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The Marcolite

Polo Community High School The Marcos

Those Rushing Yards, Tho!

Two of our Marco boys have achieved 1,000 rushing yards: Avery Grenoble and Brock Soltow. If you were at Saturday's game against Milford/Cissna Park (heck, any of this year's games), you noticed Grenoble and Soltow on the field -- though many of the other hardworking Marcos were unstoppable, too. Brock is ranked 3rd with 1,212 yards and Avery 5th with 1,081 yards. Both were nominated for team of the week this week. Congrats, boys! Your hard work is not going unnoticed (that goes for the whole team and coaching staff!).



Artists here at PCHS! See page 13 for Ms. Balayti's artists!



Contact us!
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The Marco Cafe: Something we might have been taking for granted.



Page 24 has a menu!

Molly Marco takes some *truly* difficult questions this week.

This Week's Birthdays:



11/10	Annalise Stamm
11/10	Spencer Doeden
11/11	Natalya Witkowski
11/14	Nicole Boelens
11/16	Zoie Wyatt

In Case You Missed the Announcements:

There is a Football Fan bus going to the game at West Central. Sign up in the office. It will be open to PCHS students first.

FCCLA members are selling Thanksgiving treats this week. We are selling homemade pumpkin bars, skinny pop white cheddar popcorn and goldfish crackers. Each treat is $1.00. Celebrate Thanksgiving by showing someone how much you appreciate them and purchase a treat this week from any FCCLA member or Mrs. Grobe. Treats will be delivered November 23.

Students if you drive to school, please check your SkyWard mail for the link to fill out the PCHS Parking Permit Registration Form and pay your $2.00 to the office for your tag.

Need Community Service Hours?

Marco Cafe always needs help! We are now up and running! The shifts are morning, lunch, and homeroom on Fridays only. Contact mallen@poloschools.net, mmcbride@poloschools.net, or dreece@poloschools.net, and one of them will get you on a list. You may also speak with Mrs. Roberts to sign up.

Polo Women's Club:
11/06/2021 8:30-11:30 @ Crossroads ~ helping with the distribution of coats for the coat drive. (Can split the time in hour increments if needed)

Polo Christmas Festival Committee :
12/04/2021 8:00-9:00 helping vendors unload merchandise for the craft show.
Please stop in the office for a phone number to call for more information.t

🏐 *Volleyball Tournament!* 🏐

When : During Homeroom November 18th Thur. - 19th Fri. - 22nd Mon. - 23rd Tue.

Where: PCHS High School Gym

Why: To have some fun and raise funds to help graduating seniors with scholarships

Who: Freshman through Senior are welcome to play and attend, middle school homerooms are welcome to attend.

Teams: Co-Ed (3 girls and 3 boys per team) *you can only play on one team

Cost: $5 a player or $30 a team if you are playing! If you want to watch for that day it is a Minimum of a $1 donation per day! If your team is NOT playing that day and you want to watch you must pay the $1 donation. All teams playing must pay prior to the first day of the tournament.

Incentive: The winning team will get the privilege of bumping, setting, and possibly spiking against a team made up of ***TEACHERS*** on the last day of the tournament!

Contact: Ms. Joines or Mr. Sands with any questions and to sign up a team today! (money due prior to the tournament, preferred on the day of sign up.)

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*Each year the Polo Education Association awards graduating seniors with scholarships to help with their continuing education. Be sure to look into them. You DO NOT need to be going into the field of Education to be awarded a scholarship. The following list of teachers will be helping those graduating seniors this year follow their dreams with a little extra cash!

T. Alston, S. Bazarek, D. Benner, G. Cole, B. Colquitt, J. Culbertson, L. Diehl, E. Ditzler, T. Hardin, C. Hillison, K. Hollowell, S. Hopkins, M. Jaeger, E. Joines, K. Jones, J. Kelln, J. Lennon, N. Linder, D. McAnally, J. Merrell, M. Messer, E. Petraski, R. Phillips, C. Plock, R. Plock, D. Reece, J. Sanders, J. Sands, S. Schlegel, S. Schultz, N. Smith, B. Soltow, A. Wetzell, L. Wetzel, E. Wilhelms, K. Wolfley, J. Yingling

Upperclassman of the Week

This week's feature: Natalie McDuffy

What age do you wish to be and why?

Probably 7 because the only thing I had to worry about was who stole my crayons.

What do you do for fun?

I hang out with my friends and go on coffee runs.

If you got to change your name, what would you change it to and why?

Haisley because it's unique and pretty.

What's the funniest joke you know by heart?

"What did the shark say when he ate the clownfish?"

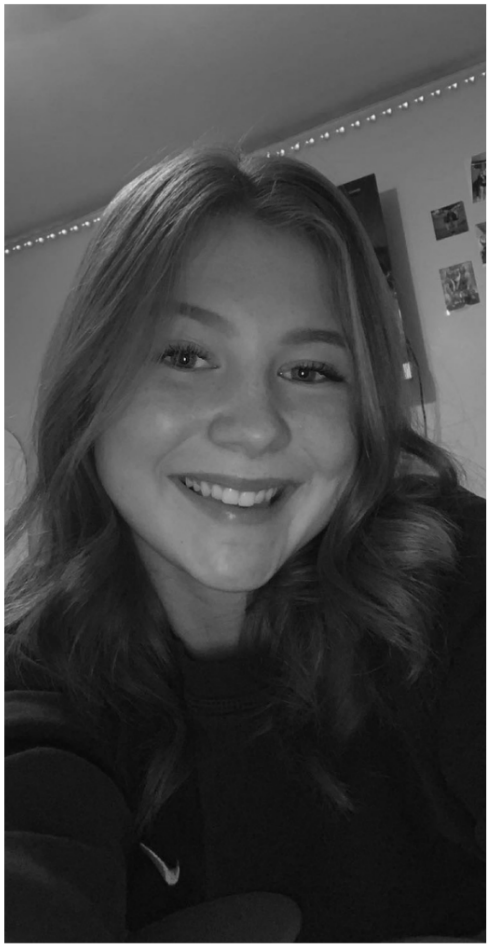
-This tastes a little funny.

Where is your dream place to live?

Probably somewhere in Brazil. It's beautiful!

What do you look forward to in high school?

Graduating is exciting, but I look forward to making more exciting memories.



Underclassman of the Week

This week's feature: Landen Brooks

What is the dumbest way you've been injured?

Playing speedball in gym.



What do you want to do after highschool?

Hopefully be alive.

How do you deal with change?

Eat it.

What old person thing do you do?

I sew with my grandma.

What advice would you give to younger students?

Just grow up.

What is the funniest joke you know by heart?

Your mom.

What age do you wish to be and why?

68 because 69 is too old.

Guess that Senior

Seniors: Connor & Faith Ukena, Abby Yingling, and Kaylah Boelens

Studio 99

Production by A&A



What is studio 99? It is a new attraction for high schoolers based on the Chicago club experience. Studio 99 is here to give you a place to dance the night away. You no longer need to wait for next year's homecoming dance or prom. Come have fun with us!

A little bit about A&A: We were exposed to an ongoing event called teen mixers which took place each month. The experience was exciting and fun so we want to share it with this generation. You will be able to go to a fun party with your friends and without your parents all night. We will try to have this every month or from time to time.

Wondering what to expect? Well, get ready to dance the night away and have a blast! We'll have refreshments and snacks for a small price. There will also be a DJ, who we introduced on our Instagram page: DJ Shades! Remember that this is only for you high schoolers! To get in, it will be like a club and you have to bring a student ID. We don't want younger kids or adults/parents ruining your night! A&A's location will be in the Ogle and Lee County area. On November 27th, it will be in your town of Polo, at Town Hall. What A&A is looking to give is nights full of fun and memories for you and your friends, so come join us and have some fun! Don't forget to tell your out-of-town friends, because it's for everyone!

Follow on Instagram for information: studio99_aa
Also on Snapchat: aa-production

October Student of the Month: *Kaylah Boelens*

Favorite class?My favorite class is welding because I like to be able to do what the boys can do and I wouldn't have to rely on someone else. Also because I would like to pursue a welding career after high school.

Favorite teacher? I actually have two favorite teachers and they are Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Wetzell because they are both my Ag teachers and are always there to teach me something new.

If you could create any new class at your school, what would it be and why? The class I would create is a hands-on class, where the students take care of the animals themselves, because not everybody has the land to take care of animals. So we would have a barn behind the high school and through fundraising and part of students' money they would buy a couple animals back there and kids would learn the importance of nutrition and animal hygiene. So they would not only learn about animals but also learn the responsibility it would take to take care of them. Then at the end of the year when they are ready to sell off or butcher the students will learn about that end of it as well.



How would you describe your group of friends? Rednecks. We are all super close and it sounds cliche but we are all rednecks that a good night for us is sitting around a bonfire and talking about everything and anything.

What does it take to be a successful high school student? Attitude, because everything you do there has to be a bright side to everything or be looking at the better side of things. Also being involved in not just sports and clubs but just being involved in the student body.

What's one thing in your life you can't do without?Money because then I can buy more cattle and buy more land.

What scares you? Losing my family and friends

If you could try any job for the day, what would it be and why? SWAT team, because there is a tv show on Hulu that is called SWAT and it seems pretty interesting to do that.

If you could go anywhere in the world for free, where would it be and why? Texas, because I've always wanted to go there and they have a ton of longhorn cattle down there with lots of cattle ranches.

What is the best way to cheer you up? Go on car rides blasting my music with my dog Posi.

What is your life's philosophy? It is what it is, it ain't what it ain't, don't make it what it isn't.

Is there anything else you want people to know about you? I have two best friends, and they're guys, so be careful.

What is your favorite … Number: 26 App: Facebook Food: Steak and potatoes

Musical artist: Luke Combs Movie: *8 Seconds* TV show: *Vampire Diaries*

Quick update on the status of the school renovations:

- The intercom speakers are working!
- That A/C was so lovely during the hot months.
- The science labs are awesome! Here are some chemistry nerds enjoying Mrs. Cole's newly renovated room:



Marco Sports

Football: The Marcos had yet another playoff game on friday. They played the Milford Cissna Park Bearcats, and yet again came out on top. It was a very good back and forth game between the Marcos and the Bearcats but as usual, the Marcos won. They have now moved on to play West Central in Biggsville at 1.

XC: Carson Jones travelled to the state meet on Saturday and did very well for his first time running in a meet that big. He ran against hundreds of other boys and finished 163rd. We're proud of him and we know he'll keep going next year!

A look at the sidelines:
After every home game this year (and there have been quite a few!), the PCHS Student Council takes it upon themselves to clean up the stadium. Here's the crew from October 30th.



Sporty Folks (Volleyball)

By - Micah S

Carson Jones - Junior

When and why did you join XC?

Sophomore Summer, because I have always loved running and it was a new opportunity for me.

What do you like about XC?

Everything! But if I had to be specific, the team aspect of it.

How has the team and Coach Hardin helped you this season?

A lot! They have helped me a lot with practices and support!

Tell us a fun story from the season!

Last year, Wyatt, Avery and I decided to make practice a little harder for ourselves and ran through a full grown corn field for 4 miles. The corn rash was amazing.

Tell us your reaction on making it to state. How did it feel? How did you celebrate?

I was extremely excited and a little shocked to be honest! It felt wonderful but also nerve-racking at the same time. To celebrate, Hardin and I looked over my Pink Parking Pass. cvb

Congrats on making it to state, how did it go? Give us a small rundown!

It was amazing. Going down on Friday to see the course really helped during the race. The race felt great and the experience was unforgettable. Hopefully I will be back next year with more from the team!



LGBTQ

For advice or help, or even just someone to talk to, if comfortable, email
mallen@poloschools.net
I am a safe space.



E.R. Fightmaster is playing the first non-binary doctor on *Grey's Anatomy* as Dr. Kai Bartley. It is a huge step, as normally, characters in TV shows fit certain gender roles, but Fightmaster is actually non-binary and is allowed to play a non-binary character.

Grey's Anatomy had a straight character role on the show being played by a gay actor and he wasn't allowed to be himself on the show. If you watch and love *Grey's Anatomy* like I do, you may know of him: T.R. Knight, who played George O'Malley.



Grey's anatomy has had many LGBTQ+ actors and characters. The character Casey Parker was a trans role, and the actor, Alex Blue Davis was trans himself. Grey's Anatomy has shown that they can be inclusive after T.R. Knight left the show.



News from the Art Room

Ms. Balayti has got all of her art classes creating some really cool projects this year. Here's the latest from our new art teacher:

"Art 1 created some really cool wind chimes and mobiles. Despite many "accidents" resulting in broken projects, I'm proud of those who persevered and got creative."





Dear Molly Marco,

Why is it that every time I look up, I look at the ceiling?

-Z

Dear Z,

Honestly? No clue. Ask babies, maybe? They're always looking at the ceiling, surely they have all the answers.

Dear Molly Marco,

Is Pepsi Soda Shop Black Cherry Cola any good? I saw it at the store the other day and I wasn't sure if I should try it or not.

-F

Dear F,

Good question! I got some from Shell at lunch and the verdict is: BUSSIN. I thought it would taste like cherry Pepsi, but it kinda tasted like that old-fashioned black cherry soda in the glass bottles that they have in touristy gift shops. A surprise, but a welcome one. 10/10 beverage experience, would highly recommend.

---------- These Days In History ----------

Fun, Wacky, and Weird -- but always interesting -- News from the Past

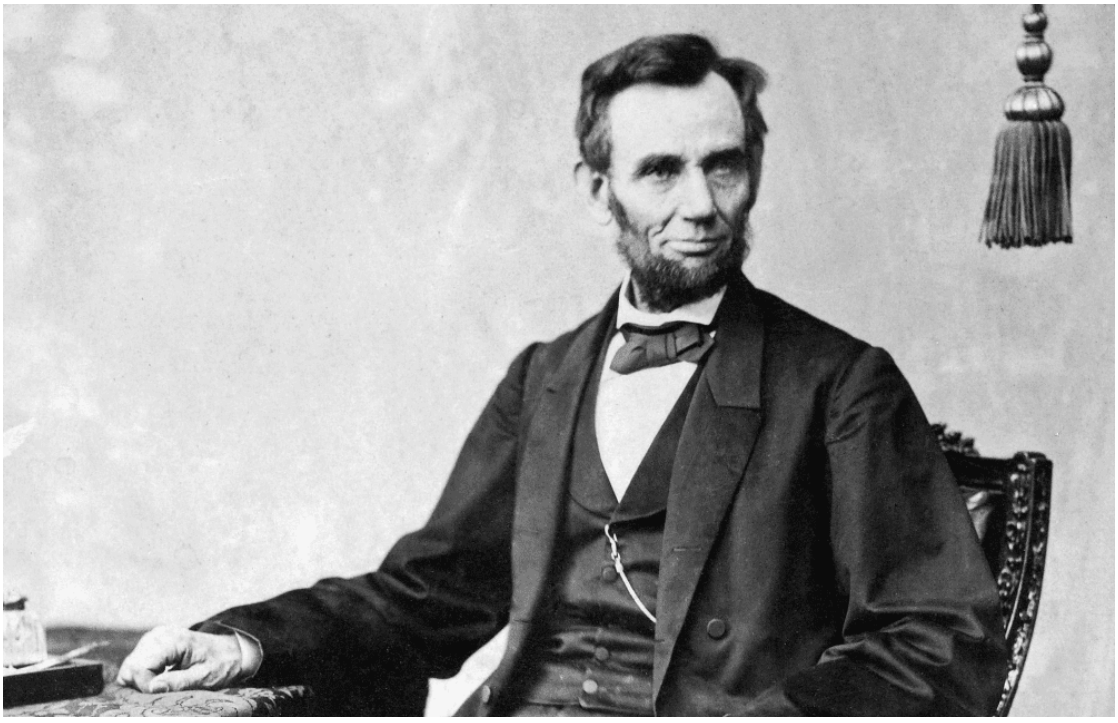
WASHINGTON D.C. - NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Barack Obama becomes the 44th president of the United States of America. Barack Obama managed to defeat Senator John McCain of Arizona for presidency and Barack Obama became the first African American elected president to be in the White House. His running mate soon to be the president himself Joe Biden was a senator of the state of Delaware. Obama was the first sitting senator to win the presidency since John F. Kennedy in 1960.



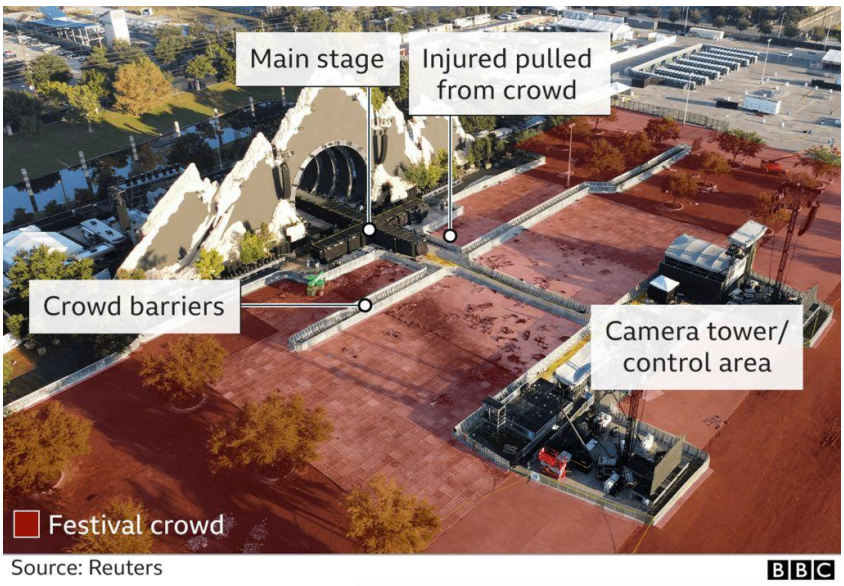
WASHINGTON D.C.- NOVEMBER 6, 1860

Abraham Lincoln is elected the 16th president of the United States over a deeply divided Democratic Party, becoming the first Republican to win the presidency. Lincoln received only 40 percent of the popular vote but handily defeated the three other candidates: Southern Democrat John C. Breckinridge, Constitutional Union candidate John Bell, and Northern Democrat Stephen Douglas, a U.S. senator for Illinois.



🌍World News: Travis Scott sued over Festival Disaster

Popular rapper, Travis Scott, is facing legal action after at least eight people were killed and hundreds injured in a crush at his Texas festival Astroworld.One injured concertgoer has accused Scott and surprise performer Drake of inciting the crowd, and is seeking $1m in damages.In a statement following the crush, Scott said he was working to help the families of the victims - the youngest of whom was just 14. In other words, tributes have been paid on social media to those who passed.The surge began at about 8:15pm local time on Friday when panic broke out as the crowd pressed towards the front of the stage during Scott's headline set. Police in the Texas city have launched an investigation, including looking into separate reports that somebody in the audience was injecting people with drugs.



A person who was at the festival described it as, "You couldn't move, you couldn't scratch your own face, that's how tight it was," he said.



Random National Holidays

11/18/21:Use Less Stuff Day

11/19/21:Cook For Your Pets Day

11/20/21:National Absurdity

11/21/21:World Hello Day

11/22/21: Go For a Ride Day

11/23/21:Fibonacci Day

11/24/21:Celebrate Unique Talent Day

11/25/21:Shopping Reminder Day

Monica Miller

Bird Of The Weak.



Pigeon.

Random Facts of the Week

1. Potato chips cause more weight gain than any other food.



2. Bigger forks lead to you eating less.



3. Chewing gum after a meal reduces heartburn.

4. Cheetahs can’t roar.

5. France technically has 12 time zones.

6. 20th Century Fox expected the first *Star Wars* to be a flop.





Comic Book Character of the Week - Villian

Hobgoblin - Marvel Comics



Other Appearances in Marvel / Media

Hobgoblin has made many Different Apperances in Media, especially Marvel for Instance: ***"Spiderman The Animated Series 1994 - 1998, Spiderman Shattered Dimensions as Hobgoblin 2099, Lego Marvel Superheroes 2, Marvels Spiderman 2017***

Hobgoblin made his first appearance in ***"The Amazing Spider-Man,* Issue #238 1983."** The Identity of the Hobgoblin actually had been dawned by many different people, The the most well known Hobgoblin would be a guy named Roderick Kingsley, Kingsley was a Fashion designer in New York City, He was a very Competitive person and would use Brutal or Merciless tactics to keep his Fashion Chain afloat, Which in short meant he had himself his own Financial Empire. However his Business would be rivaled by many people, so much so that he himself would have his own products and fashions sabotaged and ruined to hurt his Business. However things would change a long time after when one of Kingsley's henchmen named George Hill had accidentally stumbled upon the Green Goblins secret hideout. George then Informs a Disguised Kingsley about said hideout and even shows him it, They take all the stuff from the hideout and proceed to burn it all down so that theres no evidence of the place even existing. After Kingsley betrays and kills George, He leaves to his apartment were all the Green Goblins equpment is now stashed, Kinglsey then proceeds to make himself his own Suit and Costume where he Then Officially Becomes The Hobgoblin. Hobgoblin in the beginning when facing Spider Man for the first time was significantly weaker than the original Green Goblin, However after learning how to recreate his goblin formula, He got the Super Strength, and Agility just like the Green Goblin. Not only that but he also had access to the Green Goblins tech and Gadgets at his disposal like his Pumpkin Bombs, Gliders, and Razor Bats

Some Delicious Thanksgiving Facts



1. Abraham Lincoln Proclaimed Thanksgiving a holiday on October 3, 1863



2. Turkey was not served on the Menu during the first Thanksgiving

3. 704 pounds of turkey is eaten by Americans every year



4. The Christmas song Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song

5. After Thanksgiving day, Is the busiest time of the year for Plumbers

6. The Foods eaten on Thanksgiving Day haven't changed since 1621

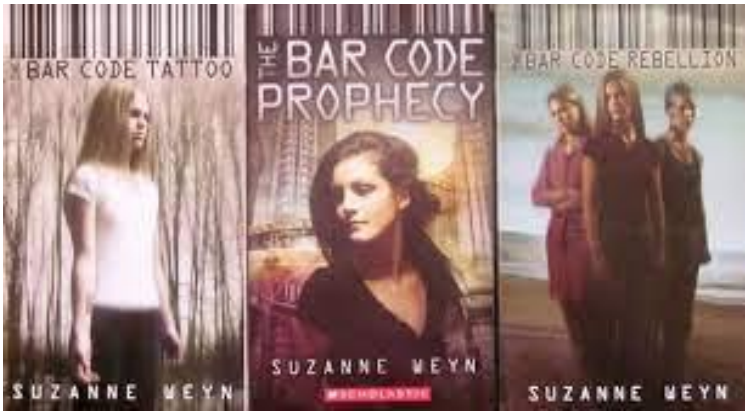


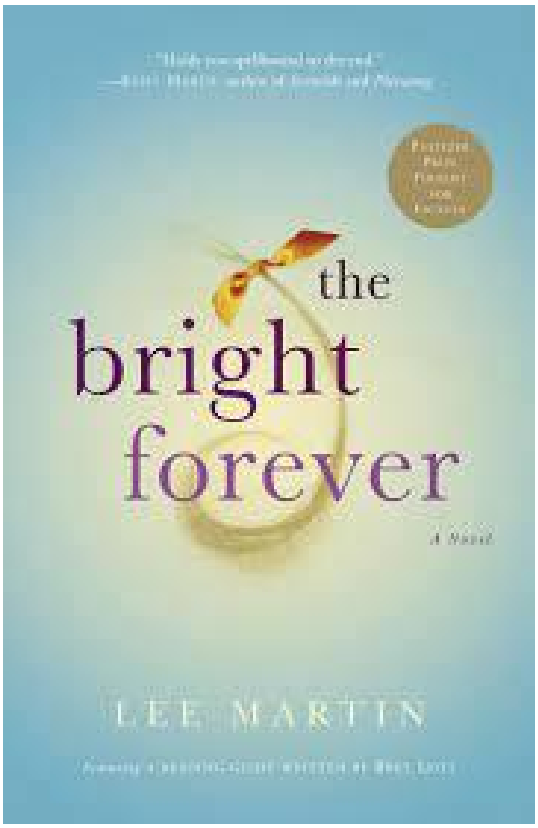
Popular Books



In the year 2025 Kayla Reed is turning 17 soon and once she's 17 she is able to get a barcode tattoo, which is what everyone is paying is excited for. Her friend insisted she should get one until the day her father commits suicide and her mother keeps blaming it on the tattoo, but Kayla dosen't know why.

Author: Suzanne Weyn



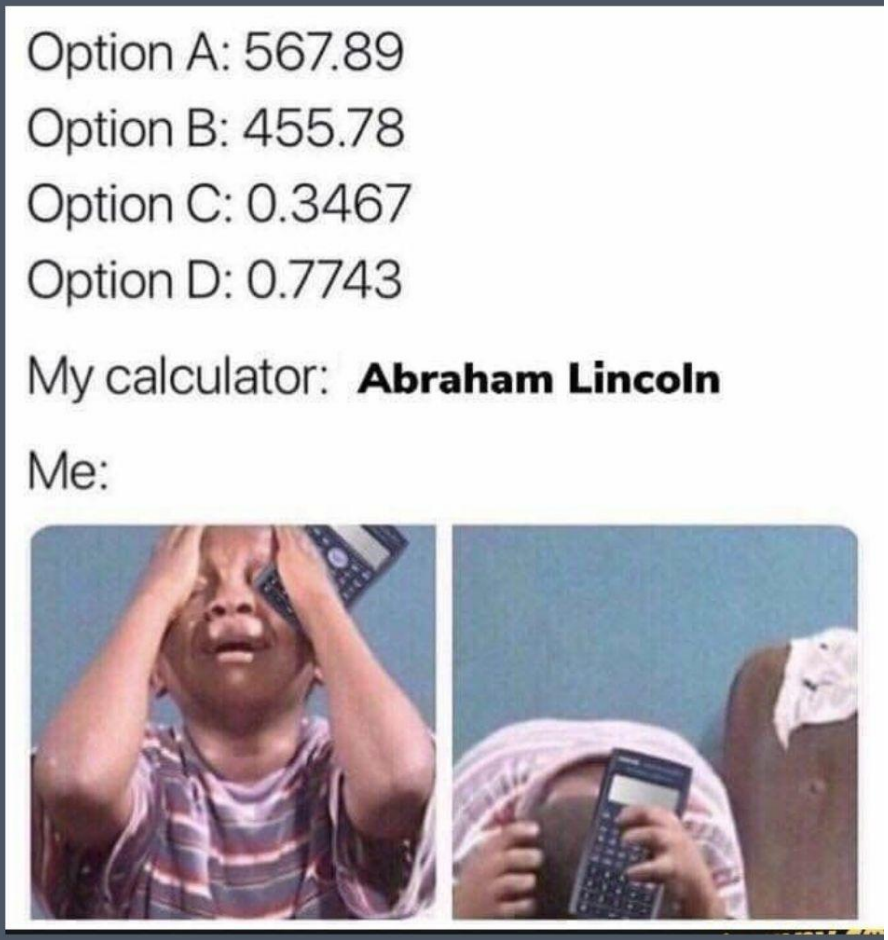


A nine year old girl's disappearance and the lasting impact it had on her close- knit community. Nine year old Katie Mackey, daughter of the most affluent family in a small town on the plains of Indiana, sets out on her bicycle to return some library books.

Author: Lee Martin

JOKES

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? He always has a great fall!



I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY THE BASKETBALL KEPT GETTING BIGGER

THEN IT HIT ME

→ Did we forget how lucky we are to have a cafe *in our school*?!

→ Before school, during lunch, and during homeroom on Fridays, you can purchase a tasty drink for *extremely cheap*!

→ And you can hang out there with your friends, too!
→ If you've got $2 (sometimes less), you've got yourself drink money!

What we've got:

Hot Chocolate
Pumpkin Spice (ON SALE FOR $1.00)
Caramel Macchiato
Tea
French Vanilla

Cider drinks:

Spiced Apple
Caramel Apple



Crave Coffee:

Caramel
Hazel Nut
Cinnamon
Butter Toffee
Blueberry Vanilla
Southern Pecan
Chocolate Hazelnut Cream
Vermont Maple

Infusio Blend Coffee:

HazelNut
City Roast
Dark Roast
Donut
Costa Rica
Cappuccino Cream

Guys, if we don't use the Marco Cafe and appreciate it for the awesome place that it is, it might go away.