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# THE COMMONS

# MEET ME AT MIDNIGHT



By Abby Feken-Cole CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Want a night full of stars and glitter? Riverfield is prepping for this year's Prom, themed "Meet Me at Midnight."

Taking place on Saturday, April 20 at the Red Baron Ranch in Coweta, Oklahoma from 7:30 to 10:30, students can expect a dazzling night of fun to remember. Despite the challenge of finding a location due to booked schedules, the Prom Committee worked hard together to successfully find a location to ensure a memorable dance.

The venue is said to be decorated with an assortment of balloons and streamers and all things colorful. Music

The Prom venue, above left, and February's Homecoming Dance, above
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will be provided by the same DJ that worked Prom last year, and other activities like a photo booth will be provided for students to enjoy.

Tickets are priced at \$50 and can be purchased through a google form sent to all parents.

See you there!

#### Energy Drink Concerns

By Abby Feken-Cole CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Energy drinks. The most common source for efficiency that has reached \$57 billion in global sales as of 2020 and has accumulated the second spot for being the most popular dietary supplement. But the issue is less about the energy that people receive and more so the complications behind it.

Recently, energy drinks have continued to gain popularity, with more than an estimated 30% of teenagers from the ages of 12 to 17 consuming the drink on a day to day basis. Yet for most individuals, the recurring question is, "why?"

The supplement is generally advertised for teenagers as a way to decrease fatigue, enhance concentration, and of course stabilize energy. It has been found that many teenagers reach for energy drinks for various reasons, some include staying up to work on numerous school assignments and others wanting to perform better in sports and academics.

So the energy is then beneficial, right? The problem with consumption of the beverage is that the item is loaded with stimulants such as caffeine which could be harmful to even youth health. With scientific research, it has been discovered that energy drinks are a producer for increased nervousness, ADHD, insomnia, irritability, and even panic attacks all while being a degenerate for health issues.

In 2012, the popular energy drink brand, Monster, was linked for being the cause of five deaths. After such incidents, the brand became a target for legal lawsuits and prosecutions. Another incident more recently involved the multiple deaths of individuals after consuming Panera's charged lemonade. Two purchasers suffered from cardiac arrest after consuming the charged lemonade, another claimed that the drink led to permanent health issues.

While energy drinks may be a temporary provider for energy support, the long term consequences suggest that the short term benefits are not worth the potential effects on one's health and well-being.

### Soccer teams find success, boys head to playoffs

By Macey Musick CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Boy and Girls Upper school varsity teams kicked off their official season game Friday, March 1 against Cascia Hall.

Now, in the midst of the season both teams are entering districts, if the games end in Riverfield's favor, the teams will advance to State Playoffs. In past seasons the boys team struggled to complete a team

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due to lack of players, however this season marks the second year in a row that both boys and girls teams have a complete roster to play.

An all-time record of 41 players brings new enthusiasm to the field. For many players, this is their first time playing

Senior Gigi Williamson said, "This is my first year playing soccer. I joined because I wanted something to do with my friends. It has been really fun playing, and I'm always ready to encourage my teammates."

Although many of the starting line up last season graduated, the team has an impressive 14 freshman players.

Coach Barnard stated, "Even though we might not have the experience we have had in the past, this team is motivated to succeed and are passionate about the sport.

"We are looking forward to the challenges and are planning to give it our full effort as we move forward. I'm already super proud of everything this team has accomplished and learned so far. Let's go Ravens!"

Due to the success of last season with the girls making it to playoffs, the schedule advanced this year with more challenging teams to play.

The teams have strategized well to meet the challenges. In fact, the boys team is advancing to the playoffs for the first time in Riverfield history.

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### KIDNAPPED CHILDREN IN NIGERIA

By Kennedy Patterson NEWS EDITOR

In the last month, in northwestern Nigeria, around 300 kids were kidnapped from two schools in broad daylight.

A group of 15 hostages were taken from one school, about 200 from another and a third mass abduction took place days later.

Another abduction, this time of 87 people, happened the week after.

A ransom note appeared on Wednesday evening demanding money in return for the children. Mass kidnappings are not a new thing in Nigeria.

The dangerous conditions

caused by Islamic militant organizations and unaffiliated bandit groups has been a long lasting issue.

These organizations will continue to incite terror throughout Nigeria because there is nobody to stop them.

Parents of the kidnapped children wait eagerly for any news hoping that their children are still alive.

Many families lost multiple kids in the abductions and are not hopeful of their safe return.

Many of the kidnapped children will be killed or forced into marriages with militants.

In all, the violence has displaced over one million people in north-central Nigeria, according to the United Nations.



Hostages are facing poor conditions and families are having to pay ransoms to get their loved ones

PHOTO: AL JAZEERA

# Bridge collapse in Baltimore

By Esteban Torres-Ortiz STAFF WRITER

On March 31 a bridge in Baltimore, Maryland collapsed due to a ship hitting one of its supports.

At one in the morning a cargo ship hit the 1.6-mile Francis Scott Key bridge almost instantly collapsing the bridge.

The bridge wasn't unstable or weak, it was just that the heavy cargo ship hit it at the perfect angle on one of its piles at 9 miles per hour so it made a huge reaction and it ended up falling onto the boat killing 6 individuals.

It all happened because the vessel lost power and was unable to steer out of the way.

The captain issued a mayday just a few seconds before the collision It was an extremely frightening scene to witness especially for those who were actually on the bridge. This is not the worst of it though,

According to The New

York Times article, the ship was transporting 700+ tonnes of hazardous material that may or not be leaking.

It is confirmed that 14 of the 56 containers are damaged. It is being dealt with properly with them having the staff of the ship stay on board to prevent any more issues during the process of fixing this problem.

They were stuck on the ship for more than 6 days.

This is still a very hot topic locally because a boat has also hit a bridge in Oklahoma making people have all sorts of crazy theories.

Ås for the accident in Oklahoma, a boat hit a small bridge over Sallisaw even though it was on such a smaller scale people are still making connections to the two incidents saying things about terrorists attacking.

As of April, 1 they have sent out scuba divers to recover the bodies and were expected to find all the victims within a few days.

RCDS 8th grade invites you to LEGACY Carnival on May 14 from 3-5 PM.



#### French farmers protest regulations

By Esteban Torres-Ortiz STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of this year, the French government has been throwing small-business farmers under the bus by over-taxing and making complicated regulations that are a big disadvantage to agricultural farmers.

Farmers have been protesting since January 16th this year all around France, including many big cities, and they are demanding simpler regulations,

Decreased tax, and Protection against foreign competition that sells produce at a reduced price due to the laws not being as strict as in France.

The laws in particular that are making it more costly and inefficient to produce food and other things are extremely sensitive and strict laws that prohibit many different types of preservatives and other laws that determine how the produce is at the end of processing it and of course the farmer's tax.



Farmers drive tractors into Paris as part of their protests.

PHOTO: FRANCE24

What makes this story as interesting as it is is just how strongly they are fighting back against the new laws. Many Farmers bring their tractors and other farming machinery to the streets of the busy cities blocking roads and causing huge blockages causing so much traffic along the streets of Lyon and other cities such as Paris. farmers were trying to cause a blockade at a wholesale market to stop the sale of produce that heavily competed against them

but the police removed them from the area before too much was done. This is not only in France but in many other countries like Germany, Belgium, and others. There are a few predictions on whether the Government will change the laws or the farmers will continue to be at risk of bankruptcy and going out of business which will cause a big problem since fresh produce is such an important resource in this world. Only time will tell.

## STATE OF EMERGENCY IN HAITI

By Kennedy Patterson NEWS EDITOR

Haiti's prime minister, Ariel Henry, talks of resignation as gangs demand he step down and terrorize communities.

Over the past two weeks, gangs have induced chaos throughout the country's capital, causing the government to declare a state of emergency.

After decades of corrupt leadership supported by the U.S., Haiti is stuck in a state of lawlessness and terror with no end in sight.

Ariel Henry suggested sending the country's young military out to defuse the violence because he did not have the power to calm the country himself

What started as a challenge became even scarier for citi-

zens when gangs managed to free over 4,000 prisoners from two central jails in the capital city, Port-au-Prince.

Some inmates from these prisons decided to stay because they felt safer in jail than in the streets of Haiti.

The ongoing threat has

forced many countries, including the U.S., to cut back on diplomatic services to protect embassy officials.

As the prime minister takes refuge in Puerto Rico, the world wonders what these violent gangs will do next.



 ${\it The state of emergency has been extended into April.}$ 

PHOTO: SPUTNIK AFRICA

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE'S EFFECT ON EDUCATION

By Macey Musick STAFF WRITER

Many teachers have had to shift their lesson plan to adhere to Artificial Intelligence.

With AI at the fingertips of students, teachers have learned different tactics to avoid students relaying solely on AI.

Mrs. Graham stated "Last year, I had trouble with students submitting work from AI. This year, I have seen less because my assignments have shifted. Any assignment that is a written piece is done in class."

Many upper school teachers have reflected that AI is an educational tool for students to use, however, they are aware students can easily misuse AI.

With tools like AI checker

and the teachers being so close to the students to know ther personality they feel confident they can tell the difference between a student's work and AI.

The biggest con of AI is that it dehumanizes education and creates a dependence on technology for both the student and teacher.

AI at its core is artificial, displaying no attributes of empathy or compassion.

Few teachers reported they personally use AI to better their course work. Using it in instances like making a prompt more clear or complex, creating a rubric, or even adding to a lesson plan.

Time will tell how AI will affect education and the world as a whole.



There is a lot of concern about how AI will shape education in the coming years, since the technology changes so rapidly.

PHOTO: SCIENCE NEWS

# REVIEWSAGE

### "Forrest Gump" holds up after 30 years

"Forrest Gump" is known for being a classic movie with a lot of famous quotes including: "life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get.'

The movie is based on Forrest Gump's life, how he grew up, and what led him to be what

He grew up with a very protective mother that only wanted the best for him, she's always stood up for him and taught him to not let others put him down.

But at the end of the day he was overcome by his intellectual disability.

The movie does a good job ofshowing his day-to-day life and his struggles, but after the roughest just absolutely degrading day he still never failed to smile. I found that inspiring.

The movie has a 8.8/10 rating on IMDB and has won 6



By Esteban Torres-Ortiz

Academy awards which is pretty impressive.

It grossed over \$600 million because of its amazing actors, story, and scenery. The person

who played Forrest Gump is Tom Hanks, you don't even need to watch the movie to know how good his acting is.

Hanks did an amazing job playing Forrest by giving him a very comical way of being but also not hiding the negativity that came in Forrest's life.

I rate this movie 5/5 ravens mainly because of how entertaining it is, never having a dull moment and of coarse my favorite character Bubba was such a good character that added so much emotion and connection to the movie.



# "Rhoda" spinoff worth your time

**By Sophie Phillips** 

Moving right along with the Mary Tyler Moore Show universe reviews this month, I thought I could talk about myy favorite show of the bunch.

That show, dear readers, is Rhoda.

"Rhoda" follows Rhoda Morgenstern, Mary Richards' best friend, as she moves back to her native home of New York

The show starred Valerie Harper as Rhoda, Julie Kavner as Brenda (Rhoda's kid sister), Nancy Walker as Ida (Rhoda and Brenda's mother), David Groh as Joe (Rhoda's husband), Harold Gould as Martin (Rhoda and Brenda's father), and featured the voice of Lorenzo Music as Carlton (Rhoda and Brenda's doorman).

In the first season of Khoda (which first aired on September 9, 1974), Rhoda meets Joe Gerard. Rhoda and Joe fall in love and get married. The episode where Rhoda and Joe marry, titled "Rhoda's Wedding", featured guest stars Mary Tyler Moore, Cloris Leachman, Ed Asner, Gavin MacLeod, and Georgia Engel, reprising their roles as Mary Richards, Phyllis Lindstrom, Lou Grant, Murray Slaughter, and Georgette Frank-

This episode would be the highest rated television episode since Little Ricky's birth on I Love Lucy, which aired in 1953. Joe and Rhoda would remain married until season 3, where they separate. In season 4, we learn in the first episode that Rhoda and Joe are officially divorced.

In season 3, we are introduced to two new characters. Gary Levy (played by Ron Silver) was Rhoda and Brenda's neighbor. He and Brenda casually dated in seasons 3 and 4. Benny Goodwin (played by Ray Buktenica) was Brenda's another one of Brenda's boyfriends. He was also Gary's best friend.

In season 5, Brenda and Benny get engaged and their wedding was planned for later in the season. However, ever since Rhoda and Joe's divorce, Rhoda's ratings started declin-

After filming the episode "Brenda Runs Away", the cast was told to go home because "Rhoda" was canceled. The last 4 episodes were not even aired.

'Rhoda" ended on May 18,

"Rhoda" is an extremely charming show. My personal favorite character is Brenda (who appears in all 106 epiand funny.

However, she was involved with my least favorite character, Nick Lobo (played by Richard Masur). Nick Lobo was truly awful to Brenda. Thankfully, Brenda met Benny and Nick Lobo was written off the show.

I think that "Rhoda" is a really good show and is 100% worth watching.

If I were to recommend an episode to you, I would recommend season 5's Brenda Gets Engaged (it's my personal favorite episode).

All of the episodes of Rhoda are available for free on YouTube.

I think this show deserves 5 out of 5 ravens.



## THE LASTING APPEAL OF EUROVISION



ABBA performing their song "Waterloo" in 1974. They won Eurovision that year.

PHOTO:LIFETIME

By Sophie Phillips STAFF WRITER

Eurovision is a nationwide European song contest.

Eurovision started in 1956 and has had over 52 countries and 67 contestants compete.

It is also televised pretty much every year. Eurovision is still going on to this day. The 2024 Eurovision is set to happen in May.

There have been multiple famous artists that competed in Eurovision. Here are a few that you may be familiar with.

- Françoise Hardy (representing Monaco)
- Sandie Shaw (representing the UK and won in 1967 with her song "Puppet on a String")
- Cliff Richards (representing the UK)
- Lulu (representing the UK and was one of the winners in 1969 with her song "Boom Bang-a-Bang)
- Mary Hopkin (representing

the UK)

- The New Seekers (representing the UK)
- Massimo Ranieri (representing Italy) (also, if you were in my Spanish class in 7th grade, you know exactly who this is)
- Olivia Newton-John (representing the UK)
- ABBA (representing Sweden. They won in 1974 with their song "Waterloo", launching their career)
- Baccara (representing Luxembourg. They're most famous for their song "Yes Sir, I can Boo-gie")
- Björn Skifs (representing Sweden. He is most famous for collaborating with the band Blue Swede for the song "Hooked on a Feeling")
- Black Lace (representing the UK) (look up their song "Agadoo")
- Dschinghis Khan

(representing Germany. They're most famous for their song "Moskau")

- Bucks Fizz (representing the UK and won first place with their song "Making Your Mind Up in 1981) (look up their songs they're really good)
- Celine Dion (representing Switzerland and won in 1988)
- Katrina and the Waves (representing the UK and won in 1997. They're most well known for their song "Walking on Sunshine")
- Engelbert Humperdink (representing the UK. One of his songs, "A World Without Love", went viral on TikTok in around 2021/2022)
- Bonnie Tyler (representing the UK)
- Måneskin (representing Italy. They won in 2021)
- Before there was American Idol, there was Eurovision. Check it out!

# INFLUENCER TURNED CHILD **ABUSER: RUBY FRANKE**

**By Sophie Phillips** STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the topic of "family vloggers", many names come to mind, such as the LaBrant Family or the ACE Family.

However, there is one family vlogger that has gotten herself in hot water recently. That person is Ruby Franke (pronounced "Frank-ee") from the 8passengers channel on YouTube.

Ruby and her now exhusband, Kevin, started their channel in 2015. They showcased their lives with 6 children (Shari (pronounced "Sherry"), Chad, Abby, Julie, Russell, and Eve).

However, their videos were very strange. Viewers were quick to call out Ruby for mistreating her children. Some of the most infamous

videos include:

- Ruby telling then 6 year old Eve that she has to go hungry because she forgot her lunch for school.
- Telling her young children that they should've been in a car crash that they witnessed.
- Taking away her son's (Chad) room for 7 months because he pulled a prank on his
- Was seen multiple times vlogging very intimate moments in her children's lives (ones that should not be put on the inter-

On August 23, 2023, 12 year old Russell was able to escape and go to a neighbor's house to ask for food and water. The neighbors noticed that Russell looked extremely emaciated and he had open wounds with duct tape on them.

Concerned, the neighbors called 911 and CPS (Child Protective Services). The police then found 10 year old Eve was also extremely malnourished.

Russell and Eve were immediately rushed to the hospital. Ruby and her friend, Jodi Hildebrandt, were arrested and charged with 4 counts of aggravated child abuse.

Russell, Eve, Abby, and Julie were put with Children and Family Services. Ruby has been sentenced to up to 30 years in jail without bail.



Franke and family: during the trial and before the news broke. PHOTO: NEW YORK POST

## **WACKY NEWS: SPY PIGEONS**



A pigeon is released after being held as a possible spy.

PHOTO: ABC.NET.AU

By Abby Feken-Cole STAFF WRITER

A pigeon has been suspected of being a spy for the Chinese government and was held in India for eight months before being released back into the wild

After being captured near a port in Mumbai last year, the police suspected something peculiar about this bird as it was discovered with two rings tied around its legs and words that appeared to be written in Chi-

Detectives had opened up to their curiosities across the eight months as the assumed secret agent was held in custody, first by police and then in the city's hospital for animals.

Later, the animal hospital determined its origins; the bird was not part of a spying scheme. It was just a Taiwanese racing bird that had lost its way and flown to India, hitching rides on boats throughout its 3,000-mile journey.

However, spying birds being locked up is not anything new in India. A similar incident in 2015 occurred as the police forces held a Pakistani fisherman's pigeon after it flew over the country's border. Although the allegations do seem to be absurd, pigeons do have a history of being an accommodation.

During the First and Second World Wars, UK Forces were said to have used the bird to deliver messages. Germany had deployed birds with cameras strapped onto their chests to exchange confidential information from the National Audubon Society.

In both racing and espionage, pigeons have been used as tools on the human end, but never do they choose to release themselves a far way from home.

# Creative Writing Corner: **Holden Williams**

A Riverfield Upper School Elective class, Creative Writing is taught by Dr. Edwards. The class meets twice a week for students to work on their own individual writing skills. Dr. Edwards said: "One reason I wanted to start this class is because my Ph.D. is in Creative Writing and I saw a lot of potential for the students here to be able to express themselves in writing with a teacher who is well-versed in the canon of poetry and fiction."

Each issue will highlight a different writer in the class. This month features a selection from junior Holden Williams.

#### "Hole by Hole" (Excerpt) by Holden Williams

We beat the forest until it whimpered and cracked.

First, a ballroom echo - a cry, creaking as if a dozen trees were being contorted, nearly fractured, and then snapped erect again. Humming just beneath where branches caressed and formed slats in the unkempt roof of nature. Rising, a percussion in crescendo, and for a moment you'd think it was the ocean waves slapping against the towering trunks. And as you felt that sound toss itself against your body, its thumbs pressed into your temples and the pockets of your knees, you'd see: it was the wind - torrential, scabbing, fierce. The wind whistled and took the trees in its palms and beat them as a toddler beat Play-Doh, the source of that sawblade sound.

And it stopped. Trees swayed back into place. Birds quit calling and cocked their heads to the side like feathered dogs. The white manes of cotton grass wobbled, caught themselves. Each strand settled into its drooping posture, kissing the ground. Rabbits tucked heads from their resting places, sniffed, scanned the wilds with eyes like marbles.

And then it came, all at once, behind a furrowed, black brow. Behind a peripheral smoke – everywhere, nowhere, whisked away by the wave of a hand. Thick and physical and tearing through the

forest and breathing on the tree trunks, blackening them; a rushing tide of smoke, drowning the bottom-feeders in the brush. Crack.

Trees fractured in their knobby, pelvic middles and fell to the floor; a great chain of columns dominoing and swallowed up by red-orange.

Crack.

The fire grew and stalked down the slopes, through the treeline, building, furrowing the countryside in nitroglycerin lines. It burrowed into each navel and nest and clawed up its underbelly, leaving ashes behind.

Crack.

Strewn about was the smoke – cycling in slow migrations. It smeared pastel oranges across the blue, hazing the horizon line.

Crack.

Where fire touched sap, there spread glowing veins, slinking up, wafting scents of burnt coniferous flesh.

Crack.

Trees' innards burst through the bark, and each branch became a column of fire, and it shot the flames onto its sap-soaked neighbors. They were torches, bombs; the forest a cannonade of heat drumming against the oxygen it craved. Orange scars fissured the brush, the sky yellowed, and the earth began its great exhale to-

And we beat the forest. The world turns on.

### Fake news epidemic should stop

By Makayla Morgan STAFF WRITER

More and more corrupt news is taking over the internet and it is terribly affecting America.

People can't trust the news that is broadcasted over television anymore with the thought that it's unreliable and inaccurate.

No one knows the real reason why people take such an interest into spreading such insane information, maybe it's the thrill of spreading drama and the altercations that come

with it.

Fake news isn't a new thing, but the rates have definitely increased due to the current events that are happening in the world. This is why most schools, including our own, have been teaching students to check the sources they are getting facts from, to see if it's credible.

A few ways to do this, is to check and see if the citation's spelling and grammar are correct, seeing when it was last updated, reading the "about us" section, and googling fact checking tools to help become a professional at checking sources for valid material. Especially now that the presidential election is coming up, people are hurrying to spread lies about the electors to make people change their minds about who they're voting for.

It's not just about the candidates running for president, but various people, mostly celebrities, around the world are getting hate because of the lies that are being thrown upon them.

There's no logical reason to do this to other people, maybe it's the bitterness of others, but it needs to be stopped.

## **Gypsy Rose doesn't smell sweet**

By Abby Feken-Cole STAFF WRITER

Gypsy Rose Blanchard, widely known child abuse victim, was released in December and started the new year as a free woman. However soon after the uprising, her attention turned sour and the fame quickly dissipated.

For context, Blanchard was incarcerated in 2016 stemming from her involvement in the murder of her mother, Dee Dee Blanchard, who had subjected Gypsy to years of physical and psychological abuse.

The case quickly gained widespread attention following its coverage in news and

documentary sources, due to its involvement in unusual circumstances.

Through many platforms

Through many platforms such as Tik Tok, Instagram, and X, the news of her release sought the attention of many who approached the topic with unwavering support.

For the individuals who followed the stream of information, a large populace empathized with Gypsy, seeing her as a victim of circumstance rather than the perpetrator for the crime.

Yet shortly after, the situation evolved. With the rise of attention, a wave of criticism and hate unfolded. Many began to question the honesty of her claims and some even stated

that her actions toward her husband, Ryan Anderson, were similar to those of her exploitative mother. On these platforms, one individual stated, "Gypsy is a mastermind like her mother. She will forever play victim" while one responded with, "It is not her fault though! That is all she knew!"

Despite the initial wave of support, Gypsy became the target of ongoing hate. The same platforms who had welcomed her home from imprisonment now became the stage of her downfall.

Ever since, Gypsy has remained relatively silent on social media with occasional posts of updates in her life.

#### "MEAN GIRLS"

By Makayla Morgan STAFF WRITER

The musical "Mean Girls" will be performed on May 3, 4, 7, and 8 by the Riverfield Theatre Company in the Smolen Black Box Theatre.

As a person who helps run the 'behind the scenes' of the play, I am thrilled to say that this performance is coming together, piece by piece, as many actors and actresses are remembering their lines and getting the dances down.

Technical Theatre, which consists of lights, sounds, props, costumes, and the role of a stage manager, has its first rehearsal on April 24.

Speaking of rehearsals, there are some conflicts with people continuously missing practices. As this can affect the drama committee, we, speaking for Mrs. Reiman and the tech group, encourage actors and actresses to inform the director beforehand if they won't be able to attend play practice.

Despite the challenges, the show is a lot of fun.

Sophie Phillips, a senior who I've recently interviewed, portrays the character Mrs. Norbury. She says, "I like the scene where all the girls find out what the pages of the Burn Book say."

In the iconic scene, Mrs. Norbury wears a blue with a white polka-dotted dress, which is similar to the ones that she will wear in the play

The cast and tech crew are all excited to show what we can do and the creativeness that came out of this.

If you haven't gotten tickets, purchase them!