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## Forensic Science Evidence Proves Mostly Reliable

*Cop's & Courts*

Forensic science is defined as any branch of science, including physics, biology, or chemistry, that is used as proof or evidence in a court of law. Forensic scientists must collect, preserve, and analyze the data. While some scientists are out at the crime scene, others analyze the data in a larger laboratory. The data collection and the analysis are done by humans and computers alike, leaving some to question the reliability of the science.

Trials of drug dealers, murderers, and even mob bosses are sometimes lost by the prosecution due to the lack of reliable hard evidence, such as fingerprints or DNA. Scientists say that, with any science, there are mistakes that will be made.

"Forensic science is reliable to a point, but one can only expect mistakes to be made when the majority of the work is done by people, who can make mistakes," retired physics teacher Ann Bolek said.

There are many examples of how evidence has been reviewed and proven to be wrong or inconclusive. One of the prime examples is the case of Anthony Hinton, a man who was accused of murdering two fast-food managers. He was sent to jail when he was twenty-nine. He has since been released after a retrial at the age of fifty-eight after nearly thirty years of prison time on Death Row.

Hinton was kept in prison for nearly three decades for a crime he didn't

commit, something that forensic evidence could have easily proven, had the technology been available at the time.

"All they [the prosecution] had to do was test the gun," Hinton said.

In 2014, when a new appeal was ordered for Hinton, forensic experts tested the gun that he supposedly used in the kill-

ed for a conviction?

"Yes, of course, Forensic Science is reliable, when it comes to DNA fingerprinting and DNA analysis, but it may get a little sketchy when you start edging towards things not based entirely on science, such as hand-writing analysis," biology teacher Karen Favata said.

Scientists have developed a new version of traditional fingerprinting, in which they no longer look for shapes specific only to someone's fingerprint. Now they analyze each element of the DNA on a specific individual's finger. This increases the reliability of the information. The advancement of technology has allowed for Forensic Science to be more reliable.

"Though they are reliable, they are only reliable due to the technological advances that began in the mid-nineties, initiated by the infamous trial of O.J. Simpson," Favata said.

There is a publicly-funded organization known as the Innocence Project. Their mission is to fund the retrial for inmates who can give sufficient evidence supporting their innocence. Throughout the United States, over three hundred and thirty wrongly-convicted past inmates have been exonerated by retrial with the use of DNA evidence.

Modern Forensic Science is the most reliable evidence used in a court of law.

*By Eric Ebner*



ings and found that the gun did not match the killing, proving that Hinton was innocent. If the criminal justice system made one mistake on something as easily tested as ballistics from a gun, then what other mistakes could have been made with much harder to detect items, such as DNA or traditional fingerprints.

For generations, people have believed that fingerprints are unique to one, specific individual, but this has never been proven. How can someone be convicted and sentenced to imprisonment, or death without the necessary cold, hard facts need-

## SATs Set To Change In March 2016

*Academics*

Many have heard of the major changes coming to the SATs and PSATs in March. There are several changes. The scoring has changed as well as the essay.

Reading and math are still included in the test. A huge plot twist is an optional essay. Not only do the test administrators want to see bubbled-in answers, they want to see test takers support their answers as well.

The last change that happened to the test was back in 2005, when the essay was added and the scoring scale changed

drastically.

Some admissions offices feel like the information that is needed for these tests is just too much, and that is why a change was needed. Students, teachers, and schools all around are preparing for this change.

Some people are thinking positively, and some are not panicking yet but would like to run in the other direction.

"I'm jealous because I have heard they don't have to write an essay," senior Danielle Pysher, who has already taken the

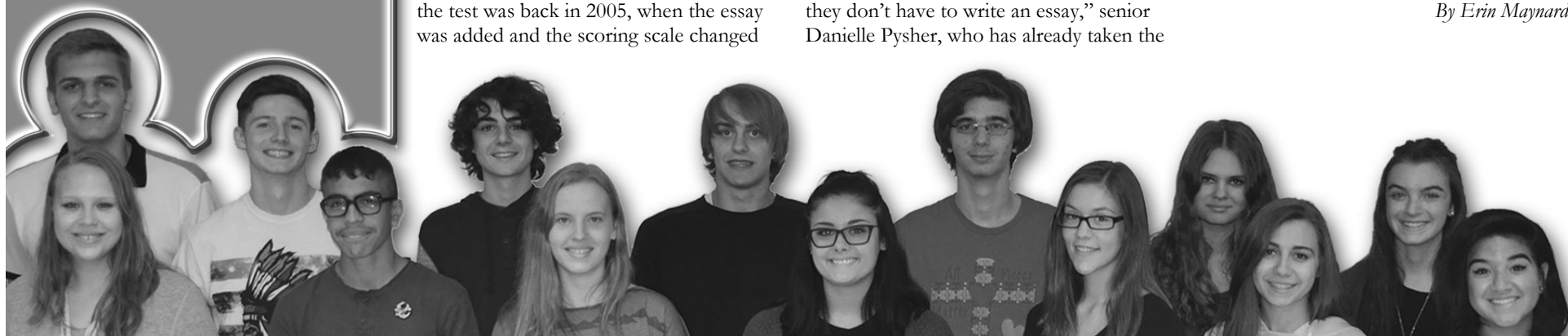
test, said.

Many students have already lived through the old version.

"It makes me really mad because they have a choice to not do the essay, which is not fair to the rest of us who have taken it," senior Shelby Dragon said.

Opinions are mixed for various reasons. This could mean that, if the test is made less difficult, students will have less difficulty getting into college.

*By Erin Maynard*



# ISS Monitor Participates in Lincoln Murder Trial Reenactment

Profile

Fleetwood Area High school in-school suspension monitor and historical reenactor, Mr. Mark Pflum participated in a recreation of the trial of the Lincoln conspirators. The trial took place on 20 June in Grant Hall, Fort McNair. That's 150 years after the trial took place, in the same room.

The reenactment was based on the 5,017 page transcript of the trial and lasted about two

hours long with one twenty minute intermission. It also featured a cast of forty-one members and twenty-one testifying witnesses, all of whom wore period correct attire. All props were supplied from the movie, "The Conspirator," which follows a similar plot.

The production focused upon the testimony relating to the night of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and emphasized the testimony that directly led to the conviction of the defendants.

"That night wasn't just what Booth did," Pflum said about the historical event.

Pflum preformed as the command-

er of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, Lt. Col. David R. Clendenin, who was also born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Pflum has been reenacting historic events since 1988 and considers himself to be a 'Civil War Artillery' specialist. He even owns a cannon, which he enjoys firing.

Even though Pflum did not have a speaking role at this event, he stressed that



he had a very enjoyable time.

"With the way that my seat was angled, I had the perfect chance to make silly faces at the defendants as they were speaking," Pflum said.

The event was planned and set up by the Confederation of Union Generals and was directed by Don Zigler.

By Connor Underkofler

# FAHS FBLA Meets Recruitment Goals

School

FBLA's (Future Business Leaders of America) new beginning sparks the annual FBLA recruitment drive. Fleetwood's FBLA goal for the recruitment drive was to acquire at least 72 members for the beginning of the new school year. This goal was surpassed with the recruitment of 91 current FBLA members.

FBLA is a nationally recognized club around the United States with a single purpose, which is to educate and prepare students to become greater employees and citizens in society. FBLA gives participants the opportunity to take part in a diverse quantity of community services.

Multiple FBLA members gave comments about the opportunities that FBLA provides.

"FBLA offers fundamental knowledge in leadership and basic business knowledge, while also providing the capacity to get involved in the community, spark new friendships and engage in activities of merriment," sophomore Jake McGarry said.

"FBLA also has really fun trips that you learn more about business and that you really enjoy when you are on them," sophomore Laura Kaskey said.

"It provides good network-

ing opportunities," sophomore Julia Donahoe said.

Besides the fun activities, FBLA is also a place for serious work to be done; each member has to select an event in which to compete for regional, state, and national recognition. Each contestant must put in a large amount of time and effort and show a great amount of dedication in order to win these events.

In addition to business teacher Kelly Ackerman's multitude of business classes, FBLA is an opportunity to gain influential knowledge in the ethics of business and to have a good time.

By Eric Ebner



# Oley Band Played with Fleetwood in Last Home Football Game

School

The Oley High School band will be playing alongside Fleetwood Area High School's band during the last home football game. Fleetwood Area Middle School's band will also be joining them. It is predicted that there will be around 150 to 180 youth playing in the stands.

Because Oley does not have a football team of their own, students who want to play football play for the Fleetwood team. Oley's band does not have the opportunity to play at football games, hence why Fleetwood has invited them to play during a game in order to provide them with such an experience.

"The Oley band kids don't have the excitement that comes with home football games," percussionist Adam Cook said. "That's one of the main reasons why I joined marching band."

This has only happened twice before, but the Fleetwood Band Director Charles Ebersole said that it is starting to become a yearly event.

"It's fun after the initial awkwardness fades and everyone relaxes and has a good time," band director Charles Ebersole



said.

Many students are looking forward to playing with Oley.

"It's cool being able to provide them with that experience, even if it is only for one home game," Cook said.

"I can't wait because my best friend from Oley is coming, and I'm excited to be playing with him," Anna Grayek said.

"I think it'll be very chaotic with so many people in the stands," trumpet player Jonathan Sanchez said. "At least we're not playing the field show with Oley."

By Adrian Alicea

# German Club Prepares Traditional Dish

School

German Club recently met up for its second meeting of the year. Among those who attended the most recent meeting were junior Max Ruemmler and junior Arthur Borodi.

According to German Club members, this was one of the most anticipated meetings in the club's recent memory because the subject of the meeting involved making a traditional German dish.

The main objective of this meeting was to make dampfnudel, which is a German pastry.

Dampfnudel is common in Germany, primarily its southern region and in parts of France as well.

All members reported to the Food Lab to prepare the dessert. The club was instructed by Pastor John Folk. Folk learned how to make dampfnudel, as well as lots of other information about German culture, while he stayed in Germany in the past.

Additionally, German Club's members were taught how to make a vanilla sauce to go with it. According to some of the students who were at the meeting, the Dampfnudel and vanilla sauce were both delicious.

Members of German Club are very excited for some upcoming events. Ruemmler said that he is looking forward to the Reading



Liederkrantz. All club members are invited to attend the Liederkrantz, which is in the first week of November.

Borodi said that he encourages new members to join. He said that the club offers several educational opportunities that are also fun and interesting to participate in. Ruemmler offered similar thoughts, saying the club's members, "learn a lot of things about the culture."

Any students who are interested in joining German Club should contact Mrs. Moll as soon as possible for more information.

By Owen Sandor



# FCT Opens Show

Recreation



The Fleetwood Area Community Theater has been around for twenty-nine years. They are a nonprofit organization that works with the community to put on productions for the public. They do not yet have a home of their own, so the plays are held at the St. Paul's church in Fleetwood and at Fleetwood Area High School. Many in the surrounding community are not fully aware of FCT.

"As an alumni of FASD who was active for many years in the arts, I really appreciate being able to participate in theatre productions after graduating. FCT has given me that place, and I don't want to

travel to Reading to do it," Secretary of Fleetwood Area Community Theatre Tara Sands said.

Becka Malanios is an actress that has been involved with FCT for six years.

"FCT is a great organization because the people who are involved are all team players. We all put on the shows that we do because it's fun. We help each other out, we take care of one another," Malanios said

By Erin Maynard

## Reading Hospital Hosts "Pink Power Night"

Health/Medicine

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Reading Hospital hosted "Pink Power Night" for the twenty-first time to acknowledge the survivors of Breast Cancer and to spread awareness. It is a night to not only celebrate the strong people who survived but also a night to remember those who didn't survive the battle.

This year's Pink Power Night took place on 13 October. Several professionals, including Michael Brown, Terrence Cescon, Michael Feightner, and Nick Leasure, were there to answer questions about breast can-

cer and also other types of cancer that usually affect women.

Annie Parker, a survivor of both breast and ovarian cancer, was one of the guest speakers and spoke about how the treatments have improved since her battle. She also spoke about the discovery of cancer being passed down through genes.

All in all, the night was very happy despite the sad topic and the few tears that were shed, but, most importantly, it spread awareness and knowledge.

By Skorpan Eriksson



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## Random Profile: Tyler Milligan

Profile

Tyler Milligan is a senior at Fleetwood Area High School and will be graduating with this year's 2016 graduates.

Milligan's plans after high school are to enlist in the Marine Corps. Following boot camp, he wants to be a computer systems administrator. Although he has a huge love for the military, his father does not approve. His passion is to serve our country, and he also has a love for computers.

"Well, he is a good friend of mine over the years and he is a humorous fellow with creative mind and heart," senior Brandon Maurer said.

Milligan came to Fleetwood in the second grade. He has a little brother and three dogs. Milligan's hobbies are building computers and seeing how they work. He also enjoys driving in his jeep for fun.

"Tyler is deceptively perceptive. Used properly, his insight into world events will serve him well in the future," social studies teacher Todd Weiss said.



He would love to be stationed in Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, South Carolina. In the Marines, he would like to be either a tank diver or an amphibious assault vehicle operator.

"Even though I would like to live in Jacksonville, it would be pretty cool to live in Camp Pendleton," Milligan said.

Milligan is a graduate at BCTC West. He is skilled in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. He earned

second place at Skills USA for HVAC.

"I think that is an awesome goal that Tyler wants to be a marine in the future," English teacher Mark Walter said.

"His greatest strength is having loads of energy and endurance," Weiss said.

His favorite place to vacation is Aruba because it is one of the happiest places to be.

By Emily Moyer

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# Fleetwood Tiger's Soccer Team Makes State Run

Sports

Both Fleetwood's boys' and girls' soccer teams have qualified for District Playoffs. The boys' team posted a 17-2 record between the regular season and County Playoffs, while the girls went 16-1-3. Neither team was able to capture a County championship this year, as both teams were eliminated in the semifinals.

"In order to get back on track, the team has to reignite the spark they had during the regular season," team captain Nick Matteo said.

"It's important to stay positive and move together as a team," midfielder Zach Wanner said.

The team got off to a good start in their pursuit of a second straight District title when they defeated Palmyra 1-0 in the first round. Junior Jeff Heffner scored the game's only goal to give Fleetwood the victory. They followed that with a 4-1 win against Berks Catholic, with all four of Fleetwood's goals being scored in the second half.

The girls' team was also looking to bounce back from a disappointing loss in Counties. They started off on the right foot. A 2-0 victory over Lancaster Mennonite,



with both goals scored by Junior Kortney Rentschler, and a 3-1 victory against Manheim Central have pushed them into the semifinals.

The end goal for both teams is to perform well enough in Districts to qualify for State Playoffs. In order to do so, the teams must finish third or better in Districts.

"The team's chemistry is one its biggest strengths. We need to work together and finish our shots," goalie Kyle Keirstead said.

With a trip to Hersheypark Stadium on the line, both of Fleetwood's soccer teams have to deliver at least one more win to extend their season into States.

By Owen Sandor

# "Take Me To" A Hozier Concert

Review

Andrew Hozier Byrne walked out onto the stage of Radio City Music Hall to an abundance of applause. He started strumming a lovely melody on his guitar that eventually turned it into his hit song, "Like Real People Do." His aura stretched out across the stage and the velvet recliners that the audience sat in. Hozier's incredible talent manipulated the crowd until they were swaying to the music.

Accompanying Hozier was his touring band, who was equally talented. His cellist, Alana Henderson, added a certain intensity to every song. She made a center-stage appearance alongside Hozier for his song, "In a Week," which tells a tale about two lovers who long for each other posthumously while the worms eat away at their decomposing bodies. Although an odd topic for a song, Hozier jubilantly explains his reasoning behind writing it.

The talkative Hozier continues to get the audience involved in his set. From clapping to attempting to sheepishly sing along with the soprano notes that Hozier is able to reach, the audience could not help but want to sit down and chat with him post-concert.

Towards the end of the concert, Hozier performed his popular single, "Take



me to Church." Radio City Music Hall reverberated with both Hozier's voice and the five thousand in attendance. It was an emotional moment. Those who are familiar with the video could not help but think of how it depicts the brutality and discriminatory attitude Russia has towards their LGBTQ community.

Fleetwood Teacher Sean Gaston often listens to Hozier in his TV Studio during free periods.

"I'm extremely jealous of anyone who got to see him," senior Maddie Wood said.

Hozier will be completing the rest of his tour all over the world and is expected to finish on 3 March at Volkswagen Arena in Istanbul.

By Adam Buonasera

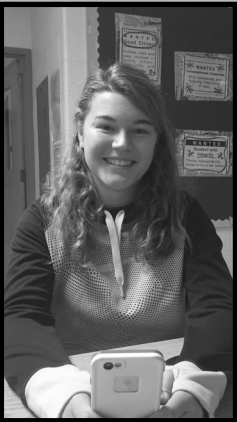
## RANDOM CHEESE!

### What Are You Doing After Graduation?



Senior Maddy Garcia: "I'm heading to Punta Cana for my senior graduation present."

Senior Malori Heffner: "I'm so excited for senior week."



Senior Megan Burkert: "I'm super excited since my mom and I will be heading down to Cancun for my graduation present."

Senior Juliet Cornell: "I plan to work more to save up for college, and sleep a lot before school starts."



Senior Natasha Torres: "I want to plan a trip with a bunch of friends to go to the beach, and at some point I will be visiting California."



Senior Morgan Long: "I have been excited for senior week since I first became a freshman."



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