

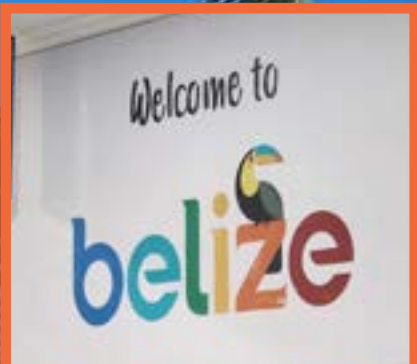
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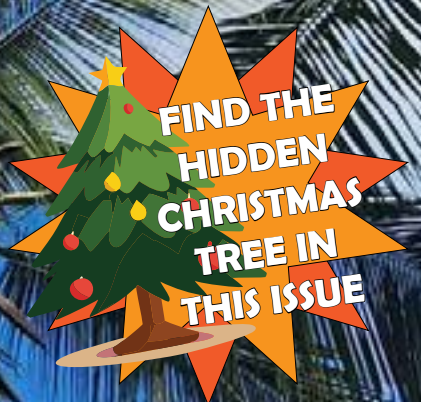
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# GRAND JAM SLAM WAS A HIT!

Article by Jesse Bisunia  
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A collaboration of the rockband *Done Right's* very own bandmembers Jack and Max Hillyer, and hip-hop solo artist Derek Denis, formally known as *GASH*, raised the roof in the cafeteria on November 29th. The event known as “Grand Jam Slam” was a free mini music concert with complementary snacks and treats to pair with some delicious locally produced jam. The concert drew a hefty crowd from all corners of the school and had many people engaged in the

event. Student Emma Ayala said “This event was so good. I came to school this morning like it’s any other ordinary day, and I never would’ve guessed that we were in for a treat.”

The two bands have an upcoming show being preformed at the *Veteran’s of Foreign Wars* in Montville on January 27th, 2024. [See back cover for more information.](#)



Top: Derek, Max and Jack feeling the moment.

Bottom: Fans came out to support the event.

**“THE BAD NEWS IS TIME FLIES. THE  
GOOD NEWS IS YOU’RE THE PILOT.”**

**-MICHAEL ALTSHULER**

**“KEEP YOUR FACE ALWAYS TOWARD  
THE SUNSHINE, AND SHADOWS WILL  
FALL BEHIND YOU.”**

**-WALT WHITMAN**

Article by Jesse Bisunia  
Photography by Jesse Bisunia

As we get ready for the winter months, we can begin to plan out a vast array of unique winter experiences. This marvelous season offers great classic winter activities in snowy resorts like skiing or snowboarding or something a little less adrenaline consuming like cross-country skis or snowshoeing to experience relaxing woodlands covered in bright white snow.

If you'd rather be in a city setting than in a serene natural one, enjoy the lovely ice skating rinks found around cities everywhere, Providence, Hartford and New Haven for local references, and celebrate the holiday season in a friendly and social manner.

Don't forget to go to the many light shows that are found in rural areas displaying the beauty of the holidays in a full bright manner.

Some may consider taking their interests to winter-themed concerts, that when performed during a snow fall, can bring a massive amount of holiday joy out of oneself.

The list goes on and on and the winter season opens up a world of opportunities for everyone, allowing everyone to appreciate the unique features and beautiful charms that sprout only in this season.



# The Christmas Holly

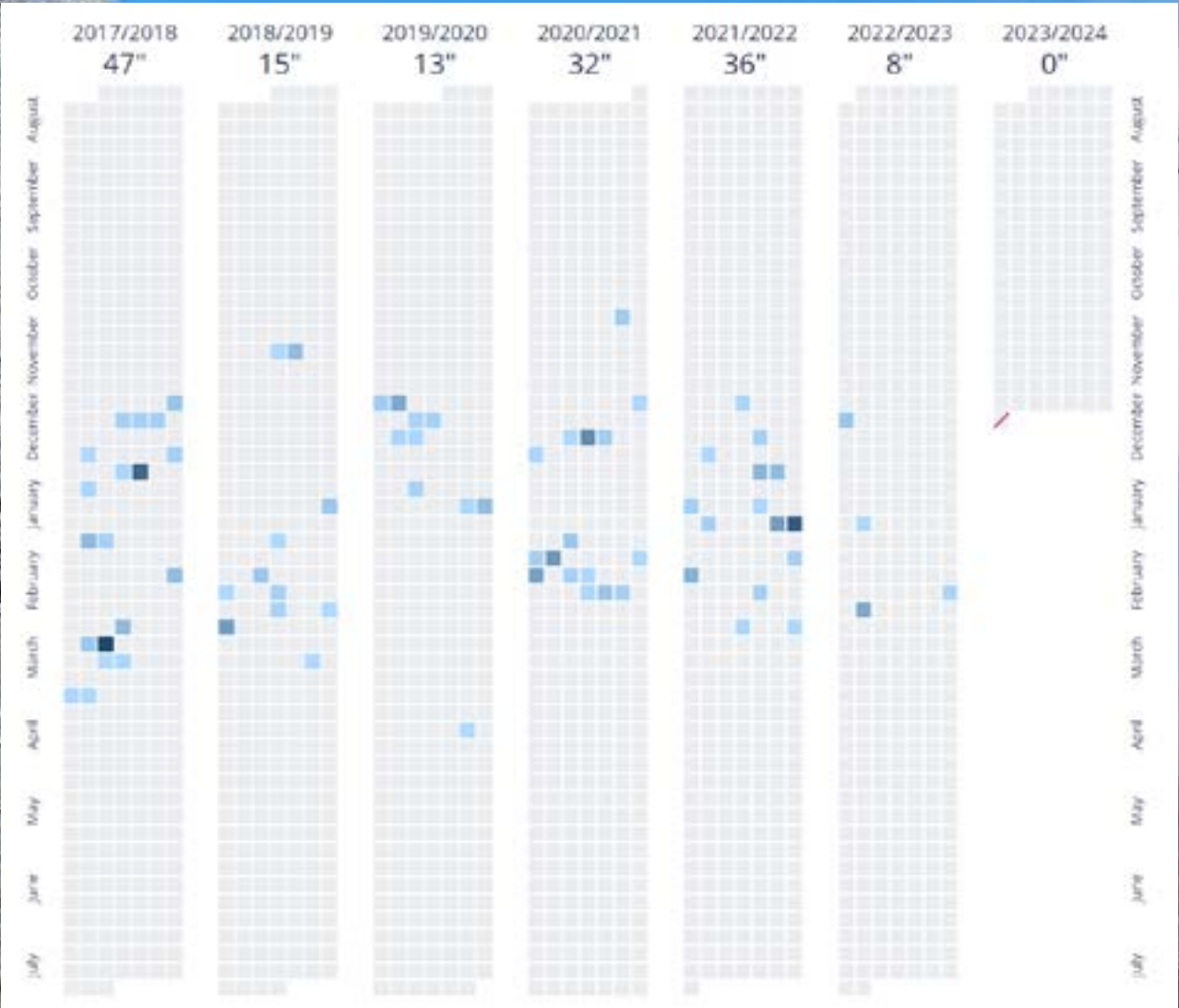
BY ELIZA COOK

The holly! the holly! oh, twine it with bay—  
Come give the holly a song  
For it helps to drive stern winter away,  
With his garment so sombre and long.  
It peeps through the trees with its berries of red,  
And its leaves of burnish'd green,  
When the flowers and fruits have long been dead,  
And not even the daisy is seen,  
Then sing to the holly, the Christmas holly,  
That hangs over peasant and king  
While we laugh and carouse 'neath its glitt'ring boughs,  
To the Christmas holly we'll sing.

The gale may whistle, and frost may come,  
To fetter the gurgling rill  
The woods may be bare, and the warblers dumb—  
But the holly is beautiful still.  
In the revel and light of princely halls,  
The bright holly-branch is found  
And its shadow falls on the lowliest walls,  
While the brimming horn goes round.  
Then drink to the holly.

The ivy lives long, but its home must be  
Where graves and ruins are spread  
There's beauty about the cypress tree,  
But it flourishes near the dead  
The laurel the warrior's brow may wreath,  
But it tells of tears and blood.  
I sing the holly, and who can breathe  
Aught of that that is not good?  
Then sing to the holly.

# Snow pattern since 2017



SOURCE: [howmuchwillitsnow.com](https://www.howmuchwillitsnow.com)

Article by Jesse Bisunia  
Photography by Jesse Bisunia

Belize has a reputation for reeling in many young travelers looking for a thrill in the Caribbean circle. It's one of the more affordable locations filled with many, many possibilities and unique past-times that you can only find at this particular location. If you are interested in seeing a variety of marine life and beautiful coral reefs, you can plan snorkeling and scuba diving activities in the sea's crystal clear waters. Relax by sunbathing on pristine beaches that embrace the soft waves slithering on the sandy beaches. Experience the vibrant buildings in downtown San Pedro with delicious seafood eateries that serve the freshest of catches you can find and stay a while to drown in the great nightlife options that plenty of venues around the town provide. Take a day off and go visit one of history's most intriguing stories by sightseeing some ancient Mayan temples and buildings in the mainland of Belize. The activities are endless and they're waiting for you!



Jesse striking a pose next to a palm tree.



# Tropical Drinks



*Piña Colada*



*Xelusion*



*Dirty Banana*

# Swimming with the Sharks



Several nurse sharks and marine animals breaking the surface of the crystal clear Caribbean water.

# Five Nights at Freddy's

## Another failed video game adaptation

By Derek Denis

**F**ive Nights at Freddy's is a family-friendly horror film, about a security guard who must face off against horrific robot animals. Based off the 2014 video game series, the film attempts to capture the essence of the games in a way that pleases both casual viewers and longtime fans of the series. The film stars Josh Hutcherson, Laila, and Piper Rubio, and is written by series creator Scott Cawthon, director Emma Tammi, and Scott Cuddeback.

Over the years many video game companies have tried and failed to successfully adapt their franchise to the big screen. *Five Nights at Freddy's* fights an uphill battle, having the film release years past their peak of popularity. Many fans are left asking, "Why now?"

The storyline of the game series is extremely open and vague, leaving a lot of room for exploration in a feature length film. The movie does a luke-warm job at expanding the world of Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria. Rather than exploring the intriguing concept of a haunted pizza restaurant from the 80s, the film insists on developing generic characters, and a convoluted plotline that leaves more questions than answers.

The film's inconsistent tone is *Five Nights at Freddy's*'s biggest weakness. The movie can't decide whether it is a thrilling horror movie, a heartfelt character drama, or a shallow parody of the series. The attempt to please all audiences result in a forgettable movie that pleases no one.



# The Marvels

## A generic, predictable action film

By Derek Denis

**M**arvel Studio's latest installment is a lighthearted, vibrant action movie with little consequence. *The Marvels* continues the extensive anthology of the Marvel Cinematic Universe in a way that appeals to both new and old fans alike. Directed by Nia DaCosta, the story follows up 2019's *Captain Marvel* in a way that caters to all viewers.

Starring Brie Larson, Teyonah Parris, and Iman Vellani, the ensemble cast crack jokes while facing off against another generic sci-fi villain. Although the cast's chemistry is on point, their scenes together are tainted by poorly written, cheesy dialogue. On top of that, the film's hollow villain and forgettable story diminish the quality of the movie as a whole.

Overall the film fails to add anything new to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. If you've seen any of the previous films, you will know exactly what to expect from this installment. It is clear that the studio refused to learn from previous criticism. Every Marvel movie trope is here: corny one-liners, forgettable villains, predictable stories, etc.

Despite the movie's glaring flaws, *The Marvels* is still enjoyable. The film's visuals are impressive, with creative set design and eye-popping CGI. There are plenty of explosive, colorful action sequences, and the film never has a dull moment with the 1hr 45 minute runtime. The lighthearted tone makes for an easy viewing experience, that is pleasing to fans of all ages.

In conclusion, *The Marvels* is a decent film that offers exactly what fans will expect. The over-the-top humor and action will keep you entertained, but there is little to offer in terms of storytelling and character development. Although it is entertaining, *The Marvels* is far from new and refreshing. Marvel Studios will need to offer the fans something new to keep their franchise fresh.



# Holiday Cheer at the Woodward Museum

Article by Derek Denis  
Photography by Derek Denis

On December 3rd, the community of Franklin came together for a Holiday Open House at the Ashbel Woodward Museum. Guests were able to get a taste of history with 19th century holiday treats, including mince pies, pumpkin preserves, sugar plums, cranberry pies and more. Visitors also had the opportunity to visit their textile exhibit, and tour “The Campbell House” next door. The museum was the home to Ashbel Woodward; a physician, farmer, and historian who dedicated the majority of his life to serve the town of Franklin. The tight-knit community and staff at the Woodward Museum work hard to honor Woodward’s contribution to the town. Museum goers are met with a warm welcome, and given the opportunity to both learn more about the history of Franklin, and experience the essence of the holidays in the 19th century. Local historian, Matt Novosad, emphasizes that, “Foods are really an interesting way to connect with the past, [...] you quite literally get to taste what people more or less tasted [...] prior to [the 19th century]. Christmas wasn’t really celebrated, so this was kind of a new era, [...] and we get to taste what that started like.” The town of Franklin continues to keep their community together, and honor the people who have provided their service to the town. Events like the Holiday Open House at the Woodward Musueum display the level of care the townspeople have towards their peers, as well as their history.



The Ashbel Woodward Museum.



Holiday merchandise at the Woodward Museum.



Members of the community making Victorian pomander.



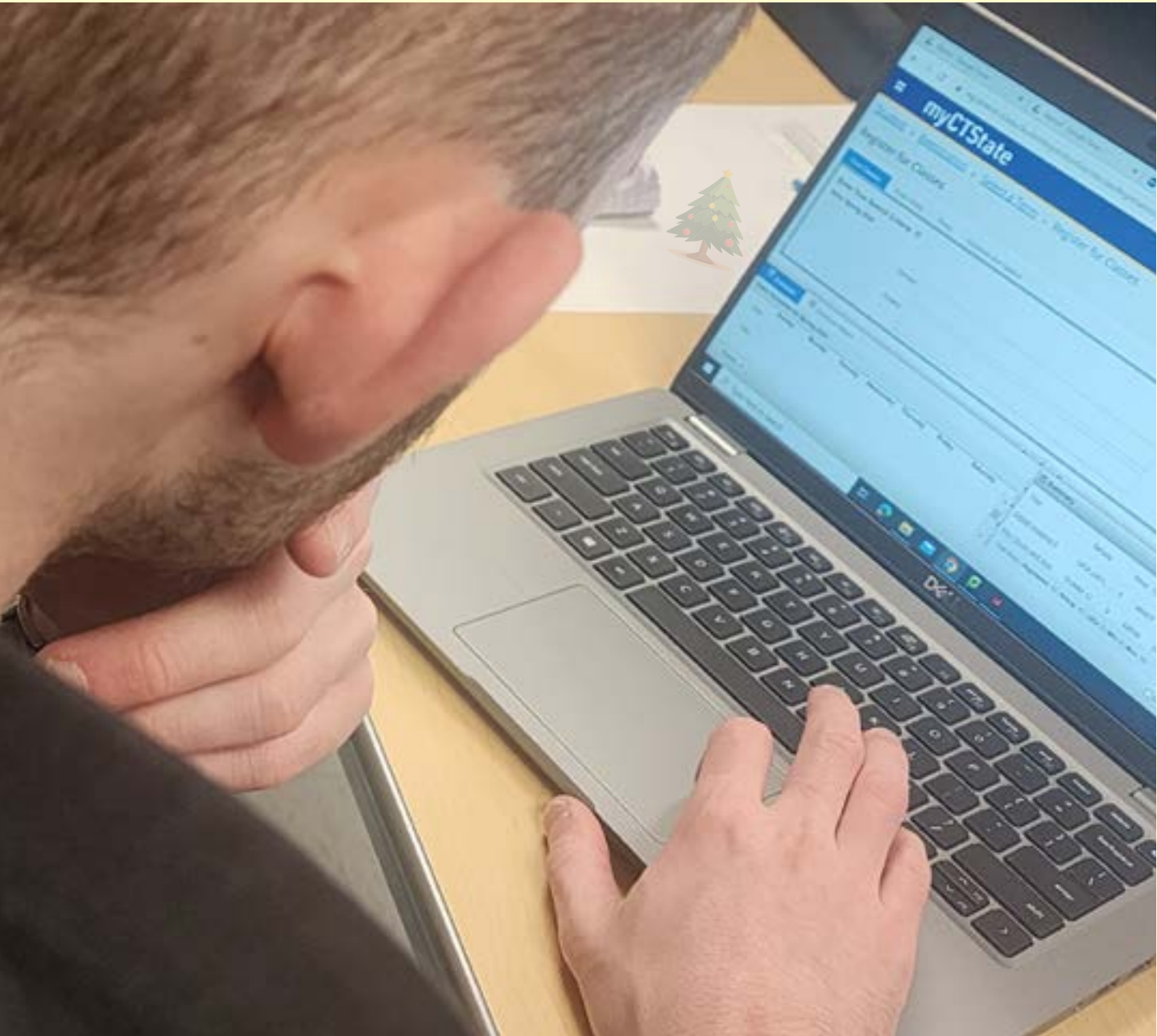
Mince Pies and Pumpkin Preserves.



Coffee and Sugar Plums inspired by the 19th century.

# 2024 SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN JAN 19, 2024

Be cognizant of registration protocols. Classes fill up quick and you don't want any holds preventing you from signing up for your classes in order to graduate at your planned pace. Be mindful that students from all around the state may be signing up for classes at Three Rivers so courses have an increased chance of filling up a lot faster than usual. Reach out for help if you need it and happy registering!



Close-up of Derek signing up for Spring semester classes like a good student.

# COMIC MADNESS!

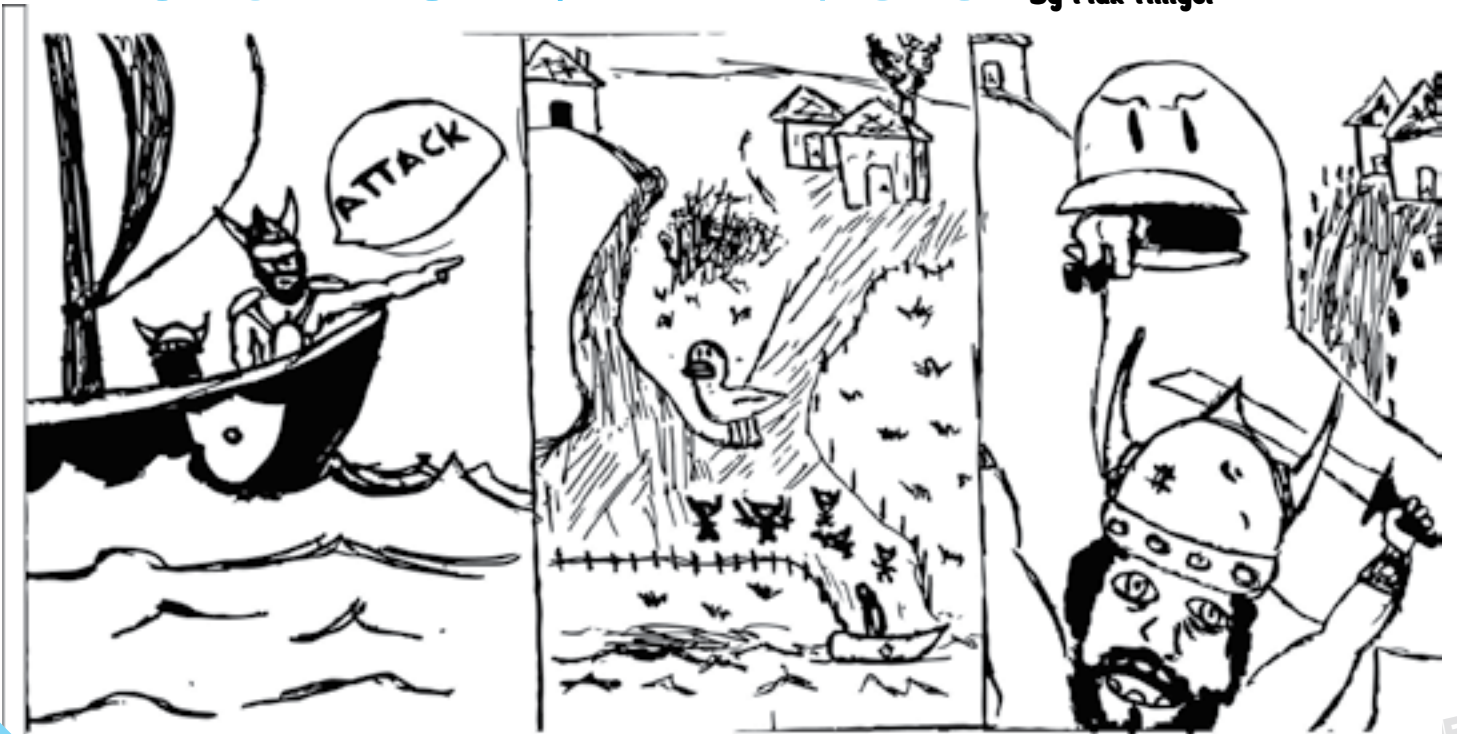
## BURGER DEALER

By Derek Denis



## DUCK & VIKINGS

By Max Hillyer



## BURGER MAN

By Max Hillyer



# DRAG BINGO

Article by Max Hillyer  
Photography by Max Hillyer

Drag Bingo was a school event hosted by Student Programs in the cafeteria from 5pm to 7pm on November 29th. This event was a fun and interesting way to gather students of TRCC. The model in drag would call out numbers for the bingo players to make on their sheets. There were many prizes associated with the LGBTQ brand and theme that people could win. There wasn't just bingo being played that hailed to the excitement of the event. There were tables full of food and drinks free for the students and staff. On occasion the model would put a pause before another bingo game, to give a singing performance to the audience. Most of the people who played the game never

really experienced entertainment in such a way like this before. It was something new, and almost refreshing to see on a Wednesday night. With finals out for all the students, drag bingo allowed for relaxing fun during the stressful part of the semester. The model put in amazing work in making this event come to life. It appeared that they injured their foot before the event, but with the help of a cast and good spirits, drag bingo was a success. There was a warm welcome for all to participate in the game. A sense of comfortability spread through the cafeteria as time went on. Laughs were shared and fun jokes were made. Special thanks to Student Programs for making this event happen on campus.



Luke Kindel and his priceless reaction to winning one of the prize.

## SINGING & DANCING



## GAME & FOCUS



# COFFEE

# & CRAFTS

Article by Max Hillyer  
Photography by Max Hillyer

The most recent school wide event was the Coffee & Crafts event hosted by Student Programs, on December 6, 4:00 pm to 6:00pm. 'Tis the season, because this event was all about the Christmas holiday. Students who attended the event were welcomed to a whole range of crafts to build and paint. Many of the crafts were to build your own snowman, or paint your own ornament. Next to the craft was a coffee bar where students can make their

own coffee or tea. The results from the students were outstanding. Everyone had a unique craft they made or painted themselves; showcasing their own artistic expression. Even students who did not partake in the crafts in the cafeteria either took one home with them, or grabbed a cup of coffee and socialized. This was a lighthearted and relaxing festive event that made for an opportunity to bring TRCC students together. With the 2023 fall semester coming to an end, it was great to end the year in the best way.



Derek enjoying a cup of coffee while making a craft.



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# DROWN IN SOUND

Music Festival



GASH



Done Right



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