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Logan-Magnolia Celebrates Veterans Day

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Every year on November 11, people across the United States celebrate Veterans Day to honor the men and women who have served in the military. It is a day to recognize the time, effort, and sacrifices veterans have made for our country. Many veterans have spent time away from their families, faced difficult situations, and put their responsibilities before their own needs. Whether someone attends a local ceremony, thanks a veteran, or takes time to learn about the holiday, there are many ways to show respect for those who have served.

Veterans Day began with the end of World War I. On November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed, bringing the fighting between the Allied Powers and Germany to an end. For many people, this date became a symbol of hope after years of war. It became known as Armistice Day, a time to remember the end of the fighting and honor those who had served. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson recognized the first anniversary of the armistice. Then, in 1938, November 11 officially became a federal holiday. After World War II and the Korean War, Americans realized that veterans from other wars deserved to be recognized too. In 1954, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day.

A day to honor all Americans who had served in the military, not just those who fought in World War I. Today, November 11, gives us a chance to look back at our country's history and recognize the people who have served. Even though the holiday's name and purpose have grown over time, the main idea stays the same: remembering veterans and showing appreciation for everything they have done.

When people think of other days honoring veterans, they often blend Veterans Day and Memorial Day because both honor people connected to military service. However, they have different purposes. Veterans Day honors everyone who has served in the U.S. military, whether they served during wartime or peace. Memorial Day, which is on the last Monday of May, honors military members who died while serving their country. Both holidays are important because they remind us of the sacrifices connected to military service. Veterans Day gives people an opportunity to thank veterans for their service. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who lost their lives. Understanding the difference helps people understand and recognize the purpose of each holiday and show respect in meaningful ways.



Serving in the military means giving up a lot. Some veterans have spent months or years away from their families and missed birthdays, holidays, and other important moments. Others have faced dangerous situations or difficult conditions while serving. Not every veteran has the same experience, and not everyone serves in combat, but military service comes with serious responsibilities and challenges. Some veterans also experience serious personal moral and ethical distress because of things they witnessed, decisions they had to make, or situations they faced during their service. Sometimes, these experiences can conflict with a person's moral beliefs. This type of distress can be difficult to deal with, even after someone returns home. Veterans may also have trouble adjusting to civilian life, finding employment, or getting used to a different daily routine. These challenges are important to recognize because the effects of military service do not always end when someone leaves the military. Showing appreciation means more than simply saying thank you. It also means listening without judgment, treating veterans with respect, and recognizing that some may need understanding and support long after their service has ended.



Veterans Day is more than just another holiday. It is a chance to recognize the people who have served our country and learn about the sacrifices that can come with military life. The holiday has a long history, but its purpose remains the same: to show appreciation for those who have served. Whether someone attends a ceremony, thanks a veteran, or takes time to learn about military service, everyone can find a way to take part. Most importantly, veterans appreciate acknowledgement and respect throughout all parts of their lives after service. By recognizing their service and understanding the challenges they may face, we can be sure their contributions are remembered and appreciated.

Alumni Spotlight



Marshall Barney
Class of 2008

Q: What was your favorite part of Lo-Ma?

My favorite part of Lo-Ma was the people and the sense of community. Growing up in a smaller school, you have opportunities to build relationships with classmates, teachers, and coaches that stay with you long after graduation. I also appreciate the opportunities students have to get involved in a wide variety of activities and athletics. At a smaller school like Lo-Ma, students can try different things and participate in multiple activities in ways that might not always be possible at larger schools. I love seeing students take advantage of those opportunities and discover new interests. After teaching in a larger school district, I've come to appreciate those experiences even more.

Q: What was your proudest accomplishment at Lo-Ma?

Looking back, I'm most proud of the relationships and friendships I built at Lo-Ma. I was fortunate to grow up surrounded by great teachers and coaches, as well as an incredible group of friends who have remained close and helped keep each other grounded over the years. The experiences I had and the people I met helped shape who I am today.

Q: What does your life look like now? What are you proud of?

Today, I'm a husband, father, teacher, investor, and coach. After spending seven years teaching in Omaha Public Schools, I've returned to Lo-Ma as a teacher. My family and I also moved back to the area to be closer to family and enjoy a more rural lifestyle. I'm most proud of my family and the life we're building together. Professionally, I'm proud of the opportunities I've had to work with young people and help them develop skills that will benefit them beyond the classroom. It's especially meaningful to now have the opportunity to do that in the community where I grew up.

Q: How is your life different now than what you expected?

I don't think I ever imagined my career would take the path it has. I've worked in the business world, invested in real estate, and eventually found my way into education. Each experience has taught me something different. Life doesn't always follow the plan you have when you're young, but sometimes the unexpected opportunities turn out to be the most rewarding. I certainly never pictured myself becoming a business teacher when I was in high school, let alone returning to teach at Lo-Ma. I've always loved the Lo-Ma community, and I'm excited to see where this next chapter takes my family and me.

Q: What advice do you have for the class of 2027 as they prepare for life after high school?

Don't feel like you need to have your entire life figured out in high school. Be willing to try new things, work hard, and take advantage of opportunities when they come along. Your interests and goals will probably change as you get older, and that's okay. Most importantly, develop good habits, surround yourself with good people, and take pride in whatever you choose to do. Success doesn't always look the way you originally imagined, and that's part of what makes life interesting.

56TH YEAR OF THE NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

BY: OLIVIA DAVIE

The New York Marathon is being held on November 1 on a Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 10 pm. This marathon is known as one of the most inclusive marathons, with a world-record number of athletes competing. The athletes will be going through a 26.2-mile course. The athletes will cross the Willis Ave. Bridge, then they will take a left onto 135th Street, then they will take a right onto Alexander Ave. The change this year will be that, instead of turning onto East 138th Street, they will turn left onto St. Street before turning left onto Third Ave. Then right onto East 138th Street and then continuing across the Madison Ave. bridge. This marathon is made possible through specific rules, such as how all runners must arrive during their assigned transportation time slot. The New York marathon is very lenient with late runners; instead of kicking them out, they are able to join the last wave/corral. Wave/corrals are used to separate the marathon runners based on their times; you are not allowed to move into a faster wave/corral, but you are able to move to a slower one. If you climb barricades or start earlier than the assigned time, it can result in disqualification and suspension from the marathon. The athletes who run the marathon can only get in through certain events. They could win the lottery to enter, join, and complete the 9 +1 program, which grants guaranteed entry by completing 9 qualifying NYRR races and volunteering in one event during one calendar year. People who hit certain time requirements for their age and gender are given the chance to enter the lottery for a win. Raising funds for official charity partners is also a way to join. Completing 15 or more NYC marathons grants a lifetime of guaranteed entry to the marathon. Why we run the New York Marathon goes all the way back to the first "modern" Olympics. The length of the course is derived from the apocryphal story of the army messenger named Pheidippides, who, in 490 B.C., raced 26.2 miles back to Athens from Marathon to give word of the Greek military's win over Persia.

To join the New York Marathon, you must also have certain time requirements linked to your age and gender. For men ages 18-34, they must run a 2:53:00 marathon time; for women ages 18-34, they must run a 3:13:00 marathon time; and for non-binary people ages 18-34, they must run a 3:13:00 marathon time. You must run a standard pace of 16 minutes per mile. The qualifying window to join or enter your time is January 1-December 31. The entry price to get in ranges from 255-333.

Signing up for the New York Marathon may seem tricky and expensive, but it is worth it for the experience that comes with running. Every athlete is excited for the 56th year of the New York Marathon, and they are all ready to fight for first place!



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Logan Magnolia Football Post Season Report

By Gus Hoss

As the 2026 high school football season approached the playoffs, Logan-Magnolia earned the No. 4 seed in its district. This meant the Panthers got to play in the postseason. Their first playoff game was against West Sioux, which was the No. 1 seed in the district and ranked No. 2 in the state for Class A. It was a big test for the players and coaches.

Making the playoffs is a big accomplishment for Logan-Magnolia. The team worked hard during the regular season and won enough games to earn a spot. Even though the Panthers were the fourth seed, they still had a chance to show what they can do against one of the best teams in the state. This game helped the players gain confidence and gave them something to feel proud of. West Sioux was a tough opponent because of their high ranking and strong season. Logan-Magnolia played hard and avoided making mistakes. The Panthers will also needed to work together on offense and defense if they wanted to keep the game close. One important part of the game was stopping West Sioux's offense. Logan-Magnolia's defense needed to stay focused and make good tackles. On offense, the Panthers needed to block well, move the ball, and take advantage of their scoring chances. Every possession made a difference, as this was the last game of the season. The playoff game was also special for Logan-Magnolia's seniors. They got another opportunity to play together and represent their school. Their leadership helped the younger players stay calm and focused during the game. Although West Sioux was the favorite, the game was not decided before it started. Logan-Magnolia worked hard to get this far.

Logan-Magnolia knows it was a difficult challenge. Still, earning the No. 4 seed gave the Panthers a chance to play in the playoffs. The team tred to make the most of the opportunity and finish the season strong. Go Panthers!



A Price to Pay:

Thanksgiving Grocery Cost

By Kaidee Roberts



It is hard not to notice that prices have increased in the last few months. This inflation impacts everyone. Thanksgiving is coming up and worries about these high prices are increasing because food is a main part of the holiday. When these basic goods become crazy expensive, it could have very real consequences on families.

For many, Thanksgiving is a time to come together, eat, and say what we are thankful for in life. Rising grocery prices may make this holiday more difficult this year. Items like the turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and other staples are quickly adding up, putting more pressure on household budgets. Because of the higher cost of groceries, families may have to make changes to their plan this year. This could mean buying less ingredients, choosing less expensive alternatives, or asking others to make dishes. Others may look for grocery sales, coupons, or community food programs like the food bank to make Thanksgiving more affordable.

The good thing is that Thanksgiving does not have to be about how much money is spent on food. The holiday is actually about spending time with family and friends and appreciating what you have. Although prices may change what ends up on the dinner table, it does not have to change the meaning of the holiday.

World Toilet Day Highlights the Importance of Safe Sanitation for All

by Brody Lundergard

World Toilet Day highlights the need for safe Toilets. World Toilet Day is observed every year on November 19 to raise awareness about the importance of safe toilets and sanitation. The day focuses on the billions of people worldwide who don't have access to clean, private, and safe toilets. Without proper sanitation, people can become sick, communities can become polluted, and children may miss school.



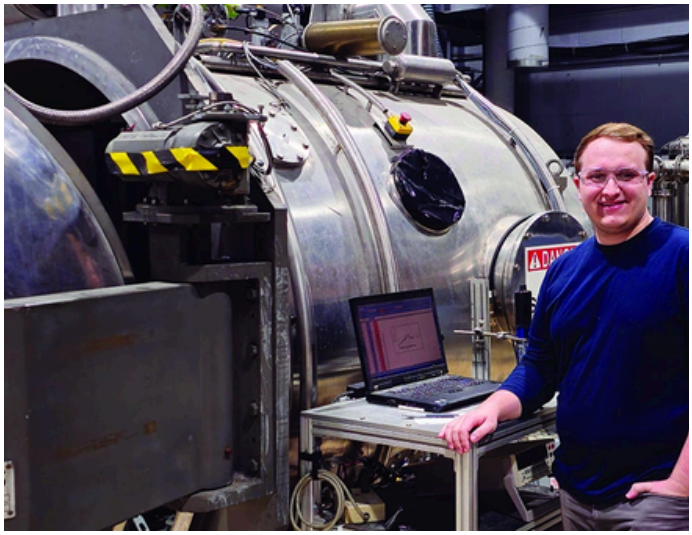
World Toilet Day was created by the United Nations to remind people that toilets are an important part of health. Toilets help prevent diseases by keeping human waste away from drinking water, food, and homes. When communities do not have safe sanitation systems, diseases like cholera can spread. According to the United Nations, billions of people still live without safely managed sanitation. Some people have to use unsafe toilets, shared facilities, or open areas. This problem affects poor and rural communities the most. Women, children, older adults, and people with disabilities can face even greater challenges when toilets are far away or unsafe. Schools also need clean and private bathrooms. Students may have trouble focusing or may avoid school when they do not have access to proper facilities. Girls especially need safe bathrooms that provide privacy and water. Improving school sanitation can help students feel healthier, safer, and more comfortable while learning. World Toilet Day also encourages governments and communities to take action. They can build better sewage systems, provide clean water, improve public bathrooms, and teach people about hygiene. Washing hands with soap after using the toilet is one simple way to help prevent the spread of germs.

World Toilet Day shows that safe toilets are not a luxury but a basic need. Everyone deserves access to clean sanitation, safe water, and a private place to use the bathroom. By supporting better sanitation systems and practicing good hygiene, communities can protect people's health and create a safer future.

ITSA Annual Meeting Focuses on the Future of Thermal Spray Technology

by Joe Sieck

The ITSA Annual Meeting its also short for International Thermal Spray Association. They are coming together on November 9-11 and, they are hosting it at the Hotel Republic in San Diego, California. This meeting tends to bring professionals, researchers, engineers, manufactures, and more different types of people together to talk about many different topics. These topics mainly include talking about thermal spray technology and surface engineering.



If you do not know what those are thermal spray technology is a process that will spray hot materials onto the surface to protect the surface from damage, heat, rust, and wear. Surface engineering is the process of improving a materials surface to make it stronger, resistant to wear, more durable, heat resistant and corrosion resistant. The theme of the meeting this year for 2026 is "Reimagining Thermal Spray Materials and Processes for the Future." This means that there is potentially new materials, improved manufacturing methods, equipment development, and coating performance. The ITSA meeting usually begins with multiple optional activities on the first Sunday of November. These optional activities go day by day but on the first day theres not big activities its mainly a rest day to recharge and see what its all about, but on the second day the 10th of November the activities on this day focuses more about business and the welding industry, which are breakfast with exhibitors, the ITSA business meeting, member updates, lunch, dinner, and a tour of San Diegos gaslamp quarter. The next day November 11th is the day that this meeting will close. The activities include a closing breakfast and closely after the conference will close and come to an end.

Overall this meeting was made to talk about thermal spray technology and how it will help welding. But the kind of welding that it helps most is on aerospace welding which mainly is working on airplanes and military defense items. Its made to help by giving corrosion protection which is important on airplanes. The ITSA Annual Meeting is an important event that brings professionals together to discuss new ideas and improvements in thermal spray technology and surface engineering. These advancements help make materials stronger, more durable, and more resistant to heat and corrosion.

BLACK FRIDAY

by Sebastian Schmidt

This year's Black Friday has a whole bunch of potential to be the best one ever! Black Friday is always the weekend after Thanksgiving, so you have some time to get your discount shopping done. Everyone likes discounted prices, and the stores deliver. This year will be awesome

This year there are going to be many record-breaking prices. This is great news to you, the consumer. Black Friday is only once a year, and many consider it to be one of their favorite holidays. Let's go back to the origins of black Friday. Black Friday started to surface at the beginning of the 1950s. But at this time, it didn't mean the same thing it does nowadays. In the 1950s, Black Friday was used as a loathsome term that was used to describe the holiday traffic. At this time and in the years leading up to the 1980s,

Consumers noticed that prices at this time were significantly marked down. Because of this, Black Friday exists, and consumers can get discounts. Now that you know the brief history of Black Friday, it can explain how good this year is going to be. One key thing that should be mentioned is the companies that start Black Friday earlier than the traditional date. Instead of Black Friday starting on the following weekend after Thanksgiving, major companies like Amazon, Walmart, and Best Buy start a little earlier than that. Typically on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Specifically, companies like Amazon, for example, have some crazy discounts. Many of their things on sale can go up to 50% off. But these sales can sometimes be falsely advertised. The companies do this by inflating the previous price and then marking them down to the original. They do this to make it look like the consumers are getting a good deal even though they really aren't. Most shoppers are encouraged to look out for things like this so they can maximize their profits.

Black Friday is a great time for saving money and getting all of your holiday shopping done. Just remember that it is on the weekend after Thanksgiving. Many people consider it to be one of their favorite holidays. Best of luck with your holiday shopping.



RIVALRIES RULE THE WEEKEND

BY MARTIN C. BARRETT

As College Football Rivalry Week ends the regular season, let's look at the rivalries that put college sports in the spotlight.

College Football has a "Rivalry Week" dedicated to historic rivalries among the 138 FBS teams. Not all matchups are rivalries, but all of the featured matchups that you will see on TV are. These matchups start the last week of the regular season, November 21st- November 29th this year. Most of these matchups will be annual matches hosted on the same day. This week is seen as a pivotal week, as many rivalries contain in-conference rivals and powerhouse schools. These games could have playoff implications and conference championships, which happen the next week. Because of this, many teams' seasons and identities rely on this last week.

Before we take a look at the matchups this year, there have been very pivotal matchups in the last week of the season that have ended and changed a team's season. In 2024, the 8-3 Syracuse Orange were at home against the heavily favored 10-1 (and playoff hopeful) Miami Hurricanes. If Miami won this game, they were going to the ACC title game and were a lock for the playoffs. Miami got up 21-0 in the first half, then Syracuse stormed back for a huge comeback upset, 42-38. This knocked Miami out of the ACC Championship and later, the playoffs. There is also the Kick Six in 2013

This year, there are a lot of rivalries lining the weekend. On Friday, the rivalries taking place are: Nebraska vs. Iowa, Ole Miss vs. Mississippi State, Florida vs. Florida State, Texas vs. Texas A&M, and Minnesota vs. Wisconsin. On Saturday, the main events are Louisville vs. Kentucky, LSU vs. Arkansas, Michigan vs. Ohio State, Georgia vs. Georgia Tech, Alabama vs. Auburn, Clemson vs. South Carolina, Indiana vs. Purdue, Arizona vs. Arizona State, UCLA vs. USC, Virginia vs. Virginia Tech, Illinois vs. Northwestern, and Iowa State vs. Kansas State.

Rivalry Week takes place from November 27-28. These rivalries are set in place year after year so that the rivalries do not die out, especially the cross-conference games. Football fans are enthusiastic heading into these games. They hope to put on a show during Thanksgiving. It is one of the highlights of the holiday for many people. These games also set a precedent for the later playoff and bowl games. It is near the playoffs for college football.

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SOARING HIGH IN 2026-27: CREIGHTON BASKETBAL SEASON UNDERWAY

BY PAYTON WITTE

(ESPN)

Creighton Bluejays men's basketball program enters a new era in the 2026-27 Division 1 basketball season after long-term head coach Greg McDermott retired after last year's not-so-great season. After last year's season, Creighton has decided to promote Alan Huss as the new head coach going into the 2026-227 season.

Huss will have to take major responsibility of having to rebuild the Creighton's roster with lots of new and upcoming talents, trying to bring it back to the 2023 days when they made the Elite Eight. Creighton tends to brag or boast about there basketball history as they have recently made as they have made a appearance in the 2024 March Madness and made it to the Sweet Sixteen. The year before that was way better after they had made it all the way to the Elite Eight after losing to San Diego State in a tough battle for the last Final Four spot. Creighton has been historically dominant in the Missouri Valley Conference and later in 2013 joined the Big East, where have now faced way tougher opponents such as UConn, Gonzaga, etc. Though the 2025-26 season ended with a



record of 16-18, the Blue Jays want to bounce back under Huss. The upcoming roster of boys has some returning players or assets, but has eight newcomers such as BJ Davis and Kayden Edwards, who were very highly scouted players during the 25-26 season. These players will join the team with experienced players such as Jackson McAndrew. McAndrew has perimeter shooting, making him have very good and high-percentage shots on or outside the perimeter. He also has size and length as he is 6 feet 9 inches, making him one of Creighton men's basketball's tallest players. To prepare this newly rebuilt team, Huss has lined up a scary, challenging 2026-27 schedule for the team. The first game is against Kansas State, who are in the Big 12. This will be Creighton's first game of the season. Later in the year, they will play Nebraska, as they are both rivals of each other and play on December 5th. The conference will start on December 19th against Villanova. Starting this season out with a win will be crucial for them as they also have UConn, Gonzaga, and Marquette in their conference, and each was ranked last year, with UConn at one point being number #1.

World diabetes day

By Ben Burnett



Every year on November 14, people around the world talk about World Diabetes Day. It is a day that people talk openly about diabetes, learn how it affects daily life, and support the people and families who live with it. This year's focus is on taking action early. So start getting tested and getting tested earlier is better.

Diabetes changes how the body uses sugar from food for energy. The body has to have a hormone called insulin to move sugar from the blood into the cells. In type 1 diabetes, the body makes very little insulin. In type 2 diabetes, the body does not use insulin well. Diabetes can also begin during pregnancy.

The good news is that small steps make a difference. Regular checkups and a blood sugar test can find diabetes or prediabetes early, sometimes before any clear signs appear. Eating balanced healthy meals, drinking water, active throughout the day, getting enough sleep, and avoiding tobacco can help lower the risk of type 2 diabetes. You do not have to change everything at once. Doing small things like short walks, doing things around the house, going outside, and going out with friends or family would also help ,and these would be fun opportunities to take

If you already have diabetes, you're not the only one. Taking your medicine as it says, checking your blood sugar, and staying in touch with your doctor can help you feel better and avoid serious problems.Managing diabetes is not easy but, support from family, friends, and healthcare workers would make it easier.

Schools, families, clinics, and community groups all have a role. They can share clear facts, offer healthy food choices, create safe places to be active, and help people find care. Even a kind conversation can help someone feel understood and supported.

So having diabetes is not the end of the world it something many people deal with and it's a serious thing. So take care of yourself and if you are uncertain get checked up on. And if you know someone with diabetes you should support and be there for them because for some people having diabetes can be a serious thing and they could be embarrassed and you should help them feel comfortable.



2026-2027 Iowa State Men's Basketball Season

By Declan Leonard



The Iowa State Cyclones men's basketball team's season is about to start in Division 1 basketball. Their first season game is November 2nd at 6:00 PM in Sioux Falls. The Cyclones will be led by Head Coach T.J. Otzelberger in his sixth season coaching the Cyclones.

Last season was great for the Cyclones; they got ranked top 8 at the end of the season with a record of 29 wins and 8 losses. In their conference, the Big 12, they had 12 wins and 6 losses. This marks the 6th time in the team's history of being ranked top 10. This season, multiple players with great talent have joined the team. Coach Otzelberger is ready to prepare these boys for their season, and eventually for March Madness. The Cyclones had a disappointing loss in the Sweet 16 during March Madness to Tennessee. The year prior to that, they lost in the round of 32 in March Madness against Ole Miss.



This year could be different; the new upcoming talents could be a game changer to the team's season and March Madness games. An important part of new players being added to the team is that they need to learn how to work together; the new players would have to adjust to how their teammates play. Even if one player is so talented, he will not be able to beat a team on his own, so practicing teamwork is a great start to making it further in the season. The Arizona Wildcats are projected as a big contender in the Big 12. With these new transfer players and the loss of players from last season, the Cyclones are gonna have to work even harder. New player Jaquan Johnson is projected to be a starter after being transferred. Jaquan is a 5'11 ", 205-lb guard who averaged 6.6 ppg, 2.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and 1.5 steals per game. He could change the flow of games with good defense.

With new players joining the team and newfound talent, the Cyclones could have another great run into March Madness. If the team can develop teamwork quickly, they could definitely rank higher.

2026-2027 LOGAN MAGNOLIA BOYS' WRESTLING SEASON

By:Brodie Johnsen

"I think we can be as good as last year, if not better," said Dan Thompson, Logan-Magnolia's head wrestling coach, when asked about this year's team. His team has seven returning state qualifiers out of the eight they had last year. The 2026 state qualifiers include: Landon Thayer, Brodie Johnsen, Crosby Yoder, Liam Jenkins, Max Wingert, Wade Hawkins, Robert Bothwell, and Carson Edney. With Carson Edney being the only senior state qualifier, the Panthers should have 6+ kids make the state tournament again, depending on the district they get. Last year's senior class was big and included 5 solid starters: Noah Archibald, Tyson Jenkins, Aaron Wilson, Carson Edney, and Grady Brix.

Last year, the Panthers had a good season, finishing 7th at state duals with a record of 23-5 on the season. They also ended the season getting 10th as a team at state individuals, with Crosby Yoder and Carson Edney both placing 5th. They also had Landon Thayer go 3-2, Brodie Johnsen 2-2, Crosby Yoder 3-2, Liam Jenkins 0-2, Max Wingert 0-2, Wade Hawkins 2-2, Robert Bothwell 0-2, and Carson Edney 4-2.

The Panthers are currently ranked 6th for this year's 1A state duals. They also have class 1A ranked wrestlers that include: Landon Thayer, ranked at 113; Brodie Johnsen, ranked at 120; Crosby Yoder, ranked at 126; Max Wingert, ranked at 144; and Wade Hawkins, ranked at 150. Some new upcoming freshmen include: Liam Obanion, Easton Martindale, Jett Loftus, Tyler Vana, Kyler Wilson, Cooper Holman, and Caedon Sears.

After talking with one of Logan-Magnolia's senior wrestlers, Crosby Yoder, he thinks this year will be another great one for the team and himself. " I look forward to this season! After making it to state duals last year, I think the team is eager to get back to state." Looking at his individual goals, he is looking to make his way to the award stand once again at state. "I'm eager to become a 4-time placewinner. Not many people can hit that feat. It would also be huge for me to get 200 wins in my career this year." Yoder needs 52 wins this year to complete that goal of his.

Mr. Thompson thinks this year the team will finish top five at state duals. He is trying to encourage more people to go out for wrestling this year to replace last year's graduates. Lo-Ma wrestling is well known throughout the state, so hopefully the Panthers will have another great season. Go Panthers!



Festive Delights:

Omaha's Winter Farmers Market

By: Nolan Davie

The Omaha Winter Farmers Market is about to open, starting Nov 1st and running through March. You can see vendors, harvesters, artists, and other local growers celebrating the region.

The Old Market Farmers Market is open from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM every Sunday. Vendors set up in front of historic buildings and along brick roads, selling everything from vegetables and doughnuts to bracelets and dog toys. There are performers there to keep shoppers entertained as they search through the variety of products.

The Aksarben Village farmers market is open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Sunday. The Aksarben Village farmers market is one of the largest farmers markets open during the Omaha winter farmers markets; it features over 120 unique vendors, chefs, singers, and artists. Close to Aksarben Village, there is Stensen Park, where children can play, and vendors sell Mexican street corn.

Florence Mill Farmers Market is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM every Sunday. This farmers market is located near a historic mill, built here in 1846; vendors sell a plethora of fresh produce.

Council Bluffs Farmers Market is open from 4:30-7:30 PM every Thursday. The Council Bluffs Farmers Market is a historical location where kids can play lawn games and run around in Bayliss Park's splash pad. Just a few blocks away is the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, which is open until 6:00 PM

The Papillion Farmers Market is open from 5:00-8:00 PM every Wednesday. This year's market will be held on E. 3rd Street between City Hall and Sump Memorial Library as the city park is being renovated. Vendors sell fresh produce and various sweets; activities like face painting are popular with kids.
Will you be attending this year's Omaha Winter Farmers Market?



Zoolightful Returns to the Henry Doorly Zoo

By: Olivia Griezer

The Henry Dooley Zoo is spreading some holiday cheer a little early this year. Starting November 18th, Zoolightful will return to the Henry Dooley Zoo and run through January 10th. This event is open every Wednesday through Sunday, with a few special Mondays and Tuesdays, from 6:30-9:00 pm.

Zoolightful has a general admission fee of $17 for children (aged 3-11) and $27 for adults (12+) for non-members. However, Henry Doorley Zoo members receive a twenty-percent discount on these tickets, with costs of $13 for children and $21.50 for adults. Children ages two and under do not need their own ticket. While Zoolightful tickets do not include zoo access for the day, there are lots of winter and holiday-themed activities to do while exploring the nighttime zoo event. Visitors can tour through dazzling pathways with over eight hundred voluminous, handcrafted animal lanterns in areas like Holiday Way, Glacier Bay Landing, and Wild Kingdom Pavilion. Where They can see animals like rhinos, lions, cheetahs, snakes, and exotic birds in bright luminescent colors.

Festive foods are available for purchase in areas like the Durham TreeTops restaurant and the Sweet Shop at Glacier Bay Landing. There is a reindeer game zone where one could go on a carousel, play in the kids zone, or drink some hot chocolate. Private igloos are available for rent and include six general admission tickets, a holiday-themed heated area, food and bar service, and comfortable seating. Igloos can be a great option for large groups or families. Younger children can visit Santa, listen to festive stories, and meet beloved holiday characters. Storytimes take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. While all outdoor animal exhibits will be either closed or dark during the event, guests have full indoor access to places like the Aquarium, Kingdoms of the Night, and Wild Kingdom Pavilion.

Zoolightful is a great event to go to with family or friends. With all the activities available, going to this holiday-themed event is fun for all ages. Even without the activities, just walking through the illuminated pathways would be an unforgettable experience. With the larger-than-life animal lanterns, Zoolightful truly brings a vibrant path to Omaha's dull winter months. Attending Zoolightful is a great way to get into the holiday spirit before the holidays. So make sure to check it out before it's gone for the season.

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Zoolightful Omaha Zoo

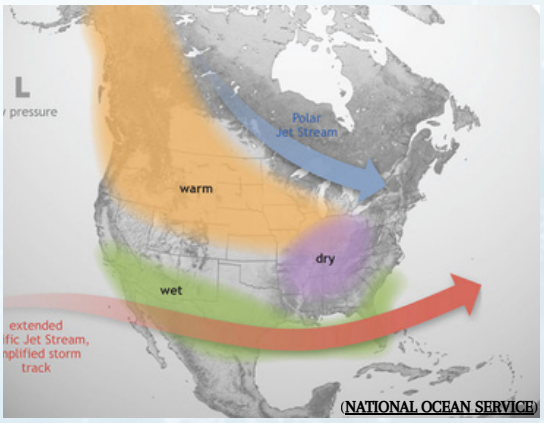
Weather Predictions for Winter 2026

By: Arybella Reinert-Powers

During the month of November, many different Midwestern meteorologists have predicted that Iowa to Nebraska will have a mild to warm and wet winter, with a higher chance of precipitation. The wet snow comes from the most recent El Niño, which makes the weather warmer than usual. El Niño has occurred for centuries, being first named in the 1600s, when explorers discovered it.

El Niño is a weather phenomenon that happens when trade winds are weakened, and warm water is pushed back east. What this means is that warmer winds are flowing to the north, making it a milder temperature when it's supposed to be cool. When it's not normal temperatures in the winter, the soil is warm enough to not freeze, making it harder to not absorb the snow. When the ground is frozen, the snow stays mostly above the ground, thus making the ground easier to walk on.

With warm winds, the temperature will most likely stay above freezing. Without the ground's support, the snow will soak more easily into the ground, making it cold and wet. Then, with the ground taking in all the snow, it will make it softer. When the rain comes down, it leads into the wet part of winter since the dirt is soft, and it will mix with the rain more quickly, producing a lot of mud. Because of El Niño, too, if there is not a lot of rain, the weather will be mostly dry, with mild temperatures.



(NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE)

El Niños usually last nine to twelve months, but can also last a few years. The current El Niño has lasted since June and it's planned to continue strongly. With this, it's advised to be careful when driving and walking around on paved streets in case of ice that's stuck to the road, even if it's said to be a mild winter.

Through the Wild:

The Durham Museum Exhibits & Omaha History

By: Abbigael Poore

The Durham Museum has new exhibits and is celebrating its 100th year outside. This October, the museum is introducing the "White Christmas", "Heroes & Villains: The Art of the Disney Costume," and "100 Years Outside" to bring new people in and inform people about the exhibits and history behind each exhibit.



The Durham Museum is starting the event on October 18th, and it will continue for the remainder of the year. The Nebraska Land is an exhibit of Nebraska's nature and culture. They offer a rich chronicle of wildlife, wild places, outdoor recreation opportunities, history, and culture of Nebraska.
The Durham has multiple items and exhibits based around Native American culture, including the pioneer spirit found around the Lewis and Clark expedition and the Mormon movement. The Lewis and Clark Trail went through Council Bluffs on their way to Clarkston.



The "Heroes & Villains" exhibit goes into the magic that Disney has created and displays some of the popular Disney characters. The exhibit has a showcase of around 70 ensembles from 5 decades of Disney films. Characters include Cinderella, Maleficent, Mary Poppins, Captain Jack Sparrow, and Aladdin. Some of the ensembles have a few Hollywood stars such as Angelina Jolie, Bette Davis, Glenn Close, Emma Watson, Nicolas Cage, Disney legend Oprah Winfrey, and more.

People can visit in person or visit their website, which is on their Nebraskaland magazine. The tickets vary in price. The admission for adults is $17, $14 for both seniors and military/veterans, $10 for children from 3 to 12, and free for 2 and under. The magazine's mission of conservation is through education, and an interest in the outdoors persists with no sign of showing.

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BREAKING NEWS

AUDITORIUM FROZEN SHUT

The LOMA Lampoon staff have been receiving reports about the auditorium doors being frozen shut. The situation is only getting worse as the ice spreads from the doors into the cafeteria. We're not sure where the ice came from, but we have a couple of theories. Our first theory is that all the cold from the upcoming winter is being stored in the auditorium by Santa's Elves. Our other leading theory is that an emotional queen unleashed a deadly winter using ice magic.

We won't be able to confirm or deny what is happening inside without thawing the ice, which at the moment seems impossible, as it just keeps getting colder by the minute.

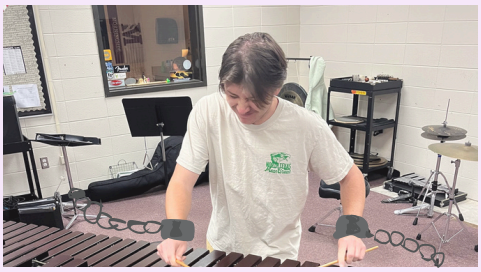
Although it seems impossible, we here on the Loma Lampoon staff team are holding out hope that we will see summer again.



Mysterious Growth Liquid Makes Captivated Frog Grow To Unbelievable Size!



Band Director Chains Students To Intruments Forcing Them To Practice



Lady Bugs Invade School To Escape From Cold Weather Coming



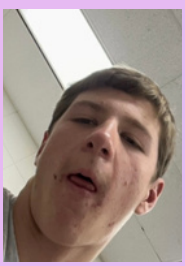
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FUN FACT:
Mr. Kersten Can Only Bench The Bar.

BREAKING NEWS

Student Runs so Fast He Breaks Sound Barrier and Time Travels to Future

Local student Landon Thayer ran so fast he broke every existing record. Thayer ran at the local cross-country meet in Boyer Valley. An eyewitness said that before the race, Thayer was seen testing out his new shoes.

Thayer said, in quote, “I didn’t know I could run that fast.” Which is surprising since he broke all laws of physics. Many questioned the use of non-legal shoes on Thayer's feet. However, he was so fast that nobody was able to see the shoes.

The student also traveled back in time, visiting the dinosaurs and cavemen. He then returned to 2026 and won his race. Thayer stated, “The dinosaurs were kinda scary, but I’m too fast for them.” He hopes to see the future during his next race.

Other runners reported seeing Thayer run his first mile in under a millisecond. That's just shocking, which is odd because he wasn’t seen by most after the gun went off. The referee who shot the guns quotes, “He was there, then he wasn’t.”

Thayer hopes to beat his new record by even more next time! His current record is 0.2 of a millisecond. This is great compared to his old record of 15 minutes. Maybe his shoes really are illegal.



Mr. Gorman Quits Teaching to Join The Amish!



Mr. McKinney’s Lure Catches A Fish After Room Flash Floods.



Student 3D Prints Second Eiffel Tower?



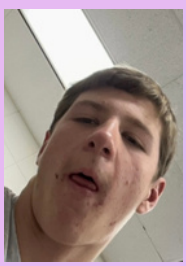
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Thanksgiving By The Numbers

by Hunter Prier

As Thanksgiving draws nearer and nearer, it is always interesting to take a look at the data. The very first Thanksgiving happened in 1621 between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe. It wasn't until another 242 years later that the holiday was officially recognized and celebrated.

The holiday has since snowballed into a huge celebration of food, family, and football. On average each year, 46 million turkeys are estimated to be killed for this celebration. An average turkey costs $ 17.39, putting the estimated amount spent on turkeys this year at almost 1.2 billion dollars. Estimates say that the average host will spend 431 dollars and 9.6 hours preparing for Thanksgiving this year. Not all money spent on Thanksgiving, though, is actually on the food and decorations; analysts estimate the average person spends around 230 dollars over the Thanksgiving weekend on shopping and gift items. Online shopping skyrocketed in 2024 and 2025, with a total of $6.1 billion spent over the Thanksgiving holiday. Another Thanksgiving tradition in America is football. The first football game ever played on Thanksgiving was Yale versus Princeton in 1876; the NFL never officially started playing football on Thanksgiving until 1920. Every year, the two teams that have played on Thanksgiving are the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions since 1966. One of the most famous Thanksgiving traditions is the Macy's parade. The very first parade hosted by Macy's was in 1924 and was called the Macy's Christmas Day Parade, even though it was held on Thanksgiving. Over 8 thousand people will participate in the parade, with the route stretching exactly two and a half miles. Two and a half million people will attend the parade, and another 45 million will watch on television. WalletHub conducted a survey and estimates that 5 people and 26 million dollars in property damage will be caused by house fires this Thanksgiving. They estimate that 502 traffic fatalities will occur over the holiday weekend, with another 57,200 people being seriously injured in car crashes over the holiday. Even after all of this, most Americans at this time are thankful for their family and friends, another 19% said health, 8% said faith, 5% were thankful for the United States, and another 4% said pets.

All of this information was collected from a survey done by WalletHub and experts such as Prachi Gala, Claire Stewart, Vanessa Jackson, Dr. Micheal Pretes, Dr. David Miles and many more.

Fall-Themed I-Spy















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Friday the 13th: Bad Luck or Just Another Friday?

By: Madison Sears

Both Fridays and the number 13 have long been seen as unlucky, but when they meet, some people believe it's so unlucky that they don't leave their homes! In Western Culture, Friday the 13th is seen as an incredibly unlucky day, and the next one is right around the corner. Purely out of coincidence, November will have the 3rd Friday the 13th this year, following February and March. However, in 2027, only one month will have Friday the 13th: August. More superstitious people believe that Friday the 13th is unlucky not only because of the unluckiness of both Fridays and 13, but also because, occasionally, destructive or tragic events have occurred in history on a Friday the 13th.

This date is known as unlucky for many reasons, some even dating back to biblical times! Biblically, Fridays are considered unlucky because it is the day Jesus was Crucified. The bible also states 13 as an unlucky number because there were 13 guests in attendance at the Last Supper, the day before Jesus' Crucifixion.

Friday the 13th also has a place in more modern times; in fact, the fear of this day has even been given a name: triskaidekaphobia. This date also plays a role in pop culture, with many books and movies focused on the day.



(THE 13 CLUB)


(Lawrence, Massachusetts City of Promise - Facebook)

Although these media are works of fiction, there have been historical tragedies that occurred on a Friday the 13th, further solidifying some people's fear of the day. The German bombing of Buckingham Palace (1940), a cyclone causing over 300,000 deaths (1970), the death of rapper Tupac (1996), and, as recently as 2012, the cruise ship crash killing around 30 people are all examples of a Friday the 13th tragedy.

Although many superstitious people find this day extremely concerning, most people aren't fazed by the day. In fact, some people go to quite the opposite side, embracing the day with every unlucky superstition out there. The 13 Club was created in the late 19th century. In this club, 13 men would meet on the 13th of each month. They would walk under a ladder (a similar superstition believed to bring bad luck) before enjoying a 13-course dinner together. This group leaned into the superstition so well that the first meeting was even held at 8:13 pm.

Although there isn't any studied unluckiness of Friday the 13th, it doesn't stop people from being cautious of the day. A word of warning: this Friday the 13th, go about your day as normal, but watch your back! However insane everything related to this date might seem to you, you can't ever know for sure; it wouldn't hurt to be a little extra cautious!

The Bi-Polar King

A Man Made of Glass

By Lola Ewing

Choosing to rule alone, on November 2, 1388, King Charles VI of France started his long life of manic torment.


A bedridden Charles is tended to
via Wikimedia Commons

Charles was born in Paris, France, to the French monarchy's king and queen, Charles V, and Joan of Bourbon, who both passed by the time Charles was 11. Charles was immediately given the title of king when his father passed, along with advisors to help him reign. 8 years after being crowned, he made the decision to rule alone.

Around this era, a new term had evolved. Some people had begun to believe that their bodies were made of glass. Not stiff, unmoving glass, but rather highly breakable glass. Charles began to believe this himself during his reign and suffered greatly from it. He had metal rods placed in his clothing and wouldn't allow people to touch him, earning him the name "The Glass King.

Symptoms such as believing he was glass soon began to follow suit with asymptomatic manic episodes, the first of which being only 4 years into his reign. While camping for the night on the way to reach an enemy, Charles lashed out in a frantic frenzy and killed 5 of his own knights. Every 8 weeks, Charles would have around 8 weeks of manic, depressive, or insane episodes where he would often forget where he was, who he was, and how to complete basic tasks.

Later on, after his death in 1422, doctors concluded that Charles was ill with extreme bipolar disorder. King Charles was just one of the few monarchs who suffered from severe illnesses regarding mental health along with Peter I of Portugal and George III of England.


Gilbert Stuart Eyre

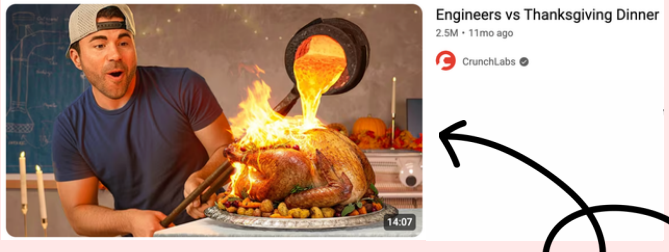
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FRIDAY LATE STARTS: A STUDENT FAVORITE

A major part of Logan Magnolia's schedule that is unique to the schools around us is the late start on Friday mornings. This late start gives teachers a chance to work together, work individually and the students are provided some much-needed rest before the weekend. But is it all that popular? Well, the short answer is yes, but why? At the beginning of the month, I sent out a Google Form to find out why. The majority of the vote, with 88.5%, is yes; the late start is great. But strangely, 9% said no and 2.6% were indifferent. So what are the reasons for these responses? Well, for these students, the main reason was always something to do with sleep. One student said “It is really good because it allows me to sleep longer so I am more prepared for the day, and it also helps me finish any uncompleted assignments when I have sports.” That makes sense, but why would someone say no? Well, the most common answer for no was that they would prefer an early out instead, which does make sense. One student said, “The late start gets me out of school a half hour late, and therefore I lose out on time being at work.” If you get out late, then you do lose work time. This is why I have concluded that overall, Friday late starts are popular.



Youtube Video of the Month

Joke of the Month: Q Why did the turkey cross the road

A: Its the chickens day off

Quote of the month

Life has no remote, so get up and change it yourself.

Reading Rating

Places We've Never Been by Kasie West is a young adult novel. The main character is a high school Junior, Norah Simons, who wants to design video games. She goes on a road trip with her family and her mom's best friend's family without the dads. Her mom's best friend has 3 kids. The middle kid, a boy named Skyler, used to be Norah's best friend. Skyler's family moved when he and Norah were in middle school. Norah tries to reconnect with Skyler while getting ready for a college interview that could determine her future.

"I loved the childhood friends to rivals to lovers trope. It does an amazing job of balancing lighthearted rivalry with adorable romcom moments," Junior Rebekah Sulley said when asked for her opinion on the book.



Sunrise on the Reaping: The Hunger Games Sequel

By: Rebekah Sulley

Disclaimer: Spoilers for Sunrise on the Reaping book and soon-to-be movie. Sunrise on the Reaping will come out in theaters on November 20th. This is a movie adaptation of the book Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins. It is a prequel to the original The Hunger Games trilogy and focuses on Katniss and Peeta's mentor, Haymitch.

The main character, Haymitch Abernathy, is played by Joseph Zada. Mckenna Grace plays another tribute from District 12, Maysilee Donner. She also plays her twin, Merrilee Donner. Other actors/actresses in this movie include Jesse Plemons, Ralph Fiennes, and Elle Fanning. Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson return to play their roles of Katniss and Peeta from the original Hunger Games movies. The movie is directed by Francis Lawrence, and the soundtrack is composed by James Newton Howard.

Sunrise on the Reaping is set in a dystopian future. Panem is the only civilization left. Panem is split into 12 districts, each with its own specialty occupation, and the Capitol. The protagonist, Haymitch Abernathy, is from the poorest district, District 12, the coal mining district. On his 16th birthday, he was illegally reaped for the 50th Hunger Games. Every 25 years, there is a Quarter Quell. A Quarter Quell is a Hunger Games with a special twist. This year's twist was twice the number of tributes in the Hunger Games. Haymitch survives in an arena with 47 other tributes and makes it back home. However, he comes home to a terrible future.

On November 20th, 2026, a new Hunger Games prequel will come out in theaters. This new addition is from Haymitch's point of view. The movie stars Joseph Zada, Mckenna Grace, Jesse Plemons, and many more actors/actresses. Haymitch must survive a Hunger Games with twice the normal number of tributes and make it home to his widowed mom and younger brother.

I-Spy Answer Key:



Senior Spotlight



Trevin Kurth

What are your plans after high school?
Open my own Tattoo shop

What is a favorite high school memory?
Hanging out with friends in my basement

What are you going to miss about high school?
Pep band or musical

What is a current obsession you think people should know about?
Beetle Sumo

Who is your favorite music artist/band?
Sabrina Carpenter



Kate Paracsi

What are your plans after high school?
I'd like to study somewhere in Europe after I graduate

What is a favorite high school memory?
Advisory last year

What are you going to miss about high school?
Seeing my friends every day

What current obsession do you think people should know about?
Doomscrolling on Pinterest

Who is your favorite music artist/band?
I listen to a lot of different music, but my all-time favorites are probably Car Seat Headrest, Sublime, and Fiona Apple

Senior Spotlight



Max Evans

What are your plans after high school?
Start my tattoo apprenticeship

What is a favorite high school memory?
Jazz band and going to state

What are you going to miss about high school?
Being around friends daily

What is a current obsession you think people should know about?
The Terraria grind is underrated

Who is your favorite music artist/band?
I've been into Boundaries recently



Abbey Anderson

What are your plans after high school?
Double major in illustration and marketing with a minor in graphic design at Iowa State.

What is a favorite high school memory?
Car rides with my friends.

What will you miss about high school?
Seeing my beautiful princess, Kathrine Paracsi.

What current obsession do you think people should know about?
Watching Minecraft videos at midnight.

Who is your favorite music artist/band?
The Marias.

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