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## Virgo Scores 1000 Points!

*Sports*



On Wednesday, 18 February 2015, Cyré Virgo scored her 1,000th point during the Lady Tiger's first round of states against York Suburban. Unfortunately, the Tigers couldn't take York out of district playoffs. The Tigers lost 37-45.

On the bright side, Cyré scored her 1,000th point in the first quarter of the game.

"When I was two points away, I kept that in the back of my mind and kept playing. When I scored my 1,000th point, it didn't hit me until everyone started cheering, and Coach Kellet stopped the game to give me the game ball. Once he did that, I got emotional, and, when my mom came down, I got even more emotional," Virgo said.

Lauren Lister assisted Virgo's 1,000th point.

"OMG, no! I did not expect Cyré

to score 1,000 points throughout her four seasons," Coach Kellet said. She scored 86 points her freshman year and 243 points her sophomore year. During her junior year, she scored a career high of 366 points. Her senior year, she scored 309 points to give her a total of 1,004 points at the end of her high school basketball career here at Fleetwood Area High School.

"I loved going to every game of hers. I'm definitely her biggest fan at the games. She is such a hard worker and deserved to get her 1,004 points. I almost cried, I was so proud of her! I'll never forget that moment," senior Jocelyn VanNess said.

"When I was a freshman, I did not really expect to score 1,000 points. I just wanted to be the biggest asset to the team as I could," Cyré said.

*By Kayla Daniels*

## Del Rio And Emge Win Students of The Month

*Profile*

March's students of the month are seniors Tyler Emge and Elizabeth Del Rio.

Tyler Emge is the son of Mike and Kelly Emge. After finishing high school, Tyler plans to attend Shippensburg University to play football and major in political science.

In his free time, he enjoys lifting weights and working out. Emge also likes to hang out with his friends. Tyler likes to sing all the time.

"I sing a lot even though I [am not good]," senior Tyler Emge said.

Emge participates in football and baseball.

"It's an honor to be Student of the Month, and it is a proud moment for me!" Emge said.

Elizabeth Del Rio is the daughter of George and Victoria Del Rio; she has a brother named Michael. She plans on going to college to major in Biochemistry.

During her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and reading. She participates in ballet, lyrical dance, and indoor and outdoor track and field. She participates in the swim team, field hockey team, band, wind ensemble, and National Honor Society. She is also a class officer.

"I feel very honored that I was selected as student of the month," Del Rio said.

*By Brooke Schaeffer*

## B-ball Senior Night Closes the Season

*Sports*

Fleetwood's Boys and Girls Basketball teams held their "Senior Night" on 3 February. Both of the teams played Schuylkill Valley that night.

The girls won 46-27 and cruised to a win. The Tigers had the game completely in hand from the start.

Though that was not the girls' final game of the season, they went on to play in Counties and Districts, losing in the first round both times.

Cyré Virgo scored her 1,000th point in the District Playoff game.

The boys also played Schuylkill Valley that night and won 60-37.

"It's surreal to see it all come to an end," senior Matt Hook said.

"I can't believe my days of high school sports are over," senior Mitch Kinek said.

Senior Night was dominated by Tiger wins, and it was a great way to see the seniors go out with a bang.

*By Zachary Koenig*

## Miller and Harter Are February's Students Of The Month

*Profile*

The Students of the month for the month of February were Seniors Cassie Harter and Andrew Miller.

Cassie Harter is a stand-out student at Fleetwood and works very hard on her grades. It's paid off, as she was selected by her teachers to be one of Fleetwood's Students of the Month.

Cassie plans to attend college in the 2015 fall semester.

Andrew Miller, who goes to BCTC to study Automotive Technology, earned this

award also. He is the son of Andrew Thomas Miller, Sr. His teachers felt like he was the best student out of the 2015 class for this month, and that is why he has been honored with this award.

This fall, Andrew intends to

look for a job in his field of expertise.

Unlike Cassie, Andrew just moved to Fleetwood Area School District this year, as he was previously enrolled at Pottsville Area School District.

These students can now park their cars in the designated student-of-the-month parking spots that are colored in red and white and located near the side of the school.

"I feel surprised that I won this award, and I think I won this award because of my hard work," Miller said.

The two students who won this month's student-of-the-month represent Fleetwood in a positive way.

*By Zack Koenig*



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# Mother Accused of Poisoning Son Is Found Guilty

Cops & Courts

Lacey Spears, the mother accused of poisoning her son with salt, has been found guilty of murder.

Her son Garnett passed away last January after being hospitalized with what appeared to be the flu. When doctors discovered he had dangerously high levels of sodium in his system, they called the police.

Spears documented her son's health issues at length on social media, from the moment he was born. Garnett struggled with mystery illnesses for which his mom sought treatment as she moved across the country.

"Making your son sick for attention is horrible," sophomore Maya Stern said.

She gained a nationwide following and sympathy for her son. When he died on 23 January 2014, the outpouring of condolences was overwhelming—until Spears was arrested for his murder.

Lacey loved the attention and sympathy she received from having a "sick" child. Although Garnett did have his issues, he was not sick until his mother made him

sick. Spears continues to say that she is innocent and had no reason to murder her son.

What there is evidence of, however, is a feeding bag prosecutors believe Spears used to hold the salt. She then tried to hide while she was at the hospital with her son. A neighbor told police Spears called her and told her to get rid of the bag in question. It was later tested and found to have extremely high levels of sodium.

"The woman was clearly guilty. There was more than enough evidence supporting that fact. Her search history showed results leading to tests dealing with sodium. How she was not convicted or found guilty until now amazes me," sophomore Logan Carbaugh said.

Spears's Internet search history showed that she had been looking up the dangers of sodium. As an infant, Garnett was treated for salt poisoning. She is still trying to prove her innocence despite the evidence.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

# March Madness Is Back

Sports

It is finally here--the month for which all basketball fans have been waiting, the start of the NCAA tournament nicknamed "March Madness." It is the most intense and exciting time of the year for college basketball, and it looks like it will be another year that lives up to the hype. It will be a month full of upsets, exciting wins, drama, and, eventually, the crowning of a champion.

The favorite of the tournament is the University of Kentucky, who ended up having a very successful season with an undefeated 34-0 leading up to the tournament. They are at the top of a lot of people's list as the soon-to-be champions. Superstar Willie Cauley-Stein and coach John Calipari will certainly be hoping to lead them to another NCAA title.

"I think Notre Dame is going to win it all even though Kentucky is a heavy favorite," junior Sampson Lerch said.

Notre Dame is another team that has recently looked very good after beating powerhouses Duke, who was ranked at number two, and the number nineteen-

ranked University of North Carolina in the ACC Title game. The Fighting Irish made a late run to defeat the Tar Heels. Notre Dame is now ranked number three heading into the tournament, and they are starting to look like the team to possibly end Kentucky's perfect season.

"I have a feeling Kentucky is going to win it just because they're so good, but anything is possible in March Madness," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

Indeed, anything is possible in college basketball, especially during the month of March. There is always a good share of upsets and Cinderella stories. Last year, the number eleven Dayton took down the sixth seeded Ohio State in the opening day of the tournament, and the number fourteen seed Mercer defeated a number three seeded Duke in a 78-71 win. This was one of, if not the biggest, upsets of last year's festivities.

By Tyler Rapposelli

# Boyertown Theatre Closes

Art/Entertainment



anymore," junior Tyler Barr said.

The last movie that played was "It's a Wonderful Life." It wasn't an ordinary theatre; the establishment also hosted live shows. By October 2009, the business started showing digital films so the technology would be more up-to-date. They hosted movies, plays, concerts, dance and music performances, and community fundraising events.

There is small theatre in Boyertown on North Reading Avenue that was there for many years, but the property is now for sale. It opened in the year 1912 but closed on 7 March, after 103 years of playing shows for the citizens.

"It has been an honor to serve as the custodian," Kevin Rhude said in the Reading Eagle Newspaper.

The last performance ran on a Saturday night in December; it was "Kings of Ireland."

Kevin Rhude was the theatre's owner after purchasing it in 2008 from a man named Bob Ritner. He renamed it "Ritner's State Theatre of Boyertown."

"My mother used to live behind the state theatre, and it is sad that I won't be able to go see good movies for a bargain

"It's sad to see a local art venue where people show their talents be taken down," junior Adam Buonasera said.

The owner tried to raise \$100,000 to help and change its appearance so they would have more business. The last concert shown was "Songs of Ireland." Before closing, Rhude wanted to stop showing movies and just show live entertainment and go out with a bang.

"The theatre has been a town landmark since 1912," Council President Frank J. Deery said in the Reading Eagle.

"I am upset that the theatre is closing after all this time. I had many memories there seeing my favorite movies," junior Lizzie Geesey said.

By Emily Moyer

# Beneful Rejects Claims of Unsafe Ingredients

Health/Medicine

An action lawsuit filed 5 February 2015 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California claims that certain ingredients in the dry dog food Beneful from Nestlé Purina PetCare Company have sickened or killed thousands of dogs.

"The lawsuit has raised questions among those with pets," one veterinarian said. She advised those who are concerned to be aware of common poisoning symptoms and bring any concerns to their family vet.



company's director of corporation communications said. "Like other pet foods, Beneful is occasionally the subject of social media-driven misinformation. Online postings often contain false, unsupported and misleading allegations that cause undue concern and confusion for our Beneful customers. Bottom line: Consumers can continue to

feed Beneful with total confidence."

In the dog food, there is an ingredient called propylene glycol. Propylene glycol is a known animal toxin and a com-

ponent of antifreeze. However, the company says that the type it uses is FDA-approved and is also used in human foods, including salad dressing and cake mix.

If your dog has any of these symptoms from eating the food, take him/her to the vet as soon as possible.

Frank Lucido of Discovery Bay, California, says in the complaint that, after his family began feeding their three dogs Beneful late in December 2014 and early January of this year, all of them became ill and one has died. An official with Nestlé Purina called the lawsuit "baseless" and said that two earlier action lawsuits making similar allegations had been dismissed by the courts.

Beneful had the following to say in a media press release.

"We believe the lawsuit is baseless, and we intend to vigorously defend ourselves and our brand," Bill Salzman, the

- Decreased activity or appetite
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (sometimes with blood)
- Increased thirst
- Increased urination

By Alyssa Brandt





# Four Student Council Reps Attend PASC

*School*

On 19 February, four Fleetwood students and student council members went to the state capitol in Harrisburg for a PASC Youth Summit.

Those four students who attended were junior Max Vogel, sophomore Samantha Evans, freshman Joey Moyer, and freshman Chris Logar.

At 9:00 a.m., the House of Representatives were welcomed by PASC President Michaela Lynch and Executive Director Rose Ann Fulena.

By 9:30 a.m., there was an introduction of SBE members, and presentations were given. Around 9:45 a.m., students went to their group sessions, which they were assigned at registration.

Around lunchtime, everyone in student council was given the opportunity to have a brief visit with the office of their

State Representative or Senator.

Around 1:00 p.m., the group sessions continued, and then the four students continued to the House Chamber for presentations and closing remarks.

Some of the topics the student council members discussed were School Climate, One-to-One Technology, Safety in School Sports, and Promoting the Value of College and Career Reading.

The student council students recorded all ideas on a laptop. They each prepared a presentation on their discussions that included research and a plan to get more students involved.

Each group was given twenty minutes to present and defend their opinions on their topic as if they were presenting it to their school board.

*By Katie Lochman*

# Junior Hunter Zagorski Joins the Tigers

*Profile*

Hunter Zagorski entered the realm of Fleetwood Area High School this year.

Zagorski, who previously attended Wilson and Upper Perkiomen for the past nine-and-a-half years, moved in the summer and had a decision to make, Fleetwood or Schuylkill Valley. He eventually chose to join the Tigers in the coming school year.

"The main reason was for soccer. Fleetwood's soccer history is incredible," says Zagorski.

Hunter's "soccer" decision proved to be a rather good one after scoring the winning goal in Fleetwood's 12th District Championship win. The junior played outside back for the Tigers, who had a decent season but made a fantastic run at the playoffs, winning districts and making it to the final four in states.

"Hunter was way out of position, but it proved to be a good mistake," Greg Kambakis said.

Hunter was born on 12 July 1998 in Warsaw, Poland. The first school he attended was Shiloh Hills.

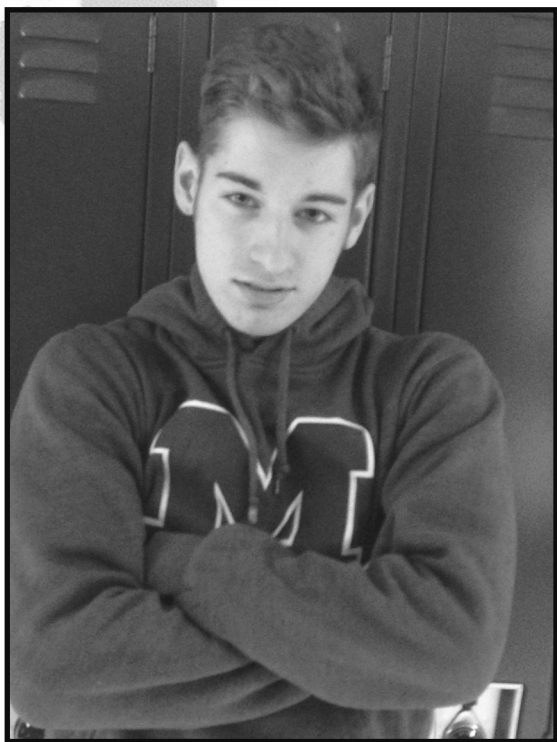
"I love my new friends and the atmosphere here," Zagorski said.

Fleetwood seems to have been the perfect choice for the junior. It didn't seem to take much time for him to find his friends and fit into the Fleetwood Fold.

"I think Fleetwood is better for me than my other schools. I feel like I fit in a lot better here," Zagorski said.

He plans on furthering his education and attending college at either the University of Tampa or Saint Leo University. He would like to study computer science. After his college years, he would like to stay in Florida and find work there.

*By Tyler Rapposelli*



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## Phillies Lose to NCAA Division II Baseball Team

*Sports*

In the first game of the Spring, the Philadelphia Phillies lost to a Division II baseball team. The Phillies suffered a tough loss to the University of Tampa. UT is viewed as, arguably, the best Division II baseball school in the country.

"I'm in total disbelief that the Phillies lost to a college team. It was a huge surprise in my opinion," senior Tyler Emge said.

The University of Tampa is ranked #1 in the country for Division II Baseball and has the talent to compete at the Division I level.

"I think Tampa should be playing at the D1 level. They certainly have a team full of guys that can play at that level and still put up good numbers," Emge said.

The Phillies were maintaining a 2-1 lead going into the sixth inning where they later gave up five unanswered runs that ultimately led to their defeat in the exhibition game against UT.

"I know the Phillies were missing some of their best offensive players, but there is still no reason that professional athletes should be losing to college kids. They're supposed to be the best players in the world. It sounds like it's going to be a very long season," senior Mike Osenbach said.

Either the Phillies are going to have an extremely unsuccessful season, or the University of Tampa is just that good and will completely annihilate the competition at the D2 level. However, as previously stated, the Phillies were playing without the presence of their star first baseman Ryan Howard and their second baseman, Chase Utley.

"I'm just hoping this season isn't as big of a disappointment as the last season was because it makes me not want to watch any games," Osenbach said.

*By Frankie Talarico*

## NFL Free Agency Filled Intrigue

*Sports*

The NFL free agency began on 10 March and is heating up.

"I love watching the moves and trades during free agency," senior Tyler Emge said.

The Seahawks signed tight end Jimmy Graham, one of the best tight ends in the game.

The New York Jets signed two great cornerbacks, Darrelle Revis, and Antonio Cromartie. They also picked up a big time wide receiver, Brandon Marshall.

The Jaguars also signed some big names to improve their team as well. Arguably, the best of their signings was tight end Julius Thomas from Denver.

The Indianapolis Colts brought in running back Frank Gore, wide receiver Andre Johnson, and defensive end Trent Cole. These players should help the Colts

make another big playoff run. Chicago also picked up a receiver in Eddie Royal.

"I was waiting for the Eagles to make a move the whole time," senior Matt Hook said.

The Philadelphia Eagles were arguably the team that made the most shocking moves. Coach Chip Kelly was either disappointing everyone or making everyone happy. But, his moves seem to be working.

Philadelphia's moves began with letting go of Jeremy Maclin, LeSean McCoy, Nick Foles, and Trent Cole. They acquired Sam Bradford and Kiko Alonso. Eagles also made some of the biggest moves in the free agency by signing Byron Maxwell, Ryan Matthews, Walter Thurmond, and Demarco Murray.

*By Austin Young*

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# Another NHL Trade Deadline Passes

Sports

The NHL trade deadline, and the weeks prior to it, usually brings out an up-roar of activity for many teams. Teams are either making a final push to secure a playoff spot or hoping to go deep into the playoffs attempt to trade to acquire key veterans or goal scorers in order to fill empty spots in their rosters.

"The NHL trade line is one of my favorite parts of the season. Hearing the trade rumors and seeing who goes where and who gets what," senior Michael Scott Osenbach said.

Teams that are rebuilding with younger players may be willing to trade away their more expensive players in order to free up salary cap space and get draft picks/prospects in return as well as getting cheaper players with more potential.

"Teams always kind of go into desperation mode when they're right on the outside of the playoff picture and are looking forward to the future and getting good, young prospects on entry level contracts so they can get them without taking a huge salary-cap hit," Osenbach said.

Players on playoff-contending teams who are injured or who are not able to return for the current season may be offered to teams that are rebuilding because they will be of no value or use to a team's playoff push.

"Everyone wants to win the cup; it's not like football, where you have your own trophy. It gets taken from you every year before playoffs, and you have to fight to get it back. You have to potentially play twenty-one games to bring the cup back to your city," sophomore Brodrick Allen said.

Prospects in the current season that may be of value to another team for future seasons could potentially be traded as

well, even players that are not in the NHL.

"There are a ton of young guys that are on some of the farm teams in the OHL or the QMJHL. They are probably going to light it up in the NHL. Tons of promising guys are coming up," senior Gary Gabriel said.

Also, players who are about to become unrestricted free agents and have indicated that they do not intend to return to their current teams may be traded away so that those teams will get something in

return instead of seeing such players sign with another team while their former teams receive nothing.

"The deadline is so exciting because it's not just no-name players that no one has ever heard of being traded. Guys that are 'hometown heroes' and fan favorites get traded every year," Gabriel said.

The Philadelphia Flyers traded arguably one of their top defensemen, Kimmo Timonen, to the Chicago Blackhawks. The Flyers acquired two draft picks for Timonen, who was injured frequently over the season.

"You never want to see a guy like Kimmo get traded because he plays solid defense and is a leader on and off the ice for the team. He was a good veteran. He just had trouble staying healthy, and that kept him out of the lineup. I wish him the best of luck in Chicago. It's a great hockey city, and he'll be playing with some of the best forwards in the league. They'll make a solid run for the cup," Allen said.

The NHL trade deadline was on 2 March at 6:00 p.m. eastern time. At that time, any player traded after the deadline was ineligible to play in the Stanley Cup Playoffs if their team makes it.

"I'm ready for some playoff Hockey; it's the best," senior Lizzay Faust said.

By Frankie Talarico



## Science Olympiad Captures Third in Regional Competition

Academics

On 10 March 2015, Fleetwood Area High School's Science Olympiad team captured third place in the Central Eastern Regional Competition at Kutztown University, allowing them to qualify for their eighteenth state competition in a row. Northwest Lehigh took first place, followed by Perkiomen Valley. The three other teams to qualify for states from the Central East region were Kutztown, Exeter, and Parkland.

Fleetwood won first place in only two events, Bridge Building (the bridge was built by seniors Tomasz Paniak and Matt Schultz; it was tested by sophomore Adam Cook and senior Matt Leibman) and Entomology (sophomore Adam Cook and senior Joe Cammarano). They medaled in five other events, including one second place, two third places, and two fourth places.

By Ben Schittler

## Eagles Acquire New Talent

Sports

The Philadelphia Eagles made a lot of moves this offseason. Some people may question the moves while others support them.

The Eagles started the offseason off by signing former Seattle Seahawks cornerback Byron Maxwell to a six-year, \$60 million contract.

Next, the Eagles traded their Franchise leading rusher LeSean McCoy to the Bills for Linebacker Kiko Alonso who was injured all of the 2014 season with an ACL injury.

The Eagles' next move was to trade their starting quarterback Nick Foles to the Rams for injured Quarterback Sam Bradford.

Sam Bradford's career stats at the Rams were 11,065 passing yards with 59 Passing Touchdowns and 38 interceptions.

Nick Foles' Career Passing stats with the Eagles are 6,753 Passing Yards with 46 Passing Touchdowns while only throwing 17 interceptions. He also was the second best in NFL history in 2013 with a Passer rating of 119.2.

The next move the Eagles made was letting go of their leading receiver Jeremy Maclin. He returned to his hometown of Kansas City to join the Chiefs.

The Eagles then acquired another

replacement to the cornerback position, which was one of the league's worst last year. They signed Walter Thurmond to a one-year deal from the Giants, who was injured almost all of last season.

The Eagles then signed Free Agent running back Ryan Mathews to a three year,

\$12 million deal. He was a member of the Chargers last season.

The Eagles then next signed the best free agent on the market this offseason as they signed free agent Demarco Murray.

Murray signed a five-year \$42 million deal. He was the league's leading rusher last year and is exactly what the Eagles needed to replace LeSean McCoy.

"I think it's great what the Eagles are doing," senior and longtime Eagles fan Matt Hook said.

The Eagles now have three starting running backs on their roster: Murray, Mathews, and Sprioles. Reporters are starting to call the trio M&M'S, or "The Legion of Zoom" as a spinoff on Seattle's "Legion of Boom."

Whatever happens during the offseason, the Eagles are going to have to put it all together if they want to make a run at the Super Bowl.

By Zack Koenig



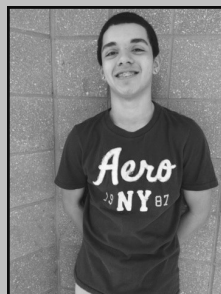
## Random Cheese

What is something you are looking forward to in the summer?



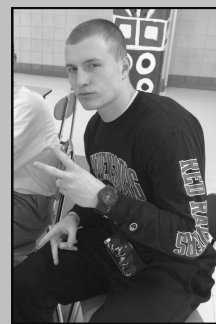
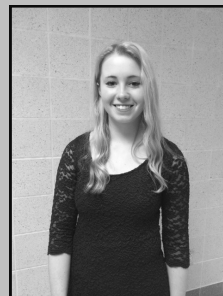
"The beach," senior Brian Zimmerman said.

"Sleeping and good vibes," senior Noah Long said.



"Skateboarding, driving, hanging out with friends, and sleeping," sophomore Luie Leon said.

"I'm looking forward to going to the beach," sophomore Ashley Kershner said.



"Going to the pool to see Zach Koenig," senior Tyler Emge said.

By Brooke Schaeffer

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