



Freshman Andie Jacks playing pickleball on the new courts. Jacks started playing pickleball this summer. **Atley Jacks** photo

## It Ends With Us gets film adaptation



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**I**t Ends With Us, from a novel to a film, showcases the truth behind domestic violence and re found love in a way that is touching and inspiring.

Colleen Hoover's best selling novel, "It Ends With Us," was a smashing success and has sold more than 8 million copies since its release. The book went so viral on TikTok that fans began demanding a film adaptation. The book follows Lily Bloom, an aspiring florist who falls in love with her co-workers' emotionally complicated neurosurgeon brother, Ryle Kincaid. As Ryle and Lily's relationship takes off, Ryle is known to be passionate and protective of Lily. But one day, a piece of Lily's past, Atlas Corrigan, comes back into the picture. Ryle's protective nature quickly becomes possessive.

The film adaptation stars Blake Lively as Lily Bloom, Justin Baldoni as Ryle Kincaid, and Brandon Sklenar as Atlas Corrigan. The movie expertly brings to life a touching story that increases awareness of domestic violence as well as abusive relationships.

The movie kept true to the plot of the book, maintaining each character's motives and backstories; however, I felt as if Atlas's character was underde-

veloped when compared to his role in the book. In the book, the reader is taken on a journey through Atlas's complicated and truly traumatic childhood. However, in the movie, his character is merely Lily's first love, leaving behind all of the key events that developed his character. The underdevelopment of his character ultimately leaves the audience unconvinced as to why Lily would be holding on to her short-lived high school romance.

On the contrary, Ryle's character was even more developed in the movie than he was in the book. Ryle's character in the book is quickly painted as abusive and evil, whereas his character in the movie is portrayed as misunderstood. Ryle's character is developed from the beginning as being arrogant but sensitive with a soft spot for Lily, who he claims is the only girl he had ever loved.

As for Lily's character, it felt as if the character was more Blake Lively than Lily Bloom. Lily's character is described as "pale and red-haired" in the book, but in the movie, Lily is portrayed as a brassy strawberry blonde with tan skin. The character's costumes were also hit or miss, with some of her outfits feeling too extravagant or odd for the character of Lily, and again, more of a reflection of Blake Lively. Additionally, I think that Lily's character was severely weakened from the book to the movie. In the book, Lily is aware of Ryle's abusive behavior and

stays because she loves him. In the movie, Lily is portrayed as being manipulated to believe she is not being abused.

One aspect that the movie made really beautiful were the allusions to the book. There were several nods to some of the characters' interests through props and indirect dialogue, such as newspapers and wall art. I thought that this was really expertly done and gives audience members who read the book things to look for. Intricate details that made the movie feel more heartfelt and sincere.

Another detail I thought was interesting was the soundtrack. The soundtrack throughout represented the different stages in the cycle of abuse, and many of the songs were by well-established artists. In a turning point for the film, the entire four and a half minutes of "My Tears Ricochet" by Taylor Swift played, connecting two popular fan bases as well as showcasing Lily's despair in an artful and personal manner.

Overall, the movie was incredibly touching and did an excellent job of shedding light on the truth behind domestic violence and provides visibility on what these relationships can look like. While some of the character's were not as developed as they were in the book, the movie still does a really good job of creating meaningful moments between the characters as well as culminating a truly touching story of love and loss.

## Students enjoy new pickleball courts

By **Sam Thompson**  
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**G**reenwood's \$1.3 million project is up and running for the community to utilize. This money has definitely not gone to waste as students are lucky to find an open court with the popularity the new courts have already drawn in.

Pickleball has become a huge part of the community since the construction of the seven court facility at Craig Park. With packed courts every day and people begging for more, the city opened a new 16 court facility at Freedom Park.

"I went a few times within the first week of the opening, and every single court would be filled with people waiting in lines to play," senior Ian Ratliff said.

This new facility has definitely become worth the money as a new pickleball culture and the court is home to many regulars.

"I come with my friends or girlfriend to the Freedom courts at least one or two times a week," senior Timmy Bass said.

The new courts have created great experiences, but with the facility being outdoor, weather can ruin the fun.

"A funny thing that happened was while we were playing, it started storming and pouring down rain," Bass said. "Everyone panicked and sprinted to get to their cars, and we had to come back another day to finish our match."



This new facility allows everyone to play. The seven courts at Craig Park were not enough to fill the needs of the city.

"I played a lot of pickleball before, but it's great that the new courts are open because they give me, my friends, and my family another option to play instead of waiting an hour to play a game," senior Joelle Young said.

With more courts comes more playing. This allows students to enhance their skills and learn the best ways to defeat their opponents in the 11-point match.

"My best strategy is to stand right outside of the kitchen against the net. I get a lot of spikes, and they can't get it past me," Bass said.

The game has brought out a competitive nature as students take part in friendly matches where they will do anything it takes to win.

"My favorite people to play with are Alyssa, Seth and Atley. My best games were playing with Atley when we beat my parents three games in a row," Young said.

## TikTok inspires fall trends

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**S**tudents find new fashion trends to fall in love with each fall.

"One of my favorite fall fashion trends is definitely textured knit sweaters. I think they are super cute and can be dressed up or down all season," sophomore Colbie Jones said.

When styling outfits, finding basic staples in the closet can help create cute styles.

"My favorite stores to shop from are Garage, White Fox, and Urban Outfitters.

And my favorite item of clothing to style are basic baby tees because you can dress them up or down and they go with everything," junior Mattie Ramsey said.

Layering shirts under hoodies is a great way to look cute and stay warm.

"I love styling layers during the fall because it's cute and it keeps me warm. I typically get a lot of my inspiration from influencers that live in Los Angeles and New York. Typically, they are all really up-to-date on newest style trends so I can get inspiration for my outfits," junior Levi Peterson said.

Social media can often help students find outfit inspiration.

"If I follow fashion trends, it's most likely something I've found on either Tiktok or Pinterest. I honestly don't have one person that I look up to, but if someone pops up on my feed depending on what app I'm on and I like their outfit, I'll use it as

inspiration," Ramsey said.

Shopping from smaller businesses helps business owners out and gives students cute clothes

"I shop from all over, and I try to find pieces from smaller businesses and stores. My main two favorite places are Pacsun and American Eagle. My favorite fashion item is definitely shoes. I base what I wear each day off what shoes I want to wear and build an outfit off that," Jones said.

Finding people constantly to get inspiration from is a good way to plan outfits.

"Halle Sandberg on Tiktok is one of my favorite people who has the cutest outfits. One of my older sister's childhood friends Maddie R is a fashion influencer all over social media who I've looked up to since I was really little," Jones said.

Basic staples for fall can make an outfit pop.

"My favorite fashion trend is probably flannels. Even though they're basic, you can make so many outfits out of them," Ramsey said.

Mixing and matching clothing items makes more outfit options.

"On different social media, there's different influencers that I see that have outfits and pieces of clothing that I find cute, and then I put it together my own way," Jones said.

Accessories can also help pull outfits together.

"I really look up to Jane Birkin because she created the Birkin which is such a staple piece. I also love to style puffer jackets because they keep me warm while also being super cute to wear. I love taking photos in them as well," Peterson said.