50 well-preserved skeletons were found in a burial site, which may give historians more information about the viking age in Denmark. Denmark is a smaller country in Northern Europe, famous for its lustrous forests and Viking culture. The Vikings were a nomadic people of Nordic descent, commonly found in Norway, Denmark, and other countries in Northern Europe. Many Vikings would typically be associated with ocean travel, being well-known to sail the oceans.

Did you know that Vikings were the first to discover America, not Christopher Columbus? There are many things that your typical history class may not teach you about the Vikings, such as their cultural norms or lifestyles. These skeletons may give scientists and historians answers to many sought after questions about the Viking age and the vikings themselves. Along with the skeletons, there were many Vi-

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LONG STORY  
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NASA WANTS TO GROW  
HOUSES MADE OUT OF  
MUSHROOMS ON THE  
MOON

Jonah Flanagan

Nasa is contemplating using Fun-gi to make habitable abodes on the moon for future colonization. Now, why mushrooms? The answer is simple really, it's cheaper than what we have right now.

Nasa has shown that Mushrooms can deflect radiation while also providing protection from the harsh temperatures from the lunar surface, they also can be grown extremely quickly at the rate of one to two months. Not only is it sustainable, but it's also a highly efficient alternative to conventional materials.

The process entails as follows. A package will land containing a sink and other household essentials, then the interior will inflate while a mixture of fungal spores, algae, and water grows an external shell that will eventually harden. Thus, establishing a new habitable structure. While proving successful on Earth, there is a possibility for complications in space.

The research group is led by NASA Ames senior research scientist Lynn Rothschild, who is planning to send a concept model of structures to space as a planned 2028 launch of a commercial space station called StarLab.

"In a general sense, there are technological risks-Will the structure be strong enough? Will it really provide the insulation that we think? What will the material properties be? Will it really grow well?"

If everything goes right, Future colonies on the Moon and Mars will be popping up In no time.

ALMOST 1 MILLION NYERS  
RECEIVE STATE-ADMINIS-  
TERED MEDICARE

Liam May

New York Governor Kathy Hochul, has recently announced that around one million New Yorkers are enrolled in the State-administered Medicare Savings Program (MSP). This program is designed to help eligible adults save an estimated average of \$7,400 per year in health care costs.

The Medicare open enrollment period starts October 15 and continues through December 7, Governor Hochul also encouraged more New Yorkers to learn about and enroll in the MSP. Many New Yorkers are now finally eligible for this program following the Governor's historic expansion of the MSP, which increased the income eligibility limits to ensure more New Yorkers can benefit from health care savings. If you're making less than 1,500 dollars, and you need healthcare, don't hesitate, you could be eligible for this amazing benefit.

CONT ... 50 SKEL. king belongings such as necklaces, knives, and some broken glass.

Studying these fossils and historic remains would shed a much greater light on the livelihood of these ancient nomads. Archaeologists say that the artifacts may date as far back as the 10th century. These artifacts have been dug up from their burial sites by archaeologists, and given to the Museum Odense's preservation labs for 'cleaning and analysis'. They hope that by studying these ancient relics, they can uncover some hidden secrets about the old Danish Vikings.



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OVER 50 SERVED AT COMMUNITY DENTAL EVENT  
CAPITAL REGION RESIDENTS RECEIVED ESSENTIAL, FREE DENTAL CARE

KELLY NGUYEN  
Staff Contributor

On October 5, more than 50 Capital Region residents received essential, free dental care at the Capital Region Community Dental Event. This initiative was held at Hudson Valley's Robert H. Hill II Dental Hygiene Clinic and was an attempt to give oral healthcare to those in need. The mobile dental labs were provided by Kare Mobile

The event provided individuals with an oral health assessment along with screenings, x-rays, pain management

guidance, and extractions. Those who needed more emergent care were referred to dental vans where volunteer dentists could help them. To ensure continuity of care, a community dental health coordinator met with each patient to develop a follow-up care plan.

Overall, the goal of the event was to relieve patients of discomfort and create the foundations for good oral health amongst those who may be unable to access it. This was also a great collaboration between Dental hygiene

and Dental assisting students that fosters mentorship. In addition, it gives the 63 dental Hygiene students, 3 Dental assisting students, and 2 dental Hygiene alumni who participated in the event more experience in the field.

Looking ahead, the New York State dental Foundation aims to replicate this community dental event model across the state. By continuing to engage in these vital initiatives, the foundation hopes to further improve access to dental care and health for communities in need.

THE DEATH OF CELEBRITY LIAM PAYNE'S  
FORMER ONE DIRECTION STAR DEAD AT 31

EVELYN MARTZ  
Staff Contributor

Singer Liam Payne, who came to fame with the beloved band One Direction, died on Wednesday, October 16, at the age of 31. He was staying at a hotel in Palermo, Argentina, and fell from his balcony on the third floor.

The circumstances surrounding his death are still slightly mysterious, as we don't know whether his fall was accidental or not. It appears that he was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and police had been called to the hotel minutes before the fall to address reports of an "aggressive man", per a statement given to NBC. The guest who made the call said that "when [Liam] is conscious he breaks the whole room" and "I don't know if he is at risk." Payne's autopsy report suggested that he "could have fallen in a state of semi or total unconsciousness."

Liam Payne auditioned for The X Factor at the age of 14, and while



he didn't make the cut the first time around, he was encouraged by Simon Cowell to try again when he was older. In 2010 he was put together with Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson to compete on the show again as a group. They took on the name of One Direction and came in third place, signing to Cowell's label and becoming the band we know and love.

Liam was a frequent songwriter for the group, helping out on hits such as "Night Changes", "Steal My Girl", and "History", and after One Direction

broke up he eased into working on solo albums, producing EDM music, and making collaborations with artists such as Rita Ora, Alesso, and Zedd. He also dated fellow singer Cheryl Cole from 2016-2018, and they have a seven-year-old son together named Bear.

Many fans around the world and all four of Payne's former bandmates have posted touching tributes on Instagram expressing their love for him and their shock and sadness at his passing. Niall Horan wrote that "The bond and friendship we had doesn't happen often in a lifetime", while Louis Tomlinson said that "Liam was in my opinion the most vital part of One Direction" and, speaking to Liam, "I want you to know that if Bear ever needs me I will be the Uncle he needs." Harry Styles described Payne as having "an energy for life that was infectious" and Zayn Malik wrote that "we could always rely on you to know which way to steer the ship next.... Love you bro."

LEFT ABOVE: MEMORIAL FOR LIAM  
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HARLEY DAVIDSON OWNERS RIDE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN  
Staff Contributor

The Brunswick Harley Owners Group, or HOG, kicked off their 24th Annual Toys for Tots Benefit Ride in Troy, New York. The HOG is a group of motorcyclists who primarily buy from Harley Davidson, a motorcycle shop local in Troy. This is their 24th year in benefiting Toys for Tots by requiring cyclists to contribute either \$10 to \$20 a person, or a new unwrapped toy that they will donate to the Toys for Tots charity.

Toys for Tots is a non-profit organization that receives donations from all over upstate New York. Their goal is to

be able to give toys, books, and other gifts to kids all around the world who aren't all that fortunate. Toys for Tots has distributed over 677 million toys to over 301 million children around the world.

The Toys for Tots Harley Owners parade begins on Route 7, traveling through Route 142 and ending at the shopping Plaza on Balltown Road and Nott Street. This parade expands around 3 miles long and goes through 5 cities, Lansingburgh, Waterford, Crescent, Halfmoon, and Niskayuna.

In addition to the amount of toys this parade has accumulated, this event has raised over \$13,000 to donate to Toys for Tots. In past years, the parade

has had over 900 motorcyclists involved to donate and raise funds for the Toys for Tots program. The registration site has held complimentary coffee and donuts to encourage bikers to participate.

If you would like to donate to the great cause that is Toys for Tots, you can do so by scanning this QR Code.

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HVCC AND UALBANY STUDENT TRANSFER

HOW THE OFFICE OF TRANSFER SERVICES AND DUAL ADMISSIONS CAN HELP YOU!

ADEM JONES

Staff Contributor

Offering a vibrant campus life, diverse academic programs, and unparalleled opportunities for personal and professional growth, UAlbany is ready to welcome new transfer students from the HVCC, all you have to do is stop into the Office of Transfer Services and Dual Admissions! Staff have been given their own office on the HVCC campus to simplify and support the transfer process between the two institutions. This collaboration plays a crucial role in helping students achieve their educational goals as HVCC continues to be UAlbany's largest source of transfer students, averaging about 200 students each year.

The HVCC-UAlbany transfer advisement program offers students detailed insights into transferring to the University at Albany. Students can schedule appointments with transfer advisors to review their unofficial transcripts, estimate transferable credits, and discuss potential pathways that align with their goals. These services are designed to offer clarity on application requirements, transfer scholarships, campus life, and most notably, their dual admission program.

Dual admission students receive a University at Albany ID card, giving them access to the UAlbany library, athletic events, and student activities both on campus and at other locations. UAlbany's academic departments will

also reach out to students, offering opportunities to connect with faculty, participate in department activities, and get to know the university community. Additionally, during their second or third semester at HVCC, they will have the option to take a cross-registered course at UAlbany in their field of study, offering a head start in their UAlbany degree.

There is also a guaranteed UAlbany Transfer Merit Scholarship available for incoming dual admission students who achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher during their time at HVCC. Launched on HVCC's campus in 2019, the advisement program has evolved

transfer. "Come to campus, visit, and take advantage so that you can start to get a feel for UAlbany's campus life," she says. "Eat lunch on campus, visit the library, go to events, and take advantage of the lectures and guest speakers. Be sure to visit early and often, it will put you in a better position by your first year."

John Donoghue emphasizes the simplicity of the program, "Students don't have to reapply to UAlbany if they're part of this program," Donoghue explains. "It's a streamlined process that makes it easy for students to focus on their academics while ensuring they meet the requirements for both institutions. It's never too early, even as a

first year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out."

Students at HVCC can easily take advantage of the transfer advisement service by scheduling appointments through the Hudson Valley Career and Transfer Services website, or by reaching

out to Sandra Battaglini, [sbattaglini@albany.edu](mailto:sbattaglini@albany.edu), John Donoghue, [jdonoghue@albany.edu](mailto:jdonoghue@albany.edu), or by visiting Room 290 in the Campus Center.



based on positive student feedback. Initially housed within the Career and Transfer Services Office, UAlbany opened its own office in Room 290 of the Campus Center in Spring 2024 to focus exclusively on transfer and dual admission services.

The staff of this program are Sandra Battaglini, Interim Assistant Director for Transfer Services/Dual Admissions, and John Donoghue, The Dual Admissions Academic Advisor. Battaglini, the main contact for the transfer program, emphasizes the importance of students familiarizing themselves with UAlbany before their

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POLITICS

TRUMP DANCING FOR 30 MINUTES AT A RALLY

WHAT LED TRUMP TO HAVE AN IMPROMPTU DANCE SESSION?

SAIMA SYEDA

Staff Contributor

There has been opposition outrage after Republican nominee Donald Trump spent 30 minutes swaying and dancing to his favorite song near a rally in Philadelphia. Two medical emergencies happened during this event as the rallies were so cramped causing people to overheat as well as causing two people to faint. Soon, republican nominee Donald Trump requested air conditioning for the people.

South Dakota governor, Kristi Noem was at

the rally trying to keep things strictly political with a joke alluding to high inflation states this cite "They probably can't afford it, sir, in this economy," she said. As Trump heard this he decided

to switch the situation stating "Lets not do any more questions. Let's just listen to music. Let's make it into a music. Who the hell wants to hear questions, right?" he states. Later a nine song playlist played that included standard Trump rally favorites such as James Browns "It's A Man's Man's Man's World", "The Village People's YMCA", "Nothing compares 2 U" by sinead O'Connor, and Luciano Pavarotti's rendition of Ave Maria.



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# OPINION

## GAME REVIEW: OVERWATCH 2 SEASON 13 UPDATE

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Overwatch 2 is the sequel to the smash-hit game from 2016, Overwatch. It was a team-oriented game which heavily relied on team coherency and communication. This was in order for players to be successful in climbing the ranks and building their skills. In 2022, the original game shut down. In its place came Overwatch 2 the anticlimactic sequel, which players had too high of expectations for.

Overwatch 2 brought a lot of new updates, such as new characters, new maps, new game modes, and new cosmetics. However, with the new updates, some old features were removed as well. Features such as loot boxes, game cards, and medals. One of the most critical changes that came with Overwatch 2, was the addition of a Battle

Pass. Battle Passes have been added to many games as rewards for players to receive as they play the game more. Battle Pass rewards would include character skins, in-game currency, and more.

We are now on the 13th Season and the 13th Battle Pass of Overwatch 2, both of which are leaving players indifferent with the changes of this new update. As of October 15, 2024, Season 13 brought character ability changes, a new 'mythic skin' and map reworks. While many people are happy that a character famous for being overpowered was finally debuffed, or 'nerfed,' many were confused as to why some changes existed.

"I would rather eat soup with a fork than play the newest update," avid Overwatch 2 player Richard Weatherly says. Richard was disappointed with the changes that came with this new update. "They nerfed my favorite



character, I'm very upset," An anonymous former ESports team captain for Overwatch 2, states.

This update has left many upset, most confused, and very few satisfied. Blizzard Entertainment, the studio

that created Overwatch 2, has nothing to say at this time about the recent backlash they have received in light of the changes.

## ALBUM REVIEW: SPILL THE FEELS (12TH MINI ALBUM)

SAMARUN SUHANA  
Staff Contributor

K-Pop is really finishing out the year with some bangers! SEVENTEEN came out with their 12th mini album "Spill The Feels" a few days ago with 6 tracks, 3 sung by all members and the other 3 being sung by each subunit.

Eyes on you (2:55): Immediately, this song gives such a happy mood to a rather gloomy industry, with an upbeat and bubbly feeling. It gives me 2016, on the beach, sunset type of vibes. The song is kind of a love song with lyrics like "Eyes on you, eyes on me/A miracle will soon take flight/Tell me more about yourself/ Give me your very first scar/Tell me more about yourself/I want to know you, near and far." SEVENTEEN is devoted to their fans, CARATS, and in my opinion, they might be one of the only K-Pop groups that are truly unproblematic. Not only are they devoted to their fans, but they are devoted to themselves and each other as well. When seeing how they interact, you can tell they are like a family.

LOVE, MONEY, FAME (3:06): This song was a shock to me simply because hearing "We The Best Music/Another one/ DJ Khaled" was flabbergasting! I've seen thousands of people who disliked that SEVENTEEN collaborated with DJ Khaled for various reasons, but the main reason I had heard was be-

cause people didn't think DJ Khaled fit with SEVENTEEN's concept or their music.

Personally, I don't care much for DJ Khaled but this song is so good. LOVE, MONEY, FAME is another love song but the main gist is about how expressing your love honestly is the most important thing. The title threw me off a bit but it made sense eventually when reading the lyrics. Mentions of how "I don't need money or fame/To me that don't mean a thing/I just need your love, that's more than enough."

1 TO 13 (2:37): This song is literally the embodiment of cutesy and bubbiness! It feels like strawberries, peaches, picnics, and the warm sun. 1 TO 13 is another sort of love song but to each other. For context, there are 13 members of SEVENTEEN, 3 subunits + 1 group + 13 members = 17. Each chorus has a couple lines with a promise to each other and to the fans. The first chorus says "I won't leave you feeling lonely/I'll keep my heart as it was at the beginning, for you." The second chorus says "I'll contact you before I go to sleep/When you're going through something tough, I'll lend you my



shoulder." The third chorus says "The thirteen promises I made/No matter what happens, I'll keep them for you." This song is so adorable, I love it! Especially with how the bridge is sung by only one member, JEONGHAN, who recently left to the military for mandatory service, it just adds another layer of sentimentality.

(Candy) (3:04): Candy is sung by the Vocal unit in SEVENTEEN. This slow and soft ballad is absolute perfection and honestly gives Christmas-y vibes. Once again, a love song but with a twist! However, the twist is rather sad, with lyrics like "Love is so bitter when it's the first time/I don't like it, what should I do?/Love is as hard as being an adult/But still, however, even so." The song is explaining how the love between two people or really anyone is like candy, "Even a small bite can make me feel better." The piano solo really ties it all in with that Christmas-y feeling.

Rain (3:21): Rain is sung by the Performance unit of SEVENTEEN. Definitely

faster paced compared to Candy but still building up to the next song. The instrumental feels soothing but perfect for dancing (which makes sense being it was sung by the Performance unit). This song has notes of being a love song but the sadness that comes with finding love. Lyrics like "Am I looking for someone who will understand my heart?/Even if I want to make a call, there's no one to call tonight/I pulled the curtains and sat in the empty room." Rain is essentially about how a person doesn't want the rain to stop because it gives them the only feeling they can feel.

Water (2:32): This is my favorite song, I am a Hip-Hop unit girlie for life! This song is a confidence boost, talking about how I rise, keep rising, and yet I want more. I've heard many people say this song is the "FE!N" of K-Pop and honestly they're not wrong. The iconic chorus of FE!N repeats the title, just like Water repeats the title in its chorus. With lyrics like "I stand on oceans/Walking on water, while you're struggling/I'm taking over/Yet I still feel thirsty." SEVENTEEN have come so far, they produce their own music, write their songs, and even choreograph their own dances. They will keep growing for sure!

## VALUES FOR VIKINGS: AMAZON PRIME STUDENT

### WHAT DOES AMAZON PRIME STUDENT HAVE TO OFFER?

MOLLY GRAIFF  
Staff Contributor

Amazon Prime Day may be behind us but is the best deal yet to come? Values for Vikings explores ways for college students to save money by exploring deals exclusive to students along with savings you just can't miss. Amazon Prime Day is a big day for consumers as it allows Amazon Prime members alone to receive excellent deals. There is a membership just for students called Amazon Prime Student that might be worth taking a look at.

Similar to Target Circle 360, Amazon Prime Student grants users free delivery within days of placing an order. This can range from same-day delivery to within two days of placing the order. Additionally, members receive the Amazon Prime Video streaming service granting access to a range of movies and shows including fan favorites such as Tulsa King and a variety of Halloween movies as well.

Sounds like a good package so far? That's not all. An Amazon Prime Student subscription also contains access

to discounted textbooks which can typically be a large financial burden for students. Furthermore, students receive free audiobooks as well as ebooks as well as prime discounts such as the ones advertised on Amazon Prime Day.

This membership opens the door for a variety of other services available to students. It is open to young adults ages 18-24 and students of all ages. The cost of Amazon Prime Student is \$7.49 a month for an annual price of \$89.88. The price per month for a non-young adult or a non-student is \$14.99.

Between the streaming service, fast delivery, and access to online reading materials, this seems like a great deal for college students.





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# EVENT REVIEW: VW FEST 2024

AIDAN DURIE  
Staff Contributor

Just this past Saturday was the third annual WagenFest, held by an organization called WOLFSGART. A little meetup of a collection of some of the most easily identifiable vehicles ever made! On Saturday, October 12, I had just woken up and today was laundry day, but on the way to the laundromat, a sign caught my eye! That sign said, “Wagen-Fest 2024” with the date stated as today. While I’m not the hugest car guy, I still knew I had to check it out, since Hudson Crossing park is so close by. So on the way back into Schuylerville after laundry I walked down the little gulch, and headed into the event. At the opening there was a setup of small tables, with merchandise such as shirts, stickers, and keychains (I bought a sticker, pictured below), and beyond that were the main attractions! The most memorable of which being

the classic vans, as well as the cute little beetles! Generally I would see maybe 1 VW van every few months, but here there were 10+, and that was only when I was there. Nearly all of the participants were friendly and excited to have someone to talk to about their beautiful vehicles, and towards the latter half of the event I was able to speak with the event organizers Anthony, Lasey, and Stella Fitzsimmons. Who brought their very own car to the event for display too, a 1961 all original pastel blue beetle, shown front and center below.

From friendly vendors to cool cars, I’d say I had a pretty good time, but I really don’t feel like the event had nearly any pro-

motion prior to the day of; living close by, and passing by the venue nearly every day, I would’ve expected to have know this was going on prior to the day of, but there was no signage, and no notice freely available to me. So in future iterations I’d like to see a little more effort go into generating hype

around the event, as well as maybe a few more vendors there. Which seems entirely possible given the size of the main field in the park. If you’d like to find more on them, and their events you can search up either Wolfsgart, or WagenFest on social media.



# MOVIE REVIEW: SMILE 2

HOLLY CARDINALE  
Copy Editor

On Friday, October 18, the sequel to Smile was released, titled Smile Two. This film dives deeper into the story, exploring the demon that had previously possessed the main protagonist, also referred to as ‘the guest’ named Skylar Riley. Our main protagonist is still haunted by the tragic death of her co-star a year ago. The story fast-forwards to her preparing for an upcoming tour, but she is having constant back pain (which was from a past car crash), which had led to her getting surgeries on her back and stomach. After these surgeries, she had visited her friend Lewis, seeking relief through painkillers other than acetaminophen that he could get his hands on.

While she was visiting Lewis, he was clearly on a substance that had made him higher than a kite, since he was having a bad week and was seeking relief. While he is stressed out, the smile

demon had taken over him right in front of Skylar, leading to his unfortunate “suicide” right in front of her.

Because of this, Skylar now has the smile demon inside of her. She had absolutely no clue what it was until she met a man named Marvin. Then, he had explained to her that this demon is a “demonic freak parasite mentally unstable freak of a being” and works by feeding on humans negative thoughts, which drives them to suicide.

As we saw in this movie and the last movie, multiple people have gotten controlled by this parasite and turned out to die from this “unknown disease”. This movie was the most improved sequel to a movie that I’ve ever watched in the horror genre, even though there were a few super gross scenes (like a body being ripped in half), and a few murders as well. I’d say this is the most gross, gruesome, and funny movie that I’ve ever seen, along with perfect transitions and good costumes as well.



# OPINION: UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND OPEN HOUSE REVIEW

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I had the honor of attending the University of New England’s Open House this past weekend, on October 19, 2024. The University of New England is a moderately sized campus, right on the beach of the Gulf of Maine. While this school is majorly focused on marine sciences and oceanography, there are a variety of other courses that are just as prestigious. For example, the newly added College of Business allows students to enroll in fresh, new programs such as Accounting, Finance, and my choice, Marketing.

The University of New England has a load of statistics to buff its attractiveness. It is the number 1 school in Maine for finding a job or enrolling in graduate school after graduation. This statistic is backed up by another amazing statistic that states 95% of students will find a job or enroll in graduate school within a year after graduation. This school has many connections and internship programs that help students build their network and find career opportunities.

The University of New England’s Open House was an event for families and future students to get a good grasp of what education and student life they



can expect from the University of New England. After the introduction, they split the Open House into academic majors groups, and I filled into the Marketing group. I had the honor to meet the Director of Transfer Affairs, the Director of the Center for Sales, and a Marketing Professor. I loved everything that the college was about. We were given a sample lecture to get an idea of what classes would look like.

This university has a stunning campus, great scholarship opportunities,

and amazing student life all throughout the year. The dorms are spacious, classes are pretty small, and overall this school is at the top of my list. The statistic that stood out to me the most was the employment rate or graduate school rate, as it gives me a sense of comfort that my education won’t just be debt added to my account. This school actually cares about my future.

This college is my dream college, and I am hoping to transfer there after I graduate from HVCC in the Spring!



SCHEDULE A TOUR ABOVE!



# ARTS & LIFE

## Cabin Fever SPOOKY TAILS

By M.M. Stephens

Hey Tilly? I think I saw something scary on my walk in the park. It was a “lost cat” poster of a creepy looking cat named “Mikey.”

Oh no... you mean Michael Meowers? He was a really aggressive cat who escaped the shelter recently. They say he can be indentified by the white fur on his face that looks like a creepy mask and his heavy breathing.



Uhhh, what's that shape in the pantry..?



AAAAAAHHH  
HHHHH!

IT'S MICHAEL  
MEOWERS!!  
RUUUUUUUN!



ACHOO!

What are those two knuckleheads on about? I was just having some powdered doughnuts!



## RECOGNIZE ME

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A carnival turned crime scene. A serial killer using a weapon so rare not much research has been done on it. The cautious one in the friend group lives to tell the tale. The odd one in the friend group is nowhere to be found.

### Chapter 3: SQUARE ONE

After hours of searching and connecting the dots, the police started seeing me as a suspect because they thought it was strange that I would insert myself into the investigation. They took me in for questioning but I thought it was normal because I found two of the victims. For a motive, they said that I had such narcissistic traits, I would find people who looked like me and disfigure them because “there could only be one me,” which is so shocking and made me laugh a little because who thinks that?

Once I realized I was a suspect I started answering the questions with more caution. The FBI started getting involved, and with the help of both the state and local police along with the FBI, there was now a profile. There wasn't much to the profile other than the killer being male, young; and maybe in his teens. Someone who needed attention from women because of possible maternal issues. The investigation turned up a few love letters with

no mention of who wrote them or who they're for. These letters had graphic detailing of what the writer wanted to do to the receiver. The only thing the police told me was that these details matched what had happened to the victims in this case. I don't fit the profile being that I am female. I thought

me about his story after this case was closed. His mother had abused him all throughout his childhood and his parents had divorced. Custody was given to Mason's father but maybe the courts were too late. Growing up, Mason was always with his mother because his father was almost always at work or on a

that can't be seen in public done to young Mason would severely damage even an adult far into their own life. 3 years after custody was given to the father, Mason became an orphan and was turned over to the state. He was 16 when he was on his own.

From what I'm told, Mason's father had died in a car crash, his navy blue Koenigsegg Jesko Attack sped over a cliff and into a body of water. After having discovered that the killer was involved in Cooper's wife's death, it was suspected that the same killer might have been involved in Mason's father's death based on a signature found on each car. At first, this signature was written off as a scratch because that's what it looked like, but upon closer inspection, it was the initials “MK” which eventually led to the suspicion of Mason being the killer.

I could not believe this simply because that means that 16 year old Mason would have had a hand in his father's car crash. How would that even be possible? He was so young... We were standing next to each other one second and the next I couldn't find him. I brought him up when I talked to the police which they replied with “Any lead is appreciated. Thank you.” I said you're welcome not expecting much because Mason was harmless. He'd been through so much, there was no way someone so broken and innocent could do such a crime. Right?



about everyone I knew who went to the fair.

Then it hit me...Mason Kim. My friend who suddenly went missing when the first body was found. I've known him for years, and yet I don't actually know much about him. It only recently struck me as weird how he would only ask me how I was and what I was doing but when I returned the question, I'm met with silence or an excuse. All I know is what the police told

business trip. He didn't know his dad all too well so Mason assumed his father was a good person, because what were the odds that both of his parents were bad people?

The trauma had been set in stone. His father was the type to seem normal in public but horrible at home. He would make sure that he never hit Mason in places that can't be covered up because masking bruises is hard, but the physical and psychological pain



THE HUDSONIAN

VENDETTA (PART 3)

LIAM MAY  
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I shook the guard awake, and he looked around blindly. Smoke blew out and sunlight streamed in from the

hole in the wall, alarms blared and the sound of many boots echoed throughout the hallways.  
I pulled him to his feet and said, “We gotta get out of here man! He broke

out or something! He threw a table through the window at you.”  
The guard looked around him at the splinters of wood and he nodded with a wince.  
As I helped him limp out, I turned back and let out a grim smile at the illusion of The Sculpture hopping over fences.

10.22.24  
I’d run out of Manifestos juice, and I figured this was as good a use as any. I was gonna miss it.  
I flexed my fist and felt my knuckles turn to cold marble. On the other hand, I’d have this for a long time.  
Time to get to work.

PHOTOS



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GAMES

Search and Scream: A Spooky Word Hunt

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- WEREWOLF
- SKELETON
- SPIDER
- HAUNTED
- TREAT
- GRAVEYARD
- PUMPKIN
- JACKOLANTERN
- CAULDRON
- BROOMSTICK
- MUMMY
- BAT
- TRICK
- COSTUME
- POTION
- SCARECROW
- GHOST
- ZOMBIE
- COBWEB



# SPORTS

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

### IZZIE HOLT

Business manager

**Men's Football** played Erie Community College on Saturday, October 19, with a victory of 55-10. The team was led by players Cameron Harbaugh, Kevin Mayfield, and Micah Gates. This win was a continuation of their Region 3 dominance. HVCC, currently 7-1, secured its fifth consecutive regional title under Coach Don Jones.

**Women's Cross Country** competed at the Mountain Valley Conference Championships, hosted by Herkimer, on Saturday October 20. Athena Seebald led the team, finishing in third place at 22:58.7. She was shortly followed by other leading athletes, Emily Wilson (10th place) and Brooklyn Callaghan (13th).

**Men's Cross Country** also competed at the Mountain Valley Conference Championships hosted by Herkimer on Saturday. The team captured their

title for the fourth year in a row, being led by athlete Drew Schroeder. He finished second overall, with a time of 30:05.5. Michael Kleinman (4th), Robert Wiltsie (5th), and Ryan Keane (10th) contributed to their victory and all garnered All-Conference recognition.

**Men's Soccer** played in a game at SUNY Adirondack on Wednesday September 16, at 7:00pm. They ended with a final score of 4-1, winning overall. Goals were made by athletes Eli Charlebois, Ethan Miller, Gavin Haller, and

Camryn Curet. Assists were made by Matthew Schraa, Dillon Halvax, and Simon Rogers. Goalie William Brown made a total of 8 saves, and played the full 90 minute game. The team will celebrate their success and will continue to persevere through the season, hoping to continue their wins.

## AARON RODGERS REUNITED WITH DAVANTE ADAMS

THE STRUGGLING JETS HOPE TO JUMPSTART THEIR OFFENSE BY ADDING A KEY PIECE

### ALAN CONKLIN

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Earlier in the year I had written an opinion piece on how I thought the Jets offense would take a large step forward from last year with the return of Aaron Rodgers. But besides a few select flashes, I have been proven wrong. The Jets average just 18.8 points per game, and currently sit at 2-4. This is almost entirely the offense's fault, as their defense is considered one of the

best in the league. The defense keeps them in games by holding opponents to an average of just 18 points, aided by their 16 total sacks and 5 interceptions through the 6 games. This abysmal start in what was envisioned to be a successful season has not sat well with ownership, who fired Head Coach Robert Saleh and stripped Offensive Coordinator Nathaniel Hackett of his play calling duties. All of this happened in a couple day stretch, capped off with the Jets trading a conditional third round

pick to the Raiders in order to bring in wide receiver Davante Adams. But will the addition of a former Rodgers top target All-Pro wide receiver save the season, or is it too little too late?

In just the three games that Adams has played this season, he has 18 receptions for 209 yards and a touchdown. While these numbers are down from his average, even if he continues this production it would make him Rodgers top target on gameday. I believe this will be the case as in 8 seasons as

Rodgers top target Adams had over 8000 yards and 73 touchdowns. But if the Jets continue to struggle offensively the heat will be on Aaron Rodgers as he now has his previous coach from Green Bay (Hackett) and his old WR1. But only time will tell if these two will pick up where they left off and turn the season around for the team with the longest active NFL Playoff drought.

## JUDGING CONTROVERSIES IN THE UFC: A CASE STUDY OF ALDO VS. BAUTISTA

### DYLAN WATZKA

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Recent events in the UFC have highlighted an issue concerning the judging criteria used in professional mixed martial arts. A notable example was the recent fight between José Aldo and Mario Bautista, which took place at UFC 307.

In the first round, Bautista demonstrated control over the fight, there was little significant activity from either fighter. The second round saw Aldo regain momentum, even managing to open a cut near Bautista's eye, effectively evening the score at one round

19-19.

As the third round began, Aldo landed some impactful strikes, while Bautista resorted to desperation takedown attempts and maintained clinch control of Aldo against the cage. The referee intervened multiple times to separate the fighters. In the final moments, Aldo appeared

to secure the round with a series of solid strikes, while Bautista's offense consisted primarily of minimal knees to the thigh.

Despite Aldo's performance, the judges awarded the fight to Bautista by

split decision, with scores of 29-28 from two judges and one score of 29-28 for Aldo. The announcement of the decision prompted the Salt Lake City crowd to boo, reflecting widespread dissatisfaction with the outcome.

This fight exemplifies a broader issue within the UFC: judges often overlook the critical aspect of damage when scoring fights. A fundamental principle of mixed martial arts judging seems to have been forgotten, undermining the integrity of the sport. If this continues, it risks alienating fans and driving them to explore other pro-

motions such as PFL, ONE or Karate Combat.

To address this problem, one potential solution is to provide additional training for judges, emphasizing the importance of damage in scoring. Another option could be to revise the current 10-point must system to incorporate a hybrid model that better reflects fight-finishing sequences. While implementing such changes may be challenging, the alternative—a diminished sport—poses a far greater risk to the future of MMA.

## YANKEES BACK IN THE WORLD SERIES

THE NEW YORK YANKEES FIRST TIME IN THE WORLD SERIES SINCE 2009

### ALAN CONKLIN

Staff Contributor

The team with the most World Series titles finds themselves with a chance to add another one. Since their inception in 1903, the New York Yankees have accumulated 27 MLB championships. This is nearly 2.5 times more than the second most successful team, the St.Louis Cardinals who only have 11. But despite this, recent postseason history has not included the Yankees, as they have not participated in a World Series since the 2009 season. What did they change from their disappointing 15 year stretch of not obtaining the American League Pennant in order to do so with little resistance in 2024?

Despite making the playoffs in all but four seasons since 09', the Yankees have lacked recent postseason success. They made the AL Championship Se-



ries in five of those years, but lost every appearance, including two sweeps. They lost in the Divisional three times, and the Wildcard twice. But this season they barely struggled, winning the Divisional against the Royals 3-1 and were one out away from sweeping the Guardians in the championship series. With every member from the 2009 team long past their playing days, who

got the Yankees back to the World Series?

The team the Yankees fielded this year was more similar than the one they did in 2023 than many would have thought. After missing the postseason for the first time since 2016 last year, many thought that the team would get blown up by the owners and start anew. There were calls to fire manag-

er Aaron Boone, as well as trade superstar Aaron Judge. But ownership held out and instead made moves to add to the team. This included bringing in a new pitching and hitting coach in Carlos Mendoza and Casey Dykes. Then signing pitcher Carlos Rodón, who has been excellent for them this season. And to top it off they acquired Juan Soto in a blockbuster trade with the Padres.

All of these trades and a trust in the 2023 team and management have obviously proven to be successful as the Yankees are set to face off against either the Mets or Dodgers for a chance to add a record 28th Championship trophy to the franchises historic history.

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