

## FABULOUS PHONE

### CASES

Why do you like your phone case?



"I'm very superstitious about jinxing stuff and 'knock on wood' is a common phrase for unjinxing something so I like that I can easily knock on it."

— Natalie Salt (11)



"My phone case has little men in pill capsules on the back, sadly one of them fell off."

— Nathan Marshall (12)



"My phone case has a four month old dutch bros sticker. I couldn't tell you why, but I love it."

— Lincoln Roch (12)



"I like it because it's clear and you can see the color of my phone through it and it is also really protective and can stop my phone from being broken or cracked."

— Ella Packard (11)

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# theater's RADIO WHAT?

MoHi theater puts on a live radio show

Michael Spacone (11) walked out into the pink beam that lights the Monarch high school stage, Dracula cape billowing behind him. Suddenly, it wasn't 2021 anymore, but the early 1940s.

The theater department had to get creative with their productions so that they could still perform with the COVID-19 guidelines, and they did this through radio.

"All that changes for acting in a radio show is that your voice is the only thing you can use to portray your character," Spacone said.

The show heavily relied on sound to bring the stories to life, using not only over dramatized dialogue but also sound effects.

"We used on set props for sound effects along with costumes to really get into character. The sound effects were great and really brought life to the show," Spacone said.

Overall, the performance was something that Monarch Theater had never done before, and the radio show presented a new exciting way to perform.

"It highlights elements of performance that don't get as much attention. We are also eliminating some of the visual aspects and trying to focus on the audio which we have never done before," Spacone said.



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**INCOGNITO** Tom Warkins (12) plays his favorite role, Invisible Man. "He's an arrogant, selfish, evil scientist who wants to conquer the world. What's not to love?" Warkins said. **SFX** CJ Giseburt (10) rehearses for the sound effects team. "I really liked being back in our auditorium and on stage even if we weren't doing a normal stage play," Giseburt said.



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## paragraphs vs. PARABOLAS

Do students prefer math or language arts?

Math and language arts are polar opposite subjects. If asked, almost everyone has preference for one or the other. A poll on Mohimix Instagram revealed that 57% of students favor math and 43% of students prefer LA.

Some students prefer math because it is a lot more technical

"I like math more than LA because I like having an exact answer and using

formulas," Sydney Selby said. "With LA you have to be a lot more creative."

However, other students like that element that language arts offers.

"I feel like I get more interested in LA than math because in math there's all these formulas and all this stuff that makes no sense, but in LA you can write and do creative writing," Dominic Spacone (9) said. "It's just more fun."

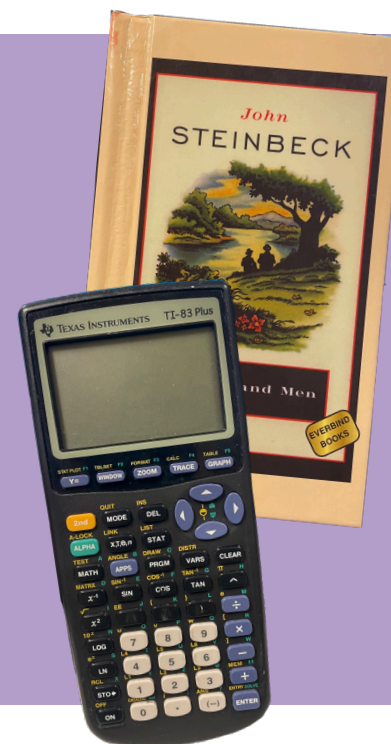


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## beginning, middle, **END**

What is it like going through high school?

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"I hope I get to have some of those high school experiences like going to homecoming and prom. I hope everything goes back to normal, and I get to have that."

— Mateja Rowton

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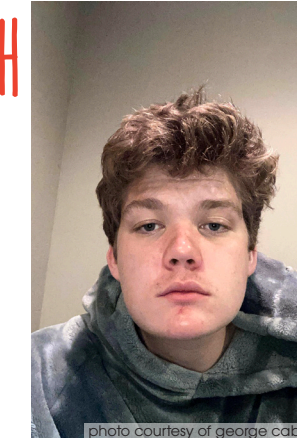


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"I feel like this year has been a drastic change for the better and worse, it's made me realize that I need to appreciate what I've got and not take things for granted."

— George Cables

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"One of my goals in high school is to set myself up to get into college that will afford a lot of opportunities in the future and appreciate the time I have with friends and family."

—Ryder Jones

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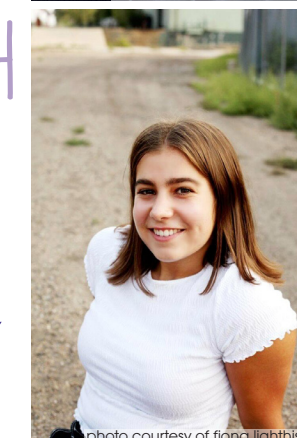


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"I have loved the sense of connection and community from high school, as I've been going to school with the same people since elementary school, but I am really looking forward to expanding my world."

— Fiona Lighthiser



# COUNT down

Highly-anticipated  
movies coming out  
in 2021

**Spider-Man: No Way Home**  
"Out of all the Marvel movies, I love Spider-Man. It's so cool to see how Marvel Studios gets creative with the movies. I enjoyed watching Spider-Man Homecoming and Far From Home. I can't wait to watch the new movie to see what the storyline is."  
— Maria Ruscitto (12)

**Don't Worry Darling**  
"Harry Styles is starring in it."  
— Cirin Cione (10)

**Hocus Pocus 2**  
"It reminds me of Disney animation."  
— Abdullah Dawud (11)

**Godzilla vs. Kong**  
"I'm a big fan of the second Godzilla movie. I love all the King Kong movies and I was a huge fan of Godzilla: King of the Monsters."  
— Shane Carlson (10)

"I want to see a giant monkey annihilate a dumb lizard"  
— Colton Hollander Nelson (11)

**Black Widow**  
"I'm excited to learn more about Black Widow's back story and see if it relates to the comics."  
— Daniel McGinty (10)

**Chaos Walking**  
"I loved Daisy Ridley in Star Wars, so I'm excited to see her in a movie with Tom Holland, another great actor."  
— Ali Inge (11)

# FALLING APART but staying together

## Senior connects through care packages

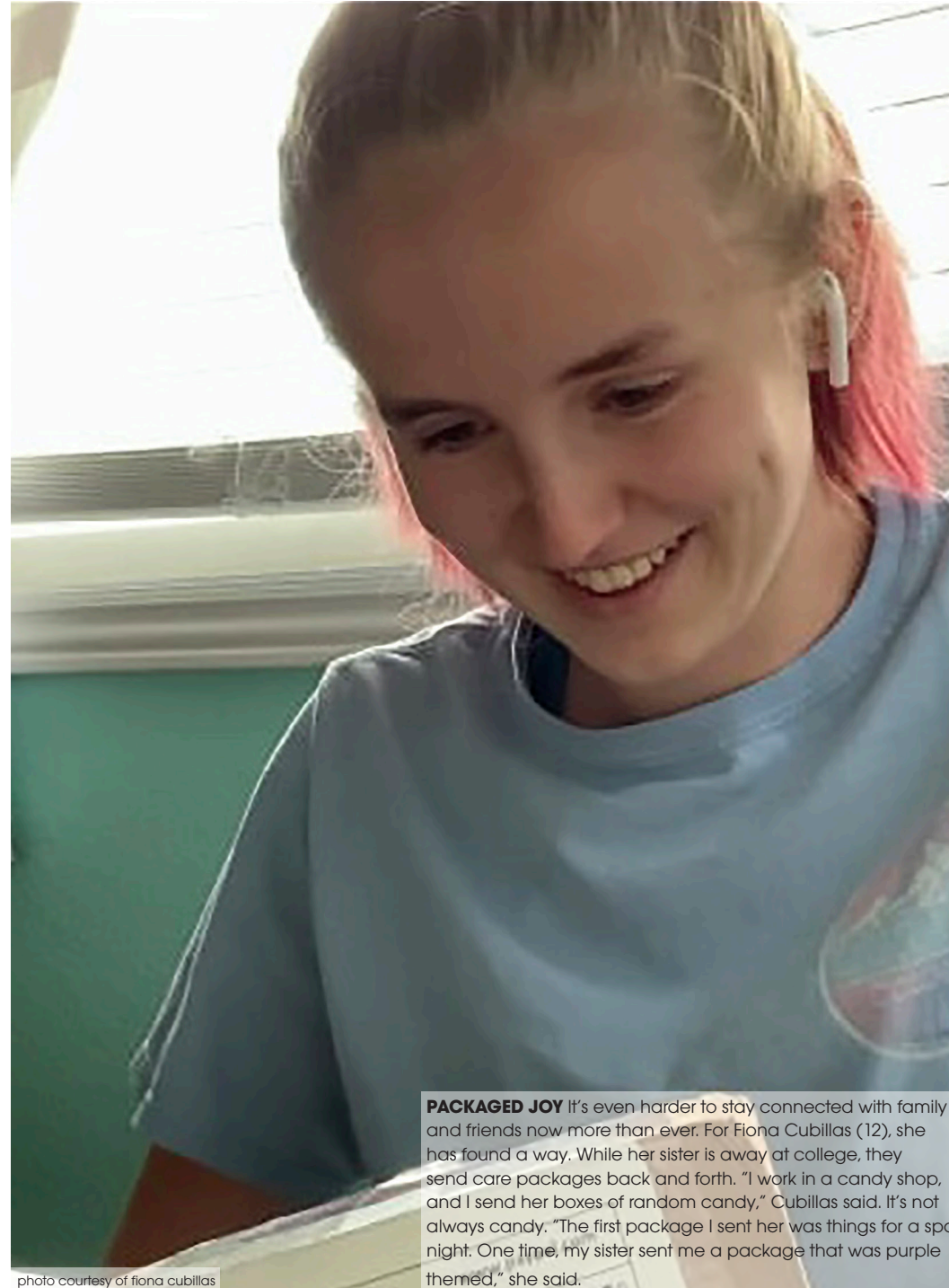


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**PACKAGED JOY** It's even harder to stay connected with family and friends now more than ever. For Fiona Cubillas (12), she has found a way. While her sister is away at college, they send care packages back and forth. "I work in a candy shop, and I send her boxes of random candy," Cubillas said. "It's not always candy. The first package I sent her was things for a spa night. One time, my sister sent me a package that was purple themed," she said.

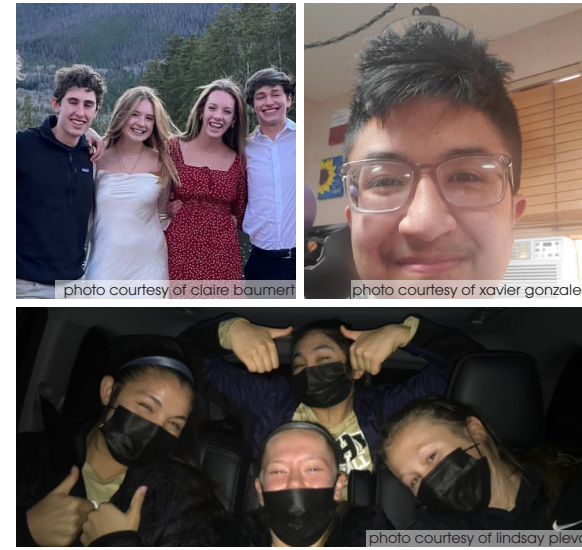


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## SOCIAL super bowl

### Students enjoy the big game at a distance

The Super Bowl usually means big get-togethers and celebrations. This year, the normal large gatherings for to watch the mid-February competitions couldn't be part of the plans.

For Claire Baumert (12), the virus meant that she watched with a smaller group of friends. "It was nothing big since covid and all, but it was super fun," she said.

Xavier Gonzales (11) found that food was a way to make things fun while enjoying the game with his family. "My dad, mom, sister, and I got out snacks," he said. "We got chips, soda, cookies, and even made pigs in a blanket."

Big parties weren't in the works for Lindsay Pleva (9) either. However, she still made it special with her family. "We made Super Bowl food like wings and pizza which was really good," she said.

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## GIVING back

### Students volunteer

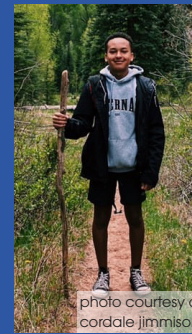


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"I volunteer at the Erie community food bank and help collect food cans. I realized giving back to the community was really important."  
— Cordale Jimmison (10)



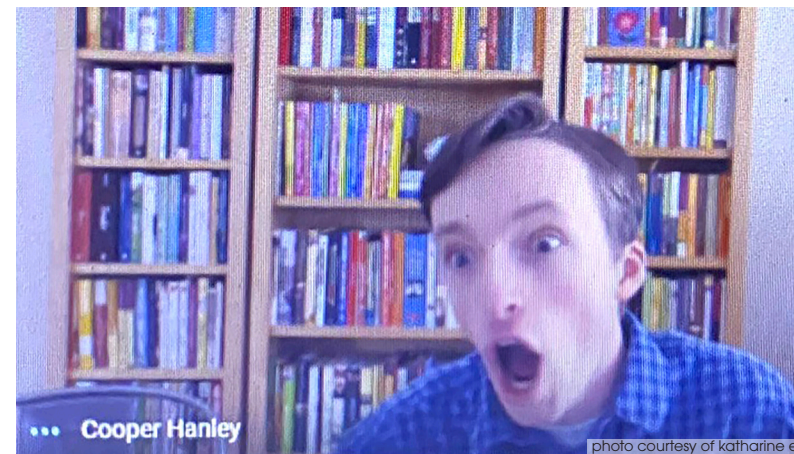
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"I joined Civil Air Patrol because my goal is to become a pilot in the military. Their military and aerospace aspects make for a good place to learn."  
— Jake Elverson (11)



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"I volunteer to teach engineering to elementary students over zoom. We do fun hands-on activities. For example, we build our own slingshots."  
— Kiera Zarske (9)



Cooper Hanley

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Lia Farrell

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## SCIENCE FAIR surprise

### SRS students win big at State

Lia Farrell (12) was not expecting to even qualify for the state Science Fair, let alone to win 2nd place in her category.

However, for Farrell and the members of Science Research Seminar, the science fair—one of the most highly anticipated days of the year—came with extra rewards.

Working alongside Kasia Hires (12) and Paige DiFronzo (12), Farrell created a tongue twister of a project. "We investigated the impact storm-driven ocean mixing has on the nutrients available to phytoplankton," she said.

The group's work paid off, as they won the state's 2nd place prize for environmental science.

Cooper Hanley's (12) project studying the effects of two compounds in marijuana won 1st place in Medicine and Health for the state and won Best in Show.

"When I heard that my research had been recognized as Best in Show, I was shocked and elated," Hanley said.

**FACES OF VICTORY** Cooper Hanley (12) and Lia Farrell (12) scream in shock at discovering that they finished in the top 2 at the state science fair competition on February 27.





## SCARY slip up

Junior relates country skiing accident

Lucas Martens (11) has been downhill skiing for 14 years, but this last year, he had a scary slip up during a competition.

"I was skiing one time and slipped out on the ice in the middle of an interval and just face planted hard and ran into my friends. He went down hard on me and ended up snapping my boot," Martens said

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## the light AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

DiCarlos light up their snow fort

As the snow falls just a couple of inches, the DiCarlo family heads out to the snow for their yearly tradition of making a family snow fort.

"First, we heave the snow into a pile to help reform the snow crystals more cohesively," social studies teacher Matt DiCarlo said. "After we pile the snow high, we have to wait at least a half hour to let the snow settle in. During the wait, we grab sleds and hot chocolate."

This year, once the snow was set and cold, DiCarlo began carving the doorway and the ceiling. But something still wasn't right.

"Kathy, my wife, saw me work late into the evening and said, 'Why don't we bring some LED lights out here so you can see what you're doing!' It became a nice little yard decoration and fun for my kids Sophie & Calvin," DiCarlo said.

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**BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN** Domenic DeCaro (11) tears up the hillside on his snowmobile at Hahn's Peak near Steamboat Springs on Jan. 30. He has been on snowmobiles since he was a toddler, but his time living in upstate New York and Kansas limited his action on the snow. Nonetheless, the sport has always been a large part of his family. "It's always all of our family and cousins," he said. "We had small snowmobiles for kids, and they didn't go very fast, but we would attach a sled to the back of it and play what we called "King of the sled," where the driver would try to get everyone off and everyone else riding would try to push each other off."



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# RIPPIN' UP powder

Domenic Decaro explores mountains on snowmobile

Snowmobiling since he was two years old, Domenic DeCaro considers himself a solid driver on snow and ice.

However, an experience with his family at the Grand Mesa trail head led to more trouble than he bargained for.

"As we got onto the non-existent trail we noticed the snow was really deep, so deep that some of the snowmobiles got stuck," he said. "For the first 2 hours, it was super fun, and we got to mess around in the powder a lot."

Then the family's Australian friend Jeb wanted to show off what he called an amazing view of Grand Junction from the very top of the mesa.

"It was super windy and -10 degrees," DeCaro said. "I left my gloves in my helmet, and when I tried to put them back on they were completely frozen. Both of my hands were numb, and that was the same with everyone else. We were ready to head down and call it a day."

Every 100 feet another snowmobile would get stuck, and they would have to stop to dig it out. In the end, they got four of the six snowmobiles they were using stuck in the powder on their way down. By the time they reached their car, it took them three hours. Definitely, the best trip to remember.



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## TOP THREE cameras

Best picks for pics

"For beginners, I would highly suggest using a camera from the Canon EOS Rebel series," — Luc Filion (12)

"If you are looking for a good action shot camera with fast continuous shooting the Nikon D6 is a good bet," — Luc Filion (12)

"If you are looking to shoot landscape photography and have great resolution the Fujifilm GFX 100 is a great camera," — Luc Filion (12)



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## CAPTURING the moment

Senior embraces photography

Quarantine left us all searching for hobbies, anything to stay entertained. For Luc Filion (12), it was photography. He got his first DSLR camera last summer and has been practicing his photography ever since.

"I am inspired by the ability to express myself and put meaning behind what may initially appear as any ordinary scene," Filion said. "The biggest plus to taking pictures in my eyes is the adventures that accompany it. With quarantine bringing the spirits of everyone down and making activities very difficult to come across, the excuse to take pictures is a great motivator."

## LITTLE THINGS about Mohi Pets

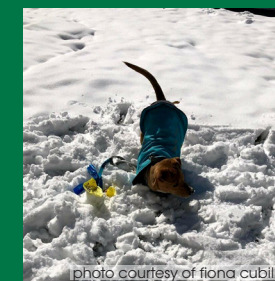


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"Juniper is a very playful puppy who loves to run laps in the snow!"

— Fiona Cubillas (12)

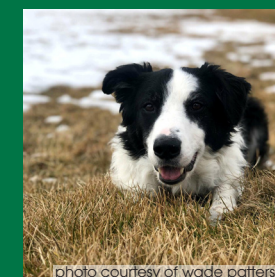


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"Jasper loves to play with his tennis ball in the snow, but he hates when he loses it."

— Wade Patterson (11)



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"Marley loves to jump around in the snow and blend in so we can't see her." — Braden Luther (11)

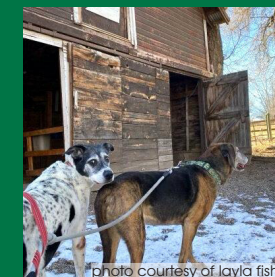


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"Daisy and Winner love to play in the snow and sometimes eat the snow." — Layla Fisher (9)