

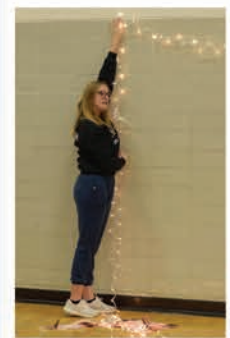
ALL THE DETAILS

Student council takes us through all the materials used on the morning of homecoming when setting up the gym



BALLOONS
"It took me three hours to fill up barely any balloons, but in that time the entire gym floor got covered with balloons", Mackenzie Tanner (12) said.

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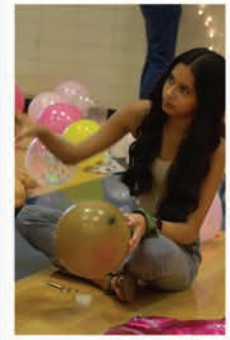
LIGHTS
"We mostly looked at different decorations we could buy that were on budget, and just really how we could make it fun for everybody. We thought about pros and cons that we had last year and just how to make it fun," Lela Dworak (10) said.

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Entrance



LETTERS
"We actually had designed homecoming before school even started and just told everyone a lot later. So, we knew what the theme was and how everything was going to go. We just needed to actually put it in place now," Maile Seifried (10) said.

Used for:
Signs
Entrance



BALLOONS
"We had to clean everything in the gym and then we stayed the night before till 11 to set up a little bit and get advanced. Then, we came in the morning at 8am and continued decorating, which took pretty long," Yesenia Chavarria Cardoza (9) said.

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WHAT DID YOU DO

Where did you go before the homecoming dance?

"I had all my girlfriends come over to my house to get ready, then we met up with the guys in our group and took pictures at Golden Ponds."

CLARA LINDER (11)

"We went to Canes because my friends and I thought it would be a good place to eat dinner."

KAYLA RAYA (9)

"I went to Wing Shack and the gas station with Jake Sullivan, Chucky Coyle, Lincoln Moore, and Dalin Gordy."

EVAN WEAVER (9)

"Our plans changed very fast minute when the weather was not so good, so we decided to go to Chick-fil-A which was really good."

ANA ZEQUEIRA (12)

"We actually just ate food at my friend's house. We had snacks here and there, but then I ended up having a burrito."

ERIK SIMONSON (10)

"Well, my first option was Rosalee's but it was a two hour wait, so we just decided to go to the Pumphouse."

RYAN CORNELL (11)



CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Football beats Greeley West in the Homecoming game, 49-13

1. IN THE DETAILS. Finding his feet, Parker Mills (12) looks to trip up the opposing running back. They have learned to pay close attention to the smaller things that make big differences in order to advance the game. "Our mindset went from having to make big plays into just having to convert on first downs. Instead of promising on the explosive plays we shifted our focus to getting on good streaks where we can just consistently put out yards," Mills said. **2. MAKE THE CHANGE.** Charging through the Spartan's defense in the red zone, Cole Gaddis (12) trusts Kobi Derksen (12) to stay in front of him while running a trap run play. The talent of the team this season allowed for them to utilize all members offensively, especially in the run game. "Your team changes every year, so when you lose guys you really need to figure out what people to shape your identity around," Gaddis said. "I think we learned at the beginning of the season that we needed to find ways to have success in both the passing and running game and sometimes that means you're doing one better than the other in the given week. It really all comes down to adjustments and doing what you need to do each individual game to have success." **3. STIFF ARM.** Joey Foot (10) advances through the goal line for the first score of the second half. Focused practices and creating a solid game plan allows for the players to make sudden adjustments in the moment. "I saw someone trying to tackle me, so I stuck my hand out to push his head out of my way so that I could score," Foot said. **4. SET IT UP.** Kolby Holmes (11) takes the snap in the red zone to begin the third quarter. Greeley West scored on the opening offensive drive of the game, which required the team to band together in order to continue to move up the field and prevent their opponent from scoring. "Coach always says we have to respect our opponents. Even though they were an easier team, we had to make sure to play well and have a clean game," Holmes said. photos by Anna Flynn



The beginning of the year posed the team with a learning curve that they had to work hard to overcome. They recognized that they needed to improve upon their weaknesses and focus on doing fewer things better. "I feel like after the beginning of our season we were really hungry and we didn't give up. I think that was the most important part, we realized our mistakes and we decided to fix them," Andres Munoz-Guillen (12) said. Despite an 0-3 start to the season, the team seemed to have found their feet as they went into their homecoming game on a two game win streak. Typically, homecoming opponents are chosen because they're a weaker team, but that shouldn't sway the team's mindset. "You can't think that you're going to win it and that they're an easy team. The reason a lot of teams lose is because they overlook their opponents," Hunter Knight (12) said. Thanks to 400 yards of total offense and seven touchdowns, the team ended up winning the game 49-13. They never let up, kept marching down the field, and were constantly picking on the opposing defense. The game was truly representative of their

MTC motto. Every season, Coach Doug Johnson creates an acronym that's used as a point of emphasis for the team. This year's was MTC, or More Than Conquerors. It's created with the intention that it will be lived out by players on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. "I think it really just gives props to you as a person and not just as a player," Isaiah Prospero (12) said. "We had to get back to work and realize that we needed to go the extra mile, that we have to be more than conquerors. The coaches really care about us as people as well, so building up good character when leaving this program along with being a good player is a huge priority." As the team wraps up the season, they are able to use their new opportunities week by week. Competing against different opponents along with people on our team returning helps them to hit their stride. "We went into an easier stretch of our season, we were just more locked in during practice and a lot of our injured players were able to come back, so we were at full strength over those next three games," Levi Scheck (12) said.

COUNTDOWN TO THE HITS



"SHAKE IT OFF"

1. UP CLOSE. "It was really nice being in the front because I'm close to drum majors so it's very easy to keep time. It's also really fun to be able to see peoples facial expressions while they're cheering," **Romeo Moran (9)** said. **2. LEARNIN' THE MOVES.** "It was really complicated learning the show at first because I didn't know where I was on the field, but with the help of the upperclassmen I was able to figure it out pretty easily after that," **Zy Rudland Colmenares (9)** said.

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This year's marching band show, conducted by drum majors **Jake Sawaguchi (11)** and **Erik Yoho (12)**, was titled "Top 5." The show was a countdown of recent hits, which included songs from popular artists such as Taylor Swift and Lil Nas X. "It was a really powerful experience because when you're playing in the band you get to be a part of the upwards of a hundred people who are making the music but then as a drum major you're almost like the first audience member," Sawaguchi said.



"MONTERO"

7. NUMBER ONE! "I liked "Montero" a lot, but it was challenging because we had a shorter time to learn and practice it compared to the other songs," **Noah Holt (11)** said. The music and the marching elements were different for the number one songs. "In our show we made different numbers. We also counted down, from 5, during the last song," **Matthew Dickhans (10)** said.

LET'S GO MARCH

What is your favorite part of this years marching band show and why?

"Being able to play all the really popular, well known songs because it was nice to play some big parts"

ALIX STANGER (10)

"I liked Montero because it was really fun to play"

GABRIEL THORSON (9)

"The dance in Fancy Like because its always fun to act ridiculous with other band members in front of such a large crowd"

THEODORE SHYKULA (11)

"Getting to have a solo in "Hello" because I was the only one playing the part"

MILES KING (12)

"The dance during "Fancy Like" because the energy and the vibes we got from it was incredible"

ANNALISE VON HATTEN (10)



"AS IT WAS"

3. NEW ARRANGEMENT. "It was a bit difficult learning a song not originally made for band because when a popular song changes into an arrangement for band, the rhythms change from what you know it sounds like in the original, so you have to make sure you're playing the part written and not what the part in the original song," **Kate Thiltgen (12)** said. **4. STAY FOCUSED.** "Overall it's pretty easy to just concentrate on my own thing within my section and we don't have to worry about everyone else because they're already doing their part," **Blake Lawson (12)** said.

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"HELLO"



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5. FLYING ACROSS. "The goal was to kinda look like angels. So that's why we lifted our arms up to have them look like wings and ran across the field to make it look like we were flying," **Sophie Schwartz (9)** said. **6. FINISH STRONG.** "When we started working on the show and doing drills for it, I knew this was going to be an amazing show and I'm really happy with how we finished the season and I'm really sad it's over," **Emma Hunyadi (12)** said.

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"FANCY LIKE"

8. GETTIN' FANCY. "We had to go through an audition process seeing if we could remember the "Fancy Like" dance and get the steps right. We then had to go in after school for about 30 minutes, to run the dance and fix any mistakes," **Emma Payne (11)** said. **9. BIGGER AND BETTER.** "We had a much bigger band than last year, so we were able to do much more complex songs and add a lot more depth into our songs," **Henry Staats (12)** said.

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PITCHIN' A COMEBACK

Softball gets a 13-10 win over Northridge on senior night by rallying in the 6th inning to score 11 runs

During their final home game of the season, their senior night, the softball team found themselves down 2-10 going into the bottom of the 6th inning. Still in the hunt for a playoff spot, the girls were in need of a change. "We were all thinking the same thing about how we need to win this game for the seniors because it's their night and not ours, and we should help them and not just think badly about how the game was going," **Alex McGregor (9)** said.

It wasn't just the girls hyping up one another, though. Their coach, Mr. Adam Hoffman, did anything possible to push them through their slump and try to win the game. "He has been really pushing us to change that attitude because he sees our abilities and he sees that it's all about attitude, so I think that that attitude shift throughout the season and this last game was kind of like a final hour of what and who we are," **Kella Weihe (12)** said. Then, the girls rallied. After scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the 6th, **Kaitlyn Murphey (11)** made a

game-ending double play. The comeback was completed. "We were up by a little bit and then there was a line drive going to go into the ground and she caught it and flicked it up to second giving us the two outs we needed," **Sofia McMurry (9)** said. "That's when everyone ran onto the field because we knew we just won."

All of the team agreed that senior night would not end in a loss, so it wasn't the seniors last game. "We had a chance of coming back so we kept it up and I think that helped a lot," **Avery Wolfsberger (11)** said.

The biggest turning point in the game was in the 6th and last point winning inning. "For some reason it's always the last inning that everyone's energy always shift and since we were the home team we got to bat last so that was when we all got our bats in game and we all started hitting better and that's when we started getting into the mindset that we could win this," **McKenna Wallace (9)** said.

GO DENIM or go home

Seniors show their spirit by creating custom jeans and overalls to wear to games

"I loved seeing the senior's jeans the previous years and was excited to do them. I've been looking forward to this, being a senior finally after watching all the girls before."

AMY TURTON (12)

"For me, it means that you're ready to, live on those experiences for one last time, and it's just something to show that you've showed spirit throughout the years."

VIANCA RAZO-SALDANA (12)



WE'RE ALL IN

Freshmen in P-Tech explore the world of business with their mentors



"P-Tech is a really fun class, the teachers are fun too. That's not something you get in a lot of classes."
DAVID CORNELIO-CHAVEZ (9)



"I joined P-Tech because I want to graduate with my associates degree and I also want to get into more business things throughout Longmont."
MAYA BALLENTINE (9)



"P-Tech is like extra classes, but it also gives me an opportunity to be ahead of everybody else."
RENEE THORNHILL (9)



"This class has positively affected me a lot. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a study hall for 45 minutes in the class, which is super nice."
WYATT BOGUE (9)



"My mentor, I'm hoping to hear her experience in business so I can take some of that advice and use it for myself."
XIMENA MURILLO GARCIA (9)

YOU'LL GET SPIRIT

What has been your favorite home football student section?

"The pink out, I liked that one because everybody in the student section showed out and had really good energy and it was a really good game."
JAKOBE CORONADO-SMITH (9)

"Probably the beach out on the homecoming game, it was a fun game and the spirit was very high."
ZAYA POHL (10)

"The white out this year, just because I made some fun memories. I wore all white, white sweats and a white hoodie."
ETHAN BURKE (11)

"The white out against Skyline for sure. There was just so much energy. And, you know, it's a rival game, so there's always going to be energy."
ANDRES MUNOZ-GUILLEN (12)



1. READY TO STRIKE. Caitlyn Rangel (12) pitches a screwball to Northridge. Going up against a team ranked 10 spots above them was an intimidating game, but that wasn't going to stop the team. "It was the 6th inning and we were down by 8. If we didn't score a run that inning the game was over and we wouldn't even play another inning, so when we came into the dugout we had a little talk with the team and we told them if we don't score at least one run then the game would be over and that fired everyone up to come back," Rangel said. *photo by Isaac Flynn* **2. QUICK CATCH.** Ruby-Mae Anderson (12) catches the ball from 1st base and throws the runner out at 2nd. As the catcher for the team, Anderson led them through plays and kept her attention on the field at all times. "Motivate everyone, make sure they don't fall down and if they do, call time and go to the circle and motivate them and have like a talk with them," Anderson said. *photo by Kaitlyn Wood* **3. DON'T BE SHY.** Shyanne Pohl (12) starts her windup, about to hit. The team was down 2-10 in the 6th inning, but kept the energy high in the dugout by cheering their

teammates on, which allowed them to secure the 13-10 win. "A key role that helped us win this game was team chemistry and trusting one another and picking each other up," Pohl said. *photo by Kaitlyn Wood* **4. OVER THE SHOULDER.** Kaitlyn Murphey (11) throws her teammate over her shoulder. Murphey, along with other juniors, enjoyed finding ways to maintain positivity throughout the course of their games. "That's just us keeping our energy up and having fun and creating a little tradition for us going onto the field," Murphey said. *photo by Isaac Flynn* **5. SLIDIN AROUND.** Ava Heinbuch (9) comes into 2nd base with a close play call. Ava and her teammates wanted to have fun and keep high energy throughout this game. "It was our senior night and we were just celebrating everyone, so our spirits were high the whole game" Heinbuch said. *photo by Isaac Flynn*