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Prom Night Offers Unique Twist

By *Brittany Piper and
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With Prom ticket sales over and the excitement building up, May 5 is coming faster than anyone anticipated. The unique theme of Prom this year will be “Night for a Cure,” and the profits will benefit Breast Cancer Research. The theme was chosen by the senior class officers: Zack Rollins, Hailey Schleich, Elise Biebelhausen and Kara Mehwhinney.

“We know Prom will be the same every year; you’ll eat, dance and go out after, but we thought we would take advantage of the theme and really try to do something for someone else and give a positive image for our school,” stated the class officers.

With good intentions in mind, the class officers decided that there will always be someone that will complain about the theme, but this year, the complaints will be going towards a good cause.

“I like how it is for a good cause, but I do wish it was more of a fun theme,” states senior Ronnie Washington.

Besides the talk about the theme, the creativity people are using to ask others to Prom continues on.

“I asked Rebecca by putting 2,000 sticky notes covering her car all saying ‘Prom?’ and then I made the sticky notes say Prom on her front window,” said junior J.D. Schleich.

While some think of really cute ways to ask their dates, others are just going as friends and keeping it casual.



Prom is known for its crowded dance floor and extravagant dress and decoration.

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“I thought about asking Kendall to Prom, but I figured out that I am too lazy to ask her; sorry Kendall,” admits junior Nate Sanford.

Some “couples” are going to Prom just as friends, but others plan to make this a romantic night. The fun will all begin at 6:15 p.m. with Promenade.

Promenade is the big walk when each couple is announced and they have their walk of glory to show all the money spent on the girls’ dress and hair, while the guys show off how nice they freshen up. Also, the most exciting part of Promenade is the announcement of the Prom King and Queen.

After Promenade, the couples will take off safely in their cars to get out to Greenbriar where the dinner and dancing will take place. At the dance, the girls shoes will come off and the guys jackets will be left at the chairs, and the couples will head to the dance floor.

When the dance ends around midnight, only a few minutes down the road will be After-Prom at Acres of Fun. Admission is free for any Cloverleaf junior or senior. Make sure to be safe and smart as the night ends and make good choices, but also enjoy the moment that only twice in a lifetime.

Pokemon Black and White Review

By Jackson Keller

Many of us played the *Pokemon* series as children. Pikachu, Charizard, and Mewtwo were staples of our collective childhood. But as many of us grew up we stopped paying attention to *Pokemon*, calling it “kids stuff.”

Ignoring the newest iterations the series, however, would be a major mistake. *Pokemon Black and White* are easily the best games in the entire series. They are masterfully made RPGs with a surprisingly deep and compelling story.

If you played *Pokemon Red and Blue* as a child, the core gameplay should be instantly familiar. You take the role of a young boy or girl who travels across the land catching a variety of colorful creatures known as Pokemon. You battle Pokemon with other trainers and collect gym badges to become the Pokemon League Champion. This has not changed since the series has first been released.

Black and White certainly make changes to the formula, but the majority of what makes the pair of games so good is the fine-tuning of the mechanics. *Black and White* take advantage of the power of the Nintendo DS that their predecessors, *Diamond and Pearl*, never did. The combat is still turn-based, but the battles themselves are far more entertaining due to the new animations added to each Pokemon. The movement of the Pokemon themselves make the battles feel more alive than previous games where they stood like cardboard cutouts.

The animations and other small improvements keep the game interesting and addicting, but what



New York City was used as the basis for Unova, the game’s central metropolis.

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sets *Black and White* apart from the rest of the series is the story. The stories in Pokemon games have never been terribly compelling, but *Black and White* buck the trend with a shockingly well-crafted plot and deep, interesting characters.

This time, the story focuses around Team Plasma. Unlike Team Rocket, who were simply criminals who did evil things for money, Team Plasma has a central ideology and goal. Namely, the liberation of Pokemon from trainers. For the first time, the series questions the morality of its core gameplay. It actually makes the player consider whether or not capturing and battling these creatures is wrong.

The moral may sound silly and pointless; after all, there are no Pokemon in real life. But the story uses its moral question about Pokemon to question the way we live. *Black and White* tackles themes of environmentalism vs. industrialism, morality, and even some political issues. *Black and White’s* story is so good that I would rank the last

hour in my top five moments in any video game.

However, despite the great new story and all the tweaks made to the gameplay, the pair isn’t perfect. For starters, a lot of improvements that *Pokemon HeartGold and SoulSilver* brought to the table are mysteriously absent in the new games. Namely, the Pokewalker packaged with those games and the ability to have your Pokemon follow you around in the overworld.

Despite the quality of the story, the writing itself isn’t quite up to par. A lot of the dialogue is awkward, like it wasn’t quite translated properly. The dialogue that isn’t awkward is simply hamfisted. There are lots of good themes and messages, but the dialogue awkwardly hammers them in, presumably afraid that kids won’t get the subtleties.

Don’t let these tiny issues fool you. *Black and White* are still great games. They are easily the best *Pokemon* games and possibly some of my favorite games of all time. Don’t pass them up just because they are kid’s games.

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Quiz & Quotes

How were you asked to Prom?



Megan Connor (12)-
“With a fortune cookie and flowers.”



Hailey Schleich (12)
“He wrote “Prom” in my front yard with candles and burned my grass.”



Devin Knapp (11)
“I put flowers on Amanda’s desk.”



Erika Kost (11)
“With a soccer ball that had “Prom?” written on it and flowers.”

The Lucky One: Inspirational

By Kaylee Gutschow

The highly anticipated film, *The Lucky One*, a novel by Nicholas Sparks, hits theaters last Friday.

Sophomore Kenzie Packard said, “I read the book and it was really good. Even though I know what will happen, I’m really excited to see the movie!”

When U.S. Marine Logan Thibault, played by Zac Efron, finds a photograph of a smiling young woman half-buried in the dirt during his third tour of duty in Iraq, he brings it back to the base for someone to claim.

When no one does, he finds keeps the photo and carries it in his pocket. Logan then begins to experience a sudden streak of luck by winning poker games and surviving deadly combat that kills two of his close friends. Logan begins to believe that the photo is a good luck charm.

Back home in North Carolina, Logan can’t get the women from the photo out of his mind. He becomes determined to find the women and when he does, he learns that her name is Beth (Taylor Schilling) and where she lives, which is at a local kennel that Logan ends up getting a job at.

A strong romance develops between the two and despite Elizabeth’s initial mistrust and the complications in her life. This gives Logan hope that Beth could be much more than his good luck charm.



The Lucky One is a popular book and the movie is anticipated to be just as successful. Photo Courtesy of the Wikipedia Commons

“I want to see it so bad,” said freshman Big Jon Keene.

Even though the movie may be one that girls would tend to enjoy, boys can join in on the fun too.

“I have been looking forward to seeing the movie for awhile,” said junior Chelsey Vicker. “It looks so cute.”

No matter how old you are, or what kind of movies you like, *The Lucky One* is a great, heart-filled movie that would stir anyone’s emotions. Go and see it if you get the chance!

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Jorts, Jorts, and More Jorts!

By Austin Probert

What is the new craze these days you may ask? It is the jort.

What is a jort? A jort is a pair of jean shorts, whether they were bought as jean shorts or home-made jorts.

The most common way to make a pair of jorts is to take a pair of old jeans and cut them. It is pretty easy.

Most people squeeze into their old raggedy jeans, sit down in a chair, and take a razor blade or scissors to a pair of jeans.

The most styling place to have the cutline of the jorts is one to two inches above the knee.

With the cut above the knee, there is increased mobility. This means you can jump higher, run faster, and tailgate longer.

If you cut below the knee, you will look like a poser and will definitely get hated on by the cool kids and the country folk who wear the jorts themselves. Basically, prepare to eat lunch at the social outcast table.

But anyway, cuts just above the knee are in style these days.

Common mistakes when wearing jorts include not tucking your shirt in and over accessorizing. When wearing jorts, a belt and either a watch or sunglasses are all you need. There is no reason to elude the fact that the jorts are the key of your outfit.

When asked what their favorite quality of jorts, many jort wearers were excited to comment.

“Style on bottom,” said Austin Kozma, “and an amazing breeze on bottom!”

“Stylish to wear,” said Ryan Pascal, “and yet elegant but sim-



Miley Cyrus is wearing a pair of jorts that would be deemed inappropriate because of length at school. However, people at Cloverleaf are loving the jorts and making them appropriate in length to wear to school. *Photo courtesy of Wikipedia Commons*

ple to make.”

The thing about jorts is that you can wear them to almost any occasion, such as sporting events, movie going, or even to school.

Cloverleaf even has a weekly jorts day that many kids take part in. The jorts’ crowd keeps on growing and many think that they are coming back and here to stay.

The day in the week in which you need to pull those classic jorts out of the closet is Wednes-

day mornings.

“This is my first time participating on *Jort’s Wednesday*,” stated Cloverleaf sophomore Tom Wrangler. “And I have to say, these are so comfy, plus the complements are coming from everywhere.”

A library survey stated about four out of five people wear or like jorts. Deep down, everybody loves jorts.