

Reign of Rosario, Elliker Begins

School

The crowning of the homecoming King and Queen is often one of the most anticipated events of homecoming weekend. On the evening of October 9th, Fleetwood students and community members filled Tiger Stadium for the final event of the weekend. The football team was prepared to play Holy Name High School, and the crowning was set for halftime. After two quarters of a rather interesting football game, the moment had come.

The track was cleared for the entrance of the 2010 homecoming court candidates. Nominees Jill Andrews, Cale Ahearn, Karley Eberhart, Leo Rosario, Elyse Elliker, Ryan Milloy, Nikki Heffner, Pablo Nunez, Jessica Hill, and Ethan McGlinsey entered the track as the loudspeaker proclaimed their biographies. Also present were Fleetwood's 2009 homecoming king and queen, Matt Cortazzo and Charlotte Buck.

After a short while, Elyse Elliker's and Leo Rosario's names were announced as this year's King and Queen.

Said Ryan Milloy, "I think they won because they are great kids—they are just great kids. Leo plays football and knows a lot of people through that, and Elyse is also very involved at school, so that gave them a really good chance at winning. Being Elyse's partner was probably my favorite part of

homecoming."

Maria Elliker, Elyse's oldest sister, was also named Homecoming Queen her senior year at Fleetwood, and older brother Alex was the member of another past homecoming.

"Yes, [Maria] was that crazy girl that won," said Elyse.

Although membership in the homecoming court seems to be in the Elliker blood, she was surprised she won.

"I thought it was awfully nice. I have no idea why I may have won," Elliker commented.

As for the new Homecoming King, many people of Fleetwood share a similar view on why Leo was selected by the student body.

"For years, Leo has been a top dog at this school. He has been the big fish in the big pond. But what is better, being the top dog or the big fish? It doesn't matter because Leo is both," said Mr. Ryan Milloy.

Although surprise was the emotion shared by this year's winners, the students of Fleetwood High School obviously thought both candidates deserved the titles of King and Queen. Both Leo and Elyse are respectable athletes, students, and friends, making them truly the people's choice.

By Elizabeth Bergman



Band, Band Front Succeed in New Holland Recreation

Each year the band performs at numerous parades; the first one this year was in New Holland, where the FAHS band was privileged to receive two awards: Best Marching and Best Music (in their division).

Mrs. Lucrelli, a band front advisor, stated, "We were pleased to win awards."

Even though this is her first year as an advisor, so far the band front is exceeding her expectations.

Mr. Ebersole remarked, "I was very pleased with it. Everyone worked really hard."

The band performed the song 'Stars and Stripes,' which is perfect for the theme of the band's patriotic field shows. The parade was several miles long, and everyone was tired, but freshmen at least had fun since this was their first marching experience.

The band was accompanied by the band front. The purpose of the band front is to express the music through flags and rifles. The band was also accompanied by the honor guard, which consists of girls who carry the

banner, hold the American flag, and present the rifle that accompanies the flag.

Many people cheered the band and clapped along with the beat. Shouted phrases of encouragement brought smiles to many members of the band front.

Swing flag captain Brittnay Frymoyer had her own comments: "I think we got the score we deserved. Everyone looked amazing, and the band sounded excellent. We had fun, and that's all that matters."

Frymoyer continued, "It was a fun parade to do. Everyone did very well and had a lot of fun."

This is Frymoyer's first year as captain, and it was her responsibility to lead her girls through the long—and sometimes tedious—parade route.

There are a few more parades to come, and so far the band has proven that it is off to a wonderful start. Most importantly, the next few parades also bring the hope of more awards.

By Melanie Lehman

Seniors Survive Rainy Renaissance

Recreation

On October 14, 2010, the senior class took its yearly trip to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. During the days leading up to the trip, the weather forecasts were predicting rain throughout the entire trip. When the day arrived, there was not a cloud in the sky, and everyone's hopes immediately rose. But around 10 o'clock it started to rain. A day that started off beautifully ended with a collection of soaked and tired FAHS seniors.

The English faculty is the most adamant about the necessity for the Renaissance Faire trip.

"It is important for seniors to go to the Renaissance Faire so they can get a sense of the lifestyle and conventions of Elizabethan Times," said an eloquent Mr. Houpp.

The trip relates to the senior curriculum because twelfth grade students study British Literature, which is what the Renaissance Faire concerns.

"Students learn better when they

are watching as opposed to just reading about it," said Mrs. Mahnken, who has been spearheading the trip to the Renaissance Faire since 2003.

In past years, a favorite show was the hypnotist, but his absence this year disappointed the students. The void he left needed to be filled by another show: "Giacomo the Jester". It was an interactive comedy show in which Giacomo would call on students to assist him with his act. In some instances, the students portrayed a king or a queen. Some were even asked to give up their sweaters to be used as props for a magic trick.

"Although it rained and everyone got soaked, my favorite thing about the Renaissance Faire was the different activities that the students were able to participate in," said Dominick Scatamacchia, one of many seniors who not only had a good time but was also able to put a positive spin on the dreary day.

By Curtis Ryan

Fleetwood Homecoming Invested In Tradition

School

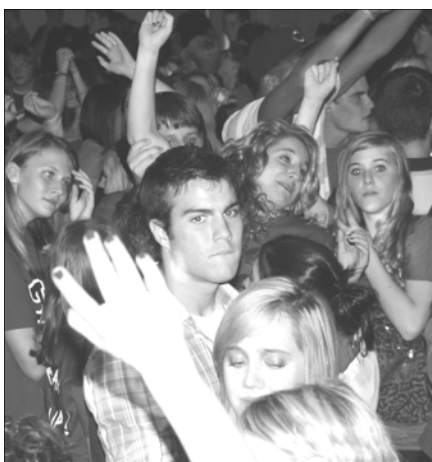
Time and tradition are two words that describe homecoming weekend in Fleetwood. This year proved to be no different.

The homecoming festivities began on Friday, beginning with a pep rally on the half day. Various games and competitions took place, all of which are part of the FAHS tradition. The hallways were decorated in preparation for the week, and the seniors took the title for the best hallway yet again.

Many believed that the Powder Puff football game was the highlight of the festivities. All of the grades had a team of girls to compete against each other on the gridiron

while the guys led the cheerleading squads. The purpose was merely to entertain the crowd by the obvious role reversal. The senior girls won the competition, beating the juniors in the final game.

Later that night was the parade, in which all of the different classes,



groups, and homecoming participants were displayed for the community.

"I thought it was a very cool experience, and it was just an honor to be involved," said Jill Andrews, member of the 2010 homecoming court.

Following the parade was the dance, at which many voiced displeasure in the DJ.

"He didn't play

enough songs that you could really dance to," explained Jeff Mikitka. "My favorite part of the dance was watching the Phillies and listening to BeEzyz freestyle."

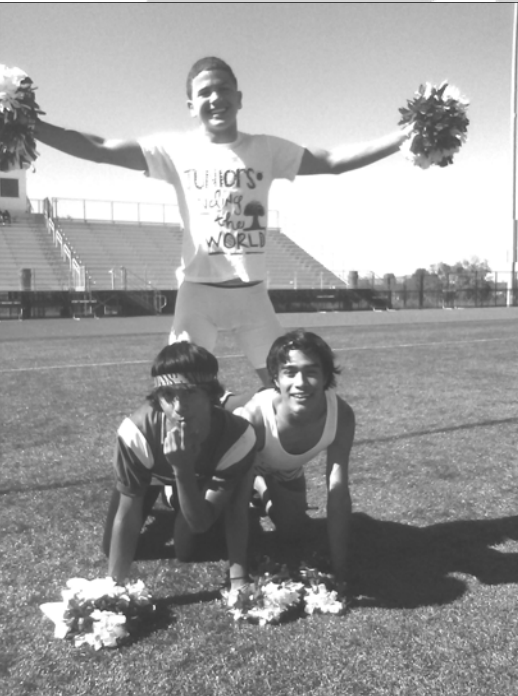
The sports teams strutted their stuff on Saturday. The Field Hockey team beat Kutztown 3-0. Afterwards, Boys soccer tied 0-0.

Later still was the football game, where the team had a disappointing loss of 2-40. At halftime, Leo Rosario and Elyse Elliker were crowned homecoming king and queen.

By Chad Dymeck

Senior Powder Puffs Come Out on Top

Sports



Powder Puff Football made an appearance at FAHS on Friday, October 8th, for the Homecoming festivities. The game consisted of male cheerleaders and female football players from each grade. The event started off with Juniors versus Freshman and Seniors ver-

sus Sophomores. The final rankings placed Freshmen in fourth, Sophomores in third, Juniors in second, and Seniors in first. On the sidelines, Mrs. Sahaydak and Mrs. Wilkinson were selling pizza and beverages. The pizza boxes were emptied by the end of halftime, earning a sizeable amount of money for student council. The Powder Puff game turned out to be a hit among the audience. “I thought it was pretty awesome,” exclaimed Krismarie Ortiz, “especially when it got down to the wire between the Seniors and Sophomores.” Tom Gorgia said, “I practiced my toe touches for three weeks so that the senior class would pull through with a victory.” Continued Gorgia, “The skirts were really short.” “I thought the bow looked really [attractive] on me!” commented Corey Unger. The Powder Puff game seemed to be an overall success. School spirit was at an all time high, and the students and faculty became very involved. The Powder Puff game is looking as though it will be a tradition that lasts for years to come. Fleetwood students are already looking forward to next year’s game.

By: Maria Johnson

Where Are All the Guys?

Editorial

You no longer see many male cheerleaders cheering on their fellow students, particularly at FAHS; however, men were the ones to actually create cheerleading! In the 1890’s, the first “pep squad” was formed at Princeton University. The founders were all males. Cheerleading wasn’t predominantly a female activity until the 1950’s when gymnastics became synonymous with cheering. The question that many people are wondering today is, Where did all the guys go?! When a guy enters the world of cheerleading, he is immediately scrutinized by others. He is labeled with many classifications, such as “un-athletic” and “sissy.” “I would not want to be a male cheerleader because of all the stereotypes about their physical fitness and sexuality,” said student Andrew Moran, who was one of the male “cheerleaders” at this year’s powder puff football game. Due to harsh accusations, many guys

do not even give cheering a thought anymore. What many people do not know is that it takes immense strength to be a male cheerleader. They have to toss around girls all day as well as perform back handsprings and hand tucks even though they are six feet tall and two-hundred pounds. Who wouldn’t be in great physical condition after that? Many people do not realize how important having male cheerleaders are. “They could help us do more stunting and make our routine even more interesting,” said student Julie Sipos. Agreed Jenna Dantas, “It would be cool to have them like other high schools in the area do.” Male cheerleaders bring diversity into the sport and enhance the uniqueness and quality of the routines and stunts. The boys of FAHS should rise to this challenge and show their school spirit in a whole new way.

By Alyssa Delp

Chilean Miners Rescued at Last

Environment

On August 5th, 2010, thirty-three Chilean miners were caught in the San José Mine after a collapse in the main ramp occurred. All thirty-three of the miners were caught a half of a mile underground. One of the thirty-three miners requested to leave three hours before it collapsed, but the others ignored his request and kept working. The miners were trapped twenty-three hundred feet underground, and on the first day no one was able to make contact with them. They were planning on being rescued by August 7th, but setbacks involving the initial tunnel collapse forced the retrieval to be postponed. Seventeen days later, on August 23rd, the miners were sent food and water along with two devices that were capable of relaying communication. This was the first time friends, family, rescuers, or anyone else had heard from them. On August 27th, the miners were sent cameras, and they recorded personal videos to their families. On August 29th, each of the trapped miners was given a chance to talk to his family for twenty seconds. Throughout the month of September, rescuers suggested three potential plans to retrieve the miners. On October 7th, one of the plans was put into action, and fifty-three meters

were excavated in twelve hours, leaving just eighty-nine meters of rock between the miners and the outside world. On October 9th, sirens went off in Copiapo, Chile, indicating that the breakthrough had occurred and rescuers had pierced the roof of the underground mine. Then the day everyone had been awaiting: on October 13th at 12:11 a.m., the first miner was rescued. Throughout the day, more and more were rescued when twenty-two and a half hours later the last one was retrieved. If the miners were trapped so far down into the ground, how did rescuers excavate them? A custom built rescue capsule was constructed to bring the miners to safety. The capsule had wheels on each side of it to roll down the sides of the tunnel that was drilled, and a metal casing was added to reduce friction. The capsule was also complete with a harness to keep the occupant upright, even if he were to pass out. Lastly, it had a cage that had communications equipment and an oxygen supply. It was truly a miracle that all thirty-three miners came out alive and were reunited with their families.

By Madison Rice

FAHS Music Suffers from Budget Cuts

Finance

Have you noticed that most of the school budgets around America have been cut? Believe it or not, it has happened to the Fleetwood Area School District as well. It is a complete shock, but it also raises the question... Why? Over the past several years, we have heard that several schools across the nation have had their budgets cut. Unfortunately, Fleetwood has suffered the same problem. Mr. DeAntonio says that the budget was cut because the district is not getting as much money from Harrisburg as it has in the past. Harrisburg sends a check to Fleetwood Area School District every year to fund the school, but this year it decreased. DeAntonio said that there are other ways to get money, such as raising local taxes, but he personally cannot raise the taxes any higher than they are. DeAntonio is hoping to spend less in the future so that money can be allocated for other activities. “People are hoping that we don’t have to cut the budget again next year, and maybe with a new governor we can accomplish that,” says DeAntonio. Although the school budget has been

cut drastically, the faculty and administrators are adapting. Mrs. Williamson, high school music and chorus teacher, commented on the state of the FAHS budget. “I was very surprised when I found out that the budget had been cut,” says Williamson. “But we are going to do our best with the situation we have.” The budget for the music department of Fleetwood High was cut by 50%, and many other teachers and students think that it will be cut again during the subsequent school year. Mrs. Williamson plans to help with the finances by using pre-purchased music and borrowing music from other schools in the county. Even though the budget was cut for music, the band trips will not be affected by the cut because they are funded by the students and the booster club—not by the school. Everything in the school has a budget to maintain. Even though the situation currently appears dismal, the best course of action is to do something about it. Challenge friends and family to find out new ways that the district can save money so that all of the important components of education can be amply funded.

By: Emily DeLong

Barnett Becomes New Bausher

Profile

In late July, Mr. Kirby Barnett was hired to replace Mrs. Carol Bausher as the high school’s librarian. This is his first major job. After hearing from the Kutztown University librarian that Mrs. Bausher might soon be retiring, Barnett checked the school’s website all the time for a job opening. In May of 2010, he graduated from KU with a bachelor’s degree in library science. Originally, he had planned on becoming a veterinarian. As a freshman in college, he majored in both elementary education and library science. Later in his college career, he decided that having two majors made life too hectic, and he surrendered the former. Currently, Barnett resides in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, with his parents. He hates the drive to school every day, which takes about 30-45 minutes and requires him to depart his house by 6 a.m. Says Barnett: “It’s too early for me to get up, and the drive to school is too long.” Barnett is also an avid Flyers fan and the owner of pet parakeet named Pete and a pet cat named Ferdinand. He has a fondness for fantasy and science fiction, so his literature recommendations often involve those genres. His hometown is Birdsboro, where he graduated from Twin Valley High School. Now he is trying to move closer to the area and away from Birdsboro. “I really like it here at Fleetwood.

Kids here are full of surprises. Their reasons and behaviors are so unusual to me,” says Barnett. By now, he has seen and met every teacher. However, the teachers’ names and faces have not registered together for him yet, but he is still working on it. He loves to work with high school students. Researching is his favorite thing to do. With high school students, he can help expand their research unlike younger kids who do not have exposure to such extensive research assignments. He also is getting a better feel for how to talk to a high school student. Above all else, Barnett hates boredom. His goals as librarian include adding books, purchasing books, and planning library-themed lessons for teachers. His only complaint about Fleetwood is that he wishes the library was at the center of the school just like the library at Twin Valley. Mrs. Peace, the librarian’s assistant, is adapting to the changes that Barnett has made. For her, it was like a whole new start. When Mrs. Bausher was here, the librarian never taught classes such as Japanese or computer. These are new responsibilities for which Peace has some accountability. But all is well. “[Barnett] is really skilled with the computer,” says Peace.

By Carol Zheng



First Red Box Arrives FAHS

School

“What’s that red box in the art hallway?”

Many students here at FAHS often hear this question and sooner or later ask a friend. The red dispenser out in the art hallway is actually a pencil dispenser.

About halfway through last year, Mrs. Shelton had the dispenser installed. Since then, over two hundred and fifty pencils have been sold. The proceeds from the pencils go to the yearbook club. This is

beneficial in two ways: students who are forgetful can easily get pencils, and the yearbook club acquires necessary funds.

“I’ve spent about four dollars on pencils since it was first placed in the high school,” says Ryan Milloy.

Andrew Moran says, “It’s stupid. It’s in the most awkward spot in the high school. That stupid wall blocks anyone from seeing it. And besides that, no one carries around twenty-five cents. And

twenty-five cents for a [terrible] non-Ticonderoga pencil is a complete waste.”

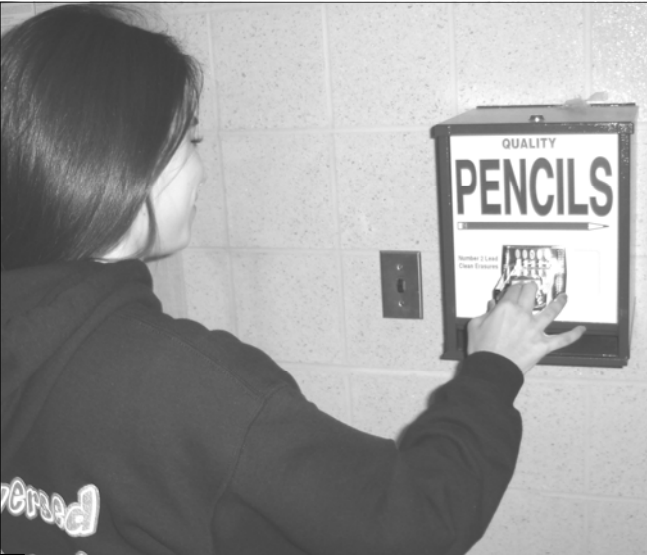
Jenna Dantas agrees: “The pencils look really dumb. I don’t understand why they want high school students to buy pencils with dinosaurs and racecars on them. Like, they act like we’re six.”

Edwin Enriquez disagrees: “I think it’s a great idea. The pencils you can get are really cute. I have one with butterflies on it that I didn’t even write with yet because I think it looks so cool. On top of that, the pencils erase really well.”

While students may disagree with one another, the machine seems

to be a confirmed success. Both practical and profitable, the place of Fleetwood’s own red box is undoubtedly justified.

By Derek Evanosky



Class of 2012 Gets Crafty at Fundraiser

School

It is almost that time of year again. Fleetwood’s annual craft show is making a return this year on November 20th. For those who don’t know what the craft show is all about, it is basically a day on which vendors from everywhere between New Jersey and our very own borough of Fleetwood come to set up stands in the high school hallways and sell their various goods. Merchandise set to appear at the show this year includes candy, jewelry, wooden shelves, and Christmas decorations among others.

The show is already coming along nicely according to the organizers. Most of the vendors attending the show have already submitted their money to the school, and the craft show has been advertised in local magazines and publications.

When asked why people should come to the craft show, organizer Ms. Nagle responded, “It’s good gifts at reasonable

prices. I get a lot of my own Christmas shopping done at the show.” She also stated that she is hoping to have more than 100 vendors attend this year.

On top of all that, the show is for a great cause. The craft show largely benefits the class of 2012 and the high school FBLA club, who organized the majority of the show. Organizers will also be raffling off gifts at the show as part of the festivities. The gifts have yet to be determined.

With a school full of craft vendors, trading cards, food, entertainment, and much more for a day—and all at a reasonable price—It’s hard to imagine how someone could pass up this kind of opportunity to get some quality shopping done. So come out and support the class of 2012 and FBLA this November 20th.

By Derek Peterson

Fleetwood Falls Behind in SAT Scores

Academics

The SAT produced by the College Board is a test designed to assess a student’s academic levels for college. The test, most often taken by high school juniors and seniors, evaluates verbal skills such as reading and writing as well as math skills. The SAT is just one of the many factors most colleges will take into consideration during the admissions process. Knowing the importance of the exam, it is vital to be prepared and score well, but a recent edition of The Reading

Eagle revealed that in the 2009-2010 school year, Fleetwood Area High School was labeled as one of the public school districts that scored the lowest on the SAT.

Ranked 14 out of 18, Fleetwood produced an average score of 1464, a total of 158 points behind number one ranked Wyomissing. Although many individuals were surprised by this, Principal Michael DeAntonio was not.

“Test scores fluctuate from year to year because different students are being tested. I would be surprised if our county ranking would continue to fall over the next several years,” DeAntonio commented.

Dr. Martin Handler, superintendent of the Brandywine Heights School District, shared a similar view after his school’s scores increased by 81 points, moving them from number eleven all the way to number two. Handler stated that some groups of students just naturally perform better than others on the exam.

“We can always do better. We can encourage students to take SAT prep in order to become more familiar with the kind of test the SAT is,” suggests DeAntonio.

Although Fleetwood did not score superbly, this does not necessarily mean the school is lacking academically.

“Whether it is the SAT or the ACT, one test does not tell the whole story about any student,” says DeAntonio.

In fact, many colleges are no longer requiring an SAT score for admissions because one test cannot define the type of student an individual is. “I don’t think they should be eliminated,” DeAntonio continues, “but they should be used in balance with grades, volunteerism, attendance, and other factors that can predict college success.”

Overall, it is important to note that a better score for Fleetwood on the SAT is certainly achievable, but this test is not the only noteworthy component of college admissions. The score is most often analyzed in conjunction with high school academics, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendations, and a personal essay. Taking advantage of courses such as SAT Prep and keeping solid grades in math and English will help not only on the SAT but also later in college and in post-college years.

By Liz Bergman

Tri Valley Y to Enhance Fleetwood Experience

Community

The YMCA has long been an integral resource for the youth of the Fleetwood Community and beyond. The organization’s local branch has organized camps and other events for the children of Fleetwood. But for years, these occasions have operated mainly out of the Fleetwood Park and Community Center. But construction has recently begun on an addition to The Willow Creek Elementary School that will house the Tri-Valley Y starting next summer.

“The new Tri Valley YMCA is a state-of-the-art facility,” says Branch Executive Director Brett Mayer. A staggering array of amenities will be provided to the community through the new building. One of the largest features will be the Aquatic Center, which will include a six-lane, competition-sized pool that will allow the YMCA to provide year-round swimming lessons for young children as well as a full swim team for the community. However, this feature is part of Phase II of the construction process, which will only arrive after several more years of fund-raising.

In addition to the pool, a full-sized Wellness Center will be provided for the Fleetwood area. The room will feature all of the equipment that is associated with fitness centers of today and will have televisions in order to create a “personalized experience” for the attendees of the exercise room. A full-sized gymnasium will also be made available to the public and to the students of the Fleet-

wood School District. The complex will also feature a “Youth Adventure Center” that features indoor activities focused mainly toward younger children.

The new YMCA will be a massive addition to the Fleetwood community and its people. Many children in Fleetwood grew up attending the summer camps and other YMCA events around the town. Brett Mayer’s addition to the community is a huge improvement and will undoubtedly provide new opportunities for the youth of the area. Brett Mayer says that his primary goal is to “enhance the Fleetwood experience.” If all goes as planned, the goal of the new facility should inevitably be achieved.

By Matt Voyer



Conceptual art for the new Tri Valley YMCA attached to the Willow Creek Elementary School.

2010 Top Halloween Costumes Announced

Fashion

Halloween is one of the most anticipated of all the holidays out of the year. Children, adults, and teens dress-up and knock on doors for delicious candy. Almost every single person who celebrates Halloween dresses up in a costume. Each year, new costumes make the ranks of the top 10 most popular costumes. Beware...you might be wearing one of this year's winners or losers! Teens always want to stand out. When it comes to Halloween costumes, everyone wants to be the person who has all eyes glued to him or her.

Number 10 it is the typical "Scream" villain. With the black robe, plastic weapon, and white mask, you will be easy to recognize and people will love your pop culture reference.

Number 9 is the psychopath that freaks us all out: Michael Myers. This creepy, popular villain is going to be around this Halloween, and he is going to look for you, so watch out.

Number 8 is Gonzo the lovable Muppet. He is the daredevil of the Muppet group, and he automatically stands out.

Number 7 is a Gypsy costume for the girls. Ruffles, arm puffs, bandanas, and many bracelets all make this fortune-telling costume amazing.

Number 6 is the Skeleton Sweetie costume. The dress makes you look like you have nothing but bones. Your hands and legs are covered with bones, and the top hat makes you look like you just stepped out of the "The Nightmare before Christmas."

Coming in at number 5 is Lil' Red Riding Hood. With a blood red dress and a basket that looks appealing to Grandma Wolf, this girl is no innocent bystander.

At number 4 is the Cryptic Rocker. He is a rock monster who looks like a dead version of Slash.

Number 3 is Dr. Killer Driller. He is a doctor who has turned into a complete psycho and is coming back for his patients. With a bloody smock, frizzed-out hair, and a hand drill, this doctor is definitely going to be in the top three most popular costumes.

Coming in at number 2 is the Adorable Alice costume straight from Wonderland. With her blonde locks and blue dress, she is going to be a complete hit.

Finally, the winner of the most popular costume of 2010 is...

...The Twilight Bite costume. Who doesn't want an adorable vampire hanging around this Halloween? With a cape, dress, and fangs, this teen vampire is bound to make the ranks. Almost every girl wants a vampire, so why not dress up as one? This costume is definitely going to get some attention and completely deserves the title of most popular costume of 2010.

By Emily Delong



Eighty Years of Dedication

Profile

Eighty years ago, on November 18th, 1930, Fleetwood's very own Mr. Borrell was born. Since then, he has accomplished many endeavors within this community and Fleetwood Area High School.

For twelve years, Borrell had the tremendous responsibility of being the mayor of Fleetwood. As mayor, Borrell had countless difficult tasks to manage throughout the borough. He was in charge of the police department and the decisions made within it. He was also expected to be at every borough function and manage Fleetwood's public relations. Borrell could also veto community ordinances, such as a curfew for minors.

After his tenure as mayor was over, his wife suggested that he work at the Fleetwood Area School District to continue his employment. This was after having spent a lifetime serving the Fleetwood community.

"I began working within the school district for the first year of the 'Smile' program," says Borrell. Since then he has been working full-time in the program for five years.

The "Smile" program is a program that helps students with I.E.P.s (I.E.P. stands for "Individualized Education Program"). In this capacity, Borrell aids students with all varieties of special needs.

"I am a para-professional," says Borrell. This means that he is certified in this specific professional field. "I work as a one-on-one aid with students," continues Borrell.

Within the halls of this school, Borrell is known as a kind-hearted spirit. He makes every effort to better this school and community to the best of his ability for as long as he can. For this, the district thanks him for all of his hard work. Happy Eightieth Birthday, Mr. Borrell!

By Alyssa Delp

"Tiger Tale" Pleases Judges, Students

School

The yearbook club in the Fleetwood Area School District has existed for over seventy years. Currently advised by Mrs. Shelton, the yearbook has also had three different names, including "The Leonian," "The Memoirs," and the current "Tiger Tale." "The Tiger Tale" name has been around since 1950, which makes it sixty-one years. The yearbook name that Shelton likes the best is "Tiger Tale" because she thinks that it is appropriate for Fleetwood in contemporary times.

The yearbook club has won a few awards, and Shelton gives credit to the preparation earned through attending seminars and reading Scholastic Yearbook Guides, which the club follows very closely. In fact, the club is already anticipating a whole new assortment of awards for this year's publication. They have prepared thus far by submitting "The Tiger Tale" to NSPA, PSPA, and CSPA competitions, so they definitely have a chance to win again.

Shelton was just ecstatic about winning the yearbook awards. Reports suggest that she was so excited that she was observed dancing

around her classroom on several different occasions.

However, not all Fleetwood students are pleased with the direction that the yearbook has been taking.

"I thought that the yearbook was better when it contained the senior quotes and the favorite memory sections," says senior Christopher Lawrence.

"The yearbook would have been better if it would have had my face in it more," claims senior Ethan Martinez.

But more often than not, the students are pleased.

"I liked the index part of the yearbook because I thought it was very easy to find what I was looking for," says Christian Boyer.

And Josias Piri says, "I thought it was awesome because it was large and sturdy and totally worth the amount that I paid for it."

And no one is more enthusiastic than Heather Fenly: "It was stupenderic!"

By Erica Ebner

Fleetwood Fixing Football Fast

Sports

"With a few more in the loss column rather than the win column, I'd say it could be much better," says senior wide receiver Ryan Milloy. That is how he has described the Fleetwood High football team's poor 0-5 start to the 2010 season. So far, this season has included tough and close losses in both of the first two games against Octorara and Donegal.

"I had great expectations coming into the season," says Milloy.

But the losses didn't stop there. Fleetwood has been blown out in each of its last three games against Annville-Cleona, Central Catholic, and Wyomissing. The schedule isn't looking up either; Fleetwood plays football powerhouses Holy Name, Blue Mountain, and Hamburg in the following weeks.

"I am confident that they are giving their best effort at practices and games," says Mr. DeAntonio, FAHS principal. "There has been improvement, and that is what really counts. I am proud of the team, our students, and our fans. I am hopeful that they will continue

to support the program, because we will get there!"

The minor bright spot of the team has been its offense, which scored an average of 22 points in its first three games before trailing off in the past two. Led by sophomore quarterback, Cory Unger, the Tigers put up a season high 34 points in their game against Annville-Cleona. While the performance has faltered lately, there is still hope for the future.

"I see continuous improvement and more and more students committing to football at an earlier age," added DeAntonio. "The games are a great event that continue to bring the community together."

Milloy suggests, "For the rest of this season, I will continue to attempt to win, grow as a person, and become a man."

Let's hope the rest of the team follows Milloy's example and makes the best of this season.

By Cale Ahearn

Everybody Is Kung-Fu Fighting

Sports

Ninja, one of the world's fastest growing backyard games, has found it's way to Fleetwood. It's a simple game that anyone can play, but, most importantly, it is fun.

Ninja was invented by five kids from Colorado who were stuck in their basement overnight. The kids became bored really quickly and invented the game. They told their friends about it, and word-of-mouth continued until the game became the popular time-killer it is today.

This, of course, isn't too surprising since the game is both easy and fun.

It's a simple game that works like

this: All of the players form a circle and put their hand in the middle. When all of the players are ready, someone yells "Ninja!" The players then strike a ninja-like pose. One person tries to hit another person's hand. Each player may only move if he is attacking or avoiding an attack. Once a player's hand is hit, he or she is out and must step out of the circle. The game continues this way until only one person is left. This person is the winner.

With it's easy rules and entertaining strategy, Ninja is a relaxing game to play with friends.

By Derek Evanosky



The Tiger Times Staff plays a game of Ninja.

Fleetwood Soccer Makes Districts...Again

Sports

Fleetwood soccer made districts? Who saw that coming?

It's almost expected nowadays that Fleetwood will make it to the playoffs every year. Anything less would seem to truly be a disaster. But the lofty expectations aren't unwarranted; the team has made districts a total of eight times over the past ten years, including three of the past five. A couple of state tournament appearances have also raised expectations.

Although the boys had a good season, it hasn't been the great one many expected from them after last year's deep run into the playoffs that led to an appearance in the state semi-final game. This season has been riddled with tough losses in which the team played well but couldn't come out on top. The boys missed the Berks county playoffs by one game with a record of 6-8-2.

Fifth year head coach Keith Schlegel is disappointed in how the season has gone so far, but he still optimistic about the team's chances in the district playoffs. Schlegel had the following to say.

"Making districts this year gives us a chance to show everyone that we can still compete and play well at a high level."

Continued Schlegel, "I think we will stand up very well (against other teams in other districts). We are one of the best teams in the area, and we outplayed teams this season that are better than many of the teams in the district playoffs."

Even though many in the soccer community have viewed Fleetwood's season so far as a huge underachievement, the team should not be completely without pride. Considering the team lost nearly its entire start-

ing line-up from last year, it's a great accomplishment for this group of players to have accomplished what they have accomplished in what, for many of them, is their first season together on varsity.

If history is any indication, this team still has many more games to play in the coming weeks.

By Derek Petersen

Exclusive Study Finds Faculty Temperature Fears Unfounded

Weather

Rumors from the teachers and staff allege that, depending on the period and the class size, the temperature may be noticeably different from room to room.

Mr. Golinsky, school facilities manager, stated, "We are standardizing the set points in classrooms and offices for heating and cooling throughout the district as follows: heating between 68 degrees and 70 degrees; cooling between 74 degrees and 75 degrees. This really isn't much of a change from what we did in the past. We are just asking for understanding and cooperation of staff and students to try and meet our savings goals."

There have been many reasons why the temperature seems to be so drastic between the different classrooms.

Golinsky explained, "The temperature will slightly fluctuate during the course of a day due to many circumstances, such as sudden changes in outside weather (temperature or high winds), differences in student population, classroom doors left open, and actual class size from period to period (the system either has to catch up or reset due to loads). There shouldn't be drastic changes, but sometimes the system needs adjustment or repairs."

Golinsky continued, "We hope to save money from the budget that normally would go for utilities and redistribute it to the educational side of our cause to help offset ever-rising costs. Also, we are trying to head off some of the increases that are coming, particularly in the electrical industry when

the rate caps come off starting in the new year." But many think that bumping down the temperature a few degrees will not keep a great deal of money in the school coffers and that it is worthless to reduce the temperatures as a cost-saving procedure.

Upon investigation, the classrooms of Mrs. Follweiler, Mr. Kochanasz, Mr. Rudy, Mrs. Rozzi, Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Houp, and the main office all had a range of around 76-78 degrees, so it follows that all rooms are relatively the same temperature.

The best solution for the temperature problem is to always be prepared for any interior weather pattern.

By Melanie Lehman

Vick Flies High, But Only Briefly

Sports

Michael Vick was convicted and sentenced to time in jail for unlawful dog fighting activities a few years back. After 19 months in prison, he's back on the football field. After being released in July of 2009, Vick was added to the Philadelphia Eagles roster as the backup quarterback to Kevin Kolb.

After all that time in prison, he must have been saving up all of his energy because, in his first game playing for the Eagles in 2010, his performance was fantastic.

Some fans were a bit skeptical about Eagles head coach Andy Reid putting on Vick as the starting quarterback. Vick was originally signed as a backup to Kolb; however, Reid changed his mind days after a news conference announcing Vick's original role in the team.

"I don't mind. With the loss of McNabb, Vick has done the Eagles some

good," says Fleetwood Area High School student Chelsea Bailey

Coach Andy Reid's radical choice to make Vick the quarterback after Kolb suffered a concussion has helped the Eagles so far. Now that Vick is injured, Kolb has been put back in as starting quarterback.

Chelsea, along with many other Eagles fans, hopes for the best regarding Michael Vick's recent injury. During the Eagles vs. Redskins game, Vick was "sandwiched" and hurt his ribs.

Mr. DeAntonio, the principal at Fleetwood, also shared his opinion about Vick uniting with the Eagles.

"As long as the team wins, the fans will forget the past," says DeAntonio. "But now that Vick is out, Kolb is back as the quarterback. If [Kolb] does well, then the fans will like him again too."

By Justin Bruno

Sydney Opera House Amazes, Delights

Travel

Sydney, Australia—halfway around the world and so far out of reach until July 16th, 2010.

Fifteen students from Pennsylvania, a handful of students from scattered states, and about 23 students from California joined together at LA X to travel over the Pacific on a journey of a lifetime to experience different cultures and people. Fortunately, one place to which these People-to-People delegates traveled was Sydney, Australia, and its world famous Sydney Opera House.

In 1957, there was a contest for people to design an opera house that would be built on Bennelong Point. The opera house they were looking for was to be unique as well as functional; Jørn Utzon was the winner of this contest. He planned the opera house so that a concert hall and an opera theatre existed right next to one another instead of one in front of the other. This was one of the features that the judges loved.

The opera house was originally

supposed to take three years to build; unfortunately, it actually took sixteen because of the arched sails. The sails are actually covered with 1,056,006 tiles. On September 28th, the first opera was preformed at the opera house, but on October 20th, 1973, Queen Elizabeth officially opened the house.

The Concert Hall, which is the biggest space in the building, has the world's largest mechanical organ with 10,154 pipes. Today, the opera theater and the concert hall are still being used and are constantly being renovated to last for many more years. Unfortunately, pictures from within the hall and theater are not permitted.

Utzon worked on one last renovation, a room with excellent acoustics and a beautiful view of the Sydney Harbor. In 2004, this room was named the Utzon room in honor of him. Utzon died in November of 2008 in Copenhagen, but his dream and work still live on.

By Desirae Leshner

Walter Fills Mellon's Shoes at FAHS

Profile

For those not aware, Mr. Walter recently arrived at Fleetwood as a new English teacher. Before coming here, he was a student teacher at Penn-Kidder middle school in Jim Thorpe, at Bethesda Alternative School for Disruptive Youth in East Stroudsburg, and at Pleasant Valley high school, where he also substituted.

Mr. Walter decided to go into teaching after sixteen years of working in big business.

"I reached a point in my life where I wanted to give back to society, and I could not think of a better way to do that than teaching", Walter explains. "I really enjoy interacting with the students, and seeing their young minds develop as

they realize that they can achieve anything as long as they believe."

In addition to having a goal to inspire the young men and women he has in class, Mr. Walter has also found his own inspiration. His father was the main role model in his life, one who motivated him more than anyone.

Mr. Walter has been married for eleven years and has three kids, aged twenty-one, eighteen, and ten. He also has three dogs and five cats.

"Needless to say, our house is bustling with life", says Walter.

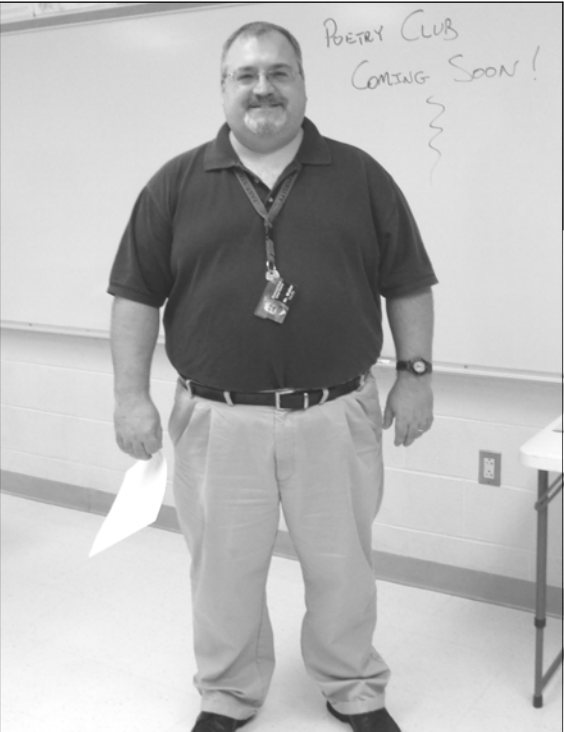
He is always up for the opportunity to learn new things, and his many hobbies include: traveling to new places;

visiting historic sites; and target sports such as archery, rifle shooting, pistol shooting, black powder shooting, blowguns, darts, and tomahawks.

"There's just something about getting focused and locked in place. You get inside the bubble, and just for that moment, the world disappears...and then explodes," says Walter.

Senior Nick Weitzel states, "Eh, Mr. Walter is a pretty cool guy. He isn't afraid of anything!"

By Kaitlyn Stott



Lights Dimming On Hollister

Fashion


Some people love to shop at Hollister, but so many people hate how the lights are always so dim and the scent of the perfume is so strong—so much so that people have joined a group on Facebook that adopts the motto “When you enter Hollister, you need to use a flashlight and gas mask.” Even Mr. Houp has had a bad experience at Hollister. “I once bought a winter jacket in Hollister that I really liked. When I took it home, I realized it was a completely different color than I wanted, but the lights are so dim in the store that I couldn't see what color it truly was. I returned it the next day,” Houp recalls. Many Hollister employees who

were approached for this article insisted on maintaining anonymity, and they offered some of the following information. A new recruit at Hollister has to be 17 years old or older to work there. Most employees enjoy the experience, but the majority of the staff seems short and skinny. In fact, they all look the same. Among the employees, their attire is usually the same style,

only in varying color schemes. Even the Hollister staff admits that the music is too loud, and trying to talk to friends in the store is pointless because no one can hear anything but the repetitious pulse of the radio. It is even hard to navigate the store without hitting anything because the aisles are so narrow. Many students have heard about Hollister, but how many of them shop there? In an

impromptu poll administered in the Fleetwood Area High School, 7 out of 15 girls admitted that they shop at Hollister. Senior Hanna Jones had the following to say: “Yes, [I shop at Hollister] but only for their super comfy jeans.” Of those students who admitted to never shopping at the store, most confessed to never having even stepped foot within the premises. On the other side of the gender divide, 6 out of 11 boys admitted to shopping at Hollister, and their comments about the store were comparable to the girls’. The indication seems to be that Hollister is growing more niche than mainstream .

By Brittney Stufflet



Former Penitentiary A Supernatural Hot Spot

Elephants Stampede Into Reader’s Heart

Recreation

Looking for a real haunted house this year?

Instead of hay rides and corn mazes, take a tour through the Eastern State Penitentiary, a former prison located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It first opened in 1829 and held famous criminals such as Al Capone and Willie Sutton. The original design for the building separated each cell by a wooden door and a metal door to keep out the noise. The halls of the prison were meant to display a church-like atmosphere, and the doors were believed to be very small so as to reduce the risk of attacks on guards or other inmates.

If you resided at this prison and broke the rules, your punishment was brutal. Some prisoners were subjected to a water bath; they would have their heads dunked in ice cold water and hung from the wall. Others were forced to be strapped in the “Mad Chair,” where they sat for days without food or water until the straps around them became so tight that they cut off almost all circulation. The most horrific

punishment was the Iron Gag; an iron collar was clamped onto the tongue of the inmate, and his wrists were chained high behind his back. Any movement could cause severe bleeding from the tongue. Most died from this tortuous ordeal before their punishment was over.

Since 1966, the Eastern State Penitentiary has been considered a historical land mark, and it is now open to the public for viewing. Visitors have always reported ghost sightings and strange sounds from the deceased prisoners. Since the penitentiary was abandoned in 1971, the appearances of these ghosts have only increased.

The Eastern State Penitentiary just might be the most closely studied building in the United States. People travel from around the world to explore this place, and they usually don’t leave disappointed. Visitors get a firsthand look at where inmates lived and died, and if you look closely enough, perhaps you will still see their ghosts lurking behind the walls.

By Kaitlynn Stott



Drawing of Eastern State Penitentiary.

Review

Reading is a respectable hobby, and passionate readers are always looking for the next great book to get their hands on. Sara Gruen wrote a novel in 2006 titled “Water for Elephants,” and the reviews it received were phenomenal.

It takes place in 1931 and concerns a young man, Jacob Jankowski, who is twenty-three years old and who is going to school to become a veterinarian. His parents are randomly killed in a car accident one day. After fleeing from his grief, he runs off and literally joins the circus. Benzini Brothers’ Most Spectacular Show on Earth is obscure to say the least. Jacob, having failed to graduate because he never took his final exams, becomes the traveling circus’s vet.

As the circus travels the country, he meets numerous people—most importantly, Marlena, who is a part of the circus’s act and who trains with the elephant. Jacob falls in love with her. But this book is more than a love story. Actually, it is hardly even that.

The book switches from when Jacob is young to when he is old and sitting in a nursing home, remembering his past. He becomes bitter over the years, but that is

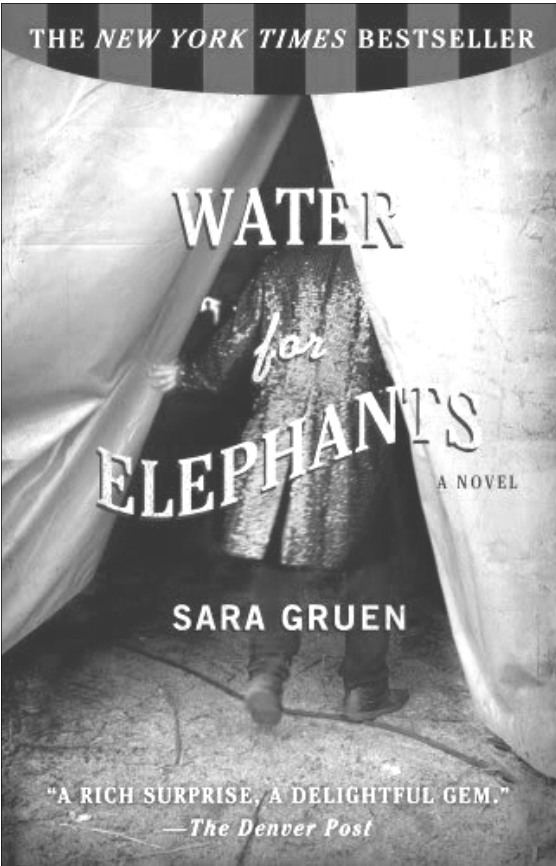
apart of the book’s charm. Gruen’s witty storytelling makes the novel that much more gripping.

Actual pictures of Depression-era circus folk are included in the novel, and these photos provide rare insight into what the greatest show on earth looks like behind the scenes. Unfortunately, some of the pictures (as well as parts of the story) are for mature readers only. Consider yourself warned.

The most important part of the story is where it starts out in the prologue: The Disaster March. The Disaster March is the tune the band played when huge animals stampeded in 1931. This is a real historical event, and the actual Benzini Brothers’ traveling circus was involved.

A movie is coming out in April of 2011 based on Gruen’s novel and starring Robert Pattinson as Jacob, and Reese Witherspoon as Marlena. Do not immediately let Twilight’s biggest star diminish one’s anticipation of the movie. He should fit the character quite seamlessly.

By Morgan Adams



FAHS Paranormal Club Continues to Flourish Over Time

School

Some students may not know this, but at FAHS there is a club where learning about ghosts and paranormal activity is a self-selected research project. This club involves field trips and researching the past. The club’s adviser is one of FAHS’s teachers, Mrs. Follweiler. Says Follweiler, “I always liked ghosts and monsters.” Follweiler thinks that the scariest place in Pennsylvania is the Eastern State Penitentiary.

The paranormal club researches allegedly haunted locations. They look back on the history of both the area and the location. They also look at the location’s past owners. Students are only able to research and visit locations that the school deems appropriate. Members use equipment when they are doing investigations. The equipment consists of EMF, EVP recorders, cameras, and ghost boxes. A ghost box goes through the sounds of the area and finds sounds or voices that belong to a ghost. Before the students are able to go out and investigate, they have to study and understand the equipment.

The club investigates locations on Friday or Saturday nights. The session begins around 7:00 p.m. and ends between 12:00 and 1:00 a.m. In the past, many students have

found occasion to scream because of the situations in which their investigations have placed them. The club typically endeavors upon one field trip a month for the duration of the school year, and the investigations usually start in the month of November and end in the month of April. The average number of investigations is approximately eight per school year.

The club used to contain fifteen students, but now there are around thirty in the club. Students who want to sign up for the club must wait until next year to be eligible. There are also requirements students

have to meet before Follweiler is able to allow admittance. The club’s president is Brittany Sanocki, and the vice president is Kate Zuber. Brittany Sanocki has been in the club for three years. “I hope we get more evidence than last year and have an awesome time,” Zuber states.

Brian Erb, who has also been in the club for his second year now, agrees: “I want to have a lot of fun and get some good evidence.”

By Brittney Stufflet

Dear Dymdog...

Advice



Dear Dymdog,
I have a new girl-
friend, and I really
like her, but she
thinks I'm spending
too much time with
my friends and not
enough time with her.
I started spending a
lot more time with her
than my friends, and
now she's mad at me. What should I do?

~Friendless in Fleetwood

Dear Friendless in Fleetwood,
It will be hard to satisfy both parties in this
situation, but you should try and remember
your friends and how they have always been
there for you. Try explaining the situation to
your girlfriend, and if you can't come to an
agreement, then you two should reevaluate
the future of your relationship.

~Dymdog

Dear Dymdog,
Two of my good friends are fighting with
each other over something pointless. I'm
having a party this weekend, and I invited
both of them, but I don't want to risk them
getting into a fight and ruining it. Both of
them don't want the other to be there, but I
don't want to be rude and tell one that she
can't come. What do you think I should do?

~Brawling Buddies in Blandon

Dear Brawling Buddies in Blandon,
You are caught in the middle of a bad situa-
tion, and as much as you like spending time
with both, it would be best to try and keep
them separated until their anger for each
other cools off. Maybe in time they will learn
to forgive and forget their differences, and
everyone will be happy again. Unless you
will actively play the role of mediator be-
tween these two friends at your party, it is
probably too soon to thrust them back to-
gether.

~Dymdog

Pancake Breakfast a Sweet Success For FAHS Sophomore Class

School

The FAHS sophomore class held a
pancake breakfast on October 23rd.

There was a great turnout on that
Saturday morning from 8 to 11 o'clock. All
of the food at the breakfast was donated by
local companies and residents of Blandon
and Fleetwood, and the sophomore class
would like to express their gratitude to them.

Countless batches of pancakes were
prepared and eaten along with numerous
sausages. An assortment of toppings were
available, such as whipped cream, chocolate
chips, and a variety of fruit jellies. Tickets
were \$6.00 each, earning a profit of approxi-
mately \$ 1,100. The money will go towards
making future prom tickets more affordable
for sophomores.

Volunteers at the breakfast included
class advisers Mrs. Heffner and Ms. Neimen,
and sophomores Danielle Shultz, Austin
Stern, Carol Zheng, Josh Watkins, Kristina
Scatamacchia, Melina DuGuay, Hanna Per-
one, Sara Buck, and Justin Bruno. Their help
was clearly appreciated by the customers and

the school.

Sophomore Leah Schaeffer, who
went to the pancake breakfast, commented,
"I thought it went quite well. There were a
lot of people helping, and the food was
yummy!"

Along with the pancake breakfast,
there was a Chinese Auction. Raffle tickets
were sold, and patrons put the tickets in the
box for the gift they wanted to win. The
lucky winners were picked at the end of the
breakfast. The prizes were all donated from
local citizens and businesses, such as Dragon
21 and Massimo's.

The pancake breakfast was not only
about raising money for the school but also
about creating a day for family time. The
turnout included many families who were
there to enjoy a family breakfast together.
The sophomore class pancake breakfast was
a big hit, and the sophomore class is looking
forward to another successful fundraising
event next year.

By Justin Bruno

Morig Migrates To America

Profile

Being a new kid in a school is
tough enough, but imagine if you're from a
completely different country. It would be
even harder yet!

For Lisa-Marie Morig, it's all about
culture and the learning experience. Lisa-
Marie is from Germany, and she is here
through this whole school year up until July.

Trav-
eling all the
way from
Lower Saxony
in North Ger-
many, Lisa-
Marie is staying
with Sarah
Miller for the
first months of
her stay.

"I'm
glad to be
here," said the
sixteen-year-
old. "We don't
have a pledge
of allegiance—
no flags in our
classrooms. The
teachers switch
classes and not
the students like
here."

The
breaks between
classes are
longer in Ger-
many, much
longer than the
couple of min-
utes Fleetwood offers. The years of school-
ing extend into a thirteenth year, but not in
all of the school systems.

"I have more opportunities here
with school," said Morig.

Lisa-Marie likes to participate in
the high school chorus and attend clubs after
school. She listens to all music, prefers fan-
tasy novels, and likes horror movies at night.

German sports aren't too different
from American sports. Football and baseball

are unique to America; otherwise, Germany
has handball and soccer.

"In America, I can take photogra-
phy, chorus, cooking classes. We might have
fifteen subjects, but they're the same in all
the years of school," said Morig.

Other than just traveling to the
United States, Lisa-Marie has been to the
Netherlands,
Spain, Turkey,
France, Aus-
tria, Switzer-
land, and
Greece.

"I
was here in the
States in 2000,
but I was in
Florida. I'd
love to come
back again,"
commented
Morig.

Re-
ligion isn't
much different
between the
two countries,
but Americans
have many
more churches
in one town
than Germans
do. Catholi-
cism exists
mostly in
South Ger-
many, but
Christianity
dwells all throughout the country.

Lisa-Marie is already planning her
future: "I want to have a family and work as
an actress, but never as a superstar since they
simply don't have any privacy in their lives. I
just want to do what I love."

While in America, Lisa-Marie
would like to become more self-confident,
learn more of the culture, and make more
friends.

By Morgan Adams



Oliver Roland Heck: October 4th, 2010

Profile

Mr. Heck, the design applications
teacher here at FAHS was blessed with his
first child on October 4th, 2010.
Heck and his wife have decided to
name the baby boy Oliver Roland
Heck.

Heck is still very anxious
about this major life change, but he
is very excited nonetheless. How-
ever, he also believes that his wife
is still very tired.

Heck believes that he will
be a wonderful father and that he
has been successful so far. He is
unsure whether or not he plans to
have any more children.

Says Heck: "Whatever
will be—the future is not ours to
see."

Mr. Heck has many good
wishes lined up for him and his growing fam-
ily from a number of his colleagues. Mrs.

Sahaydak would like to wish Mr. Heck good
sleep every night. She also wishes him the



best of luck and is very happy for him and
his wife.

"I wish all the best to baby Oliver
and all the best to the Heck family," says Mr.
Kellet.

Mr. Coassolo congratulates
the Heck family for the newborn
child, and Mrs. Follweiler would like
to wish the best to Mr. Heck and re-
mind him that children are a blessing.
She advises, "Get sleep whenever you
can...just not while driving!"

Last but not least, Mrs.
Steele says, "Congratulations! Chil-
dren are a huge blessing."

Mr. Heck is a proud new
father, but the whole school seems
equally proud.

Mr. Heck, everyone wishes
you and your wife the best of luck!
We all hope you enjoy your new baby
boy!

By Erica Ebner

Dorney Now Does Halloween

Recreation

Adventure, fun, memories, and
more can all be found at Dorney Park—
even at Halloween time.

Dorney Park has been thrilling
fans since 1860, and the amusement park
seems set to do so for years and years to
come. Of course, Dorney Park is known
for the eight thrilling roller coasters that
command the attention of onlookers, but as
of 2007 Dorney Park upgraded the Hallow-
een festivities. That was when the "Haunt"
was born.

The Halloween "Haunt" as of this
year includes thirteen terrifying attractions,
six of which are brand new. The New at-
tractions include Asylum, Death trap, Back
Woods, Gauntlet, Pirates Passage, and Psy-
cho Circus. Dorney Park plans to continue
expanding on the "Haunt" for a successful
season next year as well.

By Maria Johnson

First Octoberfest Finds Fleetwood

Longer School Year/
Day Still an Option

Community

Fleetwood was the hot spot on Saturday, October 16th, 2010.

Where?

If don't know, then you missed the fun at the first Octoberfest at the new Simmeria Café and Bistro on Main Street, which has now been opened for three months. This was the first Octoberfest in the history of Fleetwood.

Octoberfest had a fair outside that lasted until 3:00 pm. Many clubs and a few businesses were there participating in the event. The event was set to raise money for many organizations, including the local women's shelter. Food and drinks were served at the Octoberfest, but the vendors were mainly serving German cuisine both for lunch and dinner.

Said Simmeria's public relations advisor, "Octoberfest was to get the name Simmeria out into the community, and ultimately, [manager] Chuck O'Keefe probably wanted to bring the community together. It's also to celebrate the fall season and just have a fabulous time."

"I am so happy to be here," said Laura Hughes. Hughes had a table and was selling her daughter Laura Fay's book. Miss Fay is a local author. Miss Fay's father was selling bamboo pizza paddles.

The cub scouts and boy scouts were there to recruit more people to join.

Said Elmer Miller, "We are looking for more boys to join up, but we still encourage them to have fun today."

Julie Brown from "Stampin' Up!" held a class that taught kids how to a make elements of greeting cards and scrapbooks.

"This is neat. I have never done this

before," said Brown.

The YMCA was there and brought a huge blow-up slide.

Tri Valley YMCA Executive Branch Director Brett Mayer stated, "The YMCA wants to promote kids and get the community excited about the Y."

This is one of many public relations events that Mayer is undertaking to prepare for the new Y that is being erected alongside of Willow Creek Elementary School.

Mrs. Carol Kutz and Mrs. Elaine Hoch from the local Women's Club were in attendance to encourage woman of all ages to join.



"Our club is open to all woman of any age. We are not the Woman's Club but a 'Women's Club,'" said Kutz and Hoch.

Groff's Granite was there to promote the products and services that they offer. They gave the community candy and offered face painting for the children. The owner's wife was there with her three sons, all of whom were having an enjoyable afternoon.

Deric S. Hettinger was an artist who painted live for 4 hours and who was the original artist of the mural on the side of the café. His work has been prominent in the area for seventeen years.

Local judge Gail Greth represented the Rotary Club and the YMCA. She had so much fun that she decided to slide down the blow-up slide.

"The Rotary Club is a club that promotes 'Service Above Self.' That is the Rotary Club's motto," said Greth.

Jan's Pastries is located inside the Village Butcher in Fleetwood. This event was an opportunity to advertise the business's name in the community. Jan's Pastries supplies a majority of the desserts offered at Simmeria's restaurant.

Simmeria was founded by Fleetwood resident Chuck O'Keefe. O'Keefe believes this event is one way to help bring the community together.

"Fleetwood had a lot of potential, but no one seems to know about it. It almost appears as if Fleetwood is this giant secret that everyone is trying to keep. I don't want Fleetwood to be underestimated by others," stated O'Keefe.

Even though Simmeria sells alcoholic beverages, it is still kid and teen friendly. Dog owners can bring their dog along whenever dining at Simmeria.

Piper O'Keefe, niece of Chuck O'Keefe and current sophomore at Fleetwood Area High School, said it best: "This Oktoberfest was amazing! I love to eat the German food!"

By Carol Zheng

Academics

In 2009, President Barack Obama stated that America's academic level was lower than that of other countries. The United States serves 180 days a year in school while Japan serves 243 days a year. Obama hopes that having students attend school for a longer amount of time will help America's upcoming leaders become academically equivalent to other countries.

"We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home plowing the land at the end of each day," stated by Obama in 2009, when the extension was first purposed.

With the economy in its current situation, our nation needs all the help it can get. Longer school years mean less information to be forgotten over the summer vacation.

Students Sam Miller, Alyssa Smith, and Karli Thomas all agree having a longer school day would be better than a longer school year. However, student Tj Dati would rather have a longer school year.

Said Tj Dati, "No, I wouldn't have a problem with the extension—not at all."

Walt Frankowski, a substitute at Fleetwood Area High School, believes that, if students would work more efficiently and make an effort to become more accomplished, then a longer school year or longer school day would not be needed.

However, staying in school longer or having longer school days would not make students more motivated. If school days were longer, students could lose focus as soon as the accustomed 2:30 dismissal time rolled around.


Superintendent Dr. Eaken sounded off on the issue: "The possibility of extending the school year is being raised because of the requirement that schools help all of their students attain proficiency on the state standards in order to graduate. An extended school year would address the need for additional instructional time to meet all of the state standards. Another option could be to change the school calendar so that there is not a long break in instruction over the summer that results in the need for review at the beginning of each school year."

"As the state goals for student achievement increase, all schools will need to find ways to address the needs of students to help them attain proficiency on the state standards. Research has shown that increasing instructional time increases student achievement. We will be looking into many different ways to address our students' needs. Extending the school year is just one way to increase instructional time."


By Desirae Leshner

Random Cheese


Goku is a Super Saiyan from the planet Vegeta. He is the main protagonist of the DragonBall metaseries. Superman is America's favorite superhero. Who would win in a fight?




"Goku, obviously—he's got that big bomb thing."




"Superman, because Goku doesn't have Kryptonite or anything."




"Who's Goku? I don't play Dragon-Ball, so Superman!"



"Goku for sure, 'cause no one can defeat his Ka-me-ha-me-ha."



"Goku, 'cause he's cooler."



"Superman, I don't even watch Dragon-Ball Z."

By Madison Rice