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Fleetwood Places Second in BCIMC Math Competition at RACC

School

Students from Fleetwood Area High School went to the Berks County Interscholastic Mathematics Championship competition held on 4 November 2013 at Reading Area Community College (RACC).

Fleetwood sent three seniors to the competition, Peter Sitarik, Elaine Huang, and Clay Weidemoyer. They placed second in the tournament.

Many top schools from Berks County were there competing. There were eighteen schools at the competition. Each individual gets scored based on how many questions he or she answers correctly, and the score is added up for the team score. Schools--other schools, at least--practice and train for this competition.

"It's a big deal. We really take it seriously," senior Clay Weidemoyer said. "It was a good achievement because we didn't really practice or study for it; we just kind of



went and did the competition."

The trophy is going to be displayed in a case for the whole school to see. It is one of many trophies the school has earned over the years.

"It's great to bring it back to the school and show that we accomplished something. It's obviously not first, but it's a step in the right direction," Weidemoyer said.

A step in the right direction it is. For a school that did not study at all for these tests, it is a pretty impressive accomplishment.

Placing well in this competition might encourage more kids to join team and try to place like these three seniors did.

By Zachary Koenig

German Classes Celebrate the Holidays

Holiday

The Fleetwood German classes have been engaging in Christmas/Advent activities in the past month. The classes had a guest speaker from Germany, made gingerbread houses, and made paper bells to decorate the classroom.

"The guest speaker's name was Ingrid Gorda, and she is from Germany. I asked her to come to talk about how she celebrated Christmas as a young girl," German teacher Christine Moll said.

"She was very interesting, and I enjoyed learning about her life," senior Rachel Looker said.

Only three materials are needed to make a paper bell: 6x6 cardstock, 9-10 inch string, and a button. The button is used as a stopper for the string.

"The bells were for a fun decoration to make as a cultural experience, and plus it was a Friday. I learned about them from a student when I assigned a 'how to' project. And now I have the students make them every year," German teacher Christine Moll said.



Some students got creative with their bells. One student even put a Wu-Tang Clan logo on his.

The other major activity in which the German students partook was making gingerbread houses. Gingerbread has been around since the Victorian era, when it had been shaped into Christmas tree ornaments. Gingerbread houses then became popular after the Brothers Grimm published a little story known as Hansel and Gretel, although it is not known whether or not the houses had their start as a story invention.

"The gingerbread houses were interesting, and it was a nice break," senior Paige Gergely said.

During the seventeenth century, only professional gingerbread makers could make the bread year round. However, during Christmas and Easter time, that law was lifted, which helps to explain why gingerbread and Christmas are connected.

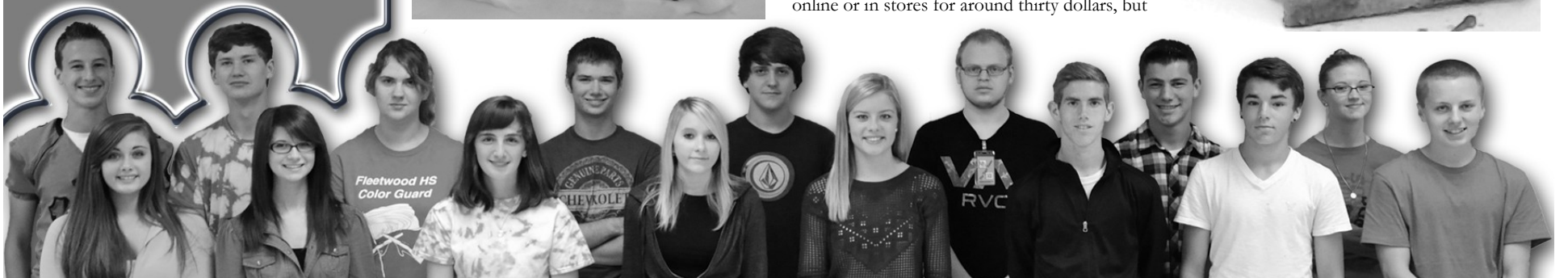
Gingerbread house kits can be bought online or in stores for around thirty dollars, but

they can be as high as fifty dollars.

"It's a tradition from Germany. The students make them by using graham crackers, icing, and candy," Moll said.

"The houses will be on display in the library, and there is no competition. Last year's undeclared winner was a church, and it had a steeple and a cross on the top. All of it was made from graham crackers," Moll said.

By Renée Gerhart



Seahawks Make a Big Impact Penn State Ends Decent Season

Sports

The Seattle Seahawks are quite possibly the most feared team in the NFL at this moment. With an incredible defense and dynamic offense, this team is almost impossible to stop. When they are playing at home, it makes for a much taller task for the opponent.

"They will be impossible to beat at home. The atmosphere is too crazy for any team to defeat an already very solid team," junior Tyler Emge said.

They call them the "12th man." The Seattle supporters are the loudest fan base for any NFL team.

They recently set the noise record for the loudest outdoor sports stadium, which was recorded at 137.6 decibels. The rowdiness of the home fans could quite possibly have played a large role in some of the team's win, including the win over the former 9-2 New Orleans Saints.

"The Seahawks are the best team in the NFL, and I think it would be pretty cool to see them win the Super Bowl," junior Gary Gabriel said.

Another advantage the Seahawks have is their superstar quarter back, Russel

Wilson. Wilson, in his sophomore season, has played tremendously throughout his NFL career. He led Seattle to their first winning season since 2007 and took them to the playoffs, where they fell to the Atlanta Falcons 30-28.

This year will most likely be a different story as the team sits at the top seed of the entire league in the power rankings. Seattle has only lost one time this season, to the Indianapolis Colts earlier on.

The "Legion of Boom" is what the team calls the majority of the Sea-hawk's defense, a defense be the best They held a back in Drew Brees to just seven points in a game.

It will be interesting to see how the rest of the season plays out. Does any team have a chance at stopping them? Possibly Denver, which is also highly praised, mainly because of another top quarterback, Peyton Manning.

By Tyler Rappaselli

Sports

Penn State finished the season 7-5, with a division record of 4-4 and two major upsets. In four overtimes, they beat ranked Michigan 43-40 and won the last regular season game with an upset win over Wisconsin 31-24. They would have probably made it to a bowl, but with the sanctions they could not.

Offensive player of the year went to wide receiver Allen Robinson. He led the Big Ten with ninety-seven catches for 1,432 yards, both school records, and had six total touchdowns. He is ranked third in the nation with 119.8 yards a game. His biggest game was against Indiana with twelve catches for 173 yards and two touchdowns. He made some spectacular catches throughout the year.

Rookie of the year for the team went to quarterback Christian Hackenberg, who also won Big Ten freshman of the year. He completed about 59% of his passes for about 2,955 yards with twenty touchdowns and only ten interceptions. He is ranked third in the Big Ten for passing. His best game was against Indiana, when he went 30-55 for 340 yards and threw three touchdowns.

Defensive player of the year for the team went to tackle DaQuan Jones, making fifty-six tackles and leading the team with elev-

en-and-a-half tackles for a loss. He also put up three sacks and one fumble recovery.

The best game of the season was the four-overtime win against Michigan. It was the longest game in school history. They drove the ball eighty yards in twenty-three seconds to send the game into overtime. Bill Belton, a running back, won the game for them with a two-yard run.

The best call of the year came when PSU was third-and-nine on their own nineteen in the fourth quarter at Wisconsin. Bill O'Brien called a draw play, and Zach Zwinak ran for sixty-one yards. The best moment of a game was when Sergeant Adam Hartswick joined the captains for the coin toss. He served in Afghanistan in May and lost both his legs. The steps he took on the field were the first steps he took with his prosthetics legs.

"When you're twenty-four-point underdogs, it tells you that no one outside your program thinks you can win.... Twenty-four points? Really?" John Urschel, a Penn State guard, said after the team beat Wisconsin.

"I feel very, very happy for our players that they won. I don't feel fortunate. Fortunate is when you win the lottery, like when you win \$50 million," former coach Bill O'Brien said.

By Nathan Mayer



Karaoke comes to Fleetwood

Recreation

Fleetwood Area High School's school board voted on an approval for a karaoke club at the high school. It will cost the district no money and will not have any fundraising. The advisor will also be a volunteer.

Junior Lizzay Faust is the president of the new karaoke club.

"I thought it would be nice for people who like to sing but don't have time for chorus but still like to sing, and I enjoy singing a lot," Faust said.

Karaoke is actually two Japanese words put together to form one word that we all know as karaoke. The first half of karaoke is the word "kara," which comes from the word Karappo and means "empty." The second half of karaoke is the word is "oke," which comes from the word Okesutura and means orchestra.

So, karaoke literally means empty orchestra.

"Seems a little...odd, but it could be fun," Matthew Kellet, head basketball coach, said.

"Ms. Steele has the meeting date undetermined at the moment. It's also a comedy club, and we will work on skits. So far we have almost ten people," Faust said.

Karaoke became popular about thirty years ago in the city of Kobe, which is one of the biggest cities in Japan. However, some people believe that karaoke was founded in either in the 1950s or the 1960s in the United States, when TV-spectators started to sing by following a ball hopping above the song lyrics on their TV-screen.

"I'm completely indifferent [to the club]," senior Erica Groncki said.

It was

after that incident that Japan made the karaoke entertainment system, and it was only sold in Japan for twenty some years. After that, the entertainment system started to spread around the world.

By Renee Gerhart

Reading Royals Start Season Right

Sports

The Reading Royals Hockey Team, part of the ECHL, has had a good start this season. Although the 2013-2014 team has high standards after last year winning the Kelly Cup, this year's Royals are off to a great start.

"The Royals are a really good team this year," junior Ryan Gantz said.

Coached by Larry Courville, the Royals have 6 wins and 12 losses this season and are currently ranked second in the Atlantic division and sixth overall for the regular season standings.

"Yannick Tifu is a beast," junior Brody Cargen said.

To start their new year off on the right foot, the Royals won the first game of the year 6-2 against the Wheeling Nailers. The Royals held the Nailers to a 4-0 lead until the second period when the Nailers scored their first goal of the night.

"The Roayls have a chance of winning the Kelly Cup again," junior Frankie Talarico said.

Continuing in the third period, Ryan

Cruthers scored his second goal of the night, along with the assist of captain Yannick Tifu, who had four assists throughout the game. With only 13 seconds left in the last period, Sean Wiles fired a 120-foot shot into an empty net in order to clinch the 6-2 win and help him become the first Royal this season to score 3 goals--also known as a hat trick--in a game.

The Royals returned to action in Elmira, New York, against the Elmira Jackals on January 10th and 11th. The first game resulted in a 4-1 win by the Royals. The second game of the series ended in a 4-2 win by the Royals, with Yannick Tifu contributing two goals to the 4 total. Because that was the eleventh victory on the road, the Royals made their way back home to play a third game against the Jackals. Keeping the winning streak, the Royals clinched their winning weekend with yet another victory. The final score was 3-0, which was goaltender Brandon Anderson's second shut-out of the year. The Royals hope to keep their winning streak going!

They continue their season with up-

coming games against the Toledo Walleye on January 16th and 17th. With a little more than 40 games left in the regular season, the Royals hope to end the season with a good record in order to make it far in the playoffs, just as last year's team had. The Royals are now sitting at first in the Atlantic Division with a record of 19-12-1.

By Mike Osenbach

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Russo Finds Cons in Obamacare

Opinion

Health Care has always been a touchy topic in the United States. Many other first world countries, even some second world countries, have a system where its citizens are provided healthcare through their government or through their jobs. It helps them save some costs by not having to purchase individual healthcare, but it makes their taxes higher.

But the United States had always seemed to turn down the idea of universal health care. This was true until Barrack Obama took office in 2008, when he aimed to create a countrywide healthcare system, nicknamed "Obamacare" by critics.

Many are pleased; others are appalled.

It seems like a magnificent thing: a universal health care system in which everyone is covered and cannot be turned down due to age, nationality, sexual orientation, or gender. While it does not currently pertain or cover dental insurance, it is a healthy step toward it.

So how could anyone think this would be a bad idea? Are Americans so morally broken that they would want to turn others down from healthcare?

While many describe them as monsters, there is a very good reason for this apprehension. Obamacare would require that any person who worked 35 hours or more a

week be covered by their workplace insurance.

While this may only be a slight cost in larger companies, to the smaller companies this could be detrimental. Not only might they be unable to afford it, but this may require them to lay off some employees so that they would be able to cover some of their employees. While many employees will continue to keep their current health care, the business must be able to afford the insurance at any time.

This may also mean that, instead of laying off their workers, the business would make them part-time, which would fix the problem of having to supply insurance. But, this would cause the person who now has decreased working time to either find another job that is willing to pay the insurance, find another job on top of the one he or she currently holds, or apply to the government for financial aid, allowing him or her to have governmental insurance at a much reduced rate.

Are the people who say that Obamacare is bad merely wrong? Not completely. Obamacare is a very good theory, but as far as theory goes, you never get exactly what you expect.

By Christopher Russo

March Madness Nears!

Sports

College basketball season has tipped off. All teams are looking to play at their top level.

Many teams have their top players or "go-to" guys. Nobody ever knows what to expect with college basketball season. It can be a frustrating time with upsets happening left and right, making the season exciting for most people (except the fans of teams that are losing).

"I'm looking forward to Ohio State doing big things this year, after making it to the Final Four last season," junior Matt Masenheimer said.

Aaron Craft, Ohio State's biggest player to watch, often does unexpected things on defense. This year, there are plenty of other big players to watch.

Andrew Wiggins from Kansas, Jabari Parker from Duke, Marshall Henderson from Ole Miss, Marcus Smart from Oklahoma State, Aaron Gordon from Arizona, and Mitch McGary from Michigan are all top players to watch as the season goes on. There are plenty of other players to keep an eye on who can dictate the course of the season.

"Andrew Wiggins is fun to watch because he is like a LeBron James of the NCAA," junior Gary Gabriel said.

The final four contenders last year were Kentucky, Kansas, Ohio State, and Louisville. Kentucky and Kansas met in the finals with Kentucky winning it all.

The game to watch this season so far is the Duke vs. Kansas game that took place already. Freshman Andrew Wiggins vs. Freshman Jabari Parke made for an exciting matchup. This game was everything fans expected it to be. Wiggins and the Kansas Jayhawks went on to win 94-83.

"Personally, my favorite team is UNC, but watching this game was very exciting," senior Josh Conrath said.



The top 5 teams this year are Arizona (1), Syracuse (2), Ohio State (3), Wisconsin (4), and Michigan State (5).

With college basketball in full swing, the March Madness tournament is right around the corner. March Madness is one the most watched sporting events around the world.

"March Madness is one of the most exciting times of the year. I love watching the upsets happen," junior Mitch Kinek said.

The 2014 NBA Draft will have a lot of good players entering. These are the top 5 players that will go into the 2014 NBA Draft: Andrew Wiggins (1), Julius Randle (2), Jabari Parker (3), Dante Exum (4), and Marcus Smart (5).

By Austin Young

NFL Postseason Shaping Up for More Excitement

Sports

The six seeds for the AFC in the playoffs as of right now are Denver, New England, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, and Baltimore.

"Denver Broncos at 10-2 will go all the way and win the playoffs," junior Thaddeus Cornick said.

The Broncos are at the top of the AFC playoff picture. They have beaten some of the best teams in the NFL. Their only losses came against the Colts and the Patriots.

"The Broncos and Patriots will compete in the AFC championship, and it

will be a high scoring competition," Cody Wolf said.

The Broncos and the Patriots already played once. It was a tense game with the Patriots coming out on top after the Broncos had a lead of 24-7.

"Seahawks will go to the Superbowl for the NFC," junior Austin Young said.

The Seattle Seahawks have the best record



in the NFL at 11-1, only losing to the Colts. They are the number one seed for the NFC. They are the only team to clinch a playoff spot this early.

"No one can go into Seattle and win. The 12th man is a legit thing," junior Tyler Rapposelli said.

The playoff picture for the NFC is a lot closer than the AFC playoff picture. Seattle is followed by

the Saints, Lions, Cowboys, Panther, and the 49ers. In the hunt are two 7-5 teams and one 6-6 team.

"It'll be tough for [the Eagles] to make the playoffs unless they win out and Dallas loses at least one or more game," junior Shaq Cobb said.

The Eagles are 7-5, and so are the Cardinals. The Bears are at 6-6 and have a chance at winning the division if the Lions lose.

By Michael Osenbach

This Week in History—January 24 to January 30

Humor

January 24

41 - Claudius succeeds his nephew Caligula as Roman Emperor after his assassination by Praetorian Guards
1679 - King Charles II disbands English parliament
1901 - First games played in baseball's American League
1927 - Director Alfred Hitchcock releases his first film, The Pleasure Garden, in England
1962 - Jackie Robinson is first black player elected to Baseball Hall of Fame
1972 - Japanese Sgt. Shoichi Yokoi is found hiding in a Guam jungle, where he had been since the end of World War II
1984 - Apple Computer Inc. unveils its revolutionary Macintosh personal computer

January 25

1327 - King Edward III accedes to the English throne
1787 - Shays' Rebellion suffers a setback when debt-ridden farmers, led by Capt. Daniel Shays, fail to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass
1924 - First Winter Olympic Games open in Chamonix, France
1961 - First live, nationally-televised presidential news conference (JFK)
1969 - US/North Vietnamese peace talks begin in Paris
1981 - 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived back in US

January 26

1837 - Michigan admitted as 26th US state
1934 - Nazi Germany and Poland sign non-attack treaty for 10 years
1942 - First US force in Europe during WW II goes ashore in Northern Ireland
1957 - India annexes Kashmir
1992 - Americans with Disabilities Act goes into effect

January 27

1302 - Dante becomes a Florentine political exile
1825 - U.S. Congress approves Indian Territory (in what is present-day Oklahoma), clearing the way for forced relocation of the Eastern Indians on the "Trail of Tears"
1870 - After accepting the 15th amendment, VA, is readmitted to Union
1944 - Leningrad liberated from Germany in 880 days, with 600,000 killed
1945 - Russia liberates Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration Camp (Poland)
1967 - Apollo 1 fire kills astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee
1973 - US and Vietnam sign cease-fire, ending longest US war and military draft

January 28

1099 - First Crusaders begin siege of Hama-Akrad, Syria
1855 - The first locomotive runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean on the

Panama Railway

1932 - Japan occupies Shanghai
2011 - Hundreds of thousands of protesters fill the Egyptian streets against the Mubarak regime in demonstrations referred to as the "Friday of Anger"

January 29

1613 - Galileo observes Neptune but fails to recognize what he sees
1845 - Edgar Allen Poe's "Raven" first published (NYC)
1916 - First bombings of Paris by German Zeppelins take place
1920 - Walt Disney starts first job as an artist at \$40 week with KC Slide Co
1964 - Unmanned Apollo 1 Saturn launch test attains Earth orbit
1978 - Sweden outlaws aerosol sprays due to their harmful effect on the ozone layer, becoming the first nation to enact such a ban
1991 - Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi meet after 28 years

January 30

1847 - Yerba Buena renamed San Francisco
1862 - US Navy's first ironclad warship (Monitor) launched
1941 - Australian troops conquer

Derna Libya

1948 - Mahatma Gandhi assassinated by Nathuram Godse
1956 - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s home bombed
1968 - Vietcong launch Tet Offensive on US embassy in Saigon
1972 - Bloody Sunday: British soldiers open fire on Catholics in Londonderry; thirteen die.
2000 - Off the coast of Ivory Coast, Kenya Airways Flight 431 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean, killing 169

By Kyle Weinbold

RELAY FOR LIFE

American Cancer Society

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Random Profile: Fleetwood Raises Money to Fight Breast Cancer

Lauren Boyer

Profile

Lauren Boyer is a tenth grader in Fleetwood Area High School. She is a former field hockey player, which she played since fifth grade. Other activities in which Lauren participates include ballet, hip-hop, and jazz. She has been interested in dance since she was two-years-old.

In her free time, Boyer likes to hang out with her best friends Tiana Tracy and Keith Brokhoff. Going to the movies and mini golf are her ideal dates and recreational activities. She does not mind spending her time bowling with friends either. Keith and Lauren have been in a relationship for a little over a year. The two of them could not be happier together.



Lauren loves to shop at "Rue 21." She says they have very cute clothes and they fit her style. She visited Florida one time when she was in fifth grade. The temperature was unbeatable, and she loved it!

She has two little brothers, aged nine and eleven. Lauren has a dog, cat, and twenty fish for pets. Also, she plays the guitar and piano when she has free time. A few years ago, she also used to horseback ride. Lauren placed first in an equestrian competition and second in another.

Once Lauren graduates from Fleetwood Area High School, she plans on going to college. It would be her dream to go to Kutztown or Alvernia to further her education. Her favorite subject is English because she loves to read and write.

"This is my first year having Lauren, and she is a pleasure to have in class!" gym teacher Carol LeVan said.

By Mia Nowotarski

Health/Medicine

October is known as Breast Cancer Awareness month! Females and males suffer from Breast Cancer all over the world. It can be diagnosed at any age. Fleetwood Area High school raised over \$1,000 this past October and donated it to Breast Cancer Foundations.

Breast Cancer forms malignant (cancer) cells in the tissue of the breast. These cells can invade surrounding tissue. If it is caught early enough, it is able to be treated. In this case the cancer patient is able to continue with a normal life.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, which is the most common cancer in women. Breast cancer is also the second leading cause of death.

Despite being extremely rare, men are able to be diagnosed with breast cancer too. According to statistics, 2,150 men are diagnosed with it and 410 die from it every year.

Fleetwood Area High school sold T-shirts for the "pink out" in October. The school successfully sold all of them and made a decision to buy twice as many next year! It is almost guaranteed that they will sell all of them. Fleetwood students and staff have proven to be wonderfully supportive for the cause.

The bake sale brought in \$150 of the total \$1,000 raised. All of the money that was raised was donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation of America. The reason this foundation was chosen is that ninety-one cents out of every dollar is used to find a cure for breast cancer. Fleetwood football players also wore breast cancer awareness socks during the game.

"It was super easy, super fun, and everyone should get involved in this worthy cause!" Student council advisor Karen Sahaydak said.

Risk Factors for breast cancer are

the following:

- Older age
- Menstruating at an early age
- Giving birth at an older age
- History of breast cancer
- A mother or sister with breast cancer
- Treatment with radiation therapy to the breast or chest
- Breast tissue that is dense on a mammogram
- Taking hormones such as estrogen or progesterone
- Drinking alcohol
- Being white

"I think the Pink Out was really successful. We got a lot of the student body involved, and we raised money for a great cause!" junior Kae Huang said.

By Mia Nowotarski

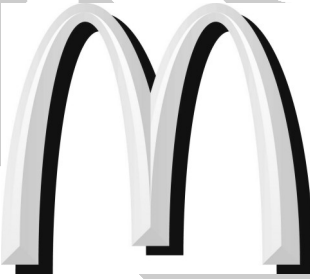
Science Teacher Loses Lbs. on McDiet

Health/Medicine

Science teacher John Cisna ate only McDonald's food for 90 days. Cisna approached the owner of a McDonald's restaurant and he agreed to give breakfast, lunch, and dinner to the man for free to see the outcome of this experiment.

Cisna used strict dietary limitations while planning out his meals so that he could stay within a 2,000 calorie diet while trying to consume the proper amounts of carbohydrates, proteins, fat calories, and cholesterol. Cisna had his students help plan these meals out for him.

If Cisna would eat a salad for lunch,



he would eat a heavier dinner to balance out the calories. He also was consuming items such as ice cream and Big Macs as well. After it was all said and done, Cisna documented that he lost 37 pounds over the 90 days, and his cholesterol went from 249 to 170.

"I get McDonalds about twice a week, and it makes me feel very happy," sophomore Caitlyn Brown said.

Americans tend to forget it is not the places or the type of food they choose to eat; it is the portions a person consumes throughout the day.

People tend to eat fast, when, in reality,

the slower you eat the faster you get full. People also tend to eat until they feel over stuffed or until they feel full. If you stop eating when you do not feel hungry anymore, you will eat less and still get the nutrients you need.

By Kelsey Steiner

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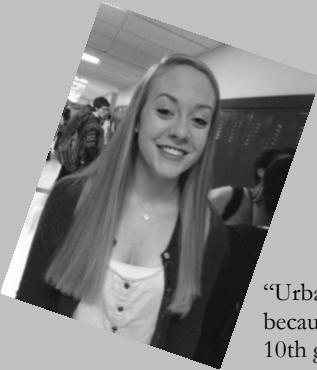
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Random Cheese

Fashion choices vary from person to person throughout the school...

What's your favorite clothing brand and why?

By Emily Moyer



"Urban outfitters, because it's hipster." 10th grader, Katelyn Langford



Adidas outlet, because it has adidas."- 11th grader, Shaq Cobb

"American Eagle because they have cute clothing and it's the only store that I can find something I like." 10th grader, Brooke Schaeffer



"True religion because it's expensive." 10th grader, Xavier Gonzalez



"Garage because I really like their sweat-ers." 10th grader, Danica Flinchbaugh



"Pacsun, because it's very stylish and always has new stuff."10th grader, Carly Decembrino



"Diamond, because it nice quality clothing." 10th grader Nick Krasely



"Footlocker because they sell Nike and Jordan's." Librarian Kirby Barnett

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