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Fleetwood Music Department Heads to Baltimore

School

The Fleetwood Music Department is taking its talents to Baltimore to play music for professionals.

The Music Department is going to Baltimore for three days and two nights between November 22 and November 24.

Senior Ian Snyder, who has been in the Fleetwood Band since freshman year and played the trumpet since fourth grade, elaborated more about the trip.

"On the trip, we are getting clinics with professional musicians, listening to the

Baltimore Symphony, and possibly getting to walk around the Baltimore harbor," Snyder said.

Fleetwood Junior Blake Biehl expressed his excitement about the trip.

"I am pretty excited to go on this year's band trip," Biehl said. "It's always great to miss a few days of school to hang out with your closest friends and make music together."

The opportunity to work with professionals is something many are looking

forward to.

"I am looking forward to getting to work with some great conductors that will help our ensembles improve," Biehl continued.

Senior Zach Haas, a longtime band member, is also looking forward to the trip.

"I'm looking forward to spending a few days with my friends. My favorite part about band is making music with some of my closest friends," Haas said.

By Tyler Hartline

High School Purchases New Stage Curtains

School

What could be a better way to make Fleetwood's school auditorium look nicer than to purchase some brand new stage curtains?

Fleetwood Area High School decided that it was time for new stage curtains for the auditorium after they realized the previous ones were torn and had a prominent stain on the front from years back, when one of the band members threw a pie crust filled with whipped cream at the curtain.

The school decided that red curtains would go best with the auditorium because the backs of the seats are red and, not coincidentally, one of our school colors. While picking out which curtains they should purchase, there was a debate about if the seats were red or green.

"The seats are red in the back, so, when you look at the auditorium from the back, it will look nicer with a red curtain," Principal Mr. Stephen

Herman said.

Others liked to argue that the seats were green so it would look like Christmas in the auditorium. These brand new curtains were costly, but they were worth the price of making the auditorium look nice.



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"They were a lot of money, but it had to be done because the curtains have to look nice," Herman said.

When a place has a good appearance, people tend to treat the environment respectfully. Although there is a lot more that needs to be done to the school to keep it pristine, the curtains were a healthy start to that process.

The ones responsible for picking out the curtains were individuals from the office because the theater and music department teachers were not able to make it to the meetings. These stage curtains were a great adjustment to the school and really help the auditorium by making it look nicer and more presentable. The chorus, band, and theater shows will definitely appear a lot more pleasant with the brand new curtains behind them.

By Alexa Long

Students Take Trip to NYC to Learn about Berlin Wall

Fleetwood German teacher Ms. Christine Moll and her students went on a trip to the Consulate General of Germany in New York City.

They went on 6 November, and the group learned about the history of the Berlin Wall.

It was the thirtieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

In the night from 12 August to 13 August 1961, East German border police in Berlin began tearing up streets, building barricades with the stones, and putting up barbed-wire barriers across the city.

They built a three-meter-high, impregnable wall around West Berlin.

The construction of the Wall meant that the eastern part of Berlin was completely cut off from the western part.

German students visited the Consulate General of Germany in New York City with Moll.

Their day began with an

informal lecture about the history of the Berlin Wall.

After that, they viewed the photo exhibit, "A World Beyond the Wall," which documents life during the time the wall stood.

The group walked to Bryant Park for lunch and shopping at the Winter Village. They went to Times Square, and they split up into two groups and rode the sub-

way around the city for more shopping and sightseeing.

"I learned a lot about the Berlin Wall! The subway is not like I thought it would be," sophomore Alyson Witman said.

"New York is amazing. The sights are phenomenal," sophomore Livia Magers said.

"I just love being here, and I'm sad to go," sophomore Jay Molleca said.

"I wish we could do this once a month," senior Owen Magers said.

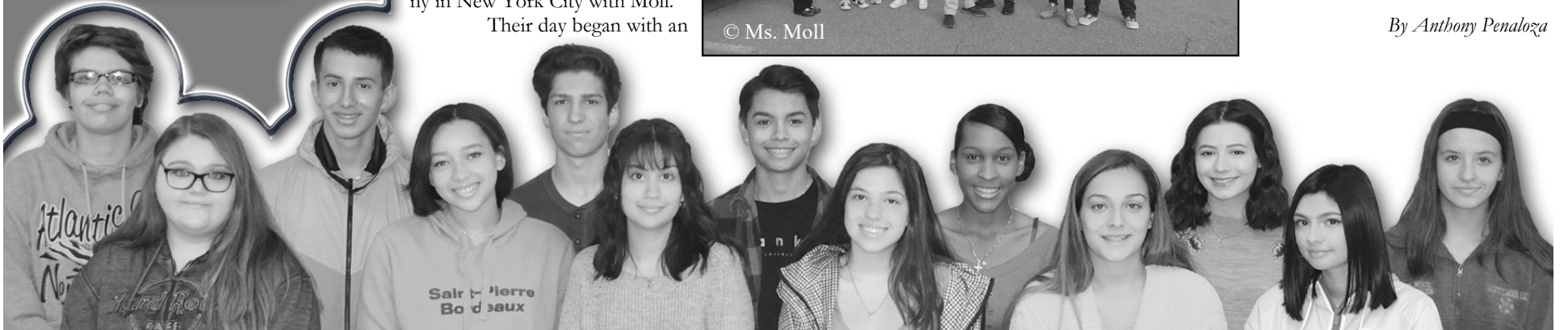
"Definitely worth the trip! I learned a lot about the fall of the wall and life in East Germany," junior Andrew Loeffler said.

The Berlin Wall was not torn down until after 9 November 1989, when the GDR collapsed, and then on 13 August 1998, a Wall Memorial Site was opened in Berlin in Bernauer Strasse.

By Anthony Penalzoa



© Ms. Moll



Fleetwood FBLA Partners with Superheroes for Autism

School

Fleetwood students and FBLA members sophomore Nikki Kopycienski, senior Josh Kopycienski, and senior Megan Zimmerman are partnering with the non-profit organization Superheroes for Autism.

Superheroes for Autism is an organization whose main focus is to spread awareness of autism. They offer support to Berks County families who are struggling with autism.

The organization started as Team Marcos in 2012; however, in 2015, Fleetwood teacher Rebecca Heiser's son was diagnosed, and the organization decided to expand. Heiser shortly became the vice president of the group.

Nikki, Josh, and Megan started their partnership with the group this year as a community service project for FBLA. The Fleetwood FBLA chapter was one of the largest chapters in all of Pennsylvania and hopes to expand even more this year.

While FBLA has been working

with them for only a year, the Kopycienski siblings have been working with Superheroes for Autism for a number of years. Josh Kopycienski worked with the organization for a while and introduced his sister Nikki Kopycienski to the group.



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Nikki, Josh, and Megan started

their community service project at the end of last school year and knew Superheroes

for Autism was a perfect match. The president of the organization worked with the Kopycienski's mother, and Heiser reached out to the students, looking to form a partnership.

"Everyone there is just so nice and accepting," Nikki said. "And the kids are the sweetest."

The group wanted to use their project to create a safe place for the kids at Superheroes for Autism. So far, they have held dances, "fundays," and trick-or-treating. They have many events planned for the future, such as meeting Santa, a holiday parade, and events to spread even more information on autism.

The group has loved working with Superheroes for Autism. "They're just perfect," Nikki said.

Madison Musitano

Fleetwood Students Donate at Blood Drive

School

On 16 October, students of the Fleetwood Area High School had the opportunity to donate blood for this year's Fall Blood Drive.

For over ten years now, students ages sixteen and up are able to donate a pint of blood to Miller-Keystone, where it will then go to people who are in need of blood.

School nurse Ms. Alicia Seaman, along with Chemistry teacher Ms. Neiman, were in charge of organizing the drives.

"I donated because I know it's going to help other people," sophomore Kayley Henninger said.

The process of donating blood is relatively simple. First, questions are asked about health and travel to assess a person's risk for disease. Then a mini physical checks pulse, weight, height, blood pressure, and hematocrit, the level of hemoglobin or red blood cells. Once a student passes the screening, he or she is then able to donate.

The process of taking the blood only takes about five to ten minutes, and the student is then able to enjoy a snack and make sure his or her body adjusts to the small loss of blood.

For anyone who wishes to avoid a reaction when giving blood, there are tips to help.

"During this time, the donor squeezes a ball to keep the blood flowing. Moving your feet keeps your blood pressure

up and can help avoid reactions," Neiman said.

Overall, the Fall Blood Drive was a success, and ninety-three units of blood were collected.

For anyone who wishes to donate but missed this chance, another blood drive will be held on 30 January 2020.

By Hannah Medina

October Students of the Month Announced

School

Two Fleetwood Area High School Students were honored as October Students of the Month for their hard work and dedication to the school and community. The October 2019 honorees are Andrew Slusser and Yanling Chen.

Andrew Slusser is viewed as an incredible role model and conscientious student at Fleetwood. He participates in tennis, soccer, basketball, FBLA, Science Olympiad, Student Council, and band. Andrew believes he was chosen as Student-of-the-Month because he is a nice person and treats everybody respectfully.

Andrew excels in the core subjects of math and science and hopes to use them in college as he studies Chemical Engineering. An-

drew's hobbies include spending time with family and playing soccer. He intends on playing soccer in college.

Andrew's greatest inspiration is his mother.

"My mother inspires me because she always tries to make sure that I am responsible for everything I do," Slusser said. "I can't say enough that my mom has helped me to be who I am today."

Andrew believes that anyone who would like to be a Student-of-the-Month should exemplify the good qualities of a student by being punctual, responsible, and respectful to all.

Yanling Chen represents all of the

great qualities a Fleetwood Tiger should have. She is involved at Fleetwood and participates in tennis, Science Olympiad, Relay-for-Life, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Yanling believes she was chosen as a Student-of-the-Month because of her demonstration of PRIDE as a student and leader. Yanling's greatest subject in school is science, and she intends on studying Neuroscience or Biology in college. Yanling enjoys drawing, cooking and playing tennis for fun.

Yanling's greatest inspirations are her grandparents.

"They inspire me because of their

wisdom and courage," Chen said. "They were able to move their family to America and sacrifice their life in China so that their grandchildren could get a better education. They also inspire me because they are able to solve any obstacles that come their way."

She advises her peers to get out of their comfort zone, be active members of the school, and show PRIDE in their actions in order to become the next Student-of-the-Month.

Both of these students come to school with enthusiasm to learn and a desire to exceed expectations.

By Aliyah Levy



FBLA Regional Leadership Conference around the Corner

School

FBLA's Regional Leadership Conference is around the corner, and Fleetwood is starting to prepare.

Every year, Pennsylvania regions one through twenty-eight hold a Regional Leadership Conference in which members compete in an event relating to the ideas and principles of FBLA. Members have a choice of taking an individual or team test, competing in a performance event, or creating a chapter project.

The first, second, and third place winners of each event are qualified for the State Leadership Conference held in April. Last year, 105 Fleetwood students competed at Regionals,

making Fleetwood the largest delegation in Region eight. Of those, seventy-one members attended the SLC.

At the 2018-2019 SLC, Fleetwood students Corey Livinghouse, Mason Reimert, Avery Millisock, and Maddie Musitano qualified and attended the National Leadership Conference.

This year, the RLC will be held at Albright University. The competition is on 17 December; however, students and advisors are already preparing.

Fleetwood teacher and regional advisor Kelly Ackerman is encouraging members to

sign up and compete. She offers help to members deciding to compete. She creates study guides and helps the performance events create and prepare their performances.

Members enjoy the RLC and look forward to it every year.

"I like it; it gives people a reason to really know business knowledge," Avery Millisock, a senior at FAHS and 2019 NLC attender, said.

For first-timers, the events may seem scary.

"I was nervous at first," sophomore Bella Atchina said. "I wasn't extremely pleased

with what I [placed], but I was still able to attend the SLC."

"Research as much as you can, and put in all the effort possible because the reward is more than enough, almost surreal," Millisock said to members competing for the first time.

"Relax and don't stress; it will only hurt you," Mason Reimert said.

Sign-ups for the RLC have ended; however, members encourage everyone to sign up next year.

By Madison Musitano

Local Girl Scout Troop Offers Many Opportunities

Community

"I have fourteen girls from three different school districts in the troop, and many of the girls said that this has been one of the first places they feel accepted and have made friends," Fleetwood business teacher Rebecca Heiser said.

There are so many positive opportunities that come from joining the scouts, ranging from leadership skills, communication skills, and the second family on whom can rely.

There is a local scout troop that is open to girls in the Fleetwood Area, run by Heiser. This group is very welcoming to new members and encourages people to get involved with the troop.

Mondays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. is when girls can count on these meetings being held. For more information about meeting destinations, interested participants can email Rebecca Heiser at rheiser@fleetwoodasd.org.

There are many academic opportunities that come from Girl Scouts. The Eagle Scout Award, for example, is the highest award a scout can receive. This looks amazing on any college application or any application at all.

This award shows that a person understands what it takes to be a leader in her community and what it takes to be a part of change. This is a highly prestigious award, and it is recommended that participants join early, as earning this award takes time.

Activities include weekend camping trips, archery, hikes, a corn maze, a car wash, miniature golf, roller skating, and much more.

If any of these activities or opportunities pique your interest, Scouts BSA Troop 171 for Girls would love to hear from you and have you be a part of this amazing experience.

By Abigail Lutcavage



Fleetwood Boys' Basketball Starting Up Again

School

What's a better way to spend a cold winter night than sitting in a warm gym watching the Fleetwood Tigers boys' basketball team win?

The basketball season is getting very close, and the boys are excited to get out there and play the court. After all those long practices and plays they have to learn, they are ready to dominate some of those opposing teams. Last year was not their best year, but Fleetwood has confidence that this year might be different.

"We've been ready since summer league," senior Sam Delozier said.

One thing that the team members think they need to work on this year is coming together as a team because they have a fairly

young team this year, and they lack experience.

The Fleetwood Tigers basketball team wants to at least make it to playoffs this year. The players want everyone to come out and support them on game nights and cheer them on.

"I'm so excited for this year," Delozier said.

Fleetwood Tigers are losing some valuable senior players next year, including Sam Delozier, Max Lafranchise, Andrew Slusser, Elijah Long, and Jassen Alexis.

By Alexa Long

Pokemon Sword and Shield Released

Recreation

The new generation of *Pokemon games* is *Pokemon Sword and Shield*.

The announcement of the game is the beginning of a new generation of Pokemon games. There is already myriad information about the games.

The series was created by the company Game Freak and published under Nintendo.

Some of the more important information is that the games were officially released on 15 November and cost \$59.99.

Just like in the previous generation of *Sun and Moon*, the games *Sword and Shield* have their own variants called Galarian.

In the new generation, your choice of starters are the fire type, Scorbunny; the water type, Sobble; or the grass type, Grookey. While each Pokemon only have their base evolutions announced, it will only be a matter of time before the full evolution line is introduced.

With each game, the region is usually

based on a real-world location. *Pokemon Sword and Shield* are no different since the Galar region is based on real places in the United Kingdom.

If you have not yet played any *Pokemon* games on the *Nintendo Switch*, it is different to the way one plays on other devices. To find Pokemon on the *Switch* is much easier because their actual character model will show up in the wild grass instead of only revealing itself once the battle begins. It has also been stated that, depending on the Pokemon, they will either run to the character, run away, or ignore the character.

The legends for the new Pokemon game are Zacian, for *Pokemon Sword*, and Zamazenta, for *Pokemon Shield*.

One new feature joining the game is a battle implement called Dynamaxing. Dynamaxing allows Pokemon to grow to exponential extents.

By Veronica Nasados

Fleetwood Food Pantry Is Helping Those in Need

Community

Throughout the world, millions of people face problems with poverty and starvation. So, how can concerned citizens, such as high school students, help with this issue?

The Fleetwood Food Pantry is an organization that has been running for twenty-two years now. It is dedicated to helping as many struggling families as possible and providing them with meals.

Tom Wright, the current head of the food pantry, has been in charge for seventeen years now.

His brother was previously in charge, but Tom took over soon after he retired.

"I felt obligated to help out in any way I could," Wright said.

With over 800-1,000 families coming in yearly, it is important that everyone makes a

contribution when possible.

On the first Thursday of every month, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., volunteers come in to make, bag, and distribute food.

"I couldn't do it by myself. The amount of support from the local churches and civic groups is overwhelming," Wright said.

As winter approaches, there is an increase in people coming in for meals. However, there has been a decrease in the number of people coming in overall.

"It ebbs and flows. We'll have people coming in regularly and people we haven't seen before," Wright said.

The Fleetwood Food Pantry and every food pantry out there have made it possible to make a difference and help those in need.

By Hannah Medina

Williamson's Regular Season Debut Delayed from Injury

Sports

Zion Williamson, the 2019 number one draft pick, has suffered an injury during the preseason that will have him out for the first six to eight weeks of the NBA season.

His athleticism is what sparked the public interest in him, dating all the way back to high school. Since then, he has faced some injuries, leaving some to wonder if health will be an issue in the NBA.

Zion is a highly anticipated, but also very criticized, rookie coming into the 2019-20 NBA season.

The biggest obstacle for him is staying healthy. Some of his injuries date back to AAU ball, when he suffered a knee contusion after a hard fall during warm-ups that caused him to miss a few months.

Knee injuries continued as he suffered a Grade 1 right knee sprain while attending Duke University.

Then, nine minutes into his Summer League debut, he suffered a bruised knee after

colliding with another player and was ruled out for the remainder of the Summer League.

After being sidelined with right knee soreness during the preseason, he was evaluated with a torn meniscus that, after surgery, would leave him out for about 6-8 weeks.

This news was made public after a successful surgery, the day before the NBA regular season started.

Many of his fans were upset with this news but remained hopeful for his return.

"He is a beast. I hope he can bounce back from this injury and have a great rookie year," senior Mamadou Jalloh said.

"I have been watching video clips of him since he was in high school. He's freakishly athletic for his size. It will be fun watching him once he recovers," senior Conor Steward said.

The Pelicans' vice president said that Zion was doing very well, and he believes his recovery will be very smooth.

By Anthony Penaloza

Meet Wesley Seaman: The Junior Who Does It All

School

Fleetwood junior Wesley Seaman is a jack-of-all-trades.

Wes plays goalkeeper for the soccer team while also punting and kicking for the football team in the fall. In addition to soccer and football, Seaman is the catcher for the baseball team in the spring.

Wes has been a part of both the soccer team and baseball team since his freshman year, but he began his football career his sophomore year.

"I saw there was an opportunity available, and I believed I could do it. Next thing you know, Coach had me kicking balls at practice," Seaman said.

Last year, Wes was the second-string goalie, which allowed him to really focus on football, but this year he was the starting goalie, and this would make his practice schedule rigorous.

"It's really nice to get in an every-week routine. It's important I kick the same

days every week, and essential to stretch and roll," Seaman said.

Dual sporting takes a lot of time and stress on the body.

"I roll and stretch a lot, and if needed, I will take an ice bath," Seaman said.

Wesley is known for his character and heart in all sports, and this was evident when he won his Coach's heart at the end of his sophomore season.

"New to the team last year, I had to prove to everyone I was serious about football, and that was me showing up to practice every day trying to learn more about the game," Seaman said.

Wes Seaman's future aspirations entail trying to play football at the next level and winning championships in both sports his senior year.

By Tyler Hartline



November's Students of the Month Recognized

School

Two students at Fleetwood Area High School were honored as November's Student of the Month because of their dedication and contribution to the school and community.

Emma Crissman believes she was chosen because she maintains good standing with her teachers and always tries her best in school and her extracurricular activities.

Zach Haas believes he was given this honor because he works to the best of his ability.

Since freshman year, both Emma and Zachary have actively participated in various clubs and sports, all of which display their leadership and inquisitiveness.

Emma is a part of the varsity girls' soccer and basketball team and is a member of Relay-for-Life, Treasurer for Model Unit-

ed Nations, Secretary for Student Council, and Vice President of Interact Club. Moreover, she also participates in Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, and Rho Kappa. Outside of Fleetwood's extracurricular activities, Crissman enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and dogs, as well as baking.

Zachary is a member of the boys' varsity soccer and tennis teams and also participates in Future Business Leaders of America, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.

When asked, who is the most influential person in her life, Emma identified her grandmother.

"My grandmother inspires me be-

cause she taught me to be the person I am today," Crissman said. "She showed me the importance of respecting and caring for everyone no matter who they are."

The person who has had the greatest impact on Zachary is his father.

"My father inspires me because he is the most hard-working and dedicated man that I have ever met," Haas said. "He is always there to support his family and is an amazing role model for my brothers and me."

After high school, Emma plans to attend Penn State University to pursue something she loves. She also plans on traveling the world and seeing different things.

Zachary plans to attend a four-year university and study Aerospace Engineering.

Both students excel in mathematics and science and would love to use the knowledge they gained in those subjects to pursue a career in a related field.

Upon winning student of the month, both Zachary and Emma felt honored and humbled. Throughout the course of high school, they have put an intense amount of effort into everything they do.

If you want to be the next student of the month, Emma advises you to put 110% into all that you do, continue smiling, and do something you enjoy. Zachary believes you should always try your hardest and respect everyone around you.

By Aliyah Levy



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