Fall Sports Wrap-Up

By CHARLIE MILLER & ROBERT COONEY

The volleyball team rocks their pink jerseys after their “Pink Night” that raised money for breast cancer awareness.

As the fall sports season wraps up and winter sports begin, we take one last look at the Telluride Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country teams.

The Mineshaft was in full force as the Lady Miners Volleyball team wrapped up their season with a win at home over Norwood. Senior Macy Deamarais said, “I want to thank the fans, I love playing when the shaft gets rowdy.” With their six seniors they almost made almost qualified for regionals but came up just short. “I think it was a successful season and we ended strong. I will always remember my last season of volleyball and especially this team,” said senior Baylee Williams.

Mackenna Stenhammer says, “We struggled with our consistency but the team dynamic strengthened more than it ever has.” The Lady miners will be sad to loose their seniors but the future is bright with Dannika Petit leading the squad next year.

The Lady Miners had three players receive all conference honors. Sierra Shambaugh and Jessica Pack achieved all conference first team while Dannika Petit made all conference second team, and Baylee Williams achieved honorable mention. Sierra Shambaugh said, “We had a wonderful season and it’s awesome that we had so many players be recognized for their achievements, Dannika has a bright future ahead of her.”

Cross Country finished their season at the state meet in Colorado Springs. The three seniors Jaden Evans, Spencer Keating, and Mesach Baca-Gomberg lead the team to a 6th place state finish. Individually, Jaden finished 7th, Spencer Keating finished 29th, Freshman Ruby Tanguay placing 41st, and Baca-Gomberg came across the finish line in 75th place.

Keating remarked, “It was an incredible season for our team.” The Telluride boys added to their over 10 year streak of state meet appearances. Jaden Evans praised the coaches, stating “I loved running under the leadership of Sarah Lopez and Erin Murray.”

Jaden Evans finished 7th at state.

The boys soccer season finished in dramatic fashion. The boys earned their way to a state championship game in Denver.

The Miners fought hard and played a great game but they fell short in overtime, losing 1-0 against Crested Butte. Junior goalkeeper Tommy Wells stood tall in net and held a shutout for 89 minutes.

We asked senior striker Andreas Moorman about Well’s performance. “Tommy played unreal, he kept us in the game making incredible saves, the only goal he allowed was placed perfectly, it was unsavable.”

Even after a tough loss the boys held their heads high and reflected on the historic season that they just completed.

Senior defender Ozzy Sembrat said, “We may have lost the championship, but we made it further than any other Telluride soccer team, which I think makes it a successful season.”

The Miners have a strong core coming back next year. One of the promising juniors, Johny Wilcox said, “We will miss those boys a lot but we’re ready to replace them and try to repeat the success of this year, next year.”
NATHANIEL WALDOR

Nathaniel Waldor, we’ll know around the high school as Jebidiah or Jeb, describes himself as a smart, funny, and compassionate person. In his own words he says he is the “total package deal”.

Nathaniel joined the Telluride High school in the fall of 2017, but he was greeted by many familiar faces because he has been visiting our beautiful mountain town since he was a young kid.

He moved here from Northern New Jersey. Jeb is always selfless when it comes to helping our peers with homework or making someone feel better.

You will usually find him either working at the thrift shop, skiing, biking, working out, or “chillin with the brothers”. Nathaniel is a very interesting friend and someone that you can count on. He believes that you should treat others the way you want to be treated. Nathaniel is a good friend and a good student that respects and looks up to many.

DANIKA PETIT

In each of the Tell-U-News papers there is a student shout out to show off the best of Telluride High Schools students. This person is a hard worker that stays positive, participates in extracurricular activities, she’s motivated, and respectful to everyone.

Danika Petit is known mostly for her skill in volleyball, her incredible strength, and of course the red hair. Even though the volleyball season is over for the high school team her season is not.

Danika being 16 and a junior went to a three hour try-out and got onto the Mesa Juniors 18’s club volleyball team in Grand Junction Colorado. “The tryout was pretty intense,” said Danika, “but it was a pretty fun tryout, we did a lot of news drills.”

Danika went on to explain how she felt when figuring out she made the team. “My mom and I didn’t think that I made it because they said that they would call us if I got in, so we were waiting for a call back but we never got a call. We drove to the college and my mom asked, “did she make it” and they said “yeah we want you as a middle on the 18’s team” and yeah it was pretty exciting.”

Danika will travel all around the country and even play teams from different countries.
Historical young voter turnout in this year’s midterm elections

By CHRISTIAN HILBERT

It has been well known that in years past young voters (aged 18-29) have had consistently low voter turnout results. This year's midterm elections, however, have proven historical as more young voters than ever turned up to the polls to cast their votes.

A Harvard study by the Institute of Politics, who have been polling young voters since 2017, found a rise in young voters believing in the importance of casting their ballot and "the importance and efficacy of political engagement." For most, the reason for this never before seen turnout is due to the high levels of dissatisfaction with the Trump administration, doing everything in their power to make their voice heard, as these are trying times for many Americans.

On top of the blatant dissatisfaction for the current administration running this country, both political parties have been calling on their young supporters to get out there and vote.

In recent times, advertising towards the young population of voters has skyrocketed, being one of the main forms of political advertisement. And whatever they are doing is working well, as roughly 31% of voters aged 18-29 turned out to vote this year, making it the highest young voter turnout in at least 25, if not more, years.

This year's midterms have provided hope in many young people, as Democrats won the House majority back, for the first time since 2006 (The Washington Post).

In many red (Republican) suburban districts, mainly college-educated women voters who felt dissatisfied with the Trump administration backed the Democratic challengers in their respective counties and states.

"Democrats flipped about two-thirds of the competitive districts won by both Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Barack Obama in 2012, or by Clinton in 2016 and Mitt Romney in 2012. They also picked up one-third of districts won by Trump in 2016 and Obama in 2012. In districts where both Trump and Romney had won in the previous two elections, Democrats gained about a quarter of the competitive seats” (The Washington Post).

The many Democratic victories during these elections can be primarily attributed to the wave of young voters as they have been a majority liberal age group. According to NBC News analysts, young voters whom this year made up approximately 15 percent of the total electorate where “one of the key groups that lead to the Democratic takeover of the house.”

In Colorado specifically, Democrats won every statewide race, picked up a House seat, and took control of the state Senate.

It is safe to say that this year's midterms were a success, not only for the Democrats who gained back some control in the Trump era of politics, but for the voting system, democracy, and the American people as a whole due to increased voter turnout. People showing up to vote is representative of democracy, and our nation's democracy only gets stronger as we get more and more of the population to the polls, voting on what they believe is right for their country.

Moreover, with a higher voter turnout, the future of politics is looking strong, as many more Americans will have their voices heard.

The 2018 midterm elections was a very big deal for the Democratic women of Colorado. The women out voted men by 100,000 ballots. There was 1,296,893 women who voted, out of all those 486,750 were Democrats.

Democratic women had the largest population of votes in Colorado. Within Colorado, many counties had women out voting men.

In Jefferson County men were out-voted by almost 3,000 votes. In Adams County women out voted men by 2,000 votes. In El Paso County the men outvoted the women by only 300 votes.

This is really cool to see women rise up and stand up for what they believe in. I don’t know a lot about voting and I can’t vote, but I think year after year people are voting the same way and in a way not really caring as much as they should be. I believe the next elections the women are going to start to overrule and are going to have a greater impact than men have on our society.

By saying this I do not think that women are greater or smarter than men, but I do think that when others see that when people stand up and fight then they will do the same.

I think that there are millions of people out there that are scared to talk or vote for what they believe in because of the party they stand behind. I don't think just because you're a Republican means you have to vote a certain way, and same goes for Democrats. Just because you have a label doesn't mean you should not be able to do what you think is right.
To the Team Dedicated to Sparking School Spirit
Student Council
By GRACEY RINGSTAD

Did you attend Telluride High School's 2018 Red Carpet Homecoming on October 20th? Well, you would not have been able to, if it was not for the High School’s spirited, dedicated, and hard working Student Council Team.

Throughout the week, prior to homecoming, the team put on events to let all members of the community get involved. They organized the spirit days, Powder Puff, Peach Fuzz, and volunteered their time to help with the Fun Run and homecoming court. All the beautiful decorations, the scrumptious soccer barbeque grub, and the exciting pep rally was all due to the dedicated members.

The student council team consists of 17 members; with Wynton Brown as President, Spencer Keating as Vice President, and the diligent adviser, Sara Lopez. This year their goal is to develop their spirit across the school and to bring a healthy, fun environment to the whole student body.

In October, the team traveled to Denver to attend a two day conference, Fall-Co, at Arvada West High School. 76 out of 300 schools in the state attended the conference to learn about how to make events, holidays, and the halls more inviting, lively, and content.

You can find and meet the students in the club at any sports event, because they run every concessions stand at each game. Or, you can find them in their action-packed meetings during lunch in Ms. Lopez’s room.

If you've missed the previous events, don't worry! You can catch their events at the Spring Student Barbeque, the 8th & 11th grade field trip, and the schools first Casino Night, that is scheduled to be held this winter. Don't forget to congratulate this group of proactive, devoted, and encouraging students. They've really put their best foot forward, and TelluNews wishes them luck on the rest of their upcoming events.

Football Concussions
By ROBERT COONEY & SAWYER HAMM

The football industry is in big trouble. Researchers at Boston University announced in July that they had detected evidence of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in 110 donated brains of former NFL players. They had studied 111.

These findings are terrible news for the NFL and the NCAA. The NFL employs thousands of people and is expected to pull in $14 billion in revenue this year, between ticket sales, merchandising, sponsorships, and massive TV-rights deals.

ESPN pays over 7 billion dollars to the NCAA for just seven bowl games. Fantasy football is estimated to be worth billions annually, and ESPN and other networks rake in billions from subscriptions and advertising. Athletic apparel companies like Nike and Adidas invest millions in licensing and sponsorship agreements with the NFL and NCAA, not to mention the endorsement deals for individual players. There is a lot of money involving football and it all relies on the product, the quality of play.

Football is a form of entertainment and fans don't find it entertaining to watch players get injured, especially when the injuries are to star players.

The biggest problem for the NFL, however, is that youth participation is decreasing. The youth decides if a sport is popular or not, and with these new concussion studies, less and less kids are playing football which will eventually catch up to the NFL.

This means less fans will be watching. These concussions will ruin the NFL unless changes get made.

Fun Facts
By BRIAN SOSA & MESHACH BACA-GOMBERG

The white house has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms ,6 levels in the residence including 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces ,8 staircases and 3 elevators. The president of the United States has only the best in his house and it is insured that all of his needs are taken care of. For example if he is cold he can light a fire in one of his 28 fire places located around the white house grounds. He also has no need to use any of the 8 staircases because if he so chooses he can use one of his three elevators. These facilities are not mandatory for basic living, but they make the president's job more convenient and are one of the perpetual benefits of being president.

Butch Cassidy and the “wild bunch” robbed the San Miguel Valley Bank on June 24, 1889. This bank is in fact located in Telluride and make for a compelling story. This bank was also the first bank that Buch had ever robbed and thus is a very interesting landmark and tourist destination.

The nearest stoplight is 45 minutes away in Ridgway, Colorado. Telluride and all of the San Miguel County don't have stop lights. This is because they want to stay away from all the pollution. This is why the San Miguel County is doing a good job on decreasing the pollution from the small towns.

Telluride regional airport is the highest commercial airport in north america. At 9,087 feet above sea level Telluride’s airport is known for its beautiful view when you land and the most challenging because of how short the runway is.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
My name is Isabelle Bennett and I am a senior at Telluride High School. This semester I have been mentoring with Dr. Smolen and his team at the Telluride Animal Hospital in Illium. This has been one of the most profound learning experiences of my high school career. I have always been interested in the health sciences and until this mentorship I hadn't found anything that quite captured my attention as profoundly as this has. I have done a PT mentorship as well as a month long internship at a genetics company in New York and although these experiences were completely fascinating this recent experience inspired me to start to pursue a college education in veterinary science. I am so grateful to Dr. Smolen, Tierra, Kelly, and everyone else at the animal hospital for letting me observe surgeries and other procedures up close. I never expected to see surgeries every single week and I hope one day I can give someone this same level of inspiration that this has given to me.

Thank you,
Isabelle Bennett, 12th Grade, THS

Dear Editor,
For the past three months, I have been mentoring with the radiology department at the Telluride Medical Center, where my mentors include Cheryl Fitzhugh, Natalie Berton, and Jonathan Godisak. Throughout my time working with them, I have been taught to examine and interpret CT and X-ray scans, in addition to being shown the technological and scientific aspects on which these tests are based on. Furthermore, I learned about how radiologists function in the larger scope of the hospital and about their conduct with patients, and was also able to use my own experience of undergoing tests and receiving scans to learn more about the other kinds of procedures used in medicine, such as MRI tests. Being able to determine the cause of a problem from a set of scans and learning about the different medical issues that afflict people in our community was an extremely interesting component of the mentorship as well. Since I have always been interested in the life sciences, working at the radiology department was a great opportunity to explore the medical field and learn about the different aspects of the profession. What fascinated me was that radiologists do not operate independently, but frequently interact with other doctors in the medical center to better evaluate and treat their patients. I would certainly recommend this mentorship to any high schooler who is interested in life sciences and wishes to be able to learn more about medicine.

Thank you,
Elena Scheibler, Junior, THS

Dear Editor,
My mentor this semester is Kenny Maenpa. Kenny is the airport manager at the Telluride Regional Airport. I work with him and other people to manage planes on the ramp, fuel them, and much more.

I chose this mentorship because I am going to college to become a pilot, and this mentorship would help me coordinate with ramp agents better. This mentorship has helped me plan for my future because I am able to work as a ramp agent now when I go to college. It gives me a good opportunity in college to work for the local airport. Since the commercial flights have been resumed by Boutique Air, I have serviced their planes as well. They almost always require fuel for their Pilatus PC-12’s. The Telluride Airport has three fuel trucks. It takes a lot to fuel an airplane, and even more to do it safely. We need to put a mat on the wing in order to make sure that there isn’t fuel on the side of the wing. Then you fuel the airplane like your car. I love the Mentorship class in the Telluride High School, and it gives many the opportunity to build their resume for the future.

Thank You,
Simon Lovely, 12th Grade, THS
Being a senior has its ups and downs. On the one hand, you are almost done with high school and can move onto the thrill of college! On the other hand, you have to say goodbye to some of high school’s greatest activities.

This year’s fall musical was this weekend, and eight of the school’s seniors put on their last performance. Some of the kids had been doing these plays for years, but for Mike Ambriz, this was his first time being on the stage. “It’s my first time ever being an actor in this show, but I have been contributing from the band pit ever since 8th grade, so it is very weird to be leaving.” Five years of contribution makes it hard for Ambriz to finally say goodbye.

Another senior, Ditz Woehle, has been doing Angela Watkins’ shows for all of high school. He really enjoys working with Angela and the cast. Dietz is a huge part of the theatre program.

The seniors seemed happy with the choice of 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee as their last show. Maddy Regrut played Rona Lisa Peretti as her final character. “I am very sad to be in my last musical, but I have had so much fun working on these shows over the years. I am super excited to go to college and pursue my love for the arts.”

Simon Lovely has been in many of Angela’s plays starting as Corny Collins in 2014. It has been a long journey for him but he has enjoyed it. Samuel has been happy with the theatre program throughout the years, but he does wish that “there was a class about how to not act with your hands!” Hopefully, Angela will incorporate that into the theatre program someday!

Although you can see these seniors on stage, there are still two seniors who work incredibly hard backstage. Simon Lovely and Delilah Smith are a huge help to the crew. Simon says, “I’m excited this is my senior year and sad at the same time considering this is the last show that I will be able to do here in Telluride.” Simon has a talent for all things backstage, and the show couldn’t be put on without him! Delilah helps with the set and with scene changes. Without her, the stage would be blank. She is excited to see what the people who come after her will do.

These seniors work so incredibly hard and put on a great show. These seniors have put on some of the greatest shows and we are excited to see what they do in the future. They will be missed!
**Worlds Betray All Expectations**

*By MAXWELL PASHAYAN*

Each year professional League of Legends teams from every region of the globe flock to the colossal tournament known as Worlds, a massive global competition for the most popular video game and competitive Esport in the world.

In the past five years, this tournament has been dominated by Korean groups and had been effectively held in title by just two teams (SK Telecom and Samsung Galaxy) since 2013.

But 2018 has come to be known as a great year of change, and that ideology has continued to show itself as this year featured a completely unique and damn unthinkable turn of events in the finals of Worlds. For the first time in five years not a single Korean team advanced to the finals and the title of World Champions was taken by the unexpected underdogs, Invictus Gaming. But just as shocking as Korea’s absence in this tournament is the very teams who went forward and defeated them.

In this year Worlds, the Chinese team Invictus Gaming faced off against European teams Fnatic and G2 in the semifinals and finals. Although unremarkable at first glance, when taking into consideration the history of Worlds, neither of these regions have won a championship title since the beginning of the League of Legends Esports in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

And although their match left much to be desired—Invictus Gaming took the championship with a 3-0 match win—this year was a record-breaking Worlds tournament for a multitude of regions that won’t be soon forgotten.

**Rockstars Impressive Redemption**

*By GERRITT PEKKALA*

It has been a very exciting past few weeks for the game community, one of the most exciting being the much-anticipated release of Rockstar Games, Red Dead Redemption 2. Red Dead Redemption is set in America in 1899 and follows the story of Arthur Morgan and his gang Van der Linde. After a robbery goes wrong, Arthur and his gang are put on the run, traveling across the heartland of America in this open-world masterpiece. The player has the ability to progress through a riveting 60-hour storyline, that’s not including the countless side quests and environments to explore. Some of the factors that make this a more than ordinary game are the revamped graphics from the original Red Dead Redemption, and the rich and interesting storyline. The game brings a much more laid-back approach to the open world genre and along with great voice acting, it creates an all-around awesome game. Red Dead Redemption 2 received a 10/10 from IGN, 97% from Metacritic, and 5/5 from Common Sense Media. This awesome addition to Rockstars roster of games is available on Xbox One and Playstation 4 and is retailing for about $60. Go pick up your copy soon!

**Radio Club**

*By OWEN MURPHY*

The Telluride High School Radio Club is a group of people who enjoy radio and want to share it with everyone else. They meet every Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 down at the KOTO radio station. Currently they have a consistency count of about four consistent club members currently but are hoping to get more. Even though they don't have that many members the club is doing great.

The Radio Club has been in existence for six years, running strong and keeping the ideal of community alive, which is what KOTO is known for.

The creator of the Radio Club was Mark Silbergeld but when he left Rowan Warren took charge of the club and is now the leader.

We asked Rowan why he would recommend people to join radio club and he said, “I would recommend people to join the club if they want to get exposure into the radio world or if they just like music and want to hang out with some people listening to music.” Radio Club would be delighted to have you as a member.

**Film Club**

*By CAMERON CREEL*

The Film Club is a celebration of American cinema, and occasionally foreign films, but it’s essentially students that like movies getting together to watch and talk about movies. There’s also a new aspect this year of showing shorts during lunch, as lunch doesn’t offer enough time to watch full movies.

The Film Club meets on Thursdays during lunch, and sometimes after school on Tuesday in Ms. Heady’s room when the club decides to watch a full film. The Film Club has a roster of about 12 students, mainly consisting of seniors, about 8-10, with the rest being freshmen.

The club has now been in the school for four years since the founding members of Deitz and Jaden decided to create it. The club only really has shown the short film as of now, as many of the members have been involved with the recent play, but as the production comes to an end, more movies will be shown, making it a great time to join the Film Club.

The Film Club is a great place for people who love all forms of cinema to get together and watch and discuss great films, and is always looking to bring more newcomers in, and it’s a great place to bring your love of film to the next level.
The True Meaning of Thanksgiving?
By JACK RAUCH

As off season recently came to a close, and the holiday season begins to turn the corner, Telluride reflects on Thanksgiving.

Along with the food and festivities that come with Thanksgiving, it is somewhat of a second holiday for many mountains around Colorado. Though Thanksgiving brings happiness for many skiers, the national sentiment around the holiday has not been improving in the last few years. Mixed messages from different groups around the country has left students curious to what the true meaning of Thanksgiving is.

I asked Neilly Busch what she thought of Thanksgiving, “The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to be thankful for everything that we have.” A fairly common sentiment amongst the younger generation.

Other students, such as Zach Davis, have a different idea. “It’s a bias holiday. Why do we celebrate a holiday about when we began our reign of terror on true Americans?” These two ideas have created a conflict around what used to be a wholesome American holiday.

Thanksgiving isn’t just for younger kids though, even our own principal explained her love for Thanksgiving. “I love family. I love turkey. I love a week off of school,” stated Sarah Kimball.

Students and teachers alike were excited for a week off to spend with their friends and family.

Donation Day
By MORGAN ROGERS & ZACH DAVIS

The Ski season is starting and we are all eager to get on the mountain. Thanks to Donation Day, you can start the season a day early. Donation day is on November 21st and it costs $25. All the money earned on Donation Day will go directly to the Telluride Ski and Snowboard Club. Come to support the club!

There was a party at Tomboy Tavern on Donation Day from 3:30 to 5pm where pretzels were handed out for free. Opening day followed Donation Day. The mountain opened on Thanksgiving to anyone who has purchased a pass. The lifts started running at 9am. The first four people in line at Village Express Lift (Lift 4) had the honor of breaking the banner to start the season.

On opening day the terrain is limited to Lift 1 and Lift 4, however it is a great experience setting the first tracks of the season. We hope to see you up there this season, shredding the slopes!