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Beloved Phys. Ed Teacher to Retire

Profile

The enthusiastic middle school gym teacher that students have all come to know, Mrs. Debra Phillips, has decided to retire after the 2014/2015 school year. This was a very difficult decision for her to make, and she has been considering it for two long years.

Phillips believes that it is too soon to leave her teaching career in the dust for the luxury life in retirement. She was not ready to accept the lifestyle changes, and that is why it took her so long to make this decision to leave. Although it will be a hard adjustment for Phillips to make, she will enjoy the free time with her friends and family.

"I considered retiring for two years now but quickly dismissed the idea of it," Phillips said.

Phillips graduated from Pottstown Senior High School. She graduated from Lock Haven University with a Bachelors of Science, West Chester University with a Masters of Science, and Penn State University with a Principal's Certificate. She has worked very hard to become who she is today.

Phillips has been a physical education teacher for 39.5 years, all in Fleetwood. She has 20 years in the high school and 19.5

years in the middle school. Mrs. Phillips became a gym teacher to make a positive difference in young people's lives. She wanted to assist students in seeing and reaching their potential.

"I was full of fun ideas for teaching physical education, ultimately to instill the value of staying healthy and fit," Phillips said.

Having the privilege of meeting so many fine students is her favorite part of the job.

"[I love] getting to know my students; everyone is so unique! [It's great] watching students improve in their skills and witnessing them being proud of their accomplishments. I love the enthusiasm of middle school students and the autonomy of high school students. Also, working with dedicated and professional colleagues is a special part of the job," Phillips said.

This special teacher has been a gym teacher since January of 1976. She enjoyed all of her teaching years with the Fleetwood Area School District.

After leaving Fleetwood, Phillips plans to stay active, travel, read new books, wear more dresses, and eventually move to North Carolina. Phillips' goals are to just spend more quality time with her friends

and family. She has three children: Julia, a scientist who lives in Portland, OR; Lea, a fashion account executive who lives in Long Island, NY; and Brian, a financial analyst who lives in Tallahassee, FL, with his wife Savannah. Her children will now have more quality time with her.

"Mrs. Phillips was a great physical education teacher. I truly hope that she has fun after retirement with her family," junior Hannah Sell said.

Phillips was well-known by all who had her as a gym teacher. Her retirement will make a huge difference in the middle school.

"All of my sisters have had Mrs. Phillips at one point or another; I was the last sister to have her. I am sure she will be missed by most of her students," sophomore Megan Majewski said.

"I had a special bond with her that made my middle school years in gym class special," junior Brittany Tyson said.

"Gym class was always an interesting experience while having Mrs. Phillips. It is upsetting that she will be leaving all of her students behind; however, it'll be good for her to have the leisure time to herself and family," Sell said.

By Laura Seidel

Journalism and Art Awards Presented

Academics

On 22 April 2015, there was an awards ceremony honoring those who excel in Journalism and Art. Mrs. Diane Chisdak, Artifact Magazine Adviser, gave the Artifact Editor's Award. The Artifact Editor's Award is given to the student(s) each year who, with their hard work and dedication, have made a major contribution to the creation of this year's Artifact magazine.

Mr. Sean Gaston, Tiger TV Media Adviser, gave The Tiger Paw Award. The Tiger Paw Award is given to the student(s) who have consistently worked toward a successful Tiger TV. These students have made major contributions of time and talent toward the media and communications department.

Mr. Zachary S. Houp, Tiger Times Newspaper Adviser, gave the Tiger Times Recognition Award. This is given to the student(s) who have consistently worked toward the publication of the newspaper and the accompanying online news journal. These students pitched in and finished any tasks necessary for the publication of each issue.

Mrs. Sara Sanocki, Tiger Tale

Yearbook Adviser, gave the Tiger Tale Yearbook Award and Recognitions are given to the staff members each year for the dedication and efforts they have contributed to the creation of the yearly publication.

The National Art Honor Society honors sophomores, juniors, and seniors

who have maintained an 85% average in their art classes while also maintaining an 80% in their other classes. These students must also use Art to help perform a community service. Many of the students have earned this requirement by helping at the annual Art Event. This award was given by Mrs. Chisdak.

Lastly, the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for

High School Journalists honors juniors and seniors who are in the top third of their class and have done exceptional work in some form of Journalism. These students are recommended by their adviser to the society for acceptance on a yearly basis. This award was presented by all four teachers.

By Tori Bertsch

FAHS Hosts 5K for AJ

Health/ Medicine

Fleetwood Area High School is hosting the "5k for A.J." Participants run three miles and then walk one mile to cool off. This fundraiser is for Aidan Sandor.

"I think it's awesome that we are able to raise money for Aidan and help him be able to afford everything he needs," sophomore Charlie Wildermuth said.

The date of this event is 16 May 2015. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. Participants can register an hour before the race to participate.

"It's a good cause, and I hope it is a great success," junior Lizzie Geesey said.

Participants can register online any time at Active.com, and the key word is "A.J.," or there is a link at 111.ajfund.org. If you have any questions, you can contact them at ajfund@verizon.net.

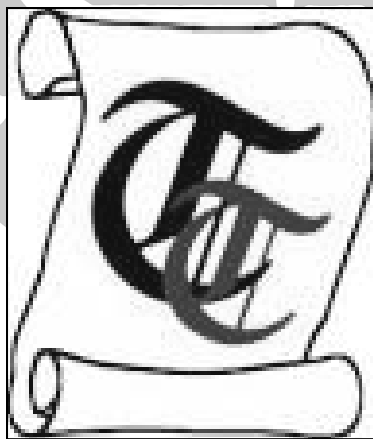
"It's a good idea to bring awareness and see the community help out," math teacher Ronald Flicker said.

A part of the money being raised goes into a trust fund for Aidan to help out with any expenses in the future. Another part goes towards helping find a cure for muscular dystrophy.

"It's the awareness in the disease itself that the family focuses on more," guidance counselor Anne Marie Neubert said.

Since Aidan is a freshman, this is his first year doing this race, but this event has been going on for four years. The event usually happens in September, but because it's happening at Fleetwood, it's being held in May.

By Emily Moyer



2015 Prom Fashion Trends Revealed

Fashion

Prom 2015 is just around the corner. There are a lot of designers out there to help girls look like a princess.

Blush prom dresses and evening gowns are designed for the woman looking to show off her own unique style.

Sensational designer dresses are typical for winter formals, holiday celebrations, and especially prom. Halter mini dresses and sleek strapless prom gowns in subtle shades of gray or blue or bold beautiful prints are in this year.

With 39 years of experience designing prom dresses, Alyce Paris designs formal dresses for women all over the world and has received several prom dress design awards including 20 DEBI awards, a Chicago Prom Dress Designer of the Year Award, and many other prom dress designer awards.

In a Jovani prom dress or classic evening gown, a woman is ready for the red carpet. When you buy Jovani, you are purchasing a prom dress created by a leading designer of celebrity-styled prom dresses. In the Jovani prom collection, you will find short prom dresses, elegant long evening

gowns, and glamorous strapless dresses for any special occasion.

After winning the trend-setting Prom Dresses of the Year award, La Femme prom dresses are not just designed with teenagers in mind. From elegant evening gowns and short prom dresses to sweet homecoming dresses and vintage dresses, La Femme features all different colors and unique designs. La Femme is one of the leading prom dress designers that is both chic and in style with the hottest trends.

Masquerade prom gowns and party dresses have something for every special occasion and budget. They feature stunning, long strapless prom dresses featuring trendy illusion designs and short lace dresses in dance-ready styles for your homecoming, graduation, prom, or sweet sixteen. For full-on glamor, check out Masquerade's classic strapless ball gowns or ultra-feminine long mermaid dresses. These gowns with open backs and halter-top prom dresses are available in color choices that are on trend and just right for you.

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By Olivia Fenstermacher

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Tebow Soars Into Philadelphia

Sports

Tim Tebow has not played a regular season game since 2012, when he played for the New York Jets. Tebow signed with the New England Patriots in 2013 but was ultimately released in training camp.

"Tebow isn't a bad player. He gets scrutinized for every mistake he makes, but there are some quarterbacks that are worse than him that have starting jobs," senior Mike Osenbach said.

Recently Tebow has made the headlines again. He worked out with the Philadelphia Eagles, who seem to be interested in just about everyone.

"The Eagles are making a ton of crazy trades and signings in a sport that doesn't really have that many trades. This just adds to the pandemonium of their offseason," Osenbach said.

Shortly after the workout session, rumors started to swirl that the Eagles were

going to make an offer for Tebow. The Eagles quickly dismissed all rumors regarding that matter and said they were just "working him out".

"I'm a huge Tebow fan, I've loved the guy since he was a Florida Gator way back in college. I was pretty excited for him when he took the Denver Broncos to the playoffs and had all those fourth quarter comebacks," senior Tyler Emge said.

Eventually, the Eagles did go on to sign the free agent quarterback. They signed him to a one-year, three million dollar deal. None of the money in the

contract is guaranteed.

"I'm glad the Eagles are giving him another chance. He apparently became a much better thrower, and I'm hoping he'll be able to prove that he belongs in the NFL," Emge 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.

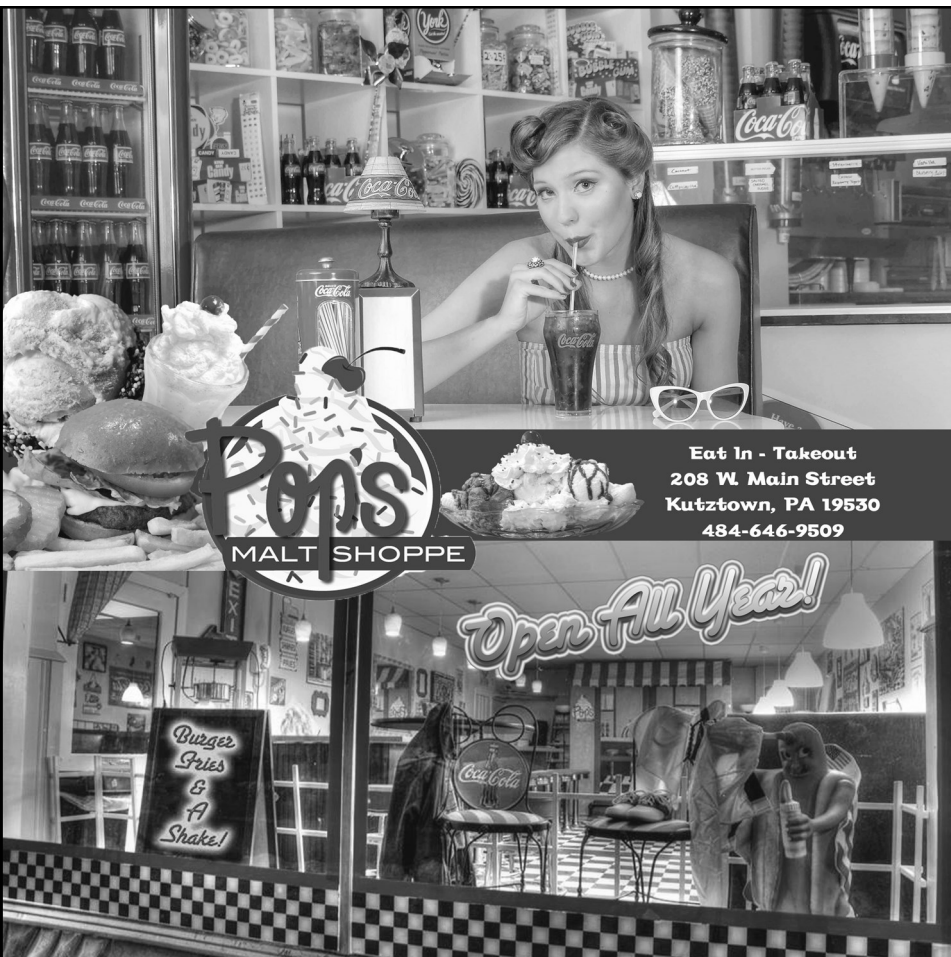
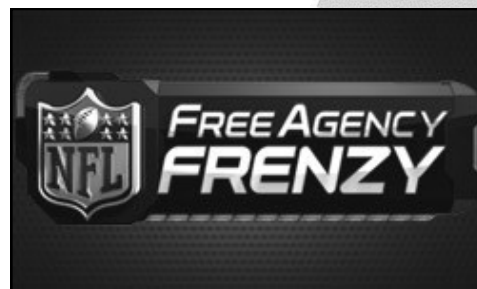
"I was waiting for the Eagles to make a move the whole time," senior Matt Hook said.

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 Mathews, Walter Thurmond, and Demarco Murray.

By Austin Young



Virgo Once Again Finds Herself in the Winner's Circle

Sports

Cyre Virgo, a senior here at Fleetwood, once again finds herself in the winner's circle. Virgo just won her second Penn Relays girls high-jump title.

When Virgo was a junior, she placed second. Just recently, Cyre jumped 5' 10½" to reclaim her high jump title. Cyre had set her own record sophomore year when she won in 2013 with a jump of 5' 11¼". She now is a two-time champion and also a Texas Tech recruit, where she will be continuing her education and amazing high jump skills.

"I really have no words for this feeling," Virgo said. "I am just excited now to see what the future holds at Texas Tech."

Virgo has been involved with track all of her four years at Fleetwood and will be

attending Texas Tech to continue her success on the track.

"Winning Penn Relays for the second time feels amazing because it shows me that I have potential in college to accomplish many things," Virgo said.

Winning two gold medals at Penn Relays was a dream come true for Cyre.

Cyre's friends and family have high expectations for her in the future at Texas Tech. They all are very supportive of her and proud of what she has done.

"Cyre and I have been day-one friends, and what she has accomplished so far makes us all very proud," senior Shaq Cobb said. "I can't wait to see what she can do at the Division one level."

By Austin Young

Bieber Roast Creates Buzz all Over the World

Art/Entertainment

On 14 March 2014, Comedy Central held the "Roast of Justin Bieber," which created a buzz all over the world. The roast consisted of many stars, including Hannibal Buress, Jeff Ross, Martha Stewart, Snoop Dogg, Ludacris, Shaquille O'Neal, Chris D'Elia, Natasha Leggero, Pete Davidson, and Will Ferrell as Ron Burgundy, and, of course, the host Kevin Hart and Justin Bieber.

"I thought it was actually pretty funny," senior Logan Silvius said.

According to About Entertainment, a roast is an event in which one particular guest is joked about and made fun of by his or her peers, usually in front of an audience. In this case, Justin Bieber set it up and chose close friend comedian Kevin Hart as the roast master. Justin wasn't the only

one getting roasted; in fact, everyone was.

The roast was full of hilarious yet vulgar jokes; fortunately, there were a few clean ones, and Jeff Ross proceeded to bring up Justin's ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez.

Natasha Leggero was probably the funniest female "roaster"; the only other female was Martha Stewart anyway.

"I thought it was really funny; all the jokes were on point," junior Mohammed Jalloh said.

Don't worry; Justin got them all back at the end with a joke that jabbed all of his roasters.

Considered by many to be one of the best and funniest roasts of all time, this will definitely go down in history.

By Tyler Rapposelli

New Styles for Summer Fashion in 2015

Fashion

Black is the new black. 2015 summer fashion is different than any other season. There are so many new styles for the warm weather coming up. Skirts, jeans, and black are at a new high for this year. There is also a blend of bright colors on tops and shoes. Black boots and heels are in this year as well.

"I like to wear shorts, t-shirt, and sandals with socks," technology education teacher John Heck said.

According to Glamour, off-the-shoulder tops are very popular this time around. They are mainly in top stores, such as Victoria's Secret and Forever 21. Sandals are also very popular this year. It's a new trend with high wasted shorts and a crop top.

"I would wear a pleated romper, sandals, and dangly earrings. I love to shop at Forever 21," sophomore Kirsten Noll said.

Brandy Melville is a very popular brand. Plaid, black, grey, and white are the

big colors. Crop tops, high-wasted shorts, and ripped jeans are common for this brand.



Most women wear Docs; this is a leather boot sold at top-brand shoe stores, such as Journeys. Vans and Toms are also a very popular shoe that is common girls wear.

"I wear white Converse, high-wasted shorts, with a flowy crop top. I love to shop at Forever 21," junior Katie Eckert said.

Denim jeans and jackets with a black t-shirt is an outfit for Vogue. Olive green jackets are sky-high this year for teens. It can be worn as an accessory with a grey t-shirt and light ripped jeans with Doc boots.

There are so many new swimsuits for this year's 2015 summer fashion. The Marilyn Monroe look was a top trend this year. High-wasted swimsuit bottoms are in this season. Swimsuits can be sold at Victoria's Secret and Aerie. The triangle swimsuit from Victoria's Secret is extremely popular. It comes in a wide variety of neon colors.

By Emily Moyer

2015 NBA Playoffs Underway

Sports

The 2015 NBA playoffs are well underway.

"It's the best time of the year, when the NBA playoffs are on," senior basketball player Matt Hook said.

It all started in the West division with the Golden State Warriors, the number one seed, who took on the New Orleans Pelicans. The Warriors, arguably the best team in the NBA, went on to sweep the Pelicans four games to zero.

The Portland Trailblazers took on the Memphis Grizzlies. Memphis advanced without a problem, winning four out of the five games played.

The remaining champions, the San Antonio Spurs, played the Los Angeles Clippers. The Clippers won the series to advance.

"All respect to Coach Pop, but I am happy the Clippers were able to pull off the victory," sophomore point guard Justin Hummel said. "The Clippers are my favorite team, so of course I want them to win it all."

The last series in the West division would be the Houston Rockets vs. Dallas Mavericks. The Mavericks had some issues with players and fell to the Rockets.

The east division started off with the Atlanta Hawks taking on the Brooklyn Nets. The Hawks would win the series four games to two.

The Washington Wizards headed to Toronto to face the Raptors, but the Raptors were no match with the Wizards. The Wizards would go on to sweep the series.

The Chicago Bulls, with a healthy Derrick Rose, would win their first round series against the Milwaukee Bucks.

LeBron James and the Cleveland

Cavaliers took on the Boston Celtics. The Celtics put up a good fight but fell to the Cavs.

The quarterfinals in the west started with MVP Steph Curry and the Warriors taking on the Memphis Grizzlies. However, Memphis led the series right now two games to one.

"I think Steph Curry does unbelievable things with the ball that other players just can't do and deserved to win the MVP award this year," senior Mike Osenbach said.

Also in the west, the Clippers are up three games to one over the Houston Rockets. The Clippers are playing very well right now and look like they will be making a good run in these playoffs.

"The Clippers are one of my favorite teams just because I feel like I kind of play like Blake Griffin when I play basketball. Also, I think Chris Paul is the best point guard in the league this year," senior Ryan Gantz said.

The Cavaliers and Chicago Bulls are currently tied two games

apiece. With LeBron James and Derrick Rose battling hard, this could go either way. LeBron, however, just made a game winning shot at the buzzer to even the series.

"I love to watch LeBron play just because he is one of the greatest to play the game" Senior Tyler Emge said. "He is very clutch. Just look at his game winner at the buzzer."

"I would just like to see the young Golden State Warriors team win it all because I think they're too nasty," senior Mitch Kinek said.

By Austin Young



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STEM Event Recognizes Fleetwood Students

Academics

The Young Women in STEM Recognition Event was held in the Fleetwood Area High School auditorium on 20 April.

The Fleetwood STEM teachers have nominated students from their classes who possess talent and potential in the STEM-related career field. The students nominated were recognized, and the student from each grade who received the highest number of teacher nominations received an award.

The students who received these awards were freshman Ripley Price, sophomore Carly Mitchell, junior Rebecca Reinert, and senior Katrina Fullington.

One senior was chosen to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500. The senior who received this was Haley Schappell.

The students were also partnered with female STEM professionals for a small group mentoring session. Dr. Frye, from Kutztwon mentored the mathematics and technology group. Julie Cox, from Kline, mentored the bioengineering group. Looney and Spayd mentored the technology group. Dr. Fredericka Heller mentored the science and medicine group.

STEM is designed to encourage the girls in high school who display high ability skills in challenging math, technology, and science classes to continue taking these courses beyond their high school career. STEM hopes to move closer to gender equality in education and occupations in the math, technology, and science fields.

By Laura Seidel

Fleetwood’s FBLA chapter is 8th best in PA

Academics

“It was a really great learning experience, and it was also really fun,” junior Amanda Meck said.

Twenty-five members of Fleetwood’s FBLA club attended the 2015 State Leadership Conference held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

“In order to compete in states, I had to place first in public speaking at regionals,” Meck said.

At the conference, the Fleetwood Chapter was recognized as an Outstanding Chapter for the 2014-2015 school year. This award is also known as the William Selden Outstanding Chapter Award. To receive this distinction, the chapter must complete many activities aimed at the goals of the Future Business Leaders of America. Along with this, they had to submit all the corresponding paperwork to the state office. Only 10 out of 250+ chapters across the state received this top honor.

“It was a great experience! It was a lot of fun, and I got to spend time with my friends,” junior Max Vogel said.

Fleetwood was also awarded with 1st place in community service hours, known as the Big 33. The members of Fleetwood’s FBLA Chapter logged over 9,000 hours of service. The Chapter also received second place for their Local Business Report, which was prepared by senior member Amanda Kaskey.

Multiple individual students were rewarded, and multiple groups received recognition for their accomplishments.

Senior Gabe Kotsch received the Membership Recruitment Award. Fleetwood swept up the competition for community service hours with Ying Ling in fifth, Harry Zheng in second, and Joann Zheng in first. Amanda Meck was awarded with sixth place in Public Speaking II. In Accounting II, Joe

Kinek won ninth.

“My event is basically based on the types of communication related to business and some grammar rules. The event’s purpose is basically [to teach you] the rules to ensuring efficient communication in the workplace,” Vogel said.

“I was happy to get sixth, but at the same time I was upset with myself because I had messed up my speech. I know that I could have done better,” Meck said.

Gabe Kotsch, Eleni Zahariadis, and Matt Masenheimer received fifth place for their Partnership with Business Project. The team of Ethan Miller, Brandon Sützel, and Duncan Cahalan won seventh place for their Community Service Project. Joann Zheng, April Afandilov, and Harry Zheng received tenth place in Global Business.

“Since I can’t compete in public speaking again, I have an idea to try impromptu speaking! Also, right now we are working on a community service project and hope to make nationals with that next year as well,” Meck said.

Max Vogel received fourth place in Business Communication. Junior Max Vogel has qualified to go to the FBLA National Leadership Conference. This summer in Chicago, Illinois, Max will be representing Fleetwood at this Conference. In order for Max to compete in nationals, he had to take a test and earn one of the four highest scores in the state.

“I was in disbelief when I found out, and it didn’t really hit me until later. But I’m honored to represent our school in Chicago,” Vogel said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

Students Compete in FCCLA States Competition

Academics

From 18 to 20 March, five Fleetwood students competed in The Pennsylvania Association of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) states competition. These students attend BTC in Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education.

“I did a poster board on respect and presented to three classes and went to some classes. We were trying to raise respect levels in school. It was a state conference to promote things,” sophomore Samantha Rutt said.

The following people from Fleetwood competed:

Kenneth Kline is a senior who goes to BTC for Culinary, and he competed in the Culinary Arts competition. He earned a gold medal for his work.

Dustin Carbaugh is a senior who also goes to BTC for Culinary, and he competed in the Culinary Arts competition. He also earned a gold medal for his work.

Samantha Rutt is a sophomore who goes to BTC for Early Childhood Education. She competed in the Illustrated Talk and won a bronze medal for her work.

Savannah Workman is a sophomore who goes to BTC for Early Childhood Education, and she competed in the Illustrated Talk. She won a bronze medal for her work.

Ashley Wellman is a junior who goes to BTC for Early Childhood Education. She competed in the Teach and Train and won a silver medal for her work.

Kenneth, Dustin, and Ashley are able to compete at the National Level this summer in Washington, D.C.

Ashley Wellman also ran as a candidate to be a state officer next year. She is now the Vice President of Elections.

By Alyssa Brandt



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“Seeing everyone all dressed up and having a good time,” senior Shelbi Heffner said.



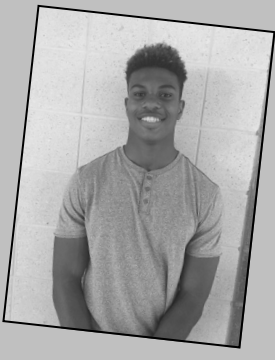
“The process of getting ready for prom is my favorite,” senior Delaney Karpeuk said.






“Getting dressed up and seeing all my friends for one last run at prom,” senior Matt Hook said.


“Getting dressed up, hanging out with my cool cats,” senior Thaddeus Cornick said.



“Seeing everyone looking nice and dancing with all my friends,” junior Emily Moyer said.



“Getting to dance and have fun with all my friends,” junior Brooke Scheaffer said.



By Emily Moyer

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