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*Happy Fall. Y'all!*

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# November Movie Releases

By GiAnna De La Cruz

As the year draws to a close, the entertainment industry is gearing up for a blockbuster end to 2023, with an array of highly-anticipated movies and TV series set to premiere in theaters, but also in the impactful world of streaming services. The streaming revolution has dramatically altered the way the public consumes content, giving viewers greater flexibility and access to a variety of entertainment options.

The streaming industry's impact has extended beyond content, creating changes in accessibility, and a more diverse range of entertainment. Smaller productions can now find an audience, driving and pushing the boundaries of film.

The ease of switching between platforms and the end of strict schedules means that viewers can now watch

their entertainment at their own pace. Traditional cable TV has faced stiff competition, as viewers increasingly cut the cord and opted for streaming services.

Shows and movies from around the world are also now available with subtitles or dubbing, broadening cultural horizons and showcasing the industry's move towards inclusivity.

The end of 2023 promises a variety of entertainment options, highlighting the



Courtesy of Cord Cutters News  
A family browses Netflix  
to find their evening  
watch





A frame from “Trolls Band Together” (2023)

Courtesy of the The Hollywood Reporter

growing influence of streaming services on the entertainment industry. From high-budget series to international films and a number of genres, the streaming revolution is reshaping how society experiences and enjoys content, offering more choice and convenience than ever before.

On November 17, 2023, “The Hunger Games” films anticipate the release of a fifth installment, “The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes”, which is a prequel to the fan-favorite movie and book series. This motion picture, set 64 years before the events of the Hunger Games, follows 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow long before he rises to the presidency of Panem. On that same day, the “Trolls” franchise is expecting a third movie, focusing on Poppy,

after she finds out the surprising past of Branch and his four brothers, who were former members of a boy band. When one of Branch’s siblings is abducted by villains, Poppy and Branch set out on a quest to reunite them and save Branch’s brother from something that makes being in the shadow of pop culture seem small.

On November 22, 2023, the Disney movie “Wish” will be released, celebrating Disney’s 100 year anniversary. This animated movie follows 17-year-old Asha, who’s intuition leads her down a dark, twisted path. When she wishes on a star who answers her calls, they have to overcome the evil that is threatening their kingdom.

With the end of the writer’s strike, the film industry has finally reopened its doors to new and creative storytelling. So, as we approach the final works of this year, we should embrace the world of theater and streaming and look forward to the entertainment that this breakthrough will provide in the future.



# **99 Thanksgivings, 99 Parades**

## **By Imani Burnett**

**It is almost that time of year again for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The idea of this parade however, actually started with the Philadelphia Parade in 1920. It was held to promote Philadelphia's Gimbel Brothers Department Store. This event was staged with 50 people, 15 cars, and a fireman dressed as Santa Claus who represented the Christmas shopping season.**

**Four years later, in 1924, Macy's held their first parade for children in New York, giving them a special Thanksgiving treat as a police escort led the parade. Floats such as Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Little Miss Muffet and Little Red Riding Hood were used to fit in with Macy's nursery rhyme theme. Employees also dressed as clowns, cowboys, and knights.**

**The parade also featured animals from the Central Park Zoo such as bears, monkeys, elephants, and camels, which gave the parade a circus-like atmosphere. The addition of four marching bands added a festive soundtrack as well. At the end of the line-up, a float with Santa Claus sitting along with his reindeer on top of a mountain of snow.**



Courtesy of Getty Images

**A Baby Yoda balloon  
delights the crowd at last  
year's parade**



**Now, the parade is an annual tradition that features vibrant performers and humongous balloons of everyone's favorite characters. This year the parade will be hosted in New York as it has been for 99 years, lasting 3 hours from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This event will be streamed on news channels like NBC and streaming apps such as Peacock.**

**The parade's balloon lineup features 4 new characters: Beagle Scout Snoopy, Blue Cat & Chugs, Leo, and Monkey D. Luffy. Along with these new additions there are 17 other balloons total from shows like Bluey and Paw Patrol to some fan favorites like Spongebob and Stuart the Minion. There are 28 floats this year as well as eight balloonsicles. The kickoff will begin from West 77th Street and Central Park West, and will end at Macy's Herald Square.**



Courtesy of Getty Images

**A large Spider-man balloons  
stuns onlookers**



# **Exposed, Endangered, Defenseless**

## **By Abigail Mills**

**With Thanksgiving approaching, it is important for people not only to appreciate things in their immediate lives, but also the things and species that they may lose if people do not take action to help them. There are many endangered species that call Pennsylvania their home.**

**A few of these Pennsylvanian species include the Northern Flying Squirrel and the Short-Eared Owl. According to environmental experts with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, both of these animals have suffered from the destruction of forests, littering, hunting and trapping, and climate change. Because of their loss of habitat, Short-Eared Owls have nearly nowhere to live and raise their young.**

**Meanwhile, northern flying squirrels suffer starvation due to their main food plants — fungi that grow on hemlock and spruce trees — being scarce because of the destruction of forests and the damage caused by the hemlock wooly adelgid (an invasive insect).**



Courtesy of National  
Audubon Society

**A Short-Eared Owl  
perches on a tree**





## **A look inside the Wolf Conservation Center in New York**

Courtesy of the Wolf Conservation Center

**There are also smaller species that have been harmed by habitat destruction, including the Bog Copper, a wetland butterfly whose numbers have been decreasing due to the loss of their wetland environments and the contamination of clean waters all across Pennsylvania, say conservation scientists from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.**

**Every species is valuable. If one species is taken out of the picture, an entire ecosystem can be harmed. This is why it is vital to support threatened and endangered species while they are still around.**

**Many people do not know that they can help these animals. However, even the average high school student can pitch in. Simply by picking up litter and recycling, they can help keep forests and wetlands clean.**

**Additionally, supporting carbon-negative or carbon-neutral companies when possible can help battle climate change and air pollution. Students can also help keep the air clean by planting air-filtering plants both inside and outside, or by caring for local forests.**

**Furthermore, many conservation foundations such as the Wolf Conservation Center in New York (WCC) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), work to educate people on endangered species, environmental issues, and actions people can take to help. They use donations to fund projects that help attempt to revitalize declining species, so even small donations are appreciated.**

**These are not the only ways students can help, and it is worthwhile to look into methods students can take to do their part. For animals in danger of disappearing forever, a little help can go a long way, especially if everyone contributes.**



# **Cavs, It's Time to Get Crazy!**

## **By Aaliyah Allen**

The fall season was filled with many memorable moments this year and our Cav Athletes are only getting started. Here are our latest takes on the Winter Sports Season.

Led by Coaches Gallagher and Munford, the Basketball Teams have their first scrimmages on the 25th against Northwestern Lehigh, Northampton, and Wilson Area respectively. Our Lady Cavs currently hold the Exchange Cup, which they intend on keeping home this season. JV's first game is on December 6th against Pocono West and Varsity's is December 1st in the Tamaqua Tip-Off Tournament. For the boys, who strive for back-to-back championships, JV faces Pocono West at home on December 6th and Varsity faces Berwick December 1st.

Our Rifle Team starts their season against North Pocono on December 7th on the rival's court. The team has a record of making states and are heading for the championship this year. Meanwhile, the Swim Teams have their first meets against Marian Catholic and Parkland on December 1st and 6th respectively, and Coach Litts leads the Wrestling Team in their first scrimmage on the 25th at Whitehall High. Varsity has their first match on the 29th and JV faces Solanco on December 2nd.



Courtesy of  
@essouthgirlsbbal on  
Instagram

The Lady Cavs winning  
the exchange cup earlier  
this year



**Scholastic Scrimmage has their final game at Pleasant Valley on the 20th before the EPC Tournament on December 4th, and the Science Olympiad team faces North Pocono at the North Pocono Invitational on January 27th. Scholastic Scrimmage is an on-air game show, hosted by Paul Lizar in which schools compete head-to-head answering questions about math, history, arts, and science, for as much as \$4,000 towards their school's scholarship fund. Science Olympiad offers students an opportunity to work with classmates and compete against other schools, in which they participate in 23 events pertaining to various fields of science. Winners of this competition then receive academic scholarships.**

**Our chess team started the season with matches against North and Lehighton. They face Pocono West on December 5th at home. Mock Trial heads to Pocono West for the Pocono West Invitational on the 18th. Lastly, with a recent win against Pleasant Valley, our Speech & Debate team have proven their dominance in the league. They end their season against North on November 29th.**

**All in all, South offers many ways for students to get involved in our community. Not only for athletes, but fans as well. So get your coats and come support our Cavalier teams this winter!**



Courtesy of ESASD.net

**The Speech and Debate team celebrates their victory against Pleasant Valley**