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Journalism 3 goes on set with Rachael Ray

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Photo Editor

Recently, Mrs. Theresa Christian's Journalism 3 students were offered a memorable experience, to see a taping of the Rachael Ray Show.

Excitement filled the bus as the class traveled through the Lincoln Tunnel, knowing that Rachel Ray was just blocks away. Entering the building, anticipation was at its highest. Waiting to take our seats seemed like it would never end, but soon enough everyone entered what seemed like a new world.

"At first I had no idea what to expect, but then as soon as we got there, the staff seemed busy. Almost like they just wanted to get our show over with. However, as soon as Rachael Ray entered, she started to interact with us and talk to our high school; she had a bubbly personality and was so outgoing and fun. I would definitely love to go see her again and recommend anyone else to come



(Photo by Rachael Ray staff)
Journalism 3 students pose in the audience with Rachael Ray on the set of her TV studio.

as well!" said junior, Julia Wiegand.

The set contained what seemed like hundreds of lights, multiple cameras, and different types of sets, such as her signature kitchen and a spinning turntable, with

chairs on it, that the audience sat on.

"I felt like a lazy Susan, sitting on the turntable. Whenever Rachael changed sets, so did we. We followed Rachael all over the set, whether it was to her kitchen or to her

couch. It a memorable experience overall," said Beth Perkins, junior.

The show "started with a rock star and we ended with a rock star" as quoted by Rachael Ray. The first guest was a well-known 80's rock star, Chris Isakk. He sang two of his songs from his album; *Beyond the Sun*. Along with Chris Isakk, rock star Iron Chef Mario Batali came on the show to talk about his new show, *The Chew*,

and to promote his new cookbook, *Molto Batali: Simple Family Meals from My Home to Yours*. As he commanded the kitchen and answered audience questions, Batali cooked a recipe from his book, Lin-

guine with Jalapeño Pesto. "I really loved Mario Batali's section of the Rachael Ray show. The food smelled so good. I could not wait to go home and make a dish out of his cookbook," said Alex Yost, Senior.

Throughout the show, Rachael Ray and her Emmy award-winning crew interacted with the students, including them in their conversations. They made our group feel more than just an audience member.

"I believe the best part about the entire day was the fact that Rachael and the staff interacted with us. They acknowledged that we were there and included us as they did their jobs," Emily Bower, junior.

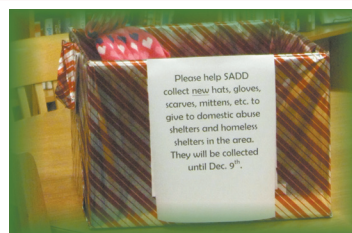
Walking out of the show with a smile on our faces and cookbooks in hand, students knew that the best part of the entire day was not the gifts or seeing someone famous, but that they were able to better understand the concept of a TV show.

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2011: News in Review

ELINOR ASEVEDO

Freshman

2011 was a stimulating year filled with many triumphs and tragedies around the world. With events ranging from weddings, to deaths, to natural disasters, 2011 covered it all.

Internationally, various happenings took place. They Royal Wedding, the killing of Osama bin Laden, the Amanda Knox trial, and lastly the tragic series of disasters that took place in Japan. These are just a few of the many highlights that took place internationally this year.

This April 29th the wedding bells rang for Prince William and Kate Middleton. A total of around 1,900 were invited to watch the Royal Wedding take place as Kate and William said their I do's. A little over an hour after they arrived at the Abbey to be married, the couple emerged on a red carpet and onto the streets and into a horse-drawn carriage, heading toward Buckingham Palace.

On a more solemn note, May 1st was the date President Barack Obama announced the assassination of Osama bin Laden. The United States conducted an operation that killed bin Laden, the terrorist responsible

for the murder of thousands of innocent men, women, and children. It was not long before this became international news across the world.

The Amanda Knox trial also caused a stir in homes around the world. Knox was an American college student from Seattle on a semester

overseas in Perugia, Italy in 2007, when her roommate Meredith Kercher's body was found in the house that the two women shared. Knox and her boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito were convicted of the murder. On October 3rd of this year, both Knox and her boyfriend were cleared in the death of 21-year-old woman.

Lastly, how could anyone forget the horrendous series of events that devastated Japan this March? The country was first struck with an astounding 9.0 magnitude earthquake leaving countless dead, wounded, and missing. To make things worse, they were shortly followed by a massive tsunami that crossed the length of Japan's northeast coastline. Lastly, as if all that was not enough,

around 80,000 residents had to evacuate their homes due to radiation threats from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. This was one of the worst nuclear disasters in the history of the world.

This was also a very newsworthy and eventful year for the United States as well. Some major highlights include the death of Steve Jobs, the shooting of the Arizona representative, plus the Casey Anthony trial.

Steve Jobs, who founded and ran Apple, died on October 5th this year. This, being upsetting news for many people across the states as they found their lives to

On January 8th Arizona Representative Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head



(Nabil K. Mark/Centre Daily Times/MCT)

by a gunman who opened fire outside during a meeting with voters. He killed a federal judge and five others in a rampage. Giffords survived the shot, and is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

The Casey Anthony trial was another major event in homes across the nation. Anthony was accused of first degree murder, manslaughter, and child abuse of her 2-year-old daughter. This soon became a nation event that had people

tuning in across the country. On July 5th, Anthony was found not guilty of murdering her daughter.

This year also proved to be a very eventful one for Penn-

sylvania as well. With major events like record flooding, the Penn State scandal, and the earthquake.

Record Flooding occurred across the state of Pennsylvania as the worst flooding since Hurricane Agnes of 1972 took place. Many people were left homeless as the flood swept away their entire homes. Schools were closed for days as many of them became flooded, and the ones that were not became shelters.

Joe Paterno, the Penn State coach for almost half a century now, has been fired. The university fired the longtime coach after he apparently was criticized for failing to contact the authorities in 2002 after learning that his assistant coach, Jerry Sandusky, sexually assaulted a young boy. They did this in hopes of mending the damage being done to the university's reputation.

The most powerful earthquake to strike the East Coast in 67 years shook buildings and rattled people from Georgia to Canada. On August 23rd Many places in New York and parts of the White House, Capitol and Pentagon were evacuated. The quake even shook people in Berwick.

In conclusion, with many highlights, this year has, without a doubt, been a very eventful and news worthy one. Furthermore, 2012 has big shoes to fill as we say goodbye to 2011 and hello to 2012.



(Nabil K. Mark/Centre Daily Times/MCT)



(Yomiuri Shumbun/MCT)

be enriched by many of his inventions. "The world is immeasurably because of Steve," says a statement from Apple. Apple has yet to find a replacement for Jobs.



Bri Wyda- 9th grade:
"The snow in October."



Mrs. Stair- French Teacher: "Our local flooding."



Rhiannon Kiesel- 9th grade: "The Penn State scandal."



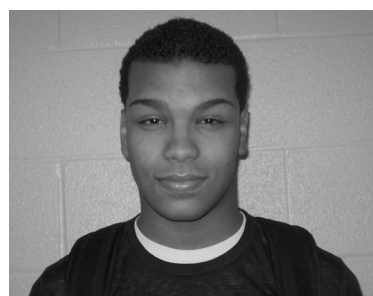
Joey Turner- 9th grade: "The killing of Osama bin Laden."



Tyler Quinton-11th grade:"The flooding of 2011."



Taylor Kern- 10th grade: "The flood because I was personally affected."



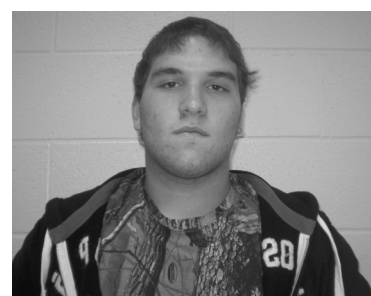
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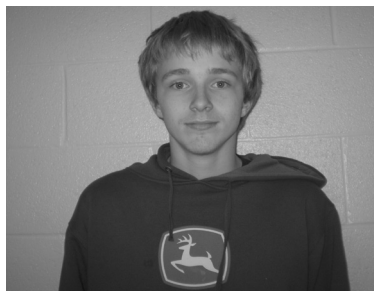
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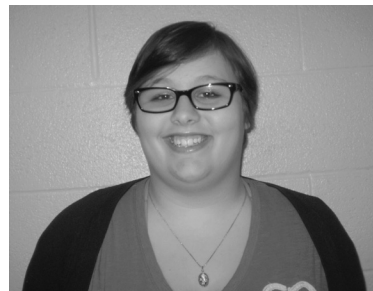
Katelyn Miller- 11th grade: "Virginia Tech's shooting because it was the second time."



Mason Vandermark- 9th grade: "The finding and killing of dictator- Moammar Gadhafi."



Zack Mitchell- 11th grade: "The sex scandal with Sandusky."



Jen Smhmitt- 12th grade: "The death of Steve Jobs."



Samantha Roman- 10th grade: "The death of Osama bin Laden."



Ashley Day- 10th grade: "The flood because it was tragic."



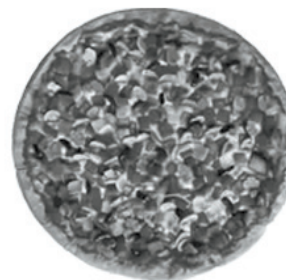
Shante Hellenthal- 10th grade: "The flood because it affected me."

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Clubs support TreeFest

XIOMARA SALAZAR
Clubs and Events Editor

TreeFest is an event where donated trees are decorated and afterwards are given to families in need.

TreeFest allowed donated trees to be decorated by volunteers or clubs in the surrounding area. In BHS, S.H.O.W., S.A.D.D., and Family Consumer Science Club participated in TreeFest.

"I thought it was an amazing event," said Erica Robbins, Junior and S.H.O.W member.

These volunteers decorated the room as well as the tree. Many of the trees had themes like the beach, baked goods, or snowflakes. They were displayed at the Caldwell Consistory located at the intersection of Main and Market Street in Bloomsburg.

During this event, entertainment happened everyday. Many choirs, bands,

ensembles, singers, dancers and more came to perform at TreeFest. Another form of entertainment that happened was the Chinese auction where participants could win gift certificates, jewelry,



(Photo by Mrs. Henry)
SHOW members decorate tree.

gift baskets, BTE tickets, and even a massage from one of its sponsors. There were also craft vendors that sold paper crafts, ceramics, floral and Christmas arrangements, cards, candy, soaps, jewelry, and many other item. As well

as the Chinese auction and vendors, there was a Gingerbread contest to see who has the most creative and amazing gingerbread house. This year's theme was "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" and winners could win prices from fifty to one-hundred dollars. In addition, there was a quilt, valued at almost four-hundred dollars, being raffled. TreeFest allowed its visitors to be completely entertained.

TreeFest happened the first two weekends after Thanksgiving. Admission prices were six dollars for adults and free for children twelve and under.

After TreeFest, the trees were donated to needy families. TreeFest was created by the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble in 1989 as a fundraiser and sponsored by the Berwick Offray. For information, go to treefest.org.

New group makes unique connections

MARIE SPUCHES
Activities Editor

Making Connections is a new club dedicated to embracing the uniqueness of every student at BHS.

The Making Connections club's goal is to reach as many students as possible and create a safe and encouraging learning environment for all students. Making Connections prevents bullying and also educates students about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, socioeconomic status, cliques, people with disabilities, and intercultural awareness.

Senior Jacob Kelly had the idea to re-start this club and asked Mrs. Laura Chapin to be the advisor. "I am very passionate about educating students on real issues that affect them everyday within our school," said Chapin.

Making Connections is very passionate about using education to help solve problems. The club believes that it is important to understand those around them. Often students can get caught up in their own cliques and it can lead to bullying.

"Students can be ignorant about other situations or life issues," said Chapin, "We want to prevent that and let students know that it is okay to be different."

The group has meetings every other Thursday, in which the members talk about issues within the school and how they can improve conditions with the issues. They will also sponsor Mix-Up Day which will promote the interaction between students. Students interested in Making Connection can see Mrs. Chapin in room 6.

Teens can turn to SADD for help

RYDELL SHOTSBERGER
Senior

Teens tend to make risky decisions; they do not think about the consequences of their actions.

There are times when young adults are unsure of what to do or where to turn; when in a situation like this, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is there to help. If there are questions about drugs, alcohol, destructive behaviors, impaired driving, violence, or suicide, SADD is a dependable answer.

"It is surprising at the amount of things that certain teens have confided in me," stated Deja Simmons, Junior and President of SADD.

The number of teens in this generation that are involved in risky behaviors is higher than it has ever been. People are not aware of the fact that every single negative action has its consequence.

Advisor Mrs. Heather Henry stated, "I think students need to have a positive influence in order to follow through with good decisions."

Today, peer pressure and unstable home environments are two of the main contributing factors to destructive decisions. With SADD being a local and non-judgmental group, troubled teens can make an attempt reach out. The decisions that are normally made under pressure

tend to be negative, but with the help of SADD, reaching a positive decision can be easier.

SADD annually holds a recycling fundraiser that helps kids recognize the importance of recycling. Also, they provides drinks for the BHS Sno*ball dance. When prom is near, SADD members encourage students to remain completely sober, and all students who commit must sign a contract.

Currently SADD is participating in the TreeFest. SADD members are decorating a tree using a theme, and they will donate it to a needy family.

For more information, see Mrs. Henry in the Library.

Students get crafty for holiday season

DEVIN BUCHER
Freshman

It is that time of year again, when Mrs. Debra Kern, Life Skills teacher, and her students are getting ready for the holidays.

For the past sixteen years, Kern and her students, prepare hand made Christmas gift bags for the community. They sell the hand decorated gift bags in school and all around the community and they always

have a lot of fun.

All the money for this project gets divided and shared by the students to have a



(Photo by Kelly Sheptock)
Casey Smith prepares Christmas bags.

Secret Santa. Kern said, "The students love doing this."

Mrs. Kern and her students enjoy this project because it is a good occupational therapy skill for the kids, and it is a great fundraiser.

Kern feels the best part about this project is how well they are received by the community.

To purchase a gift bag, stop by room 63.

BHS plans to give back this season

XIOMARA SALAZAR
Clubs and Events Editor

During this holiday season, service club's at BHS plan to give back in many ways.

S.H.O.W. plans to spread some holiday cheer by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Kmart on December 13th. On December 1st through December 16th, they plan to sponsor an angel tree from the Salvation Army. The student body can participate by taking an angel from the tree and purchasing items. All the angels are going to benefit children in the area. S.H.O.W.'s goal is for all the angels to be taken. In addition to that, S.H.O.W. participated in TreeFest and the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner.

SADD. planned to warm up some hearts this holiday by having a collection from November 29th through December 9th. During this collection, students donated new mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats in the library.

"Even a small donation could mean the world to a person in need," said Mrs. Heather Henry, SADD. Advisor and Librarian. All the donated collection will go to domestic abuse and homeless

shelter residents. In addition to the collection, SADD, participated in TreeFest and the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner.

Interact plans to give back this season by participating in Victorian Nights, Toys for

these events will benefit the Berwick Community and will be happening during December.

Also, Interact worked at Speedo Run, and participated in the Christmas Parade. In addition, Interact

many students participate.

Student Council plans to help out by teaming up with JOLTT to raise money for JOLTT's adopted family. They are planning to do this by holding a Christmas Cookie Walk and having Christ-

possible for JOLTT's adopted family. Students can participate by buying tickets for the Christmas Cookie Walk and PJ Day.

"I think Student Council always thinks of fun ways to get the student body involved," said Adrianna Berlin, senior and Student Council Secretary.

As well as this, Student Council teamed up with Interact to hosted the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner where Many clubs including JOLTT, S.H.O.W., Xanadu, SADD, National Honor Society, Family Consumer Science Club, Student Times, Drama Club and French Club sponsored tables to decorate and members helped decorate the whole cafeteria.

"I thought it was a fun way to give back to the community," said Taylor Stair, senior and Vice-President of French Club.

This holiday season service clubs at BHS are helping the community as much as they can and they all hope that the student body will participate in every event possible. For more information, please contact Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Kile, Mrs. Kern, and Mrs. Driscole.



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

Students from various clubs work to participate in school organized holiday fundraisers and charity events.

Tots, caroling at the Boulevard, donating blankets for the Head-Start children at Salem Elementary, and holding the Blood-Drive. All of

will be hosting Sno*ball and the group hosted the Senior Citizens dinner along with Student Council. Their goal for every event is to have as

mas PJ Day. The Christmas Cookie Walk and PJ Day will both happen on December 22nd. Student Council's goal is to raise as much money as

Retraction

GRAYSON JOHNSON
Senior

There were a few errors in the last issue's "Xandau" article that need correction. The President of the Xanadu club is Michelle Ni, the Vice President is Michelle Otte, Treasurer is Emily Pona, and the Secretary is Brocken Pulliam. There are no senior editors, rather an editorial board of seniors, consisting of CeJay Traugh, Michelle Ni, Michelle Otte, Emily Pona, Brocken Pulliam, Tori Ward, and Kim Harmon. The coming issue is not going to be full color, but will contain as much color as possible due to expense. The coming issue marks Xanadu's 50th year.



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The Big Year becomes big hit

Donnie Shields
Sophomore

If life gives you binoculars, then go bird watching! That is what happened in the new movie, *The Big Year*. Directed by David Frankel, *The Big Year* is a bird watching adventure where four guys go on a journey across the United States, hoping to find record amounts of rare birds called, The Big Year.

Narrated by Brad Harris, the movie shows about his lifelong dream of becoming a professional birder and beating the world record for most birds seen. Playing Brad Harris is actor and comedian Jack Black. He has had roles in numerous films, but is recently known for his voice in the Kung Fu Panda franchise. As the movie progresses, other characters are thrown into the mix such as Brad's friend, Stu Preissler.

Preissler is played by well-known actor and comedian Steve Martin. The man with the unbeatable record is introduced as Kenny Bostick, played by actor Owen Wilson.

As the movie continues to move forward, Brad, Stu, and Kenny collect photos and keep diaries of the birds they have seen. Stu and Brad are coming closer to the record, but Kenny is pacing himself to break his own record and surpass Brad and Stu. But towards year's end, all three birders return home, when family issues strike and everyone questions if they will return

to finish *The Big Year*.

Overall the movie is filled with laughs and adventure.



(Ron T. Ennis/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT)

This film shows that dreams should always be pursued, but they should be put aside for those who are close to us like fam-

ily. Family and friends come first. Although the movie has some mild language, it has a great point and story behind it.

This is a movie that I recommend to pre-teens and older and should probably not be seen by younger children. Overall, *The Big Year* is a good movie that I would recommend to my friends!

Dining with Dakota

Dakota Milo
Photo Editor

Mirakuya located on 695 Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre, is known for having a fun atmosphere and food.

The Japanese restaurant offers customers the choice of Hibachi or the normal restaurant procedure. In Japan, Hibachi is used for holding charcoal, but in America we use it for cooking and preparing food.

In the restaurant the cook uses the Hibachi grill to cook the food right in front of the customer. This offers entertainment for kids as well as adults, while they wait for the meal.

The customer has multiple options as to what kind of meat they want. Some of the

meat options are chicken, steak, fish, scallops, and shrimp. Mirakuya is also vegetarian friendly too, and



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gives the option of receiving more vegetables instead of meat. If the person is not a big fan of Japanese but loves sushi, there is multiple sushi or appetizing options.

Along with the delicious

meat or vegetable option there is also the choice of a side. Customers have a choice of rice or lo Mein noodles, soup and salad, or last but not least vegetables.

The restaurant is great for kids and offers more entertainment than most restaurants. Their staff is very friendly and is there the minute a customer needs something like a refill or extra napkins. Customers will need a box to take home the extra food after their meal.

All in all the restaurant has a friendly atmosphere for adults and kids, has delicious food, and is a great place to go if the person is hungry for something different than their normal diet and entertainment.

Holidays "Bieberized" with new album

Dakota Milo
Photo Editor

Christmas is "Bieberized" this season with this teenage dream's first holiday CD, *Under the Mistletoe*. With multiple platinum albums under his belt, Justin Bieber returns to the spotlight with this new album, which is predicted to be another mountainous Billboard 200 landing. The 17-year-old Canadian born, pop singer takes more risks a teenager can take with several of Christmas' favorite classics, including Mariah Carey's "All I Want is you."

In his new album Bieber crafts a highly energetic and expressive album that is filled with Christmas favorites, ranging from straight up pop and R&B to country. The album is also filled with guest appearances, bringing something for everyone in the album. Bieber has paired up with stars like Usher, The Band Perry, Busta Rhymes and Mariah Carey. Having multiple artists with different genres was a smart marketing move for Bieber making the album well rounded.

Along with traditional songs, Bieber has also written some new Christmas songs as well. The first song of the album to be released was the song "Mistletoe"; it was released on October 17. The song Mistletoe is by far my favorite of all the songs. It has a catchy beat to it and will get any Scrooge in the Christmas mood.

The first song on the album is "Only thing I ever get for Christmas", which is an original song written by Bieber. When first hearing this song, listeners are able to tell that his voice has changed significantly since his last album.

Bieber also paired up with Usher and took another traditional song "The Christmas song" to a whole new level with the twos harmonies working. Along with "The Christmas song" Bieber also took on the challenge of keeping the traditional beat of "Silent night" and "Santa Clause is coming to town" to make it more creative.

In the song "All I want for Christmas is you" Bieber took the already prerecorded song, made popular by Mariah Carey, and put a twist to the song by added his own verse. One of my favorite duets on the CD was with Boyz 2 men, when they sang "Fa La La". Out of all the songs, this was the one to give me goose bumps. Their harmonies worked well but kept an upbeat tempo at the same time.

"All I want is you" is my favorite song because it does not go with the rest of the songs, it stands out from the rest," said Junior Kaitlyn Yohey.

Another twist to Bieber's album is his collaboration with Busta Rhymes in the song "Drummer Boy". The track starts out with Bieber singing with an upbeat tempo, but after the first verse it takes a turn for its best when Bieber starts rapping about Jesus, The Little Drummer Boy, and the bible. In the end Busta jumps in with a huge rap that would cause other rapper's to get tongue tied.

I believe the album deserves a four out of five stars because of its upbeat tempo and duets. All in all, the album will certainly get any Scrooge out of their holiday blues.

Entertainment Highlights of 2011



Rebecca Slusser
Freshman

"Glee Season 3; the ending left me wanting more and I had to wait all summer to see the next season! Season 3 was definitely the best yet!"



Kara Elmes
Junior

"Breaking Dawn; it made me feel every emotion that was happening and I felt that I was there in all of the excitement. I am definitely team Jasper!"



Jen Adams
Junior

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2; I've read the books and enjoyed seeing the series come to life."



Emily Pona
Senior

"The final book in the Inheritance Series. I waited four years for it to be released, so I'm glad I finally have it!"



Jake Kelly
Senior

"Katy Perry winning Best Female Music Video for her song Firework. It is one of my favorite songs so it was nice to see her win an award for it."



Katie Miller
Junior

"Footloose; It made me want to get up out of my seat and dance! I really enjoyed all of music and dancing. I wish I could sing and dance like them!"



Mike Skeath
Senior

"Captain America; The movie was awesome! It was filled with a lot of action and adventure and had awesome special effects!"



Kelly Shiptoski
Senior

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 because it came out on my birthday! I went to the midnight showing on my birthday!"

2011 brings many entertainment events for all audiences

Taylor Stair
Reviews Editor

"This is going to be the best year ever!" Most of us say, or think the same thing when it is New Year's Eve and the clock is ticking down to the New Year. It is hard to recall an entire year's worth of events and memories, but I'm going to remind you of a couple of things you may have forgotten that happened this year.

Let's go back to Friday, April 29, 2011, The Royal Wedding. Millions of girls, young and old, woke up at 4 AM to watch the infamous Royal Wedding. Many women, from an older generation, can recall waking up to watch Princess Diana get married and now watched Kate Middleton

and Prince William do the same, but this time with little ones of their own. There were a lot of comparisons between Diana and Kate's weddings such as how the Princesses themselves differ, as well as the grooms, and an enormous factor, the dresses. The world anxiously waited to see what the new Princess's dress would look like. The dress was like every other with color, but showed elegance and uniqueness only a Princess-to-be could have. It complimented Kate's figure, making her an image every woman wants to be on her wedding day, tall, thin, and beautiful. An estimated 2 billion people watched the Royal Wedding on TV and on the internet, but that does not include the thousands of

people who lined the streets to watch the Prince and Princess-to-be travel to the chapel in Westminster, Abbey for the ceremony. It was a remarkable day to watch royal traditions take place and a wedding most people only dream of having.

Another major event that occurred this year was the opening of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* on July 15th. This final movie to the 8 hit movie series caused record-breaking box-office sales. Millions of fans waited in line for hours to see the final movie at the Midnight showing and many dressed up as different characters from the movie to share the Harry Potter spirit for the last time. The dynamic trio of Harry, Ron and Hermione

teamed up for the final time to try and defeat Voldemort once and for all. The movie brought out many emotions, but was also filled with action, adventure and a little bit of romance. For many, the ending of the series was bittersweet. Never again will millions of fans wait in line to see the midnight showing, or wait for the newest book or movie to come out on DVD.

The Royal Wedding and HPDH Part 2 were two major things that occurred in entertainment this year. It is nearly impossible for me to list all of the story-causing events that occurred this year, but here is a brief list of some minor stories that occurred: Kim Kardashian's 72-day marriage to Kris

Humphries, Lindsey Lohan's numerous no-shows in court, the premiere of the Twilight Saga's *Breaking Dawn Part 1*, and Mariah Yeter claiming that Justin Bieber was the father of her child. Two famous TV hosts also stepped down this year. Oprah and Regis stepped down after many years on daytime television. Both were very successful TV hosts, and influential people on television.

Each year brings new stories and events. Hopefully recalling some events mentioned can help people look a few years down the road and remember where they were or what they thought when it was happening. Here is to 2012 and another year of entertaining events!

Homecoming court

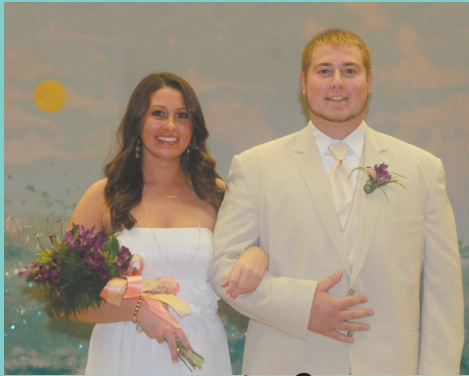
Welcome to

GRAYSON JOHNSON
Senior

As the festivities come to a close, Berwick's Homecoming celebration was a success for all who attended. With dozens of people in attendance at the homecoming ceremony, and the dance, the weeks of preparation were not in vain. Countless hours have been put into creating the back drops, practicing for the ceremony, organizing the dance and decorating, needless to say it all paid off.

This year's theme for the Homecoming dance is "Welcome to Paradise!" With the girls in white and the guys in tan, the beach theme is clearly evident. The back drop for the auditorium was decorated to also fit the beach theme, as well as the cafeteria for the following dance.

The homecoming court, consisting of Jade Welsh, Samantha Bower, Tara Egrie, Swetha Kumar, Courtney Whitenight, Katie Scopelliti and Abby Grassley for the girls, and Brandon Berke, Andrew Berube, Alex Oliver, Grayson Johnson, Jared Pierce, Jake Morrison, and Jeremy Freeman for the boys, has been practicing hard since their selection in early September. The ceremony was



Princess Sam Bower
Prince Brandon Berkes



Queen Jade Welsh
King Jeremy Freeman



Princess Tara Egrie
Prince Alex Oliver



Princess Abby Grasley
Prince Drew Berube



Princess Swetha Kumar
Prince Grayson Johnson



Princess Katie Scopelliti
Prince Jared Pierce



Narrators
Morgan Hicks
Jess Rehrig



Princess Courtney Whitenight
Prince Jake Morrison



Talent



Jacob Frey
Madison Steward & Carlynn Wolfe
Laura Spence & Alex Martz acc. by Kelsey Rinehimer
Emma Karchner acc. by Brandon Strickland
Rebecca Clark & Jade Welsh acc. by Taylor Stair
Chelsea Pruitt

"Like the Angel"
"Never Grow Up"
"You and I"
"Black Bird"
"In His Eye"
"Someone Like You"



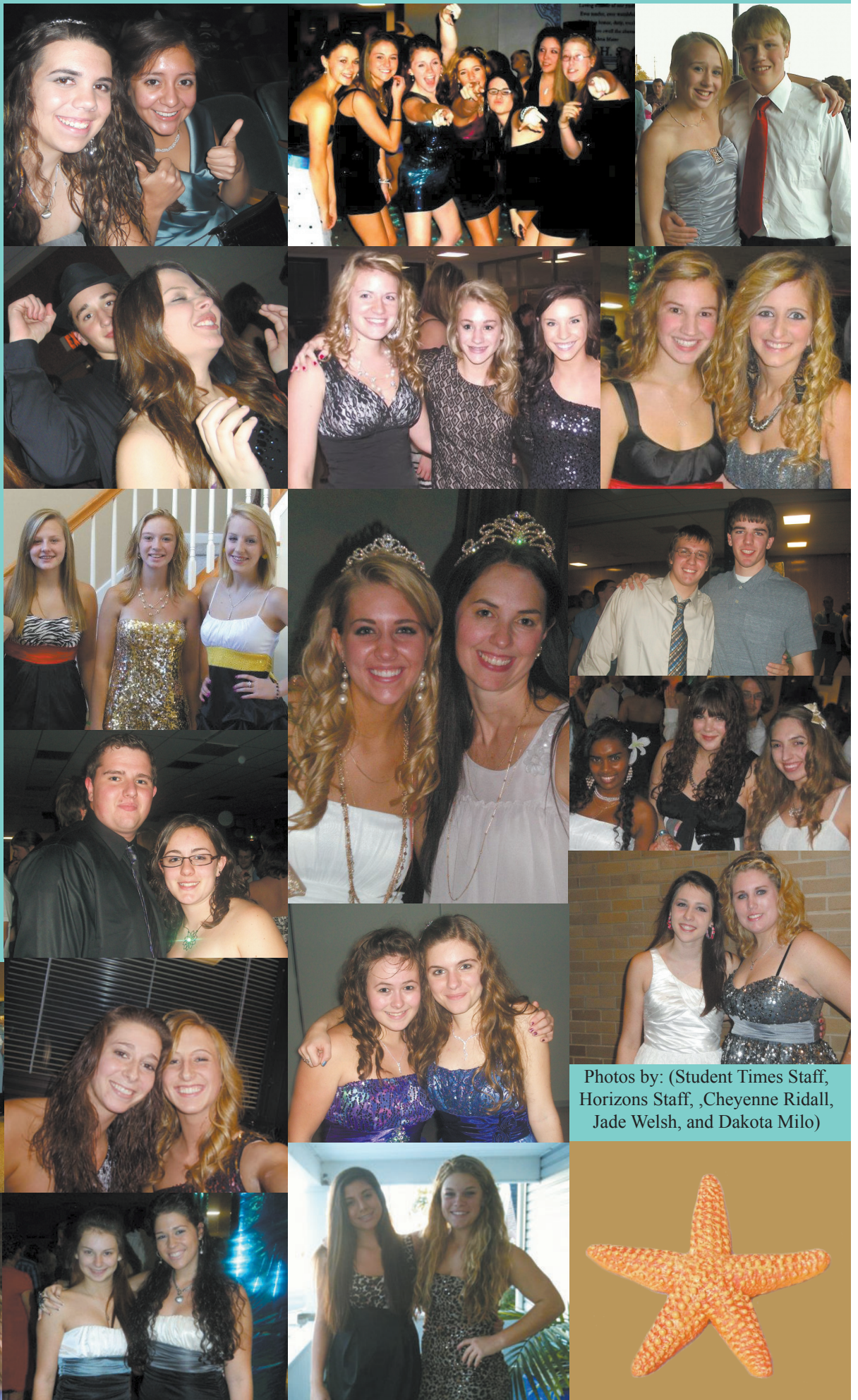
to Paradise!

s smoothly, with Jessica Rehrig and Morgan Hicks as narrators. The current king and queen, Caleb Fetterolf and Sarah Dalo made an appearance to hand off their crowns to the new king and queen, Jeremy Freeman and Jade Welsh. “With all the work every person involved (in home-

coming) put into the dance, I truly hope everyone enjoys the ceremony and dance,” senior Prince Brandon Berkes said. “I had fun getting ready for homecoming, so I hope everyone else did too.” Throughout the night, Berkes could be seen dancing and looking lively all over.

“I loved being on court,” Princess Katie Scopelliti said. “It was a lot of fun, and so was the dance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, I know I did!” Katie went on to say the photo shoots at the dance were phenomenally executed and a lot of fun to do. “Berwick continues to up the ante with the fun of their dances,” she said, “I can’t wait for Sno*Ball now!”

With the festivities of Homecoming winding down, Berwick High School has the student body looking forward to Sno*Ball and Prom.



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Successes adding up for BHS mathematics team

KIM HARMON
Editor-In-Chief

The BHS Mathematics team has had a successful year thus far.

The students in the club attend weekly meetings in

mathematics competition in November. Here they displayed their talents in a speed competition, a problem solving competition, and a 24 card game competition.

Recently, a group of 7 math-



(Photo by Todd Gunther)

Team at Bloomsburg University before their first competition of the year.

which they receive a problem set created by Todd Gunther, advisor, to complete for the following week. At the meetings, they, apply their creative thinking skills to decipher abstract problems, discuss problem solutions, complete worksheets, take quizzes, participate in mock competitions, and prepare for events and competitions that they plan to attend.

This year, the students have been working especially hard. They gained many dedicated and passionate freshman that have proven that they are great additions to the team. They have selected many competitions in which they are currently hard at work ensuring that they will be able to succeed come game day.

The team participated in the Bloomsburg University

letes comprised of mostly seniors attended the annual Newtonian mathematics competition held at Coughlin High School. One of the two groups representing Berwick for the team competition, whose members consisted of Emily Pona, senior, Wes Davis, senior, and Brandon Strickland, president, tied for first place. In the individual competition, Davis placed third.

Now, the students are preparing for three upcoming competitions: problem solution competitions held at Lehigh University, Marywood University, and Bucknell University, as well as the AMC-12 and AMC-10 held here at BHS.

As the team continues to hone their math skills, they will undoubtedly succeed in the upcoming competitions.

Volunteers create dazzling display

GRAYSON JOHNSON
Senior

For 64 years, the Berwick Boulevard had been entertaining locals and out-of-state tourists with a dazzling display of holiday-themed plots and mini-stories. Once again, the Berwick Area Education Association (BAEA) is helping to redesign its traditional plot.

Focusing on the "Preparing for Winter" theme, the display features wildlife creatures. It runs from the Santa building to the corner

by Hinckley Funeral Home.

Several key people helped to create the plot. Stepping into the position as current plot advisor is Lifetime Jaycee member and Middle School teacher, Chris Aurand. Along with Aurand, volunteer teachers Donald Walp, Jodi Walp, Jen Craig, Pamela Robustelli, Robert Bond, and Paula Parmenteri made this year's project a huge success.

Also, according to Aurand, students Zachary Kishbaugh, senior, and Joe Peck, sophomore, have been an

immense help, whitening out and repainting signs for the plot and providing much of the additional manpower.

"I think the community will enjoy the plot," Peck said.

The boulevard project originated six years ago under the direction of Holly Morrison, Curriculum Director who served as plot coordinator for those years.

The Berwick Boulevard is a tradition that residents and visitors look forward to each year. Everyone should visit the display.

'Deck the halls' with bunches of cheer



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Students feverishly work to complete their adorned door for the Student Council's annual Holiday door decorating contest.

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Top Dawgs

Freshman team celebrates their undefeated season



The 2011 freshman football team was the first team in a while to have a perfect undefeated record of 10-0 and to bring in another WVC championship. While achieving this, they had several players reach milestones. Runningback Nathan Maczuga racked in over 1000 yards rushing with 18 touchdowns. Quarterback Dallas Arner almost met the same achievement throwing for a little over 830 passing yards and 8 touchdowns. Berwick defeated ten teams this year. The freshmen Dawgs team dominated its way to the WVC championship. Head coach Scott Dennis pushed his team through tough times and it paid off.

Three senior boys' soccer players dominate field



Moyer

Dougherty

Venditti

Seniors Jeremy Moyer, Brandon Dougherty, and Kyle Venditti not only lead the boy's soccer team to a successful season and playoff birth, but they have also won personal achievements. All three seniors were invited to and played in the 2011 All-Star game. The boys played key roles in a game with seniors from several different schools in our area.

Fall sports wrap-up

ANDREW FORCE

Freshman

This 2011 fall sports season at BHS was an exciting one, nine sports have already been wrapped up. The records varied from blowouts to embarrassments, record breakers to injuries and unsuspecting heroes, the 2011 season was full of twists and turns.

Every Friday night 10,000 screaming fans packed Crispin Memorial Field to watch their beloved Bulldogs come to battle week after week. In seven games the Dawgs outscored their opponents by 50 points. "Our entire team has worked our hardest," said Star Senior Tight End, Half Back and Defensive End Brandon Berkes.

Matt Cashman broke, wide receiver and defensive back coach Keith Seeley's 90 yard interception return for a touchdown record. He returned one for 94 yards, only by four yards, but regardless, he is now in the books. On the other side of the ball, Ron Powlus, Frank Jankowski, Mike West, and Dave Robbins, are a few names in the past that threw for 3,000 yards in their Berwick career. A new name to that group, senior quarterback Jared Pierce also achieved this milestone against Selinsgrove this season. In the same game, Kicker Alex Oliver broke his own record (42 yard field goal in 2010) with a 45 yard field goal, which is the longest kick in Berwick history. Senior Halfback, Jeremy Freeman rushed for 1,000 yards in the third quarter of the Pittston game. The team finished 9-3 with an Eastern Conference Championship trophy to go

along with their winning record.

JV FOOTBALL

The future stars of the Berwick football program are supplied by the Junior Varsity team. With a record of 3-5, the Dawgs got off to a rough start but slowly progressed. Without Sophomore Wide Receiver Alex Klinger (Varsity player), the team must rely on highly talented Sophomore Quarterback, C.J. Curry and Sophomore Halfback, Richie Snyder had to take on elevated roles. Both of the young players are set to be a big asset on next year's varsity team.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

"We started strong and just started rolling" said Freshman Cornerback, Paul Jay Wiegand. Those words explain the whole season 10-0, the only undefeated team in the entire town of Berwick. Coach Scott Dennis (of Freshman Football) claims this is the most athletic team he has ever had. This season the freshman piled up 34.7 points per game while only giving up 5.6 points per game to their opponents.

FIELD HOCKEY

With over half of the 2011 Girls' Field Hockey team deciding to pursue other ventures, many freshmen were called to duty. Kylene Welsh, Alexis Steeber and Elizabeth Dyer were among the ones called up. Freshman Kylene Welsh said, "There was tons of dedication and confidence". Even though the team struggled to put a "W" in the win column, the experience gained by the entire team will certainly pay off in the future.

BOYS' SOCCER

The Boys' Varsity Soccer team was a score this season,

as they dominated almost everyone in their path. "We had a goal to beat a division 2 team and we beat two of them" said Freshman Goalie Luke Henger. The Bulldawgs had a very successful season under head coach Janet Henger.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Bill Bull and the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country team haven't made much news in 2011 but they have been doing great things with the CC program.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Plagued by injuries the Girls' Volley ball team just could not get their team going. Coach Don Plyler was missing a few key seniors this year which is mostly the reason the team is losing. Unlike field hockey, not many freshmen stepped up and the team didn't have much of a choice. This certainly is a rough patch for the girls as most of the injuries were to seniors, who do not have another shot.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Although the Girls' Tennis team got off to a slow start, the wins started to pile up late in the season. They finished with a losing season, none the less Head Coach Trinell Bull worked hard to make her team one of the best and in the years to come, it will pay off.

GOLF

The Dawgs prevailed with a 10-3 record mostly due to the long ball and tight short game.

So, from blowouts to embarrassments, record breakers to injuries and unsuspecting heroes. Berwick saw it all in the 2011 season was full of twists and turns. Now BHS turns their attention to winter sports, GO DAWGS!

Records are always meant to be broken

BRANDON BERKES
Senior

With six state championships and three national championships, Berwick football has always been a top program to watch. With many great players coming through the program and going on to not only the collegiate level, but the professional level, Berwick has been known to be the birth place of great football players.

Jared Pierce, Alex Oliver, and Matt Cashman are three players who have succeeded in breaking school records this year. Senior quarterback, Jared Pierce has reached the mark of 3,000 passing yards so far. Senior

kicker, Alex Oliver has yet again broken a record. Junior cornerback Matt Cashman broke the former 90 yard interception return with a 94 yarder.

To show how much of an accomplishment Pierce has attained, he is now put in the same category as Ron Powlus, Frank Jankowski, Mike West, and Dave Robbins. "I feel honored and it is a privilege to have reached this mark. It is cool to know my name will be with the

great quarterbacks that have come through this program, like Frank Jankoski who is a great leader and role model," said Pierce. Without a doubt Pierce will be a quarterback

that will be looked up to just like the names already previously mentioned.

Oliver is already a record holder with his 42 yard field goal from last year, but



Oliver

that was not good enough for him. During week five against Selinsgrove, Oliver kicked an amazing 45 yard field goal straight through the uprights. "It was good

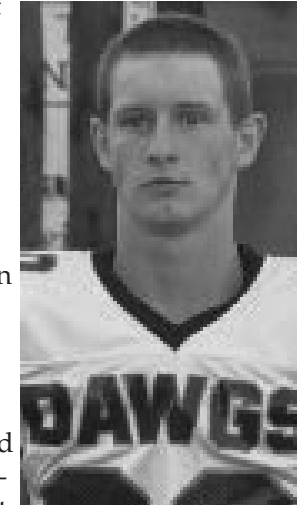
to see all my hard work I put in the off season pay off." Oliver said. So with Oliver holding the two top spots for longest field goal, it will be exciting to wait and see if anyone can beat them both.

Boston College standout Keith Seely and present defensive coordinator held the record for longest interception return of 90 yards. That record held up for a strong thirty years until Junior Matt Cashman had a 94 yard interception return against the Tunkhan-

nock Tigers. "It felt like an achievement and I was at a loss of words, but I do have to thank all the guys that were on the field blocking for me. I would not have

been able to do it without them," Cashman said. Cashman, being a junior, has one more year to see if he can top his own record.

Head coach Gary Campbell



Cashman

stated, "Football is the ultimate team sport. The records these kids broke did not just come from over night, they came from boring drills they did over the summer. These records also would not have been broken without the other guys on the field with them and on the sidelines."

Berwick is proud and honored to have these three new players to be among some of the greatest athletes from this football program.



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Wrestling seeks district title

BRANDON BERKES
Senior

With the wrestling team coming off an impressive season of 21 and 11, they are looking forward to yet another great and successful season.

From 1955 to 2011 the wrestling program has had an impressive 575 wins as a team. With 15 more team wins Berwick wrestling will reach a milestone and a great achievement for the program.

Head Coach Ernie Yates said, "This year we have about 26 guys where usually we have about 19 or 20. It is great to have a lot of guys so it means we are flexible and can move guys around to different weight classes."

Numbers is not the only positive aspect this year. Berwick has a lot of experience also. Senior Jake Jola

said, "I have been through it all so I share my knowledge to the team, also I strengthen their mental toughness, and bring team unity."

The wrestling team has

March to early November."

Senior Anthony Talanca believes that the wrestling team is well prepared and pumped for the season.

Talanca said, "Yeah, the team

is ready we have a lot of starters coming back. We are working hard as a team and together like a family of brothers."

With a lot of positives what else can be said about Berwick wrestling this year? Well Junior Kevin Laubach said, "This team is special, we have a grouping of all years with a lot of seniors and leaders, this should be a break out year for a lot of guys."

With all signs pointing to a successful season this year for the Berwick wrestling program and a huge milestone in site, the team is out to prove it all right.



(Photo by Michael Torres)
Austin Soboleski, Senior, and Kevin Laubach, junior, practice takedowns.

been putting a lot of sweat and time to prepare for the season. Senior Dalton Arner said, "The team has been running and lifting during the off season from late

Swim team trains for hopeful season



(Photo by Brenna Goulstone)

Alicia Skeath, Junior, practices a start at a recent swim practice.

MARIE SPUCHES
Activities Editor

Last season both girls' and boys' had a record of 5-9. Preseason swimming has just begun and things are looking good for the swim team.

The BHS swim team practices for two hours every week day after school in the middle school pool. Also, the team members have an hour long weight room visit where the swimmers can work on their abs, arms, legs and other muscles to build up their strength for the oncoming season.

The biggest competitors this season are for the girl's team Holy Redeemer, Scranton Prep and Abington Heights. The biggest competitors for the boy's team are Abington Heights, Tunkhannock and Wyoming Valley West.

"Some of our key swimmers for the boy's team are Josh Kelley, Nathan Eskin and J.J. Shoemaker. The key swimmers for the girl's team

are Alex Woytko and Taylor Andress," says Mrs. Stacy Demshock, coach of the swim team. "Coach is pushing hard because she knows we can always improve and do better," says senior J.J. Shoemaker, who has been on the team for four years.

"The team looks good this season. We have swimmers who are ready to work hard, and do their best," says senior Michael Skeath, who has been on the team for four years.

Veronica Shoemaker, a first year member of the girls' swim team, thinks that the team is going to do great because they are like a big family. "Where one person is weaker, there is another person who makes up for it," says sophomore Brenna Goulstone, a first year member of the team.

The first meet of the season is December ninth, and is at home against Scranton. According to Demshock and the members, the season is going to be a successful one.

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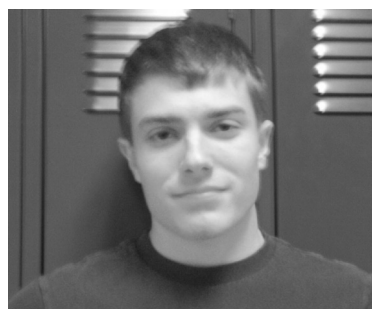
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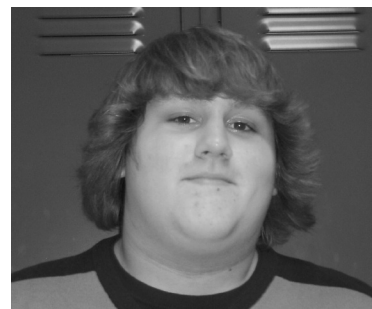
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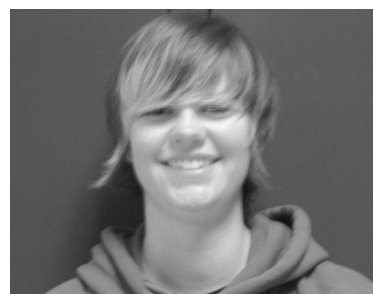
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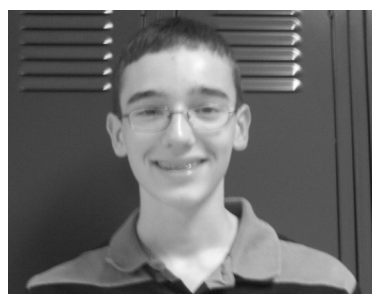
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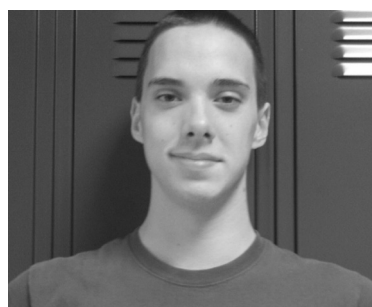
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Lauryn Dalrymple- 10th grade: "I want tons of chocolate!"



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Alex Woytko- 12th grade: "I want a PUPPY."



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Brittany Gensel- 12th grade: "I want an I-tunes gift card."

Students pick hot ticket holiday items

PAUL JAY WIEGAND
Freshman

With the Christmas holiday coming up, everyone is out and about buying presents for their family and friends.

According to a recent survey, this year's BHS student body wants hot-ticket electronics for Christmas. Among the top picks are the iPad, iPhone 4gs, laptop, Xbox 360, and the PS3. 46%

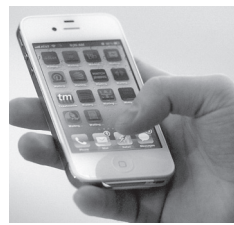
of the students deemed iPad tablet as the most popular gift



(Handout/MCT)

this season. The iPhone and various laptops are the second most requested gifts. These items seem to be wanted by people all across the world. Since so many people want

these products, the price for them rises, and Black Friday



(Todd Sumlin/Charlotte Observer/MCT)

share rose nearly 3% because all of the sales.

Freshman Chase Petty said, "I was hoping to get the iPad for Christmas because it has tons of features such as going on the internet, playing apps, and pretty much anything you want it to do. Why buy a laptop when you can have the same features and more on an iPad?"

Another popular gift was Apple's iPhone. Freshman Dalton Perla said, "I would

like to get the iPhone for Christmas because it is just like a miniature laptop, and I can face-time my brother who is back at college." On Black Friday, Apple

like to get the iPhone for Christmas because it is just like a miniature laptop, and I can face-time my brother who is back at college."

On the other hand, an item the girls wanted were UGG boots. Freshman Alexis



(MusicSkins/MCT)

Steeber said, "I want UGGS for Christmas because they are really comfortable, very stylish, and I like them." With everyone's eyes pretty much being set on those few keys items, this Christmas seem like it is going to be an expensive one. It looks as if Santa is going to need a few more helpers for this Christmas.

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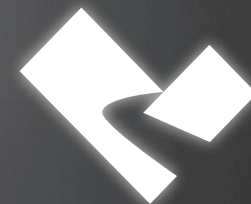
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Spirit Week:

Students of BHS filled homecoming week with spirit, color, laughter, and a lot of creativity. They participated in Mopey Monday, Tropical Tuesday, Superhero Wednesday, Totally Nerdy Thursday and Blue & White Bash Friday. They finished off the week with an annual pep rally.



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