



BOOK, MOVIE PLACE, AND SONG OF THE MONTH

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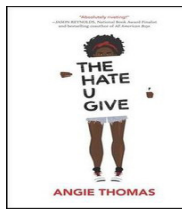


BOOK

Book: *The Hate U Give*
By Angie Thomas

The Hate U Give is a young-adult novel about the life of a Black, 16-year-old girl named Starr Carter, who is drawn to activism after she witnesses the police shooting of a childhood friend. The novel follows Starr as she tries to decide if she should reveal who she is to

the community and her friends and stand up for what she believes. This book has also been transformed into a movie also called *The Hate U Give*, which came out in theatres on October 19th.



MOVIE

Movie: *A Star is Born*
Directed by Bradley Cooper

The movie "*A Star is Born*" was released on October 5th of this year. This movie was not an original but a remake of a movie from 1976 that was based on a true story. "*A Star is Born*" falls under the genre of Drama/Romance. The movie is

about a singer who falls in love with an average girl who happens to be a very good singer as well. He takes her on tour with him but when fans start liking her more than him, disaster is inevitable.



PLACE

Place: *The Edge Coffee House*
1366 Main St,
Crete, IL 60417

The Edge is a coffee house that is very close to Beecher and serves many different drinks and even some bakery items. The atmosphere at *The Edge* is calm, which makes it the perfect spot to get a coffee and do homework or other important

things. There is also an outside sitting area that is surrounded by lights if you enjoy being outside. If you like coffee, it would be worth visiting *The Edge* this fall.



SONG

Song: *My Blood*
By Twenty One Pilots

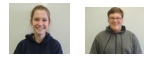
After a year-long hiatus, Twenty One Pilots announced their fifth album, *Trench*, was being released October 5th. On this album, there are 14 songs, but a fan favorite is the song "*My Blood*". According to Billboard's top streamed rock songs, "*My*

Blood" is number five and it is then followed by two other songs off of *Trench*, "*Morph*" and "*Chlorine*". came with the album *Blurryface*. Tyler Joseph, the singer and songwriter, decided he wanted to return to the original sound where his lyrics were deep and he acknowledged real issues that are faced.

Drama Club Presents: "Rumors"



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This December, Beecher High School's Drama Club is presenting Neil Simon's play, *Rumors*. Dee Hamilton, the school's Drama Club director, has been directing plays and musicals for three years, which included last year's musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. Previous actors and actresses making repeated appearances include Lucas Reilly (Sr) as Ken Gorman; Melissa Stanevich (Sr) as Cookie Cusack; Karl Krud-up (Sr) as Lenny Ganz; Jed Vergara (Sr) as Glen Cooper; Cedric Birgans (Sr) as Officer Welch along with Heidi Greer (So) as Chris Gorman. A new member of the school and Drama club is Alex Cox (Jr), who will be playing the part of Ernie Cusack. Three freshmen, Mallory Roper, Jeremy White, and Nina Athanasopoulos, have been given the roles of Cassie Cooper,



Officer Pudney, and Claire Ganz respectively. Nina and Mallory were a part of Speech team at the Junior High School, which is a club that has students do skits, improvise, impromptu, and monologues. This club educates and prepares students for when they enter High School, and if they wish to join the Drama Club, they will already have previous experience.

Rumors is a dramatic comedy set in New York City. When Ken and Chris Gorman walk into the Brocks' anniversary party, they discover Charley Brock shot himself, and his wife, Myra, is nowhere to be seen. It is up to Ken and Chris to keep everything under control and to make sure this stays hidden from the other guests for as long as possible.

The performances will be on Friday, December 14, at seven P.M.; Saturday, December 15, at two and seven P.M., and Sunday, December 16, at two P.M. at the community center near Fireman's Park. Tickets are three dollars for students and senior citizens, and five dollars for adults. Drama Club hopes people come to enjoy the show!



The Drama Club's previous production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Emma Swaw
Editor/Reporter



There are many talented artists in the halls of Beecher High School. The BeechBark Newspaper finds these people in order to recognize and celebrate their talent. In order to do this, the newspaper sets aside a section each month.

The artist of the month is Payton Van Ness (Fr.), who creates incredible drawings using tools such as pens and markers. Her favorite tool is the pencil because "It's good for shading, and it draws, all that stuff." When asked what inspires her, Payton replied, "Usually, I'm like in the mood to do it, I guess. When I'm bored, drawing in my free time grabs my attention."

Her small sketches and drawings can be found on many of her homework assignments. She has been drawing for a long time, but, according to Payton, her talent really started to show in sixth grade. When asked what her favorite subject to draw is, she replied, "I like to draw people. I like looking at people and drawing them all the time. It's just what grabs me." When asked about why she enjoys drawing so much, she replied by saying, "Well, usually when I'm done with my work, I like to show it...around to my parents."

Payton's incredible artistic ability is what makes her this month's Artist of the Month.



BeechBark/Emma Swaw

Payton Van Ness (Fr) is chosen for Artist of the Month.

Pop Culture Icons Giving Back

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It's that time of season again, and pop artists have contributed more than just music and playing sports. They have donated to charity and are helping to give back to the community. From free tuition for schooling to donating millions of dollars to Chicago, here are some ways celebrities are giving back.

LeBron James

LeBron James, a basketball star who played for the Cleveland Cavaliers, has deep roots to Akron and decided to leave something in Ohio. LeBron James opened up his "I Promise" school in his hometown of Akron.

LeBron James launched the school in July to 240 third and fourth graders. The school eventually plans to house new grades every year, until it can hold first through eighth grade. The eight million dollar school offers free meals, classes, and college tuition. It also offers GED classes and job placement assistance for parents and guardians. The school life of the students



Lebron James during a basketball game for the Los Angeles Lakers.

is far from traditional. A single school day runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with an extended school year that spans from July through May. Each day they will also spend time on social-emotional learning through a "supportive circle" for the students after lunch. If they do successfully complete the school program and graduate high school, they will receive a full tuition for the local college, The University of Akron.

LeBron James is now leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to go play for the Los Angeles Lakers, but his legacy for his "I Promise"

school will never be forgotten. The Akron, Ohio school district predicts that the entire school will cost \$8.1 million dollars, with \$2 million dollars having already been invested for building upgrades, extra staffing, and other educational needs.

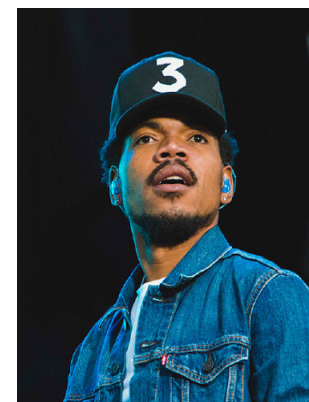
Chance the Rapper

Chance the Rapper has given immense wealth to the city of Chicago in the last year and shows no signs of stopping soon. From contributing to public schools, to giving grants for mental health services, he has unconditional

love for his hometown.

Last year Chance gave the Chicago Public School system \$1 million to help support the school's arts and after-school programs. He also began the New Chance Fund at this time. The fund now has \$2.2 million dollars and Chance plans to gift it all to 20 different schools across Chicago to assist in under-funded programs. Recently, Chance initiated a charity called My State of Mind with hopes to "unify the broader mental health community, increase the access and visibility of services, and make it admirable to be honest with yourself." With this, Chance will be donating grants of \$100,000 each to 6 mental health organizations as part of the initiative.

With Chance's charities to the city of Chicago, he has been given lots of praise for his actions. After seeing the positive contributions the rapper has made for Chicago schools, there are many that believe he will go into politics; however, Chance has denied these allegations but has donated millions to the Windy City for the sole hope of changing it for the better.



Chance the Rapper during one of his concerts.