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German Club Makes Gingerbread Houses

School

Fleetwood's German club will be etched into the school's history for spreading German culture. In late December, the club met for a Christmas celebration of Gingerbread house creation.

On Thursday, 20 December, the Fleetwood Area School District German Club met to continue their long-standing holiday custom. Again this year, they created fanciful gingerbread houses in the German tradition.

German brothers Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm are credited for creating the concept of a "gingerbread house" made of breads, cakes, and candies. The Brothers Grimm were born and raised in Germany; they collected and published over 200 fairy tales. Among them is the world-famous "Hansel and Gretel." This is the story of two little children who are left in the woods to die. Instead, they happen upon a house made entirely of bread and sweets. Today, families in Germany create replicas of the witch's gingerbread house.

Frau Moll, FASD German teacher, has

been making gingerbread houses with her German classes and German Club since she came to Fleetwood in 2012.

"It's a fun, creative, and tasty way to recognize another Christmas tradition whose origins are German," Moll said.

"This meeting was really fun, and I met new people," 10th grader Kylie Frain said.

The favorite part of the event for sophomore Brooke VanBilliard was the company.

"It's always great to spend time bonding with my friends," VanBilliard said.

"It's fun to be creative while decorating the gingerbread houses," sophomore Allen Lee said.

"It's great to take part in this German tradition...and get to eat a bunch of candy!" sophomore Sean Kershner said.

The German Club includes students in grades 6-12 and meets once a month at the middle school. See Frau Moll for more information about joining the German Club.

By Aaron Poper



Samantha Kranis and Joshua Legget Chosen as December Students of the Month by High School Faculty

School

Every month, two senior students are selected by staff as Students of the Month. For the month of December, seniors Joshua Leggett and Samantha Kranis were selected.

Both students are well-deserving of the award and recognition they've received.

Joshua Leggett, the male Student of the Month, is also highly involved in his extracurricular activities and church groups. These groups include Fellowship of Christian Students, Out-Reach, Interact, and the Dignity Revolution program with Bob Lenz. Josh also volunteers with Local Go Group, street ministry, Faith kitchen, and Hope Rescue Mission. In his free time, Josh enjoys visiting patients at Reading Hospital. After high school, Josh feels as though God is leading him to sharpen the gifts given to him through courses provided by the Ministry Leadership Program.

Samantha Kranis is the female recipient of the award for December and is highly involved in her extracurricular activities. She helps out with Angel Donations and the schools blood drives, and is a part of Health Occupations Students of America. She also volunteers with food and clothing drives. Samantha plays softball for the high school. After high

school, Samantha would like to attend college to study biology with an emphasis on the molecules of cells and later hopes to get into med school to become a pediatric oncologist. Samantha's biggest role model is her sister, who guides her and has never ceased helping her through life.

Students who receive the Student of the Month award are given a special parking spot for the month of their prize as

well as a gift card to a place of their choice. Every month, two senior students are selected by staff as Students of the Month. For the month of December, seniors Joshua Leggett and Samantha Kranis were selected.

By Aydan Tregear



Girls Basketball Expected to End at Top of Division

Sports

The Fleetwood girls basketball team is ready for the upcoming season. The team planned to use tenacious defense and a determined mindset to end at the top of the division. Jason Guarente of the Reading Eagle spelled out the Tigers' defensive game plan and calls junior Michaela Kaskey a player to watch out for this season. Coach Kellett also thought Kaskey could contribute.

"I would say Michaela Kaskey would be our leading scorer when the season ends," Coach Kellett said.

The girls have Rebekah Earnest and Kayla Schlegel, both seniors, next in line to lead the scoring. Junior Michaela Kaskey remains humble, attributing scoring to great team chemistry.

"We have great chemistry on and off the court. Everyone can depend on each other for anything, which sets us apart from a lot of other teams," Kaskey said.

Kellett added that the team is at its best when everybody on the floor is sharing the ball and taking the correct shots. A team-oriented, selfless attitude will be the girls' key to success on offense.

More so than the offensive part of the

game, the team is focusing on their defense.

"We have spent a lot of time focusing on our defense," Coach Kellett said.

The team has a mindset of scoring just one more point than the other team. The girls' team has been strong defensively for a few years. They have held opposing teams to under forty points a game in each of the last two seasons. The team will look to continue this type of defense to end up where they expect to.

The team has expectations to end the season at the top of the division.

"This season, our division appears to be on much more of an even competitive level," Coach Kellett said, adding that they have a good chance to end up being the winners of the division.

Berks Catholic lost a few key pieces but is still a contender, and Twin Valley has a lot of talented individuals, making them a key player in the division. Fleetwood looks to use their preparation, defense, and unselfish offense to compete for a division title this season.

By Samuel Schappell

Annual Blurb Workshop Held on 13 December

School

"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on," country author Louis L'Amour said.

Blurb is a writing workshop that promotes inspiration through themes and key words. This year, Blurb took place on 13 December.

The theme surrounding Blurb was the journey one faces throughout life. These annual writing workshops help aid the creation of Artifact, a fine art and literary magazine.

"Being one of the head editors for Artifact, Blurb allows the discovery of writers who may not have normally spoken up to display their work. Blurb's environment is very calming to attendees and really provokes a thought-producing vibe. Blurb's theme really gets you thinking," senior Addison Procak said.

At this year's Blurb, attendees were greeted at the door with a low-light setting and

thoughtful music. Multiple tables with writing prompts, and thought-inducing props were also on display.

Many students and teachers attended Blurb.

"Because of the various creation stations, everyone has the chance of finding at least one that can motivate and inspire them to create some form of writing," English teacher Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson said.

"Blurb gets people to think in ways that one usually wouldn't think," Senior Grace Hess said.

Blurb writing submissions serve as Artifact contenders. Artifact, a fine literary and art magazine, comes out every year and features Fleetwood Area High School student's work.

By Morgan Althouse



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Government Shuts Down over Border Wall

Politics

Is Trump going to keep his biggest campaign promise?

President Trump has conceded to shut down the American government because Congress hasn't provided funding for his pledged border wall.

Before Trump was elected, he guaranteed that border security would be increased with his proposition for a wall on the border of the U.S and Mexico. Trump's reasoning behind this was to keep people from entering the U.S. illegally.

Trump and some democratic representatives met in the oval office recently to end the shutdown. The meeting was televised. They began to argue over the funding for the wall. When Congress refused to put up the funding, Trump threatened to shut the government down by blocking all funding from the government.

"I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down," Trump said during the meeting, in direct contradiction to later tweets from the Oval Office.

This would cause people who work federal jobs to not get their checks. Opera-

tions such as the post office would be closed. If the wall is built, Trump believes

sive amount of debt the U.S is already in. People are divided on what they believe the



Trump meets with democratic representatives and threatens to shutdown the government over funding for the wall.

through, but I do support the building of the wall. I think the debt at this point should not be the main priority. When comparing the cost and the benefits, the benefits are more important," senior Zack Rapp said.

"I do think that Trump will follow through with his threat because he believes so fully in the wall, which he has been talking about for years. He even asked the military to pay. We are already in so much debt, building the wall maybe won't even accomplish what Trump wants," sophomore Kenzie Miller said. "I'm not going to go out of my way and say that I have a better idea, but I think that Trump should compromise with the people he works with rather than just threaten them."

This one situation could possibly foreshadow what is to come when the House and the president are part of opposing parties.

By Jessica Carlin

Mollie Tibbetts' Mother Adopts Daughter's Killer's Friend Months After Her Death

Politics

Mollie Tibbetts' mom adopted her daughter's potential killer's family friend, Ulises Felix. Her actions boiled down to an option between revenge or humanity. Revenge was letting Felix stay homeless, and humanity was letting him have a family again. Laura Calderwood chose humanity.

Mollie Tibbetts was killed in July of 2018 by Cristhian Rivera. Rivera was an illegal immigrant who had been keeping tabs on Mollie while she jogged. He approached her one day and then killed her by stabbing her

in the head and back. After stabbing her, he dumped her body in a cornfield.

Cristhian Rivera was taken care of by Ulises' family. His family worked with Rivera on a dairy farm called Yarrabee Farms and gave Rivera a place to live. He was a very close family friend who had a daughter with Ulises' cousin. When Rivera killed Mollie and was everywhere on the news, Ulises' family, who are also undocumented, fled town. Laura took in Ulises because it was her son's close friend and he needed a home.

Laura's mother's instincts kicked in and she felt compelled to help Ulises. Even though he knew the man who killed Mollie, she felt it was the right thing to do. Laura claims to have thought, *What would Mollie do?*

"I think Laura adopting Ulises was the right thing to do because his family abandoned him and he would have been left homeless. Even though Ulises was illegal, illegal immigration should end and have stricter enforcement. Hopefully in the end, justice is served and Rivera is found guilty

for Mollie Tibbett's death," Fleetwood Senior Rebekah Earnest said.

Mollie's family is very liberal, and they did not like how her murder was a pawn in the immigration debate.

"Mollie would have vehemently opposed anti immigrant views espoused by politicians after her death" Rob Tibbetts, Mollie's father, said.

By Madeline Feichtel

Garth Brooks Performs at Concert in Notre Dame

Entertainment/Arts

On 20 October 2018, Garth Brooks was the first singer to ever perform at the Notre Dame Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The concert aired on 3 December on CBS.

Troyal Garth Brooks was born 7 February 1962, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to *Biography.com*, he started his career in singing by performing in bars and clubs while he attended school at Oklahoma State University.

At the beginning of the show, Brooks started off with his new song “All Day Long,” which was released on 19 June 2018.

“#AllDayLong GREAT start!! Crowd sounds as loud as I remember!!!!

love, g #GARTHatND,” Brooks said in a Tweet on 2 December 2018.

“I’m no country expert but Good Lord @garthbrooks is PHENOMENAL! #GARTHatND,” celebrity commentator JoJo Wright Tweeted.

Over 85,000 people attended the Notre Dame Stadium and sang along to “Two Piña Coladas,” “Standing Outside the Fire,” and a cover of Gabe Dixon’s “Live Again” mashed up with The Beatles’ “Let It Be” and “Hey Jude.”

“One of Brooks’ greatest hits, ‘The River,’ brought a beautiful, genuine moment to the stadium. With lights lowered and cellphone flashlights illuminated, the audience sang the chorus, putting

a spell over the stadium,” South Bend Tribune’s Becky Malewitz said.

Overall, according to the singer himself in an interview with CBS’s Matt Weiss, he was afraid that nobody was going to show up to the concert, but “Notre Dame made [Brooks] feel at home as much as they could.”

“The truth is, when the rubber meets the road, I just totally forgot about everything but the music. The crowd really responded, they were fantastic, and it was one of the best nights of my life,” Brooks said.

By Isabella Baltbaser

Garth Brooks Concert

Song List

All Day Long
That Summer
Two of a Kind, Workin' on a Full House (Dennis Robbins cover)
The River
Papa Loved Mama
Two Piña Coladas
Unanswered Prayers
Night Moves (Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band cover)
Standing Outside the Fire
Rodeo
Live Again / Let It Be / Hey Jude (Gabe Dixon cover)
Ain't Goin' Down ('Til the Sun Comes Up)
The Thunder Rolls
Callin' Baton Rouge (The Oak Ridge Boys cover)
Friends in Low Places
The Dance
She's Every Woman
The Red Strokes
Ireland
More Than a Memory
Guy Goin' Nowhere
Turn the Page (Bob Seger cover)
American Pie (Don McLean cover)

7.0 Magnitude Earthquake Strikes Alaska Causing Destruction

Enviroment

On 30 November 2018, Anchorage, Alaska was struck by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake at 8:29 a.m. The earthquake ruined the lives of many due to loss of businesses and homes. The earthquake caused landslides and cracked highways along with over 1,000 aftershocks.

This is the second destructive earthquake to date in Alaska, the largest being in 1964. It is known as the “Great Alaska Earthquake,” and it had a magnitude of 9.2, lasting for 4.5 minutes. It was the deadliest, killing 139 people, with the formation of a 220-foot tsunami.

Earthquakes are not uncommon in Alaska, considering the statistics are 1,000 earthquakes each month. The magnitude of these can range from 1-7. The reason why this earthquake made news was the extent of the damage. A state seismologist, Mark West, called it “the most significant” to rock Alaska since 1964.

Right after the earthquake, the state of Alaska declared a health emergency. There were no disease outbreaks or severe health problems, but the Human and Health Services Secretary wanted to make sure medicaid funds continue

despite the fact that businesses were closed.

The cost of the aftermath is about \$30 million and counting in Anchorage. The water lines burst, roads cracked, and public schools and buildings became hazardous. Alaska is having issues reconstructing buildings due to the weather, so construction will have to wait until the spring.

Scientists recommend that homeowners test their home for radon, an odorless gas linked to lung cancer. The earthquake could have allowed radon to escape through ground fissures. The exposure will be over time, but it is recommended that short-term radon testing kits are purchased.

On the bright side, the highways that were wrecked were fixed within a few days. Even though the temperature in Alaska was close to 25-degrees Fahrenheit, with only six hours of sunlight, this did not stop road workers from completing the job. The Federal Highway Administration sent five million dollars to help aid the reconstruction.

Madeline Feichtel



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Destruction of a highway in Alaska after the earthquake on November 30, 2018.

Mother Arrested Trying to Conceal Daughter's Diabetes

Health/Medicine

Fourteen-year-old Emily Hampshire of Illinois died a preventable death from diabetic ketoacidosis on 3 November 2018. Her mother, Amber, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and endangering the life of a child after she allegedly failed to treat her daughter’s diabetes.

Hampshire had been diagnosed back in 2013, but her mother, in denial of her condition, refused to provide her with the necessary medication.

Diabetic ketoacidosis occurs when a

body produces high levels of blood acid, which poisons a person from the inside and ultimately leads to a diabetic coma and death if untreated.

Hampshire was hospitalized in early November after she was found unresponsive and not breathing in her home. She died two days later.

Her death was entirely preventable, but her mother had not been treating Hampshire’s diabetes at all. She was given the necessary tools but refused to use them. Amber was in complete

denial of her daughter’s condition even though it was professionally diagnosed.

Prosecutors said Amber “was fully aware of Emily’s diabetic condition but took measures to conceal Emily’s diabetes and failed to provide Emily with appropriate medical treatment and medication.”

Amber turned herself in on 27 December 2018. She is facing up to twenty-four years in prison. Emily’s father was allegedly unaware of his daughter’s condition.

Emily’s school was made aware of her condition but was told by Amber that the diagnosis was a mistake.

“The investigation indicates very strongly that the defendant took repeated, substantial steps to conceal the disease from everyone around her,” attorney Thomas D. Gibbons said.

By Madi McElwee

Vegan Pasta Recipe is Just as Delicious as Non-Vegan Original

Recreation

A vegan *pasta al limone* dish is an interesting, easy dish to make. Many occasions are suitable for this meal.

To prepare this cruelty-free dish, start with peeling off one-and-a-half inches of lemon zest, and thinly slice it for a garnish to put onto the finished dish later. Cut off the remaining zest and put it into a large pot. Once done, squeeze 3 tablespoons worth of lemon juice, and set that aside for later.

Cook the desired pasta type in sufficiently salted water in a separate pot; the two pots will be combined when pasta is very firm. Then, combine ¾ cups of soy milk and ½ cup of olive oil to substitute for one cup of heavy cream. Add ¾ cup vegan heavy cream to the lemon zest mixture, and keep that on a medium heat while whisking often, for about 2 minutes.

After the mixture begins to simmer, reduce the heat to a low setting.

Whisk into the lemon/vegan heavy

cream mixture six tablespoons of *I Can’t Believe It’s Not Butter It’s Vegan* one tablespoon at a time until the sauce is creamy. Remove mixture from the heat.

Scoop out 1 ½ cups of pasta water, and add this to the sauce and bring back to a medium heat. Then, transfer the pasta into the sauce pot and cook, tossing often. To make vegan Parmesan, put 1/4 cup nutritional yeast, 1/2 tsp garlic powder, 1/4 tsp onion powder, and 3/4 tsp sea salt into a food processor and pulse until it’s at a desired consistency. Three ounces of this are necessary, so measure accordingly. Add freshly made vegan Parmesan to the pasta sauce pot and mix until everything is melted and creamy.

Stir in the saved lemon juice and add desired amount of salt and pepper. Serve with lemon strips on top of the pasta and enjoy.

By Morgan Althousee

NASA Photographs Most Distant Object in Solar System to Date

Science & Technology

NASA’s New Horizons probe photographed the solar system’s most distant object. The photos were received on New Year’s Day 2019. The object was given the name, Ultima Thule. When the Hubble Telescope first spotted Ultima, astronomers thought it was two objects orbiting each other. It turns out that Ultima Thule was one continuous “bowling pin”-shaped object spinning end over end.

In January of 2006, New Horizons was launched. Its mission was to do a flyby of the Pluto system and take photographs. The probe completed its task in 2015. Photos sent back to Earth were breathtaking and became world famous instantly.

New Horizons would then be on its way to the Kuiper Belt, where few probes have gone. No probe in Earth’s history has completed a flyby as far away as New Horizons did on Ultima Thule. Gigabytes upon gigabytes of photographs were taken and will not be received back to Earth until late 2020. Why does it take so long? New Horizons is

approximately 4.12 billion miles from Earth. Therefore, sending gigabytes of media from that distance will take over one year.

Why is NASA interested in distant space objects anyway? Objects as far away as Ultima Thule receive almost no sunlight, thus they are very cold; a bone chilling -397 degrees Fahrenheit to be exact. Chemical reactions cannot occur at this temperature, so any Kuiper Belt object maintains the same chemical composition as they did 4.6 billion years ago. Studying distant objects and one day receiving a sample can help mankind unlock the secrets to the solar system.

There is much more that scientists do not know, and Ultima Thule just might have the key. As for New Horizons, it will join Voyager 1 and 2 in interstellar space during the coming years and be mankind’s third man-made object to leave the solar system.

By Aaron Popper

MS-13 Gang Members Arrested at Border

Cops & Courts

Manuel Lopez-Gomez, an MS-13 gang member, was taken into custody in Arizona during an immigration stop by border patrol agents.

Gomez, 28, was fleeing from Mexico and caught by agents at the Yuma sector of the border. Three others were traveling alongside him.

At the same stop, agents identified another illegal immigrant, Andres Abel Garcia, who is a convicted felon for driving under the influence and causing bodily injuries.

Garcia's driver was a 27-year-old man from Phoenix; he and his girlfriend were arrested at the scene for harboring an illegal immigrant.

When asked why they were trying to cross the border, the immigrants stated that they were going to Los Angeles to work.

Another Mara Salvatrucha 13 gang member, Jose Villalobos-Jobel, was arrested near the Calexico port of entry by agents who suspected him to be in California illegally.

Jobel told reporters that he traveled with the caravan of immigrants. He will be sent back to his native land of Honduras.

Miguel Angel Ramirez, 46, was released from prison in Honduras four months ago and has been held there for convicted murder.

He also had been serving ten years for a homicide and three years for robbery.

Ramirez also traveled with the caravan.

"They are trying to sneak into the country as 'refugees' and get open access to our country and cause terror. Border patrol is doing a good job; they could do an even better job if they had more help though," Fleetwood Area High School Senior Erini Zahariadis said.

By Elyse Essick

Spanish Miss Universe Entrant Becomes First Transgender Participant in History

Politics

Angela Ponce, better known as the Miss Universe Spain contestant, became the first ever transgender contestant in the competition.

Twenty-seven-year-old Ponce did not win the competition, but she was not upset with the outcome. The model stated it was an "honor and pride" to make history concerning the pageant.

"This is for you, for those who have no visibility, no voice, because we all deserve a world of respect, inclusion, and freedom," Ponce said on Instagram.

This is a major change for the Miss Universe industry.

In 2012, a transgender woman named Jenna Talackova was disqualified from the Miss Canada competition because she was not naturally born a woman.

"In today's society, I am not surprised Miss Universe accepted her as a contestant. I do not think the other contestants should be upset if they are confident in themselves. Being upset about it would mean they are not confident in their own performance. If Miss Spain was the best candidate for the title, then of course she deserves to win. The backlash Miss Spain and

the Miss Universe tradition is receiving is not deserved. I think that, if we are more accepting of the fact that, as people, we are more alike than different, there would be a lot less conflict in the world," Fleetwood Area High School English Teacher Mr. Marc Walter stated.

"Yes, I am surprised that the Miss Universe competition let her compete. Yes, I do believe the other contestants should be upset. They have been cheated out of a position that was rightfully a female's that was taken away by a male. I do not believe Miss Spain would have deserved to win because he is a man. I think the backlash they are getting is deserved because they should not allow a man to compete in a women's competition. As society, we need to stop humoring mass disillusion. A man cannot become a woman, and a woman cannot become a man; it is a biological fact. It is unhealthy for people suffering from gender dysphoria to humor their delusion, just like you would not humor a bipolar person in their delusions and hallucinations," Fleetwood Area High School Junior Nathan Nahrhgang stated.

By Elyse Essick

78-Year Old Man Confesses to Committing 90 Murders

Cops & Courts

"Believe it or not, you only see evil a few times in your career. Looking into his eyes, I would say that was pure evil."

LAPD detective Tim Marcia was describing seventy-eight-year-old Samuel Little, a convicted killer who was sentenced to life in prison for the murders of three women in 2014. Carol Elford, Audrey Nelson, and Guadalupe Abodacha were all beaten and strangled to death between 1986 and 1989 in Southern California, and now the list has become larger.

Little recently confessed to ninety other murders he claims to have committed between 1970 and 2005 across the country, thirty-four of

which have been definitively linked to him so far.

Back in 2012, Little was extradited from Kentucky to California and arrested on an outstanding narcotics charge. DNA obtained from his arrest was later linked to three unsolved homicides from the 80s. Two years later, Little was convicted of his crimes.

Prior to his 2012 arrest, Little was no stranger to law enforcement. His record dated all the way back to 1956, including charges and prison time for shoplifting, fraud, assault, and breaking and entering. He had also been charged with several murders but was never convicted due to lack of evidence.

During the time between his arrest and conviction, ViCAP had been doing a full background report. They noticed Little's movements coincided with several other unsolved murders across the country, including one in Odessa, Texas, which he was later charged with in July of 2018.

This past May, Texas Ranger James Holland and two ViCAP investigators, Christina Palazzolo and Angela Williamson, flew out to California to question Little. He seemed to be in the bargaining mood and requested a prison transfer to Texas in exchange for information.

"Over the course of that interview in

May, he went through city and state and gave Ranger Holland the number of people he killed in each place," Palazzolo said.

But how did Little get away with it for so long? According to the FBI, many of the cases he has now been linked to were, admittedly, barely investigated at the time.

If the FBI can link him to as many murders as he claims to have committed, he'll become the most prolific serial killer of all time, surpassing Gary Ridgway, the "Green River Killer," who was convicted of forty-two murders and confessed to about twenty more.

By Madi McElwee

Random Cheese

What is the craziest thing you have ever been dared to do?



"My boyfriend Noah from Hamburg dared me to eat hot sauce from Domino's. It was disgusting," senior Jessica Goggins said.



"I licked a cafeteria table," senior Lia Bennicoff said.



"I whispered to a chick 'winner winner chicken tender' at Wendy's while I was wearing a Hawaiian outfit," junior Noah Bates said.



"Walking on the train track," senior Hannah Kutz said.



"In middle school, a group of our friends would dump random condiments in slushies, and we'd have to drink it," senior Jadin Ogozalek said.

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