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Fleetwood Girls' Basketball Team On the Prowl For Success

Sports

The Fleetwood Girls' basketball team is looking to have another great season for the 2014-2015 school year.

Last year, the girls finished the season 24-6 and made it all the way to the state playoffs until their season came to an end with a loss to Holy Redeemer.

The Tigers have some holes to fill from last year's playoff team. They lost one of their leading scorers, Kendra Bamberger, to graduation last year, and their best 3-point shooter, Xiomara Toledo, who transferred to rival high school, Berks Catholic.

Both of these losses will hurt the Tigers, but senior Cyre Virgo thinks they can recover.

"Kendra was a great player, but we have other younger players that are going to help in a big role this year," Virgo said.

Virgo, who is a track and field star and Homecoming Queen at Fleetwood, was



one of Fleetwood's best all-around players last year and expects this year to be even better.

Virgo has a younger sister who is a freshman at Fleetwood. Chanel Virgo is looking to make a case for some playing time this upcoming year.

Fleetwood went 8-2 last season in their league, and they look

to be strong again this season.

In their Berks Conference II league, they will play Berks Catholic, Conrad Weiser, Hamburg, Schuylkill Valley, and Twin Valley. All of these teams expect to bring some talent into the table.

With schedules expected to be released shortly, be ready for the Fleetwood Girls' team to make a run this year.

By Zach Koenig

Ebola Reaches America

Health/Medicine

Ebola has been the talk of the town for a little while now. Also known as Ebola Hemorrhagic fever, it is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola virus strains. There are five identified Ebola virus species, four of which cause disease in humans, monkeys, gorillas, and chimpanzees.

"I think it's a major concern in Africa. In America, we have better health systems. I think it'll be better contained than in Africa. We have better health practices, where they have not too much protectiveness," nurse Bonnie Fansler said.

It was first discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River, in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The symptoms of Ebola include the following: fever greater than 101.5, severe headaches, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, unexplained bleeding.

"It is disgusting, and I hope I don't get that," senior Levi Gieringer said.

These symptoms may appear anywhere from 2-21 days after exposure to the virus. The average is 8-10 days. It is deadly, but if it gets treated, the patient develops antibodies that last for at least ten years.

But acquiring the disease is not easy. It is contracted through bodily fluids. This

means coming in contact with blood, stool, or vomit. Since it is not airborne, in theory, one cannot get it from coughing, sneezing, etc. People may be able to get it if someone kept repeatedly doing that directly on another person over and over again, but chances of that are very unlikely.

At this point in time, there is no cure for Ebola. If you are diagnosed with it, doctors utilize fluids, oxygen, blood pressure medicine, transfusions, and treatment for other infections. This usually does not work most of the time though.

There have been some reported cases in the U.S. Last week, a man named Thomas Eric Duncan from Liberia came to the United States infected with the disease. Duncan took Flight 951 from Brussels to Washington Dulles, then Flight 822 to Dallas/Fort Worth. He was then transmitted to the hospital and died last Wednesday from the disease.

"Ebola is a serious disease that, if not checked, will grow into a serious pandemic. Travel restrictions must be enforced with areas established for patients infected with the disease prior to leaving. People who knowingly leave an area carrying the disease should be subject to legal action," history teacher Mr. Todd Weiss said.

By Alyssa Brandt

Fleetwood Students Enjoy Homecoming Activities

School

Homecoming always seems to be the favorite week of the school year for students and staff. Activities this year included the pep rally, decorating hallways by grade, spirit week, and the first annual variety show. The parade is one of the town's favorites. Also, the Fleetwood community started a celebratory bonfire after the parade, which was a big hit last year.

President of student council, Kae Huang, was upset that, as a senior, this will be her last year planning Homecoming.

"It's such a bittersweet feeling being a part of Homecoming for my fourth year here at Fleetwood. It's been so awesome watching everyone come together for the best time of the year," she said.

"The best part about Homecoming is that I'm going to be able to play my first Homecoming football game, and that's pretty exciting. It's going to be one of the hyped [sic] games of the season. Being able to run out of that locker room onto the field hearing the entire stadium just go crazy for us is going to be such an unforgettable feeling," Junior Jake Feick said.

This year's homecoming court included Tyler Emge, Matt Hook, Shaq Cobb, Zach Koenig, and Tyler Rapposelli for the guys; and Cyre Virgo, Emily Nowotarski, Shelbi Heffner, Delaney Karpeuk, and Irene Licari for the girls.

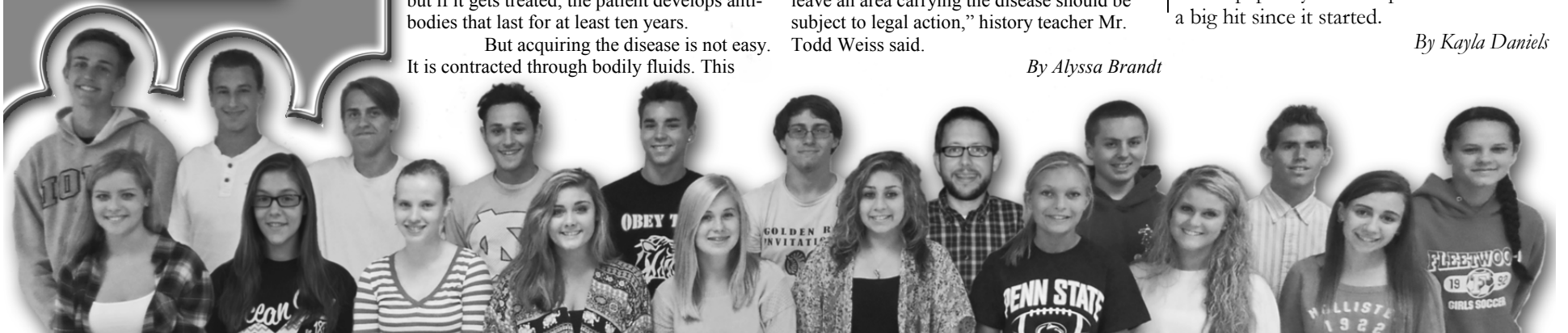
"Being on Homecoming court is such a cool experience. Being able to ride a nice car around in the parade is going to be fun, along with making the posters for everyone to look at," senior Tyler Emge said.

Cyre Virgo won homecoming queen, and Shaq Cobb won homecoming king.

"Homecoming court last year was so much fun! Walking out during halftime and waiting to find out who won was so exciting. Though I didn't win, I still had a really fun time with my other good friends that made it on too. I'm so glad that, for my senior year, I experienced homecoming the way I did," former Fleetwood student Clay Weidemoyer said.

A lot of work is put into Homecoming. Every year, students and staff hold a pep rally. Powerd puff has also been a big hit since it started.

By Kayla Daniels



Medical Explorers Offer Early Occupational Insight

Health/Medicine



READING HEALTH SYSTEM

The Reading Hospital has a program for high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in health care. This program is sponsored by The Reading Hospital for the Boy Scouts of America. These programs take place every third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm.

"I am interested in becoming a radiologist. I go to BCTC for Radiology, and I think the program was beneficial. It made me much more interested," sophomore Ciara Diehl of Brandywine Heights High School said.

More than 50 students from all around Berks County participate in this learning experience. The program features guest speakers and departmental tours. It is also free of charge.

Medical professionals of all different fields tell students what they do on the job, how they were trained to do it, and the schooling it took for them to get there. They then answer the students' questions.

"I think the program was fun and very informational. I want to be an OB-GYN, and I learned that it takes a lot of schooling to get there. I found out that it

takes about eleven years of schooling after high school. You have to earn a college degree, go to nursing school, and go to medical school," sophomore Kristina Bertsch of Kutztown Area High School said.

The goal of these medical professionals is to influence students to pursue a great career. Every month, they have a different field on which they focus. The first week of 2014 was on women and children's health. Students visited the NICU, labor rooms, and children's hospital rooms, where they go when they are sick.

On the week of 16 October, the explorers will be taking a look at ED/Trauma. They will be able to see what it is like when a Medevac lands on the roof with an emergency.

"I'm excited for the next meeting. I always learn so much," Diehl said.

The hospital is looking for many students to come out and explore the medical occupations. It is a great learning experience for those who are interested.

By Tori Bertsch

Boys' Soccer Team Heads to Districts

Sports

The Fleetwood boys' soccer team is 11-4-1 in the 2014-15 school year. They are in the PIAA class AA category.

The boy's team is ranked fifth in the class AA District 3 standings. The top eighteen teams make the district 3 playoffs.

If the playoffs started today, the boys' team would play thirteenth seed Pequea Valley, which has a record of 10-5-1.

"It's a pretty great feeling," senior Mitch Kinek said.

Kinek, who is a starting midfielder for the boys' team, is leading the team in goals with seven; he is also a captain for the Tigers.

"It's just great being a senior and being able to take this team to playoffs again," Kinek said.

Austin Young, who is the team's second leading scorer, is also a captain and plays the midfield position. Young has four goals and three assists for the year.

The season started off with the

Tigers beating Quaker Valley 2-1. They then played the defending PIAA Class AAA state champions and tied them 5-5. The Tigers then went on to win every league game except for their heartbreaking loss to Twin Valley. The Tigers, who are 8-1 in the

league, are second in their league and still have a chance to win the league with one game remaining for the season.

Their final game was on Wednesday, 8 October, against Schuylkill Valley. It is the boys' senior night, as the seniors will be recognized for their four years of playing soccer in Fleetwood.

"It's a great feeling to be able to play in another post-season," senior Matt

Hook said.

Another notable fact about the boy's team is that they celebrated their nine-hundredth win this season.

By Zach Koenig



Introducing Mike Levoux

Profile

"Michael is very quiet," ninth grader Michael Del Rio said.

Michael Levoux is a student who enjoys playing football and basketball. He was brought into this world on 9 September 1999.

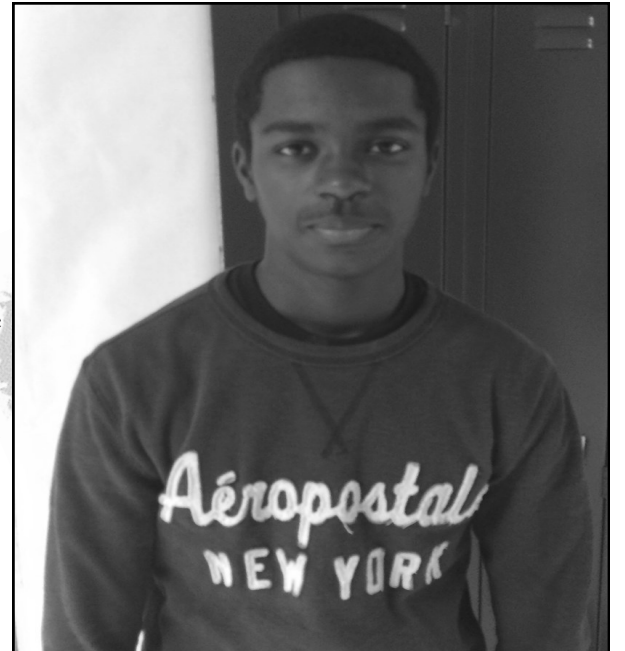
He enjoys school for the most part, and his favorite subjects are math and gym. Michael enjoys wearing Aeropostale and Hollister in all four seasons, but especially in the summer, which happens to be his favorite season.

His favorite musical artist is Beyoncé because he thinks she's beautiful. His future plans include being a professional athlete in either the NFL or the NBA. If you catch him watching TV, he will most likely be watching The Dark Knight or Keeping Up with the Kardashians.

His home life is very stressful due to his three sisters and two brothers. Levoux also

enjoys creating beautiful pieces of art that express his deepest thoughts and feelings that cannot be put into words.

By Ryan Gantz



FBLA Donates Tech Experience to Senior Citizens

Community

Luckily, this article is also printed on paper in black and white ink, or the seniors would not be able to read it.

Seniors? No, not the class of 2015, but the elderly whom the Fleetwood FBLA members are teaching how to use technology.

Every Wednesday in October, the FBLA members travel over to Fleetwood Elementary school to educate seniors on how to use the technology they have. Berks Encore, a volunteer community group, advertises this to seniors in the surrounding area. They are encouraged to bring their smart phones, tablets, and laptops so that they can learn how to use them efficiently. Junior Ethan Miller is spearheading this project and is excited to see its success.

"We're really excited, and I'm surprised that this has not been done before because my parents know barely anything about their phones. So I can infer that some seniors know even less about the up-and-coming technology," freshman Laura Kaskey said.

After the participants received

By Ripley Price

assistance, they were happy and grateful.

"This session really helped me learn how to use my iPod better. Now I just have to see if I can do it on my own!" one participant said.

"I feel that the elderly aren't responding to technology for a multitude of reasons, the main one being that the progression of technology has moved too quickly for older generations to properly adjust," Kaskey said.

With the help of Berks Encore, the schedule for the next four weeks is already full. Seniors come with a list of questions to ask or a new device just asking for the basics.

The FBLA members are skilled and knowledgeable about most of the technology they have been presented with thus far. They are given questions ranging from, "What's this button do?" to email problems.

"I don't know how you know all of this, but I'm glad you can help," another senior said.

Derek Jeter Retires after Legendary Career

Sports

After twenty seasons, Derek Jeter thought it was time to retire. He is one of the best to ever play the game. Jeter was always humble throughout his career. Before this season, he posted on Facebook that he was to retire at the end of the season. Jeter had a press conference a couple days later after this post, not showing any emotion at the press conference and wrapping up every question with "I still have a season to play."

Jeter ended the season batting .256, with 149 hits, 4 homeruns, and 47 runs scored. Jeter joined the 3,000 hit list last year with a special homerun.

"I hate the Yankees, but I tell you: that Jeter is easily one of the best to play the game," senior Tyler Emge said.

Jeter made the decision to retire because he wants to start a family and extend his business career. His age is also a factor as Jeter says he cannot move the way he used to be able to do. The shortstop also said he left because some of his longtime-teammates were leaving.

"I don't think anyone likes the Yankees, but Jeter is one of my favorite players. The guy has so much class," senior Matt Hook said.

In Jeter's last home game of his career, he hit a walk-off single. Jeter has always been clutch, helping the Yankees win five World Series. The next three games were away for the Yankees at Fenway Park. Jeter showed a lot of emotion after the home victory win. Walking over to shortstop where he played twenty seasons for the Yankees, he bowed down. Jeter told the press that he was not going to play shortstop for his last three games. He wanted his last memories to be at Yankee Stadium. Jeter was a designated hitter in his last games.

Jeter's last words when asked what was the most important to him were as follows: "The thing that means the most to me is to be remembered as a Yankee."

By Austin Young

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Neiman Named Teacher of the Month for October Profile

Jennifer Neiman was awarded teacher of the month for the month of October by her colleagues at the Fleetwood Area High School. Neiman teaches chemistry to juniors and seniors.

"Neiman is really cool and cares a lot about the kids that she teaches," science teacher Mark Coassolo said.

Neiman does a lot of activities for the school. She helps students before and after school every day. She is a co-adviser for both the student council and the sophomore class. She is also the leader teacher of the RAISE program. Neiman tries to attend all sporting events and chaperones dances as well.

"Ms. Neiman has been a wonderful apprenticeship leader and has taken charge of making sure we succeed with its implementation," English teacher Zachary Steven Houpp said.

Neiman graduated from Delaware Valley College in 2001. She owned her own dairy farm while working at East Penn Manufacturing Co. She has worked at Fleetwood for nine years.

"I like Neiman's attitude and the way she teaches," junior Miah Maldonado said.

Neiman is not married but has been dating her boyfriend Scot for nine years. In her spare time, she loves to go to yoga and milk cows at her friend's farm.



With her boyfriend, she likes to get ice-cream at Candy's homemade ice-cream and Italian ice.

"I love the whole idea of learning and watching and helping people learn," Neiman said.

She has two turtles, named Righty and Lefty, and a fish named Fishy. Her dad and aunt both worked as teachers, and her mom taught at a college.

By Emily Moyer

Carroll and Raudenbush Are October Students of the Month Profile

For the month of October, Jacqueline Carroll and Ryan Raudenbush were picked by faculty as the students of the month. This is the second month that Fleetwood has done student of the month awards.

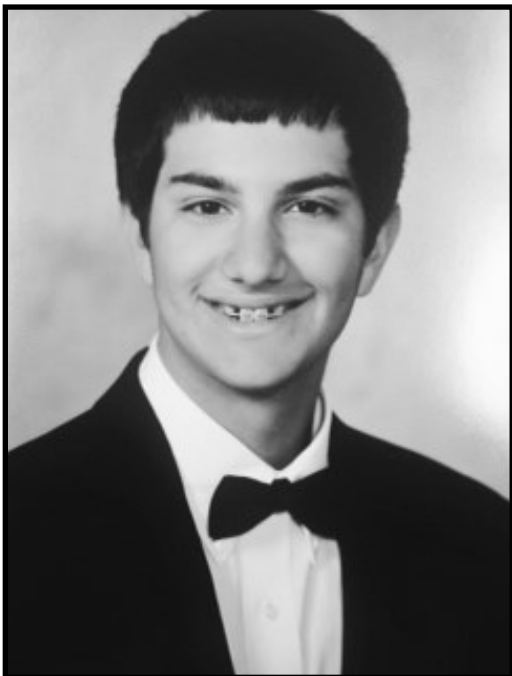
Ryan is the son of Dennis and Judy Raudenbush. He also has a brother named Todd.

Raudenbush would like to attend Penn State after high school. He enjoys playing baseball and golf for the school. He also enjoys hanging out with friends and going to sporting events. He does a lot of missions work with his church.

"I think it's awesome I was chosen for student of the month, and I enjoy the parking spot. It is a good feeling being named it," Raudenbush said.

Ryan's advice to others is to be yourself and have fun.

Jacqueline Carroll plans to begin work as a music therapist and start advancing toward



starting her own business after she graduates college. Outside of school, she enjoys teaching piano lessons and taking guitar, voice, and piano lessons of her own.

"I think it is a great idea to start the student of the month recognition again," Carroll said.

Jackie also would tell others to keep being themselves. She has a brother who goes to Fleetwood named Nick Carroll, and her parents are Joan and Lawrence Carroll.

Starting the Student of the Month again seems to be a big hit. Sadly, only seniors can get Student of the Month but if you are not a senior you have something to work for when you become a senior.

By Kayla Lynn Daniels



Are the L.A. Kings Ready to Be Dethroned?

Sports

With the NHL season kicking off about a week ago, students, staff, and faculty gathered around their TVs or computers or Smart Phones to watch one the games on the opening day of the season.

"Thank you, [God]! I am jumping for joy that the season has finally started," senior Mike Osenbach said.

The Los Angeles Kings won the Stanley Cup last year, beating the New York Rangers in the fifth game of the series with a score of 3-2 to win the Championship.

"The fifth game of the series was a great one. Playoff hockey is definitely the most exciting sport to watch in my opinion--nonstop action! It just doesn't get any better than that," Osenbach said.

The season kicked off on 8 October with four games being played, all of which were Wednesday Night Rivalries. The eight teams that played were the Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins, San Jose Sharks, Vancouver Canucks, defending Stanley Cup Champions LA Kings, Calgary Flames, Toronto Maple Leafs, and Montreal Canadiens.

"I'm not a fan of any of the teams that played, but it was still great to finally get to watch some Hockey again," senior Matthew Hook said.

Last year's Cup finals were looked

at as a "battle of the coasts," due to the fact that The Kings are from the west coast and the Rangers from New York.

"Rangers should have won the Cup last year, but the Kings just played really well. They earned it. But I have to cheer for my favorite team, which will soon be the Philadelphia Flyers," senior Rocco Russo



said.

With the season finally underway and the puck ringing on the iron (and rattling around the boards and hitting the glass), it seems like things have reached a certain level of normalcy for some of the fans.

By Frankie Talarico

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Fall Fashion Is All about Bags, Boots

Fashion

The standard set by fall clothing is sky high this year. There are many different necessities, including sweaters, boots, and shoulder bags. It changed a lot from last year's trend of wearing long skirts, crop tops, and fur coats. Bags and sweaters are the biggest trend this year.



"My favorite fall clothing is Ugg boots, Vans, and crew necks," twelfth grader Lizzay Faust said.

Glamour says that multicolored rings are in this year. They could go with a striking-colored handbag. Big bags are out, and tiny bags are in style. Cuff bracelets and delicate rings are out this year, and striking rings and scarfs are in.

"I like Dark jeans, Ugg boots, and soft comfy sweaters," eleventh grader Sophia Hadeed said.

Elle thinks that eye-catching jewel-

ry, long sweaters, and black boots are big this year. Knit sweaters, tights, and knee-high boots are a favorite. Brown hair and less make-up are better than red lips and dark eye make-up, claims Elle.

"I enjoy wearing boots, sweaters, and scarfs," eleventh grader Lacey Greiss said.

Pink, white, and cream are the colors of this year, Seventeen magazine claims. Exotic skirts and flannel shirts are also a new trend. Plaid and floral are other patterns that are in this year. The new trending shoes are Vans, boots, and wedges.

"I prefer sweaters and sweat shirts," twelfth grader Tyler Emge said.

Vogue loves big sweaters, leggings, and fuzzy coats. To complement the coats or sweaters are jeans, leggings, or long skirts. High boots, flats, or wedges compliment the outfit with bold necklaces or earrings. Small leather purses and knee-high boots are really in this year.

"I like to wear sweaters, jeans, and vans," twelfth grader Gary Gabriel said.

Big and bold earrings, gold eye shadow, and shoulder bags are in. Long sweaters, hats, and bold shoes compliment any outfit when you are on the go. Big black sunglasses are a favorite this year.

"I love to wear high boots, sweaters, and leggings in the fall," twelfth grader Katelyn Langford said.

By Emily Moyer

Ray Rice Suspended Indefinitely

Sports

The Ray Rice incident has received a lot of publicity over the last few months. It seems as if everyone has his or her own viewpoints regarding the incident, and the public may never know the full truth.

Ray Rice was arrested for domestic violence. He and his girlfriend were at a casino when they apparently entered into an argument. A video surfaced showing Rice bringing his fiancé out of an elevator unconscious.

Rice then spoke out for the first time on 23 May. He apologized for the situation and told reporters that he was working hard to become a better role model and father. When this came out, Rice was handed a two-game suspension by the NFL.

"Hitting a woman is not right in any way," senior Joe Kinek said.

Rice was key player on the Ravens, and he made it clear that he realized how badly he messed up. The whole Ravens organization was disappointed in Rice, but they were by his side the whole way.

Just a couple of months after this incident, Rice and his fiancé were married.

All of a sudden, a new video came out. This video depicted what happened in the elevator but was said to be "ambiguous." The NFL and commissioner Roger Goodell took a look at the new video. They then suspended Ray Rice indefinitely.

"The NFL is not right. Roger Goodell needs to go," senior Tyler Emge said.

"There is no way the NFL didn't see the whole video right from the beginning," senior Matt Hook said.

On 9 September, the Ravens released running back Ray Rice. John Harbaugh, the Ravens head coach, told reporters they did not see the video until TMZ released it.

Rice's wife then went on to tell reporters they are making this a nightmare as they do not want to relive a moment that nobody wants to remember.

By Austin Young

Fleetwood's Annual Oktoberfest Offers Cultural Experience

Holiday

The 181st Oktoberfest began on 20 September 2014. Oktoberfest is a globally popular event that lasts for sixteen days, ending on 5 October. In that time period, six million people every year visit Germany and consume one and a half million gallons of beer. This is one of Munich's largest and most profitable tourist attractions.

This all started in 1810 to celebrate the marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. The citizens of Munich were invited, which is why the event is in Munich, Germany. This was a wedding reception to celebrate them, which included horse races in a "Wiese" (meadow).

This event was so popular that King Maximilian decided to hold one every year in the meadow. The meadow was then named "Theresienwiese" after Ludwig's bride, Therese. The "Theresienwiese" is still an open field in the city of Munich.

The beer is called "Wiesnambier". It is a lot darker and stronger than traditional beer Americans drink. The beer is then lagered for 30 days. It is brewed in March and ages throughout the summer.

Some assume Oktoberfest is just a beer festival, but it is more than that. There are a lot of food, games, and music.

Every year, those in attendance consume 200,000 pairs of pork sausage and 480,000 spit-roasted chickens during the

festival. Pretzels, sausage, bread, soup, almonds, cotton candy, glazed fruits, and ice-cream are just a few of the popular snacks to enjoy there. There is even a non-alcoholic "Bier" made for children to drink.

For the past three years at Fleetwood Area High School, German teacher Mrs. Christine Moll has hosted a spin-off of Oktoberfest for her German students.

The event was on Thursday, 2 October 2014 in Moll's room for her classes. This included authentic German food, a live webcam of the festival, costumes, history, and music.

"It is a fun and authentic extension of our curriculum, a cultural experience," Moll said.

"I like it. Frau makes it fun," senior Becky Zerbi said.

"Oktoberfest is a festival held during harvest time to celebrate and appreciate the fruits of labor. It is a great way to relieve stress and enjoy friends, family, and new acquaintances," history teacher Mr. Weiss said.

The Tiger Times reminds you that all alcoholic beverages should only be enjoyed responsibly if you meet the legal limit set by your respective government.

By Abyssa Brandt

FBLA Offers Opportunities for Students

School

Why do students join FBLA?

It is a great club to spend your time on! Getting involved with this organization helps to improve communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. It looks great on college applications and is an excellent way to get a scholarship to your dream college.

"I joined because I want to learn more business stuff because I know business is in almost every job today," freshman Mark Weston said.

learned even more about being a great leader," FBLA Advisor Mrs. Kelly Ackerman said.

FBLA offers a great opportunity to meet new people from all over the state and country. In FBLA, participants have three competition levels: Regionals, States, and Nationals. Organizers also hold statewide and national conferences.

"I joined because I wanted to learn new things from a business aspect to explore different career options. I am looking forward to the competitions the most," junior Mandy Meck said.

These trips have great advisers and business leaders who are willing to teach students skills that will help them later on down the road. They will be able to tour businesses, eat good food, and go on fun field trips to reward them for their hard work.

"Well it looked like a lot of fun, and I wanted to start doing some community service anyway, and this was a great opportunity to do that," sophomore Cassie

Harwood said.

In the past years, Fleetwood's FBLA chapter has achieved great honors. In 2013-2014, Fleetwood was first in the state for community service hours. In 2006, Fleetwood even won nationals in service hours!

"And when I arrived at Fleetwood, the chapter had been inactive for many years. I felt that it would be a great opportunity for students to learn business skills if we could reactivate. The administration was extremely supportive, and the chapter was recreated in fall of 1998 and has been going strong ever since," Ackerman said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher



FBLA is the largest student business organization in the world. According to fbla-pbl.org, a quarter of a million business people have chosen to be members of the premier business education association, preparing students for careers in business.

"In high school, I was in the business program, and FBLA was the perfect organization for me. I was the vice president and president throughout my time in high school. It was a fun organization, and I had a lot of good memories and learned great skills. In college, I also joined PBL (Phi Beta Lambda), the college version of FBLA, in which we competed and did community service work. Throughout my time, I

Looking for something fun to do next year? We are looking for people to join the High School Color Guard! No Experience needed. Please see Mr. Ebersole if you are interested.

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