

# THE STUDENT TIMES



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Over 300 students participate in community service event (Pg. 3)



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# Students, faculty go pink



Friday, October 18th was Pink and Denim Day at Berwick High School. Over 480 shirts were sold for \$11 each around the school and community. All profits were donated to breast cancer research. Students and faculty around BHS came together for this worthy cause.

# Clubs offer outlets for all interests

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Berwick Area High School has plenty of clubs to join, from service to publications to subject-related; consequently, there is something for everyone.

There are five subject-related clubs at BHS: Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, CADD Club, Family Consumer Science Club, and Mathletics. Future Business Leaders of America or FBLA is an exciting club that presents students with the opportunity to participate in a regional, state, and national competition. Members learn more about the business field by evaluating their skills at this competition. Moreover, students take tests in specific business-related skills or ideas, such as Desktop Publishing or Business Procedures. Apart from FBLA, an educative club that incorporates language and fun is Spanish Club. This club educates members about the Spanish Culture, and is not solely open to students taking Spanish but to everyone. Also, for those interested in engineering and design the CADD club allows students to pursue those interests. Additionally, Family Consumer Science Club allows students to combine passion for volunteering with their skills. Finally, a unique club at BHS which allows students to take their love for math to the next level is Mathletics. This club is advised by Mr. Todd Gunther, AP Calculus BC teacher, who created Mathletics with

the help of math-inclined students in 2010. Moreover, Mathletics participates in math competitions across the region at universities and against schools from the entire nation. Currently, this club is participating in 'Math Madness' where they compete with different schools through the internet. Apart from 'Math Madness', Mathletics plans to participate in competitions at Bloomsburg University, Lehigh University, Bucknell University, Wilkes University, and Coughlin High School. This club is very involved in math and there is no necessary requirement to join except a passion for math. For more information about these clubs, please contact their advisors.

Apart from math, BHS has three publication clubs: Horizons, The Student Times, and Xanadu. Horizons produces the school yearbook, which relies on teamwork and creativity. The Student Times is a club that works vigorously to create the school newspaper. They publish an issue almost every month. Xanadu is the club in charge of producing the self-named literary and arts magazine for BHS. For more information, about these clubs please contact their advisors.

Two popular service clubs are Students Helping Out Willingly and Interact. Students Helping Out Willingly, or SHOW, is aimed at involving its members in various community service projects with the school and the entire community. Members participate in the Nescopeck Community Food Cupboard, baby sitting at Orange St. Elementary, Victorian Nights and many other events. Every

month, SHOW presents its members with great opportunities to make a difference and give back to the community. Interact is a service club and against schools from the entire nation. Currently, this club is participating in 'Math Madness' where they compete with different schools through the internet. Apart from 'Math Madness', Mathletics plans to participate in competitions at Bloomsburg University, Lehigh University, Bucknell University, Wilkes University, and Coughlin High School. This club is very involved in math and there is no necessary requirement to join except a passion for math. For more information about these clubs, please contact their advisors.

Three more clubs at BHS are Students Against Destructive Decisions, Jesus Offers Life to Teens, and Aavidum. Students Against Destructive Decisions, or SADD, is a club that deals with destructive issues, such as impaired driv-

ing, underage drinking, and drug use. Throughout the year, SADD sponsors different types of events to make students aware of the consequences such as Grim Reaper Day. This club advocates living a healthy lifestyle. Next, Jesus Offers Life to Teens, or JOLTT, is a one of a kind club that allows students to discuss and learn about religion. JOLTT is the only religious club in BHS and creates a great environment to make friends while discussing the faith. Moreover, Aavidum is a club advocates to eliminate bullying. For more information about these clubs, please contact their advisors.

There are several musical clubs at BHS for students interested in performing past the classroom, including Modernaires. Similarly, Stage Crew focuses on the behind-

the-scenes aspect of producing performances.

Finally, National Honor Society is a club which combines services and academics to further promote members to excel. National Honor Society consists of students with an overall GPA of at least 95 and display character. Moreover, this club is selective but students are selected their sophomore year, allowing time for students to bring up their grades. NHS is an excellent opportunity for students to combine their interest of community service with commitment to academics.

Overall, there are many clubs at BHS that cater to many interests across the board from volunteering to business. It is all a matter of finding the perfect club to fit each student's interests.

## Top 20 Clubs:

<p><b>Aavidum:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Sheptock</i></p> <p><b>CADD Club:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Smith</i></p> <p><b>FCSC:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Hartenbach</i></p> <p><b>FBLA:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Henley</i></p> <p><b>Horizons:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Phillips</i></p> <p><b>Spanish Club:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Haubert</i></p> <p><b>Interact:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Kern</i></p>	<p><b>JOLTT:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Kern</i></p> <p><b>Mathletics:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Gunther</i></p> <p><b>Modernaires:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Driscole</i></p> <p><b>Model UN:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Guenther</i></p> <p><b>NHS:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Hook</i></p> <p><b>SADD:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Henry</i></p> <p><b>Senior Video:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Christian</i></p>	<p><b>SHOW:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Kile</i></p> <p><b>Stage Crew:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Wasser</i></p> <p><b>Student Times:</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Christian</i></p> <p><b>TRiO:</b> <i>Advisor: Ms. Zluchowski</i></p> <p><b>Xanadu:</b> <i>Advisor: Mr. Soboleski</i></p> <p><b>YIP</b> <i>Advisor: Mrs. Melito</i></p>
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# 'A Night in Salem' Township's park



**LIZ ISENBERG**  
*Sophomore*

On October 19th, Katelynn Christian, sophomore, and her dedicated group of volunteers put on the first "A Night in Salem", a community project aimed at providing a safe, kid-friendly, trick-or-treat trail with exciting activities for children ten and under. Salem Township Park was home to this hopefully annual event.

Christian contacted local businesses such as PP & L, Don E. Bower Construction, First Keystone Community Bank, and Matthew's Spring Water requesting help and donations. Over 300 pumpkins were donated by Zahner

Brother's Farm and Paul Dagostin. Also, tea lights and monetary support were donated by several other residents of the Berwick community.

There were 228 jack-o-lanterns lining the trail that featured several stations along the way. These stations included face painting, cookie decorating, pumpkin carving, and, of course, candy!

Christian received the help of many students, groups, and clubs throughout the school, such as Interact Club and SADD, (Students Against Destructive Decisions). These groups helped by donating and distributing candy, and the cheerleading team



decorated cookies with the children. The art department carved pumpkins and painted faces, and the Student Times newspaper staff handed out candy to the kids. Mrs. Rebecca Knorr's Basic Foods and Culinary 2 classes carved over seventy-five pumpkins.

"It was a good project and got a lot of students to do something they may not have done before, and had fun doing it. It was collectively a nice occasion for the community," Knorr said.

To finish off the exciting evening, children gathered around the forty-foot projector screen to watch the kid-friendly Halloween movie



*Hotel Transylvania*, but, unfortunately, heavy rain forced Christian to end the event at about 7:30 p.m. Despite the rain, over four hundred kids came out to collect their candy and have a great time.

Christian said, "I think that an event that is safe for kids and families is a nice way to bring everyone together, create memories, and showcase the talents of Berwick High School students."

Along with being a great way to bring the community together, A Night in Salem served another purpose. As most students know, the graduation project requires freshmen and sophomores to acquire 30 hours of commu-



nity service, and juniors 15, to graduate. Over 300 high school students participated in the event. Many carved pumpkins while others came throughout the day to help set up, work for their clubs, tear down, and get their community service hours in.

"I wanted to create a project that would help students get their community service hours," Christian said.

Plans are already in action for possibly holding a 5k pumpkin-run along with the 2nd annual A Night in Salem. As a result of Christian's commitment to this project, it is sure to be an event for the entire community to attend and have a great time!



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## 2017 officers have many goals

CASEY CURTIN  
*Sophomore*

The officers are elected, and advisors Mr. Bruce Guenther and Ms. Tessa Rowan are eager to begin a four year journey.

This year's 2017 class officers are Maggie Angell, President; Samantha Dyer, Vice President; Spencer Yacuboski, Treasurer; and Carly Belles, Secretary.

The class advisors are History teacher, Mr. Bruce Guenther and Special Education teacher, Ms. Tessa Rowan.

These four students are extremely excited to be in office. They have plans to accomplish several fundraisers, such as selling Sheetz coupons and T-shirts to raise as much money as they can to help their class.

Freshman class President, Maggie Angell plans to make the most of this school year.

She is very confident in her fellow officers and projects on running her class for all four years. "I feel I have great



(Photo by Student Times Staff)

Right to Left: Maggie Angell, President; Carly Belles, Secretary; Sammie Dyer, Vice President; and Spencer Yacuboski, Treasurer.

leadership qualities that will make me an excellent president," said Angell. Besides from being a class officer, Maggie is a cheerleader and is in the interact club.

Freshman class Vice President, Samantha Dyer is hoping to get a good start on fundraising for the Class of 2016's Prom. Dyer is hoping to be in office all four years and is determined to achieve all the classes' goals such as raising money, uniting the class, and making the rest of

their high school career memorable. Apart from being an officer, Samantha is also on the cross country team and is a part of marching band and orchestra.

Secretary Carly Belles and Treasurer Spencer Yacuboski plan on being officers for all four years. They both want to keep their class on task and organized. "I hope we can raise close to twenty thousand by senior year," said Yacuboski.

"Over the next four years the class officers hopes to bring a lot of success to their class. The overall goal for the class of 2017 is to offset their junior and senior years special events," said Tessa Rowan, one of the freshmen class advisors; which includes Prom, Senior Trip, and yearbook dues. The idea is to make class activities as affordable as possible.

Overall, the freshman officers plan to combine their talents to give their class a positive high school experience.

## Millionaires, twins, bikinis add spirit



(Photo by Jessica Prebola)

AIRLIA MARTZ  
*Freshman*

Million-dollar men and hula girls crowded the hallways of Berwick Area High School during Spirit Week, a fun event leading up to a "sweet" Candy Land themed Homecoming.

On Friday, October 18th, Spirit Week was kicked off with "Pink and Denim Day." Students and teachers who donated to breast cancer awareness were treated to a pink ribbon and an ice cream sundae. Mrs. Melissa Driscole, the school's Student Council director and choral director, said that about \$500 was raised for the efforts.

This set the tone for the fun-filled Spirit Week which included "Millionaire Monday," "Twin Tuesday," "We Love America Wednesday," "Tropical Thursday" and the traditional "Blue and White Bash" on Friday.

Also on Friday, October 25th, there was a pep rally which involved organized routines by the varsity cheerleaders, senior games, and Student Council officers participating in a game of their own. This was organized by Driscole and Mrs. Bernadette DiPippa, a Berwick Alumni and varsity cheerleading coach.

Student Council chooses the days about two or three weeks in advance. Their goal is to have everyone to participate and get excited for homecoming. "I love it when people participate and show their school spirit," said Madison Steward, a senior and a representative of Student Council. "The themes are new, fun, and exciting."

The whole week led up to the Friday night Homecoming game, which is anticipated for every year. On Saturday, October 26th, the Homecoming dance was held. All of the events and hard work were organized by the Student Council since the beginning of school.

(More Spirit Week Photos on page 16)

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## Students help Red Cross save lives drop by drop

XIOMARA SALAZAR

*Senior Editor-in-Chief*

On October 30th, 2013, Interact sponsored a Halloween inspired Blood Drive. This Fall's Blood Drive was themed "Witch Blood Type are You?" This catchy pun attracted many students to unite for this great cause.

All throughout the day, students donated their time and blood for a wonderful cause. For every donation, students saved at least three lives. This process is difficult since there are many check-points to go, but it has a life-saving effect. Before donating, students sign up for a period to donate, and hand in their permission under fifteen.

When the students arrived at the Blood Drive, they had to check-in and make sure all their paperwork was correct. They also had to drink an entire bottle of water and read a booklet, which described the whole process and possible risks. When the students were ready, they moved to the next station. There, they answered a series of questions pertaining to their health. If they met all the requirements such as iron level and weight, students proceeded with donating. If they did not, they were denied donating rights, due to their health.

Finally, students arrive at the tables where they lay on to donate. There, students donate approximately a pint of blood for a great cause. Also, in special cases, certain students meet the requirements to donate a 'double dose.' This is when donors give a double dose of red blood cells and receive a certain amount of white blood cells to supplement the loss blood. This is very unique and only happen two to three times throughout the day.

Then, after that process, students are treated to delicious treats and are continuously served by Interact members. Overall, this gratifying cause inspires students to unite in order to save lives. This is the only blood drive in the Fall and there will not be another blood drive until the Spring.

Senior, Destiny Samsel said, "It was my first time giving blood. Things went well, and I can't wait to donate again. I really believe that it is important for people to donate blood and help others."

Any student interested in donating their time or blood should contact the Red Cross.



Above: Mason Vandermark, junior prepares to give blood. Right: Holden Riegel and Paul Jay Wiegand, juniors check out the snacks after donating.



(Photo by Student Times Staff)

## New graduation requirement

RYAN DOOLEY

*Senior*

According to state regulation, students are required to complete a project in order to graduate. This graduation project has recently changed and is now more beneficial for students.

At the end of the 2012/2013 school year, the school board voted to change the graduation project from an e-portfolio to a community service project. This project now requires all students to obtain at least thirty hours of com-

munity service or job shadowing to graduate. Since the change was so sudden, the senior class is only required ten hours and juniors are required to gain fifteen hours.

This graduation project gives students the chance to get involved in their community by helping and participating in events with people they may have never met. It also helps them get into colleges because most universities look at community service hours for scholarships and applications.

Job shadowing gives students the opportunity to learn and get some experience in the job they wish to pursue by watching others do it. It can teach students the skills needed to excel in that field.

Overall, the community service project will have a greater impact than the previous project because it will allow students to improve their community and possibly find a job that appeals to their individual talents and interests.

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## Fiery romance illuminates McAdams in *About Time*

**XIOMARA SALAZAR**

*Senior Editor-in-Chief*

*About Time* is a feel-good movie that combines all the crazy factors of life from love to death, and everything in between. Furthermore, this movie makes viewers realize the value of living life to the fullest.

*About Time* surrounds the life of Tim Lake, played by Domhnall Gleeson, a British red-head who can travel back in time. The story begins when at the age of twenty-one, his father reveals to him that all the men in the family can travel back in time. At first, Tim is completely freaked out, but then he realizes he can use his ability to find a girlfriend. Tim is a very awkward and timid person, and finds himself using his gift to have multiple 'do-overs,' which creates very comedic scenes at the expense of Tim. Moreover, the audience becomes infatuated with Tim's quirky character.

Tim is unsuccessful in love in his hometown of Cornwall, England, and does not have any luck until he moves to London. In London, he meets an adorable American girl, Mary, played by Rachel McAdams. Tim realizes that Mary is 'the one' and does everything necessary to make her fall in love with him; which includes using his gift to get everything right. The audience gets multiple good laughs during this part of the movie, since it takes him multiple tries to get Mary.

Eventually, Tim and Mary get married, and he begins to mature immensely. Throughout the movie the viewers have seen Tim use his ability for personal reasons, but as an adult, he begins to use his gift to help others. Unfortunately, Tim realizes even if he beneficially changes the past, the present will be completely different. By the end of the film, he becomes aware of the value of his gift. Most importantly by the end, Tim has an epiphany about life: Pay attention to the little details, do not freak out about the obstacles, and ultimately, enjoy life to the fullest.

In conclusion, *About Time* had a simple plot with basic effects; there were no special effects or a crazy beautiful vampire. This was what made this movie relatable and sincere. It caused the audience to reflect about how they have been living their lives. Also, it made viewers question the existence of their lives and what they could do to live to the fullest. I would give *About Time* four stars out of five because it was simple, sweet but not short. At some points, the scenes were somewhat unnecessary but they were nice because they painted the entire picture of Tim Lake's incredible life. Also, this movie took a while before it picked up the pace. Overall, I recommend this movie to romantic geeks who love the *Notebook*. It provided many heartbreaking scenes and is definitely a tear-jerking kind of movie.



(Courtesy Murray Close/MCT)  
Mary (Rachel McAdams, left) and Tim (Domhnall Gleeson) star in *About Time*.

## Sexy superhero captures box office ratings, hearts

**KATELYNN CHRISTIAN**

*Sophomore Editor-in-Chief*

Currently playing in theaters is a new science fiction film that will astound viewers as one of their favorite Marvel Comic superheroes comes alive on the big screen. With its suspenseful story line and amazing special effects, the hit movie, *Thor: The Dark World*, is the perfect sequel to the movie *Thor*.

Directed by Alan Taylor, this movie is currently getting good reviews from critics and fans. It is being known as extremely funny and one of the better Marvel movies made.

This box-office hit was released on November 8, 2013. It has a run time of approximately 112 minutes and was rated PG-13. *Thor: The Dark World* also has a great cast, including famed actors Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Tom Hiddleston (Loki), and Natalie Portman (Jane Foster).

*Thor: The Dark World* keeps viewers on the edge of their seats for the entire film. It has an extremely suspenseful plot that is filled with love, sacrifice, and power. In the movie, Thor must face his most difficult challenge yet.

This epic adventure picks up where the last movie left off. Thor is brought back to earth to reunite with Jane Foster after two years of being separated in different realms. However, the Aether, a dangerous weapon that can turn all of the nine realms into darkness, has placed itself in Jane. In order to save her and the rest of the universe, Thor must face his most evil enemy yet, the Dark Elves. If he fails, Thor could lose the woman he loves and his home to these wicked creatures.

Overall, I believe *Thor: The Dark World* is a movie worth seeing. From its amazing cast to its thrilling storyline, it will not disappoint. All the way to the cliff hanger ending, the audience will be laughing, crying, and filled with suspense. I feel that this movie would deserve a five star rating. It is a great film for anyone who enjoys a fantastic superhero story and science fiction filled plot. In my opinion, *Thor: The Dark World* deserves more than five stars.



(Courtesy Murray Close/MCT)  
Chris Hemsworth in "Thor: The Dark World."

## How much time do you spend on your Smartphone?



**Ethan Potter**  
*Freshman*

"I'm usually on my phone four hours a day, at home I use it for social media and gaming, in school I use it for a calculator."



**Mike Force**  
*Freshman*

"I'm on my phone 5.25 hours a day, I play mine craft and in school I use it to watch Mr. Anderson's science videos."



**Gabe Oliver**  
*Freshman*

"I use my phone about three hours a day. The main purpose is to communicate. In school my calculator's handy and use Siri."



**Jillian Harvey**  
*Sophomore*

"I use my phone five hours a day, usually to text and go on Twitter. I use it in school to look up stuff on Google."



**Autumn Engle**  
*Sophomore*

"I'm on my phone all day to text and go online. In school I can use it to look up information."



**Dante Eyer**  
*Sophomore*

"I spend about an hour on my phone a day, usually to text. I can research things to help with school."



**Alexis DegBrina**  
*Junior*

"I'm on my phone 24 hours pretty much to keep up with what's going on. I use it in school to look up something when I can't find it."



**Nick Bodwalk**  
*Junior*

"I spend around three hours on my phone everyday for research. It has a good calculator for school."



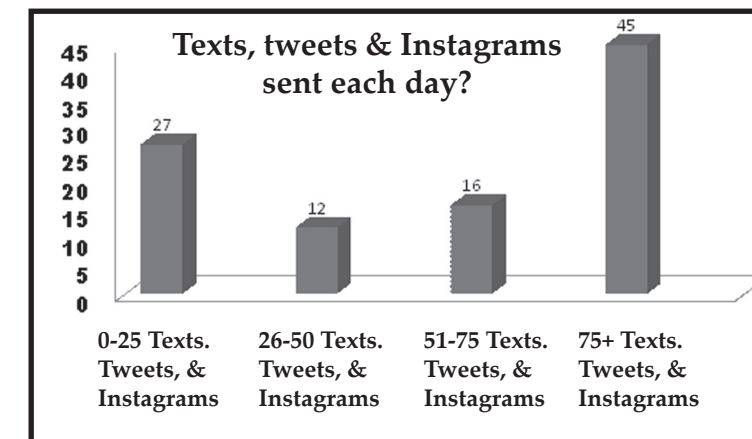
**Caroline Wasser**  
*Senior*

"I'm typically on my phone for two or three hours. I use it most for Facebook. In school it's a good calculator and an app to translate Spanish."



**Dalton Schechterly**  
*Senior*

"I use my phone probably for a total of one hour, mostly to check Twitter and Facebook. I have access to Google for quick answers in class."





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Dominic Scicchitano  
Junior

Every year at BHS, students participate in the fun of spirit week as a way to get excited for the annual Homecoming dance.

This year, the theme for the Homecoming Dance was Candy Land. Student Council put in an immense amount of work this year into planning and decorations and it showed. Students especially enjoyed the candy themed decorations which were very colorful and fun. In addition, they enjoyed the performances by their talented classmates before the dance began. "The acts were great this year, especially Katie Gallagher's singing performance," said .

The ceremony was narrated by seniors Xiomara Salazar and Elliot Maleski. The event ended with the crowning of this year's king and queen: Carlynn Wolfe and CJ Curry. Next, the students prepared to dance the night away. "The dance was a lot of fun as well," said Junior Reed Pinterich. Overall, the immense amount of talent that was showcased prior to the dance served as a great antecedent to the dance itself.

This year, the Spirit Week events were again a huge success. A majority of students participated, and of those who did, all had a great time while simultaneously expressing their school spirit. As in years past, Homecoming successfully closed the week with a great show of talent and a creative theme. Junior Marie Spuches said, "This Homecoming was by far my favorite of my years here at BHS. The DJ and decorations were awesome and I had the best time ever on the dance floor with all of my friends." For their ability to cultivate BHS spirit and welcome students back, the dance and ceremony serve as milestones. Homecoming truly was a wonderful success.

# Welcome to Candyland



(Courtesy Bill Hughes/ Press Enterprise)



(Photos by K. Kerbacher)



## Professor Snape mystifies BHS during Halloween



(Photos by Spencer Yacuboski)

Above: Professor Snape, aka Mr. Allen, strikes a position in his dungeon as he instructs his class of Slytherins about the magical powers of chemistry. In the spirit of the day, Snape decorated his classroom with Halloween embellishments.

## BASH members wig out during recent broadcast



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

Left: Seniors Destiny Samsel, Xiomara Salazar, Donnie Shields, Janelle Welch, Elliot Maleski, and Michael Jackson try on rockin' wigs during the Halloween episode of BASH.

## New advisor joins *Xanadu* staff

AMILIA TRIPP  
*Junior*

The combination of fresh faces and a new advisor has produced a new direction for the *Xanadu* club.

*Xanadu* creates the Berwick Area High School's annual literary and arts magazine. This year, a new art teacher has arrived to BHS, Mr. Christopher Soboleski, and he is the new advisor of *Xanadu*. Soboleski is not entirely new to this club; moreover, he participated in the club during his own high school years. This year, Soboleski and Editor of *Xanadu*, Amilia Tripp plan to create a club website, which they hope will be shared on social sites such as Facebook to increase popularity. Also, they are interested in adding more non-fiction literature to *Xanadu*, such as informational essays. Overall, *Xanadu* encourages everyone to submit art and

writing to the magazine. *Xanadu* is an outlet for great art and writing and an opportunity for all students. "I think the purpose of



Soboleski

*Xanadu*, first and foremost, is to give students an opportunity to see their work published and be part of a club that celebrates art," said Soboleski. Similarly, students will be able to see their work in *Xanadu*. In order to

publicize the club, *Xanadu* members have placed flyers around the school and have encouraged submissions via word-of-mouth.

This method has paid off since this has inspired students to join the club. One prime example of this is freshman, Arthur Brennan. Brennan became aware of *Xanadu* through the fliers and afterwards approached Soboleski about joining the club. "I think it's a good chance for people to get their art and writing out," Brennan said. Furthermore, he plans submit short stories and help with the layout. In conclusion, *Xanadu* is revamping their direction by planning to produce a uniquely different magazine.

Any student who is interested in joining *Xanadu* or submitting work to the publication should contact Soboleski in room 40.

## Mathletes compete in playoffs

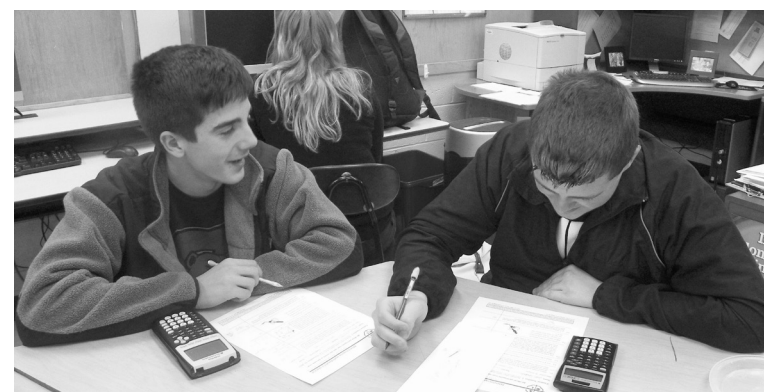
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BHS Mathletics will begin the 64-team bracket Division III playoff of the AMC Math Madness competition with a live first-round match against Olathe South High School from Kansas. A potential second-round match with regular season standout High Tech High from New Jersey awaits the winner. The top fifteen scores from BHS will count

The group is under the supervision of advisor, Todd Gunther.

Top: Dominic Scicchitano and Josh Dougherty, juniors, calculate during a recent prep session.

Bottom: Mason Kimbell and Roopesh Kumar, freshmen, find an area to prep for the contest.



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

## TOP DAWGS

Xiomara Salazar  
Senior Girls' Tennis Player



Xiomara Salazar, the only senior girls' tennis player on this year's team, has the mentality of a warrior and strong dedication to the team. Her hard work payed off this year as she made it to Districts.

Mike Karchner  
Senior Boys' Soccer Player



Michael Karchner, senior captain, has been playing soccer since the age of five. Karchner played defender, and is a hardworking and skilled player. He received all-star status this year.

Ashton Mensinger  
Senior Field Hockey Player



Ashton Mensinger, senior field hockey player, is a hardworking, dedicated team player, who was the leading scorer on the team this season. Also, Ashton is the starting pitcher in the spring for softball.

## Girls' basketball dominating

HARRISON KUCHTA  
*Freshman*

The basketball season is close, and the players for the girls' basketball team cannot wait any longer. Head coach William Phillips, who has been coaching for 8 years (this season will be his 9th), has very high expectations for his basketball team. Phillips said, "This is the most dedicated team I've ever had; we played 34 games in the spring and summer and ended up 31-3." Seniors Ayrin Shortlidge and Allison Rinehimer have been playing basketball since a very young age. Coach Phillips expects many girls to have an impact on this season; including seniors: Allison Rinehimer, Ayrin Shortlidge; juniors: Alexis Steeber, Gabby Kishbaugh, Alexandra Katsock, Brianna Floryshak, Olivia Seely; and sophomore: Taylor Montana. They have many strengths

this season, such as their team unity, experience, and size. The only weakness they have is their inconsistency in making three point shots. Phillips also said, "I enjoy seeing the girls succeed in the game after working hours in practice." Their rivalries include Dallas and Hazelton, who throughout the years have been closely matched with Berwick.

Shortlidge, who is a senior and team captain, has been playing basketball since she was 5. She plays guard and forward and has high expectations for her team. The player that she looked up to the most was

Kelly Sheptock. She said, "Sheptock gave 110% all the time, regularly hustled and always had a positive attitude. I'm a hot head and lose my cool real fast so I always looked up to her and how she kept calm throughout the entire game." She also has a great love for her team she said, "They are my second family. We have had so much fun together on and off the



(Photo by Student Times Staff) The girls basketball team poses for a picture after a game last season.

court." Shortlidge also hopes to have an undefeated season. The girls seem extremely determined this year to bring home a championship. With good spirit and high hopes for the upcoming basketball season, the girls can't wait to showcase their talent and bring home a championship.

## Boys' basketball hope to win

NOAH MARTINEZ  
*Sophomore*

This year is a new year for the Berwick Boys' Varsity Basketball team. After a losing season last year, the shooting Bulldogs are back again with fresh faces. The team is dealing with gaps in their starting lineup, due to starting small forward Jeremy Clausen and starting point guard Eric May having graduated. The team is rebuilding this year and they have the talent to do so. With last year's freshman now stepping up and becoming varsity players, the future looks extremely bright.

"I think my all around game has gotten better, not only as a player but as a

teammate," said sophomore center, Tyler Evans. With such a talent rich squad that is involved, this year is going to be an interesting ride. Sophomore guard, Nick Koch said, "I am extremely confident with this year's team, we've worked too hard to fail."

With losses last year to various teams such as: Pittston, Dallas, and Wyoming Valley West, they look to overcome opponents that were not vanquished last season. "We aren't looking forward to one team in particular, we are preparing for all of them," said sophomore guard, Alex Koch.

But A. Koch said, "We have

completely drowned out whatever happened last year, it's a new team and a new year, we are looking towards the future."

Last year, these young men were all freshmen and still developing their game on the junior varsity team. This year, they are called upon and are now determined to step up their game. As advice to freshmen players, guard Max Melito said, "Just listen to coach and do what you're told; those two basic steps can help you a lot."

With the first regular season game fast approaching, this season looks to be promising. Contact varsity head coach, Jason Kingery for more information.

# Team ready to splash toward district goal

**BECCA DECKER**  
*Freshman*

This year's Berwick swim team is planning on making a big splash in their district. Last years' records were 4-8 for girls, 5-8 for boys.

Although Berwick is not known for its swimming and diving program, there are students and teachers who dedicate their winter and fall season to working hard and trying to hold up the Berwick name and reputation.

The teams' biggest rivals are Holy Redeemer, Lake Lehman, and Scranton Prep.

The points one earns for their team depends on the place they get.

According to Varsity coach Stacy Demshock, "Thanks to the returning upper-classmen and new freshmen with swimming experience, the season should go smoothly and easily."

Many swimmers made it

far last season. This year's top swimmers and divers are seniors Troy Stair and



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Diver awaits entry into the pool.

Amanda O'Kane, juniors Mike Rehrig, Bryce Weaver, Elizabeth Dyer, Stephanie Parker, and Veronica Shoemaker,

sophomore Desiree Margani, and freshmen Christian Michael, Rebecca Decker, Samantha Dyer, and Kiersten

Bertollo.

"I think the girls' team will do well this year. We have experienced swimmers that understand the strokes and importance of pushing themselves during practice this season," said Demshock, "The boys' team all comes down to numbers. Due to a small amount of boy swimmers we get fewer points, and the boys who do swim well usually place well during meets."

To go to districts, divers must qualify for eleven dives. Last year, senior diver

O'Kane qualified for thirteen dives, then went to states.

"Depending on the dive you are trying to accomplish depends on how long it takes to perfect a dive. I got a double back during Christmas break, and I was still perfecting it all the way up to states, and even then I could have perfected it even more," said O'Kane.

The swim team and diving team both try hard to make the Berwick name memorable. Although the team is small, they try to make the best of every season.

# Team awaits challenges of upcoming season

**CONNER MUSSER**  
*Asst Sports Editor*

With the wrestling team coming off of a 15-16 season, the team is looking forward to a great and successful year. The team is excited to enter this season and are preparing by practicing and weight lifting all throughout the offseason.

There are a lot of talented wrestlers coming back this year like Senior, Pete Talanca; Junior, Dakota Connor; Senior, Zach Kytte; and Sophomore, Trent Kowalski that will help win many of the middle weight classes.

Coach Paul Ervin said, "I think we will have a great

season. We might have lost a lot of wrestlers that went to regionals last year, but there are still many young kids coming up who have been working over the summer who should contribute for the team."

Last year, the team lost many key seniors including Kevin Laubach and others that went to states and regionals. Senior Ryan Dooley said, "There are a lot of shoes to fill with all the seniors we lost, but we have been working harder and starting earlier to help the loss of our seniors."

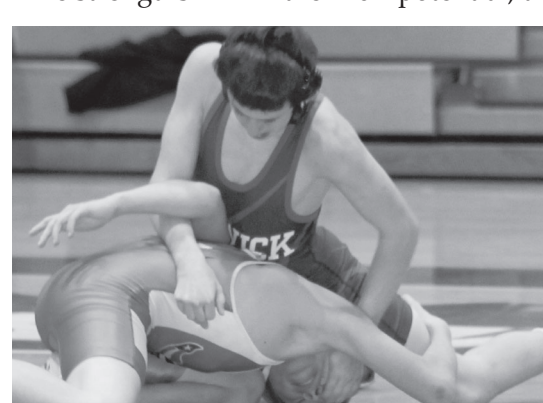
Many of the wrestlers and coaches named numerous

strengths that the team has this year. "The strengths

this year are the middle weight classes where we have many players returning like Talanca, Kytte, and Kowalski

and many other younger players like Connor", said Ervin.

Even though the athletes



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Dakota Connor, junior, takes down his opponent.

will do well and play to their full potential, there are always some weaknesses. "The only weakness we have is we are missing people in

certain weight classes, which is a problem because we are going to have to forfeit in some of these weight

classes," said Talanca.

Most of the wrestlers said that their biggest rivals are Wyoming Valley West and Pittston. Kytte said, "My biggest rivals are Valley West and Pittston because it has always been a war between us; they have been rivals since the beginning."

Senior Dylan Lee said, "My strategy for when I wrestle is to keep a clear head because you are not thinking about what to do, but doing it."

With all signs pointing toward a successful season for this year's Berwick wrestling program, the team hopes to prove their abilities to advance to the next level.

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# Fall sports are coming to a close

**DONNIE SHIELDS**  
*Senior Sports Editor*

It was surely a terrific fall season for all of the Berwick Area High School sports teams, with half of the sports finishing with a .500 or above record. Now lets recap these sports that took place over the past couple of months.

## Field Hockey

The field hockey team did exceptionally well, considering their past several years had not been what the team had hoped; but with



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Allie Katsock sets up for a shot attempt.

the talent and timing was just not there. All-in-all, the Berwick Boys' soccer team finished with a record of (3-13) and overcame a lot of obstacles along the way.

## Boys' Soccer

Though the season was arguably a rebuilding year for the Berwick Boys' soccer team, they showed signs of life towards the end of their run. Coming off a season where the team was able to

make play-offs with their all-star lineup of seniors, this year's team lacked that "togetherness" that teams need to succeed. Some of the players were first timers, while others had never played with the different styles of players or ran

the same offensive/defensive scheme before. Even though it was in fact a transition year for Boys' soccer, let's not forget what leadership the team had. Seniors, Mike Karchner and Wilfredo Cruz led the charge every game and every practice. Perhaps their leadership was better than the past years, but

the talent and timing was just not there. All-in-all, the Berwick Boys' soccer team finished with a record of (3-13) and overcame a lot of obstacles along the way.

## Girls' Tennis

If there was something to be said about Girls' tennis, it was the highlight to watch on the court this fall. Between singles and doubles players, they all had great seasons. Half of the team even went to Districts for their events.



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Xiomara Salazar returns a serve.

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Xiomara Salazar was the key senior to watch this fall, as she topped many opponents that stood in her way. Though Xiomara was not able to win it all, her run had to be one of the best a Girls' tennis player

has ever gone on. With many underclassmen, the future of Girls' tennis has only begun to peak.

## Girls' Volleyball

The Girls' volleyball team had their ups and downs, but once the girls started playing as a team, the Girls' played much more efficiently



(Photo by Alex Walton) Alex Walton and Sarah Shotwell leap to stop the spike.

the team travels into enemy territory.

## Girls' Soccer

The only word that could be used to describe what the Girls' soccer team did is "phenomenal". Of course, every year for the past several years, the Girls' soccer team has been good but this year's team exceeded all of them. And here is the interesting part, almost the entire team was underclassmen. But even with all that talent,

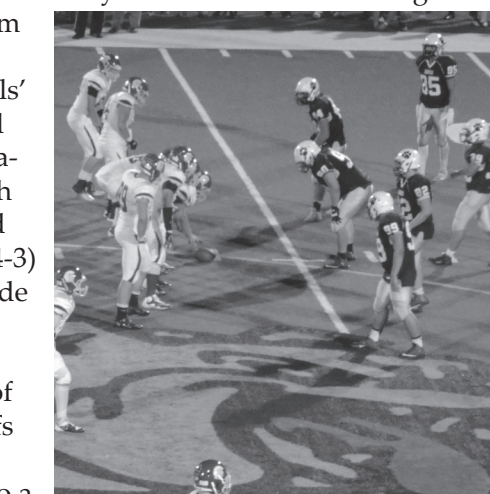
the team still needed great leaders, and they received

that from seniors. The Girls' finished their season with a record of (12-4-3) and made it to the second round of play-offs before losing to a tough and always prepared Dallas Mountaineers squad 4-2.

## Football

Berwick football is always the cream of the crop when it comes to fall sports. Hundreds of people come out on Friday nights for home games and even a few of those hundred supporting fans hit the road when

the team travels into enemy territory. Coach Curry has his team headed in the right direction, with a possible State Title on their hands if they can make it out



(Photo by Katelyn Christian) Dawgs defensive line on Valley West week.

contributions to our teams.

type powerback; and Andrew Force is still Curry's top target.

The Dawgs will continue their run in playoffs. Come out and support the team on their way to States.

What is there to be said about the Cross Country team other than the fact that the whole season was a complete sprint to the finish? The team came prepared each meet to face as many opponents as they needed to win the competition. Not many people understand the work ethic it takes to run miles on end without giving up or slowing down.

There is a lot of preparation involved. The team finished with a record of (17-5) and had a terrific season. Great job to all athletes, including the senior athletes who made their final



(Photo by Katelyn Christian) Cheerleaders pump up the fans during the games..

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# What's in your stars?

(MCT/ Linda C. Black)

**November Birthday** -- You have the gifts of communication, partnership and optimism this year. You contribute to a rise in family prosperity until midsummer, when higher education tempts you to explore and travel. Take great strides in health and vitality. Balance your busy schedule to include romance, love, creativity and playtime with friends.

To get the advantage, check the month's rating: 10 is the easiest month, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** -- This month is a 9 -- Communication is key and comes easier than normal. Write a business proposal, a love letter or both. Apply discipline to communications and they're potent. Let your partner take the lead on a project. Confide to a wise relative.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- This month is a 7 -- Improve your living conditions and your loving. Don't be afraid to express your true feelings. It's a great time for meaningful conversation. Silence can also be fun. Consider the game you're playing, and edit for awesomeness.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** -- This month is a 6 -- Your home could use some tender loving care just about now. Do a tough job yourself and save money, or just pay for it. Take a serious approach, regardless, and get it done. Then you can announce it and celebrate.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** -- This month is a 7 -- Simplify your daily routine to improve working conditions. Take pride in your basic principles. An older person offers help. The action you're taking feels exactly right. Send out communications, and they travel far.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- This month is a 9 -- Take a big step towards a new level of financial independence. Get in touch with old acquaintances and profit arises naturally. Do what seems right, even if nobody else knows. Offer compassionate listening.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- This month is a 9 -- Reminisce with old friends. Heed a friend's concerns, but don't get stopped by them. A private conversation results in greater financial flexibility. Being in charge can be sexy. You've got it cooking. Make poetry.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- This month is a 6 -- The skies are clearing up, figuratively speaking, but it's still not a good idea to argue, especially with authority. Phone a neighbor or friend for support, or ask someone with more experience. Emotion wins over logic.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- This month is a 7 -- Look far and wide for bargains. Don't take "no" for an answer. Keep your word. Plan a trip to a favorite place, and advance through distant contacts. Build a fun game with friends, and turn your phone off for a while.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** -- This month is a 7 -- It's easier to make yourself understood this month. What can you say for the greatest impact on your community? You're included in that. Be your best. New ideas come in odd moments; catch them. You're gaining respect.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- This month is an 8 -- A friendship formed now will last. Heed wise words from a loving woman. Be open to change for others and yourself. You can delegate some of your chores. It's a win-win. Keep good records and build security.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- This month is a 7 -- Trust the structures you've built, and continue developing support. Improving skills increases your benefits, and your level of fun. Ask for more and get it. Re-assure someone who's wobbly.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** -- This month is an 8 -- Keep track of what you're doing, and take copious notes, or record it. Increase your level of optimism and you're contagious. Others love to be around you. The result is stability. Relax and have fun

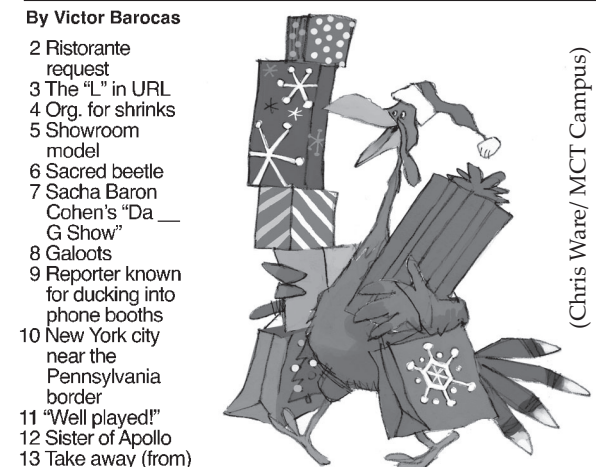
# November Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Food at a bar  
 6 54-Across vaccine developer  
 10 "My stars!"  
 14 Run off, in a way  
 15 Help in solving  
 16 Age-old stories  
 17 Series of "Got milk?" spots, e.g.  
 19 Suffragist Lucretia  
 20 Emmy-winning Arthur  
 21 "Gang"  
 22 Tolstoy work subtitled "The Story of a Horse"  
 24 Queen's subjects  
 26 Dismissive cry  
 28 Kitchen attraction  
 29 Ran off with  
 31 Multi-institutional financial crisis  
 34 Mexican cover-up  
 36 JFK Library architect I.M.  
 37 Connecticut hrs.  
 38 It's used to break a habit  
 42 That girl  
 45 Garden pond fish  
 46 Weather map line  
 50 American bacon source  
 54 See 6-Across  
 55 Whirlpool subsidiary  
 56 Sweet tuber  
 58 MacDonald's home  
 59 Ristorante dish  
 62 Apprehend  
 64 Place for some me-time  
 65 Make a muffler, perhaps  
 66 Browser feature, or what the ends of 17-, 31-, 38- or 50-Across can have  
 69 Clothing fluff  
 70 Actress Elisabeth  
 71 French sweetie  
 72 Tense  
 73 Undiluted  
 74 Company with "counting sheep" ads

**DOWN**

1 Popular food fish  
 2 Ristorante request  
 3 The "L" in URL  
 4 Org. for shrinks  
 5 Showroom model  
 6 Sacred beetle  
 7 Sacha Baron Cohen's "Da \_\_\_ G Show"  
 8 Galoots  
 9 Reporter known for ducking into phone booths  
 10 New York city near the Pennsylvania border  
 11 "Well played!"  
 12 Sister of Apollo  
 13 Take away (from)  
 18 Watering hole  
 23 See 68-Down  
 25 Fries alternative  
 27 Antepenultimate fairy tale word  
 30 Prefix with center  
 32 Not paleo-  
 33 New Zealander  
 35 Actress Sommer  
 39 Typed chuckle  
 40 Seer's claim  
 41 Sleigh's parking spot  
 42 Vivacity  
 43 Neanderthal, for one  
 44 Frequent schoolroom activity  
 47 Weapon for Han Solo  
 48 Touchdown site  
 49 Bucharest's country  
 51 Difficult  
 52 Club on the diamond  
 53 Mariano Rivera, e.g.  
 57 Fairy queen of English legend  
 60 1/16 of a cup: Abbr.  
 61 Site of the Ko'olau range  
 63 Tampa NFLers  
 67 Lowlife  
 68 With 23-Down, what an accused thug may beat



(Chris Ware/ MCT Campus)

# Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for fun, with good times for everyone! Friends and family will join to make Festive cookies that are ready to bake. When we sit down at the table to eat, we will use a knife to cut the meat. There will be stuffing and pie galore, and many different dishes to explore! After the meal we gather around the TV, to watch the football game in HD. When the game is over it's time for everyone to leave, so pull your guests off the couch with a heave. The holiday is over, but there's no need to fear, just be patient, it will come again next year!

~Anonymous

# Don't be trashy: Recycle

"Don't be trashy. Recycle," states a poster hanging the school cafeteria. Yet, as a school district, how much recycling is actually happening? Sure, there is a small, blue recycling bin in almost every classroom; however, what purpose is this little bin really serving? Tucked away in the corner of the room or hidden under a desk, the recycling bin is solely for paper and is mostly ignored by students and teachers. The school board should initiate more awareness as well as a better recycling program.

The only type of recyclable that the Berwick Area School District feels the need to recycle is paper. Recycling paper is both beneficial to the environment and a very good start considering the quantity of paper used by the schools in the district. However, a start is all it is. We have the ability to do so much more. The high school is made up of about 900 students and about 75 faculty members. At lunch or during homeroom, a student may drink a bottle of water, tea, soda, Gatorade, etc. A teacher might keep a bottle of water or another beverage at his or her disposal during class or prep time. If the majority of students and teachers drank one bottle a day, and most do, that would be over 600 recyclable items ending up in a landfill.

Also, the school district is blatantly ignoring the huge ecological footprint that Crispin Field is leaving. With Team Green literally right across the street, the lack of recycling bins at the field is appalling. Hundreds upon hundreds of bottles are disposed of without a second thought.

Another serious problem is the lack of awareness within the schools. Most students and even some teachers are not aware how much of a positive impact recycling has on the environment. A bigger initiative should be taken to teach students why recycling is important and the consequences of not recycling.

Some might argue that placing recycling bins in the schools and on school property will cost the district money and is not worth the cost. However, in the grand scheme of things, any amount of money is a small price to pay to save the earth.

The small blue recycling bin is just not cutting it. Steps need to be taken so that all recyclable items are properly taken care of within the six schools of the Berwick Area School District. The lack of awareness and recycling bins is simply abysmal.

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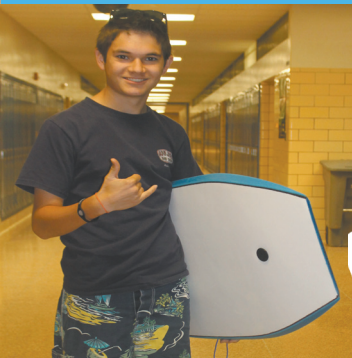
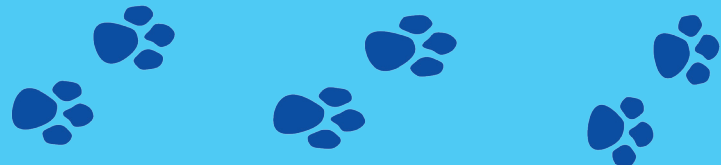


# Spirit Week



## Millionaire Monday

## Twin Tuesday



## We Love America Wednesday

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## Tropical Thursday

## Blue and White Bash Friday