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## Veterans Day: Honoring Those Who Serve

Written by Ben Geiger



Trumpets and drums sound throughout the city of New York. Individuals flock to view the country's largest military commemoration. Happy Veterans Day!

First unofficially practiced on November 11th, 1918, as Armistice day, it marked the end of World War I. However, it wouldn't be until 1919 that Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th as the first true recognition of the holiday. An act approved in May of 1938 declared Armistice Day a national holiday. Later, around the outbreak of World War II, it claimed the title of Veterans Day, first celebrated in 1954 after it was signed into legislation by Dwight D Eisenhower.

Holidays come with their traditions, and Veterans Day is no exception. Extravagant parades, the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier— a memorial located in Arlington national cemetery that honors the loss of an unknown soldier, found in France after the conclusion of World War I — and a plethora of other exciting commemorations.

Veterans Day is a day to honor those who serve and have served in the past, categorized by its large-scale celebrations such as wreath laying and parades.



# Polling Pademonium

Written by Nila Allen

Election day this year occurred on Tuesday, November 5th, when the nation cast their votes for the 47th president of the United States. The primary contenders were Donald Trump and Kamala Harris, although third-party candidates captured a minor percentage of the vote in each state.

The Electoral College, as outlined by The Constitution, is the system used to elect the president and vice president of the United States. Each state is allocated a number of electors based on its representation in Congress. For instance, Florida possesses 28 members in the House of Representatives and two Senators, resulting in 30 electoral votes. The citizens of each state vote for their preferred candidate, and the candidate who secures the majority of the popular vote in that state receives all of its electoral votes. This winner take all system is used in every state with the exception of Maine and Nebraska. Donald Trump won the majority of Florida's popular vote, thereby obtaining all 30 of its electoral votes. The total number of electors across all states and the District of Columbia is 538. Presidential candidates must earn 270 electoral votes to secure the White House.

Learn more about the Electoral College here:

<https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/about>

[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/2024-04/Electoral\\_College\\_1Pager\\_508.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/2024-04/Electoral_College_1Pager_508.pdf)

Donald Trump surpassed the 270 electoral college votes necessary to win the presidency early on Wednesday, November 6th. At about 5:30 am, Wisconsin's electoral votes were cast for President Trump, pushing him over the simple majority needed to secure the White House. The final count, sent in later that week, was 312 votes for Trump and 226 for Harris. Not only did Trump win the Electoral College, but also the national popular vote. This is historic, as he is the first republican to win the popular vote in 20 years. Both the President Elect and the current Vice President delivered speeches following the election results.

The entire House of Representatives, ⅓ of the Senate, and 6 proposed Amendments to the Florida Constitution were also on the ballot this cycle. Both the House and Senate were won with a few seats by the Republican Party. They secured 220 House seats out of 435 (218 simple majority) and filled 53 out of 100 senate positions. The New York Times reports that republicans flipped at least 3 senate seats in their favor. They also detail the massive ideological shift right in America post election.

NYT Election Map:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/11/05/us/elections/results-president.html>

NYT "Red Shift":

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/11/06/us/politics/presidential-election-2024-red-shift.html>

Some notable amendments to the Florida constitution include Amendments 3 and 4. Amendment 3 addressed the legalization of marijuana for individuals 21 and older. The ballot measure did not reach the 60% threshold to pass, however it received 55% of the vote. Amendment 4 called for the constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability or when necessary to protect women's health. It received 57% of the vote, therefore failing to pass. These two measures were the only out of six to be introduced by citizen initiative, the rest being put to vote by our state legislature. The Amendments that passed include Amendment 2 and Amendment 5. Amendment 2 creates the constitutional right to hunt and fish and passed with 67% of the vote. Amendment 5 adjusts property tax exemptions for inflation and passed with 66% of the vote.

Read on all 6 of the ballot measures here:

<https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/>



# Ready, Set, Playoffs!

The first playoff game of the year occurred on November 15th, 2024. The Bobcats faced off against the Trojans.

The game started with the Trojans having possession of the ball. The first two plays resulted in a sack and an interception for the Trojans— they were not starting off on a good note. Following the interception, the Bobcats quickly put up a touchdown and took a lead. Right before the first quarter ended, the Bobcats scored one more touchdown!

They scored again as soon as the second quarter started setting the game at 21-0. After the Trojans punted the ball, the Bobcats made an eighty yard run for yet another touchdown, making the score 28-0. Following two more consecutive touchdowns from our running back, it was 42-0.

After halftime, the Trojans finally scored one touchdown— 42-14. In the fourth quarter, the Bobcats kept their lead, and although the Trojans fought hard for one more touchdown, the game ended with a score of 42-21, a devastating loss for the Trojans. Go Bobcats!

Written by Gleb Kryzhinskii

# Second Playoff Game

November 22nd was a cold night for the highly anticipated second playoff game of the year. The Bobcats faced off against the Patriots, who have a 10-1 record in accordance with Buchholz and our 8-3 record. It was going to be a tough game for sure.

The Bobcats began receiving in the first quarter. After the kick, they reached the 45 yard line and achieved a 50 yard catch as the second play of the game! Thanks to #9 barreling past three separate people to get the touchdown, Buchholz started off strong, with the score set the score 7-0. Twice more, the Bobcats sacked the Patriots, making them punt. After Buchholz got the ball, *we* were sacked, and a penalty was called due to holding, resulting in the Bobcats going back 8 yards. It forced us to kick a field goal, which was unfortunately blocked. The Patriots had to punt a second time, and Buchholz scored yet another touchdown— only for it to be called back due to a penalty. We settled for a field goal instead, making the score 10-0 by the quarter's end.

The second quarter began and the Patriots got a quick touchdown. Buchholz intercepted with a mere 1:13 left on the clock, but it was called back— penalties, again. Afterwards, the Patriots missed a field goal, leaving the score at 10-7.

Post halftime, the Patriots started with the ball and took the lead with a touchdown; 10-14. Following that, the Bobcats snatched the ball, and one of our wide receivers ran it for 30 yards. One more touchdown and Buchholz took the lead— 17-14!

The Patriots scored an impressive 30 yard passing touchdown to take the lead, beginning the fourth quarter. Subsequently, the Bobcats were sacked to make the next play. We gained 12 yards and earned the first down. One truly shocking 35 yard touchdown from Buchholz set the score to 24-21, putting us back in the lead! The Patriots fought and gained one more touchdown, however we battled hard to win a miraculous 60 yard kick return and one more touchdown— with just 2:41 left in the quarter— to keep our lead. The Bobcats got a sack and the Patriots fumbled the ball, so the Bobcats regained possession for the ball. One successful field goal later, and the game ended at a score of 34-24!

As close and hectic as this game was, the Bobcats certainly earned their win!



# The Bobcat Kitchen

## PESTO RECIPE

Written by Izzy Velazquez



Pesto has a bright flavor great for all times of the year. It originated in Genoa, Italy, and has morphed throughout its 161 year history to become what we know and love today. Even though it can conveniently come in a jar, nothing compares to homemade! Here's my take on this recipe.

4 heaping handfuls of basil  
2 heaping handfuls of spinach  
3 peeled garlic cloves  
1 ½ tbsp of lemon juice (or to taste)  
2 ½ tbsp of pine nuts  
¾ tsp of salt (or to taste)  
⅓ cup extra virgin olive oil  
¾ cup parmesan  
1 lb of fusilli pasta (feeds 3-4)

### Step 1

Add the 4 heaping handfuls of basil, 2 heaping handfuls of spinach, 3 cloves of garlic, 1 ½ tbsp of lemon juice, 2 ½ tbsp of pine nuts, and ¾ tsp of salt to a food processor or blender. Process until everything is finely minced together

### Step 2

Add in ⅓ cup of olive oil and blend until smooth

### Step 3

Add in ¾ cup of parmesan and pulse the processor until the parmesan is just combined

### Step 4

Boil pasta to box instructions. I use Rummo brand pasta, so 11 ½ minutes is perfect

### Step 5

Strain pasta and put back into the pot. With the stove on low, add in pesto and mix together

I hope you love this recipe as much as I do! I make this weekly, and it's a family favorite. This pesto also doesn't have to just go on pasta; it can be put on sandwiches, pizza, or anything else your heart desires. Feel free to tweak the recipe to your tastes— cooking is an art, not a science.



# The Bobcat Kitchen

Good Eats: Tuptim Thai  
Written by Izzy Velazquez



Tuptim Thai sits in the heart of Gainesville on University Avenue.

This restaurant is beloved by many for its bold flavors and comforting dishes, prepared with extensive thought and detail behind each flavor. This is especially true of my personal favorite dish, Pad Woon Sen. The noodles are consistently cooked to perfection, something notoriously difficult to accomplish—this might not seem impressive until you attempt to make them yourself, speaking from personal experience! Beyond this, Tiptum Thai has the perfect blend of spicy, salty, and even sweet in this dish. This meld of flavors is what makes their food so appealing. Each flavor works in perfect harmony, and every meal's heat level is customizable, ensuring that anyone and everyone can enjoy the usually very spicy Thai cuisine.

Their appetizers are equally memorable. In particular, their steamed dumplings shine when paired with their accompanying sauce, a masterful fusion of flavors. The sauce delivers an excellent kick of spiciness, complemented with a hint of sourness and just the right amount of saltiness.

Tuptim Thai is a must-visit in Gainesville due to their wide range of food, accommodating every palate. Whether the dish be bold and spicy or a little more mild, there really is something for everyone. Give it a try!



## Scorpio

*Written by Ben Geiger*

Twelve separate signs, ranging from Aries to Pisces—the Zodiac is a major component of divinatory practice of Astrology. From the dates October 23rd to November 21st, the eighth astrological sign, Scorpio, has a rich history, dating back to ancient Greek myths and, most commonly, the story of Orion.

In short, Orion went hunting with the goddess Artemis on the island of Crete. He was so enthusiastic, he declared he'd kill every animal in the world, enraging Gaea, the primordial goddess of Earth. She sent a giant scorpion to kill Orion. After his death, Artemis asked Zeus to immortalize her fellow hunter. Zeus, in response, turned both the victim and his killer into constellations, marking the birth of Orion and Scorpio in the sky.

# Advice

The constellation of the Scorpion is located in the southern celestial hemisphere; a celestial sphere is a tool used in astronomy that specifies objects and their positions in the sky. It's divided via the celestial equator, which is currently at a 23.44 degree tilt. The constellation is rather distinctive, categorized as one of the brightest constellations in the night sky.

Scorpios are known for their loyalty and fiery natures, as well as their ambition, stubbornness, mystique, and logic.

## Feeling Colorful?

*Written by Paige Davis*

Picture something hot. Now, picture something cold. You most likely thought of something red and something blue—this is because of color association. Our brains connect different colors to different items and emotions. Here are some basic colors and their average associations:

Red is linked passion and courage, orange with joy and friendship, yellow with enlightenment and fresh perspectives, green with growth and prosperity, blue with trust and faith, and violet with wisdom and dignity. Having different colors in your environment or on your person will have these same effects. Plan your outfits accordingly!



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## Coley Privette: All Roads Lead To Home

Written by Cy Strosnider

Whereas mathletes are academic powerhouses, athletes show off physical prowess; Coley Privette, only 21, teaching calculus AB and pre-calculus honors at Buchholz, achieved both.

He's lived in Gainesville his whole life. His journey in mathematics began when he became an active participant in Mr. Frazier's math team. Privette excelled—he went on to dominate the competition as a Bobcat. He took up sports in the latter half of high school, playing football. His success litters his classroom— a board of newspaper clippings depicting his victories, academic *and* athletic, with trophies and medals to boot.

At the University of Florida, he aimed for the medical field, but switched gears to mathematics. Given the teacher shortage resulting from the pandemic, numerous opportunities opened at Buchholz, his alma mater. Upon speaking to Principal Purvis, Privette had a job lined up. He's been teaching at Buchholz since the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, and jokingly proclaims himself "an established veteran at this point."

The summer beforehand led Privette to Europe; he skipped his graduation ceremony to board the plane. It was a spontaneous decision— he planned little more than the flight there. In Spain, Germany, Switzerland, and France, he lived homeless for a month and a half, sleeping on benches, in bushes— anywhere he could, hardly a euro to his name, in search of basic necessities. It was "not having money, not having a place to stay, not being able to speak the language... how *lonely* it can be." Privette wandered streets he'd never seen, surrounded by strangers in a foreign land.

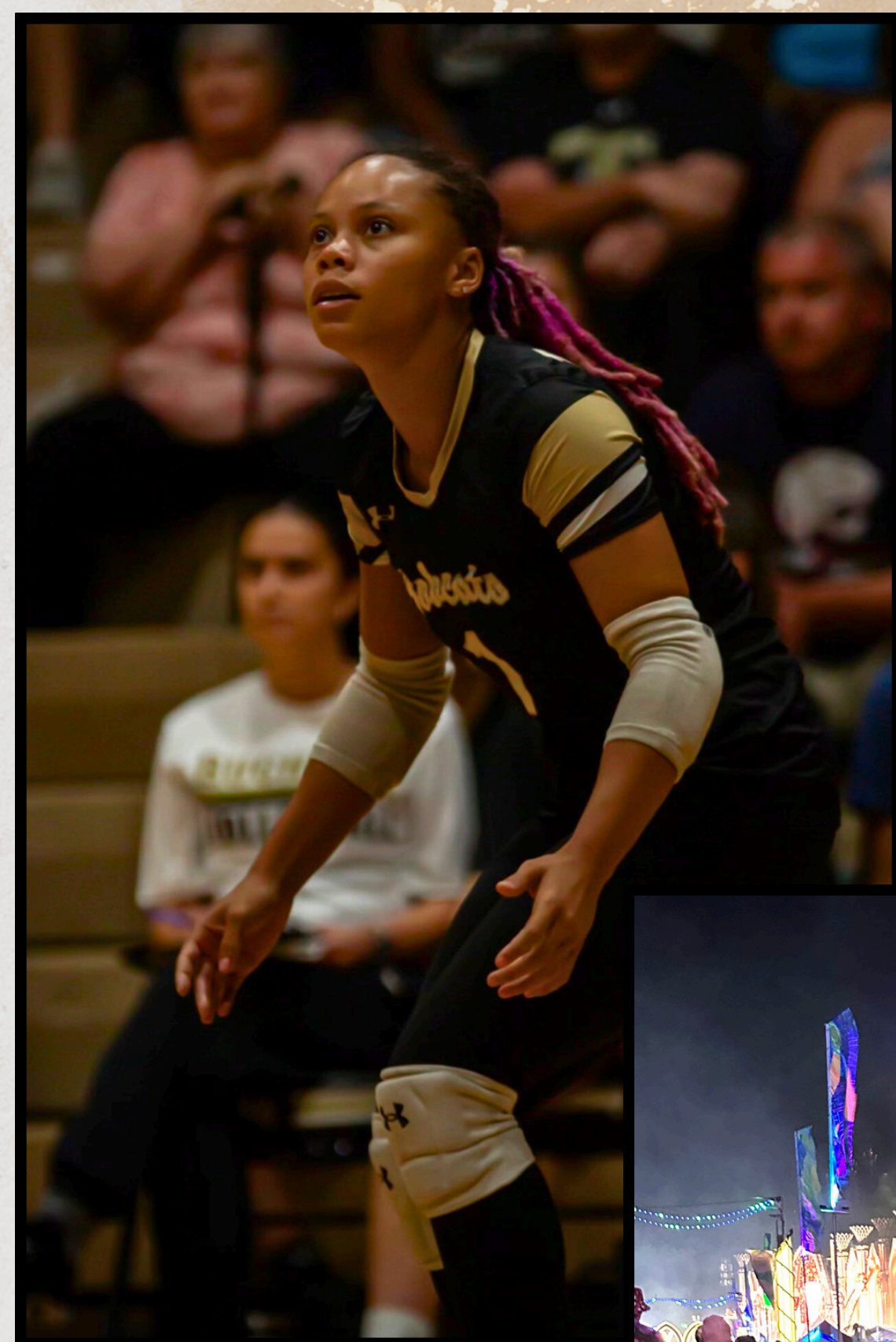
On his last day in Bordeaux, France, he was going to spend his five remaining euros when he happened upon a homeless man. Privette "talked with him, got him something to eat, something to drink," spent the last of his money to help him. It wasn't pity. It was sympathy. He was living the same life as the man, only Privette knew that by the end of the summer, he would be home again. This man's future was not so certain.

If he could travel again, it wouldn't be to Europe. He's considered hitchhiking across the United States or biking through Southeast Asia, but Europe was unique— Privette completed that quest already. "I want the memory of being homeless in Europe to... exist like that forever." Now, he's back where it all began: Buchholz High School.





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## Leila Ricks: A Well-Rounded Skill Set

Written by Cy Strosnider

She's a senior at Buchholz, and she's making waves. Last year, she was one of the announcers on our morning news. You might recognize her red hair and golden jewelry; Leila Ricks, eighteen, three-letter varsity athlete, crocheter, and someday a science major, is a force to be reckoned with.

Leila has played softball for the majority of her life, from Virginia, her home state, all the way to Florida. "Softball is just a part of me," she explains. Meanwhile, she began volleyball in sixth grade—now, she's risen to the top, captain of Buchholz's girls varsity team, and she's dedicated the season to leading her teammates and befriending newer players. Although she graduates soon, she'll be missing them dearly—her final season is this spring.

Weightlifting is a highlight of her athletic career, and she only started in high school. As a freshman, Leila won districts. Her sophomore and junior years, she made it to regionals and states— but her aspirations don't stop there. "This year, I want to win the state championship," she says. "I think I can really do it." Her experience comes from a childhood in gymnastics and crossfit, and she encourages other girls to be active despite stigma. "We need to talk about women's sports a lot more, especially here at Buchholz... there's so much talent in this program, and it deserves more appreciation."

She's dual enrolled at Santa Fe College, too, aiming to someday attend an HBCU— a Historically Black College and University— and study sciences; her schedule is packed, but she takes advantage of her free time. She crochets dresses, hats, plushies, and everything under the sun— and even takes commissions for her work. Leila has even joined Hooks and Stitches, a new club at Buchholz which crochets and donates handmade items to those in need. "I love crocheting so much, and I thought, *why not help people while doing it?*"

"My weekends are usually either a softball tournament, a volleyball tournament, or a crochet project," she remarks. "I do love my sleep, though." Leila Ricks, no doubt about it, is leaving a legacy to remember at Buchholz.



# Credits and Information

## Upcoming events

12/10/2024— Parliament meeting  
12/18-19/2024— Midterms  
12/23/2024-1/4/2025— Winter  
break  
1/6/2025- Resume classes

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That's all for November, folks!  
This month's paper is a bit short, I  
know, I know, but we're doing our  
best to make next month's paper  
the best yet!

- Simon Denahan ; Editor in Chief

