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Blood Drive 2016 a Success

It only takes a pint of blood to save lives.

This year, the school blood drive was on 18 October. It was held in honor of Kiley Steward, a junior who tragically passed away right before the start of the school year.

Her class continues to remember her.

Miller Keystone, the local blood center, worked with Fleetwood Area High School to make the drive a success. Those working with donors had decades of experience.

If no health problems are present, it is a harmless procedure for all.

The drive will be repeated again in the spring. All students seventeen-years and older are encouraged to sign up. There is a simple questionnaire prior to donating. If all is well, the person in question will not be deferred and is deemed healthy enough to become a donor.

The blood will go to cancer patients, people who have survived traumatic injuries, anemic patients, and plenty of other people in need.

Another possibility, if one is strong enough, is to donate two units of red cells. Known as "double red," this procedure is

performed using a machine that keeps the red blood cells while returning the donor's original plasma and platelets. Special care is taken with those who undergo the double red procedure.

The American Red cross states that "For men, a donor must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5'1" tall. For women, a donor must weigh at least 150

pounds and be at least 5'5" tall. "This restriction ensures that the amount of cells taken are safe for the person donating to give.

No matter what a person gives, the effects are immediate and vital to people in need.

By Aubrey Reed



Freshman Field Trip Takes Sunny, Historical Journey

The annual ninth grade field trip to Gettysburg for 2016 took place on 14 October. It's roughly the fifth year they have been going on the trip. This year, approximately 200 students traveled about two hours to their first stop, where they would tour the battlefields.

On a two-hour guided tour, students were able to march like soldiers on the battlefield. The last thing they did before leaving was climb to the top of the Pennsylvania Monument. After the tour, students and staff headed to the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor's Center at Gettysburg National Military Park. There they first ate a picnic lunch outside, with the weather being nice.

The Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor's Center was designed and built in 2008 to provide a permanent home for the Gettysburg National Military Park's collection of Civil War artifacts. It also provides a comfortable environment where visitors can learn about the Battle of Gettysburg and the

causes and consequences of the American Civil War.

When first getting in the museum, students sat down and watched "A Birth Of New Freedom," a film narrated by Morgan Freeman and sponsored by The History Channel. The Cyclorama, a 360 degree painting, was the next

attraction students visited. It is the nation's largest painting that places visitors in the middle of Pickett's charge on the third day of the battle.

Lastly it was time for museum exhibits. The Gettysburg Foundation writes the following regarding the museum:

"Throughout the museum, visitors will find interactive and visual stations. Five of the galleries include short video presentations on the causes of the Civil War, the three days of the Battle of Gettysburg and the results of war, and two 'Voices' theaters feature readings from battle participants. Of the 12 galleries, 11 are based on phrases from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and organized

around the museum's major themes, including the Gettysburg Campaign, and the causes and consequences of the American Civil War."

By Keira Zeiber



Meditation a Great Stress Reliever for Anyone

How-To

Meditation is a complex, yet simple, way to achieve relaxation and serenity. Anyone can meditate.

Meditation can be performed anywhere that one feels comfortable enough to do so. Quiet is needed for some, while others prefer to meditate while listening to binaural beats.

Some of the benefits of meditation are being able to perform more diligently in school.

Meditating can also lead to more calm and aware behavior during class time.

"Meditation gets you more focused in your school work and more into your zone," sophomore Chloe Campbell said.

When meditating, it is understood that one should sit in an upright, lotus, or half lotus position.

The closing of the eyes is also recommended. Meditation can be as long as you'd like, as long as you are able to remain in a calm, mindless state.

Beginners may have difficulty remaining like this. However, a good way to prevent this is to breathe through the stomach and to basically "think of unthinking."

At first, silence is the best way to have a successful session. As one begins to have more experience, binaural beats can be introduced.

"It's a good way for people to center themselves. Students today are overly stressed, and that is a good way for them to calm and steady themselves," English teacher Sarah Wilkinson said.

Meditating is one of the most commonly used methods for ways of calm-

ing one's self and centering his or her thoughts. While meditating, a mat is sometimes recommended for usage.

Incense can be lit while practicing. However, one should always use caution when lighting the stick and always make sure to put out the flame once the session is complete.

One way students can utilize meditating to their advantage is to have a quick session before homework or before studying. Sessions can be as brief as ten minutes, so long as one feels that they have achieved the necessary steps to focus themselves.

"It can help kids cope with stress," junior Ruben Gomez said.



Meditation can be a good way to be more efficient and productive during class time.

By Morgan Althouse

Pink-Out Game Funds a Good Cause

Health/Medicine



On 14 October, Fleetwood had their annual Pink-Out football game. Fleetwood lost to Exeter, 42-0. Because Exeter is one of the top teams in the county, the Tigers played with an ability like no other. The team played with heart, and the sight of the score on the scoreboard was shocking for everyone.

As of now, the Fleetwood Tigers have a losing record with lingering hope for wins in the upcoming games. During the game, breast cancer awareness was supported by selling Pink-Out t-shirts, Fleetwood attire, and baked goods. In total, the program raised \$960

"Fundraising offers clear benefits to the programs receiving support. But, it is also empowering to participants - our catalysts for hope. It encourages outward focus while strengthening self-esteem. The more we come together to inspire hope in others, the more hope is inspired in us," fundraising manager at the National Breast Cancer Foundation Lori Ann Gilbert said.

By Anna Koehle

Henderson, Beloved Teacher, Retires

Profile

Over Ms. Henderson's many years teaching at Fleetwood, she developed a strong bond with her students and fellow staff members, becoming one of the most respected teachers in the school.

Henderson graduated from Exeter Township Senior High School in 1972 and obtained degrees from a variety of institutions, including her principal's certification from Temple University. The 2016 edition of the "Tiger Tale" was dedicated to Henderson and described her as having a "relaxed approach as an educator," maintaining the "highest set of expectations for her pupils," and having "unwavering dedication" and a "passion with which she regards education". Many students and teachers directly expressed their opinions on the former English teacher.

"I really miss Ms. Henderson. She was my mentor, and I always went to her for advice. School isn't the same without her," English teacher Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson said.

"She was my eleventh and twelfth grade teacher, and she was one of my primary inspirations for becoming a teacher myself. I thank her for forcing me to read Crime and Punishment for a self-selected book report," English teacher Mr. Zachary Houpp said.

"She was a great teacher, and you could tell she loved her job. She taught me a lot in one year, not just academically but in everything," Fleetwood graduate Rebecca Reinert said.

"She was one of the most understanding teachers I ever had. She wasn't afraid to make us work either. She would never give an answer until one of us tried to answer it first," senior Tyler Manmiller said.

During her career at Fleetwood, Ms. Ann Henderson left a positive impact on her students and coworkers. She prepared her students for the future as well as the best teachers, and she will be missed by those who were around her.

By Ben Schittler

Senioritis: Myth or Reality?

School

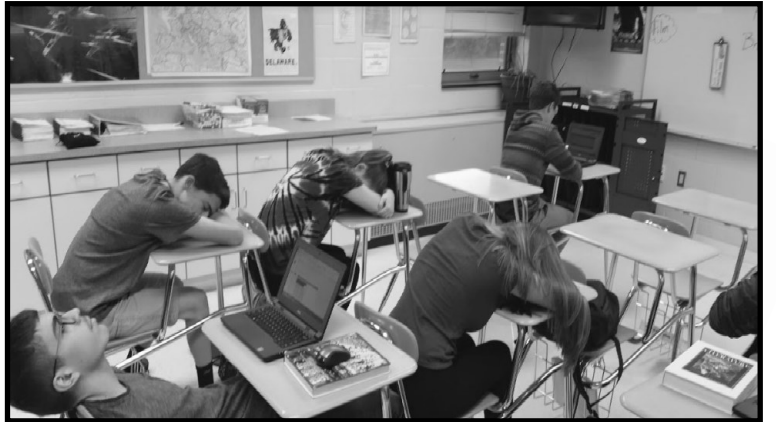
What is Senioritis? Senioritis is described by Google as "a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance."

Many high school students experience this decline in their final year. This happens more often after being accepted to college. They lack the motivation to keep their grades up, they lack the motivation to do their homework, and, most of all, they lack the motivation to show up to school. The students tend to think that, since they were accepted into a certain college, they can slack off and not worry about school any longer. They do not realize that a college has the right to revoke the student's acceptance.

"I think a big part of it is that the seniors are experiencing a change, and that is what causes them to be absent so often and miss a lot of school work," English teacher

Ms. Debra Mahnken said.

Students are expected to juggle the mundane school work of senior year and the process of finding and applying to colleges



all at once. It becomes overwhelming at a point, and that is when the students start to slack off on their work. Many students have been accepted to colleges, but they must not stop showing up to school and doing well with grades because, at any time, the school can take away their acceptance from those students.

By Mina Isaac

It's a Mistake to Give Climate Change the Cold Shoulder

Weather

One of the most important issues in politics and science right now is that of climate change. It seems like everyone has a slightly different opinion, but the facts do seem to outweigh the skepticism.

Over the last hundred years, the global average temperature has risen 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit. As of July 2016, each of the last 15 months have been the hottest on record. Results of this have been drastic. There have been changes in rainfall, which have led to more floods and droughts. There have also been more frequent and severe heat waves. In addition, oceans are warming and becoming more acidic, ice caps are melting, and, therefore, sea levels are rising. As it gets warmer, these changes are becoming more pronounced.

A record of Earth's climate has been made by scientists in order to determine past shifts in weather and climate. It does show that Earth's climate periodically

shifts, but most of the shift since the Industrial Revolution has been as a result of human activity, as opposed to natural changes beforehand.

The biggest cause of climate change is the greenhouse gas effect. Greenhouse gases, such as water vapor, carbon dioxide, and methane, trap heat in the atmosphere, and increased emissions of these gases increase the temperature on the Earth.

There are various other climate and environmental issues, including pollution and deforestation. Different people have different opinions on what is the most important environmental issue, as well as the causes of climate change.

"Climate change isn't due to man, it has more to do with natural causes," science teacher Mrs. Karen Favata said.

By Ben Schittler

New Season Dawns for Boys Basketball Team

Sports



The boys basketball team is starting up again. The season is looking exciting for the boys, as they come in as a very young team with a lot of experience and skill. Last year, the team only had two seniors, and one of them was out for the season, so the team really only played with one senior.

With open gyms underway now and tryouts coming soon, the coaches are keeping a close eye on all players and are checking to see who really wants to play for the team and who is there to just mess around.

“I feel really excited. The coaches are looking great, and the fans seem ready to cheer us on,” senior Broderick Allen said. Last season was rough for the boys team.

They finished 6-15 overall and 2-8 in the league. The boys look to have a much better season this year and focus on winning.

“They are going to do okay. They have the opportunity to do good this season, with a strong player like Nate Mercuri

who can lead the team to play better,” sophomore Jephthe Guillaume said.

“We are expecting to win the division, especially with a great senior like Brad Hook controlling the floor,” junior Nate Mercuri said.

The competition is just as difficult as it was last year, but the team believes that not only did they become better, they also became closer as well.

Everyone on the team is close and there isn’t much to worry about when it comes to working together. This is true because most of the kids on the team now have been playing with each other their whole lives.

The coaches believe the talent is there, but with all the young players, they need to focus more on the mental components of the game and make sure everyone that is in the game knows what to be doing at all times.

By McKenah Rapposelli

LGBT Community Confronts Blood Donor Controversy

Health/Medicine

Up until 2015, gay and bisexual men were barred from donating blood for life. This was said to prevent the spread of HIV; however, the FDA allowed women who had had intercourse with an HIV-positive man to donate after waiting a year.

This created significant controversy in both blood drives and the LGBT community as a whole.

After several organizations were formed to protest these policies, such as Banned4Life, the ban was finally amended. Men could donate a year after their last sexual contact with another man.

People celebrated this small victory but kept quiet until the horrific Orlando shooting earlier this year.

Blake Lynch, a former leader of Banned4Life, spoke up.

“As a registered nurse, I know the importance of donated blood. It can save the lives of people with traumatic injuries, and during tragedies like Sunday’s [June 12, 2016], donation centers are stressed and often lack what they need to treat the

wounded. But many of the people who felt the tragedy most closely can’t offer their help,” Lynch said.

The FDA’s cautious rejection of gay men is not without past merit. HIV has historically been more prevalent in the gay community. The problem is that the universal ban was accepted long before HIV testing was standard in all blood donation centers.

Today, the risk is far less than it was decades ago. Many people who never would have been able to donate before now can easily. Proponents like Lynch argue that the

rejection based solely on sexual orientation no longer fits in with the science of modern society.

The issue even touches Fleetwood. The yearly blood drive may not allow healthy young students who fill out the pre-donation questionnaire honestly to help people in need.

By Aubrey Reed-Roland

Reading Faces Decriminalization of Marijuana Possession

Cops and Courts

America approaches a climax of fear, fueled by shooting deaths of unarmed men, heroin overdoses, and an opioid crisis. The people look for changes but are afraid to embrace them. The legalization of Marijuana is one of these changes that the American populace has considered.

Still, this idea shocked people when it was abruptly proposed in Reading, PA, in order to decriminalize marijuana use and possession.

This ordinance would change the punishment from criminal to civil penalties, similar to the punishment of parking violations.

This new ordinance would affect the possession of less than or equal to thirty grams of marijuana, the possession of Paraphernalia associated with its use, and smoking Marijuana in a public place

Police would, instead of arresting an offender, give him or her a ticket or a fine no less than seventy-five dollars and no more than one hundred dollars. This punishment is based closely on the law pertaining

to having an open alcoholic container in public. This would prevent any criminal sanctions on the offender or their parents/guardians.

The decriminalization of the drug would stop those caught using marijuana from suffering the consequences and repercussions that may affect them later in life. With this new ordinance, offenders will no longer face discrimination for employment, college loans, college enrollment, or renting apartments.

Dona Reed, who proposed the ordinance, believes that decriminalizing small amounts of marijuana will save the city up to two hundred thousand dollars in policing costs.

This saved money could instead empower the government of Reading to make real changes to combat the hard-drug problem gripping not only the city but also the state.

By Eric Ebner

Fleetwood Students Start Computing club

School

Computing club is a new addition to the plethora of clubs at Fleetwood Area High School. Mr. Farr is the new club’s advisor.

The computing club competes in multiple competitions. Learning different programming languages is just one of many skills acquired when attending club meetings.

This new club helps significantly when wanting to continue learning in the software engineering field. Computing club can also help in the computer science field. Their meetings take place after school.

“The more clubs that meet students needs, the better,” science teacher Mr. Mark Coassolo said.

Not only does this club offer a more in-depth understanding of computers, it can aid also students in choosing college majors.

“We discuss our competitions and

elaborate to further our knowledge in computer science,” club president Kyle Keirstead said.

Some skills acquired in this class are problem solving, programming, and

learning the languages of programming, such as C++.

“Anyone who is willing to join can do it,” Keirstead said.

The computing club meets every Monday after school.

The computing club competes in several competitions in The American Computer Science League (ASCL).

This year, the ACSL has over 200 teams competing from many different countries.

The computing club will be participating in the Cyber Security Awareness week. It is the nation’s largest student run event.

By Morgan Althouse

Safe Trick-or-Treat 2016 a Scary, Charitable Time

School News

The Safe Trick-or-Treat was held on 26 October from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the High School. Parents could bring their children for \$5.00 per trick-or-treater; the money was donated to *The American Cancer Society*. “We’re absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to host the Safe Trick or Treat this year for *The American Cancer Society*,” Jonathan Sanchez, a senior who was helping out with the event, said.

Sanchez was in one of the rooms handing out candy to the trick-or-treaters.

Besides trick-or-treating, participants also could go in the cafeteria to deco-

rate a cookie with icing and sprinkles. They could also get a pumpkin to decorate; there were markers and paint to use.

There were two students doing face-painting for kids; one of them was Samantha Evans.

“I like helping out with the Safe Trick-or-Treat because it’s for a great cause and it’s something for kids to do,” Evans said.

For an extra dollar, kids could go into the haunted house, where they could be scared by students and staff.

By Keira Zeiber

Clown Rumors Run Amok

Cops & Courts

There have been many clown sightings around local cities and towns. Although there has not been anyone hurt by any of these clowns, the people that have seen them do feel threatened. There is one student in Fleetwood who has claimed to see one.

"I have never been more scared in my life. I ran as fast as my little legs would let me," freshman Max LaFranchise said.

People claim that they have seen clowns around Fleetwood, but this was the only sighting that was reported to the police.

This scenario has taken over the Internet, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media.

The sightings are all over the U.S. Some people go "clown hunting," looking for these clowns that are roaming around the community along with many others.

Then there are other people that just sit in their houses and don't go outside and put their lives in danger. Plus, there are the select few that just don't care or believe

in the clowns.

There was supposedly a "murder" by a clown in Reading. After further investigation on the topic, it was revealed that a clown was not the murderer of the young child.

Actual working clowns are very fed up with this situation because it is giving them a "bad wrap." They say that clowns should not be feared and that they should be enjoyed around the community.

It is very hard to enjoy a clown when some of them are running around disturbing families in their own homes and apparently writing school threats on social media.

Some schools have actually cancelled school due to the clown threats on Facebook and Twitter. Most of the people that started the threats have been found, but it is nothing to take lightly. School threats are no joke in today's society.



Fleetwood Catches Sight of *Fiddler on the Roof*

Arts/Entertainment

Each year, the Fleetwood choral and theater program offers a trip to New York City to see a show on Broadway. This year's performance was *Fiddler on the Roof*.

This spectacular show was a great opportunity to show the theater students a professional musical before they perform their own for the school. Students attended a workshop and had time to explore the city before and after the show.

During the workshop, everyone was split into two groups. One group was in one room, the other group was in the other room. Each instructor took the students through a series of warm-up exercises and group acting activities.

It was a good way to bond with one another. Even if a student didn't know



someone, he or she still was involved and able to know their peers.

After the exercises and activities, all the students were combined into one room, and they were able to talk and question one of the Broadway actors in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

His main lesson was to accept failure because nobody is perfect and not everything works out for everyone. He also talked about confidence and being yourself, which really hit home for some people.

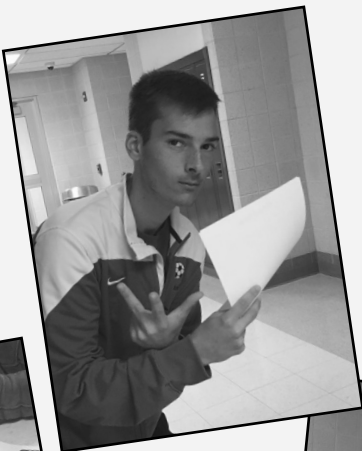
"Seeing him perform in the show was a phenomenal experience, and knowing we met him was pretty cool," senior Elizabeth Horinka said.

By Rayanna Celmer

Random Cheese

What is your favorite thing about Fall?

"Wearing long sleeved shirts and jeans," senior Zach Heller said.



"The weather," freshman Aaron Poper said.



"The election," freshman Noah Hottel said.



"Everything," sophomore Lia Bennicoff said.



"I'm not very fond of fall," senior Elizabeth Horinka said.



"Not having to mow the grass as often," junior Lydia Atkins said.

By Ripley Price

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