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FBLA Seussifies Andrew Maier

School

On 3 March 2015, members of FBLA traveled to Andrew Maier. Their mission was to read Dr. Seuss books to the elementary children. They also made crafts with them and assisted in completing worksheets.

"We had an officer meeting for FBLA, and Mrs. Ackerman asked us if we wanted to do something for 'Dr. Seuss's Read across America Day,' and we decided that we wanted to," junior FBLA member Amanda Meck said.

The twenty members who went on the trip were Chris Logar, Laura Kaskey, Julia Donohoe, Alicia Stitzel, FaithAnn Scanlan, Twinkle Malhotra, Cody Moser, Amanda Kaskey, Cassandra Harter, Brittany Tyson, Tara Wily, Kae Huang, Olivia Allison, Lexi Roach, Duncan Cahalan, Joe Kinek, Amanda Meck, Brandon Stitzel, Matt Leibman, and Gabe Kotsch.

"Ackerman had asked if one of us would contact one of the elementary schools, and I said I'd gladly contact Mr. Redding. He is the principal at Andrew Maier, which is why we went there," Meck said.

The books they read were *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Foot Book*, *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*, and *Green Eggs and Ham*.

"I was in a kindergarten room, and we read *The Cat in the Hat* and then made a cat mask craft to go along with it! It was such a great time," Meck said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

Frau Moll Takes German Club to Deutsch Eck

Academics

On Friday, 13 March, Frau Moll's German students took a trip to the restaurant Deutsch Eck in Lenhartsville. They departed from school at 11:30 a.m., and their reservation was for 12:00.

The restaurant is usually not open for lunch, but an exception was made for the Fleetwood students. All of the members of the German club were not afraid to taste everything that there was to offer. Everyone had seconds of the pot pie and potato filling, which seemed to be a favorite.

Pig stomach was supposed to be a big part of the students' meal, but it was not prepared due to an injury the cook suffered. Therefore, students just had ham as their alternate choice.

Deutsch Eck is not like your average restaurant. It looks more like a home. The main decorations are hex signs, which are represented to scare away evil spirits and are, therefore, known for good luck. After eating their meal, there were many different pies from which to choose.

"It's a cultural experience that we

look forward to every year," German teacher Christine Moll said.

"Tasty experience, homey atmosphere," freshman Arlynn Bermudez-Morales said.

"We had an interesting journey to the restaurant, and the hex signs on the barns were captivating. The food was very plain compared to my culture," junior Mileishia J. Fernandes-Morales said.

"Wonderfully delicious!" senior Tyler Emge said.

"YUM!" junior Ben Reed said.

One of the students' main complaints was that the restaurant was very small and they ran out of apple pie. Students did enjoy seeing how everything was decorated, not to mention the delicious cuisine.

By Brooke Schaeffer

Track Teams Look to Start Strong out of the Gate

Sports

Both the boys and girls track teams are expected to do big things again this year. Both teams went 6-1 last year, only losing to Wyomissing.

"I can't wait for the first meet. I'm trying the hurdles for the first time this year, and I'm super excited about that. I just hope all the injuries stay to a minimum so everyone on the team can succeed and make it far this year," sophomore Morgan Weidemoyer said.

A lot of freshmen joined the track team this year, and they look like a big contribution to both of the teams.

"This is my first year of track, and I'm very excited to be a part of the team my freshman year. I cannot wait for the season to really start. I do the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump, and long jump, and I hope I can exceed my goals for my first year

of track. I hope to continue to do it throughout high school. My favorite part about track is going to the track meets and hanging out with all of my friends," freshman Lauren Hughes said.

There are a handful of seniors who are on their last track season here at Fleet-

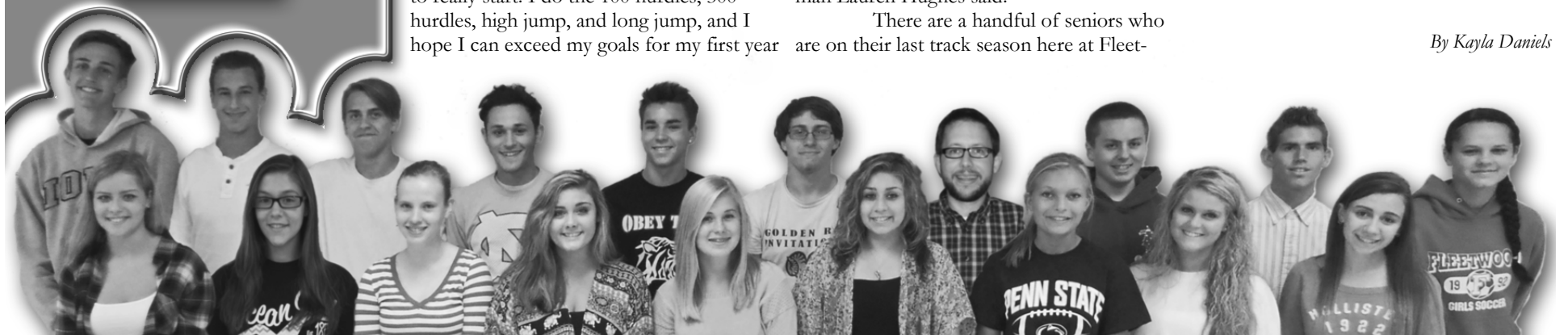
wood, and they are expecting big things to come along with it.

"I can't believe it's my last year of track here at Fleetwood. I love going to all the track meets and hanging out with the entire team. I'll miss the coaches a lot. I hope that everyone can stay healthy and keep up the good work. I do both of the hurdles, and my goal is to beat my PR," senior Gary Gabriel said.

"I'm very excited to see how well we do against the tougher teams this year. We are expected to do very good, and for it being my senior year, I hope we do," senior Joey Goggins said.

The track team hopes to exceed the expectations everyone has for them. Good luck to both track teams!

By Kayla Daniels



Net Neutrality Negates Censorship

Science/Technology

On 26 February 2015, the Federal Communications Commission approved its net neutrality rules, which reclassifies broadband Internet as a Title II public utility. This essentially keeps the Internet “free” by preventing internet service providers (ISPs) from discriminating against certain data based on the user, platform, and content, among other factors.

“[Net neutrality] sounds pretty good,” senior Phil Nasados said.

Net neutrality is the idea that all Internet traffic should be treated equally. The recent decision made by the FCC is a major victory for proponents of an “open” Internet. Without Title II, ISPs such as Comcast and Verizon can block or interfere with online content at their whim.

The term “network neutrality” originated in 2003. Tim Wu, a law professor at Columbia University, coined the term in a paper he wrote about broadband discrimination.

Although it is a complex issue, net neutrality is still championed by many as one of the most important free-speech issues today.

In a handwritten note addressed to the online community of Reddit, President Barack Obama thanked users of the website for helping raise the issue to the FCC.

“Thanks Redditors! Wish I could upvote every one of you for helping keep the Internet free and open,” Obama said.

However, the debate over net neutrality is far from over. Companies like Comcast and Verizon will likely put up a fight, as this decision means a loss of business for them. Also, several Republicans have spoken out against the FCC’s decision.

“Net neutrality is very important because it allows the Internet to be free to everyone and discourages discrimination,” senior Adam Bentz said.

By Mike Norton

Boys' Volleyball Team Looks To Make Big Impact

Sports

The Fleetwood boys’ volleyball team looks promising this upcoming season, with key seniors Ryan Gantz and Tomasz Paniak leading the team.

The boys play sixteen games this season and have a very tough schedule. They play teams like Governor Mifflin and Wilson, and they will have to play well each game to win.

The boys played Wilson on March 24. They lost three games to none as the Tiger’s played tough, but the Bulldog’s were just too strong.

All of their games will be held at 6:00 p.m. They will have eight home games and eight away games. They will play their league games twice, one home game and one away game.

“I’m excited for this year. It’s my senior year, and I want to do well,” senior Ryan Gantz said.

Gantz is 6’6 and hopes to make a big impact on his team, going far this year.

“I just can’t wait to see what this

year holds for me,” Gantz said.

The boys usually get a good turnout for their games as they take on the bigger opponents.

“I was at the Wilson game. Even though they lost, they still played them tough, and the score doesn’t show how well they played,” senior Mitch Kinek said.

High aspirations and dedication will drive the boys’ team to success. It will take a collective effort to prevail in this tough league.

Tomasz Paniak, who has been playing on the team since freshmen year, will be the team’s most experienced player on the roster.

“Even though we’re young, we’re still talented, and that’s what keeps me optimistic about this year,” Paniak said.

Although the Tigers have a tough year, they strive to be among the top when it’s all said and done.

By Zach Koenig

Weidenhammer Welcomed in Fleetwood

Profile

Dawson Weidenhammer attends the Fleetwood Area School District. This is his first year at Fleetwood. He went to Brandywine for four years before coming to Fleetwood.

“I like it here at Fleetwood,” Weidenhammer said.

His favorite activities are basketball, ice skating, riding bike, and swimming. Weidenhammer likes to swim at his aunt’s house and at the public pool whenever he can.

“I have known Dawson for two years, and we met at the park and got really close,” former student Greg Ceykovsky said.

Dawson loves to play basketball. He doesn’t play for the school, but he plays out of school with his friends at the park.

“I met Dawson at the park, and I have known him for about two years,” Brandywine freshman Brecken Adams said.



Weidenhammer attends BCTC in the mornings. He goes for mechanics. He plans to get a job and eventually be able to afford a house.

“I met Dawson at tech, and he was a really cool guy,” Oley junior Kohl Schaffer said.

Dawson Weidenhammer does fairly well in school. He stays after whenever he can to try and get help. He works very hard in math and tries to excel in everything he does. He also loves accomplishing goals that he sets for himself.

“Since transitioning to a flipped classroom in algebra II, Dawson has benefited more than any other student. He has become more of an overall better student. He became more confident in his abilities mathematically and is a pleasure to have in class,” mathematics teacher Ronald Flicker said.

By Emily Moyer

Top Soccer Stars Named

Sports

In the world of soccer, there are a few who compete with the likes of Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar Jr., and Eden Hazard. These players are playing for some of the best teams in the world, including Barcelona and Real Madrid.

Lionel Messi has been dominating the soccer world for the past couple years, along with his arch-rival, Cristiano Ronaldo. These two have quite the history: playing with rival clubs Barcelona and Real Madrid, playing for rival brands Adidas and Nike, and fighting for the Ballon D’or each of the past seven years.

“The Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo rivalry is the best in the world, and it’s amazing to watch,” sophomore Kale Follweiler said.

In 2008, Cristiano Ronaldo won his first Ballon D’or when he was with English club Manchester United. The next four years after that were all Messi, winning four in a row until—guess who?—Cristiano Ronaldo came back and won two more in the two years following Messi’s four-year reign.

The Ballon D’or is the most prestigious individual award in the soccer world. It awards the best player in the world with a prize voted on by journalists, national team coaches, and national team captains. There is a lot of controversy over whether or not it is just a popularity contest, but it is always taken very seriously every year.

Neymar recently joined Barcelona two years ago and is most likely going to be the best player in the world in a few years. He is an incredible talent that already, at the age of 23, has 43 goals for the Brazilian national team. He had a tough first year at Barcelona trying to adapt, but he is surely a proven star this season.

“Bale had a better first season, but Neymar is outdoing him this season for sure,” junior Greg Kambakis said.

By Tyler Rapposelli

FAHS Baseball Season Underway

Sports

Spring sports are underway at Fleetwood Area High School, which means it is finally Baseball season.

“I’m really glad the season is finally here. This is going to be my last year before I go off to college, so I’m really looking forward to it,” senior Tyler Emge said.

The Tigers finished last season with an overall record of 13-8 and a 7-3 league record. The Tigers finished the season strong, winning six of their last seven games by three or more runs.

“We were definitely playing some of our best Baseball last year at the end of the season.

It really helped us with our playoff push towards the end and fighting for a top spot in the division,” Emge said.

This season, the Tigers will have to deal with the loss of a good amount of seniors from last season due to graduation. Those former seniors played crucial roles in

The player for team Real Madrid who is said to be Neymar’s “Rival” is Welsh winger Gareth Bale. Bale holds the world record after signing two seasons ago; he had a fantastic first year for Los Blancos, scoring the winner in the Copa Del Rey final and in Real Madrid’s tenth Champion’s league triumph. It has been a bit of a different story this season as he is struggling to score goals and even struggling with his assist total. Real Madrid fans are surely hoping he will turn this form around sooner rather than later.

Switching to England, Eden Hazard has been giving premier league defenders many problems for the past couple years. Even though his goals statistic is not as high as it should be, he has created many chances for his team and is one of the top dribblers in the world. When it comes to dribbling, he rivals players like Messi and Neymar. Messi is no doubt the best, but Hazard is in the conversation.

“Hazard is a fantastic talent, and I think he has a great future,” junior Hunter Zagorski said.

Suarez completes Barcelona’s fantastic top three, containing Messi, Suarez, and Neymar, thereby labeled “MSN.” Just like Real Madrid’s “BBC,” standing for Bale, Benzema, and Cristiano Ronaldo, these two trios are the best in the world. Last season, “BBC” was better, but this season “MSN” is proving its worth. Suarez only joined Barcelona this year, and he is proving to have a positive impact on the Catalan club.

“They’re the best trios in the world, and they’ve definitely proved that in the past two years,” sophomore Jeff Heffner said.

There are many more fantastic players in the world, but those are just some of the top who have definitely been dominating the game in recent years.

the offensive part of the game, as well as on the mound.

“We’re an extremely young team this year. We only have five seniors this year, as opposed to last year when we had nine, and eight of them were every-game starters,”

junior Jake Wapinsky said.

Although the Tigers will be a young team this year and are not expected to do as well as they did last season, they will have enough pitching to lead them along the way. A few sophomores and freshman pitchers are going to be promising in the years to come.

“I definitely think that Fleetwood is going to be extremely

ly competitive in the next year or so. We have a lot of underclassman that are all going to develop into good athletes once they grow some more and put on some weight over summer and fall next year,” Wapinsky said.

By Frankie Talarico



Recent Rap Albums Receive Positive Praise

Entertainment/Art

The past couple months have given birth to a couple of fantastic hip-hop/rap albums from artists including J.Cole, Drake, and Kendrick Lamar. Another will soon come from Kanye West. With many other artists also planning to drop albums this year, it seems as if 2015 will be a very fruitful year in the rap industry.

It all started at the end of 2014--December 9, to be exact--when J. Cole dropped "2014 Forest Hills Drive," which proved to be a very successful album. It was mostly produced by J. Cole himself, with Illmind, Vinylz, Phonix Beats, and Willie B also contributing beats. The album ended up selling 371,228 copies in its first week. Since then, it has been certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America.

"Forest Hills Drive was straight fire," junior Mohammed Jalloh said.

Drake eventually followed by surprise-releasing a mixtape. Without any prior announcement, Drake proceeded to drop "If You're Reading This It's Too Late" through iTunes on 13 February 2015. There were 495,000 copies of the mixtape sold in

three days and 40,000 online streaming credits sold within those three days. The mixtape was a hit right from the drop.

"It was one of the best mixtapes I've ever heard in a while," senior Gary Gabriel said.

Kendrick Lamar had a lot of hype to live up to after how big of a success his "good kid, m.A.A.d city" was last year. Lamar certainly produced a very controversial album with some new and different beats that a lot of people didn't like. His lyrics were still "genius," but some people just could not get over how different the production was.

"I think the album was really good. People are just blind to it," Gabriel said.

Other albums from Big Sean and Kid Ink have recently been released and are also getting good recognition. A lot of other artists are planning to release their new albums in 2015, which could prove it to be one of the best years in hip-hop/rap history.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Fleetwood Students Attend Young Leadership Seminar

School

On 13 March 2015, ten Fleetwood area students from student council attended the Young Leadership Seminar at Penn State Berks.

The participants' names were sophomores Jazlynn Bender, Sam Evans, and Lexi Creyer; juniors Faith Scanlan, Leigh Stafford, Keith Brokhoff, Ethan Miller, Brandon Stitzel, Ian Swasing, and Max Vogel.

At the seminar, students learned about various topics that are of interest to them.

Education and human services was one of the topics that focus on prevention as well as fixing problems, as well as maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life of service populations.

Other important topics that were discussed were business, entrepreneurship,

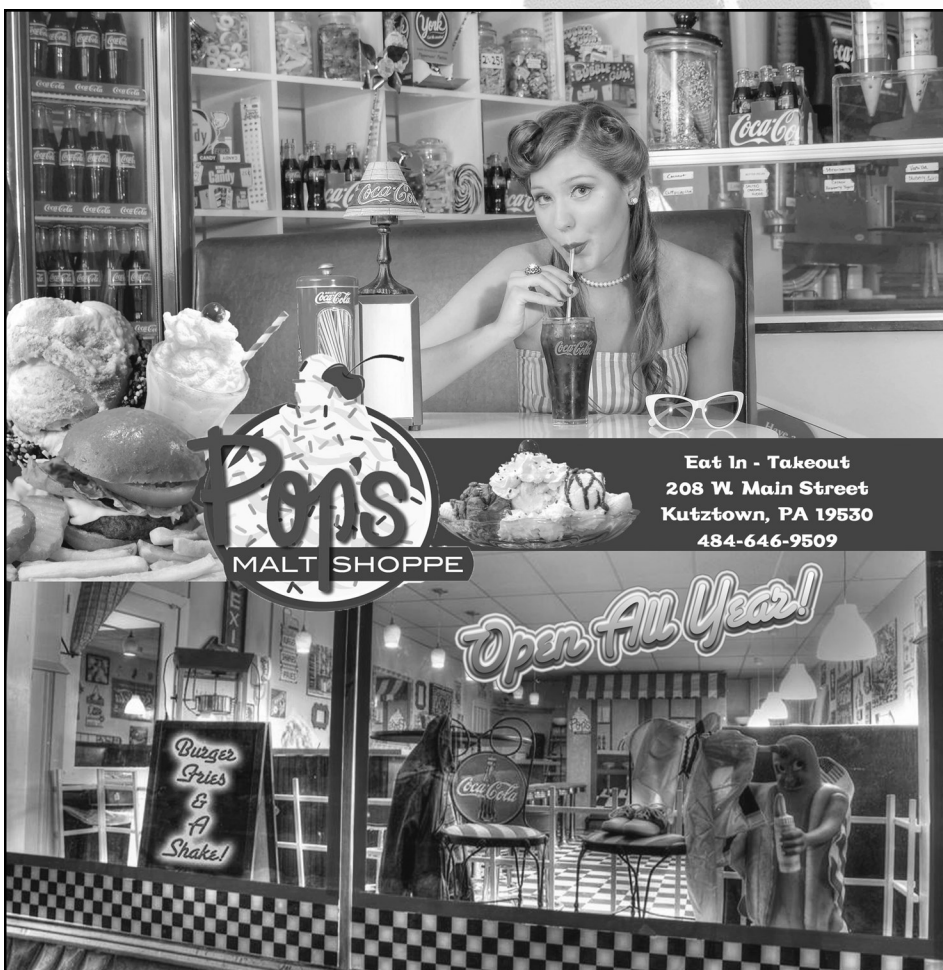
law, science, engineering, and public safety. Those who attended the Young Leadership Seminar were able to learn new information and make professional contacts for their future.

"We did workshops about career paths, and there were speakers about future plans and goals. I liked the speakers the best," junior Max Vogel said.

During lunch, the students were able to network with those professionals and learn more about career opportunities that are available to them.

"I enjoyed the Leadership Seminar. I thought it was really interesting, and I got a lot out of it," junior Lexi Creyer said.

By Katie Lochman



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Spring Into The New Fashion Season

Fashion

Every year, there are new fashion trends that change with the season.

This year, denim is really in style. Anything denim is considered stylish, especially denim jackets. Denim jackets that are muscle-cut or worn with a shirt underneath are in style too.

Pastel colors are trending too, especially "a rainbow of soft springtime shades. You can pick your best color and wear it with anything, from a minty green dress to a lilac bikini with baby blue shorts, the sky is the limit this Spring.

"I like to wear pastel colors. I feel like it's a nice light color for the springtime," sophomore Katie Walbert said.

"My favorite thing to wear during the spring is a floral dress," sophomore Haley Miller said.

Floral dresses have been in style for a few years now. A short, colorful, floral dress is a casual thing to wear to school, and you get the bonus of looking nice.

According to Seventeen Magazine, some stores/websites that are selling trendy clothes this spring are as follows:



Official Ella Moss Sale.
Charlotte Russe.
Sahalie - Official Site.
Shop Cute Teens Clothing at ModCloth.com.
Charming Charlie.
American Eagle.
Pacsun.
Wet Seal.
Trendy shoes from Amazon.
Bebe.

By Tori Bertsch

Fleetwood Students Visit Sky Zone

Academics

Fleetwood Area High School members from the elective classes Business Leadership, Sports and Entertainment Management, and the after school club FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) went on a class trip to Sky Zone in Lancaster, PA, on Thursday, 26 March.

Thirty-nine members from the elective classes and the club went to Lancaster, where Sky Zone is located, to meet with the owner.

The day began with the students being allowed to jump for half an hour. After the jump time, there was a presentation and a Q & A with the owner, followed by one last half hour of jumping time for the thirty-nine students.

The reason the students went to Sky Zone was so they could learn about what it was like to own a company.

They had a wonderful time being there and learning the business of owning a company.

A lot of the kids really liked the owner and enjoyed what he had to say about owning a business and what it is like.

They thought it was surprising that the owner paid \$60,000 just to obtain the franchise name.

He is in the works of opening two more Sky Zone parks in Maryland. The cost will be \$40,000 each for the name. They are also opening one in Allentown, PA.

"It was really fun to go to Sky Zone and get out of school too. I liked meeting the owner and jumping with my friends. It was a really good day, and I would love to go on my own time. The owner was really cool and nice about everything. Maybe I would have my own business one day," sophomore Sydney Lobb said.

"I really liked going to Sky Zone and jumping. It was a really fun field trip, and I liked meeting the owner too. It was overall a really great day, and I would definitely want to go again sometime," sophomore Lexi Nowotarski said.

By Ahysa Brandt

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Parking Space Feud Inspires Shooting FAHS Tennis Takes the Court

Cops & Courts

An ongoing dispute over a parking space between two neighbors ended on 9 January 2015 when Dennis Padgett, age 34, shot both Troy R. Preston, age 40, and Robert Durham Thomas, age 47. Preston was shot in the head four times execution style, and Thomas was shot at close range in traffic on Ramblewood Street in Baltimore City.

These neighbors have had several arguments over the past year, and most of them have gotten heated. Violence erupted when Padgett and Thomas began fighting over a parking space shortly after 3:45 p.m. on 9 January 2015. Padgett took his children inside to keep them out of harm's way and came back outside with his AR-15 assault rifle and 9mm hand gun.

Padgett shot Preston in the street, then chased Thomas through houses and near Mercy High School, where students were being dismissed. There is nothing more on how the students were affected by this crime. Padgett then shot Thomas in the middle of the street in traffic. One shot hit an oncoming car, hitting the passenger seat. It did not harm anyone. The woman was traumatized by the shots fired in her direction. Directly after, Padgett walked up to Thomas and fired shots, hitting him in the head and hitting the body with the pistol.

Afterwards, he ran back to his house. When the police came with the SWAT team, he came out with his hands up and surrendered voluntarily. Padgett was arrested and taken by the police. He was later interviewed by detectives.

In the meantime, the SWAT team searched his house. They found the rifle inside of the trashcan behind his house. They also recovered Padgett's clothing covered in blood stains, muscle tissue, and bone fragments. Padgett is

currently being held at Baltimore City Detention Center. He did not have an attorney in the online court records.

History teacher Paul Kochanasz suggested that speaking to his neighbors, collaborating with the condo organization, or even going to the police would have been a more appropriate way to go about the dispute.

"I am sure the people in the other apartments were shaken and scared about the incident," Kochanasz said.

"I will never take my neighbor's parking space ever again!" junior Connor Underkofler said.

"I'd watch out taking other people's parking spaces. You never know what could happen if you take it from the wrong person," sophomore Megan Majewski said.

"I know how frustrating it gets because I am a senior, and juniors take the front spots every morning because...they get to school too early. So I understand his frustration with something as simple as a parking spot. However, it is not acceptable to shoot them execution-style for it," senior Emily Majewski said,

"I cannot even imagine how the people in the area must feel. I am sure everyone around the incident, especially the woman inside of the car that was shot at, was startled. Everyone there must be so scared. I would absolutely hate for something that extreme to happen in our neighborhood," junior Hannah Sell said.

"I think this type of thing is ridiculous. I hate hearing about this type of thing going on in the world around us!" junior Jasmin Martinez said.

By Laura Seidel

Sports

Tennis is in season at Fleetwood. With all the snow and rain, the tennis team got a late start.

After a 10-5 overall record last year, Fleetwood is looking to do well again this year. They want to make more of a push into the post-season this year.

"I wanted to try something new and play tennis this year," sophomore Adam Cook said.

Tom Paganelli is the number one player with Christian Custodio in the number two seed.

"I love the game, and I like where I am at with my confidence right now," senior Tom Paganelli said.

"I'm just looking to perform at a higher level than last year and help this team reach our goals," senior Christian Custodio said.

"I have high expectations for this

year's team," coach Joshua Werstler said.

The team finally started their season on 18 March at Conrad Weiser. Everyone contributed, and the team won 7-0. Next, they would host Muhlenberg and go on to win a close 4-3 match. After a hot start, they would lose to Hamburg. Hamburg beat out Fleetwood last season to win the division.

Fleetwood would then meet Berks Catholic and would go on to win the match 5-2. The team hopes to maintain its confidence and continue to play well.

"It has been a great start so far, and I only expect it to get better from here," Werstler said.

"It's my last season, and I'm looking to finishing strong," senior Tom Paganelli said.

By Austin Young

Seven Detained In Major Drugs Bust

Cops & Courts

On 24 March, a tractor trailer pulled into a parking lot in northeast Reading. As two other cars pulled in alongside the truck, passersby knew what they were witnessing.

Enforcement had been contacted, and the police moved in to detain the men. Investigators had already been on the case because the truck was seen crossing the U.S.-Mexico border seven times from 22 May 2014 to 4 March 2015.

As the police procured search warrants for the vehicles, they found two more men inside of the trailer. They looked to be closing a secret compartment. Detectives found 23 pounds of meth and 6.5 pounds of cocaine, a combined estimated worth of \$2.2 million.

"There will never be an end to all of this kind of stuff," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

Seven men were arrested and placed in the county jail with a bail set at one million dollars. They were all charged with

the delivery of illegal drugs as well as conspiracy.

As this sort of problem grows in the United States, law enforcement has a hard taking complete control over the issue.

Detectives also found the following in the search: \$20,000 in bundled up bills, a gun, and a large drill for opening the secret compartment.

"It's just crazy the amount of money people will put into drugs just to ruin their lives," senior Matt Hook said.

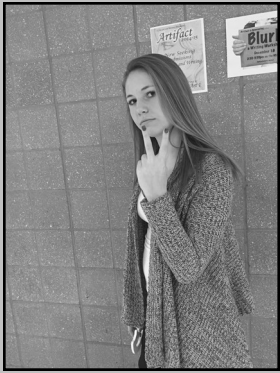
"I think, if they enforced stricter laws on this, we would have fewer problems," senior Mitch Kinek said.

This was recorded as one of the biggest busts in Berks County history. More information on the investigation will be released soon, as those charged have yet to appear in court.

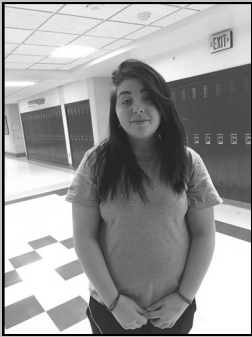
By Austin Young



Random Cheese



"Mrs. Wilkinson, because she is funny and relatable," sophomore Rayanna Celmer said.



Freshman Kayla Randazzo said, "Mr Weiss, because he's funny and understanding."

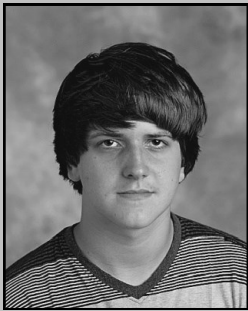
Freshman Justin Hawkins said, "Mr. Palacz, because he is a gym teacher, and I love gym class."



Sophomore Zack Hadeed said, "Mrs. Castiglioni, because she is wonderful... and a fantastic friend."



Senior Levi Gieringer said, "Mr. Houpp, because he's cool."



By Ahlyssa Brandt

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