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SHOW, SADD team to spread holiday cheer

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Reporter

Two BHS clubs are in full swing for the holidays. This Christmas season, both SADD and SHOW are busy spreading holiday cheer and participating in meaningful community service.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), run by advisor Heather Henry, will be collecting winter clothing items for children in need. They will also be passing out chips at the Annual Christmas Boulevard.

SADD's winter clothing drive will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves for children who cannot afford these items this December.

Henry said, "We have the hat, mitten, glove, and sock collection that ran from the return of Thanksgiving break through December 8. We collected new items that will be given to needy children in the area and then they are distributed throughout the Berwick, Nanticoke, Nescopeck, and down to Bloomsburg area." There have been many dona-

tions to the winter clothing drive this December.

Another one of SADD's



Photo by Heather Henry

Students decorate their quote, "Build me a Snowman" themed tree

From left to right: **Olivia Ellzy, Tawney Culver, Kylie Smith**

holiday traditions is Treefest. Treefest was held at the Caldwell Consistory in Bloomsburg, PA, where SADD participates yearly. It is a holiday event where local groups or people in the community decorate trees that are donated

to a family who cannot afford a Christmas tree during the holiday season.

Members gather to ensure that everyone gets a happy Christmas this December. Henry said, "Build Me a Snowman' was our theme, so we wrapped the whole tree in white ribbon, and made it into one giant snowman."

Senior and President of SADD, Carson Witner said, "[Treefest] is always a success. It's always fun. Personally, I always enjoy it." Witner also said that it is a pleasure to get involved in the community.

SADD's final holiday tradition for

the year will be helping Santa by passing out chips and dog treats at the Berwick Christmas Boulevard on December 21, which are available to anyone who would like.

Another volunteer club, Students Help Out Willingly

(SHOW) run by advisor Sandy Kile, will be helping out the Salvation Army by ringing



Photo by Sandy Kile

Students ring bell for Salvation Army at Boyer's IGA.

From left to right: **Abby Hess, Cara Switzer, Hannah Zehner, Derek Moss, Kendall Matash**

their traditional donation bell. They will also be gathering presents for the needy families in the area, and participating in Angel Tree,

One of SHOW's holiday activities this year was ringing the bell for the Salvation Army

on the evening of December 6 outside Boyer's Food Market in Berwick.

SHOW's other holiday event will be helping out the Salvation Army again by getting gifts for families in need. This is called Angel Tree. Junior and president of SHOW, Hannah Zehner said, "For the Angel Tree gifts, we each receive a child to buy gifts for. We receive clothing sizes and types of gifts that the child may like to receive. Then, it is our responsibility to go out and buy some things for our child."

The Angel Tree was displayed in the library for students to take an "ornament" that contained information about what a child wanted for Christmas. Students were encouraged to select an ornament and fulfill a child's wish for Christmas this year.

Kile said the gifts are dropped off at the Salvation Army and given to the children. Children in need this holiday will have presents due to SHOW helping out the Salvation Army this December.

Ask a club advisor or member if you are interested in being a part of these events.

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Mrs. Kate Warhurst named Vice Principal

KAYDIA WRIGHT
Reporter

Former Math teacher and Dean of Students Kate Warhurst has officially been appointed as the new Vice Principal of Berwick High School.

Now that she has accepted the role of Vice Principal, Warhurst will not instruct any courses which is a change for her. However, she chose to apply to this position because, "I was doing some aspects of the vice principal job as the Dean of Students. I thought I would be able to do a good job as VP," Warhurst said.

As a former student and teacher in the district, Warhurst has a long history with the building's staff members. She did not start as a math

teacher, though. Warhurst said, "I was a long-term substitute for Mrs. Victoria Witner, a day-to-day substitute, and a PSSA tutor for two years."

After being officially hired in 2008, Warhurst started teaching math classes. She said, "Algebra 2 has always been my favorite class [to teach]." She has also taught Algebra 1, Geometry, Keystone Remediation, Calculus, and Intro to College Math during her almost 15 years of teaching.

Last year, she went from being just a teacher to being a teacher and the Dean of Students. This was a massive change for her. "Dean of Students is a changing job in that each day could be something different occurring, [while

being a] math teacher is very structured in the time and that you must teach certain things in a certain time line to get done," Warhurst said.

She also had a schedule change when she switched. Warhurst said, "My first year as dean, I taught four classes and was dean the rest of the day. This year, I was scheduled to teach two periods and then dean the rest of the day."

Warhurst received her undergraduate degree from Elizabethtown and her Master's from Bloomsburg University.

When she started her college career, education was not her first career choice. "I was originally an Actuarial Science major," said

Warhurst. "I changed in college after doing a great deal of tutoring."

Since she no longer teaches

classes, there had to be a replacement teacher to fill her prior position. That teacher is Mr. Todd Gunther.

Gunther is an AP Calculus teacher, so taking over Warhurst's Consumer Math classes is not a significant change for him, however, this will still require time to adjust for himself and the students.

"It has been a while since I taught a non-AP math class to a larger group of students," Gunther said, "so it's a challenge that will help me grow as a teacher."

As the students adapt to change, Warhurst is settling into her new position and hoping to make a difference in this school year and many to come.



Kate Warhurst

Model UN attends PennTech Conference



Photo by Pavan Gadam

Left to right: Braedyn Haraschak, Nick Casella, Benjamin Talanca, Michael Evans, Jack Kendron, Josie Morgan, Lillian Robinson-Gilden, Luke Williams, Luke Sult, Kendall Matash, Stella Dietterick, Leah Santiago, Gabbi Finucan, Patricia Cruz

JOSEPHINE MORGAN
Sophomore Editor

On December 8, BHS' Model UN club attended ConCon (a mock version of the First Constitutional Convention in 1787) at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Advisor Pavan Gadam and Mr. Stephen Swicklik accompanied the 18 students to a day of political activity

Throughout the day, the students participated in different committees, with each committee representing the Legislative

Branch, the Executive Branch, or the Judicial Branch of the government.

The fourth committee handled the Constitution. After lunch, all the delegates joined together to discuss all the passed proposals.

The Superior Delegation award was given to the students representing North Dakota, which consisted of Jack Kendron, Nick Casella, Ben Talanca, and Michael Evans. Jack Kendron also won the Best Delegate 2023 award.

BHS helps local pets in need

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Sophomore Editor

The holidays are the season of giving. Giving can take on many forms, whether it be to the community or to one's family and friends. There is a new fund-raiser at BHS that gives back to the furriest members of the community, cats and dogs with no home for the holidays.

The ARC Fund-raiser, whose donations benefit the Animal Resource Center in Millville, runs until January 31st. The Animal Resource Center is a "no-kill, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to provide temporary shelter for homeless, abused, and neglected dogs and cats," said Alexandra DeFrees, the district representative for the fund-raiser.

At the shelter, the volunteers "...[provide] care and shelter for dogs and cats who were lost and waiting to be claimed...or who were surrendered to the shelter and waiting to be adopted." DeFrees says. At the shelter, dogs and

cats are given "...medical care, daily walks, play-time, enrichment activities and love by a dedicated staff."

The Animal Resource Fund-raiser is looking for donations a variety of donations unique to each animal. For dogs, they are asking for dry food, canned food, blankets, nyla bones, and treats for the dogs at the shelter. For cats, they are asking for dry food, Friskies canned food, bique packets, and cat collars. The ARC is also asking for regular supply donations, including bleach, paper towels, Dawn, Rescue Cleaner, and towels.

This year is DeFrees' first year doing the fund-raiser through the district. DeFrees has been involved with the ARC since 2020, and has helped with other of their fund-raisers since then. She says that the idea for the fund-raiser "...was that of my students. I just helped them to organize it."

DeFrees says that "is important not only for the animals and staff of ARC but for the

district as well. It is a great way to bring the community together as well as provide students with real world experiences." The school is not the only place in the district that is participating in the fund-raiser. Businesses in Nescopeck, Bloomsburg, Berwick, and the surrounding areas are all doing their part to support the animals in need.

Mrs. Alison Keeny, who is helping to oversee donation collections in the high school, "...believe[s] people should always help when and where they can. As an animal lover and pet owner, [she] appreciate[s] ARC's mission and do what I can to support the organization."

Fliers for the fund-raiser can be found throughout the school, posted on the walls in the hallways and near the guidance office.

For more information on the fund-raiser or how to donate, contact Alexandra DeFrees at adefrees@berwicksd.org, or stop in the Guidance Office and Ms. Keeny's Room 15.

Spider Man 2 introduces best gameplay yet

LAUREN BIRK
Reviews Editor

Released five years after the first game in developer, Insomniac Games', Spider-Man series made its original appearance and three years after Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales debuted, Marvel's Spider-Man 2 combines the wonderful worlds and characters together. Peter Parker and Miles Morales work together in this installment to take on some of their toughest challenges and enemies yet.

Much like its predecessors, the game is a winner amongst fans. To date, it has "over five million copies in a few weeks," according to the article *Marvel's Spider-Man 2 Reveals Updated Sales Numbers* by Game Rant, there is

no doubt of its success. Players are pleasantly surprised with the quality and thoughtfulness of the game. Set in New York City, where both Spider-Men call home, players can take on missions and side quests as they please in the open-world game. Continuing the tradition of the two previous games, it has skill trees, DLC, collectibles, tokens for upgrades, and various suits. Miles and Peter each get their own skill tree and a combined one for the joint fighting mechanics. The DLC, While not released yet, is confirmed to include several new suits. Collectibles are only partially necessary to complete but add another level of fun gameplay. The story revolves around Miles and Peter and their

struggles to balance their secret lives with their "regular" ones. The pair face a variety of notable villains, like the agile Kraven the Hunter and the illustrious and infamous Venom.

Undoubtedly, the clear graphics and the overall feel of swinging and movement have improved. Fighting mechanics have been added onto, and the fluidity and continuity of moves are further refined. Parrying, switching between Miles and Peter, is a revamped user interface, and new gadgets and abilities are added.

It is not required to have played the previous games. Still, it is recommended to understand the lore and characters to appreciate the story line and plot completely.



Courtesy of **Tribune News Service** tion 5 exclusive, but there are hopes of being cross-platform and playable on the PlayStation 4.

Insomniac Games is quickly gaining more and more momentum and skill with the creation of its games. I highly anticipate to whatever they decide to endeavor upon next.

With four different difficulty settings, players of all skill levels and interests should have no issue enjoying their favorite aspects of the game, whether it be combat or the story.

Marvel's Spider-Man 2 is rated T for "teen" (seventeen years and older) for language and violence. It is a PlaySta-

Should Iron Man return to the Marvel movie franchise?

Photos by Kaydia Wright and Willow Siecko



Nash Hartley
Teacher

"No, it's only proposed so they get money. But it would be soulless and empty. It would negate his arc from the Infinity Saga, only a cameo if they must."



Mason Eddinger
Senior

"I think he needs to stay dead because it adds more realism and the Marvel Universe already has a lot of characters. Finally, all good things come to an end."



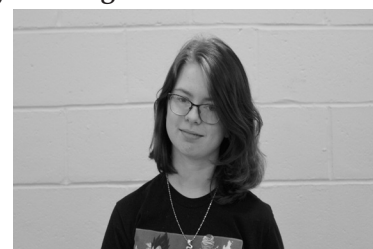
Kaydia Wright
Junior

"Yes, they should. I think because of the multi verse there is another Tony Stark in another universe that they could bring back."



Luke Williams
Senior

"Absolutely not. Marvel built an excellent story about Tony Stark over ten years, to revive him would ruin the story."



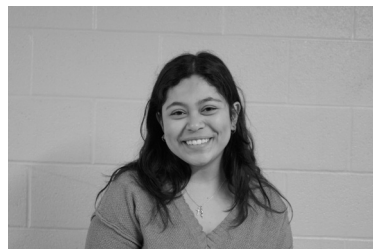
Tru Winders
Freshman

"Yes, in the end when Thanos was destroyed the Avengers froze Tony like they did with Steve healing himself little by little and he survives."



Alivia Stoneroad
Freshman

"Yes, Tony Stark is iconic and Peter Parker needs him since he doesn't have a father figure."



Helen Sanchez
Senior

"Yes, they can bring him back as a ghost."



Emily Beck
Senior

"Yes. They could open a portal and he could pop out and everyone would be so surprised."



Willow Siecko
Senior

"Yes because he's an iconic character and I have a feeling he is not really dead."



Callie Shultz
Sophomore

"There is no way that he could return, his death has been finalized for so long that it would make no sense."

Annual boulevard brings community together

EMILY BECK
Reporter

The Berwick Boulevard has been around since 1947, bringing families together and spreading lots of joy during the holiday season.

The Boulevard is somewhere people can go to enjoy being with friends and family and being thankful for everything that they have. Berwick Boulevard has been spreading Christmas joy for so long and this year will celebrate the 77th Annual Berwick Boulevard. Not only do patrons get to see all the beautiful decorations but they also get to meet SANTA!!

This Christmas tradition allows families to get together and enjoy the spread of Christmas spirit as well as having something to do. The boulevard consists of local volunteers, usually around 30 people and organizations who

make all the magic happen. These vary from year to year but include "The Behind The Scenes", First Keystone Community Bank, The Berwick Theater, Giant Food Store, Stuart Tank and DeFebo Graphics. Wisers chips donates all the bags of chips that are handed out at Santa's workshop. Without these hard working people and groups the Boulevard would not be what it is today.

Patsy Bower is the President of the Boulevard and takes part in helping to organize and keep things on track. Bower said, "When I was appointed President of the Blvd. Association, I must admit it was a bit overwhelming & quite frankly a "little scary". But I am very humbled and grateful to be a part of this wonderful organization." She makes sure that everything is going to plan and that it will be finished for everyone to see for Christmas.

The boulevard is planned from the beginning of March all the way until the beginning of December. Even though it might look easy to put up, planning ahead is an important thing. Bowers said "the biggest challenge would have to be the weather when setting up and maintaining the boulevard, but "whether" it's snow/rain/sleet, "weather" will never stop the Boulevard from coming to life."

There are a lot of props that go into the boulevard. They are either kept in Jingle Hall or in their adjacent Pole Barn where they are kept safe for the whole season. Bower also mentioned who makes the props and how quickly they

get finished, "Our Board Members/Committees & Volunteers basically are the people who fix whatever breaks. They can also build a building some-



Photo By **Eden Savoy**

times within 1 week. They're amazing at their individual craft skills." This really shows how talented people are and how they put time and effort in.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Boulevard can contact the Jc @ (570)- 204-0983. Now you can, all you have to do is just give them a

call, let them know what you can do and they'll find the perfect spot for you to work at. They usually find volunteers by "Word of Mouth". When one becomes a volunteer then you either work behind the scenes, such as setting up the boulevard and maintaining the props, or working in the boulevard and handing out chips. This really makes the boulevard special and a really cool sight to see, and as Bower said, "I enjoy spearheading this year's boulevard, and recognize that everyone who participates in this wonderful yearly event truly makes the 'magic of Christmas' happen."

This is the Boulevards Schedule Scheduled Display this year runs from Opening Night, December 2nd. @ 6:00 p.m. through Friday, December 29th. The hours for the Boulevard are 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Season's debate: Real or artificial Christmas tree?

WILLOW SIECKO
Reporter

Christmas is just around the corner which means it is time to put up the Christmas tree. For years, people have created their own Christmas tree traditions starting with selecting the perfect tree. Many opt for the traditional live tree, while others claim that artificial trees are better.

Traditional live trees and artificial trees can be found in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and kinds. There are over 35 types of live Christmas trees such as Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir,

Blue Spruce, Flocked Faux, Scotch Pine, and many more.

Pencil, slim, narrow, full, upside down, and half are just some shapes artificial trees come in. Artificial trees also come in many different unique colors including the rainbow-colored tree.

In a recent survey, students and staff were asked their opinions. The results showed that 55% prefer live Christmas trees while 45% prefer artificial ones. Personal preference aside, there are many positives and negatives to living and artificial trees.

The positives of putting up a live Christmas tree include the woodsy smell, getting the chance to make memories with families at a tree farm, supporting small tree farms, and positive health benefits. They are better for the environment because they are recyclable. Their branches can be used for fire pits or fireplaces, and they

may be replantable if it was not cut down. Mrs. Kyla Riccobon, Publication teacher, said, "I prefer live trees because I love the scent."

The negatives of a live Christmas tree are that the smell can be overwhelming, the needles easily make a mess, and the tree must be watered daily. They also may carry allergens, can catch on fire easily, may carry bugs or mold, and they can be costly if buying one every year.

The positives of putting up an artificial Christmas tree are that the needles do not fall off. They are reusable and do not have to be watered every day. They come in many different colors and sizes, are flame retardant, and will not affect allergies. Kaydia Wright, junior, said, "I prefer an artificial tree because the pine needles don't get everywhere and my cats will leave it alone, hopefully."

The negatives of artificial

trees include the lack of fresh pine scent, the fact that they are made from chemicals and materials that are harmful to people and the environment and that they are not biodegradable or recyclable.

Riccobon said, "Aside from going to see light displays and baking cookies, my husband and I make sure we provide gifts for at least one child or family in need. We write down what we did or who we helped tuck it into a white envelope and place it on our Christmas tree. It's the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and we share it with our kids. It's a reminder that the season is not about getting gifts, but about giving to others in need."

Another Christmas tradition is decorating the Christmas tree. The ornaments can either be homemade or store-bought.

According to a recent survey staff and students participated in 55% preferred store-bought

ornaments and 45% preferred homemade ornaments.

Lillian-Robinson Gilden said "The fancy tree gets the pretty super fragile heirloom ornaments and silvery lights and the fun one has colored lights attached to the tree with bigger lights around the trunk and we put all of the ornaments that are colorful characters specifically mine or my brothers."

The tree topper is normally the last item placed on the tree. It is not only decorative but symbolic as well. Thomas DiBattista, freshman said, "Personally, I use a star." The star represents the Star of Bethlehem that once guided the three Wise Men in their journey to find baby Jesus.

Christmas is a time to enjoy family and spread holiday cheer whether it be gift-giving, going Christmas caroling, or donating to charity. It is a time to carry on the yearly traditions or make new ones.



Delicious Holiday Cookie Recipe

SOPHIA ROGUCCI

Reporter

Making the perfect Christmas cookies on Christmas Eve for Santa is a holiday staple enjoyed nation-wide. Many people rally around the holiday season to create some of the most elaborate creations to share with family and friends.

This tradition holds true for students and faculty at Berwick High School. The importance of the holiday is to be with one's family and celebrate life and enjoy all the special food and dessert.

Cookie traditions are one of the biggest traditions for families. The recipes vary, but the love of baking is shared through the holiday season. According to a recent survey at BHS, students and faculty shared that there is a great interest in baking cookies. However, the favorite types varied. 53% of students and faculty voted that Chocolate chip cookies are the best Christmas cookie with Gingerbread and Peanut butter cookies tied for second place at 6%.

Making cookies is a very popular family tradition even

for friends.

Even though some people might not be able to celebrate Christmas with their loved ones, making food, and baking goodies is one thing that keeps most people going throughout their day. Baking is such a calming relaxing activity that people like.

One cookie recipe that I'm making is pancake cookies. The ingredients are pancake mix, unsalted butter, granulated sugar, and a touch of vanilla. Now it's time to start baking, you put one cup of pancake mix, a whole stick of unsalted butter, ¼ of granulated sugar, 3 eggs, and a touch of vanilla, in a medium size mixing bowl. Next step after you mix everything together: Preheat the oven to 350, and put cookies into a ball or get a cookie cutter. Lastly,

Get a cookie sheet, put parchment paper, or spray butter on the sheet to make sure cookies are spread apart evenly. Put cookies into the oven for about 15 to 20 minutes for them to be able to be fluffed up. After you let them cool you can decorate them to your liking.

When considering a decoration, icing is always popular. 41% of students and faculty agree. Hershey kisses were a close second at 40%. The most important ingredient with holiday baking is to have fun!

Christmas is such a magical time, and everybody loves Christmas spending time with their family and friends. Waking up on Christmas morning opening presents with a fresh plate of Christmas cookies downstairs waiting.



Creating perfect lips for mistletoe kisses

JANESSA GODDARD

Reporter

Holidays are right around the corner. Mistletoes are being hung, and the New Year's ball is about to drop, which means now is the time to create the perfect look for those special kisses.

It's important to find the perfect lip gloss to sauce up those lips because you never know when they're going to pull their special person in. Finding the perfect lip application can be hard, but the best thing to do is go with the flow.

To help find the perfect lip gloss, I have a couple of lip glosses that I have tested to make sure that smooch-able look gets created.

The lip gloss brand that I am presenting is "So Juicy," it's a lip plumping lip gloss with all different types of beautiful shades. The colors that I have reviewed are Partly Rowdy, Stuntin', and Princess Cut. The shade Stuntin is more like a soft, warm pink with pearlized soft sheen. With the shade Partly Rowdy it will give more of a pale peach with a silvery

sheen. Now last but not least, Princess Cut, a clear crystal lip gloss. I prefer using Princess Cut with some type of lip liner. With using So Juicy lip gloss I can say it lasts up to almost an hour before having to reapply, when it first gets applied to the lips, it may feel a little thick, but when it sets in, the lips will be smooth and shiny.

I feel as though Stuntin' is the perfect lip gloss to highlight those lips for the most perfect kiss! Stuntin' is like a nice reddish, pinkish, color with a little bit of shine. Stuntin' will never do wrong when it comes to these special moments with that special someone. When I reviewed the lip glosses, I just knew that the shade Stuntin' was the perfect color for all these lovely Holidays.

Now to find this type of lip gloss, they are located in the nearest Ulta's, they can also be found online like Ipsy, ColorPop, and Amazon. They are all stocked in these places for \$8.00. Now go shop for these lip glosses to ring in the holidays with the most special kiss!

What is your favorite holiday movie?

Photos by Thomas DiBattista



Aiden Weist
Senior

"Christmas Vacation because it makes me laugh every time."



James DeAndrea
Senior

"Home Alone because I've been watching it since I was a kid."



Gabryel Johnson
Freshman

"The Grinch because I like the backstory behind it."



Simone Chase
Junior

"It's a Wonderful Life because it held sentimental value."



Jeremy Talanca
Freshman

"Elf because Will Ferrell is a very good actor and he is very charismatic."

Dwindling Rifle Team approaches season with hope

LUKE SULT
Sports Editor

Fighting through rough conditions, the Berwick Rifle Team has prospered, reaching playoffs consistently until last year.

Approaching this upcoming rifle season, the team is faced with a challenge which has not faced the team in several years. That, and the lack of interest in the team, it is seeming that the rifle team is going down in popularity.

Practicing two days a week, the Berwick Rifle Team lacks several practice opportunities compared to most of its competition. Going 6-3 last season, the team's record has predominantly been positive, just not enough to make it to the playoffs last season. The team has been playing under Mrs. Cathy Curtain for 23 years and she has no plans to retire yet.

In general, the rifle team community has given many players a positive experience and something to look forward to. Senior Helen DiFebo said "People should join the rifle

team because the team itself is pretty cool, and it brings out a lot of interests in people, especially in the people that hunt."

Gathering a group of new players, the rifle team is doing what it can to compensate for the loss of players they will have next year. "I'll be honest, my parents kind of made me join it, but I like it, the coaches are really nice, [and I like] just coming and talking to people; it's fun." Marcus Temple, Freshman. Even with freshmen, the rifle team brings anyone who is interested in trying out for the sport, leaving a lasting impression on the new players. The community itself has supported and helped new players through the process. Getting new members ready for match day is very important, as the team only practices twice a week.

In anticipation for the following season, it is looking as if the team will be losing a lot of influential players. A

total of eight Looking for new players and wanting anyone who is interested in the rifle team to know what it is about, Senior Captain Joshua Fuedale said, "Just keep trying at it. It's



Photo by **Luke Sult**

going to be rough for a couple of days, and some days you'll shoot bad. It's important that you just don't give up. You just put your all into it. People think guns and are all like 'Oh I don't know I've never shot before.' But anyone can do it."

Competition for this year will hopefully guarantee another chance for the playoffs. Curtain believes that the missed opportunity last season was only a minor setback and the team has the capability of bouncing back and competing for another chance to make the playoffs. "We're usually quite consistent, I always have a couple good varsity shooters returning, and we do again this year. I think that is our biggest strength. Our goal is to get back into the playoffs. We missed the playoffs for the first time last year in many, many years. I'd like to get back to that which means making the top four." Curtain, Head Coach

Almost unanimously, the team agreed that Emmaus will be the best competition that they will face in seasons to come. Beating them last season finally brought the team's spirits up when the margin of the win was by one point, leading

to a score of 500-499, Berwick. "They were undefeated and we brought them off that pedestal. I think we just worked harder, we had a little advantage, their range is heated, ours is not. It was freezing during that match. They were one of the best schools in the state, and we were their one blemish in their otherwise perfect season." Lucas Melito, Junior.

While competing in the Nescopeck Rifle Range, the team has made several tremendous accomplishments there. However, a problem arises dealing with the facility in general; space has been limited and there could be improvements made on it. Talk of the range has been sparked within the school and it is at the very least being considered. "There has been talk for the first time in years, but I don't think there are any plans set that I am aware of." Curtain, Head Coach.

Any student interested in the rifle team either this year or next year, please contact ltsult@gmail.com.

New season looking promising for Berwick Wrestling Team

LUKE SULT
Sports Editor

Making it to states, the Berwick Boys Wrestling Team is now approaching the upcoming season with anticipation.

The Dawgs gear up to take on more competition this 2023 season. The team has been making strides both in the weight room and on the mat, preparing themselves physically and technically.

Fighting for a girls team, the Berwick Wrestling Team has finally been able to create one. "Savannah has been on the boys team for the last two years. She now has Isabelle May, Genesis Mayorga, and Kaley Palmer to join her on their team. They have been some of the hardest workers in

the room." Mr. Ron Swingle, Head Coach. The girls team is being coached temporarily by the Boys Team staff.

Something can be said about



Photo by **Jacob Guerriero**

the team community considering the number of players and the constant contact and physical demand the sport

requires. Constantly needing a stream of new players, Junior Savannah Wisneski said, "Our varsity boys teams are looking pretty good, they have very

good qualifications to get to the championship; and when I first started and first moved here, they were very supportive. From being somebody no one knows, to being accepted on the team... they took me

under their wing almost immediately."

Being Conference Champions last season and going

16-5 overall, the boys team is preparing to expand on their lead. "We took 16 wrestlers to wrestling camp over the summer where they gained a lot of



Photo by **Jacob Guerriero**

experience. We were fortunate to have Coach Marks run our lifting program three days a week, all summer." Swingle.

Swingle wants to make an even stronger run in the postseason this year. "The hardest part of the sport is to stay positive in the hard times. Throughout the season it can be difficult to keep a good mind-set." Jacob Guerriero, Sophomore. With one of the team's main struggles being weight management, mastering that may prove to be the push they need to perform just as well, if not better, than last season.

Swim team members prepare for competitive season

EMMA WELSH
Reporter

As the season inches closer, the swim team continues to put in an immense amount of preparation to improve from last year.

Most of the team has done drill work in and out of the water, individually or by attending the team's pre-season practices. Specifically, Junior Madilyn Andrews said, "I attended all of the preseason practices to make sure I was in shape for when the season started."

All the preparations by the team are made in hopes of achieving their goals for the season. Their primary goal is to improve their times. Junior Bryn Byrne says, "I hope to beat all my best times this year and improve my performance in the water. Improving our times will make the entire

team more competitive during the season."

Along with improving times, some of the swimmers have

The coaches also have goals that they want to achieve; one goal being to attain a more substantial record over last

beat a 2-9 record. At the end of last year's season, the team lost 11 seniors, seven girls and four boys.

present swimmers are making great strides to fill those events."

The coaches continually said, "We will continue to give it our all and see what happens."

The swimmers see their team as a close-knit family and love their coaches. "I'm immensely grateful to have both Coach Matash and Banyas in my life. They help me grow not only as an athlete but also as a person," said Byrne.

Andrews expands and said, "I like... how involved the coaches are with every swimmer. They always make sure each swimmer is doing everything right."

With the returning players filling in the spots of last year's seniors, the swimmers have high hopes for what's to come in the new and upcoming season.



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alternative goals. Sophomore Emily Brekke wishes to "have fun" and "improve [her] breaststroke."

year's 8-3 record for the girls team as well as pushing to gain a higher success rate for the boys team in an attempt to

Coaches Michelle Matash and Stacy Banyas said that the loss "has put a [hole] in the numbers of the team. However, the

Bowling team strikes back



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KAYDIA WRIGHT
Reporter

The bowling team is fired up for their 2023-24 season. With a recent win by both varsity teams against Milton, the sea-

son is off to a great start. The bowling team currently holds 15 members, with 10 boys and 5 girls. Above, Eli McCready, Sophomore, practices his strike.

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BHS hosts performances from Berwick orchestras

REAGAN COYLE
Reporter

The 2023 Winter Orchestra Concert featured performances from ensembles throughout the school district, including the 5th-12th grade and combined orchestras. The show began at 6:30 pm with the 5th and 6th-grade orchestra performing (P)izz Snowing, Tim Thompson, and Carol of Bells...ish, Amy Pocius. (P)izz Snowing featured pianist Quinn Kishbaugh and Cassie Kendron, who rang the sleigh bells. The 6th-grade orchestra took the stage alone to play Tidings of Joy, Robert. W. Smith, featuring soloist Asher Costanzo and pianist Cassie Kendron. Then, the 7th and 8th grade orchestras performed several pieces, which included Ding Dong! Merrily on High, Carrie Lane Gruselle, Fantasy on Greensleeves, Mark Williams, and Fable, Larry Clark. The high-school orchestra followed this with their rendition of Symphony for Strings No. 1, Jeffrey S. Bishop. This piece contained three movements, which included I. Sinfonia, II.

Aubade, and III. Reel. All of the ensembles combined to perform Jingle Bell Rock, Elliot Del Borgo for the finale.

The orchestra's director, Amy Pocius, shared her favorite pieces from the show.

"Fable, Larry Clark was my favorite piece because it has an air of magic to it. It has a very strong, fairy-tale vibe, and the tempo contrast in the middle section of the piece allows for the listener to dig into their childhood imagination," Pocius said.

Many students, including freshman violinists Brooke Isabella, Sara Stoneroad, and Alivia Stoneroad, said their favorite concert piece was Jingle Bell Rock, Elliot Del Borgo.

"It was fun because the notes were easy, but they had an up-going beat to it. It was a song everyone knew for the Christmas season, and it was easily recognizable," Isabella said.

A. Stoneroad said, "It was a lot of fun because it was the middle and high school playing together. It was also the song that I played the most melody in."

Junior violinist Katya Newcomer said, "We get to play with the middle schoolers. It is nice seeing them and being able to see the future high school orchestra students."

Pocius annually organizes and conducts the entire event.

"The best part of the Winter Concert every year, in my opinion, is the closing piece that combines 5th through 12th grade as a united ensemble and Orchestra Family, as we close the show with a classic holiday tune, and Santa hats for every instrument," Pocius said.

To some students, this concert was unique compared to others they have performed in. "It was my very first high school orchestra concert, so it was extra special to me," S. Stoneroad said.

Newcomer said, "We did a three-piece music set instead of 3 different unrelated songs. Pocius asked the audience to not clap until all the songs were done."

Pocius, on the other hand, believes that this performance

and all others are equally special home every day and practicing," A.



Photo by Edén Savoy

cial. Pocius said, "This concert was no less special than any other one. Every performance is an opportunity for the ensemble to gift their audience with a little piece of it."

She and some of her students elaborated on what it was like preparing for this performance. Pocius said, "Musicians across all eight grade levels started working on this music in late September. They have been tested, challenged, and bamboozled, but they all have risen to the expectations."

"I prepared for my performance by taking my violin

as a class every day, but some only have it every other day, making it more difficult." The orchestra's hard work paid off, and they succeeded in spreading holiday cheer throughout the auditorium.

"The best part about being in the orchestra is how the music brings us together. I think that is cool," S. Stoneroad said.

Newcomer said, "The best part is knowing you are finally done, and you can present pieces of music that you have been working on for months. A lot of satisfaction comes from completing this."

Students showcase talent at combined Christmas concert

EDEN SAVOY
Editor-In-Chief

The Berwick Area High School hosted the annual Christmas concert on Monday, December 11th in the auditorium. The concert featured performances from Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Modernaires, Swing Choir, Concert Band, and Combined Chorus.

Men's Chorus took the stage first, singing *A Gentleman's Christmas* by Ruth Elaine Schram and *Born, Born in Bethlehem* from American Spiritual arranged by Donald Moore. Kareem Goins, Jacob Guerriero, Draven Geiger, and

Nathan Miller performed a solo.

Women's Chorus occupied



Photo by Reagan Coyle

the stage next, performing *Sleigh Ride* by Leroy Anderson, *Where are you Christmas?* by Mariah Carey, and *Children, Go Where I Send Thee* from Traditional Spiritual arranged by Kevin P. Johnson. Brylee

Weaver and Mia Arcentales sang respective solos during *Where are you Christmas?*

Senior Women's Chorus member Giana Berlin performed a rap solo during *Children Go Where I send Thee*. Berlin said, "Putting on a performance that isn't really common in a choir environment was something I took as an exciting challenge."

Fable Gunther and Michelda Thelemaque also had solos during *Children Go Where I send Thee*.

Women's Chorus was followed by the Wind Ensemble, who gave their rendition of *The Ukranian Bell Carol*, arranged by Elliot Del Borgo.

The Modernaires performed next, singing *Ave Maria* by Ce-



Photo by Reagan Coyle

sar Alejandro Carrillo, *Lullaby* by Daniel Elder, and *A Joyous Carol of the Bells*, arranged by Vicki Tucker Courtney.

The Swing Choir closely followed, dancing to *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree* arranged by Andy Beck.

Concert band took the stage to play *Bock Fanfares* by Jess Turner and *Minor Altera-*

tions by David Lovrien.

The concerts closing performance consisted of the combined chorus singing *Jingle Bells*, arranged by Jack Gold and Marty Paich, and *Grinch! A Christmas Choral Medley*

arranged by Andy Beck, during which Gabbi Finucan sang a solo.

Senior Wind Ensemble and Concert Band member Jonan Kishbaugh said, "My favorite part about the winter concert was being able to present all of our hard work that we have accomplished for family and friends in the audience."