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2015 Homecoming Court Crowned

School

Homecoming for the 2015-2016 school year has come and gone, which means that not only was the Homecoming court named, but so were the King and Queen!

The guys on the court were Josh Campbell, Jake Feick, Nick Hope, Mohammad Jalloh, and Sam Lerch. The girls on the court were Olivia Allison, Brianna Bowman, Hannah Brunette, Carly Decimbrino, Sophia Hadeed, and Bree Witman.

"I was at home sleeping, but I thought it was pretty cool that I was chosen," senior Mohammad Jalloh said.

"I was excited but mostly shocked that people in the school knew who I was and voted for me to be on court," Carly Decimbrino said.

Three out of the five guys on court are on the football team, and two of the girls are on the cheerleading squad. Two guys play on the soccer team, and everyone else is involved with school activities with high hopes for their plans after high school.

"I was surprised that I was on court," senior Sampson Lerch said.

"I was anxious hearing my boys screaming my name while they were announcing me. It was hilarious," senior Jake Feick said.

Due to a tie this year, there were six girls and five guys. The people who run homecoming every year chose not to add a sixth guy.

"It was unfortunate, but Heffner and Nagle couldn't do anything to change it, so they did what they could. Also, Heffner and Nagle are the bomb," senior Bri Bowman said.

"I feel like they should have added another guy to even out the court with the girls," Feick said.

"Well, when I found out--I didn't hear the announcements--but I heard from people who were in Sanocki's class with me that I was on court. From that moment on, I was just very surprised and felt so lucky and grateful," senior Olivia Allison.

"I didn't even know I was in it until people were asking me about it," senior Josh Campbell said.

The week of homecoming, each member of the court had the chance to make his or her own poster. This is to show off who they are outside of school and essentially to advertise themselves to win Homecoming King or Queen.

"Making the poster was fun, and I was happy to share who I was with the school. It was fun to make the poster and realize how many people I am thankful for in my life that I was able to put on it," Allison said.

"I thought it was great that we each got to make our own posters that showed who we were and that the school got to see a glimpse of who we are outside of school and to see who was actually on court this year for the people who didn't really know us," Decimbrino said.

There were some changes to be made about the way the Homecoming court would be riding in the parade. The homecoming boys were to ride in one truck full of hay bales, while the girls were to ride in the other. Unfortunately, the day of the parade, it was raining, so the traditional Homecoming parade was cancelled.

"I was mad that it was cancelled, but it was raining, so there wasn't much we could do about it. I wish we would've been in the convertibles, not trucks," Bowman said.

"I'm just mad there wasn't a parade



this year. I wanted it to be like last year, where the court got to sit on top of the cars and drive around in the parade. I would prefer the convertibles," Campbell said.

"I was a little disappointed that the parade was canceled this year because that's usually one of my favorite parts about homecoming week. I was also a little taken aback that they were going to make us go in trucks without our escorts this year," Decimbrino said.

Walking onto the track with Josh Campbell was Bri Bowman; Jake Feick escorted Carly Decimbrino; Olivia Allison was escorted by Mohammad Jalloh; Sophia Hadeed stepped into the line with Sam Lerch by her side; and Nick Hope had the honor of escorting two ladies this year, Hannah Brunette and Bree Witman.

"We both weren't about to walk with two people, so we decided to just be together," Campbell said.

"It all happened so fast," senior Hannah Brunette said.

"It was awkward, like how we had to walk in an arch with three instead of just walking straight," senior Bree Witman said.

"It's certainly not the traditional way, to escort two girls, but I didn't mind," senior Nick Hope said.

Although it was a cold and disappointing football

game, the wait for half time was well worth it. The names and their escorts were called one by one, stating their school activities and their future plans. The loudest screams came after Jake Feick's name was announced.

"I was hyped about it," Feick said.

The air was filled with anticipation and excitement of watching the court walk on the track and waiting for the King and Queen to be announced.

"I was just excited to be out there and walking up there with Bri," Campbell said.

"Standing on the track, I felt really lucky to have all of my friends and family there supporting me," Allison said.

"I was really cold, so all I was mainly thinking about was putting on more layers, but I wasn't really nervous," senior Sophia Hadeed said.

"It was really cold, and I was nervous standing up there because I don't like being the center of attention, but I was happy to be up there in general, and it was a good experience," Bowman said.

"I was just thankful to be a part of the experience," Lerch said.

Shortly thereafter, the names were announced over the speakers: "Your 2015 Homecoming King and Queen are Nicholas Hope and Hannah Brunette!"

"Some of my friends were telling me that I had a good chance of winning, but other than that, I didn't think I would've won. I know a lot of people, though, because of all the different groups I'm in, like track and soccer," Hope said.

"I was really surprised that I won! It was an exciting experience, even with a little rain," Brunette said.

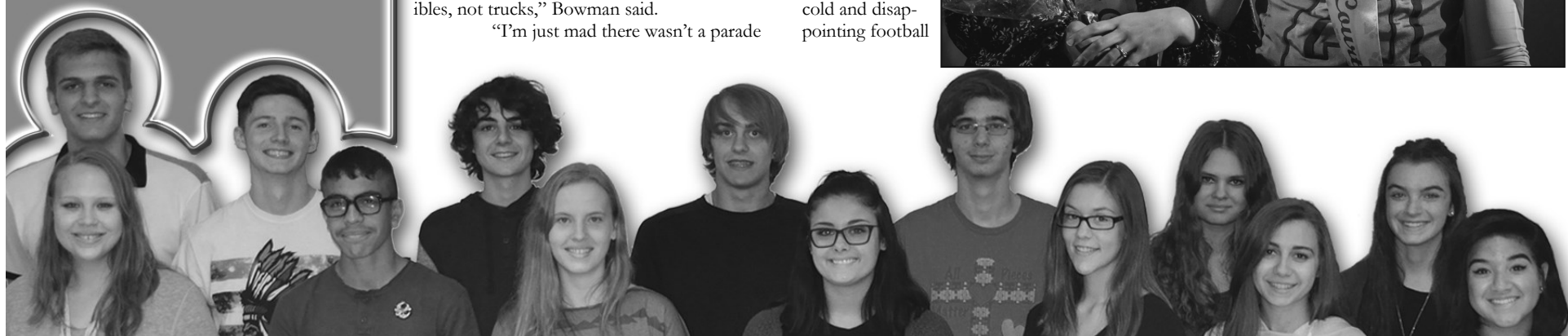
When the crowd clapped, flashes went off, and the Homecoming Court congratulated the two winners.

"I was just trying to enjoy my senior Homecoming as best I could. I wasn't really focusing on who would win, but when I heard Nick and Hannah's names called, I was really happy for them," Hadeed said.

"I'm just extremely grateful for being voted Homecoming Queen," Brunette said.

As the Homecoming pandemonium starts to settle down and everyone returns to normal after the annual festivities, students will await next year's crowning, hopefully done by this year's winners!

By Olivia Fenstermacher



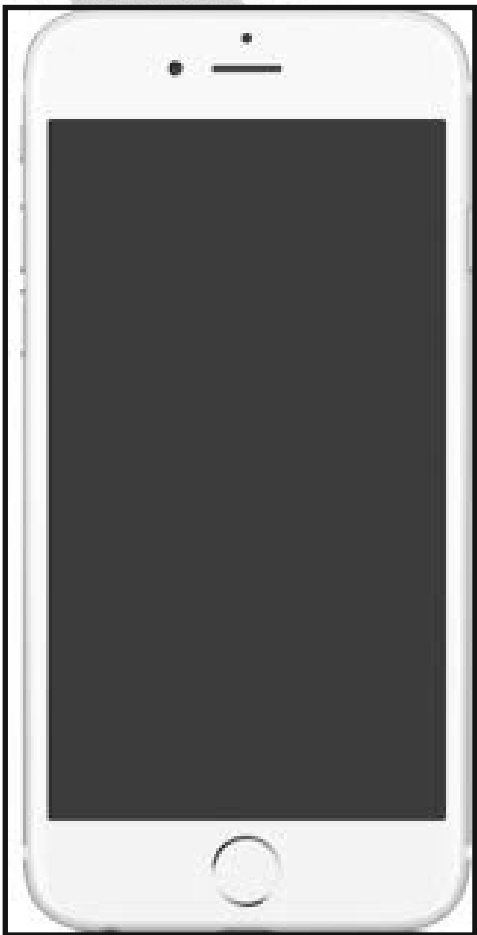
New iPhones Add Cool Features with a Big Pricetag

Science/Technology

On 9 September, Apple announced the newest iPhone to hit the market, the 6S and 6S Plus. Sporting the slogan, "The only thing that's changed is everything," consumers expected nothing less than the best in new software and hardware.

The iPhones are equipped with the new 3D touch sensors that allow for a more interactive experience. It works by using sensors between the display screen and the backlight that measure minute distances between them in response to changes in pressure. With the new "peek and pop" feature, users can "peek" at the selected item without having to leave their current screen. The "pop" feature allows users to open the selected file after "peeking" at it.

Apple also



claims to now be using the strongest cover glass on any smartphone in the world, so users can expect fewer cracks from misuse.

The iPhone 6s boasts a 4.7 inch screen with retina HD display and 3D touch at 1334x750 resolution, while the 6s Plus boasts a 5.5 inch with retina display and 3D touch at 1920x1080 resolution.

The new models also come in four colors. Apple introduced a new Rose Gold model, which has gained many admirers thus far.

However, with great quality comes great wallet draining: the 6s starts at \$649 while the 6s Plus starts at a whopping \$749.

By Ripley Price

Reinert and Miller Named September Students of the Month

Profile

Fleetwood's September Students of the Month are Ethan Miller and Rebecca Reinert. Both seniors have shown that they deserve the award through their academic successes, community service work, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Miller has been very involved since he came to Fleetwood Area High School. He has been involved in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and National Honors Society (NHS). Athletically, he has participated as a lineman on the football team, and he has also competed on Fleetwood's track and field team.

After graduating, Miller plans to attend college. At this point, he has not decided if he wants to study business or nursing. Miller has explored a career in nursing by volunteering his time and services with the Reading Hospital.

Ethan's role model is Kelly Ackerman, the business teacher at Fleetwood Area High School. She teaches him the aspects of the business world.

Rebecca Reinert earned the award through her exceptional performances

in class and in music. She is one of the drum majors this year, along with fellow senior Nicole Spanier. Throughout her high school career, Reinert has participated in marching band, wind ensemble, band, chorus, and Orchestra. Outside of music, she has also played on the softball team and participated in Book Club. Through her church, Reinert has helped the community. She regularly volunteers with her church's service projects.

Reinert's role model is her mother. She looks up to her strength and ability to succeed as an independent and loving person.

Reinert's plans are to attend college to become a middle school teacher while also majoring in special education.

Both of the recipients this month have earned their awards through over three years of hard work. Both continue to work to achieve a bright future.

By Owen Sandor



London Offers Something for Everyone

Travel

As the capital of Great Britain, London has become one of the most popular European cities to visit during the past few years. With a good nightlife, even better shopping, and several sites that are all a must-see, it is a city worth visiting more than once.

When it comes to places to stay, there is a huge variety. You can stay at a five-star hotel close to Oxford Street, which is the main street of London, or you could stay closer to the suburbs and take the famous Underground wherever you would want to go. Taking the Underground and vacationing outside central London would, of course, be a lot cheaper than living close to Oxford Street or Hyde Park.

There are several things you could do in London, like visiting the London Eye, a giant Ferris wheel built to celebrate the new millennium. You could also visit Buckingham Palace and see the Changing of the Guards, visit one of the many street markets found around the city, or just walk down the shopping streets like Oxford. If you have a higher budget, you could also visit Bond Street.

By Skorpan Eriksson



Fall Fashion Trends Push the Envelope

Fashion



Fleetwood Area High School students keep up with their style. This year's fall clothing line is very stylish. There are a lot of new trends surfacing this season.

For the new Calvin Klein collection, designers created a "Floor-Duster Coat." The coat is described as a cream color coat with big silver buttons. The coat reaches to the feet so that this provides warmth to the whole body.

Brandy Melville has a lot of new ideas of this fall's new collection. A crop-top-style with long sleeves. A person could wear it with leggings or high rise jeans.

"I love to wear boots and scarfs," study hall monitor Tracey Reich said.

A new clothing line that is blowing up is Fabletics. One of their famous styles is joggers. Customers could wear joggers with a tank top. If it's cold, a person could throw a zip-up jacket over the tank top.

"I like a boy tank top with clogs," senior Melanie Singh said.

Birkenstocks has a new collection

of shoes coming out for fall. They have unique boots that are perfect for the upcoming cold weather. They also have very stylish rain boots that are very popular.

"I only wear Birkenstock clogs-- always and forever," English teacher Zachary Houpp said.

"In the fall, I like to wear flannels and boots," senior Katie Lochman said.

Victoria's Secret has a very cute and comfy style for this year's fall line. They have a variety of different sweatshirts that



are perfect for a cold day. To go with a sweatshirt, they have boot-cut yoga pants. Victoria's Secret also has a wide variety of very comfortable sweatpants.

"I like wearing my favorite coat because I can use it for fall and winter," science teacher Damian King said.

By Emily Moyer

FAHS German Club Celebrates Oktoberfest

Holiday



Fleetwood Area High School's German club celebrated Oktoberfest on 30 September 2015. Frau Moll held the celebration during school. The event was open to German classes as well as club members.

Oktoberfest is a festival in Germany that originated when the German Prince, Ludwig, married Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Despite the name, Oktoberfest is held late in September because of the copious amounts of rain that ensues in the first few weeks of October.

German students and club members had the opportunity to study the festivities of Oktoberfest. Frau Moll also had authentic dirndls and lederhosen for students to try on. Students watched a video stream from Oktoberfest in Germany.

Future German club events include a trip to the Reading Liederkrantz on 2 November, Lebkuchenhäuser during Christmas time, an Apfelstrudel celebration sometime

in January, SchwarzwälderKirschtorte in February, Spaghetti Eis in March, and a trip to Deutsch Eck in the springtime. Many of these events feature authentic German foods. Most of the food is made by the German club members themselves.

Frau Moll, the adviser for the club, runs it because of her love for German culture. She has German ancestry and studied abroad in Germany.

"German club is about enriching the culture," Moll said.

"We talk about the culture in class, but we live the culture in German club," senior Ian O'Keefe said.

There is a large emphasis placed on the everyday life aspects of the culture, especially the foods.



"My favorite part about German club is the authentic German foods," club president Max Ruemmler said.

All are invited to German club even if they are not taking a German class.

By Adrian Alicea

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Fleetwood Prepares for Sixth Year of Shakespeare in Philly

School



This year marks the sixth year that Walter has been taking his students to see the play. This year's play is Macbeth. Students study Shakespeare during freshman, sophomore, and senior year, so this is a valuable experience for everyone going to see the plays acted out.

The cost for the trip this year is forty dollars. This price includes transportation, the show ticket, and the pizza party on the bus ride back. Walter provides pizza, chips, and a drink on the way back home.

The agenda for the day is very busy. At 7:00 a.m., buses leave the school. If the participant is late, the buses will leave without them. After the two hour trip into Philadelphia, groups separate to find breakfast places. The groups have one hour to find a place to eat.

After everyone is finished eating, the groups walk to the theatre, and the begins. At 1:00 p.m., the show is over, and the actors come out on stage to answer any questions from the students.

"Although there's not much leg room in the theater, the rest of the experience makes up for it. The acting is good, and it helped me understand the play we were learning about. I'm happy that I went both freshman and sophomore years," senior Maddy Garcia said.

After all the questions are answered about the play and the actors themselves, the herd of students collect back at the buses and begin the two-hour trip home.

By Laura Seidel

The Shakespeare trip is approaching quickly. On 31 March 2016, ninety students and six chaperones will be going on the "Breakfast with Shakespeare" field trip. The tickets sold out in only three weeks.

"I like watching the students' experiences to the city and reactions to the play. I wish more students were able to come along on this trip, but unfortunately there is not enough room in the theatre and for transportation," English teacher Marc Walter said.

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Friendship Flags over Time

School

Do you remember the first day of kindergarten? Everyone was friends, and no one knew what hate was. Are you still friends with anyone from your kindergarten class?

Many people moved, so they are no longer in contact with people they went to elementary school with. However, there are a few people who have remained friends since kindergarten and a few who have been best friends since diapers.

“Oh 'my-lanta,' actually, Hannah

Brunette and I have been best friends since we were in diapers,” senior Hannah Sell said.

“Lauren Boyer and I have obviously been best friends since we were in diapers. Kindergarten was such a long time ago, so many people have grown apart from each other, and people who were best friends that long ago probably don't even see each other or think twice about it,” senior Olivia Leenhouts said.

By Lauren Boyer

Stretched Ears Stretch Adults' Boundaries

Fashion

Styles and trends are constantly changing in every generation. Tattoos and piercings have seemed to evolve over time. A big trend you might see is stretched ears or facial piercings.

“I think they're expressive and more stylish because there are a lot more designs that normal earrings don't have,” sophomore Sasha Boehm said.

Stretched ears and body modifications have been around for quite some time now. Tribes in Africa, Eurasia, and America have used ear stretching for cultural and religious reasons. The trend of ear stretching dates back to royalty, including King Tut.

“It's a different kind of style, and it's a bit odd,” sophomore Vincenzo Davis said.

A lot of times people use the incorrect terminology while trying to describe or talk about this particular piercing. “Gauges” is incorrect; the correct term is “stretched ears.” The word “gauge” refers to the size of the piercing.

Depending on what type of jewelry the person is wearing, he or she uses different names. Plugs are a type of jewelry you can insert in your ear so you can't see through them. Tunnels are a type of jewelry that you can insert in your ear so that the hole is visible and you can see through them. Tapers are the tool used to stretch the ear.

“I think there is a size limit to stretching your ears and the number of piercings you have,” McKenzie Tanhouser said.

“If my daughter were to want that, I would have a few questions to ask her, but I don't mind it because it's so common that I don't notice it,” science teacher Mark Casolo says.

Some may ask if this piercing will ever shrink back to the normal size. It is known that, once you go past a certain size, it won't close up. A lot of parents do not want their children stretching their ears in fear of not having them not go back to normal. This piercing will shrink after some months unless you go to extreme sizes.

“It might cost them more money in the end to get the ear lobe fixed once they stretch past a certain size. If they apply for a job that doesn't allow that kind of stuff, they might regret the decision, but, if that's what they want to do, then do it. I don't really like it,” science teacher Damian King said.

It seems like most students do not mind body modifications. It seems that some adults or parents may have an issue with the body modifications. Some people stereotype this look with habits or a certain type of attitude, even a type of music.

By Kyra Lea

Fleetwood Students Save Lives

Health/Medicine

The Miller Keystone Blood Center hosted a blood drive at Fleetwood Area High school on 7 October 2015. Students who were at least seventeen years of age had the option of signing up a week prior for time slots to donate blood. These donations took place on the stage of the auditorium.

The actual process takes only fifteen minutes, but with the pre-physical and refreshments afterwards, the time commitment totals up to about an hour. Students are eager to not only get out of class but also to help people.

“I want to be a nurse and enjoy helping people,” senior Morgan Long said.

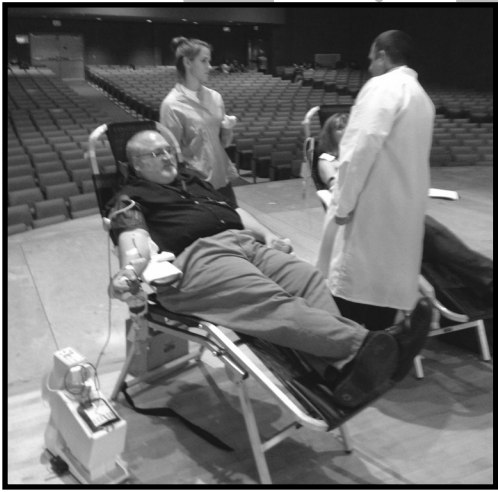
The first portion of the drive is to sign in and report to the volunteer. They measure heart rate and blood pressure to ensure that students are in good enough health to donate. The donation process is a lengthy one. After the health

check, there is a test taken on the computer to make sure the donor fits all other requirements necessary to donate blood. Even faculty donated at the event.

Once a spot is open, the donor is guided to a chair where he or she then gets blood drawn from them. The blood drive at Fleetwood was considered very successful. According to Michelle Zurawski, the Keystone Blood-Drive Center Resources Representative, there were sixty-one units of blood obtained. It is proven that each unit of blood can save three lives.

Through sixty-one donations, Fleetwood Area High School potentially helped save one 181 lives.

“I like the idea of saving someone's life,” school nurse Mrs. Bonnie Fansler said. Fleetwood will be hosting another blood drive this coming spring.



By Adam Buonasera

RANDOM CHEESE!

What Are Your Thoughts on Racism?



“I think it's bad.”
- Physics teacher Damien King



“There wouldn't have been racism in the first place if everyone lived in peace.”
-Julia Pickar



“No matter what people try to do about it, I don't think it will ever completely go away.”
-Laura Moran



“The color of your skin shouldn't matter.”
-Katie Lochman



Senior Brooke Schaeffer:
“I do not agree with it, and I think everyone should be treated equally.”
-Brooke Schaeffer



“Everyone should be treated equally.”
-Lacey Greiss

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