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Utica City School District Fine Arts Festival

By Corridors Staff



On Saturday, May 6th, Proctor High School hosted the Utica City School District Fine Arts Festival. Artwork was displayed in various locations around the building for students and their families to walk through and view. The event was a success, from crafts stations, to yummy treats, to musical performances. Students throughout the district had a fun day proudly showing off their artwork and engaging in craft-making with their friends and families.



Junior Prom

By Corridors Staff



Proctor High School brought students on a journey around the world at the Junior Prom (held on May 12th, 2023). Students danced the night away to music spun by DJ Roscoe Red, after enjoying a variety of foods from around the globe. Everybody looked stunning and had a wonderful time!



Spring Pep Rally

By Sarkanyaw Chit

For the first time EVER, Proctor High School held it's first Spring Pep Rally. The Spring Pep Rally was an eventful and challenging event for the sports teams and teachers. Memories for the choir and band were made, as well as for the people watching. Fun games were played by the teams and candy was dispersed throughout the stands. For the last pep rally of the year, it really was the most interesting. But if anything, all of the pep rallies this year were; from Snoopy running through and the football team winning homecoming during fall, and the fantastic posters and a fun performance from the cheerleaders and ROTC cadets during the Winter Pep Rally, all the way to the games during the Spring Pep Rally. Thank you to the staff, custodians, security guards, and the school board for giving us this experience in our adolescent years. Maybe the memories won't last, but they happened for even just an hour or so and they were more than enough to make the whole year memorable.



Pictures From the Senior Picnic



Senior Ball

By Corridors Staff

On June 2nd, 2023, Proctor High School held it's Senior Ball at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club. The night was an event written in the stars... quite literally! Upon entering the glittering and star-bedecked venue, students were greeted with a display (created by the senior class officers) with an image of the night sky on the night of their first day of Kindergarten, with a similar image of the night sky on their graduation day. Students were given a copy of these images as their party favors. After picture taking and a dinner buffet, students danced the rest of the night away with an assortment of glow up props that illuminated the dance floor.



More from Senior Ball



Senior Spotlight: Alana Greer

By Glory Htoo



GH: What are some good memories you've had at Proctor?

Alana: I could be cliché and say prom or something, but honestly one of my favorite memories in high school was the UPD vs Proctor basketball game in March. It was so fun to help organize this event, and we had a great turnout. It was so nice to see the community pack the stands to support our cops and students. It was there where I also made my cheerleading debut. Most of us "cheerleaders" had no experience, so trying to learn chants an hour before the game and stepping on each other's feet was hilarious. It was such a fun night, and I hope it can become an annual event.

GH: How would you rate your High School experience?

Alana: I've gone through some overwhelming rough patches, but I've been lucky enough to have incredible, supportive teachers I could go to if I ever needed anything, or simply just wanted to vent. I'm proud of how much I've grown both inside and outside the classroom. After all my setbacks, I finally feel secure and confident with who I am as a student, friend, and overall person. I've established meaningful friendships that I'll cherish for a lifetime, so for that, I'd give it a solid 8/10.

GH: What are your plans for the future?

Alana: I will be attending Colgate University in the fall as a Biology major on the Pre-Med track, but I'm excited to explore different fields of study in the Liberal Arts curriculum. I plan to stay involved with dance and the creative arts, as well as play club tennis. I hope to go through Med School and become a physician, but I'm willing to consider new opportunities and see where they take me.

GH: Who is your biggest inspiration?

Alana: My biggest inspiration is my mom. I think she's especially cool because on top of being a mother of two girls and having a full time job, she recently went back to college and is working on her master's degree. She is very goal-driven and selfless, and she does everything she can to ensure I'm doing alright. On top of inspiring me, she's also my best friend. She always has my back, and everything I do is to make her proud.

GH: What was your favorite club?

Alana: While technically not a "club", my favorite extracurricular activity was being a Senior Class Officer. I loved working with my fellow classmates to plan school events. We had a great time throughout the year and I'm going to miss goofing off with them. Thank you to Ms. Kehoe for being an awesome advisor, and for always letting me rob your snack cabinet!

GH: What is one thing you are going to take away from your high school career?

Alana: My biggest take away, especially during senior year, is that even when things don't seem to be going your way, everything will eventually work out, maybe in unexpected ways. I know at times you may feel hopeless, but when you put in the work, every setback provides opportunities for growth and redirection. Don't doubt yourself, because you're exactly where you're supposed to be. Keep working towards your goals, and through time you'll see how far you've come.

Senior Spotlight: Diana Matheh

By Glory Htoo



GH: What are some good memories you've had at Proctor?

Diana: Most of my favorite memories come from being a part of the tennis team. Whether it be terribly getting double bageled by New Hartford, or just spending my entire day at the Parkway Rec Center playing until the sun set. I will always have fond memories of my team. Every single one of the girls who have been a part of it have always been the sweetest and most amazing people one could ever have as teammates. I will truly miss each and everyone of them when I graduate.

GH: Would you rather go to the beach or to a carnival?

Personally, I'd rather go to the beach since I have no money to spend on carnival games. Although the beach in my opinion just offers a relaxing and enjoyable environment.

GH: Who is your biggest inspiration?

Diana: My biggest inspiration has to be @TTLaceMeUp. The owner (Tha), is an embodiment of hard work and resilience. Through her company she not only displays expressing herself through creativity, but also shows awareness of the unrepresented K'nyaw minorities. I am truly fortunate to have an inspiring individual like her by my side.

GH: What are your plans for the future?

Diana: My future plans are very out in the wind, but currently I'm planning on pursuing the field of zoology in hopes of becoming a vet!

GH: What was your favorite club?

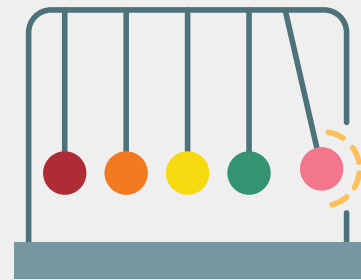
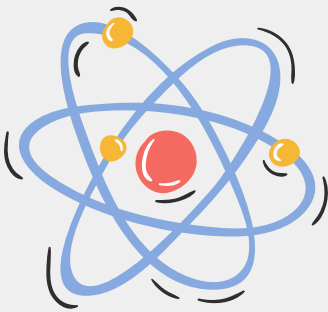
Diana: My favorite club was Chess Club. Although unavailable to go to this year's meetings, I really had a fun time during my junior year learning and playing chess with friends.

GH: What is one thing you are going to take away from your high school career?

Diana: One major thing that I'll take away from my high school career is that no matter the given due date, I'll always do it the day before.

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Lovecchio

by Geri Teal



What is your favorite part of teaching?

“Seeing students being able to understand the material and enjoying science.”

Did you want to be anything other than a teacher before?

“I wanted to learn astrophysics.”

What is your favorite topic in physics?

“I enjoy all of the topics of physics and enjoy having students work on hands-on activities.”

What is one thing you would like to tell your students?

“ I appreciate all of their hard work and thank them for putting effort into what they do.”

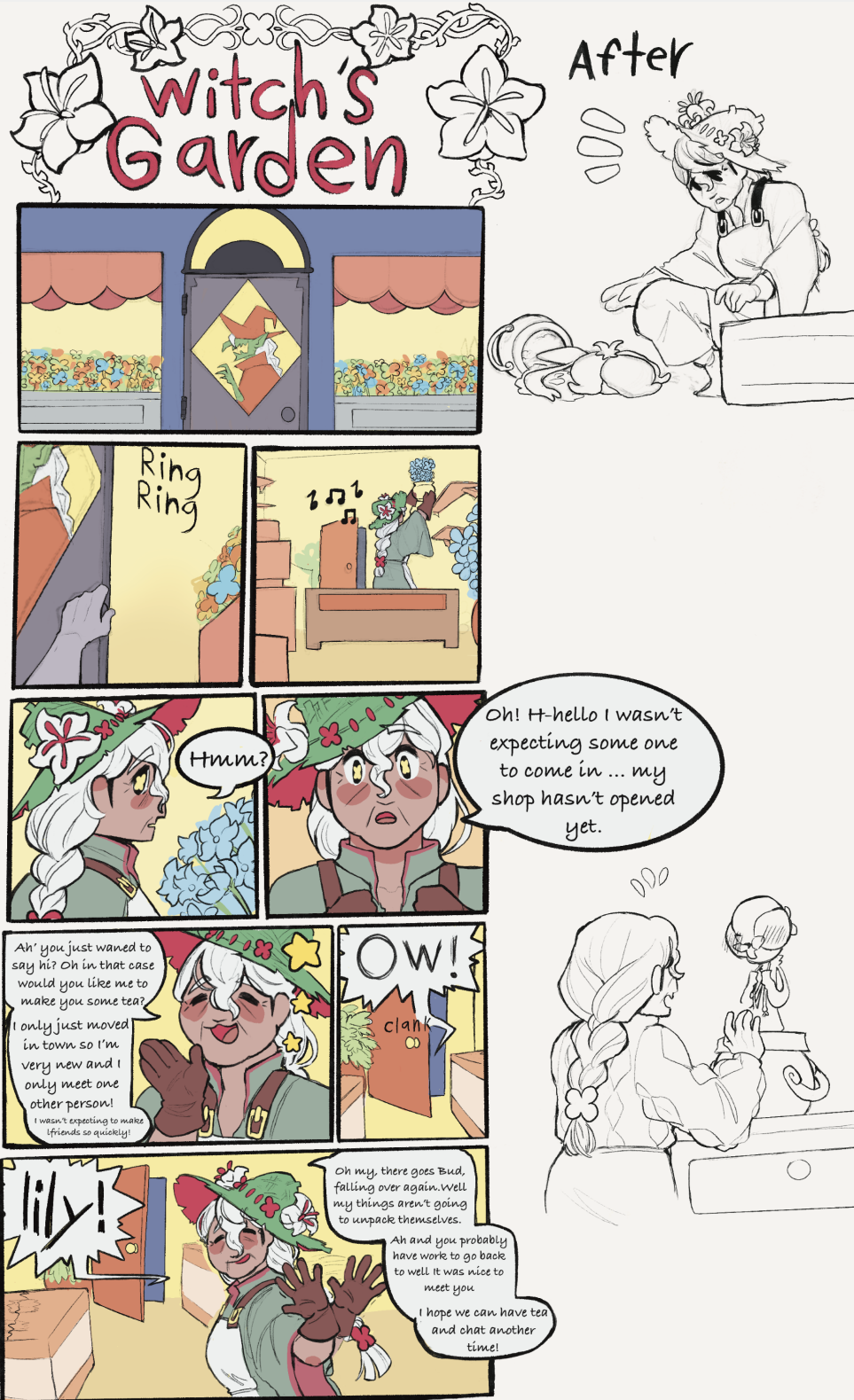
Do you have a favorite saying to live by?

“Pay attention and try your best.”

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Creative Corner

With Maddi Smith, Lynn Long, and Wilmarie De Vargus



By Wilmarie De Vargus

Untitled
by Maddi Smith

The end of the world is near, here
No debate
There is nothing you can do
The billows of smoke fly
The war pigs watch whilst soldiers cry
Oceans boil and the Earth upends
While families gather and make amends

But you and I are here for fun,
So when the sky breaks, we do not run,
Let's sit and relax at the end of time
And watch the last clouds pass in the sky

Martyr
by Maddi Smith

The man walks on a desolate road
Or so he says, I do not know
And with his pain he stumbles on
Posture perfect and strides long
And at his feet, the poor of them lie
And the women fall with tears in their eyes
The sick will crumble, the old will fall,
But the man has it the worst of all.

Please
by Lynn Long

Please don't be just a memory, someone to look back on
Please don't be someone stuck in my head
Please don't be a pain in my chest that won't go away and continues to grow
every waking moment of the day
Please don't be the reason the clouds surround me
Please don't go and leave my love behind
Please don't be someone I long to have but can never own
Please don't be the reason I lay in my bed thinking to myself
Please just stay even if it's only a few minutes
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Among the Yacht- Part 3 (The Finale)

By Anonymous Corridors Staff Member



When the police finally found Amelia at the southern beach of their area, they were quite taken aback. When they walked up to her to arrest her and started accusing her, she didn't resist the arrest and didn't comment on the accusations.

Back at the station

Brooks, Collins and their chief stand on the other side of the interrogation room while Amelia was on the other. Amelia sits calmly in the chair, just sitting...staring.. looking like she has no regrets at all in anything she has done no matter what that may be. She still just stares and stares at the wall like she feels nothing, is nothing, as if she doesn't exist or as if nothing around her exists. She continues to stare into oblivion even as Collins and the chief walks in.

"Do you want to talk or are you just going to stare and talk to the ghosts?" Collins questions. Nothing. Complete silence falls upon the room. "Talk! Or are you going to pretend to be mute and everyone in this facility knows damn well you aren't", he once again taunts. "Are you so self-centered, selfish, and evil that not only did you kill your fiancé but don't even care that you are being implicated and were caught?" he raises his voice.

"I have nothing to say to you", Amelia finally says. It hurt to even speak, like she was in pain from a deep pit of fire burning her insides making her throat dry, her voice hoarse. At this point, the door opens and Brooks walks in. Brooks summons Collins and the chief to come to him. Amelia can't make out what they are saying, aside from the part where Collins raises his voice in a tone of disbelief. Following that, he takes a long moment staring at the two of them before he storms out of the interrogation room (presumably entering the other side). The chief follows.

"Miss. Hernandez...", Brooks starts as he takes a seat across from her. She looks up at him with a questioning look plastered on her face. "Daniel cheated on you and as I can gather, he was not as good of a person as he seemed to be to the public eye, or even his family's." Amelia finally loses her composure. All she sees is the painful, traumatizing memories embedded into her head. "Ameilia correct me if i'm wrong, but Daniel Hunters was cheating on you with the sister of Austin Hayes, Clea Hayes. He harassed, abused, assaulted and repeatedly showed representations of domestic violence upon Miss. Hayes, and not only her but you as well." Brooks stops, which seems like he is waiting for her to correct him...but she never does. She stays silent, her eyes glued to his.

Present Day

"Ameilia Hernandez is guilty. 30 years in prison for the murder of Daniel Hunters", The judge called out in front of the jury and the rest of the audience in the courtroom.

"Anything left to say, Miss. Hernandez, to the family or in general?"

"I don't regret what I did. I would like to say I am sorry for my actions, but I'm not a liar."

Senior Poll

By Mahalia Starling

As Dr. Seuss wisely said, "Do not cry because it is over, smile because it happened." We learn from experiences both good and bad, but most importantly, we learn from other people who've been where we are or where we are soon to be. Now, before I start getting choked up talking about this, I would like to dedicate this poll and article to the class of 2023. As a student of the class of 2024, next spring I'll be in their shoes so this makes it extra emotional for me. So, thank you to all graduating this year and may all the love in the world follow you. Now, I personally don't know some of you but it's important to congratulate you on this achievement followed by many more.

So as we move forward into the unknown, let's take a look at what advice the class of 2023 have for us...

"Stay in school."

"Don't skip."

"Hand work in on time."

"Stay focused and enjoy high school."

"Don't focus on what people say about you. Just be yourself."

"Get into extracurricular activities. Get to know people."

"Enjoy high school. It could be the best time of your life if you let it."

*"Have fun but work hard. You **can** find balance between those two."*

"Don't stress. Later in the future, none of it will really matter."

"Don't stress on other things. Just focus on school and yourself."

"Don't skip, especially if you're having a hard time in that specific class."

Along with the advice above came the most overwhelming and overused question of all: **"What are your plans for the future?"**

"Work at a good paying job. Then (when I have enough money) flip houses."

"College"

"Going to college"

"Attending college"

"To play lacrosse at General Herkimer"

"To work and attend college"

"Attending college and becoming an ESL Teacher"

"Football, track, and physical therapy at Utica University"

"Attend college and major in Science"

"Attend a 4 year University"

Environmental Club

By Sarkanyaw Chit

I feel like a majority of the school has seen the Environmental Club after school or selling paper flowers during lunch periods. A huge thanks goes to the Environmental Club for helping the Earth's wellbeing step-by-step. By collecting and recycling the trash around the school, the club was able to aid the environment well. Proctor's second team from the Environmental Club has also won second place at the Envirothon against 8 schools and 17 teams, as well as second place in Wildlife. Proctor's first team won first place in Current Events as a topic too.

The Environmental Club doesn't just collect trash and do extraordinarily well in competitions, but they also go on fun field trips such as skiing and their most recent one, kayaking. All of these activities give the club members new experiences, memories, and educate them on the current environment and what to do to help our Earth.

TEAMS	AQUATICS	FOREST	SOILS	WILDLIFE	CURRENT EVENTS	TOTALS
Camden 1	19 ^{1st}	14	15 ^{1st}	19	15 ^{2nd} + 10 ^{1st} 20	118
Camden 2	15	9	11	18	12 + 10	75
Proctor 1	14	8	9	20 ^{2nd}	19 ^{1st} + 10	80
Proctor 2	17	11	14	15	14 + 10 + 10	101 ^{2nd}
Proctor 3	15	9	8	17	11 + 10	70
Whitesboro 1	12	14	15 ^{3rd}	16	13 + 10	60
Whitesboro 2	9	6	13	12	6 + 10	36
Whitesboro 3	8	2	11	16	9 + 10	56
Whitesboro 4	15	10	9	13	10 + 10	67
Whitesboro 5	9	5	12	12	10 + 10	58
Whitesboro 6	10	8	9	9	9 + 10	55
Oriskany 1	12	9	7	17	11 + 10	66
Oriskany 2	15	11	8	14	8 + 10	66
Waterville 1	18 ^{2nd}	18 ^{1st}	14	20 ^{1st}	12 + 10	94 ^{3rd}
Oriskany 3	10	10	14	14	9 + 10	61
Oriskany 4	15	13	9	10	8 + 10	65
Camden 1	15	7	14	11	4	51
Camden 2	16	5	11	17	8	60
Whitesboro 7	15	9	10	17	11 + 10	72
Whitesboro 8	15	11	13	10	12 + 10	71



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