

# HAPPENINGS

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## Girl Scout cookies make annual return

Tabitha Engel - 12

Girl Scout cookies are a beloved tradition in America. Every winter Girl Scouts wait outside supermarkets and shopping centers and ask people to buy cookies. This sale officially starts on January 6 and typically lasts until April, although times may vary from troop to troop. This fundraiser is without a doubt the one that creates the most profit for the organization, in fact since the year 1999 the Girl Scout have made \$700 million on cookie sales.

The type of cookies for sale vary by region although there are a few staple kinds. The two bakeries that are used are ABC Bakers and Little Brownie Bakers. The names of the Girl Scout cookies depend on which bakery the troop uses. For example their chocolate peanut butter cookies are called Peanut Butter Patties if ABC is used, but Tagalongs if Little Brownie Bakers are used. The most popular Girl Scout cookies overall are Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, and Peanut Butter Patties. Other businesses also profit off of Girl Scout cookies. Dunkin Donuts has released Girl Scout Cookie flavored coffee, featuring flavors such as Thin Mints and Coconut Caramel. Ice cream producers, such as Breyers, make ice cream that is infused with Girl Scout Cookies.

Girl Scout cookies have been a tradition in the United States for years. It is a tradition that everyone enjoys and the profits go towards a good cause.

For more information on Girl Scout cookies visit: [http://www.nbcnews.com/id/42270952/ns/business-small\\_business/t/how-girl-scouts-built-their-million-cookie-empire/#.Xih-PQchKhPY](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/42270952/ns/business-small_business/t/how-girl-scouts-built-their-million-cookie-empire/#.Xih-PQchKhPY).

## Club Spotlight: German and Delta Epsilon Phi

Abigail Behm - 12

German Club and extension Delta Epsilon Phi take the spotlight as one of the largest clubs at HAHS. German Club's members regularly fill a classroom during meetings and are proud to claim a host of activities regarding learning the German language and experiencing German culture. Additionally, many of the members are freshmen and sophomores interested in German and/or are taking Hamburg's German courses. Secretary Quinn Holl states that it is "good that underclassmen are dedicated to learning German," and are keeping the club alive and thriving.

Each May Day, German Club sets up shop with a rootbeer-float stand, providing students with a cool, delicious drink and ice-cream combination while raising club funds. German Club also annually sells Advent Calendars straight from Germany before the Christmas break. This little piece of Germany gives owners the opportunity to have one piece of moulded German chocolate per day leading up to Christmas during the month of December. In fact, Aiden Rhoades laments that "[German Club] should have another chocolate sale" closer to the Easter Break.

The Club is intensely active, always coming up with new and inventive ways in which to experience the German culture and better understand the German language. Activities such as Meet A German, held in October, and field trips to miniature Liederkrantz's in November provide members with a plethora of means by which they can expand their immersion in an exciting culture. Meet a German included a Skype call with German Anna Ledermann, where students were able to ask questions and learn about German holidays.

Holl states that by far, one of the most special parts of German Club and extension Delta Epsilon Phi is the GAPP exchange. "The immersion in culture" and being "part of the [German] culture" which the GAPP program provides is immeasurably beneficial, Holl attests. For only \$1500, German students can participate in an exchange of roughly ten to 14 days in which a student from Germany will stay with them, and in turn they will be able to stay in Germany. In this total-immersion exchange, students will be able to experience German culture firsthand with a safe host family and secure place to stay. It is also a great way to make international connections!

Delta Epsilon Phi is the induction-only extension of the German Club. Three years of German are required to enter the national organization and a tassel is received for graduation. Delta Epsilon Phi works to spread awareness of German and completes service hours to further the influence of the club and give back to the community. Delta Epsilon Phi also awards students the opportunity for scholarships of up to \$100. "It is good for students if they intend to pursue German in college," Holl adds. "[Delta Epsilon Phi] is impressive to colleges because it is basically a national honors society for German and shows a dedication to the language."

The most important thing about German Club, Holl states, is that "we are all there for the same reason: a desire to learn the language." While there are numerous activities, a multitude of opportunities, benefits and games which come along with the club, the most central pillar of German Club is the love of German. This provides a solid foundation not only for an educational, international club, but also a family. German Club is proud to accept new members interested in the language, the culture, and finding a family in an international community of peers passionate about the same subject.



## Student Spotlight: Abigail Behm

Quinn Holl - 12

Senior, Abigail Behm, is both a dedicated and highly involved student at Hamburg Area High School.

Behm is an active member of Mu-Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and she is president of German Club. However, most importantly, Behm is president of Hamburg's Hawk History Seminars, where students are provided the opportunity to learn information that is not normally covered in most history classes offered at Hamburg. Behm's position as president is certainly a unique one, as she is the first student, ever, to hold such a position. Her job primarily consists of brainstorming topics and setting up guest speakers. Additionally, in the near future, Behm will be leading her own seminar, where she will enlighten students about the top four national intelligence agencies -- CIA, MI6, Mossad, and SVR RF.

Behm, who attended nearly every seminar last year, is truly grateful for Mr. Kline's brilliant idea to hold seminars almost every week.

"His [Mr. Kline] passion is contagious. He wanted to make use of an 8th period to get together kids who just want to learn... It's amazing to see so many kids using what could be their free time to learn something new."

Aside from Behm's prominent role in the Hawk History Seminars, she has also been stage manager for Hamburg's theater productions for the last two years. Behm's duty is



ropes, meaning she is the individual dropping backdrops for scenes; however, Behm also makes lists, organizes scenes, and works with the director to determine where props are placed.

"I love backstage, and I love the logistics of making things fit together... Nothing beats the thrill of having a show that you've worked on for months go off perfect... I like to think of stage crew as the roots of the tree. The actors are the branches."

However, Behm will be adopting her first theater role in this year's spring play, Romey O'Del and Julietta May, where she will be playing Celsterine Coymack, a crabby, stubborn grandmother of the Coymack family with a patron for Moonshine. Behm, who was a dancer for nine years, primarily in ballet, decided to audition for the role because it is her senior year, meaning it was her last opportunity to try something new.

"I have stage experience as a ballerina, but I haven't been on stage for years. My dad said -- "Try it. Get some experience on the other side of the curtain" -- So I tried it, because I don't want to live with any regrets, ever."

Nevertheless, aside from Behm's love of theater, her future aspirations rest in becoming a foreign ambassador. She plans on attending Ursinus or Dickinson College in the fall, where she will double major in German and Pre-law. Behm has her eye on Ursinus, specifically, due to the appeal of the campus, the connections as well as the intercultural experience. Following law school, Behm plans to start off at the NSA, where she would like to transfer to state department to become a foreign ambassador. During her years of schooling, Behm would like to learn Russian, Chinese, and Arabic to become a translator for multiple nations.

When Behm is allotted free time, she enjoys singing, swimming, reading, playing the piano, hunting, swing dancing, and hand-and-hand combat. Behm takes self-defense courses in Reading with a former police officer who worked with her dad.

"He's very good at what he does, but a lot of it is just running through the motions. It's a lot of muscle memory."

To cap off a brief summary of Behm's life, her dad, a police officer for Lucerne Township, is her role model.

"My dad has, by example, instilled this sense of right and wrong with the help of my own moral compass. He showed me that there are ways you can make a difference and help someone. And if you can help someone, you should, every single time. He works crazy hours and has to deal with, sometimes, horrible people in the name of keeping people safe and putting food on the table for his family. That's why I want to join the NSA. As an ambassador, I can bridge the gap between human beings because I want to help as many people as I can, just like my dad helps as many people as he can."

## Conan Gray announces Kid Krow

Grant Doklan - 11

While headlining the Comfort Crowd Tour, Conan Gray began playing a song unfamiliar to fans, calling it The Story. During the intro for the song, Conan confirmed that it would appear on his upcoming debut album, which at the time had no release date or title.

On Saturday, January 4, Conan made an Instagram post featuring black feathers captioned, "My debut album is coming." This was followed by a hangman style hint, which filled in new letters for each day of the week. Some fans guessed it early, but on Friday, January 10, the album title was confirmed to be Kid Krow and is set to release on March 20.

Following the reveal of the album title, Conan announced that he would be releasing the studio version of The Story the same day. The song amassed over 1 million streams in 24 hours and the lyric video boasts 420 thousand YouTube views. The Story is the last track on Conan's highly anticipated, 12-track album. Previous singles Checkmate, Comfort Crowd and Maniac will also appear on the record.

Andrew Lenz is a casual Conan Gray fan, preferring his acoustic sounding tracks. Andrew loves The Story, preferring its narrative elements over other Conan Gray songs. Andrew says, "This might be my new favorite Conan song."

To watch The Story lyric video, click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3nAG-Z7dydo>



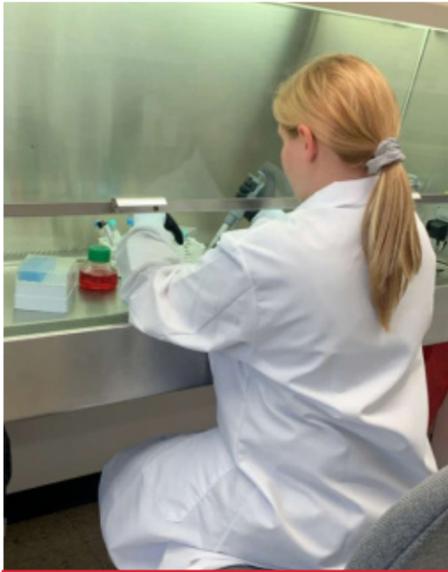
# Alumni Spotlight: Brittney Atkins

Lauren Atkins - 9

Currently pursuing her third year at Mansfield University, Brittney Atkins is on her way to accomplish a degree in cell molecular biology. Atkins was apart of the graduating class of 2017, and ever since graduation, she has been extremely ambitious to achieve her goals.

In her junior year, she visited the Mansfield campus for the first time and instantly fell in love with it. She was initially drawn to the well known science program at MU and the smallness of the school. "I wanted to go to a smaller school compared to a larger one. Also, since MU is a state school, the tuition is not outrageous. I absolutely love the area surrounding Mansfield. There are lots of nature activities around here like hiking. Once I visited MU I knew that I wanted to go here based on the welcoming environment," says Brittney.

Ever since she was a little girl, Atkins has had a desirable passion for science. This really began picking up once she was in high school. "Once I was able to take AP Biology, it just heightened my passion for biology even more. With the support and encouragement from my biology teacher, Mrs. Farina, I was able to decide that this is what I wanted to pursue."



The summer entering her senior year of high school, she also had the opportunity to study at Rutgers University paid by Hamburg Area High School. This pushed her deeper into the depths of biology.

Now with her sixth semester beginning, Brittney is looking into prosperous internships that will help to boost her career. She, her family, and peers are all extremely proud of her successes.

Being a graduate, she offers some advice to anyone who will graduate in their life. "You do not have to go to college to be successful after graduating. However, if you do plan on going to college, do not limit yourself. Keep an open mind and visit as many colleges as you want. Do not be afraid to go somewhere brand new. Just do what will be best for you and your future. It will all be worth it in the long run."



# Spies in Disguise gives a new perspective in the spy world

Alexandra Kline - 12

Spies in Disguise is a fun filled family film directed by Troy Quane and Nick Bruno released over Christmas. Walter Beckett, voiced by Tom Holland, a scientist in a spy organization, creates safe and pacifist inventions for spies to use. A kitty glitter bomb can do a lot more than just look pretty and cute. Lance Sterling, voiced by Will Smith, is the number one spy in the world working in the same organization as Walter. Together, they can save the world while saving the people responsible because no one has to die.

Lance gets framed for murder as well as stealing a killer drone that can be extremely dangerous in the wrong hands. He goes to Walter for help, remembering Walter had created something that could make him "disappear." Little does Lance know that "disappear" means turning into a pigeon with no known way to turn back. Walter has to help Lance clear his name and save the world from the killer drones with a crew of pigeons and gluten-free bread crumbs.

Will Lance finally admit that pacifism is a better way to being a spy? Will Walter be able to help Lance turn back into a man? Who is the cyborg and why does he hate Lance Sterling? Does Lovie really love Walter?

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# Jumanji: The Next Level brings in \$610.2 million dollars at box office

Lauren Shebby - 12

Columbia Pictures brings a second installation of the new Jumanji franchise with the return of each of the original characters and new challenge. The movie was released to theaters on December 13, 2019 during the holiday season. Directed by Jake Kasdan, the sequel also introduces multiple new characters. Danny DeVito plays Eddie, Spencer's grandfather, and Danny Glover plays Eddie's old working partner who visits to seek forgiveness from Eddie. In the movie, the two elderly men are accidentally inserted into the game, causing a whole new array of issues that unlock a new and refreshing source of comedy for the movie.

Spencer, played by Alex Wolff, decides to rebuild the broken video game in order to return to the virtual reality in order to once again become Dr. Smolder Bravestone, his favorite character in the game. Once Spencer's friends realize that he has entered the game alone, they all agree to face the game once more and rescue him, but only two of his friends make it in while the broken game also harbors Eddie and Eddie's old coworker. Bethany, played by Madison Iseman, is the only one left out of the game, so she recruits an old friend of theirs for help. The group ultimately must complete the new level of Jumanji in order to return back to reality safely.



The original Jumanji movie featured the late Robin Williams and was produced in 1995. This film was more focused on the book that was published in 1981, also called Jumanji, written by American author Chris Van Allsburg. The book and original movie were about a board game called Jumanji where all elements of the game occur in real life and the game must be completed in order to get rid of all the terrors. The new Jumanji movie series began in 2017 with a twist, making a video game the theme of the movie instead of a board game. The movie is set to be available for DVD purchase in March 2020.



# Where the Crawdads Sing - book review

Paiton Albrecht - 12

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens has topped the The New York Times Fiction Best Sellers of 2019 for 27 non-consecutive weeks. This impressive statistic shows truly how great of a story Owens takes the reader through.

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Where the Crawdads Sing follows a young, independent girl named Kya on her journey through life. The book is broken up into two timelines following her growth. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina after her mother leaves. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina.

This book gained popularity when Reese Witherspoon added it to her Hello Sunshine Book Club in September 2018. By December 2019, the book has sold over 4.5 million copies, and it has sold more print copies in 2019 than any other adult title, fiction or non-fiction. It was also No. 1 for 2019 on Amazon.com's list of Most Sold Books in fiction. Owens bestseller is comparable to Tara Westover's book Educated. Both stories follow two female dominate overcoming their past for a better future. Both books have conspiracies over if the authors actually lived these events, which have boosted the books popularity even more.

Delia Owens is from Georgia and vacationed in the marshes of North Carolina as a child, hence where the setting over the book was cultivated. She went on to pursue science and animal behavioral studies, a lot like Kya, Owens felt a connection to nature. Owens and her ex husband moved their lives to Africa to protect and study animals. While there they wrote 3 books about Africa and were part of a murder conspiracy of a poacher. The conspiracies about Where the Crawdads Sing come from coincidental parallels from Owens past and Kya's story.

Follow the adventures of a young girl who has dealt with the loss of a mother and the effects of addiction and love. This inspiring, love and mystery novel will keep readers on the edge of their seats, never knowing what will come next.

Who really killed Chase Andrews? Will Kya be defined by her troubled family? Will she ever find true love? Figure this all out and more in Where the Crawdads Sing.

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