

### 1. ECSTATIC FOR THE TOUCHDOWN, *Will Parsons*

*11* takes off his helmet and cheers for the Lancers as he comes off the field. The Lancers scored a touchdown causing them to take the late lead.

photo by tazlynn prigge.

### 2. LATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER, *Jackson*

*Miller 11* charges the Palmer Terrors' defense from deep within the red zone, allowing prime scoring potential for the Lancers. photo by emily robertson

### 3. GETTING READY FOR THE SECOND HALF, Coach

Tyler discusses a new game plan. Palmer had scored their first touchdown during the second quarter, while Liberty had not scored. Liberty continued to score three more touchdowns during the second half of the game. photo by emily robertson.

## MVPS, STARS OF HOMECOMING

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Chris  
Hunter, 12



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

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Jacob  
Mitchell, 12



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE  
GAME

# W

William  
Heiser, 11



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME



## CLASS OF 1993 COMES HOME

30 years after their time at Liberty, the class of '93 was welcomed back to their home. It was truly a moment to bask in, because they came just in time for Liberty to win their homecoming game against Palmer.



### 7. After the touchdown to go up two scores, *Tavius Peters 11*

yells in excitement and revs up the crowd. The crowd responds with a roar of their own as life is breathed back into the game. photo by emily robertson.







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The final Super moon of 2023 was a key player in the atmosphere of the homecoming game, at 5% bigger and 13% brighter than the average full moon. This phenomenon happens at most 4 times a year.  
photo by emily robertson

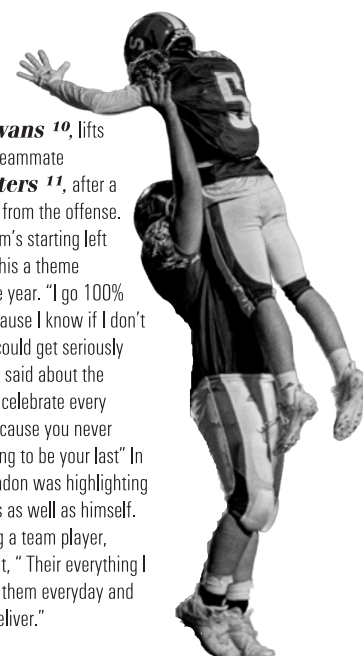
# under THE harvest SUPERMOON

A HOMECOMING WIN TO REMEMBER

Some homecoming games are special because of the rivalry, some are special because of the fireworks, and some are special because of the plays made. This game was special as it occurred underneath one of the biggest supermoon phenomena ever seen in Colorado. During this special homecoming, we saw our Lancers styled in alternate jerseys not worn since 2017. The seniors this year decided that this was a way to bring a new spark to the season that was needed in the middle stretch of the season. Special teams player of the game Jacob Mitchell noted that, "It was a great way to bring something exciting to the game," as well as mentioning that, "(we wanted to) wear a special

jersey for a special day." In the pep rally before the game, the Lancer Nation joined the team in the chant, "I believe that we will win" and that is what the Lancers did. Behind a 104 yard rushing performance by running back Chris Hunter and a 5 touchdown game from quarterback Elijah Rupejko, the Lancers outlasted the high flying Palmer offense. Players reflected upon the homecoming win underneath the mystical moon. "Oh it was beautiful", said Alex Sledge [11] who was there that night to witness the super moon shining above the Lancer Nation. This phenomenon happens at most 4 times a year. It was extra special to the Lancers that night to celebrate a homecoming to remember.

**Landon Evans** <sup>10</sup>, lifts up his fellow teammate **Tavius Peters** <sup>11</sup>, after a big time score from the offense. Evans, the team's starting left tackle, made this a theme throughout the year. "I go 100% every play because I know if I don't do my job Eli could get seriously injured" Evans said about the celebration. "I celebrate every touchdown because you never know if its going to be your last" In doing this, Landon was highlighting his teammates as well as himself. As far as being a team player, Evans said that, " Their everything I have. I rely on them everyday and they always deliver."



RAISING EACH OTHER  
HIGH

STUDENT LIFE  
HOMECOMING GAME

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## SENIOR ROYALTY WITH THEIR LOVED ONES



**JAICE BUNCK**



**ALTON FLETCHER**



**JULIET NEWSOME**



**MADISON SPARKS**



**OLIVIA KIDWELL**



## IT'S A KING THING

*It was exciting because my peers and friends recognized*

*me for this unique honor*

*- Elijah Rupejko*

### 5. GETTING CROWNED

**Leana Montez** <sup>09</sup> Beams with excitement as this is her very first hoco royalty as a freshman. **Mrs. Koldewey** had been asked to escort Montez into the gym for the announcement. photo by josephine niskanen

### 6. RIDING IN ON MRS. COURTRIGHT'S BACK,

**Juliet Newsome** <sup>12</sup> smiles for her grand entrance. "We definitely did improvise with our entrance but we wanted to do something cool and fun, something unique," Newsome said. Newsome was amongst the many court members who entered in a creative way with their staff member escort. photo by audreana tavlara



**1. TO HIS SUPRISE, Elijah Rupejko** <sup>12</sup> Finds he is now crowned king for his senior homecoming. Court nominees **Greyden Scruggs** <sup>12</sup>, **Grady White** <sup>12</sup> and **Aiden Lee** <sup>12</sup> cheer as they realize their friend had won. photo by emily robertson

### 2. JOINED WITH HER ESCORTS, Alyssa Gardner

<sup>12</sup> beams with joy as she walks across the football field, announced as homecoming queen nominee. Gardner did not know that twelve minutes later, she would be crowned as queen. photo by tazlynn prigge

### 3. ROLLING WITH STYLE Jacie Bunck

<sup>12</sup> completes the ultimate entrance with **Mrs. Jaramillo**, who sported a baby yoda hat "She has always been a supporter of mine and we bond over basketball," Bunck said. photo by tazlynn prigge

### 4. ESCORTED INTO THE GYM, Brielle Adams

<sup>09</sup> is happy to be beside her favorite teacher, **Ms. Kim**. "I did choir with her in 8th grade and she is just the nicest person," Adams said. "She's been my favorite ever since." Kim and Adams both sported big smiles as they were the first to enter the gym for homecoming court. photo by audreana tavlara



"This is a bitter sweet moment as this is my last homecoming. This is for sure a life long memory that not everyone can say happened".

*- Alyssa Gardner* <sup>12</sup>  
**Homecoming Queen**



# KINGS AND QUEENS *of '23*



## HOCO ROYALTY STAND BEFORE THEIR PEERS

A crown for a king and queen did not come as expected. Alyssa Gardner, the Homecoming Queen, was next to a different king. Most expect a couple to win homecoming King and Queen together, but this year was a different story. At the time of Homecoming, Alton Fletcher and Gardner had been dating for a year.

"It doesn't really matter to me," Fletcher said. "I was was proud of her and happy for my girlfriend and thats all that matters."

Homecoming royalty nominees decided to get creative this year at the announcement pep rally on Sep. 29. Both underclassman and senior Homecoming court nominees made the efforts to have unique entrances, and block out how nervous they were in front of the whole school when they were announced. The entrances were filled with security in tutu's, quarterback throws, hover-boards, and more.

"I was one-hundred percent nervous," Hannah

Lynch, a junior on court, said. "I have never really been the kind of person to go out in front of a crowd, so this was a first time thing for me. It helped having Ms. DeRosier with me, as if I'm having a bad day I can always go to student services and talk to her. Before we walked out, I said to her 'I'm so nervous, what if people don't even know who I am because I'm not really popular, and she reminded me that I wouldn't have been voted for if people didn't know me, and she really helped me not worry. Once we entered, and everybody cheered, I didn't feel as nervous."

Liberty's Homecoming royalty isn't just a popularity contest, its about how many people know where you stand at this school. Being nominated for court comes with standing next to other lancers with all different achievements; having a variety of different people that make up our student body.



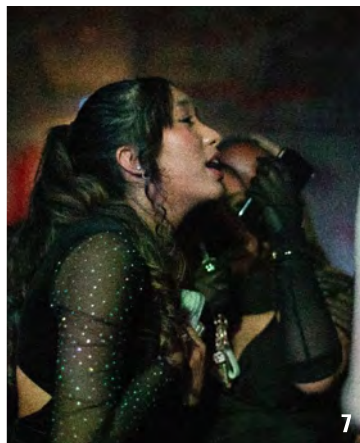
**7. SINGING HER HEART OUT,** Mikayla Fee <sup>11</sup> gets deep into the song while being surrounded by her classmates. photo by annika archuleta.

**8. WITH HER HANDS UP IN THE AIR,** Lauren Close <sup>11</sup>, dances to "fireball" by pitbull. "The disco dance floor at homecoming was my favorite," Close said. "It was fun to see a bunch of people enjoying expressing themselves and not caring about what other people think." photo by annika archuleta.



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**1. SHE'S GOT HER RED DRESS ON TONIGHT,** Rhianna Scott <sup>11</sup>, dances her heart out to "Hotel Room Service" by Pitbull." photo by annika archuleta..



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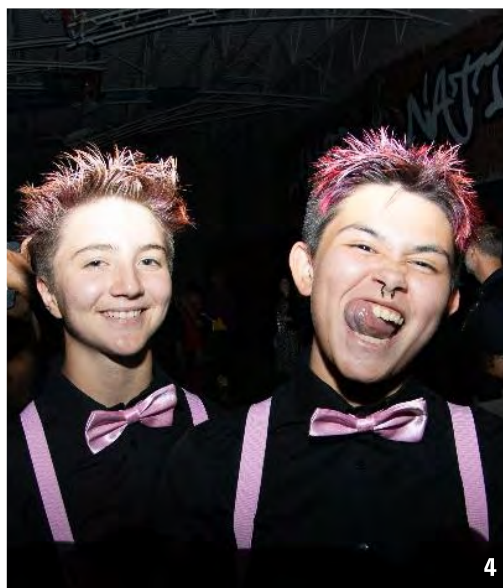
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**3. DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TOGETHER,** Aimee Winsor <sup>11</sup> and Benjamin Vitone <sup>11</sup> look into each other's eyes as the music slows down. photo by annika archuleta.

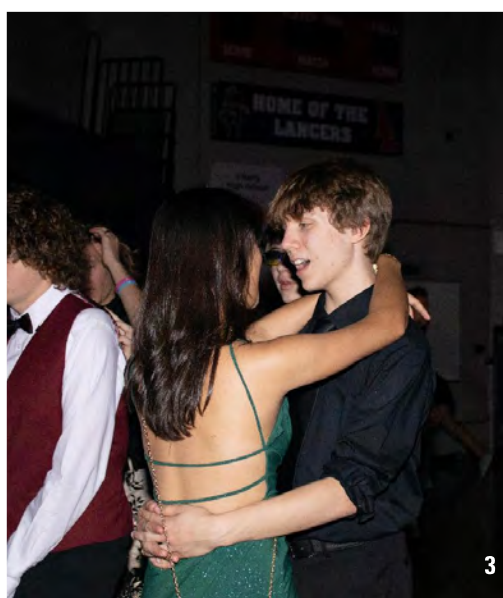
**4. IN A SILLY, GOOFY MOOD,** Zero Johnson <sup>11</sup> and Hermione Zeisler <sup>11</sup> came to the homecoming dance in matching outfits. As well as their matching pink hair, Johnson and Zeisler sported a black dress shirt, pink suspenders and a pink bowtie. photo by mia knox.

**5. STARING OFF INTO THE DISTANCE,** Andrea Hironymous <sup>12</sup> looks into the vast sea of her peers dancing. Wearing her black dress with a big red bow in front, Hironymous stood out like a main character. photo by annika archuleta.

**6. SHOWING OFF HER PEARLS,** Mazzine Enright <sup>11</sup> dances with her friends Mason Miller <sup>11</sup> and Brenna Wells <sup>12</sup>. "I really liked the theme this year," Enright said. "You could really create your own character- I based my outfit off of Marilyn Monroe's style. When I entered the dance, my friends were holding up their hands pretending to be paparazzi while I walked down the red carpet. I felt super powerful". photo by mia knox.



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**HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS**  
**Mon** - Before The Red Carpet (dress down)  
**Tues** - Decades  
**WED - BARBIE VS KEN**  
**Thurs** - Adam Sandler  
**Fri** - Spirit Out



Hannah Dodson '12



Claire Koch '10 and Calvin Yates '11



Ashlyn Rutnick '11 and Hunter Lindblad '12



Mrs. Cook's Pre-AP 1 English Class

# lights, CAMERAS, ACTION!

STUDENT COUNCIL DECIDES  
HOLLYWOOD FOR HOMECOMING



photo by ava dawes

his years homecoming theme was a night in Hollywood. It might be cliché for some, but it makes for a night to remember. Only high schoolers know what its like to have a day full of planning to be prepared to dance the night away with their friends. To get an inside perspective, we asked our junior student council representative **Jacob Rinard '11** to give us a run down on what his day looked like through the lens of a student council member. Most students' homecoming day begins a couple hours before the dance, while Rinard's day was full of activities from 5AM to 1AM.

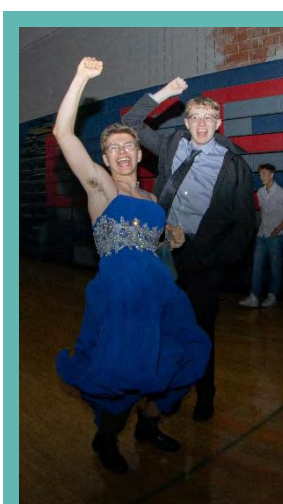
**5:00am:** woke up  
**5:20am:** got dressed  
**5:45am:** stopped at the Seven-Eleven by the school to get an energy drink  
**6:00am:** got to the school, set up for two to three hours  
**9:30am:** got home, got ready for baseball, headed to Cheyenne Mountain and played 2 games  
**12:00pm:** got home, took a shower and got dressed  
**3:00pm:** met up with friends at black forest park to shoot pictures for a hour  
**5:00pm:** went to Olive Garden and feasted on pasta platter (which he ate all by himself)

**6:00pm:** went to Target to get another energy drink (specifically an ocean water Redbull) and hungout at Target for a long time because he didn't want to be early to the dance. (nobody wants to be early to the dance)  
**7:30pm:** entered the red carpet  
**7:45pm:** danced  
**10:00pm:** stayed to the end to help clean up  
**11:00pm:** helped take down the DJ set  
**01:00am:** went to Lukes house and watched Paranormal Activity 4

**2. CALIFORNIA GIRLS, WE'RE UNFORGETTABLE,** and so was the night for **Tazlynn Prigge '10** and **Peyton Goreck '10** as they watched their boyfriends sing to "California Girls" by Katy Perry. photo by mia knox.



STEALING THE show



At Liberty's homecoming dance, one would expect guys to wear tuxes and suits, but that wasn't in mind for **Zachary Judd '12** because he showed up in a flowy blue dress decorated with sparkles. "I just thought it would be funny, that was the main thing," Judd said. "It started as just a joke, but it eventually evolved into just 'You know what, I'm just going to do it.' You would be surprised how much I got cat called, and how much of an ego boost it was."