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Berwick featured on USA reality show

AIRLIA MARTZ

Freshman

Airing this fall on November 4th, Berwick hits television screens on the USA Network in a new reality show called "It Takes a Choir."

Local citizens certainly remember the film crew and producers who had a huge impact on bringing the community together. British vocal conduction, Gareth Malone, showed up in Berwick for his first stop on his trip around the United States. The producers got permission from the Berwick Area School Board of Directors, and were able to utilize the school facilities for practices and the show itself.

2013 graduate and participant, Alex Martz said, "The practices were not as bad as the filming, which had a schedule of its own. Berwick has never had this attention, and the film crews were very patient with us."

Mrs. Diane Stashko, member and para educator at Salem Elementary School agrees, "I did not like the waiting around. It took four times as long to do something for reality TV as it takes to do in reality."

Mrs. Melissa Driscole, chorus teacher, spent a lot of time with Malone and producers. "My favorite part was talking to the professionals from the business part of music and television," said Driscole, "Their stories were very exciting and fascinating. Gareth was an amazing conduc-



(Photos by Student Times)

Seniors, Maddie Steward, Kaylee Kachurka and Keana Cook give Gareth Malone, British choir director, a Berwick T-shirt

tor and a great person. The producers were moody and pushy at times, but overall great people, as well. They were just trying to get their jobs done under a huge time constraint."

The purpose of the show is to allow viewers to see how music unites a community. The crew focused on an extensive selection process. Many people took part in the try-outs, and the band shell was packed every night.

During the filming, directors and producers featured a concert that took place in the Berwick Area High School Auditorium last March. The choir sang two songs. The first one was "Let the River Run" by Carly Simon, which they played over a few times afterwards for filming purposes because it was so popular with the audience. The second one was "Crazy" by Gnarl

Barkley.

The song selections primarily related to the community. On the topic of the song, "Let the River Run," Martz said, "The river marks a connection to the world, and many people take for granted the bridge between our two towns (Berwick and Nescopeck). The river fuels the power plant, the river is a source of agriculture, and without the river this whole town would not exist."

The following spring, select members of the choir were chosen to go to New York City and perform at Lincoln Center Stage. The trip lasted around three days.

Business Manager and choir member Christina Bason said, "I have never met a group of people that try to fit that much work into one day. I would get calls at midnight and the early hours of morning asking

questions, and the schedule was very intense." Bason said, "The New York City trip was very exciting. In Manhattan, I had never stayed in a hotel. I had never practiced that much for anything. I had never gotten stage makeup done... it was just a lot of firsts."

The New York practices were indeed rigorous, and the Berwick choir was accompanied by a gospel group from New Jersey. Members were treated to behind the scenes assistance as they interacted with directors, makeup artists, and other staff.

Now, Berwick is trying to keep the choir going. Stashko said, "I assumed that the moral of the choir was to bring the people of a small, struggling town together to form a choir that would go on to bring joy and happiness to the town." That dream has taken the form of "The Berwick Community Choir," which is currently being directed by Sarah Ryman Gardner, of Ryman Trucking. Stashko said, "Sarah is a great teacher and the choir members are very welcoming and friendly."

Emma Karchner, Alumnus and choir member, said, "The Choir was a very fun experience for me, and it was very cool to share it with the people in our community. The choir was very diverse. At first very hard to put together, but the final result was awesome."

The reality show "It Takes a Choir" will air on the USA Network.

Perils in parking lot plague drivers

CHASE PETTY
Junior

Over the past few years at the Berwick High School behavior in the parking lot has taken a turn for the worse. Stories of speeding and misbehavior cause students to become aware of irresponsible drivers. Most students follow the rules in the parking lot, but other students break the rules quite often. As a result, teachers supervise the student drivers in the beginning and end of the day to catch misbehaving individuals. "This won't help the problem," said junior, Gabby Kishbaugh. Though many of these problems are not serious, there seems to be a need for the teachers to monitor. Teachers check for parking passes while attempting to monitor behavior. Students had mixed feelings toward the issue in the parking lot. Many agreed that supervision was neces-

sary. There have been a limited number of accidents in the parking lot over the past few years. The students seem to think the parking lot is safe, despite certain drivers. Senior, Ryan Dooley said, "The craziest thing was when these two kids did huge burnouts out of the parking lot, it was crazy." The main problem this year has been speeding, as well as students parking without passes. As a result, students are charged a five dollar fine. Also, students' cars will be towed if they do not display their parking passes. Overall, student misbehavior and lack of authority resulted in more surveillance and the the enforcement of stricter rules. Students must remember that parking is a privilege thus abiding by the rules is important.

Meet Berfu Ulusoy, Turkish Exchange Student

AMILIA TRIPP
Junior

It is hard to imagine that Berwick, Pennsylvania could be anything but an ordinary town. But to students from other cultures, it can be very strange and exciting. This year foreign exchange student, Berfu Ulusoy, will be starting her adventure at Berwick High School. Berfu Ulusoy, 18, from Istanbul, Turkey, is currently enrolled as a member of the class of 2014. Although she is in 12th grade, Ulusoy would be attending University in Turkey. She is an only child and resides with her parents and family pet cat, Cotton. Ulusoy says that in Turkey family is very close and often lives in the same building. Her cousins are like sisters. Ulusoy says her family



(Photo by Amilia Tripp) enjoys traveling throughout Europe.

Like most teenagers, Ulusoy listens to British Rock and classical music, and enjoys reading crime novels and mysteries. During her

free time, Ulusoy watches American television shows because it helps her learn and understand the English language. Among her new experiences in America, Ulusoy went to the Berwick vs. Crestwood game at the beginning of the fall football season: "I enjoyed football because +it's different," she said, and added, "Our football is soccer." Also, she says she is enjoying school. Ulusoy's favorite class is Spanish. She explained it as being a "near" language. An international rotary organization connecting the US and Turkey set Ulusoy in Pennsylvania. Her host family chose the school. Ulusoy said, "All of it is so different from my country." Smiling, she added "Berwick is so ... cute."

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Anime enthusiasts meet at library

ALEXANDRA MORIEARTY
Freshman

At the McBride Memorial Library, Mrs. Marna Martin, librarian, holds an Anime Club. Anime is a Japanese Art that was created in the early 1900s for mature teens and young adults. The Anime club allows students to experience a different culture for free without leaving town. Moreover, Anime and Manga are very expensive since one volume is approximately \$10 and in one series the can be from 10 to 50 volumes. Overall, members meet great friends, become culturally aware and save a great deal of money with the Anime Club. For more information about the Anime club, please contact Mrs. Marna Martin at the McBride Library at (570) 752-2241 or stop by next Thursday.

ago and loves it. Mrs. Martin also reveals that her personal interest in Anime, motivated her to start the club. Anime is a Japanese Art that was created in the early 1900s for mature teens and young adults. The Anime club allows students to experience a different culture for free without leaving town. Moreover, Anime and Manga are very expensive since one volume is approximately \$10 and in one series the can be from 10 to 50 volumes. Overall, members meet great friends, become culturally aware and save a great deal of money with the Anime Club. For more information about the Anime club, please contact Mrs. Marna Martin at the McBride Library at (570) 752-2241 or stop by next Thursday.

Happenings around BHS
(left) Matt Dalrymple, Freshman and Eliot Maleski, senior (right) join the newest member of BASH TV, Michael Jackson. Dalrymple recently won the contest to name the BASH bulldog. Over 180 entries were submitted. Maleski drew the winning entry during an episode of BASH. (Photos by Student Times Staff)
Seated: Rhonda Wieners, Berwick School Board Director; Rick Knorr, Berwick School Board Director and Chairman of the Athletic Committee. Standing: Ms. Jill Shipman, Assistant Principal; Mr. Robert Croop, Principal. The Berwick Area School District recently distributed "Golden Tickets" to local residents of the Berwick Area School District who are age 65 and older. The tickets offer free admission to district sporting events.

Choral ensemble showcases talent

JACOB WOLFE
Freshmen

The school year is in full swing and the Modernaires are getting ready for concert season. The Modernaires, a selected women's choral ensemble, was established forty years ago. They sing in several competitions, concerts, and events throughout the school year. Mrs. Melissa Driscole, Modernaires Instructor and Choral Director, has been teaching music twenty-two years. "The Modernaires," she said, "are a select girls' ensemble that rehearse once a week and perform challenging SSAA acapella music." SSAA is a form of challenging music with two sections of sopranos and two sections of altos. Sopranos are while altos..... Overall, Driscole believes this year's Modernaires are a very special group due to their talent, intelligence and dedication. The Modernaires are composed of female students

ranging from Freshmen to Seniors. This year there are three freshmen, four sophomores, five juniors and five seniors, giving the Modernaires a well-rounded group. Caroline Wasser, Senior, agreed with Mrs. Driscole



The Modernaires ensemble group gathers for their weekly practice.

Wolfe said, "We are a hard working group of girls...We practice several hours each week alto learn our music and excel as musicians and our hard work pays off every year at competition." This year at County Chorus Auditions on September 30th, all eleven Modernaires who auditioned placed and made it to the next round. They were Seniors, Caroline Wasser, Madison Steward, Carlynn Wolfe and Ellen Timbrell, Juniors, Ashley Wojciechowski, Katie Gallagher and Rebecca Slusser, Sophomore, Lexi Fries, and Freshmen, Airlia Martz and Gabriella Popko. In conclusion, the Modernaires practice vigorously in order to successfully perform and place at competitions. Their efforts have earned them the honor of "Best Overall Choir" and also displayed their talent to important venues and people, such as WNEP and the State Senate. For more information about Modernaires, please contact Mrs. Driscole in the Band Shell.

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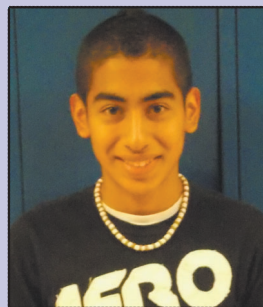
TOP DAWGS

Andrew Force
Junior Wide Receiver



Andrew Force is only a junior, which is a blessing for Coach Curry knowing that he has the 6'3" wide receiver for yet another year. Fast and quick with good hand-eye coordination, the sure to be Division I athlete has made his mark in the Berwick History books. Through four games, Force has accumulated 419 yards receiving.

Victor Guevara
Junior Cross Country Runner



Victor Guevara began his Cross Country career while in middle school, where he was one of the fastest runners. Due to his fast speed, he decided that he would continue to run for Berwick Area High School. This was a good decision because he was able to help the team with many victories. He also was given the chance to compete in Districts. Victor is a great asset to the Cross Country team.

Alison Rinehimer
Senior Girl's Soccer Player



Allison Rinehimer is a multi-sport athlete, playing soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter. One of her best skills and qualities is that she never backs down and is not afraid to run someone over if they are in her way. She is very aggressive and an extremely good leader, making her a fall sport Top Dawg.

(Photos by Morgan Kishbaugh)

Girls Cheer for Nationals

KAYLEE KACHURKA
Senior
NOAH MARTINEZ
Sophomore

Berwick Varsity Cheerleaders opened up the season on August 31st, 2013 at the first football game in Crispin Field. The team was prepared with a number of stunts, a variety of cheers, multiple dances and a list full of sidelines. Each girl practiced long and hard over the summer and was ready to show off their skills. After a successful opening game, the team is ready to continue moving forward.

This year, Varsity has twenty-one girls who are ready to do whatever it takes to have the best season possible. The team is currently working on new stunt sequences that they learned over the summer at Pine Forest Cheer Camp. Senior, Rachel Farrell said, "I love having the opportunity to challenge myself and my stunt group. I'm hoping to hit a hands-full-around by competition season." A hands-full-around is a spinning trick done from an elevator. Even through all the hardships, it seems like this year's set of cheerleaders are ready to go. "This year's girls are hungry to get to Nationals after last year", stated Cheerleading Coach, Bernadette DiPippa. "The girls want to get back to Nationals, they do not want to be known as the team that did not make it."



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

The cheerleaders perform their ending pyramid at a football game.



(Photos by Student Times Staff) Mascot pumps up crowd.



(Photos by Student Times Staff) Student section reacts to a call.

Not only is the team working on perfecting games, they are also beginning to work on a dance for competition. Each year Berwick competes in Regionals with hopes to advance to Nationals in Orlando, Florida. "I love football season but competing in competitions is so exhilarating. It gives you a rush like I can't even explain" said Senior, Kiersten Shultz. As the season continues, every cheerleader will keep giving it all they have. They are looking forward to cheering on the players during Friday night games. They hope their school spirit will help keep everyone excited.

Field hockey steps it up

DESTINY SAMSEL
Senior

The Berwick Field hockey girls have been practicing hard to get in shape for the season. With their first game over with, a 2-1 Overtime win against Elk Lake, the girls begin to make improvements by the day to only get better. Losing most of their starting offense players from last year and not gaining many new offensive players in return for 2014, many of the returning defense players had to step up and take charge of the positions that needed to be filled. The team may only have three seniors this year, by the names of Ashton Mensinger, Mady Readler, and Destiny Samsel, but the team works well together. Still looking at the positives, Coach Brandi Bertollo said "I feel the team is going to be very successful, we have a lot of girls stepping up this year."



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

Field Hockey players fight for possession.

Junior Ky Welsh said, "the team gets along very well and has a great defense." Come support the girl's field hockey team this year. All of their home games will be played on the Salem turf right behind the Berwick Middle School.

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Girls' soccer becoming dynasty Despite lost seniors, boys' soccer holds on

CONNER MUSSER
Freshman

The Girls' Soccer team is off to another strong season with a 6-1 record. The team is determined to make another run at States. After losing in States last year, the girls look like they can go again by humiliating MMI Prep 16-0. The team entered this season excited and prepared. They have been working hard in the off-season, between soccer camps and other athletics to help with this season. So far, the athletes have had a terrific season by winning by high scores and dominating every team they



Photo by Student Times Staff) Junior, Gabby Kishbaugh kicks the ball past a Crestwood defender.

play; showing talent in young and older players. The girls' strengths this year are that they are an experienced team, and they are athletic because of all the work they did in the offseason to help when game time approaches. Their strengths on the field: they are good at moving the ball down the field and taking a lot of shots to tire the other team out. Even though the athletes will do well and try their best, there are always some obstacles in the way. Junior Midfielder, Priscilla Mitchell said, "We need to work on harder passes and we need to trust each other more." Hopefully, they can

Volleyball much improved from previous year

RYAN DOOLEY
Senior

The girls' volleyball team is out for vengeance this season. Last year they ended the season with a disappointing 3-10 record, but so far this season they are already making substantial progress with their winning ways. Leading the team to a 5-6 record over their first seven games in her second year of coaching, Sarah Warner



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Ellie Ouimet, sophomore, serves during a recent volleyball match.

has handled the team quite well. The team this year has adapted to her coaching techniques and are coming a long way from where they were last year at this time. In their season opener against Dallas they won 3-2 and lost to MMI 3-0 in their second game, but came back to sweep both Coughlin and Meyers. In their last game, they lost to Hazelton 3-0. The next game will be on October 17th when they host GAR for what

should be an exciting game late in the season. "Our goals for the season are to win as many games as possible and go to the playoffs. I think it is possible, and we are on track" said Coach Warner. The girls have a lot of faith in their coach and for good reason. Warner attended Clarion University for college where she also played volleyball.

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Despite lost seniors, boys' soccer holds on

BECCA DECKER
Freshman

Just one year ago, Berwick High School boys' soccer team placed first in their division. The team did an excellent job because of their hard work during practice and their team unity. During last years season, the team only lost four games. However, this season the team is off to a rocky start with a 1-3 record, but they are hoping for future success. Coach Cassie DiSabatino said, "I think they will do well this year. They lost a lot of key players from last season, but they communicate well and play as a team very well together." The players are trying their best to overcome the loss of five seniors and qualify for



(Photo by Student Times Staff) Sophomore Luke Whitenight goes for the steal.

the playoffs. Like other teams, boys' soccer has many valued traditions. Mike Karchner, senior defender said, "Before each game we say the Lord's Prayer then we have a warm-up tradition." The players do not have to get psyched before they play said Karchner, they come ready to play, and they love the game. The team's key players are Luke Whitenight, sophomore defender, Zach Klinger, junior right wing, Eric Varner, junior defender, Mike Karchner and Will Fredo, senior midfielder, and Jose Umana, junior striker. Klinger said, "I think we will do well this year if we keep practicing and try our hardest the entire time." Come out and support the boys' soccer team.

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Curry, dawgs remain unbeaten in Wyoming Valley Conference

DONNIE SHIELDS
Sports Editor

After a year where Coach Curry's triumphant return rallied the 2012-13 Dawgs to a play-off appearance with a record of (10-2), this season sets the stage perfectly for domination.

The Berwick Dawgs started their season on Friday, August 30th at home against the Crestwood Comets; some wondered how they would fare against a Comets team that virtually lost nobody from last year's squad and how the Dawgs young bolstered lineup might prove costly to its success this year.

But it would not take long for those critics to get their answer.

The Dawgs crushed the Comets with a strong offense and an even stronger defense, blowing them out of the game early in the second half. Junior wide receiver, Andrew Force led the charge on offense as senior quarterback, CJ Curry connected with Force for three touchdown passes; making that dynamic duo stand firm in the Power Rankings. Junior kicker, Olivia Seeley capitalized on 5 of the 6 extra point attempts as the first female player in Berwick football history continues to impress with her athleticism and her leg power.



(Photos by Student Times Staff)
Coach Curry doing his thing.

Senior, Will Updegrave also caught a touchdown pass, and Kyle Trenholm proved that he has speed to the corners of the field.

Final Score: **Crestwood 7 Berwick 41**

Andrew Force, when talking about how this team differed from last years quoted, "The chemistry is stronger than ever. We really pulled together and have much more [roster] depth." Depth is key, especially during a long season where injuries can pile up and player's stamina can wear down. Just ask the previous generations that came through Berwick and how much a large number of athletes on a team can lead to farther success as the season rolls on.

Other scores from the previous four weeks of the season: **Berwick 56 Pottsville 7 Berwick 37 Dallas 7 Valley West 28 Berwick 42 Selinsgrove 0 Berwick 35**



Senior, Jordan Stout lines up for the snap of the ball during a recent game against Wyoming Valley West.

The Dawgs next game will be on Friday, October 11th @ Williamsport. Go out and support the team as they continue to stay undefeated during a tough schedule.

Girls' tennis team ends season with successful record

LILY FORCE-MOORE
Freshman

The girls' tennis team kicked off their season with two consecutive wins. Since that, the season has been up and down with wins and losses. The current record is 4-5; they are still recuperating from having all of their seniors leave after last year.

Although the team is not as strong as past seasons, coaches Trinell Bull and Dennis Cole feel that the team will make a comeback next season. The coaches say that the sophomores are playing very well, and the freshmen are improving every practice. Assistant Coach, Dennis Cole said, "They're doing very good. We're improving steadily and I'm very happy with that."

With Senior and #1 singles player Xiomara Salazar graduating this year, the team will need to develop quickly. The team plans to improve for next season by practicing every Saturday during the winter at Kingston Indoor Tennis Courts.

This season's team has 11 players, with the lineup mostly consisting of sophomores. The number one singles is Salazar, while the number two singles is Kayla Davis. Number three singles is Lynddath Thelamaq. Number one doubles is Zoe Zajac and Mary Kramer. Number two doubles fluctuates from match to match. The match against Wyoming Valley West was Jacee Carathers and Benet Lipski. Previous matches have been featuring Gabi Popko and Felicia Canouse. There are five freshmen on the team this season: Canouse, Popko, Carrathers, Isabella Donyare, and Lily Force. Canouse said, "I think the season is going pretty well so far. I mean we are all trying our best and improving, and that is all that matters."

Both coaches agree that Salazar is their key player this season. She is the only senior on the team and is the team's captain. Salazar is also the number one singles player. Some of the player's pre-match rituals consist of thinking of all of the things she has to do to win from her serve to her ground strokes. As the captain, she likes to encourage the team to do their best at every match. Her favorite thing that excites the team is their chant. Salazar said, "We have an awesome team this year! Even though I am the only upperclassmen, I have such a fun time teaching the freshman how to play and competitively playing with all the sophomores."



(Photo by Student Times Staff)
Kayla Davis stand ready for the serve.

With the team coming to the end of their season, their coach Trinell Bull has this to say, "It has been a growing season, and we are preparing for upcoming years."

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Ahh, too much homework

Children of all ages in the U.S. are bogged down with too much homework each night. This can cause serious mental disorders such as depression or anxiety due to the amount of stress and lack of sleep. Schools should take into consideration the amount of homework the teachers are giving students and encourage teachers to reduce the amount of homework given per night.

Many people claim that homework is a good thing and that we should be made responsible to do work on our own. What they do not take into consideration is how much homework students are given in all of their classes. Teachers give homework without realizing students have homework for almost every class, not to mention having to study for upcoming tests. This is too much work for the average student. The average amount of homework given to students each night is about ten minutes per grade, meaning 10 minutes for kindergarten all the way up to 120 minutes per night for a senior in high school, although

many times it is even more time. After being in school for 7 hours, 5 days a week, students may not put as much effort into homework as necessary; therefore, it does not help the student very much. This much work leads students to dislike school because they are being overworked to the point where they do not care anymore.

Students have very busy lives on top of going to school they are involved in sports, jobs, clubs and other things that are going on in their lives; too much homework just adds stress. Too much of this stress can cause students to have severe mental disorders such as anxiety, depression, or eating disorders from being stressed out by school work. According to depressionperception.com, up to 2.5% of children and up to 8.3% of teenagers in the US are diagnosed with depression. This number may not be as high if the stress levels due to homework were lowered. It is not healthy for children and teenagers to be exposed to such high levels of stress at such a young age. Students are staying up much later than they should in order to have time to get their homework done, which is in turn making them more tired for school the next day.

Students' attitudes toward learning and school are sure to go up if they know they will not be forced to do hours of additional work at home. The learning environment in the classroom could be less hostile and more positive. Also, if students do not understand the homework they are given, they can become very frustrated and discouraged, whereas if the work were done in the classroom, they could ask the teacher for help.

Although some homework should be allowed if work was not completed in class, there should be regulations as to how much can be given, and no extra work should be allowed. This will increase grades, improve attitudes, and reduce childhood mental disorders.

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How much school spirit is enough?

ELIZABETH ISENBERG
Sophomore

It is game day when the cheerleaders are in their uniforms, the football players are in their WETSU T-shirts, and the school is decked out in blue and white. The school is filled with excitement as everyone anticipates a win for the football team that night. However, not all students display school pride.

Some people believe the school is full of spirit while others disagree. From one to ten, Noah Martinez, sophomore football player, said, "Ten...definitely a ten... kids here are crazy! They paint their entire bodies. Nothing less than a solid ten."

Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Mrs. Bernadette DiPippa, disagrees. "I think a 6.5. If five is average, we're above that. But I don't think we have as much as we could, or as much as other schools have," said DiPippa.

School spirit is essential to Berwick High School because it pumps the players up for

their games, and unifies the school as whole. Mr. Robert Croop, High School Principal, said, "You only go to high school once, so it's important to support each other. We're all here together."

DiPippa agreed, "Your time in high school is limited. Make the most of it. Take pride in your school and your teams."

Pep rallies are another way to show school spirit. DiPippa, Croop, the Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Melissa Driscole, and the student class officers plan these special events every year. There will be a pep rally for homecoming, but Croop has not met with DiPippa or Driscole to figure out all the details yet.

In order to promote more school spirit, students should decorate the halls with more blue and white, join clubs and groups, and support teams. DiPippa said, "The cheerleaders do what they can. But, it would be great if other

clubs could help decorate as well." She suggests having each class decorate a hallway or classroom.

Although most people feel Berwick High School has enough school spirit, it is not as much as in past years. DiPippa explains that when

she first arrived here, there was a lot of school spirit, and then it decreased dramatically. Now, it is starting to increase a little bit each year. If everyone works together supporting each other and taking pride in BHS, this year could be the best yet.

Student section in search of more bulldog fans

OLIVIA HOPPY
Junior

Over the years, the Student Section's school spirit has been diminishing due to the decreasing number of students participating.

The Student Section is a place where students are encouraged to be noisy and crazy because of the supportive atmosphere it creates. It gives students a positive event to look forward to throughout the week. Junior Right Tackle Player, Dalton Perla said, "They [the Student Section] encourage us to do well and work hard."

Students should not be afraid to join the Student Section. Freshman, Reganne Whitmire said the Student Section was the best experience ever. Joining the Student Section can be intimidating but the memories created will be amazing.

Finally, a simple way of displaying support is by wearing a Berwick shirt and painting up. Mason's and the Locker Room offers students Berwick attire at a reasonable prices. Also, there is face painting in Room 60 every Friday. Do not be afraid, grab a friend and go Student Section this Friday night.

