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Fleetwood Excels at Science Olympiad

School

Science Olympiad has been around for 30 years and is still going strong. It has 7,000 teams in all 50 states, with 16,000 schools involved in Science Olympiad throughout the country. Each team is allowed to bring 15 members from grades 6-12, but some schools have 75 members on their team.

Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering, and technology. There are about 280 events nationwide.

The first Science Olympiad competition was held on 23 November 1974 at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg North Carolina. Dr. Donald Barnes and Dr. David Wetmore were the founders. Fifteen schools from North and South Carolina competed in these first events.

The first national event was held at

Michigan State University in 1985. It was attended by sixty teams from seventeen states. Four schools from Pennsylvania have won nationals.

The winner is decided by the team's overall score. The team with the lowest score

and there are 3 divisions: Division A (K-6), Division B (6-9), and Division C (9-12).

“Isaac Cook and I got second in our event. Our event is 'Mission Possible.' I like to compete, and working with other students makes it enjoyable,” junior Brendan Homan said.

This is Homan's first year in Science Olympiad.

This year at Kutztown University, Fleetwood's team finished first at counties. Science teacher Todd Driesbach is in his seventh year as head coach. This is a team-based event, but students can get individual awards. The next competition is on 20 March at KU; it is the regional competi-

tion.

“It's my third year. I really like it, but it's very demanding. I got first in scrambler and fifth at bungee drop,” senior Joe Torres said.

By Nathan Mayer



Fleetwood Teachers Multiplying

Profile

Three teachers at Fleetwood have recently been blessed with newborn children. Dina Heffner, Susan Cammauf, and Zachary Houpp are now balancing marker boards with their diapers.

Dina Heffner gave birth on Saturday, 19 October 2013, at 2:27 p.m. Her baby girl was born at the Reading Hospital and was named Kayley Anna Heffner. Her middle name originated from her grandmother's first name. Little Kayley was 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Kayley is Heffner's only child as of now.

“She has a cute smile and a way of babbling. When she fell asleep Christmas Eve, I put bows all over her. It was a cute photo op,” Heffner said.

Kayley is said to look more like her father. She is also a go-with-the-flow baby and not fussy, unless she is requesting food.

“She is off to a good start as a future economics student! I read a book by Doctor

Seuss about money that Ms. Neiman bought her. And yes... She does have a few John Deere themed outfits. Plus tractor books!”

Heffner said.

Susan

Cammauf

gave birth on 15 November 2013.

Cammauf

chose to have a Caesarean section. Her

little girl is

named Ash-

lyn Cammauf.

Cammauf

has two other children.

Logan was

her first--he

is now six years of age--and she

has another baby girl named

Kylee who is two-years-old.

Zachary Houpp's wife

Jennifer Houpp gave birth to

their second child on 17 October 2013. Elliot Zachary Houpp

was born at the Reading Hospital. Elliot was eight pounds and

six ounces. Houpp's oldest child

is Mia Faith Houpp; she was

born on 18 October 2011, mak-

ing her two years old.

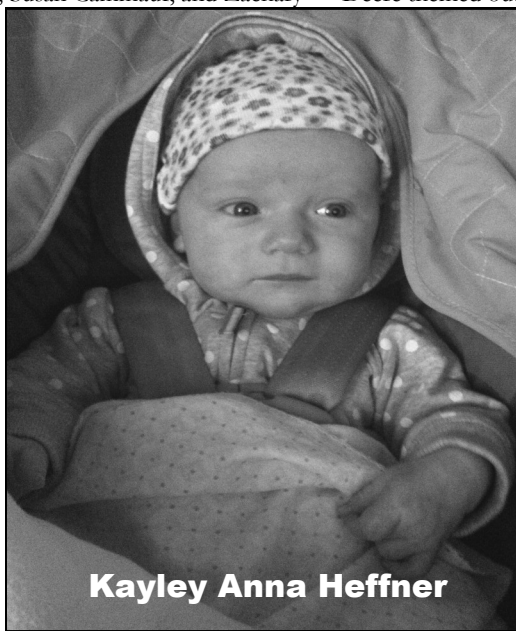
Houpp's son is now giggling and

laughing. Elliot likes to smile when he hears popping sounds made by his father, and Mia can walk and talk at this point. Most people say that Elliot looks like his sister as a baby rather than either parents.

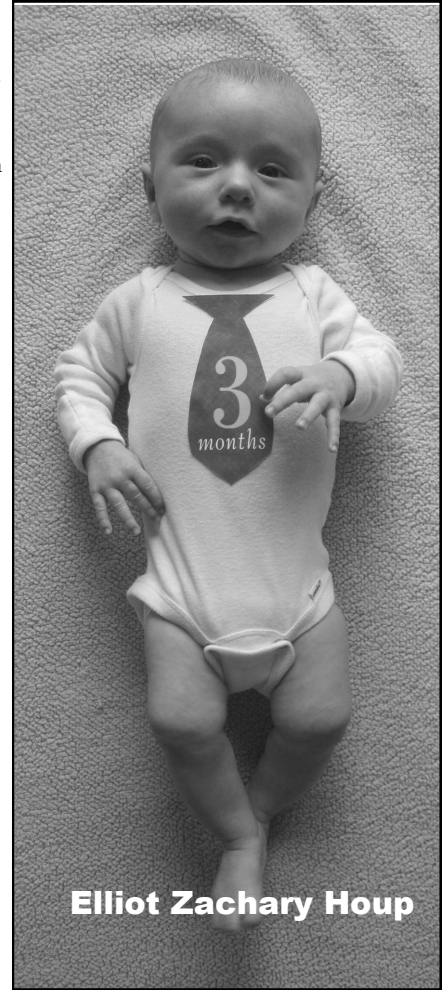
“He's a wonderful little man who is good at sleeping through the night even if he doesn't sleep through the day,” Houpp said.

For these new parents--and even the second or third timers--this is definitely an experience for them, and there remains a lot to learn.

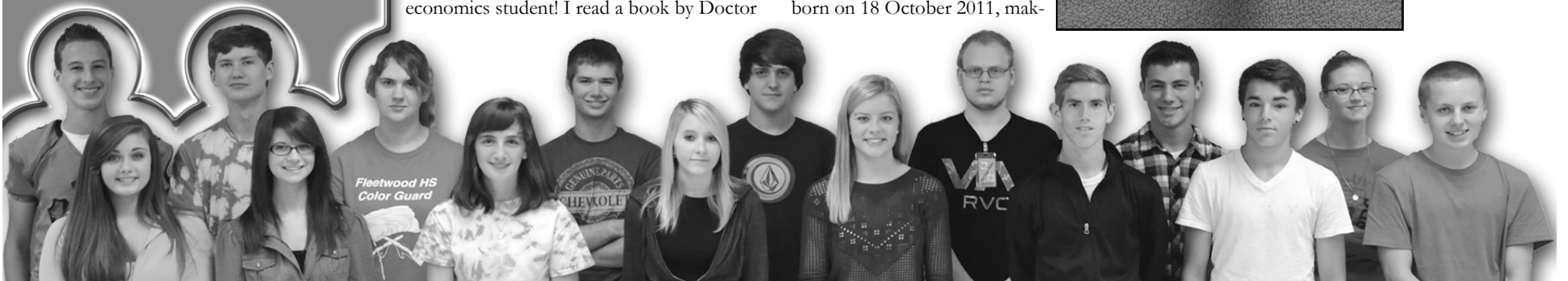
By Kelsey Steiner



Kayley Anna Heffner



Elliot Zachary Houpp



Grammy Awards Feature Exciting Mashups

Entertainment/Art

"I waited all day to watch this, and it was worth the wait," junior Lizzay Faust said.

The 56th annual Grammy Award Ceremony took place on Sunday, 26 January, at the Staples Center in L.A. The show began with a huge performance of "Drunk in Love" from the well-known partnership of Beyonce and Jay Z. This was the first of many amazing performances that continued throughout the night.

"The Kendrick and Imagine Dragons performance was crazy," sophomore Austin Sowa said.

The awards ceremony included numerous unexpected musical collaborations, such as Metallica and pianist Ling Ling, but the most talked about mashup was Imagine Dragons and Kendrick Lamar's rendition of Radioactive, which included a rap from m.A.A.d city and an explosion of red paint during the performance.

"I tune in every year to watch them," sophomore Brooke Schaeffer said.

Other popular performances included Taylor Swift's performance of "All Too Well", which received a standing ovation, and Kacey Musgraves, who received best Country

Album and Best Country Song, performing "Follow Your Arrow."

Popular singer Lorde was another heavily discussed act. Lorde won both Song of the Year and Best Pop Performance with her song "Royals," which she sang at the awards.

Another big highlight of the night was Daft Punk's collaboration with Pharrell Williams and Stevie Wonder. Daft Punk won Album of the year, Record of the Year, Best Dance Album, and Best Pop Duo. However, the touching performance by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, who won Best New Artist, Best Rap Song, Best Rap Album, and Best Rap Performance, took an unexpected turn.

To end the award show, this duo's song "Same Love" turned into an unexpected wedding ceremony which shocked many viewers. This ceremony and song was the most talked about moment of the night. During the song, 33 couples were legally married by Queen Latifah while Madonna performed "Open Your Heart" as a benediction to the couples.

By Michael Osenbach

Fleetwood Improves at FBLA Competition

School

The FBLA team from Fleetwood Area High School competed in a competition on 8 January at Penn State Berks Community College.

The schools that competed were Brandywine, Boyertown, Schuylkill Valley, Conrad Weiser, Wilson, and Fleetwood. Fleetwood placed fifth out of the seven schools that were there.

FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America, was founded in 1940. The purpose of this organization is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

It is a Career and Technical Student Organization. The National President is Cole Simmons. Kayln Hess is the leader for the Fleetwood district. The main offices for FBLA



are located in Reston, Virginia. FBLA has 253,365 members in the United States.

"I thought we did a really good job," sophomore Katie Lochman said.

Fleetwood competed in the local competition and did pretty well. They took home some second, third,

and fourth place trophies. Each student competed individually in an event to try to claim a first place award, which then earns the team more points.

Categories include sports management, law, public speaking, hospitality, and business.

Fleetwood did well and is looking to improve in years to come.

By Zachary Koenig

Fleetwood Cured of Bieber Fever Epidemic

Entertainment/Arts

Justin Bieber recently experienced some trouble with the law, leading to a rough start to the new year.

Bieber's neighbor accused him of throwing eggs over his fence on 9 January. Bieber caused approximately \$20,000 in damage. Then Los Angeles police raided his \$6.5 million mansion.

Bieber was later arrested in Miami on suspicion of drunk driving, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license, and drag racing. He was pulled over in a rented yellow Lamborghini.

According to Miami police, he rented his Lamborghini from Lou La Vie. They also have a policy that drivers have to be 21 or older. Justin Bieber is 19. A rented Lamborghini goes for \$600-\$1,800 a day, with a cash deposit of \$5,000-\$12,000.

Bieber blew under .08 for his Breathalyzer test, but he failed the sobriety test. He also told the cops he was under the influence of an illegal substance.

Then he smiled for his mugshot.

A new pop culture movement has begun to petition the government for Bieber's deportation. Fleetwood students's may be among the signers.

"Yes he should [be deported] because he broke the law and should face the

consequences," senior Cesar Avila said.

"Yes because he needs to be set straight," senior Collin Reinert said.

"The tirade was apparently triggered by what Justin Bieber perceived as an attempt by Moshe Benabou to keep one member of

Mr. Bieber's entourage physically away from Justin Bieber," the neighbor's lawsuit said. "As part of this tirade, Justin Bieber repeatedly punched [neighbor] Moshe Benabou in the chest and upper body area. Mr. Benabou did not retaliate or attempt to protect himself out of his concerns for Justin Bieber's physical well-being."

Bieber's private plane was also stopped for the suspension of illegal substances on board.

Over 100,000 people signed a petition to ask the president to revoke Justin's green card. Their reason why is "he is not only threatening the safety of our people but he is also a terrible influence on our nation's youth."

But not all Fleetwood students con-

cur. "People need to give him a break and be more lenient," sophomore Mia Nowotarski said.

By Nathan Mayer

Bracelets for Stephanie Steiner

Green and white swirled
silicone bracelets to help
raise money for local

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-Kelsey Steiner

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Neymar Transfers Skills to Barcelona

Sports

Neymar, Jr., is one of the world's most famous soccer superstars. He was transferred to Barcelona over the summer from Santos Fc. The 21-year-old Brazilian forward has some of the most incredible foot skills the world has ever seen.

The move to Barcelona was one of the biggest transfers of the year, which also included the move of Gareth Bale from Tottenham to Real Madrid and Mesut Ozil from Real Madrid to Arsenal. All of these transfers made last summer the biggest season for soccer in the past couple years.

"Neymar can learn from the best player in the world. I don't think he'll ever be as good as Messi, but he can learn a thing or two and get really good," junior Brendan Homan said.

Neymar has been one of the world's biggest talents for some time now. His mesmerizing skill has been catching the eyes of the biggest clubs in the world for a couple years. He was most likely Real Madrid's top target, but when he decided to take his talents to Barcelona, Madrid set their sights on the Welsh winger, Gareth Bale.

"I think Neymar is going to be really good. He has time to learn from Messi and become one of the best players in the world," junior Wyatt Pensinger said.



But the transfer between Barcelona and Santos may not have been what it was said to be. The price of the transfer was apparently 57 million euros, but others are saying that as much as 95 million pounds were paid for the young prodigy.

According to Foxsports.com, Barcelona president Rosell claims "Neymar cost 57.1 million euros, full stop."

The Real Madrid media recently reported that as many as 95 million euros were swapped for the transfer of Neymar. They reported that about 60 million went to the player and his family, and approximately 35 million went to Santos through a "basic transfer fee".

"I don't know why they would try to hide the actual price of the transfer, why cause such a commotion," junior Matt Hook said.

Neymar has caused quite a splash since joining the Catalan club, scoring and setting up goals. His astonishing skill has entertained the Barcelona supporters, and he shows how big of an impact he can contribute to the team.

He recently injured his right ankle during a game against Getafe, causing him to sit out for a few weeks. Barcelona still ended up coming out victorious, 2-0. Neymar is said

to be out for about 3-4 weeks with a sprained tendon in his right ankle.

The star forward is hopeful to be back in time for the monster Champions League clash against the English giants, Manchester City. The game is tabbed to be one of, if not the, most entertaining games of the season, with two master-class attacking teams going at it.

"It'll probably be the most exciting game to watch this season. Manchester City has been really good lately, and Barcelona is always very good," senior Doug Karpuek said.

Without Neymar, Barcelona's attack will not be as threatening, and City may have the upper hand in the clash, but Barca has high hopes that he will be a 100% fit for the match.

"If Neymar isn't back by the time Barcelona plays Manchester City, it'll be a huge blow for the team, but they still have great players like Messi, Sanchez, Iniesta, Xavi, and Pedro," senior Alec Leibensberger said.

The young sensation is looking to become one of the best players in history, following in the footsteps of other Brazilian legends like Ronaldinho, Kaka, Ronaldo (not Cristiano), and, most of all, Pele. The host country of the 2014 World Cup, Brazil, would surely like to see the 21-year-old shine for his country.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Surgeon General Anticipates Tobacco's Demise

Health/Medicine

In 1964, it was argued that use of tobacco leads to certain cancers in men and women. Ever since cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and other tobacco products have been linked to cancer, more and more addicts have been fighting their addiction.

From 1964 to 2014, the number of smokers decreased inevitably after figuring out that smoking causes cancer in the pancreas, bowel, cervix, kidney, bladder, larynx, pharynx, mouth, stomach, and sinuses.

As scary as it sounds to tobacco users that smoking causes such cancers, some amount of smokers do not care about the notion of self-harm. After all, not all smokers receive cancer from tobacco.

Smoking will not always necessarily give smokers cancer; it just increases that person's chance of obtaining certain kinds of cancer. For all anyone knows, a non-smoker may get cancer, and the non-smoker's twin, who smokes, may never get cancer.

According to cancerresearchuk.org, there are more than 70 kinds of chemicals in cigarette smoke that are the leading cause of cancer. These chemicals are as follows:

- Cadmium (used in batteries)
- Arsenic (used in wood preservatives)
- Benzene (refined from crude oil)
- Tar (mixture of dangerous chemicals)
- Formaldehyde (used in paint manufacturing)
- Polonium-210 (highly radioactive element)
- Chromium (used to manufacture dye, paints, and alloys)
- 1,3-Butadiene (used in rubber manufacturing)
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (dangerous DNA-damaging chemicals)
- Acrolein (used as a chemical weapon),
- Nitrosamines (DNA-damaging chemicals)

These are only some of the potentially dangerous chemicals found in cigarette smoke.

The surgeon general is anticipating a "smoke-free society" 50 years from now: the year 2064. Fifty years ago, when smoking tobacco led to cancers of all varieties, it was told no one would want to go back to smoking.

Fifty years later, nothing has changed.

By Levi Gieringer

Apple Cider Vinegar Is Your All-Purpose Household Tool

How-To

Who knew there was so many different ways to use a product that you could find in your house? Apple cider vinegar, for example, is a multipurpose household item.

Apple cider vinegar could be used to repel fleas and ticks off of your pet! If you mix three fourths of a spray bottle with apple cider vinegar and a quarter of warm water and spray it on your pet after you bathe it, it will

keep your furry little pet bug free.

Who hates seasonal allergies? A teaspoon of apple cider vinegar followed by a glass of cool water can clear up your sneezing and stuffy nose. You can also add it to a cup of hot tea.

If you like the smell of apples, you

can also spray it around the room. The vinegar will evaporate in the air leaving you with a fresh apple scent. You could even use it as a light personal perfume.



Apple cider vinegar can also work as a cheaper and effective facial toner. Adding water to the vinegar and pouring over a cotton ball or facial sponge can make your face tighter and glowing. If you run a few teaspoons of this through your hair

after shampooing, you can reduce frizz and static, and wash away build up. Also, detox with some baking soda afterwards.

Whitening teeth with this is better than using baking soda on your teeth, and it beats the taste! Scrub up with some, and rinse for a brighter and whiter smile.

Scrub up your kitchen with some apple cider vinegar. Mixing it with some water to dilute and get the best smelling kitchen, it beats the smell of bleach and other harsh chemicals. Later, use it to wash your produce. Adding a gallon of cold water to four tablespoons of apple cider vinegar can make for a good pesticide killer.

Summer will be here sooner than you think, and sunburn often seems inevitable. Apple cider vinegar will reduce the pressure and pain as well as peeling. For severe cases, put a damp washcloth wet with apple cider vinegar in a freezer and later place on the burn.

Lastly, you can use it to spray on those pesky weeds in your backyard. Spray a mixture of apple cider vinegar and water on your weeds to make the garden look and smell good!

There are many different things you can do with normal household items, all of which are less harsh. Be creative and try them out.

By Kelsey Steiner

Ronaldo Wins Second Ballon d'Or

Sports

The FIFA Ballon d'Or is presented at the end of every year. It is an award that goes out to the best soccer player that year.

The 2013 Ballon d'Or ceremony took place on 13 January. The three nominees for the award were Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, and Frank Ribery. All three players had an outstanding year, but one stood out a little more than the others.

Cristiano Ronaldo had only won the Ballon d'Or once before. In 2008, when Ronaldo had won, he was still playing with Manchester United. Now with Real Madrid, Ronaldo has once again won the title. Lionel Messi has won the last four Ballon d'Or awards.

Each player had outstanding years. Ronaldo netted 69 goals in just 59 appear-

ances for Madrid this season. He was averaging more than one goal a game. As Ronaldo was in great form, Messi suffered a series of injuries, being injured, then returning, and shortly after going out with the same injury.

Ribery had also had a good year, but his achievements were more team-centered than individual, as Bayern Munich won the Champions League.

"Watching these players compete is just an amazing feeling," sophomore Greg Kambakis said.

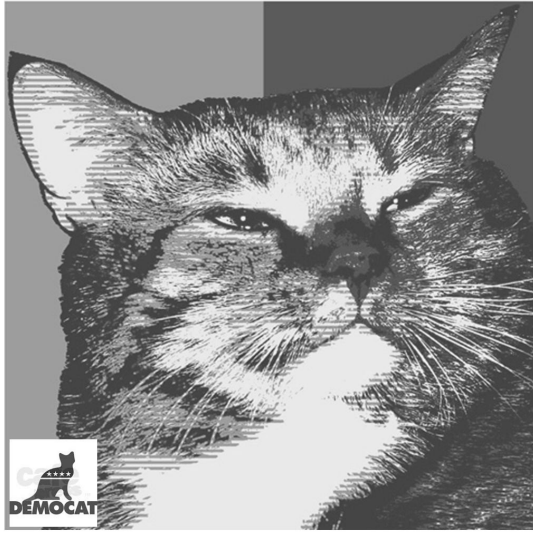
There were many other players who had outstanding seasons. The votes were pretty tight. Ronaldo finished with 1,365 points, Messi with 1,205, and Ribery with 1,127.

Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA, is a Messi fan. Near the end of the year, he called Ronaldo a commander in action. The next game Ronaldo responded with a hat trick and a celebration taunting Blatter.

"When I saw Ronaldo play that game, it looked like he was on a mission," junior Joe Kinek said.

By Austin Young

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Fleetwood Students Soldier on Flappy Bird Flaps Away

Military

High School is a time of decision. Whether it is the small decisions, such as how to dress or who to hang out with, or some of the largest choices of a student's life, including what occupation to pursue or what college or tech school to attend. Some will go to college to become doctors, engineers, or even teachers and professors to complete the cycle of education.

But some high school students choose to join the Armed Services, to defend their country, so that everyone in this great nation is able to attain the career they wish with the correct amount of hard work.

Mathew Weston, a current junior at Fleetwood Area High School, is one of those students who is willing to lay his life down on the line so that people around the country have the right to their freedoms, even if it means they oppose America's standing army.

"I feel that I should give back to my country," Weston said. "While I disagree with [American ideologies], I will defend them nonetheless because everyone deserves a chance. I fight so that everyone has the chance to express their own opinions."

But this is not the only thing for which soldiers fight. While there are many

things aspects of the armed forces that are unpleasant, there always is a light at the end of the tunnel, which brightens an enlisted person's day, including family, friends, a loved one, even a pet. Every soldier has something he or she looks forward to when returning home.

"I wanted to bring honor to my family by serving the country," senior Nate Mayer said. "When I look at the flag, and say the pledge every day at school, I know that I will soon help keep that flag flying proudly. But I am also now able to attend college even in the economic status that we are currently in. My parents always told that, when there is a will, there is a way. I found a way, and I am going to take full advantage of the benefits that they are willing to give me."

College benefits are the best option outside of a full-ride scholarship; students earn some of the best training in the world, which can transfer over to real-world experience. With both college and real-world experience, many jobs will hire former soldiers on the spot.

But there is also a pride that resides inside of each soldier throughout the world: to be protecting the country that they hail from, to keep their family, their neighbors, people they have never met safe from others who wish to harm them.

The Commander-in-Chief and President of the United States, Barack Obama once said, "Our values call upon us to care about people we may never meet."

United States soldiers do meet these people, face to face. They see the horrors that war has created, and most will lose their buddies. But they move on, hence the term "Soldier on." It means to carry on, no matter what gets in the way, whether it is a physical obstacle or a mental one.

By Christopher Russo

Entertainment/Arts

Flappy Bird is an Android and Apple game created for phones or iPods by Dong Nguyen. It is a simple game in which players have to tap the screen of their devices to make a bird fly. The bird has to fly under or over tubes, gaining points for each set of tubes he successfully clears.

"I used to be obsessed with Flappy Bird," junior Mitch Kinek said.

"I love Flappy Bird," junior Joe Kinek said.

"It's a very addicting game," junior Matt Hook said.

Flappy Bird made news on 9 February 2014, when the game was mysteriously taken off of the App Store. The game's 50 million users were upset, but they were able to keep playing the game because they had already downloaded it. First time players, however, could no longer download the game.

"I'm sorry 'Flappy Bird' users, 22 hours from now I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. I cannot take this anymore," creator Nguyen said in one of his tweets.

Nguyen said that the removal had nothing to do with legal issues. He said that peo-

ple are overusing his game, but what does that mean?

Many have confessed to having addiction issues with the game.

"When I first started playing it, I got addicted to it a little bit because I just wanted to keep getting my score higher and higher. It is such an amusing game," sophomore Gina Esposto said.

She is only one of over 50 million people who played the game daily.

"I think that it was sad to see it get deleted," junior Gary Gabriel said.

Flappy Bird is not the only game Dong Nguyen has created. He has many other games on the App Store, all of which are simple yet difficult, quite like Flappy Bird.

Some people are selling devices with Flappy Bird downloaded on it over the Internet for insanely high prices, some reaching \$1,000! Although it might be crazy, people just cannot get enough of it.

For now, Flappy Bird is off the App Store. Will it ever fly again? No one knows, but for now those that have it downloaded continue to enjoy it, while those who do not have it should be thankful for avoiding a possible addiction.

By Zachary Koenig



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Fleetwood Football Has Great Year

Sports

"It feels good to have all of the hard work that you put in on the off-season and during the season pay off," junior Tyler Emge said.

Emge had 191 attempts and carried the ball for 1,124 yards this past year. He averaged 5.9 yards per carry. He also piled up 11 touchdowns for the season, finishing sixth in the county.

"We came a long way as a team this year, and I'm proud of my guys," senior Morgan Shigo said.

Shigo finished the season leading the state with 22 sacks. Meanwhile, he also had a pick-six (returning an interception for a touchdown). He earned second team defense.

"I love playing this game, and I enjoy playing with this group of guys," junior Shaq Cobb said.

Cobb had 117 tackles in the season,

averaging 11.7 tackles per game. This outstanding performance earned him second team defense.

"We had a good season overall as a team, and it's good to be a part of this team," Mike Allen said.

Allen plays for Fleetwood but attends Oley Valley High School as a junior. Allen had a Berks-leading 39 receptions for the year. He was also the first player in the program history to earn All-Berks Honors.

"It was a great season," junior Zach Koenig said.

Zach threw a total of 202 passes and completed 115 of them. For the 115 completions, he racked up 1617 yards through the air. He tallied eleven touchdowns and only threw eight interceptions. His passer rating of 134.22 was one of the league's best.

By Michael Osenbach

Random Cheese The snow is piling up in Fleetwood...

"No, there's too much snow." 10th grader, Chassity Lopez



"No, I don't want to be in school all summer." 10th grader, Marissa Faranda



"I am screaming internally." 12th grader, Tessa Swider



"No, that's a horrible thing to ask because people die and 3000 people are still without power in Philly, you big meany." - Chemistry Teacher, Mr. Matthew Biniek



"No, I am tired of the snow, and I hate shoveling." 12th grader, Cody Fisher



"No, because it's getting annoying." 10th grader, Neve Miller



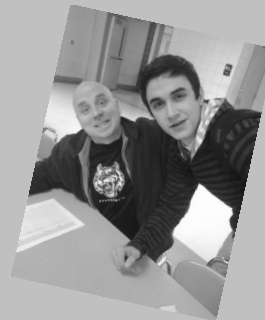
"No, because I want my spring break as long as possible, and I don't want to stay in school longer." 10th grader, Maddy Garcia



"No, because we're losing valuable spring break time." Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Matthew Kellet



"No, because I want to graduate on time and I want out." 12th grader, Erica Groncki



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