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Homecoming 2017 Arrives

School

Fleetwood Area High School's 2017 Homecoming celebrations occurred two weeks ago, and students and staff have been hard at work preparing long before then. Preparations occurred to ensure that this year's celebrations were memorable and everlasting. Homecoming Week's festivities included the fashion-oriented Spirit Week, the annual pep rally and Powderpuff game, and the crowning of the homecoming king and queen at halftime of Sunday's varsity football game. Fleetwood's royalty for this year are Laura Kaskey and Shawn Bessey.

Spirit Week began on Monday, 2 October and continued until Friday, 6 October. Friday was also the day of the annual pep rally and Powderpuff game, which are traditional Homecoming favorites among Fleetwood students.

Several varsity sports teams had home games on Saturday, 7 October. Girls' soccer took on Oley Valley at 2:00 p.m., and football challenged Daniel Boone at 7:00 p.m. At halftime, the 2017/18 Homecoming King and Queen was announced. This year's aspiring royalty included Kaili Brinker, Sarah Crissman, Emily DeLozier, Chantel Cobb, and Laura Kaskey, all hoping to win the title of Queen; not to mention, Shawn Bessey, Ryan Miller, Shawn Fortna, Nate Mercuri, and Ben Haas competing for King.

Perhaps the most appealing and anticipated parts of every year's Homecoming celebrations are the Variety Show and pep rally. The Variety Show consists of several skits or performances staged by each class in relation to their hallway themes. After all the performances have



concluded, they are judged and points awarded to each class based on the final rankings.

The pep rally, barring any potentially disparaging weather, takes place in the stadium. Its events include Musical Squares, Tug of War, The Hula Hoop Race, and Balloon Stomp. In addition to the games, fall sports teams are recognized at this time.

After the pep rally, students have the opportunity to cheer on their classmates in the Powderpuff game.

Friday's homecoming celebrations were far from over after school let out. The annual homecoming parade took place across Fleetwood at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade was a bonfire at the Fleetwood Park.

As is the case every year, every day of Spirit Week has its own unique theme. For the 2017/18 school year, the individual themes are as

follows:

- Monday, 2 October - Purple and Teal Day
- Tuesday, 3 October - International Day
- Wednesday, 4 October - Hat Day
- Thursday, 5 October - Class Distinction Day
- Friday, 6 October - Red and White Day

In addition to Spirit Week, each class was hard at work decorating its hallways for the homecoming week. The themes for each hallway are as follows:

- Starbound Seniors
- Juniors' Journey
- Sophomore Scare Floor
- Freshman Pacman

The hallways, similarly to the variety show, are judged upon completion, and points are awarded to each class based on the overall score their hallway was awarded by the judges. The contest to be crowned Homecoming King and Queen this year was a close one. All of the members of the Homecoming Court have been heavily involved with the school and local communities for years and have consistently maintained positive relationships among their peers. "Homecoming is my favorite time of the year. It's a time to celebrate sports teams, friends, and spirit. For once, everyone comes together to compete and have fun. I love it!" Homecoming Queen Laura Kaskey said.

By Zach Slusser

Field of Screams Begins 2017 Scare

Holiday

Do you like to have your pants scared off? If so, Field of Screams may be right for you!

Initially founded by brothers Gene and Jim Schopf in 1993, Field of Screams features four separate haunted attractions: The Haunted Hayride, The Nightmare Asylum Haunted House, The Den of Darkness Horror Barn, and The Nocturnal Wasteland Haunted Trail.

They were the first businessmen to use the name "Field of Screams," and ever since, it has become a popular name for other businesses, despite other businesses not being affiliated with the brothers' organization.

There are three different types of passes to use in order to enter the attraction.

The Double Combo, where one may visit two out of four attractions, costs \$29 per person. The Triple Combo, where one may visit three, costs \$32 per person. And

lastly, the Scream Pass, where one has the opportunity to visit all four of the attrac-

tion, which instantly flourished. They then added the Den of Darkness to their attraction in 1995, created from one of their family's barns.

There are also job opportunities to become a scare actor at Field of Screams. "Becoming a scare actor at Field of Screams is a ton of fun. It is very rewarding when you scare someone and see their reactions. It is also much more demanding than most people think. Sometimes it is hot, and some of the nights are very long. But in the end, the more people you have to scare, the better," co-owner of Field of Screams Jim Schopf said.

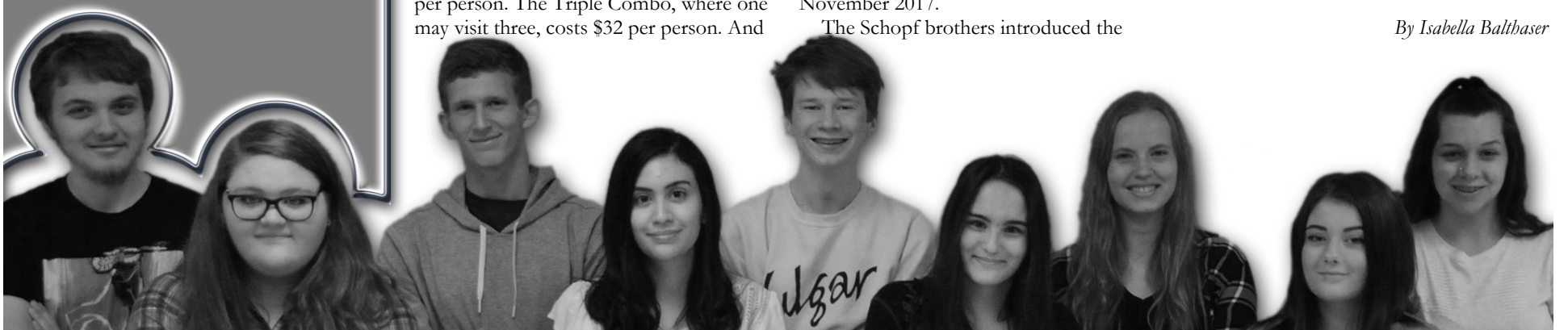
If you wish to attend Field of Screams, you should expect to get scared out of your wits.

tions, costs \$34 per person.

It is also recommended to visit their one-night only Extreme Blackout Night on 10 November 2017.

The Schopf brothers introduced the

By Isabella Balthaser



FAHS Library Set To Change

School

The high school library is about to become so much more for students, both current and incoming.

Mr. Kirby Barnett, the school librarian, has begun very early stages of work on a proposal for the school board to enact a five-year conversion of the library into an all-purpose multimedia space. The goal is to create a space where students cannot just check out books and do research but also to 3D print and create media, as opposed to simply consuming it.

Mr. Barnett also has a model/map of the current layout of the library and the proposed changes to help him and the school board visualize the proposed changes.

Some changes have already taken place, with Mr. Gaston's TV Media equipment

pletely unrecognizable.

"I still want the books to be here, and I still want the student's Internet resources to be here, but I want to add to those things," Barnett said.

"I think it'll be a good thing for future students because it adds a technological edge to the learning environment," senior Joshua

Nasados said.

This "edge" can then trickle down and be the beginning of the district taking bigger leaps into having a more technological and modern learning environment.

By Mason Harris



being moved to a specific room in the library, including cameras and sound equipment. Some Apple Mac computers with Adobe editing software have also been set up in the library for the use of all students.

But students should not be expecting the library to become something com-

Eating Vegan Has Benefits

Health/Medicine

People who follow a vegan diet display lower cholesterol and lower blood pressure. They also have a less likely chance of getting colon and prostate cancer, as well as a decreased rate of ischemic heart disease.

Veganism is a dietary lifestyle that, after much research, is found to be beneficial in many ways. Going vegan can help one's health in a gargantuan way. Vegan foods are often lower in both cholesterol and calories.

Veganism is not limited to just health benefits; every hour, 500,000 animals are killed in the USA alone for the meat industry. By going vegan, an individual saves up to 200 animals a year.

Eating meat has been proven to be detrimental to the environment as well. Nearly 20% of man-made pollution comes from slaughterhouses. This can lead to greenhouse gases being released into the air.

The grain that is used to feed livestock could feed 1.3 billion people. Moreover, 80% of the cases of food poisoning are from infected meat.

"It takes 2,500 gallons to make just one pound of meat. On the other hand, it only takes twenty-five gallons of our valuable water to grow one pound of wheat," theflamingvegan.com writes.

Protein can be obtained by eating nuts, certain fruits, and vitamins that can be bought at most shopping markets.

By Morgan Althouse

SeaWorld's Treatment of Animals Causes Controversy

Environment

Thirty-seven orcas have died at SeaWorld. None of them died from old age. All orcas that have been confined in SeaWorld have died before the age of thirty.

Recent controversy over the reproduction of these giant mammals in captivity has generated a new question: *Is SeaWorld's care for their orcas adequate enough for these animals to live long and healthy lives?*

In the wild, orcas can live to be 100. In captivity, however, the average age of deaths at SeaWorld is 13. The main cause of death for these whales in captivity varies. Tilikum, the infamous Orca, died from bacterial pneumonia. In July, the last Orca that was born in captivity, Kyara, died from the same infection as Tilikum.

These whales can swim up to 100 miles a day in the wild. That would mean that they would need to swim 3,105 lengths around the largest tank in SeaWorld to achieve this.

Animals who are not willing to live together are forced in tight spaces with each

other. This causes fights that can turn deadly. The orca Kandu died after attacking another orca. She bled out after colliding with Corky.

Additionally, many trainers in the marine park have had little to no prior training in the marine biology field. They do not educate their presenters about these animal's social structures, vocalizations, eating habits, intelligence, and many other topics relating

to orcas.

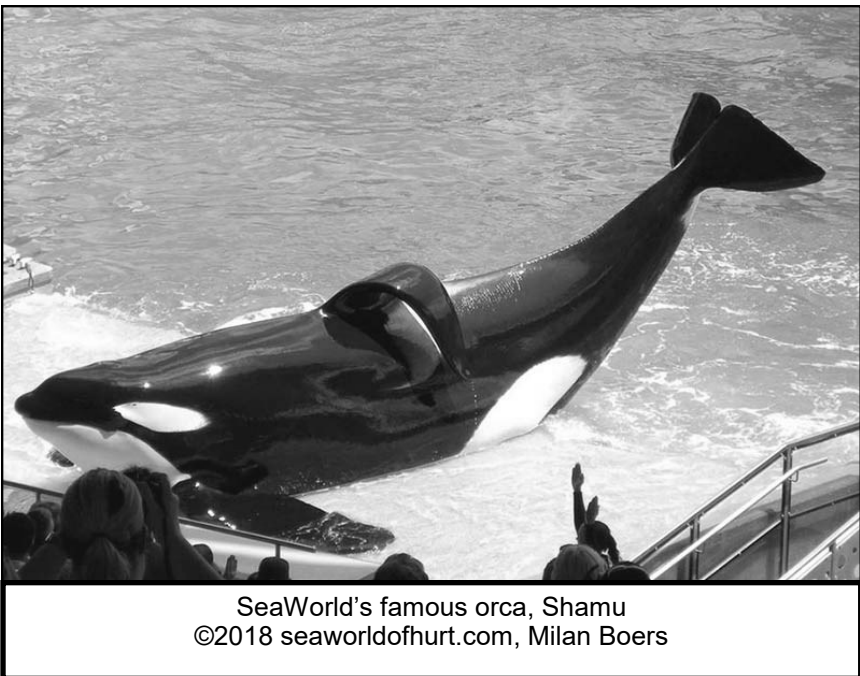
Many lawsuits and complaints have been filed in response to evidence showing mistreatment of SeaWorld's animals. In 2014, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) filed a complaint to the USDA asking to make SeaWorld provide protection for orcas against the hot sun.

In 2012, the USDA issued a warning to Seaworld for the failure to supply drain covers for some of their tanks. This was the result of a sea lion trapping itself and dying.

Many more cases have been brought to light in regards to SeaWorld being unable to care for its animals.

"I believe that SeaWorld should provide the best care possible for their orcas. I do not feel like they should be in captivity as well," junior Savannah Lopez said.

By Morgan Althouse



SeaWorld's famous orca, Shamu
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Recycling Helps

Environment

Recycling has been around for years, and it's definitely influencing the environment.

Thirty of the nation's one hundred largest cities have mandatory recycling. Mandatory recycling only began in January of 2006. Since then, recycling rates have increased.

Mandatory recycling mostly affects businesses. Enforcement on this in the workplace must be implied because there is a law published making it mandatory.

"Nearly 70 million tons of material are kept away from landfills each year thanks to recycling," Laura Carusco of The National Recycling Coalition stated.

Officials in New York City originally believed that mandatory recycling was a drain on the city because it cost 40 million dollars. Then, New York did more research, realizing that there is a more designed, efficient recycling system that could save the city over 20 million more dollars! Now, New York City has signed a twenty-year recycling contract.

By Elyse Essick

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Adams and Birckbichler Named September Students of the Month

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Courtney Birckbichler and Shea Adams were chosen as the students of the month for September 2017. Adams wants to join the army and aim for either combat engineering or CBRN recon. “I try to do as much as I can with the military and po-



lice,” Adams said. Birckbichler would like to major in early childhood education or elementary education. Adams volunteers for Reading Recycling and with the police. Birckbichler volunteers in 4-H camp and Sewing Club, *Girl Scouts*, and the *Relay for Life* at Daniel Boone. Adams’ parents are Ruby Adams Heffner and

Jeffrey Heffner. Birckbichler’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Birckbichler. One person Adams admires is Captain Greg Rubright, his squadron commander. He likes that he can stay calm and remain on topic. Birckbichler admires her brother Justin, who had testicular cancer and luckily survived through it. She really liked the way he stayed positive and used humor to overcome it.

By Amber Weiss

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Health/Medicine

The beginning of breast cancer awareness month starts every year around October. Fundraisers are raising money, and patients become survivors everyday. Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant cells form in the tissue of the breast. One in eight women within the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. This particular kind of cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Risk factors of breast cancer include high number of menstrual cycles, childlessness, radiation, diet, obesity, and alcohol consumption. There are a lot of risk factors of breast cancer that can be prevented. All women by the age of 40 should be thinking about receiving a mammogram. Getting a mammogram might be scary for some, but it is an amazing method to detect breast cancer in its early stages and get the treatment that is needed right away. Since mammograms can’t detect breast cancer 100% of the time, some other methods include, digital mammograms, a sonogram, an ultra-

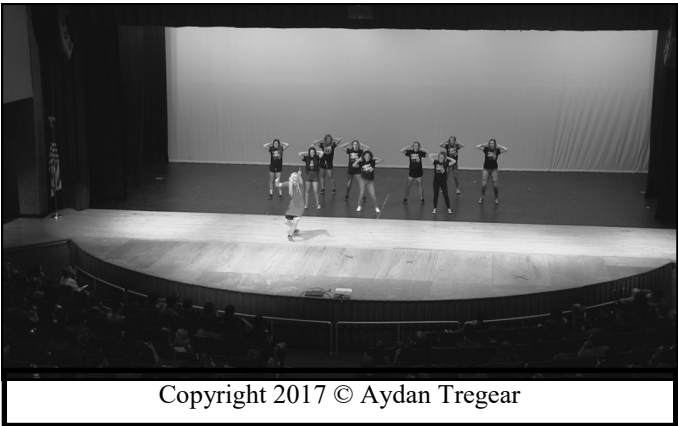
sound, or a biopsy. There are 4 major kinds of breast cancer. These include inflammatory breast cancer, unknown primary, Paget’s disease of the breast, and cystosarcoma phyllodes. They are all very different forms of breast cancer with very different warning signs for which all should be alert. The support breast cancer receives daily is amazing. Breast cancer always has spectacular fundraisers like 5k runs and the sale of certain items like candles and bags. Fleetwood Area High School English teacher, Ms. Debra Mahnken, has done fundraisers, participating in the 5k runs numerous times. Mahnken and other Fleetwood Area High School teachers have had family members with the disease and see breast cancer and breast cancer awareness very important and scary. Overall, Breast cancer and breast cancer awareness is all about health and support. The month of October will be filled with survivors dressed in pink.

By Elyse Essick

Nasados Siblings Steal Variety Show

School
At the Fleetwood Area High School Homecoming Variety Show, two student’s performances stuck out, performances that are sure to become legendary in the years to come. These performances were by beloved members of the student body, Joshua and Veronica Nasados.

But why and how did these two come to be in the variety show? To start off, Josh’s story was one of pure circumstance. He had to stay after to school to do some work for Mrs. Ackerman, and, while there, he was convinced by another student to go to the student council meeting for the show. When he arrived at the meeting, the idea came up for him to be an integral part of the senior’s segment: dancing in a dress to Nicki Minaj’s popular track, “Starships.” According to Josh Nasados, the impetus of the dress idea was to, “embody the essence of Minaj herself.” Josh picked up the dress for a mere \$7.00 at a local Goodwill.



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As for Veronica Nasados, it was more of a spur of the moment decision, as was her now infamous onstage dance. And while her brother was nervous about going on stage, she was not. To answer the question of which sibling outshined the other, the student body seems to have a definite favorite, and it is Veronica. A Twitter poll resulted in her winning with 66% of the votes. The amount of cheers for Veronica Nasados were immense,” senior Matt Cammarano said. The siblings seem to be on the same page themselves, both feeling Veronica outshined her older brother.

By Mason Harris

Our 2016 Season

Spring Show
Greater Tuna
Directed By Jeff Jones
March 3, 4, 5, & 6

Spring Junior Production
Big Bad Musical
Director position open
June

Summer Musical
THE PRODUCERS
Directed By Tara Sands
July 21, 22, & 23

Fall Show
Love, Sex, & The I.R.S.
Directed by Brian Miller
October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30

Junior Holiday Show
I Hate Christmas
Director: TBA
December

Talent Contest
August

Spaghetti & Song
Directed By Jeannette DeAngelo
September 30 & Oct 1

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Beloved Oley Turnpike Dairy to Close

Recreation

The Oley Turnpike Dairy was established in June of 1970. In 1991, the zoo welcomed two baby calves. Now, in 2017, the zoo contains sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, birds, and monkeys.

Today, the farm contains over 80 animals that welcome guests everyday. The Oley Dairy also offers the Fall Fest that started in the mid-1900s. When the Fall Fest just began, it only had a hayride and a small hand built maze. Now, the Fall Fest includes 20 acres for the hayride, a play area, corn maze, and, of course, the zoo.

The Oley Dairy farm also contains the Country Diner. The diner was established in the year 2000. The Country Diner serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It also includes an ice cream parlor that has thirty different flavors for an afternoon treat.

The animals that are kept there are sweet and welcoming. As one walks in to visit the animals, the farm offers food so customers can feed certain animals. Also, as you leave the farm, there is a bottle of hand sanitizer so visitors can kill the germs from petting the animals.

Sadly, a former worker was informed in October that the business will be closing down. According to reports, the owner has passed away, and no one will be taking her place. The animals will be sold.

This was very sad to hear, considering the Oley farm has been around for years, welcoming families from all around. The farm was near and dear to many people, and it will certainly be missed by many.

By Elyse Essick



Trump Administration Threatens DACA Repeal

Politics

The Republican Party is threatening to repeal DACA. DACA, or *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*, was created under Obama in 2012 to protect undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States unwillingly as children by their parents. If DACA is repealed, more than 780,000 “Dreamers” are in fear of deportation.

In his campaigns while running for president, Trump “promised” to end DACA when he arrived in office. In the awakening of protests and marches against the repeal of

DACA, Sen. Thom Tillis introduced his Conservative Dream Act. This would allegedly provide a pathway to citizenship for as many as 2.5 million young undocumented immigrants, but it is long and involves “extreme vetting.”

DACA was designed to help immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before 2007 and before they were 16. With this, they can apply for work and attend schools in the United States. They have to have a high school diploma and a mostly clean criminal

record. Recipients of DACA are lawfully present in the U.S./ but they do not have any legal status.

The Trump administration announced last month that DACA would be ending in March. They hope to call on Congress to pass a more permanent fix. They said they would continue to process initial applications that were already pending and renewal applications. With the deadline looming, legal clinics on college campuses have boosted efforts to help “Dreamers”.

Attorneys are encouraging anyone whose DACA expires before March 5 to complete their renewal. “The Niskanen Center reviewed the potential economic benefits. They estimate that eligible recipients would help create 115,000 new jobs and contribute \$200 billion to federal, state and local governments.

By Jayra Chavarria

Random Cheese

What is your favorite thing about Winter?

“Nothing,” senior Zach Warren said.



“Honestly, I hate winter because it's all cold and stuff, and I hate the cold and stuff,” senior Josh Nasados said.



“The cold,” senior Karlee Rapp said.



“Sports,” sophomore Trent Gehring said.



“Snowmobiling” senior Emily Pinnix said.

By Ripley Price

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