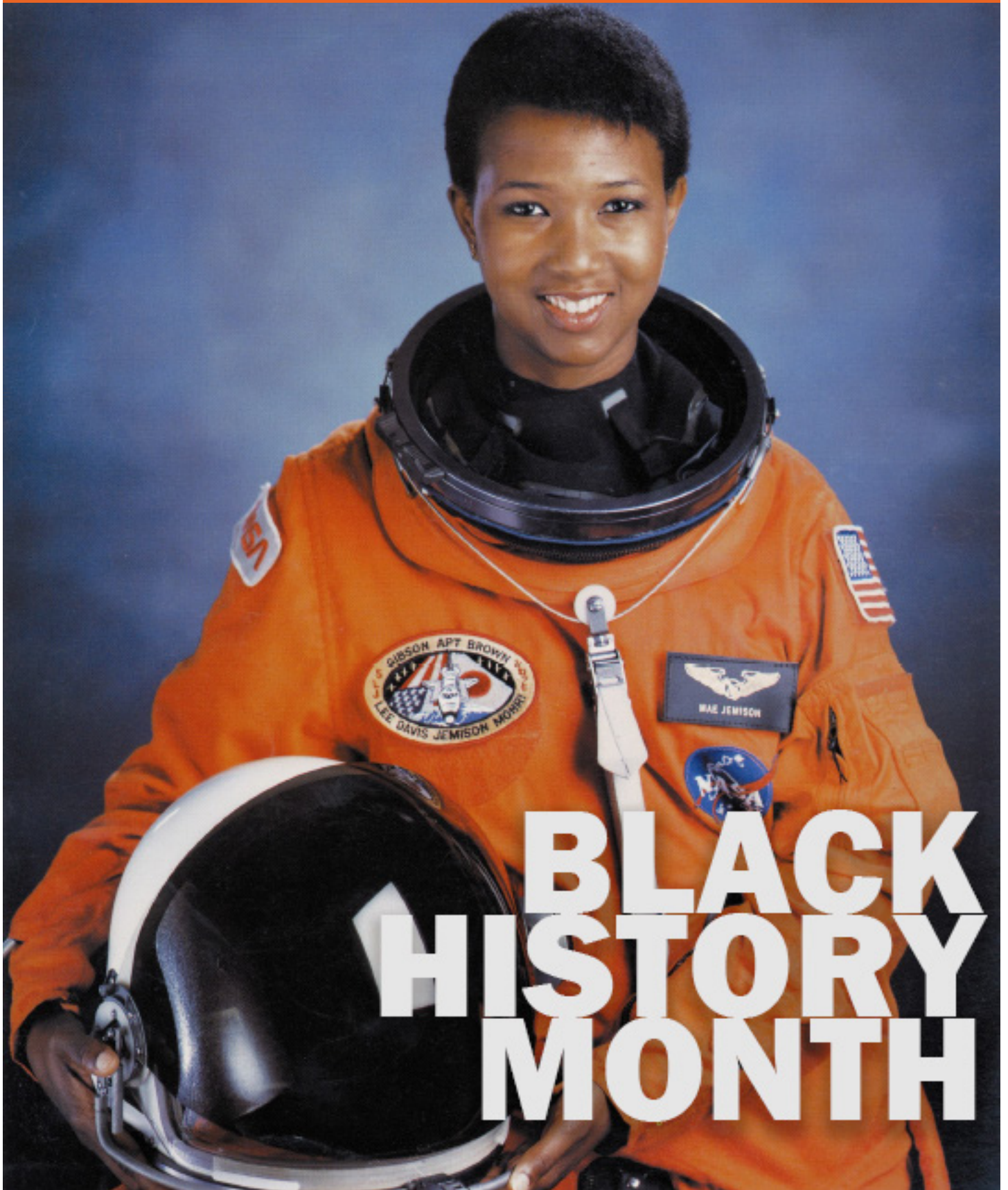


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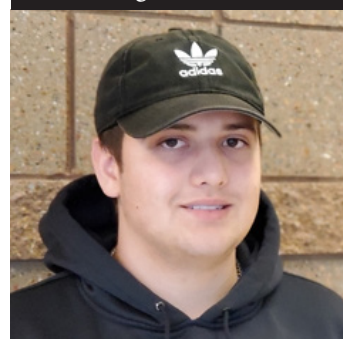
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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



By Keona Munowenyu

According to History, Black History Month was created in 1926 by “Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher” who originally meant black history month to be a week. Black history month was chosen to begin in February because (as stated by USA Today) this was the month that “coincide with the

birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a famed abolitionist who escaped from slavery, and President Abraham Lincoln, who formally abolished slavery.”

Kay Boatner from History explains that the month-long recognition of black history was created in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavour throughout

our history.”

So, in honour of the accomplishments of black people in this country, Sheyenne Mustang Media has composed a list of people of color who have paved the way and deserve to be recognized this month for their perseverance and excellence.

Literary and Film

James Baldwin



Biography states it best that James Baldwin is “One of the 20th century's greatest writers” and “broke new literary ground with the exploration of racial and social issues in his many works.”

Britannica writes that Baldwin was an “American essayist, novelist, and playwright whose eloquence and passion on the subject of race in America made him an important voice, particularly in the late 1950s and early 1960s, in the United States and, later, through much of western Europe.”

Making history and paving way for important conversions to be held, according to Britannica, “his second novel, Giovanni's Room (1956), deals with the white world and concerns an American in Paris torn between his love for a man and his love for a woman.” Highlighting the importance of such a novel, Biography states that the same novel “broke new ground for its complex depiction of homosexuality, a then-taboo subject.”

Similarly, *The Fire Next Time*, another one of Baldwin's works, was composed of “two previously published essays in letter form by James Baldwin” and in these essays Baldwin wrote “warned that, if white America did not change its attitudes and policies toward black Americans and alter the conditions under which blacks were forced to live, violence would result.” Biography writes that this statement from Baldwin was not unwarranted he had witnessed so much violence “especially the assassinations of Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. — caused by racial hatred.”



Ava DuVernay

Variety 500 writes that this incredible filmmaker “has built a brand with smart storytelling infused with contemporary issues and often a social justice lens.” According to the same Variety 500, “DuVernay's *ARRAY* banner (a collaboration between black

and female artists and filmmakers) produces a number of drama series through its pact with Warner Bros. TV, including OWN dramas “Queen Sugar” and “Cherish the Day.”

Kerri Alexander from Women's History finds that despite not picking “up a camera until she was thirty-two, Ava DuVernay has made history as a writer, director, and producer.” This article from Women's History continues to write that Ava DuVernay “was the first African American woman to win Best Director at the Sundance Film Festival, be nominated for a Best Director Golden Globe, direct a film nominated for a Best Picture Oscar, and direct a film with a budget over \$100 million.”

Her project When They See Us, according to this article, “was nominated for 16 Emmy awards, making her and Beyoncé the first African American women in Primetime Emmy history to receive multiple nominations in their careers for directing.” DuVernay is nothing but a visionary for the new age of film and TV.

Activist



Claudette Colvin

In 1955, the 15-year-old Claudette Colvin's attended a high school in Montgomery, Alabama, having just observed Negro History Week. She felt encouraged enough to act on her fundamental right to freedom.

According to Hadley Meares from History, “On March 2, 1955, when she boarded a bus in downtown Montgomery, she and three other Black students were told to give up their seats for a white woman.” Strengthened by the lessons Negro History Week taught, Colvin refused to get up. “My head was just too full of Black history,” she stated in an interview with NPR. “It felt like Sojourner Truth was on one side pushing me down, and Harriet Tubman was on the other side of me pushing me down. I couldn't get up.”

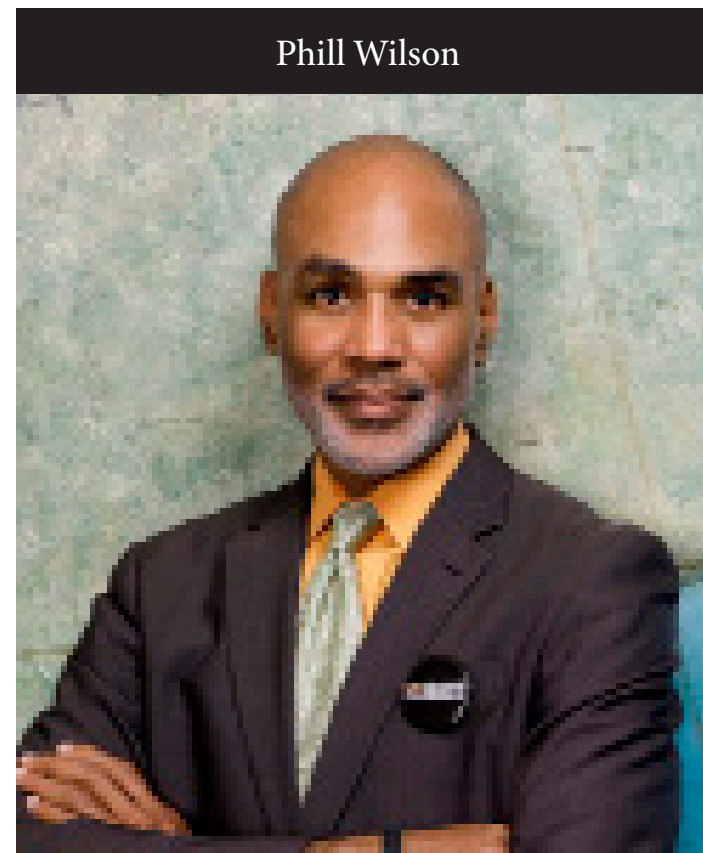
The article continues to state that Colvin was arrested and put on indefinite probation - despite this act of bravery taking place nine months before Rosa Park's similar act of bravery. The “NAACP chose to use [Rosa Park] as the public face of the Montgomery bus boycott, as they believed an unwed mother—Colvin became pregnant when she was 16—would not be the best face for the movement.”

Gwen Aviles and Ariel Jao from NBC News share that “longtime activist Phill Wilson has spent four decades fighting HIV/AIDS in Black communities.”

The article continues to write that, during the height of the HIV and Aids epidemic in the United States, Wilson's then-partner Chris Brownlie found out he had contracted HIV, a disease he would later die from. At the time, the American public ignorantly believed this was a disease that only affected white gay men.

Wilson commented that “black people were always disproportionately impacted, over-represented in disease, underrepresented in advocacy, under-represented in resources dedicated to fighting the disease.”

Founder of the Black AIDS Institute in 1999, Wilson has worked tirelessly since then to educate Black communities about AIDS and increase their access to necessary antiviral treatments necessary to combat this disease.



Phill Wilson



Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

According to Hadley Meares from History “The writings of The Rev. Dr. Anna Pauline ‘Pauli’ Murray were a cornerstone of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, the 1954 Supreme Court case that ended school segregation.”

This woman really did the most for her community, as a lawyer, Episcopal priest, civil rights activist and co-founder of the National Organization for Women. As a fighter for women rights, the article continues to state “In 1965, Murray and Mary O. Eastwood co-authored the essay ‘Jane Crow and the Law’ which argued that the Equal Protection Clause in the 14th Amendment should be applied to sex discrimination as well.”

Entertainment

Laverne Cox, best known for her role as Sophia Burset on Netflix's *Orange Is the New Black* has, according to Irina Gonzalez from *Oprah Daily*, "opened doors for LGBTQ folks not only in Hollywood but across the globe."

She became the first transgender person to ever be nominated for acting at the Primetime Emmys in 2014. Her reach in the media has been vastly expanding and making a major difference.

Similarly, she has the title of being the "first transgender person to appear in *Times Magazine* in a story titled, "The Transgender Tipping Point." That story revealed Cox's childhood how she came to realize how she might be transgender and what that realization meant for the rest of her life.

Laverne Cox



Cicely Tyson

This American Actor truly did pave a way for many black female actors to come. According to Erin Kaplan from *Politico*, she was first discovered by *Ebony Magazine* to become a model. Cicely Tyson didn't become an actor until 1951 when she took "roles on soap operas and films."

Her career that spanned 60 years included memorable roles such as Binta in *Roots*, a limited series that captured the narrative of many African slaves and their families, and the character Constantine Bates in *The Help*, a movie and book focusing on the perspective of black maids on white families.

Due to Cicely Tyson's enduring work, not only has she been awarded a Tony Award, Screen Actors Guild Award, and even a Primetime Emmy award for Actress of the Year, but also the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

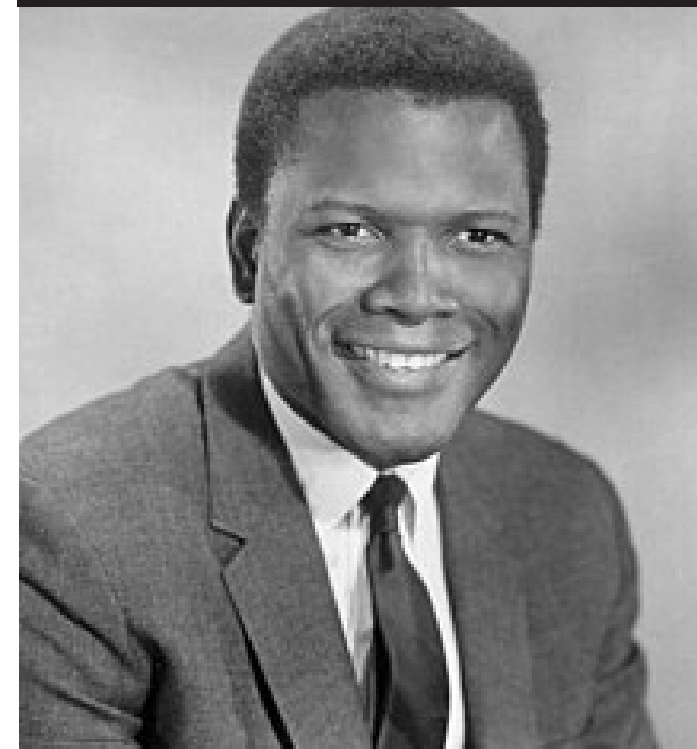
Science

This elegant man, according to Brandon Griggs from CNN, is "Hollywood's first Black movie star and the first Black man to win the best actor Oscar." His desire to play roles other than just the servant in the 1950s to 1960s gave way for people to realize black people could perform other roles as well such as doctors, teachers and detectives.

The pressure as a black Hollywood actor was immense. "It's been an enormous responsibility," Poitier told Oprah Winfrey in 2000. "And I accepted it, and I lived in a way that showed how I respected that responsibility. I had to. In order for others to come behind me, there were certain things I had to do."

He took this responsibility well and would not take characters he thought were one-dimensional stereotypes of black people. It's because of how he desired to be portrayed that black men and women today have greater opportunities in Hollywood and to see themselves represented accurately.

Sidney Poitier



Mae Carol Jemison

Mae Carol Jemison was the very first black woman to travel in space. Mae Carol Jemison is not only a NASA astronaut but she also claims the title of doctor and engineer as well.

Kerri Alexander from *Women's History* finds that when Jemison applied to the astronaut program at NASA in 1987, she was "one of the 15 people chosen out of over 2,000 applications." Alexander continues to provide information on how on September 12, 1992, Dr. Jemison and six other astronauts went into space on the space shuttle *Endeavor*. This voyage made Jemison the first Black woman in space and forever cemented for children of color to dream that they too could work with NASA and even reach the final frontier, just like Jemison.

For her many accomplishments, Dr. Jemison has earned the following honours including the National Organization for Women's Intrepid Award, Kilby Science Award, and she has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, National Medical Association Hall of Fame and Texas Science Hall of Fame.

The many efficient ways we preserve food can be thanked by Mr. Hall for his discoveries in food preservation.

As stated by the ASC organization, “Before his research, most preservation was done with salts and it was difficult to keep foods from spoiling without making them taste bitter.”

To address this issue, Mr. Hall “created a system to sterilize spices by using ethylene gas in a vacuum chamber” - a system “that was later adapted by the food, drug, and cosmetic industries.”

His vision for food preservation is still in use today. So, if you’ve ever wondered why your meat can last in the fridge for longer than a week, you can thank him.

Lloyd Augustus Hall



Marie Maynard Daly

This woman who embodies the word grit graduated with a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1947 and became, according to the Science History Institute, “the first African American woman to obtain a Ph.D. in chemistry in the United States.”

Caldwell devoted much of her career to research on the nature and action of amylases or starch-splitting enzymes. In 1960, the American Chemical Society awarded her the Garvin Medal for her work.

To pay it back and encourage more black children like herself to pursue careers in science and medicine, Marie Maynard Daly put it upon herself to create programs to encourage the number of minorities to enter the scientific field. According to the same article, “in 1988, she established a scholarship fund at Queens College for African Americans in commemoration of her father” who also wished to pursue a career in chemistry similar to that of his daughter.

Sports

Wilma Glodean Rudolph did not always get a running start growing up. In fact, Britannica reveals that “Rudolph was sickly as a child and could not walk without an orthopedic shoe until she was 11 years old.”

This article continues to say that she was a self-determined young lady, and during the 1960 Olympic games, she accomplished multiple gold medals in the 100-meter race, 200-meter dash, and the 4 × 100-metre relay team, “which had set a world record of 44.4 seconds in a semifinal race.”

After she retired from running, Britannica concludes that Rudolph encouraged young runners and “was an assistant director for a youth foundation in Chicago during the 1960s to develop girls’ track-and-field teams, and thereafter she promoted running nationally.”

Wilma Glodean Rudolph



Arthur Ashe

In 1968, the US Open was won by Arthur Ashe, a man who lived as an ambassador of equality and goodwill. International Tennis Hall of Fame writes that “As he rose from segregation and racial roadblocks to becoming the first African-American male to win the US Open (1968), Australian Open (1970), and Wimbledon (1975).”

“In 1963 he was the first African-American chosen to play Davis Cup for the United States, and in ten years representing his country, helped the US win five championships (1963, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1978).” It’s worthy to mention all his incredible accomplishments as a professional tennis player; he was so much more than who he was on the court.

The article continued to say Arthur Ashe “was an activist, author, educator, and a tireless campaigner for civil rights and racial equality, not only in the United States but worldwide, particularly against the apartheid systems of South Africa.”

International Tennis Hall of Fame applauded him as a man of many solid principles and strengths but one of his greatest honours. “In 1993 when he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.”

THE HIGHS. THE LOWS. THE LOVES.

By Catlyn Anderson

The Vampire Diaries is a TV show that aired on the CW from 2009-2017 for 8 seasons. The show takes place in the fictional town of Mystic Falls, VA.

Mystic Falls is a small town with big secrets.

Mystic Falls has a council of people called the Founders Council. The council members are the ones keeping all the secrets.

The show is about a young lady named Elena Gil-

bert. Elena's parents died in a car accident before the show started. Elena's aunt Jenna got custody of her and her brother after their parents died.

Elena meets Stefan Salvatore at high school. Stefan and his brother Damon Salvatore are vampires. Later, Elena becomes caught in the middle of a love

triangle with the Salvatore brothers. Elena begins dating Stefan for the first few seasons of the show.

In order to blend in with the humans, vampires wear daylight amulets. Examples of daylight amulets are rings, bracelets, or necklaces. During the first 3 seasons of the show, Stefan and Damon fight to keep Elena from turning into a vampire because she doesn't want to become one.

At the end of season 3, Elena dies with vampire blood in her system, forcing her to go into vampire transition. She had to decide whether to complete the transition by drinking human blood or not and dying again for good.

At the beginning of season 4, Elena becomes a vampire. This caused a lot of changes. Her senses and emotions were heightened, which meant she had to learn how to adjust. After becoming a vampire Elena began to have feelings for Damon.

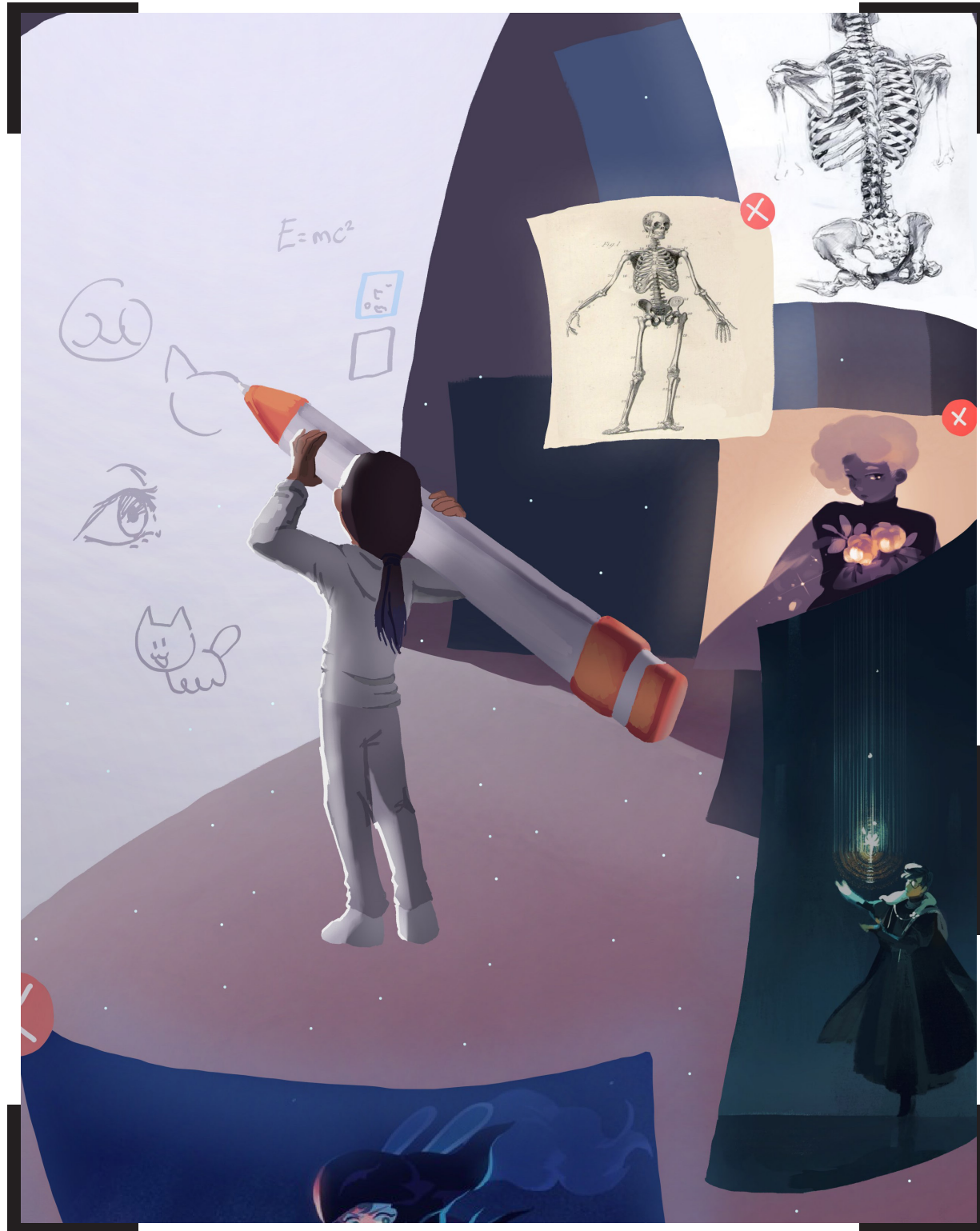


The Lead Cast

Ian Somerhalder as Damon Salvatore, Nina Dobrev as Elena Gilbert, and Paul Wesley as Stefan Salvatore

ARTIST Spotlight

Featuring Sheyenne High School's Student Artists



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Irene Asare is a sophomore at Sheyenne High School and has taken drawing and painting classes.

As one of the many artists in Sheyenne High School, she draws on her own time.

The two drawings included here were submitted as part of the Digital Illustration unit in Art 1.

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Irene Asare

Mustang Athletes from a Year of Memories Lost

By Jaxson Miller
Mustang Post

The sports world took a major blow when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March of 2020. Sports were some of the greatest casualties.

For West Fargo Sheyenne, the boys basketball team was preparing for their state semifinal match-up against the 2019 state champion Jamestown Blue Jays.

The 2019-2020 West Fargo Sheyenne Mus-

tangs boys' basketball team was one of the major favorites to win the 2020 state title.

It was a 23-2 season that was taken away from them right at the end, when they were looking to claim a spot in the Class A title game, North Dakota high school basketball's biggest stage.

In addition, all the spring sports were forced to cancel their seasons and it was a heartbreaking end for the athletes of the 2020 class.

Throughout the world, sports shut down

for the rest of the spring. In the United States, sport leagues started to resume around June of 2020.

West Fargo Sheyenne athletics were able to return as well going into the 2020-2021 school year.

But the atmosphere of the games wasn't the same as before. Precautions took place and the number of fans that were able to attend the game were limited.

Heartbreak returned when the boys soccer team was having arguably one of their best seasons in program history.

They made it to the semifinal round of the 2020 state tournament before COVID infected most of the varsity squad, forcing the junior varsity players to play against varsity competition. It was a 6-0 loss to Bismarck Century for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs' football team made their second straight state title during

the fall of 2020 but came up short to Bismarck Century 34-0, in front of a limited crowd in the Fargo dome.

The volleyball team achieved a seventh-place finish in 2020.

Going into the winter season, the boys basketball team had a motto that stuck with them, "Unfinished Business."

The 2020-2021 squad was one of the tallest in the history of North Dakota high school basketball. It featured four players that were over 6'5 which were Jackson Moni at 6'10, JahHeem Leake at 6'9, Dominic Dosmann at 6'8, and Michael Nhial at 6'6.

This squad also featured Ben Manson, one of the best shooters to come through the program, along with Gage Anderson and Barika Kpeenu.

It was another dominant season for head coach Tom Kirchoffner and his crew. After losing the season opener to West Fargo High, 87-84, the Mustangs went on to win a school record 24 straight games.

They captured their first EDC regular season title, giving them the number one seed in the EDC conference tournament, and their third EDC conference tournament championship, which gave them the East number one seed for the state tournament.

The dominant season came to an end as West Fargo High knocked off the Mustangs 78-73 in the semifinal round of the 2021 Class A State Tournament, at the Bismarck Event Center.

For the Mustangs, it was like getting punched in the gut after a season filled with COVID safety roadblocks.

Despite this, this was a team that broke almost all their team records that were held from previous years. Jackson Moni is now excelling at Northern State University, one of the best NCAA D-II schools in the country.

Barika Kpeenu is playing football at NDSU, who just won their ninth FCS title in the last eleven



WF Sheyenne attempts to rush Bismarck Century's Schaffner during the 2020 AAA State Championship at Dakota Bowl XXVIII

Photo courtesy jasonkirekby.smugmug.com

years back on Saturday, January 8.

Likewise, the spring season of 2021 was a huge success for West Fargo Sheyenne. The baseball team captured their first state title, along with the boys golf team winning their first state title.

The Mustangs' track and field teams featured a lot of stars as well. Jordan Aus, the boys track and field head coach at Sheyenne, won EDC and State Coach of the Year honors.

Mimi Gu, who is now a senior at Sheyenne, won the girls singles state tournament last year. She'll be looking to repeat this year.

The sports world started to return to normal during the summer of 2021 and heading into the fall of 2021. Restrictions on fan capacity were lifted and Sheyenne athletes could finally once again enjoy the energy the Mustang faithful produced.

The momentum from the 2021 spring season continued into the fall season of 2021.

Sheyenne's 2021 football team had one of the most dominant seasons in all of North Dakota high school football's history. They posted a 12-0 record, scored 364 points, and only gave up 90 points, which were all team records.

Five out of the twelve wins were shutout wins. The Mustangs made it look easy on the gridiron and as the season progressed, they knew it was their year to win it all.

It was third times the charm for Sheyenne in the Dakota Bowl.

After losing to Bismarck Century in the Dakota Bowl two years in a row, Sheyenne was able to beat their cross-town rival, West Fargo High, 27-7 this past November, in the Fargodome, to capture their first state title in program history.

Aiden Johnson, a sophomore at Sheyenne, finished first in the individual standings at the cross-country state meet, posting a time of 15:35.

Boys soccer took third place at state this past October, which was a good way to bounce back after last year's unfortunate finish.

Basketball, hockey, and wrestling fans have been able fill up the seats once again for the 2021-2022 winter season.

Last year, Sheyenne Mustang Media came in handy when they started streaming a variety of events at Sheyenne High School. This included multiple sports and concerts.

The purpose was to provide a new way to watch these events as a lot of parents and grandparents could not make the games last year due to capacity restrictions.

Sports fans are relieved that sports are making a return to normal, and the athletes are thrilled to enjoy the full atmosphere when they step foot onto the field or court.

The Mustangs' boy's and girl's basketball teams are enjoying winning seasons once again. Both teams are in the state polls.

Sheyenne's wrestling team had their most dominant season in program history. After achieving their first ever winning season as a program, they went even further this year. The Mustangs captured the EDC title, going undefeated in EDC dual play.

The best time of the year for basketball is right around the corner, with March being a couple weeks away.

Both Sheyenne's boy's and girl's basketball teams conclude their regular seasons against Valley City on February 22. The EDC tournament will be up next.

The play-in and first round games will be at the higher seed, while the second and third round games will be played up at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex, the home of NDSU's men's and women's basketball teams.

The 2022 NDHSAA Boys' and Girls' Class A Basketball State Tournaments will be out at the Bismarck Event Center in downtown Bismarck, from Thursday, March 10 to Saturday March 12.

It's going to be another exciting postseason of North Dakota high school basketball. Sports fans know, when it's March, expect the unexpected.

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STUDENTS CONNECT THROUGH SHEYENNE CLUBS

By Logan Jacobs

Continuing from previous months, here's a look at three clubs at Sheyenne.

ESPORTS

Where and when does your club meet?

We've been meeting after school and during voice, but we mostly meet after school.

What does your club do?

Right now, we are playing Rocket League and League of Legends. [Each meeting we] practice online and against other schools, [working on] positions and champions [while] getting used to each other's play styles.

What makes you different than the gaming club?

The gaming club is open to board games and [changing games weekly,] whereas esports we will be into more team-based games like League of Legends that focuses on more on quick reactions and working with teammates.

What do you want this club to be?

I would like this club to be a place where everyone feels comfortable showing up not just gamers, we have a lot of positions like managerial and content creation and even shout casting, we also offer course for learning



to build computers and trouble shooting them.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Where and when does your club meet?

Chamber Orchestra meets Mondays and Thursdays in the orchestra room.

What does your club do?

Rather than a club, we are an extra-curricular performing ensemble. Chamber Orchestra is an auditioned orchestra made up of students 9-12. We are a small

ensemble of roughly 16 students that plays challenging string music. In addition to the normal orchestra concerts, we also play around town at banquets, retirement parties, weddings, and the mall.

Will the Chamber Orchestra be performing? If so, when?

Chamber Orchestra performs at the scheduled orchestra concerts. Our next performance will be on March 1st.

How has your turn out been so far and do you have plans to

improve it?

Chamber Orchestra is an auditioned ensemble. We usually have a large turnout for auditions, but we cannot always accept everyone that auditions. Students still have the opportunity to play with their curricular orchestra during the day.

CHESS CLUB

Where and when does your club meet?

We meet every Wednesday for all voice and choice periods,

and we meet in room 2317.

What does your club do?

We learn about chess, teach chess, and learn some general strategies.

What are your plans for competition?

Once we get going, we might set up tournaments, round robins, [and] keep standings.

What do you want this club to be?

We don't have any major plans like making it a sanctioned

club or expanding more, until further notice we are just going to play it by ear and see where it goes.

All these clubs and extracurriculars are currently open and would love to see you join. If the chess club or esports club interest you in particular, they ask for you to check them out at 2317 and 2838 respectively.

HIP-HOP'S 10 YEAR EVOLUTION

By Logan Staska

Music plays a major role in all our lives. Whether it was getting hyped before a sports game or wanting to relax while you play videogames, music is a fantastic way immerse yourself.

So, while we are in the early stages of the new year, let's look back at those hit songs by our favorite rappers and the songs that got us through the past decade.

2010 was responsible for some of our desired rap songs and party hits. One of the most notorious rap albums of all time is My Beautiful and Dark Twisted Fantasy by Kanye West.

This famous record had features such as Kid Cudi, Jay-Z, Rick Ross, and Nicki Minaj. Selling 496,000 copies, this album still plays a major role in music's pop culture.

One of the most requested songs at parties and school events (like homecoming and prom!) also came out in 2010 - No Hands by Waka Flocka Flame.

Thank Me Later by Drake was also a major part of the 2010s. This album got 447,000 sales making it Drake's first number one album.

Even in 2011 Kanye West and Jay-Z were still delivering to us, giving us their collab album Watch the Throne.

With Kanye's amazing production and Jay-Z brilliant lyricism it makes it a classic album that brought in 436,000 sales.

Along with Kanye West, Drake also brought another classic album in 2011 known as Take Care.

With Thank Me Later attracting so many new Drake fans, the third studio album by Drake delivered at 631,000 first week sales.

Other albums that were released in 2011 were Live. Love. ASAP by A\$AP Rocky, Cole World: The Sideline by J. Cole, Tha Carter IV by Lil Wayne, and



Kanye West displaying hit album The Life of Pablo at listening party

Goblin by Tyler the Creator.

The most famous album from the 2012's is "good kid M.A.A.D city" by Kendrick Lamar.

This record topped off at number 2 on Billboards 200 and in its first week it sold 242,000 copies.

Many people consider this album to be one of the greatest rap albums of all time.

Based on A T.R.U Story was also one of the more famous rap albums to come to the 2012's.

The Album isn't currently as popular as good kid M.A.A.D city but it still has classic tracks that is still being played today.

Starships by Nicki Minaj, Love Sosa by Chief keef, and Mercy by Kanye West were some other songs from 2012 that were blowing up the charts.

2013 didn't disappoint with hit albums and songs either.

Yeezus is Kanye West's most idiosyncratic album by having more unique sounding beats.

Many people thought it was Ye's first "bad" album and due to that factor, it had his lowest first week sales at 327,000.

But it later grew on many people and for some becoming their favorite Ye album.

Nothing Was the Same by Drake was also released in 2013 and this album blew up on the billboards.

In the first week it debuted at number one on the US Billboard 200.

His first week sales were 658,000 copies. LONG. LIVE. ASAP by A\$AP Rocky was another major part of 2013.

It had a lower count of first week sales topping off at 139,000 but it also debuted at number 1 on the US Billboard 200.

One of the biggest hit songs of 2013 was Rap God by Eminem.

With this song, Eminem set the record for fastest rap song averaging at 4.28 words a second.

2014 was kind of a drought year for rap albums with the only significant rap album being 2014 Forest Hill Drive by J. Cole.

This album is responsible for one of the greatest songs of the decade being No Role Modelz.

However, singles made 2014 with many singles like, No Type by Rae Sremmurd, Anaconda by Nicki Minaj, and We Dem Boyz by Wiz Khalifa.

2015 made up for lack of songs in 2014. In 2015 trap music became mainstream and many more trap artist were starting to get noticed.

One of the biggest trap albums of all time is Rodeo by Travis Scott. This album had many different sounds in the record.

Songs like 90210 being a slower moving song and more of a "vibe song", unlike songs like 3500 also on the album.

Rodeo debuted at number 3 on US Billboards 200 and 85,000 units sold.

Other trap albums that came out of 2015 was DS2 by Future, SremmLife by Rae Sremmurd, and the Barter 6 by Young Thug; Young Thug became mainstream from this album and his rise to fame started here.

Drake, who is a more melodic and flow rapper, also got snatched into the trap music wave by releasing If You're Reading This It's Too Late.

He also collaborated with famous trap artist Future to create What a Time to be Alive.

Kendrick Lamar was able to prove why he is one of the best rappers of all time in 2015 by releasing To Pimp a Butterfly.

This album, which imitates the sound of the 90's, was the biggest album of 2015. Kendrick tackled topics in the album such as racism, police brutality, and many other controversial topics.

This record won 5 out of the 7 Grammys it qualified for including Best Rap Album of the Year.

The fact Kendrick Lamar was able to come out on top in a trap music era proves why he is one of the best.

Fetty Wap had one of the greatest years for an artist in 2015 with the release of Trap Queen in 2014.

This hit song

was one of everyone's favorite in the summer of 2015. Almost anywhere you went, you would hear it.

Every single year carried its weight furthering the evolution of hip hop in the last decade, however when you ask someone



about their favorite year of rap music, they'll most likely say it is 2016.

The Sound Cloud era started in 2016. Sound Cloud is a website and app where you can listen to music and create your own tracks and hope they blow up.

The first artist that comes to mind when you think about Sound Cloud is Lil Uzi Vert.

With hit songs like You Was Right, Canadian Goose, Money Longer it's easy to say that Uzi is one of the most influential Sound Cloud Rappers.

Trap music kept getting more mainstream each single year and one reason it's in the place where it is now is because of the large variety of trap albums released in 2016.

Young Thug released three albums alone with Jeffery, Slime Season 3, and I'm Up.

Other artist that released a major album is Travis Scott with Birds in the Trap and 21 Savage and Metro Boomin's collab album Savage Mode.

Not only did trap artist thrive in 2016 but it was a major year for rappers like Kanye West with the release of the Life of Pablo, Views by Drake, and Untitled Unmastered by Kendrick Lamar.

Lil Yachty also thrived in 2016 by release his major hit songs One Night and Minnesota. Dram also had

Lil Yachty featured on one of the biggest songs of 2016 called Broccoli.

Major songs to come out in 2016 were Black Beatles by Rae Sremmurd, No Problem by Chance the Rapper, Congratulations by Post Malone, and Bad and Boujee by Migos featuring Lil Uzi Vert.

2017 is also a year that many say is one of the greatest years for rap music. Kendrick Lamar released his hit album DAMN. which won a Grammy and holds two of his biggest songs in history which are Humble. and DNA.

Along with non-trap artist like Kendrick Lamar, other rappers that dropped were Tyler the Creator with Flower Boy, and Jay-Z with 4:44.

Trap artist had a major role in 2017 with Migos releasing their hit album Culture and Without Warning with bars from 21 Savage along with Migos Offset and Metro Boomin Producing.

2 Chainz also came through with Pretty Girls Like Trap Music and Beautiful Thugger Girls by Young Thug.

Lil Uzi Vert was one of the most successful rappers in 2017 with the release of Luv is Rage 2.

This album holds majority of his top tracks such as The Way Life Goes, Dark Queen, 20 Min



Lil Yachty playing the recorder with DRAM during the music video for Broccoli

and of course his most famous song in his discography, XO Tour Lif3.

This song alone has 1.3 billion streams.

Lil Uzi Vert opened the gates to the sound cloud era letting in artist like Playboi Carti, Ski Mask the Slump God, and XXXtentacion.

Playboi Carti came out with his self-titled mixtape, that holds classic songs Magnolia, Location, and WokeUpLikeThis.

Ski Mask the Slump God and XXXtentacion were a great duo and even alone they were great with Ski Mask the Slump God releasing Catch Me Outside and X releasing 17 his album that had songs like Jocelyn Flores

and Save Me.

Songs that came out in 2017 include Bank Account by 21 Savage, Ric Flair Drip by Metro Boomin and Offset from Migos, I Spy by Kyle and Lil Yachty, Roll in Peace by Kodak Black featuring XXXTentacion, and Bounce Back by Big Sean.

As 2018 rolled in, a new star was brought through the gates of Sound Cloud known as Juice Wrld.

His fame grew from his two songs All Girls Are the Same and Lucid Dreams blowing up and thanks to the help of Cole Bennett from Lyrical Lemonade, his



Kendrick Lamar standing on light post with Los Angeles in the background for Alright music Video

career was able to erupt.

He released his debut Album Goodbye and Good Riddance on May 23rd of 2018.

Another artist who released their debut album was producer Metro Boomin with Not All Heroes Were Capes.

This album featured, Travis Scott, Young Thug, Kodak Black, Swae Lee, Drake, Gunna, and of course his partner in crime, 21 Savage.

Kanye West was busy in 2018 releasing both his collab album with Kid Cudi Kids See Ghost and YE.

The biggest trap albums to come out of 2018 are, Astroworld by Travis Scott, Die Lit by Playboi Carti, Drip Harder by Lil Baby and Gunna, and I Am > I Was by 21 Savage.

Other notable albums are KOD by J. Cole, Swimming by Mac Miller, ? by XXXTentacion, and Tha Carter V by Lil Wayne.

As for singles in 2018, that would go to Drake. He released some of the greatest rap songs which are Gods Plan, Nonstop, I'm Upset and Nice for What.

Other singles that came out in 2018 are SAD by XXXTentacion, ZEZE by Kodak Black featuring Offset and Travis Scott, Mo Bomba by Sheck Wes, and Praise the Lord by A\$AP Rocky.

2019 wasn't impactful as other years in albums. Tyler the Creator released his number 1 album IGOR on May 17th in 2019.

Other albums to mention are Death Race for Love by Juice Wrld, So Much Fun by Young Thug, The Lost Boy by Cordae, and Drip or Drown 2 by Gunna.

Singles in 2019 were amazing for the year with every month having a new hit song by new artist that rose to the top of the charts.

Suge by DaBaby was a hit in the summer of 2019 along with other songs like Ransom by Lil Tecca, Highest in the Room by Travis Scott, and Shotta Flow by NLE Choppa.

Even though everything was shut down in 2020, that didn't stop rappers from hitting the studio.



Juice Wrld with owner of Lyrical Lemonade Cole Bennet

Lil Uzi Vert came back to rapping with his long-awaited album Eternal Atake released March 6th.

Along with Uzi, Playboi Carti came back from a long wait without music with first the single @Meh and then towards the end of the year he released Whole Lotta Red. This album was considered terrible on release day but as fans kept listening it tend to grow on them.

Other albums that came out in 2020 were The Goat by Polo G, My Turn by Lil Baby, Alfredo by Freddie Gibbs, Wunna by Gunna, and Savage Mode 2 by 21 Savage and Metro Boomin.

Two of the biggest albums in 2020 were unfortunately post humorous albums being Shoot for the Stars Aim for the Moon by Pop Smoke and Legends Never Die by Juice Wrld.

Some major songs of 2020 that came out where What's Poppin by Jack Harlow, The Box by Roddy Ricch, Life is Good by Future and Drake, and The Scotts by Travis Scott and Kid Cudi.

2021 was another good year of music with Drake and Kanye West battling over who has the number one album.

Drake's Certified Lover Boy and Kanye's Donda where a huge argument between fans.

Eventually Ye and Drake called it truths making the fans start to mutually respect each other after

defending their star rapper.

Other albums that released in 2021 are Call me if You Get Lost by Tyler the Creator, The Off-Season by J. Cole, Punk by Young Thug, and the Melodic Blue by Kendrick Lamar's cousin, Baby Keem. Lil Nas X was a major part of 2021 making two hit songs in 2021.

Industry Baby with Jack Harlow and Montero where some of the biggest songs in 2021 becoming Tik Tok hits.

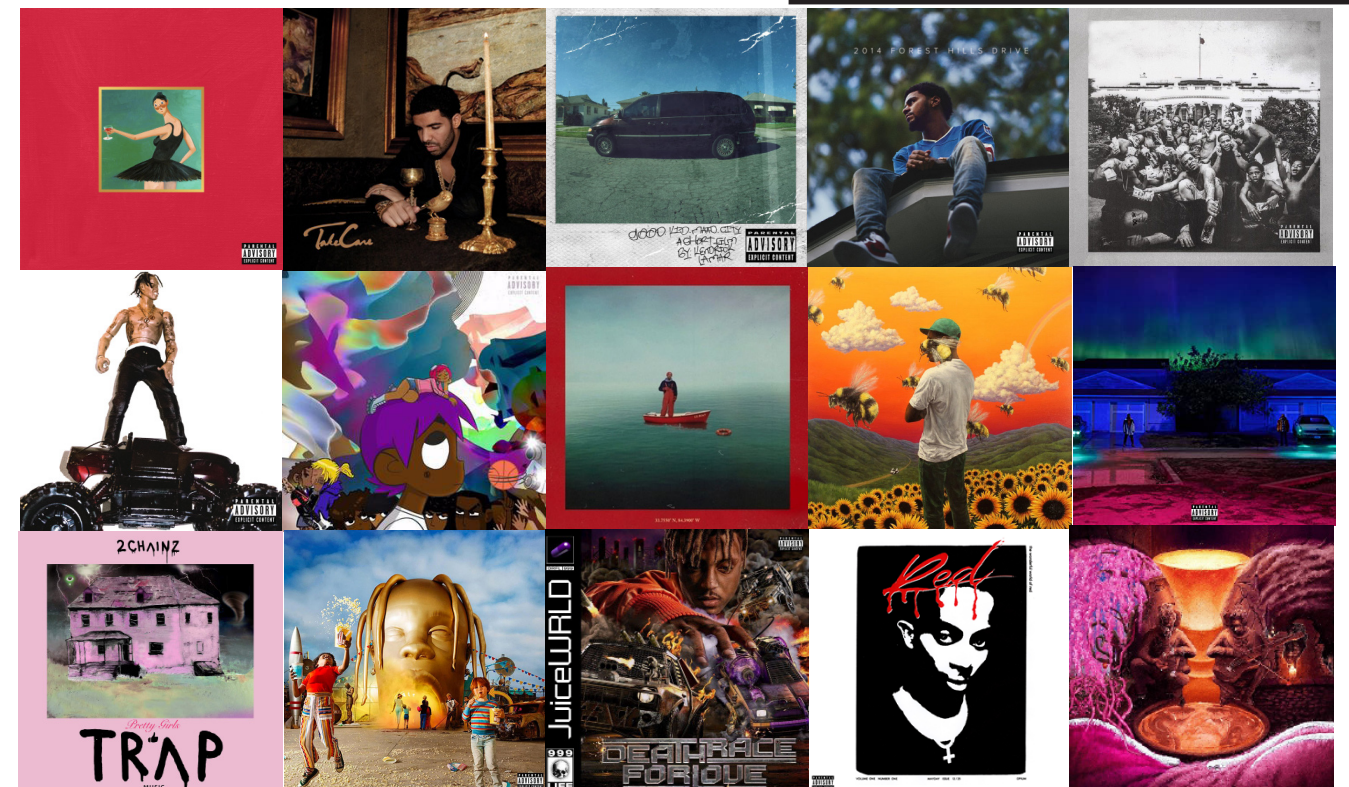
Other singles that were released are Wants and Needs by Drake and Lil Baby, Rapstar by Polo G, EVERY CHANCE THAT I GET by DJ Khaled with Lil Baby and Lil Durk, and Family Ties by Baby Keem and Kendrick Lamar.

With 2022 already being here and many more years near, it's always nice to look back at the songs, albums, and rappers that got us and music to the place we are at today.



Drake in the making of Certified Lover Boy

Album covers of the past century



Matinee Magic: The Fargo Theater

By Carter Phillips

Sitting deep in the foliage of cobblestone, brick, pavements, and road signs, there lies the historical Fargo Theatre - one of the oldest theaters in North Dakota still in operation.

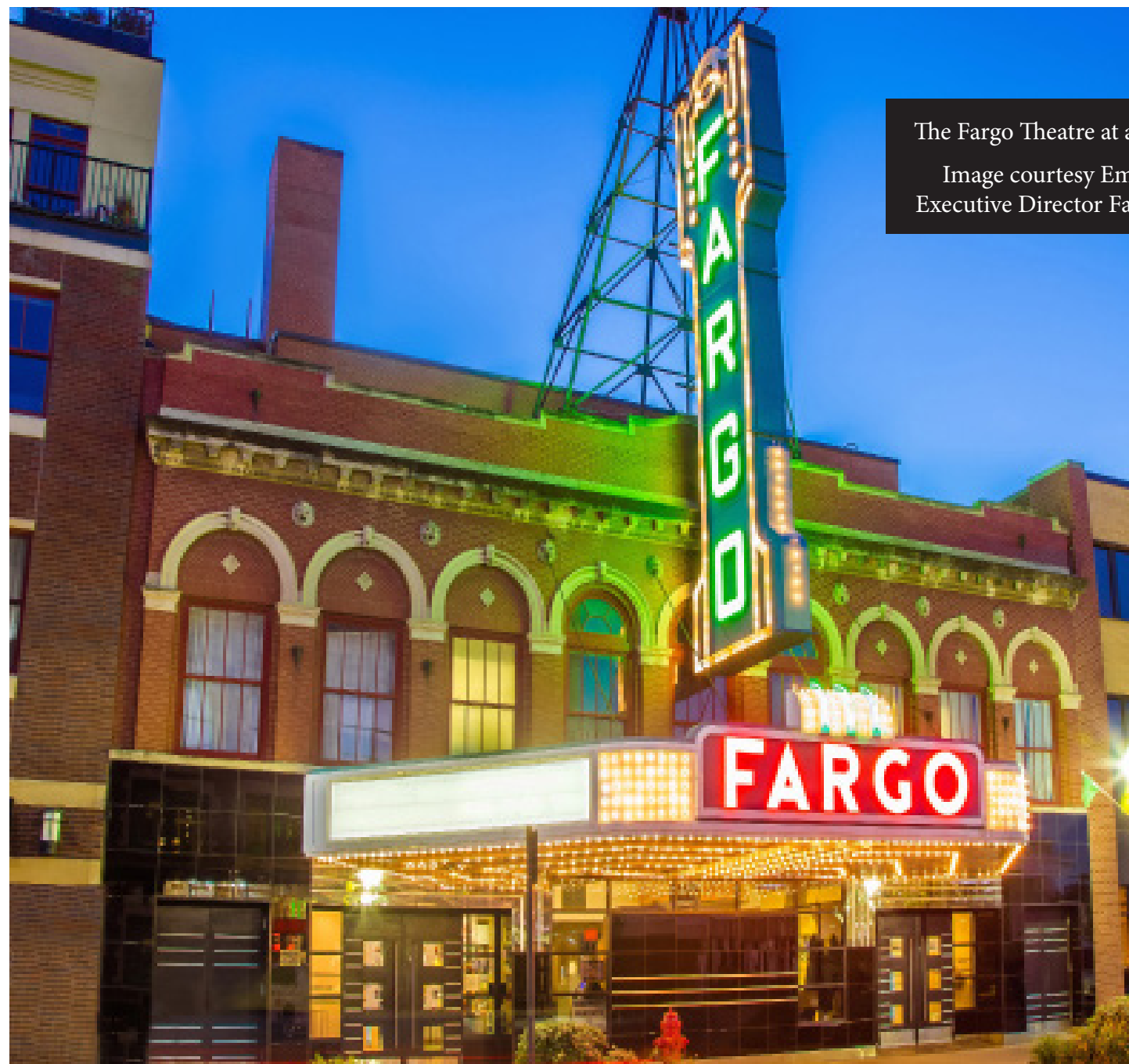
Dating back to 1935, the Theatre has survived the rise of television, the invention of home video, the invasion of streaming services and the fall

of the video stores.

The Fargo Theatre is a testament to film's longevity.

During my brief correspondence with Emily Beck, the executive director of the Fargo Theatre; she addresses the industry's long history.

"People have predicted the downfall of cinemas several times in the last century. First, it was the invention of broadcast television. Then cable. Then

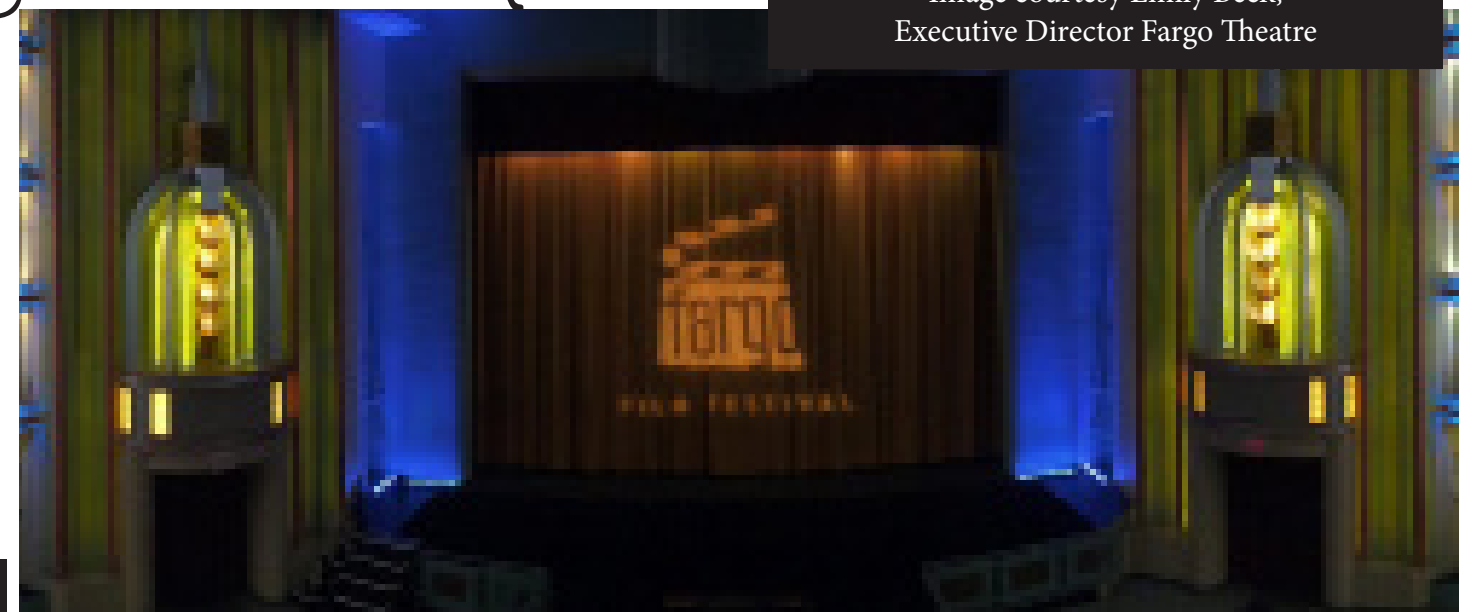


The Fargo Theatre at a street view

Image courtesy Emily Beck,
Executive Director Fargo Theatre

The Fargo Theaters main screening room

Image courtesy Emily Beck,
Executive Director Fargo Theatre



video rental chains like Blockbuster. Then streaming services and COVID. The last two years have been incredibly difficult for our industry - I won't even try to sugar-coat the challenges - but I can't help but feel that there is a resiliency at the heart of what we do."

It seems that traditional film experiences have waned in popularity - after all, the mainstream can prioritize anything popular and everything short.

Most big blockbusters are labeled PG-13 so that families and kids can attend, alienating a large audience of older filmgoers.

With the Fargo Theatre, there is an annual silent film showing and ongoing classic film series.

It's selling well. It brings the shy demographics filled with people who would often rather watch movies from home, back into the cinemas.

At the Fargo Theatre, much of the popular cinema (think Marvel movies) is not commonplace. For my generation, this theatre is a great way to explore different movies which we otherwise wouldn't get exposure to.

The Fargo Theatre also holds many events, from musical performances to comedy shows.

Beck cherishes the independence the Fargo Theatre is able to hold: "These are new times with new challenges. In partnership with other cinema operators, we will keep pushing film distributors to

provide long windows between a theatrical releases and streaming premieres. We will continue to work hard to give our guests the best independent, international, and classic programming available."



Reflecting on the customer experience, Beck continues, "We've recently upped our concessions offerings to include specialty beverages and new candies. Our marketing frequently highlights the entire experience of going out downtown and all that has to offer. Since our reopening, we've heard from countless guests that they missed the Fargo Theatre and the experience of seeing a movie on the big screen. While they[re] are challenges ahead, we remain optimistic that there will always be an audience eager for a night at the movies."

Being as old as it is, they have preserved the feel and ambiance that it had in its prime. It's like stepping back into history.

Regardless, it has state of the art technology so that films are projected for the best performance.

If you're in the downtown area, a good place to visit would be the Fargo theater which always has something interesting playing, and an even more fantastic history.

Popular Courses Offered at Sheyenne

 AP	 DUAL CREDIT
<p>Counts as a college, and high school credit</p>	<p>College class that counts as a high school and college credit.</p>
<p>Taught by an on-campus teacher</p>	<p>Off-campus on campus taught by a college professor</p>
<p>More in depth and detailed rigorous course that prepares you for college</p>	<p>A class available in high school to better prepare you for your future college classes</p>

By Brooke Markworth

With the second semester now in session, it's important to notice the new classes being offered at Sheyenne High School. Every year, new courses are added to provide students with topics and information they enjoy learning about.

One course that has been popular among students is Ms. Simenson's Women in American History. The semester long course is open to juniors and seniors. The class allows students to explore



the historical impact on the lives of women and the different roles they played while shaping history. The elective class was added this 2021-2022 school year. With almost 30 students in the class, they enjoyed learning about the backgrounds of women through notes, projects, and talking with peers.

There are many courses to be offered through Sheyenne to earn college credit as well. Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses are available to challenge students while preparing them for college level work. AP and Dual Credit courses allow grades 9-12 to explore topics they are passionate about.

For Advanced Placement courses, students must take the end of the year test in May and pass in order to get the college credit. However, Dual Credit courses

allow student to get college credit just by passing the high school class. The most popular among students are the dual credit courses College Algebra, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Medical Terminology, and Statistics.

AP Calculus and AP United States History are two of the most popular AP courses offered at Sheyenne. AP Calculus is designed to teach students to analyze more advanced topics in calculus. Students learn through lecture presentations as well as question and answer format. This is a beneficial class for students looking to go in the mathematics or science related fields.

The AP United States History course is open to juniors. The class covers topics throughout US History from the Age of Discovery to the Mr. Quinn

Wahlstrom and Mr. Jordan Lutovsky. Students will learn through reports, essays, research, and student made projects. Students must pass the AP test in May to earn college credit.

Sheyenne High School also offers a variety of musical classes including Music Harmony, Wind Ensemble, History of Rock and Roll, Treble Choir, Orchestra, Concert Choir, and Band. The study of music is all around us. Most music classes are offered for a full year. In these courses, students will experience different musical styles while learning to grow through music.

Overall, Sheyenne High School offers a variety of courses suitable for any student. Talk to your counselor with any questions you may have about these courses!

Sheyenne's Super Staff: Señor Mickelson



By Hailey Boehme

Anyone who takes Spanish in Sheyenne can tell you just how amazing the program is, lead by some of the most skilled staff at Sheyenne. Señor Mickelson is one such expert.

Señor Mickelson teaches both Spanish 1 and Spanish 2. His passion for teaching is very unique, as it is stemmed from an experience he had in Peru while taking a break from his criminal justice studies at North Dakota State University.

In Peru, Mickelson volunteered to help out the struggling education system. It was then that he realized that he wanted to pursue a career as a teacher.

"Spanish is just what I knew best, whatever I would've known best is what I would've gone to teach for," Mickelson stated.

If he wasn't teaching, Mickelson said his dream

job would be "the guy that announces prizes for Wheel of Fortune." He went on to explain that being a voice actor would be a fun job and require less knowledge than a sports commentator, for example.

Other things that he enjoys are watching the Detroit Lions, hunting, fishing, and blacksmithing. He said that blacksmithing is a new hobby, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the necessary tools on hand, he was able to make things by himself.

His ideal day includes hunting or fishing with his family and making it back in time to catch an afternoon Lions game (that hopefully results in a win over the Packers at Lambeau Field). After the football game, he loves a family dinner and be able to stay up as late as he wanted if there is no school on Monday.

"Then I don't have to wake up at 5:30 or 5:45... Not saying that I don't like school, I would just have

Full Mickelson family photo: pets included.



to be responsible and go to bed at a reasonable time," Mickelson continued.

One of his favorite memories was him finishing his schooling at NDSU. He had just completed his Capstone project for his senior thesis and presented it to the NDSU Department of Modern Languages. This marked the end of his studies with only student teaching left to complete before his final graduation.

Mickelson explained, "I just remember vividly

feeling this enormous relief because you know, at that point I was 26 years old so. Most people graduate at 22 or 23 and it took me a little extra time so after all those years of not knowing what I wanted to do so I just felt like I had worked hard to get to that point so it felt amazing."



Señor Mickelson pictured enjoying lunch with his two dogs after a morning of hunting.

A HANDHELD PC? MEET THE STEAM DECK



By Jacob Fisher - Mustang Post

In the world of gaming handhelds, Nintendo has always dominated. Nothing shows this more than the Japanese gaming giant's newest console, the Nintendo Switch, defined by its' excellent console exclusives, mobile form factor, and consumer-friendly user experience.

This, along with its low price point at just \$300, makes it the de facto purchase for many casual gamers.

None of these elements relate to PC gaming. So, why is a computer software and hardware developer releasing a PC that looks like a Switch, and why is it such a big deal?

Three storage options

There is no in-game difference in frame rates or graphics quality between the three models.



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- Carrying case

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- Carrying case
- Exclusive Steam Community profile bundle

\$649 512GB

- 512GB NVMe SSD internal storage
- Fastest storage
- Premium anti-glare etched glass
- Exclusive carrying case
- Exclusive Steam Community profile bundle
- Exclusive virtual keyboard theme

Effective storage capacity subject to change based on size of operating system and formatting technology. All models include a microSD card.

The ultra-competitive pricing scheme for the Steam Deck - possibly the best deal on MSRP gaming hardware

The newest handheld on the block is the Steam Deck, a console-like handheld primarily designed for gaming – but it can do almost everything a PC can do. The Steam Deck comes from the minds of legendary computer software and hardware developer Valve Corporation, previously having a successful record of innovating in PC virtual reality.

However, they are not the first entries into the handheld PC market.

The sector for handheld PCs has been surprisingly competitive with the Aya Neo and GDP Win line. These handhelds were able to establish their own audience and are continuing to innovate with less resources than Valve. However, these cost nearly \$1000.

The Steam Deck retails for just \$399.

Equipped on the Steam Deck comes a next-generation Zen 2 + RDNA 2 APU, controlling all the necessary needs of computing. For reference, the Nintendo Switch's own GPU computing clocks in at around 0.7 teraflops of graphical processing power, while the Steam Deck is 1.6 teraflops with a dramatically more efficient and modern architecture.

This is like comparing an Xbox 360 to an Xbox One.

Likewise, for RAM (the stuff that keeps games and their tasks in immediately accessible memory) is only 4GB for the Switch, while the Steam Deck weighs in at a staggering 16GB, akin to a modern gaming PC.

Steam Decks being prepared for shipping from a Valve blog update



No handheld on the market is this powerful, especially for this low of a price.

Other features include a multi-faceted USB-C port (one you could dock your Steam Deck with!), gyro tilt controllers, capacitive touch joysticks (where the machine knows if your fingers are on the sticks), touchpads, microSD expandability, and the ability to select an SSD for internal storage – an option much faster than the basic eMMC flash memory.

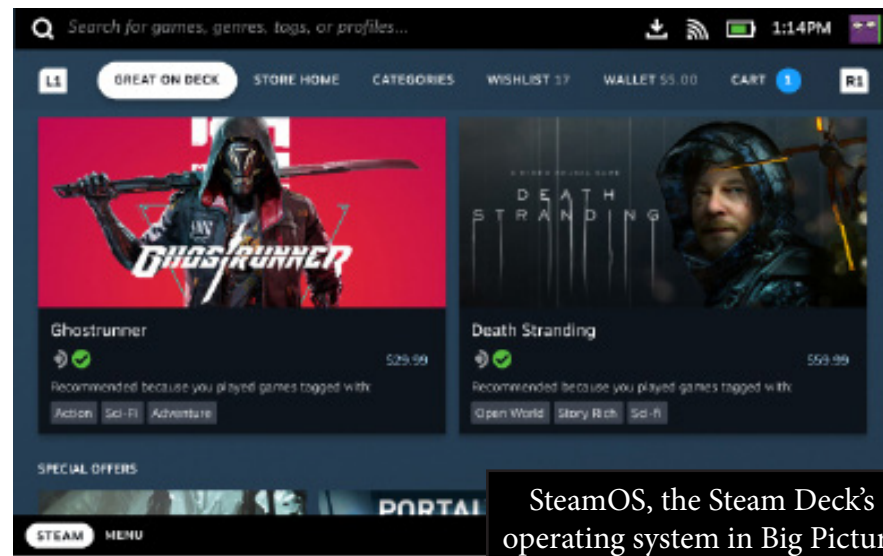
It should be noted, however, that many outlets who received prototypes state that they could not tell the difference between games running off the microSD and SSD – a definite technical feat for the Steam Deck in terms of optimization.

Likewise, with optimization comes the software, specifically Steam OS.

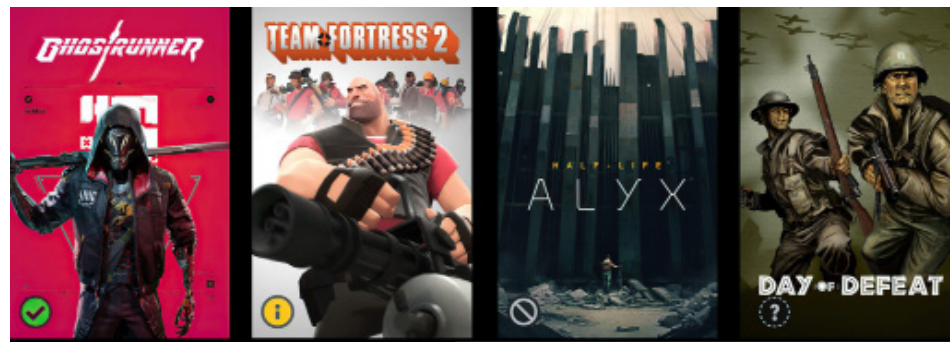
Valve Corporation is known for running the biggest game retailer on PC, the aptly titled Steam. This store practically has a mindshare monopoly of PC gamers because they are consistently the most user-friendly and complete games store on PC.

This philosophy is carried over to the Steam Deck's own software and user experience.

Valve has stated that they want customers to realize that their handheld is a PC. You can run Photoshop. You can browse the web. You can even buy games from another game provider if you so choose. They are even



SteamOS, the Steam Deck's operating system in Big Picture mode



Valve aims to display compatibility for Steam games within the operating system, as present with these titles

allowing you to boot Windows, completely circumventing their operating system.

The Steam Deck, in part, is about having that freedom.

However, if you decide to stick to the base experience, this handheld has all the optimization and ease of use as a console, fit with its' own operating system and tailored controls.

In fact, the Steam Deck's operating system might be better than other competing consoles considering the lengthy feature set that Steam has over other

platforms. It is so good (and so beneficial for Valve) that they are actively perusing a release of Steam OS for competing handhelds.

This is because Steam is one of the cheapest (thus most popular) game retailers anywhere. Sale seasons happen at least four times every year, and when they do, you can expect some year-old titles to be cut in price by half or more.

The best part? If you own games on Steam, all your titles will be carried over to the Steam

Deck. Anything you buy on similar PC handhelds running Steam OS, Valve gets their cut, and gamers get the best deal.

This is the essence of the Steam Deck, and why it will be so successful – an unbeatable price for both the console and games, with the most powerful hardware and the world-renowned service of Steam and Valve.

However, gamers should still know the stipulations. Models come in at \$399, \$529, and \$649,

with ascending prices experiencing better tiers of storage and storage speeds, with the top model having 512GB of storage.

That might not be enough for many modern games that commonly come in 80GB increments, especially for the \$399 version coming with only 64GB of flash memory. You will need to invest in microSD cards if you wish to use this model.

Battery life is also suboptimal. The Steam Deck can last up to

eight hours playing non-intensive 2D games or browsing the web, but with modern AAA at a decent framerate, the battery can crash to just two hours of life.

That is not enough.

The biggest issue facing the Steam Deck, however, is anti-cheat compatibility. The Steam Deck's operating system runs on Linux, an open-source operating system that is easily modifiable and fit for more tailored tasks compared to Windows.



A front and back view of the Steam Deck - notably featuring touchpads and rear triggers on the grip

Valve claims that the Steam Deck can run AAA modern games "quite well"



That sometimes means that cheaters have an easier time breaking anti-cheat software, especially if the anti-cheat software is invasive. Thus, Linux is banned (or not supported) on many games.

That poses a major problem for dozens of popular online titles, such as those using BattlEye and some versions of Easy Anti-Cheat. Such games include Rainbow Six: Siege, Destiny 2, Apex Legends, and much more.

Yet, the Steam Deck sends a clear message – one of affordability, accessibility, and ease-of-use

being possible for a PC, especially one that caters to hardcore fans.

Although the Steam Deck looks a lot like a Switch, the Switch and the Steam Deck are for two completely different audiences. This handheld PC is what hardcore gamers wish the Switch were, and now that dream is quickly becoming a reality as the first units ship out.

Why Nintendo will continue to reign supreme over the handheld market is simply because it is established and an excellent product, one that caters to a completely different (and much larger) audience of casual gamers.

Likewise, the more obscure PC handhelds, such as the Aya Neo, will continue to innovate by



The Steam Deck also comes with its' own case. Your move, Nintendo.

producing more powerful and small handhelds for a premium price.

The Steam Deck, and the greater ecosystem of PC gaming, is neither of these handhelds - a wonderful thing for those who

crave early adoption of the cutting edge. I will most certainly be picking up a Steam Deck.

The newest handheld on



The official packaging for the Steam Deck, shipping Feburary 28th.

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