



Boys Basketball Crowned WPIAL 1A Champs!

This entire season Bishop Canevin was considered the team to beat in Class 1A boys basketball. On March 12 they proved it when the team won their first-ever WPIAL title.

They defeated second-seed Rochester High School 42-27 at North Allegheny High School. The Crusaders were sparked in the third quarter by junior guard Kevaughn Price who scored six of his game-high 17 points in that quarter, which included a dunk – his first – just before the buzzer went off. Price now is a WPIAL champion, just like his father Kevin (Duquesne) and sister Shamyjha (Canevin).

Head Coach Gino Palmosina, a 2011 Canevin graduate, was pleased with everyone’s efforts. The team kept Rochester to 18% shooting. After

a bye in the first round of the PIAA, they unfortunately had to forfeit the second round game due to a COVID-19 situation.

Senior captain Nevan Crossey stated, “It was devastating for sure. You find out after four years of so much hard work this is how it ends. But COVID has been devastating to hundreds of thousands of Americans. Basketball is a big part

of our lives, but there’s a lot more than basketball in life. You’ve got to keep it in perspective.”

Coach Palmosina agreed. “To finally get it done, win a WPIAL and put one of those trophies in the trophy case, as an alum of this school, it’s a cool feeling. They’ll never be able to take that away from us.”

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We Asked and You Answered

Charlie Serena | Staff Reporter

We asked the question “What did you give up or will be doing extra for Lent?” and below is a random sampling of the responses we received.....

Mrs. Miller – gave up shopping for unnecessary things and planned on doing one good deed daily

Mrs. Collins – continued work on embracing her weaknesses

Mr. Schlicht – wanted to try and work on a particular fault and not just give up something but to give back to others; he doesn’t want to be a “Debby Downer”

Mr. Checketts – gave up cafeteria lunches

Mr. Schultz – gave up sleeping due to a lot of work and children at home

Bree Bazeck – gave up sweets

Carson Gaitens – gave up drinking a lot of soda

Joey Brooks – gave up candy

Frank Nicholson – gave up being negative towards certain things

Madison Carothers – gave up chocolate

Rutanya Taylor – gave up going to bed late

Bradon Logan – gave up playing video games

Bella Thomeier – gave up online shopping.

If you are stuck for Lenten ideas, we offer the recent words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Congratulations Boys Basketball!



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Ask Us Anything

*Two staff reporters
anonymously give their best advice*

Which matters more – a first impression or a last impression?

Your first impression is always important. It happens very quickly and can determine how a situation might go. It's important not to stress or over think these issues. Although the last impression is much more important, it is ultimately the final time someone will see you. This is why it is more important.

What fast food restaurant has the best fries?

The delicious beauty of fast food fries. They come in many shapes and sizes. My favorite fries has to be Arby's. If you have never had

Arby's crispy curly fries, then you are missing out on something. Their delicious taste is unmatched by any other fast food restaurant.

What came first, the chicken or the egg?

The egg obviously came first. It doesn't just rain chickens!

If animals could talk, which animal would be the rudest?

Squirrels. Before you yell at me, hear me out. These animals bite. Apparently their cuteness is to be admired from afar and not up close. Please don't pet them; they bite.

A Day in the Life of Jeri Nagy

Mac Johnson | Staff Reporter



“We have a great group of students. Everyone with whom I have spoken has always been friendly and polite,” said Jeri Nagy, Canevin's Administrative Assistant and Safe Environment Coordinator. Nagy takes pride in working at a school with such a friendly and welcoming community.

A typical work day lasts from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. She begins each day by meeting with the School Counselor, Lydia Albin, and assisting her with anything she needs. Nagy then heads to the Main Office and completes any administrative tasks assigned by the principal, Michael Joyce. Throughout the day, she answers phone calls, greets visitors, and helps students who come to the office. Students usually seek her for

Band-aids, Sarris candy orders, or to sign in or out of school. As the Safe Environment Coordinator, she makes sure that everyone who interacts with the students is in compliance with their safe environment clearances which are implemented by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

She tries to be a friendly face for all the students with whom she interacts. Nagy enjoys talking to them and being a part of the community. Nagy said, “Canevin is a tight-knit community with a focus on doing the very best to treat each student as an individual while providing a good foundation the students can use when they move on to whatever endeavor they choose after they graduate.”

Welcome, Ms. Jirku

Nancy Jirku recently became the new administrative assistant in the front office. She previously worked for many years at Concordia University in Canada. She will be responsible for transportation, attendance, teacher substitutions and inputting content on the Canevin webpages. Welcome to the BC Community!



Book Review: *Truly Devious* Spins a True Mystery

Theresa Skindzier | Staff Reporter and Graphic Artist

T*ruly Devious* is the first book in a compelling trilogy by New York Times bestselling author Maureen Johnson. The novel takes a young adult spin on true crime that will interest any teen who enjoys mysteries.

The story is set in the mountains of Vermont at a boarding school for intelligent unique students. The tuition-free academy was founded by Albert Ellingham who believed in “a place where learning is a game.” Only a short time after the school first opened, Ellingham’s wife and daughter are kidnapped. It becomes a famous unsolved crime as the only clue is a riddle signed with the pseudonym “Truly, Devious.” Years later, Stevie Bell comes to Ellingham Academy with the sole purpose of solving the cold case. When death revisits the campus, Stevie is determined to solve the new murder as well.

The novel alternates between two

interwoven mysteries. This idea of having multiple plot lines and perspectives is becoming a popular addition to Young Adult literature. The concept is intriguing and puts a spin on traditional storytelling.

The book leads nicely into the next one in the trilogy as it is not just a money-grab like some other series. It was clearly written to be part of a mystery trilogy. It was named Best Book of 2018 by Publishers Weekly and Seventeen and was the winner of the 2020 Pennsylvania Young Readers’ Choice Award.

The novel is perfect for fans of Agatha Christie or general murder mysteries. I give this book a high recommendation as it was interesting and very different from the dystopian books I normally read. Some readers might not like all aspects of this book or Stevie’s character but, nevertheless, it is still a very enjoyable novel.

Journalism Students Work with Point Park’s CMI

Journalism I and II students have been participating in a 7-week interactive video program taught by the Center for Media Innovation of Point Park University’s School of Communications. Practical information sessions have been held on telling stories about the community outside of campus, how to cover sports remotely during

COVID, how to get photos and content for yearbooks during COVID, handling video production, how to podcast using a smartphone, how to publish the school newspaper digitally, and social media branding.

Bishop Canevin is a proud affiliate of Point Park’s Center for Media Innovation.

Get Published in the *Oracle Literary Magazine*

April 9 is the deadline for submissions of poetry, short stories, artwork, and photographs for publication in the Spring issue of the *Oracle Literary Magazine*. Please submit all works to Mrs. Charlotte Smith in G105

or email her at smithe@bishopcanevin.org.

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Movie Review: *WandaVision* is a Marvelous Entry to the Franchise

Adam Reyes | Arts and Entertainment Editor

W*andaVision* is directed by Matt Shakman and stars Elizabeth Olsen and Paul Bettany in the grand return of the Marvel Cinematic Universe but this time in the form of a Disney+ original series. *WandaVision* follows Wanda Maximoff and the Vision as they go through their everyday lives, but with a Marvel-style mystery behind the scenes. For a franchise of films that prides itself on top quality action, characters and, of course, superheroes, *WandaVision* is something that I can confidently say I’ve never seen before in film and television.

While I won’t spoil any of the important plot details, what I can say is that *WandaVision*’s multiple twists and turns throughout the series constantly kept me guessing. The settings, callbacks to classic television

shows and amazing costumes were a spectacle all on their own. But the ones who sell all the eras of *WandaVision* are the amazing Elizabeth Olsen and Paul Bettany who have proven their talent to deliver strong emotional scenes and light-hearted comedy. While all this may sound like it’s a setup for a nice and comedic sitcom, Marvel fans can rest assured that it is very much still a “Marvel” movie.


The only faults I can find in this show would be the slower paced opening which some might not appreciate and a slightly rushed ending with scene plotlines not being resolved and a few characters not getting their deserved screen time. With all aspects of the show considered, *WandaVision* has something for everyone and is a strong start to the Marvel Disney+ catalog.




The Time Traveling Teenagers meet St. Patrick
 By Gabrielle Gerbino



1 Day at Jackson Pierce High School



The class of Mr. Jones



Today is St. Patrick's Day




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John, Chase, Paul walk home



Suddenly a wormhole appears



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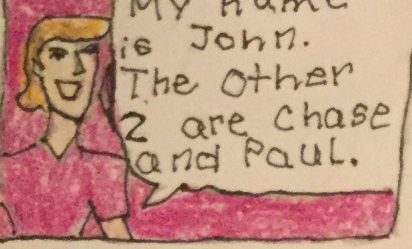
where are we?



Hello My name is St. Patrick



My name is John. The other 2 are Chase and Paul.




Follow me!



Monastery



This is a book I wrote called confessions



This is a Shamrock



Bye

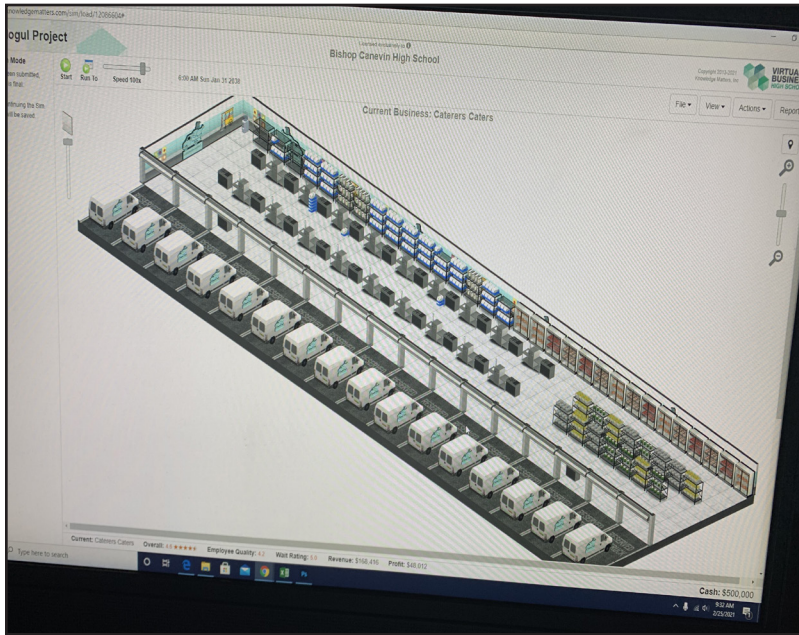


That was fun



Entrepreneurial Skills Taught in Management Class

Carmen Worrall | Guest Columnist



The results of Worrall's entrepreneurial efforts in Management Class.

In my Business Management class we were afforded the opportunity to dive headfirst into what it is like to be an entrepreneur in America. We were able to start up whatever business we wanted, such as an ice cream shop, donut shop, or a hair salon, and we had full control of the operations of that business. That meant that I could set prices for all products and services, hire whomever I wanted, advertise across all platforms, and buy as many consumables as I wanted. The business' success or failure was purely dependent on the person in charge. The goal of this assignment was to acquire \$30,000,000 in assets.

In order to achieve this goal, one had to run the business over multiple days, months and years. I had to run my simulation for six full years before I even came close to this goal. Because it was all a simulation, I could increase the speed of time, but I had to regularly check my business to guarantee that it was turning a profit. I had to open up new businesses and sometimes I had to close old businesses. Prices had to be adjusted according to customer complaints, and employees were hired or let go, depending on the success or failure

of my company. I had to advertise to specific demographics which then led to greater revenue. The only way to achieve this goal, however, was to open new businesses. This was extremely volatile as each new business had the ability to either greatly succeed expectations or crash and burn. I reached this goal through a mix of adjusting prices, hiring new employees, opening businesses that were in demand, advertising my company through social media and newspapers, buying large quantities of consumable supplies that my business needed, and providing a large enough space for my employees to adequately do their jobs.

The economy had ups and downs, and some businesses were completely unable to attract patrons. Every success was met with failure, and every failure was met with success. After nearly twenty hours of dedication and hard work, I achieved this goal, and proceeded to break all previous records by recording a total asset amount of nearly \$165,000,000.

I highly encourage everyone to take Mr. Wanamaker's Business Management class so you too can experience this simulation firsthand.

My Experience at the Arrupe Leaders Summit

Mac Johnson | Staff Reporter



Last month, I was fortunate to attend the Arrupe Leaders Summit, along with Brogan Victor, Katie Drauch, Ian Lecker, Theresa Skindzier, Trey Varley and Mrs. Andrea Collins, religion teacher. The two-day event was sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, and the goal of the summit was to encourage students from Jesuit high schools to become leaders in their communities and to strive for social justice. Because of COVID-19, this year it was held virtually on Zoom.

Both days consisted of listening to guest speakers and talking in small groups. Using the breakout room feature on Zoom, the administrators were able to efficiently place us in rooms with other students from different schools across the country. For example, some of the students were from Florida, Oregon, Michigan and New York. During these sessions, we discussed different social justice issues that we feel passionate about. Much of our time was actually spent getting to know each other and engaging in enjoyable conversations about miscellaneous topics, such as WandaVision, communism and life in Miami. One of my favorite conversations was about what winter has been like for

each person. It was interesting hearing everyone's different perspectives, especially from a student who lives in Texas. I told my group that in Pittsburgh we had a shortage of salt. Some were surprised to hear this because their city usually salts all roads AND the sidewalks. Then, a student from New York City jokingly remarked that his city probably took all of our salt. The group sessions were my favorite part about the summit because I had the pleasure of meeting other students from different backgrounds and life experiences.

When we were not in breakout rooms, we were listening to guest speakers who talked about how and why we should get involved with fighting for social justice. The speakers were very enthusiastic about their causes and that made me to share in their excitement. Their influential talks inspired me to become more passionate about helping others in need.

The Arrupe Leaders Summit was a very enriching and enjoyable experience. I am very glad that I attended and even made some new friends along the way. I will never forget this and we were all very lucky to have participated.



Get to Know the Class of 2021

Sarah Barron | Staff Reporter



Bella Thomeier, senior house captain for Kostka, is the secretary of the International Club and has been a part of several different clubs in the past four years. She says the best thing about Canevin is “you can try everything available to see what fits you best.” Her favorite memory has been each of the matball tournaments. She enjoys how it highlights the community atmosphere at Canevin since nearly the whole student body is involved in some way. After high school she plans to attend a college to study Dietetics and Nutrition. She would also like to eventually live somewhere near the beach.

Clara Lucas enjoys teaching Junior Achievement classes to the younger kids and is also the co-captain of the Crusettes this year, cheering on the football team. Her plans for after high school is to attend either Duquesne University or Robert Morris University, studying early childhood or elementary education. During her free time, Clara plays the violin or works on an art project.



Sarah Lesko is a member of Rahner House, president of the International Club, a member of St. Ignatius Scholars, and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she is a member of 4-H, an agricultural club. She owns a myriad of different animals, including cows and pigs. One of her favorite memories is arguing with Nicholas Paluso in the back of their Modern World class. After Canevin, she plans to attend Penn State followed by veterinary school.



Brogan Victor is vice president of the International Club, president of Crusaders for Justice and senior Cheer Captain of the cheerleading team. She also is a photographer for the Mosaic yearbook. She is an assistant dance instructor at her dance school. Her favorite memory is of the mission trips, getting to spend a week with her friends while helping out around the community. Brogan plans on attending Carlow University to study Psychology of Crisis and Trauma.



Nicholas Paluso of Ricci House is involved in the International Club, St. Ignatius Scholars, the Ski Club, the Boys' Volleyball team, the spring musical, Junior Achievement, and BCTV. One of his favorite memories was when the bus broke down on the way to the ski trip during his sophomore year. He acknowledges that this sounds very unfortunate but “it’s definitely a story I like sharing.” After high school, he plans to attend college but is unsure of his course of studies at the moment.

Reyes Has a Unique Goal After Graduation



Jack Mickle | Editor-in-Chief

While most Bishop Canevin seniors are looking to attend a four year college or university and enter the U.S. workforce, there is one senior who stands out in that regard. Adam Reyes has quite a different plan for his life, and his devotion to that plan is helping him succeed at accomplishing his goals.

Reyes' plan is to live in Japan and teach English to Japanese students which is an interesting career choice for someone of Caucasian and Mexican descent. He plans to attend Marshall University as part of a program to get his degree and then move to Japan to continue his studies.

“I first became interested in Japan when I saw the movie Kill Bill. After researching Japan due to watching the film, I began to fall even further for this country that I previously was unfamiliar with. I then started to look into Japanese animation, music, art, literature and even all its traditions,” Reyes explained.

He can often be found with a

Japanese-English dictionary or watching anime on his phone.

“My method for learning has been using a system of full immersion. With this, I have been surrounding myself with the language in as many ways as possible. From watching almost exclusively Japanese television, multiple genres of Japanese music, reading exclusively Japanese novels, and even more little things – I’m doing all I can to boost my knowledge of the language.”

Reyes has proved that he is extremely dedicated to learning the language and pursuing his dream. “I have used over dozens of apps and programs to try and grasp all angles of the language and make sure nothing slips through the cracks of any one program,” said Reyes. “From printing out hundreds of worksheets to taking notes from Japanese professors and the constant practicing of what I learn, I feel like I have been moving at a very proficient pace and I hope one day in the near future to be as fluent as I can be in the language.”



History of Boys' Basketball Leads to Historic WPIAL Win

John Ridilla | Guest Columnist



The Bishop Canevin Boys' Basketball team has been a staple since the school's founding in 1959. The Crusaders' first Head Coach was Walt Milinski from 1959-1966. One of his teams that came close to winning a championship was the 1965 team which finished with an 11-1 record in Class A Catholic Basketball. This was good enough to tie South Hills Catholic (now Seton LaSalle High School); however, the Crusaders ended up losing the tie-breaker game to South Hills Catholic.

After the 1966 season, a coaching change was made, bringing in the era of Ronald Cygrymus. In 1967 Canevin was unstoppable, winning 22 straight games before losing late in the season to Serra Catholic. But that loss didn't matter as Canevin had clinched the Class A Catholic Championship, edging out the two-time defending champion, South Side Catholic. Canevin was also a favorite then to win the PCIAA Class A Basketball State Championship.

However, Canevin was upset by the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Champion Bishop Guilfoyle in the PCIAA Western Championship 86-67 in overtime. Canevin had blown a 4-point lead with 16 seconds left in regulation. Then, in overtime, with less than 10 seconds left, Canevin had a 66-65 lead, but Bishop Guilfoyle's Pat Shute hit a game winning shot. Cygrymus said at the time, "The game just lasted 5 seconds too long."

Canevin was able to repeat as Catholic league champions in 1968 and were poised for another shot in the PCIAA Class A Playoffs, this time against Bishop McCort, which Canevin defeated 82-66 and then headed to the PCIAA Western Championship game. Canevin lost that to Erie Cathedral Prep 56-65.

The 1969 Canevin team would be the one to tie it all together. All 5 starters on this team went on to play a college sport. Tom Clements went on to play football at Notre Dame; Jack Wojdowski played basketball at Duquesne as did Jim Bolla at the University of Pittsburgh, Tom Rosepink at George Washington, and Tom Pipich at Fordham. This team finished 24-0 and wrapped it all up by beating Allentown Central Catholic 80-57 in the

PCIAA Class A Boys Basketball Championship.

By 1974 the PCIAA folded so Canevin and all the other remaining Catholic league teams entered the WPIAL. Following the 1981 season, Cygrymus stepped down as Head basketball coach and Jack Burik took over. Burik had played on the 1967 Canevin championship team. His best season was in 1986 when the Crusaders went to the WPIAL quarterfinals and the 3-A PIAA playoffs where they lost in the first round to District 6 champion Cambria Heights 57-50 in double overtime. Burik retired in 1990, finishing with a record of 104-107.

Tony DiMaria was named the next head coach. He also was a Canevin graduate. Initially his 1992 team made the WPIAL AAA quarterfinals and the second round of the state playoffs, beating District 9 champ Brookville in the first round 64-46 before falling to the WPIAL champion Blackhawk in the second round 67-83. After going 2-21 in 1994, DiMaria resigned.

Seton LaSalle's WPIAL winning coach John Lee became Canevin's next coach, lasting four seasons with his last being the most successful. The 1998 Crusaders finished with a record of 16-10 and were section runners-up only behind Chartiers Valley. They then made the WPIAL 3A Quarterfinals and the PIAA playoffs before losing in the first round to the District 10 champion Franklin 82-47. Lee then left to become the head coach at Baldwin High School.

Mark Walsh, a Seton LaSalle graduate, became the next coach and in 2001 Canevin was moved from 3A to 2A for the next six seasons. In 2004 Walsh finished his career at Canevin with a record 56-90.

Rich Brennan became the next coach and they started to win again, beginning with the 2005 season. They finished 16-9 overall, second in the section behind Quaker Valley and lost in the first round of WPIAL playoffs to Farrell High School. In 2006 Canevin had a 26-5 overall record and a 10-2 section record, good enough for the program's first WPIAL section title. They rode a 9 game winning streak to the WPIAL finals and finished February undefeated, before falling to

Aliquippa 52-57 in the WPIAL 2A championship. Despite losing to section foe Quaker Valley in the PIAA quarterfinals, Head Coach Rich Brennan was named WPIAL Boys Basketball Coach of the Year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Adam Kaufman came on board as head coach and, in 3 seasons, finished with a 32-22 record, making a run to the 2008 WPIAL semifinals before falling to Jeannette 54-62.

Former Kentucky basketball player Reggie Warford lasted one season as coach, followed by Rich Irr for 3 seasons, then Tony DiMaria came back for two more years.

After the 2014 season Canevin hired Kevin Trost as head coach and Canevin alum Gino Palmosina as assistant coach. In 2015 the Crusaders made it to the WPIAL semifinals before falling to Lincoln Park and losing to Aliquippa in the PIAA second round. In 2017 the Canevin team edged out Sewickley Academy for its third section title and its second in a row. However, they would then fall to Sewickley in the WPIAL semifinals 51-67. The next year was a rebuilding year as Canevin won only 5 games. Then Trost resigned and his assistant Palmosina took over the reins as Canevin's thirteenth coach. In 2019 Canevin was moved down to 1A.

2020 was a big year for Canevin. Led by senior Nate Kirsch, juniors Dom Elliott and Nevan Crossey and sophomores Kevaughn Price and transfer player Jhamil Fife, Canevin finished as undefeated section champs and had an overall record of 20-6. They were still in the PIAA playoffs when COVID-19 shut down all games that March.

In 2021 with new transfers Trey and Shea Champine, Jaden Gales from Nazareth Prep, and Kai Spears from Pine Richland, Canevin clinched the fifth section title in program history and was ranked No. 1 in the WPIAL class 1A and third in the PIAA class A. This team was the Canevin team that got the elusive WPIAL championship title on March 12, 2021.



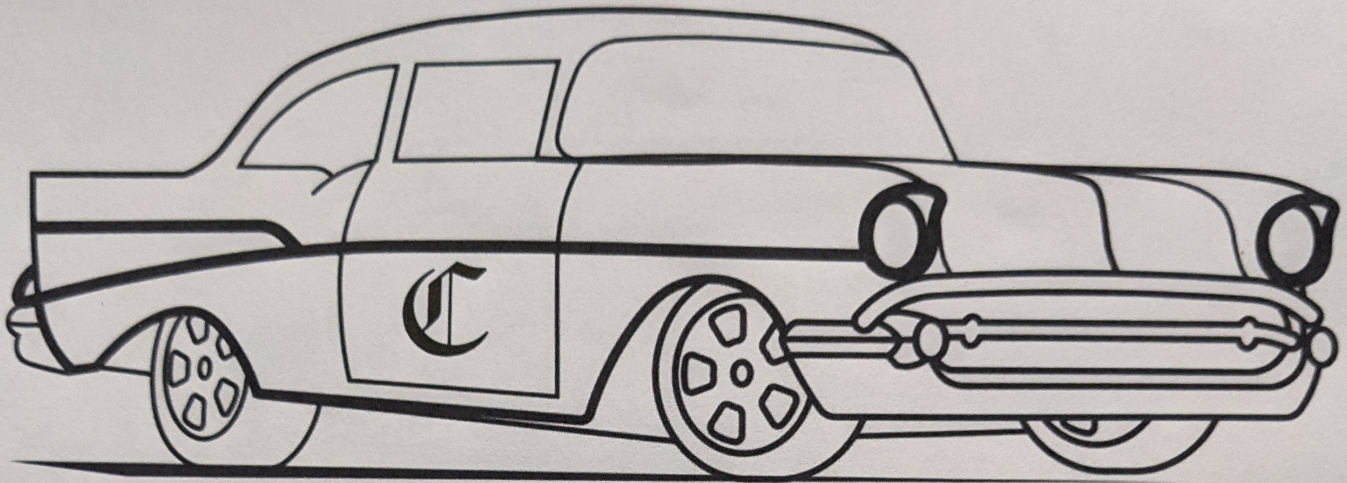
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