

# The Highlight

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## WATERSHED PROJECT 2017

*S. Garcia*

Human beings around the world continue to impact our environment's well-being, but we ask ourselves, can it be improved? Our environment is our only habitat that will keep us human beings stable, but we are not taking care of it like it is taking care of us. As a team, we can limit pollution. Thanks to the Watershed Project, students from every high school in Northern Colorado are thinking of solutions that will change our environment's health for the better.

In order to begin this project, Central students will first have to organize an essay consisting of approximately one-thousand words. Students will then need to create and include graphics, models, pictures, videos, or anything visual to represent their ideas. The proposals will need to be submitted by December 1, 2017, and the best part about this project is that you might be project proposal selected to be one of the top ten finalists. Winning a spot in the top ten means you will be guaranteed a prize of at least \$300 up to \$1,000, depending on what you place. Not only that, your idea will be funded and used for the future. Grades nine through twelve are welcome to compete for this year's project, as long as you live within the Poudre River or Big Thompson watershed. Mrs. Mock-Murphy, teacher at Greeley Central High School, is motivating students to compete for this project and explains how important this project is by saying, "it gives students a real voice in solving problems that we are seeing in the environment. Also, it empowers them because they know they will get money." If everyone can join and put their ideas into it, we can improve our planet for the future.



Image by Alyssa Domínguez

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# CHEER: STATE WALK CONSIDERATIONS

*M. Diaz*

For years, GCHS cheer has been going to their state competition without a state walk from their fellow peers, and Greeley Central teachers. Though a state walk may not be a big deal to many, for the athletes who put their blood, sweat, and tears into their team and for cheer, their routines, it seems unfair for the GCHS cheerleaders to not get a state walk. However, Assistant Principal and GCHS Athletic Director, Mr. Schmitz explains, “the coaching staff wants to establish a fair and consistent qualifying policy.” With that being said, Cheerleaders do not need to qualify for their state championship, they just register and show up like all the other cheer teams from across the state.

Attending a state championship is a huge deal at Central, regardless of the sport or activity although you have to *qualify* in order to get a state walk. Those teams and athletes who qualify are the best out of so many teams which makes the walk special for everyone involved.



Photo by: V. Dominguez

The cheerleaders work throughout the entire school year including most of the summer to prepare themselves for the season, competitions, and games. The cheerleaders support football, soccer, volleyball, wrestling, and basketball. When the GCHS cheerleaders are not at games or competitions, they practice every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday preparing for their next game, competition, or pep rally. Cheer is a year long sport and they work hard to perfect their routine and improve themselves as cheerleaders so that they might make the finals at their state competition. Every cheer team in Colorado has the chance to perform at State but only the top 10 teams qualify for finals. Should our cheerleaders qualify for the finals, they would then be deserving of the traditional GCHS state walk.

## WHY ARE CENTRAL SPORTS NOT 3A?

*L. Duran*

Students at Central who are active spectators and attend all sporting events take pride in the athletics that represent our school. However, we have had more than our fair share of losses and struggles this year. Colorado High School Sports Association (CHSAA) asserts that the larger a school's student body is, the larger the pool of athletic talent coaches have to pull from, which should mean that their teams are more competitive. Recently, Central fans find themselves asking, “why don't we become 3A?” Well, Central has an athlete problem, as in we don't have enough of them. Midway through the fall season, only 329 students are playing in a fall sports out of over 1,500 Central students. From this group, many will play a Winter sport and Spring sport too. Simply put, sports at the castle cannot be classified into a lower conference because the number of students enrolled at Central force our athletics into the 4A regardless of how many athletes we have.

The classifications go from 1A up to 5A in Colorado, and a larger student body means the school is pushed into a higher category; with less students the category of a school drops. In Greeley, for example, University has about 500 high school students and so they are 2A. GCHS is 4A because we have around 1,500 students. Deciding on what schools we play isn't even the school's decision, and it varies from sport to sport. To break it down, the coaches from all schools sit together and decide how their schedule will look. Any school can play whatever team they want pre-conference but only schools within your conference count towards establishing your rankings.

# A START TO WRESTLING SEASON

*A. Autabee*

This years Wrestling Season is starting off with a bang, all our varsity champs back and as hungry as ever for those state titles. The season kicked off November 3, with a few practices in but they are preparing for their upcoming tournament on December 1-2. The boys are ready to dominate these tournament as well as they did last year, team captains Josh Nira and Zeke Alirez this is their last year to claw their way to the top Wildcats before moving on to Bears; both boys signed their letters of intent to wrestle D1 at the University Of Northern Colorado. Josh Nira and Andrew Alirez both hold state championship titles and are working hard to keep it that way. Nira gave great advice on hoping to achieve the same success as him, saying, “advice I would give another wrestler would be it isn’t an easy road you got to work hard in every aspect of your life, in the classroom, your diet, and of course wrestling, and it didn’t come easy, it took years of grinding and pissed off nights of getting my butt whooped to become what I am today.” The team goal for this season is to become state champions, they took second as a team last year and are ready to take the first place trophy home this year. Nira believes his team needs to work on is their conditioning, he says, “at this level good conditioned wrestlers will win the close match every single time.” Nira assures us it’ll be a great season with the confidence he has in his team and the positivity and hopefulness for their success in their upcoming tournament.

## FIVE WEEKS OF SCHOOL LEFT FOR THE SEMESTER

*M.Hinojosa*

Attention all Greeley Central students! There are only five weeks of school left in the semester. Are you doing good in your classes? Do you have the right grades you want? Are you failing any classes? What are you doing to get your grades up? These are all the questions the teachers in seminar are asking their students. They don’t want the freshman or sophomore students to have to retake the class or have to take credit recovery. As for the juniors and seniors they already know what to expect, they figured it out already. Overall they want them to pass their classes because these teachers at Greeley Central are willing to take the time and day to help them exceeded with their academics. Mrs. Johnson, the health teacher at Greeley Central told her students, “There are only five weeks of school left for this semester and these seminar classes are beneficial but they aren’t going to help you get your grades to where you want them. You are going to need to take some time after school whether that is going to tutoring or going home to do you work.” So no matter what the situation is make sure you get your school work done in order to get the grade that you want to finish this semester strong.

## LETTERS FOR THE WIN!

*K.Cutler*

Receiving a letter from your coach or teacher can help create a strong representation for yourself as you head into the future. People who excel in a sport get a chance to receive a letter from their coach, the letter poses as an award for hard work and dedication! Throughout your high school career, having a letter will allow you to have greater chances for colleges to accept you when looking at your applications. Lettering provides students with the understanding of what they set their mind to meeting their expectations. But Lettering is not just for sports, it can also be used for, other extra curricular school activities and academic purposes. Both meet the same standards, when you letter, you will have the chance to get what people call a “Letterman's Jacket”, where a letter is placed and customizing happens. These jackets usually range in price between two hundred to three hundred dollars depending on the jacket and the accessories put on them. So if you want to show your excellence and look fly doing it, a letterman's jacket is your answer!



# AMAZON GIFT IDEAS

*A. Mcfall*

There are so many things in the world to get your loved ones, but you might be having some trouble deciding what to get them. Getting a gift doesn't have to put a hole in your budget, you can find creative, special gifts for less. Amazon is the hub for gifts you can find something for the entire family, if you're looking for a good gift for you mom try looking at Oprah's collection of her favorite holiday things, where you can find the things that are just perfect for our mothers. Now when it comes to dads, it shouldn't be that tricky because dads are pretty easy to please, there is an endless collection of items for our wonderful dads such as wallets, watches, natural shaving products gifts sets, grills and more you just have to know your dad and pick out what you think is the perfect fit. But wait it doesn't stop there if there are little siblings running about your home Amazon has a plethora of toys and gadgets to keep them occupied during the holidays, from cool night lights, arts and crafts sets to video games, and mermaid tails you can never run out of ideas. So go ahead and set up an account and get started on your holiday shopping now where the options are endless.



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# THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING OUT

*J. Doss*

Everyone needs to find a workout that they enjoy. Being healthy does not mean you need to be able to lift 500 pounds or have the flattest and tightest core, but working out is essential for life. It's really awesome if you get to high levels of strength and health, but most people don't realize that working out offers more benefits than just strength and good looks. For one, it increases your confidence levels and mental health. Whenever you're stressed or feeling overwhelmed it has been proven that exercise helps relax and improve the mindsets of students and adults. Anxiety and Depression of America explained that, "studies show that it is very effective at reducing fatigue, improving alertness and concentration, and at enhancing overall cognitive function. This can be especially helpful when stress has depleted your energy or ability to concentrate." and further stated that "participation in aerobic exercise has been shown to decrease overall levels of tension, elevate and stabilize mood, improve sleep, and improve self-esteem." About five minutes of aerobic exercise can begin to stimulate anti-anxiety effects." Just having a short workout sessions can give temporary relief and those who say they have no time to work out actually can if they manage their time because any amount of physical activity is better than none. It is said that even a 10 minute walk can be as good as a 45 minute work out because it can clear the mind. Working out is key for a happy and healthier life and should be done even if you don't enjoy it. There is always something that you find enjoyable that can help get physical activity in.

## Dates to Remember for December

**December 1 & 2:** Dance Concert/Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit, 7-9pm. Dances choreographed and performed by students are followed by the one act play, *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*, "In the fairy tale criminal justice system, the characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate yet equally ridiculous groups: the fairy tale police who investigate fairy tale crime, and the fairy tale district attorneys who prosecute the fairy tale offenders. These are their stories." Greeley Central High School 13th Avenue West Entrance. Tickets \$3

**December 15:** Holiday Extravaganza, 6:30pm. Family-Friendly Fun! Arts Magnet Program students host Carnival games, face painting, cookie decorating, crafts, refreshments, photos with elves, Holiday Jazz Musician Ensemble, Carolers and a Silent Auction benefiting A Woman's Place. The evening's topped off with the one-act play, *Strawberries in Winter*, a Jack Frost folk tale and carol sing-along with the choir. Greeley Central High School 13th Avenue West Entrance. FREE

Dates provided by :Suzie Muttel





### ***Athlete of the the Week***

When asked why she enjoys swimming, Karlee Sparkman replied, "It's something I love to do and I love being in the water." Sparkman started the sport in elementary school and the best part about her combined team is the energy they all have. Swimming takes skill, it's considered a challenging sport and the Olympic swimmers are seen as some of the best athletes in the world, Karlee whole heartedly agrees, but it's worth all the hard work. We asked her if she would continue in college and she said, "I might , maybe just a club team though rather than a D1 team."



### ***Artist of the Week***

Holden Krombholz's emphasis is acting, but he's involved in a lot of band classes too. He joined the AMP as a freshman because, "my older sister did it and it's just a really unique program that I'm glad Central has." Now, he's trying to accomplish an "arts day" at Salida Del Sol and Martinez elementary schools to introduce them to all the arts. He is also the brass captain in our marching band where he helps the members with band, as well as making them feel welcome. Just recently, they almost made state, scoring their highest in recent Central history. After high school Holden plans on being a lawyer.



### ***Club of the Week***

LULAC, also known as, League of United Latin American Citizens, is "an organization where Latinos from different cultures and backgrounds come together to support the community by doing different community service projects and help educate ourselves and others about our culture." Says the club's president, Andrea Garcia. To Garcia, LULAC is important to Central because, "it allows students from any background to join the club and be apart of helping the community, allowing them to meet new people be able to have a family to fall back on if they ever need anything." Her favorite part about the club is the conferences they attend each year where she's able to learn more about her culture, gain leadership skills, and be proud of who she is. She appreciates the advisors who support and believe in them.



### ***Student of the Week***

Here at GCHS, Mazlyn Freier is involved in the Thespian Troupe 657, Key Club, Cat's Cradle, and NHS. Freier pulls her motivation and dedication for being a good student from her plan to attend college. She said, "I'm excited about scholarships and I really enjoy learning." After high school, she hopes to attend a small liberal arts school to get a degree in English education. We wish her luck and can't wait to see what she accomplishes.

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# WHAT ARE COLLEGE BOWL GAMES?

*A. Rotter*

Every year, the college football season is a big event. The college season eventually culminates in the playing of bowl games and the national championship. This provides an exciting end to the season for fans and a reward for a well played season. In recent years, the national championship has had more viewers than the Super bowl showing how popular college sports is. To achieve bowl game selections a team must win 6 games in the regular season out of the twelve games they play. This makes going 5 and 7 especially crushing. These selections are made by the college football playoff committee. If a team meets the requirements and is selected they can be placed in several bowls based on their conference. For example, last year, CU won the required games and came second in the PAC-12. This got them selected for the Alamo Bowl, even though the runner up in the Pac 12 usually goes to the Rose Bowl, USC was selected last year over CU by the committee. Many schools who get the required wins are not selected for a bowl game because of their conference. The NCAA is made of 5 main "Power" conferences with 20 other smaller conferences. The ACC, PAC-12, BIG-12, BIG TEN and SEC make up the power 5. These are the biggest and best schools in college sports. Teams can be selected for one of 35 bowl games. This sounds simple, but each bowl hosts specific conferences. For example, on a non playoff year the Rose Bowl hosts a Pac-12/BIG TEN match-up. In a playoff year, they have one of the playoff games. The winner of that game gets into the national championship. The playoff game rotates between the Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Peach Bowl and Fiesta Bowl, this year being the Rose Bowl and Sugar bowl. These games are played on January 1 with the national championship on January 8 in Atlanta, Ga. The first bowl game this year is going to be held on December 16 (this being the Celebration Bowl).

For a full list of bowl games you can visit <https://www.ncaa.com/sports/football/bowls>. Armed with this information, you will now be able to enjoy all the Bowl games on your Christmas break and impress your more sports inclined friends.

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# BEAT THE BIG BALLER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*T. Menard*

The week of November 6, 2017 was exciting for basketball players and fans alike. The Beat the Big Baller tournament took place over the whole week and drew in a large crowd. The games of three on three basketball took place everyday that week at lunch until there was a winner of the tournament. There were two separate brackets in the tournament, the Elite bracket and the Open bracket. The tournament was officiated by our very own, Coach Graefe and Coach Brockman. From the beginning, every team came out the gate with a lot of confidence trying to look as cool as they could in front of Central. The first game took place on that Monday with the two first seeds of the elite bracket playing at the beginning of lunch, after that first game, it was on! Teams were going back and forth driving to the basket and cashing threes. Each day, the stands of Jim Baggot Gymnasium filled up more and more as students were anxious to see which team would come out the victor. The tournament ended that Friday, the 10th, with the team 'The Colonels' as the winner of the Elite bracket and the 'Conquistadors' as the winner of the Open bracket. The players on the 'Colonels' consisted of junior students, Alex Arredondo, Jackson Hayslip, Spencer Conway, and Arnulfo Munguia. Their record at the end of the week was 5 wins to 0 losses. The players on the 'Conquistadors' consisted of sophomores and juniors: Abdi Gure, Ismael Hassan, Osman Abdi, and Abdullah Farah. They ended their week with a record of 2 wins to 2 losses. It can be said that this tournament was quite successful and helped set up the upcoming boys basketball season. Let's hope that the tournament will come back next year.

*R. Gifford*

Dr. Duwe Grant, author of the book *Mass Murder in the United States: A History* and esteemed expert in criminology told, *Chron.com* in October that the United States has seen, “an unprecedented rise in mass public shootings over the last half century.” That’s pretty obvious, but why is this happening? The most compelling theories include, the absurd amount of firearms in America, the collapse of the American Dream (because it’s becoming harder and harder to live out the life America is known for), a severe lack in mental health resources, as well as an increase in graphic videos games and violent movies. ([intellectualtakeout.org](http://intellectualtakeout.org), Oct. 2, 2017) According to Hannah Arendt, a German-American political theorist, the root of all this is the fact that violence can be used by people who feel powerless in everyday life, this makes sense. *Huffington Post's* journalist, Sarah Ruiz-Grossman, wrote an article titled “Most of America’s Terrorists Are White, And Not Muslim”, published on June 23, 2017, that provides insight on one of the bigger threats to our national security, right-wing terror. Far-right plots and attacks outnumber Islamist incidents by almost two to one and there were twice as many terrorist incidents by right-wing extremists as by Islamist extremists in the U.S. from 2008-2016, according to a new report by The Nation Institute’s Investigative Fund and The Center for Investigative Reporting’s Reveal. Surprisingly, President Trump has focused his agenda on countering Islamist extremism and not white supremacist extremism which is becoming a larger threat every day. The media is quick to label people of color as terrorists, but when it comes to white people, they’re either mentally ill, misunderstood, or a “lone wolf”. The FBI has specific criteria that it uses to classify terrorist incidents, but the general public rarely agrees with their labels. No matter what, *The Highlight* extends our sympathies and thoughts to all the people affected by these horrible acts that have occurred in our country.



*Mass Shooting Headlines*  
*Image from Google*



# FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALS

*J. Gallegos*

Friday nights, after a long, hard week of stressing over tests, homework, or even projects, students put that all behind them for a fun night with friends. In Greeley, Colorado there is honestly not a lot you can do unless you have a car to roam around in, or friends that have cars. So my question is, what do students do with their Friday nights? Where are the coolest hang out spots? Ahraea Autobee, a senior at Greeley Central shared, “usually I spend my Friday nights hanging out with friends such as Esmeralda Alarcon, Grant Rivera, Giselle Ornelas and Alex Zelinger, we either drive around town bumping to music, walk around downtown, or even just go to the bowling alley.” The whole purpose of this article was finding out where the coolest hangout spots are in Greeley, but after asking Autobee these questions it made me realize that you don't need a cool hangout spot to have fun, all you need is your closest friends by your side in order to have a good time. However,, that doesn't mean you shouldn't go out and explore, by all means, every student should be doing that. You can literally make anywhere a cool hangout spot, no matter if it's just a park, a poetry slam, or a bowling alley. There are multiple activities to make your Friday nights the best, just grab a couple of close friends and share a night of good vibes.

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# HOLLYWOOD'S ACTION ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

*J. Doss*

Over the 2017 year, many celebrities who grew up as child stars are now revealing those who have sexually abused them. Hollywood is working hard to make people more aware of sexual abuse and trying to protect those most vulnerable. Although many celebrities have waited a long time to report their stories, it takes huge amounts of bravery to talk about Hollywood's big wigs especially when it can end a career.



*Harvey Weinstein: Image from Google*

Recently, 46 year old actor Anthony Rapp, best known for his role



*Anthony Rapp: Image from Google*

in *Rent*, came out in an interview reporting that, “Women speaking about sexual misconduct in the entertainment industry has compelled me to come forward about the Oscar winner.” In 1986, Rapp and Kevin Spacey were involved in a Broadway play together, and at the time Spacey (26) had asked fourteen year old Rapp to join him for a party only to take advantage of the young star. Rapp had spent 32 years silent about Spacey. Spacey added fuel to the fire when coming out as gay in his apology to Rapp, with many criticizing his timing and strongly voicing that he has truly set back many years of hard work made by the LGBTQ+ community as they tried boost their image. Netflix reportedly “cut all ties” with the actor and the popular show *House of Cards* has been cancelled. Anthony Rapp's courage has lead to more victims ending their silence and making these celebrities realize that they can't get away with what they did.

The press is calling Hollywood's new era "The Weinstein Effect". When Harvey

Weinstein was exposed for all of the abuse he caused, it created a snowball of secrets and more celebrities to be put under a spotlight. Sexual abuse is very serious and protecting young stars should be top priority, it's about time that Hollywood is doing something about it.

# THORNTON WALMART SHOOTING

*L. Duran*



*Employees and suspects from the shooting.  
Image from Google*

November 1, 2017 a gunman opened fire on unsuspecting shoppers at a Walmart located in Thornton, Colorado. The gunman, Scott Ostrem, 47, opened fire on shoppers on a Wednesday night with what seemed to be a random attack. Ostrem managed to hit three people. Two men died on the scene and one woman was injured but later presumed dead on the way to the hospital. Shoppers inside the Walmart reported saying that they called their family and in the moment of fear they had to choose to hide or run for the doors. CNN reports that a woman's fifteen year old son was in that Walmart while the shooter was in the store and texted his mother saying, "I'm at 1% Mom, my battery is ready to die, but there's a shooter here at Walmart. If anything happens to me, I love you guys." Even after the shooting lots of volunteers and other employees from surrounding stores who were told not to return, came to help clean up. Beatris Duran, an associate from a Greeley Walmart was one of the volunteers that went to help clean up and she had no idea what she was even volunteering for until she arrived on the scene the day after the shooting. Duran stated, "It was pretty strange thinking that this could have happened anywhere and it scares me knowing that this was just random." Shootings in the US outnumber shootings in other countries and gun control is still a controversial topic but all that stuff is your opinion, all that is important is as Americans we stand and support each other in times of need.

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## LIGHTING THE WAY INTO DECEMBER

*S. Garcia*

Attention everybody! Attention! Santa Claus is in town! The Downtown Development Authority and the City Of Greeley will be gathering our community of family and friends for an annual winter holiday celebration on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Every year, we kick off the Christmas spirit with lights, and a parade that is held in downtown Greeley, heading north on 9th avenue from 15th street to 7th street. This event will begin at 5:30pm, and unlike any other parade, everybody will stay after for a lighting ceremony. The parade will have over fifty entries. These entries include horses, bands, dance teams, and classic cars. After the parade, everyone will head towards Lincoln Park to get some Christmas holiday goodies, talk with Santa, and reveal the beautiful lights that make Greeley glow.

Because everyone enjoys this Christmas parade, families and friends will head early to the parade in order to get a great view and of course be the first to catch some candy! Senior, Jacqueline Gallegos has not been to the parade since she was little, but she is planning on going this year with her friends. Gallegos explains, "I'm excited to be there with my friends because when I'm with my friends there is nothing but happiness and good vibes." The best part about this parade is being able to watch the kids light up with smiles and excitement just as much as the Christmas lights do. Everyone shares happiness and expresses the Christmas spirit that you don't want to miss. Take your family and friends, and make everlasting memories together.

# DANICA ROEM AND COMPANY

*R. Gifford*

On November 2, 2017, Republican delegate, Robert G. Marshall, was defeated by Virginia's very first transgender woman in a public office position, Danica Roem. According to the *Washington Post*, the race mainly focused on traffic and local issues in the suburban Prince William county, but it was also about gender identity. Keep in mind, Danica Roem was pitted against Marshall, who dubbed himself Virginia's "chief homophobe", he was proud of being homophobic and tried to introduce a bathroom bill that was trashed by the committee later on. That night after her big win, Roem said, "Discrimination is a disqualifier...This is about the people of the 13th District disregarding fear tactics, disregarding phobias...where we celebrate you for who you are, not despite it." Marshall refused to debate Roem, but she came at it from an incredibly professional angle by saying, "I don't attack my constituents. Bob is my constituent now." Although Danica won solely from her intelligence, strategy, and political ideals, many people speculate that she also had an upper-hand due to our changing social climate. That may seem strange due to the fact that our congress is mostly Republican and it seems like Democrats and Independents might not have a voice on Capitol Hill for a while.



Danica Roem and Demi Lovato at the AMA's

*Image from Google*

However, when you consider all the scandals that are surfacing at the White House everyday and how most of Trump's administration is under investigation with the FBI, it makes perfect sense. The "liberal agenda" is being "buoyed by a surge of anti-Trump sentiment" (*Washington Post* Nov. 8, 2017), it's fair to say that Trump isn't incredibly popular right now, even on both sides of the parties. He is practically hated by John McCain, Mitt Romney, and the Bush's, all notorious elephants in politics. This dislike the POTUS is producing creates room for more opportunity. Just in the last few months, more people started defying standards in the political scene. Dawn Adams became Virginia's first openly lesbian candidate to the House of delegates. Elizabeth Guzman and Hala Ayala became the state's first Latina delegates, and Kathy Tran became Virginia's first Asian-American delegate. In Minneapolis, Andrea Jenkins became the nation's first openly transgender woman of color elected to public office. In St. Paul, Marvin Carter was elected as their first African-American mayor. In Helena, Montana, Wilmet Collins, was elected as Montana's first black mayor, who also happens to be a refugee from Liberia. In Charlotte, North Carolina, Vi Lyles became NC's first female African American mayor. In Hoboken, New Jersey they elected their first Sikh mayor, Ravinder Bhalla, who is an attorney and civil rights activist and won despite an "anonymous racist flyer" calling him a terrorist. The list could go on and on, but regardless, congratulations to all the recently elected officials, it's good to see everyone finally getting a chance at politics.

# PUERTO RICO COMEBACK

*D. Wells*

Earlier this fall Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were hit with a massive wave of hurricanes. Irma, Maria and Jose wiped through the island's power grid, ended up killing over one thousand people. Throughout the months of September, October, and some of November life is starting to return to normal. People have intermittent power, as they are trying to create a secure source of power. The relief efforts have cleaned up more than half of the damage from the storms, and the people of these islands are looking forward to life calming down. When the storms hit, many people with stateside family were not able to reach each other until just this last week, which left fear in many people's hearts. We are looking forward to seeing Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands grow beyond what they were before.



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# FAVORITE CONCERT EXPERIENCE

*J. Gallegos*

Whether you're a music fanatic or not, everyone should get to experience seeing their favorite band or artist live at least once in their lifetime. The environment, the music, the crowd, the lack of voice the following week is what makes concerts so fun to go to. It's not only the artist or band who makes the concert memorable, it's the people you meet along the way as well. People at concerts are there to have fun, there's no hate, everyone is friends whether you know them or not. Adam Ceballos, a senior at Greeley Central has been to a few concerts himself, said, "the best concert I've been to was Kendrick Lamar's and Travis Scott's because both of those rappers have many good songs that can hype anyone up, I love going to concerts because of the environment, everyone is there for one reason and that reason is to have fun." There are so many upcoming concerts out there with artists such as Katy Perry, Kid Rock, Maroon 5, which all are being held sometime next year, so get out and splurge on your favorite band or go to a concert by an unknown artist just for the heck of it. Squeeze your way to the front of the stage, make friends, but most importantly have fun, remember we're only young once so live life to the fullest. May all your concert experiences be fun, exciting, and unforgettable.

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# DRIVING IN THE SNOW

*A. Knight-Hamilton*

We all know that winter is coming and that means snow covered roads are inevitable. Every year, parents dread sending their kids out to drive in the snow, especially in the drastic weather in Colorado. Students often get nervous for the weather to come in the winter, but it's very important to prepare yourself. Snow boots, ice scrapers, jackets, and gloves, even possibly chains to fit over your tires may be valuable to have on hand! Driving slow is important; we all know kids get excited when driving and just want to go fast, but summer road conditions are tremendously different than winter. You can't cut those corners or slam on your breaks, when there's ice on the ground because there is a greater possibility of sliding out and getting into accidents. Also, just because you don't see ice on the ground doesn't mean it's not there; accelerating and decelerating should be done slowly as well, if you were to speed up too quickly your tire tread could spin in place while on ice which causes sliding, the same thing goes for decelerating. Going slow and being safe is the way to go, so make sure to be prepared for the winter to come.



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# BOMB THREAT AT CSU

*L. Contreras*

On Tuesday November 7, 2017, a white male man with red hair between ages thirty to forty had made a dangerous threat to bomb the Morgan library at CSU (Colorado State University). The reason this man wanted to do this was because "he can" as he answered when policemen asked him why he would make such a threat to kill hundreds of people. At 7:45 p.m students received a message from CSU telling students about the threat, a picture of the man was sent and an alarm went off warning students of an evacuation that needed to occur. Although no other building was evacuated some students believed this threat was some type of prank, many students waiting outside the library waiting for the police to show up and search the library. At 9:00 p.m police reported that it was safe to return to the library and that there was no actual object that could harm anyone. Later that night this man was arrested and several were left with fear, including Senior Jazmin Tranquilino from CSU who said "although I was not at the scene as soon as I got the message from CSU my heart stopped." When I found out about this threat I was not surprised at all, there has been several things that have occurred on CSU campus which only makes me feel sorry for the students because they shouldn't have to walk around campus with fear of getting beat, bombed, shot or even raped. Horrible things such as the threat made at CSU will never stop happening unless we help each other grow and help each other stay safe. As a community we need to help each other and stay united in time of need.

# HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

*Z. Chilcott*

Every year, families lose a loved one that was serving this great country we call home. On Veterans Day we pay respect to the fallen and living that served in any branch of military. But why do we have this day? It can't be just for honoring veterans. Before we had Veterans Day we had Armistice Day. Armistice Day was the day of the anniversary of the end of World War I. This day was the day to pay respect to the men and women that died in WWI and to celebrate the end of the war. The first time it took place was Tuesday, November 11, 1919. But it wasn't until 1938 when Armistice Day became a national holiday, this day is very different then Memorial Day. Memorial Day is for the people that have passed away while serving or long after, Armistice Day was for both living and deceased veterans. Where did we get the name Veterans Day, we got it in 1954, this was the year that President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Veterans Day stayed on November 11 until the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed in 1968 which moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. This did not stay for long because in 1975 President Gerald Ford changed it back to November 11, he did this because of the historical significance of the date. The U.S.A. isn't the only country to remember their veterans. Places like Great Britain, France, Australia, and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II. Next time you see a veteran thank them for their service because it can go a long way and make their day. However some veterans don't want to be honored because they lost friends, brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers. Please remember that war is a hard time and that it can stay with a veteran long after it has happened.



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# RISE AND FALL OF THE POD

*A. Rotter*

The original iPod was released on October 23, 2001. This spawned a boom in the hand held tech market. Sadly, in the 16 years since it was released the iPod has vanished and people are demanding answers. For many people, the original iPod revolutionized the way they listened to music. Instead of a pocket full of cassettes or CDs you could load all of your music onto an iPod and carry that with you compactly. This changed how people interacted with their music. The iPod came in many different varieties from the original iPod, iPod mini, iPod Shuffle, iPod Nano, then finally the iPod Touch. Each of these variants brought new features and form factors to the iPod family.

Apple and the iPod were on the top of the world for years, then Apple released the iPhone in 2007. With this they also released the iPod touch. These devices existed along with the other variations of the standard iPod. In 2009, slowly Apple quietly releasing the “standard” iPod with buttons and a small screen.. Then released the last iPod Nano in 2013. Technically the iPod isn’t dead. Apple did updated the iPod Touch 6th generation this year (2017). The use of a separate mp3 player is dead. This is sad but now that everybody has a smart phone, the use of an external music device is very redundant now. Having to worry about charging two devices and not losing either is too much work when you can have the convenience of an all-in-one device. Now you can rest easy knowing the iPod line isn’t fully gone from Apple’s device line-up.



## FIRST DATES

*M. Hinojosa*

When thinking about first dates they can either suck really bad or they can be the best thing ever. Whatever the case is, there are all types of ideas that you could do to impress your date, whether that is going to the movies, going to dinner, or going to Chuck E Cheese just to have fun. Think about it a lot of the students’ at Greeley Central first choice for the first date would be going to the movies. No wonder because going to the movies is the most settling one out there. I asked Drake Manuella and Kaysa Pankonin. a couple here at Greeley Central, that have been together for two months on what they did on their first date and Pankonin responded with, “Drake came to my house and picked me up, we went to the movies and watched Dark Tower, and later that night is when we had our first kiss.” Although that was a simple date idea, it is also the most memorable and meaningful date to this couple, because it led them to be together at the end of it all. Other ideas for first dates would be taking that other person to have fun, whether that’s is going to an arcade just to be kids again, enjoying their company. Ways you could ask them is asking them what are they doing that specific night and see if they would like to do something with you. Don’t be scared to put yourself out there.



# JOURNALIST OF THE WEEK : Adam Rotter

*R. Gifford*



Adam Rotter has been enthusiastic in newspaper ever since he stepped foot through Mrs. McGee's door. Every issue, we can always count on him to provide us with well developed articles that are superior in length and material. Lately, it's becoming harder and harder to choose who should be journalist of the week and we often have to spend a while deciding which staff member deserves the title the most, which is good, we want a challenge when it comes to amazing students. Rotter has based most of his previous articles on the whereabouts of Greeley Central's marching band, something the editor's wouldn't realize was a good decision until later on. Here at *The Highlight*, our job is to cover issues around the school and all over the world or Greeley, that won't get covered otherwise. It's important to give recognition to people and topics that no one chooses to talk about whether it's politics, food, or even our hard working and talented musicians. We thank Adam for all his hard work and we're glad to wrap up this issue with his name in this section.

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# STAFF OF THE WEEK : Brion Humphrey

*R. Gifford*

Mr. Humphrey has worked at Greeley Central for seven years, directing phenomenal plays, musicals, and really making our theater program the best that it can be. We're incredibly fortunate to have such amazing thespians, but he really ties it all together by teaching our students how to express themselves through acting. His favorite thing about the Arts Magnet Program is that, "they're constantly supporting each other and they've devoted themselves to creating experiences that you can't find anywhere else." In his free time, Humphrey likes to play with his kids and write.

