

# The ARROWHEAD

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## Dancing the night away at the MAHS Winter Formal

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Dancing to modern pop songs and classic dance hits, such as “Cotton Eye Joe” and “The Cupid Shuffle,” Montoursville students enjoyed an entertainment-filled night at the 2019 Winter Formal on Jan. 26., which was diligently planned by the Student Government.

Junior Alex McKenna decided to help set up for the Winter Formal because “It was an opportunity to work with close friends and teachers in order to accomplish a common goal, which is to make high school an awesome experience.”

Montoursville’s Student Government worked thoroughly in

order to construct a fun night to remember this year. Numerous students showed up to aid in the set-up of the Winter Formal hours prior to the event’s start.

“Our hopes for Winter Formal is that everyone has a great time, including all our students and guests,” said Student Government Adviser Mr. Richard DeLong.

Junior Abby Shoemaker said, “The absolute best part of the 2019 Winter Formal was dancing in a huge group with other students, and also viewing Devon Robinson’s Formal Box.”

The gentlemen who were announced to the 2019 Winter Formal Court included Seniors Jacob Anderson, Isaac Barrett, Gable Crebs, Wyatt DeWald, Kurtis

Johnson, Ben Kutay, Gabe Phillips, Devon Robinson, and Daniel Rogers.

Seniors Maria Berardelli, Emma Cihanowyz, Marlea Fry, Veronica Green, Alaynah Grimes, Kerrigan Hartsock, Julia Kiessling, Jordan Moll, and Zoe Wise were the ladies who were selected for the Court.

“I enjoyed being part of the Winter Formal Court and making great memories,” said Berardelli. “My favorite part of formal was hanging out with friends, as well as trying my best--but failing--at dancing.”

The student body voted Marlea Fry as the 2019 Winter Formal Princess and Issac Barrett as the Winter Formal Prince.



The Winter Formal Court gathers together for a photo on Flannel Friday where each individual sports their flannel attire and their school spirit. The Winter Formal was a success with a large amount of students coming and dancing to their favorite songs with good friends. Photo provided by Maria Berardelli

## Ac Dec competed at home

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This year on Jan. 10 the school’s Academic Decathlon team had their first home meet for the first time in years.

“We came in a close second place out of eight teams,” said Ac Dec adviser, Mr. Mitch Hart when asked how they did at their winter scrimmage. “A number of our students won medals, including four students who won medals for overall score out of the nine student medals available.”

In the Scholastic Division, Senior Hunter Moyer earned Gold in both Math and Science, Silver in Economics, and the Gold Medal for Overall Score. Junior Alexander Kremer earned Gold in Economics, Silver in Music, Bronze in Math and a Bronze Medal for Overall Score. Senior Ben Kutay earned gold in Music and Bronze in Economics. Sophomore Emily Bertin got a Bronze in Music.

In the Varsity Division, Senior Melissa Kline earned Gold in Music, Math and Economics, Silver in Science and the Gold Medal for Overall Score. Freshman Eddie Brown got Silver in Economics, Bronze in both Science and Music and the Bronze Medal for Overall Score. Junior Michael Speacht got Bronze in both Economics and Science. Senior

Kylee Snyder got Silver in Math. Sophomore Cadence Jones got Silver in Music and Sophomore Andy Mayo got Bronze in Math.

“I did pretty well, I got eighth in my overall division,” Junior Amber Miller said when asked how she did at their meet.

Hart said that the next competition is the Central PA Regional Meet which will be on Feb. 1 at Penns Valley.

“Our goal is to qualify for the state finals in March,” Hart said when asked what his hope for the next competition will be.

When asked how he is preparing his students for the next meet,

Hart said that right now his students are preparing for Interview and Speech since they haven’t done those events yet this year.

“Our team is studying really hard and we are practicing speeches and interviews for the meet next month,” Miller said when asked how she is preparing for the next Ac Dec competition.

“We will also have to review the other eight subjects in the next two weeks,” Hart said.

“I saw it as an opportunity to meet a lot of new people and learn things that I wouldn’t learn in my regular classes,” Miller said when asked why she joined Ac Dec.



The Academic Decathlon team poses for a picture after their meet on Jan. 10. A few of the Academic Decathlon members posed with the medals they earned. Photo provided by Mitch Hart

## Warrior Awards

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Every day students put forth great effort, attitude, character, and work ethic, and as a consequence fifteen students are being recognized in January through the Warrior Awards.

These students were nominated by the various academic departments in the school after being recognized for their outstanding work and general effort in their schooling and community.

The students who receive the Warrior Award, as well as the department representatives who nominated them, celebrate the accomplishment with a breakfast before school.

The breakfast for the January Warrior Award recipients was held on Jan. 30.

The students also are given a personalized magnet and their picture on display in the display case at the entrance of the high school.

The faculty member was selected for the award was chosen by her peers and selected by the principals due to her dedication and hard work presented throughout the year.

The Montoursville students and faculty who will be receiving Warrior Awards in January are listed below according to grade level.

**Freshman:** Caitlin Seiders

**Sophomore:** Mariah Huyuck, Jenna Moyer, Maddy Ramsey

**Juniors:** Rachel Shaffer, Ian Plankenhorn

**Seniors:** Maria Berardelli, Cole Peterson, Taylor Shuman, Zoe Wise, Samuel Barrett (Boy of the Month -- Montoursville), Alissa Aldinger (Girl of the Month -- Montoursville), Zachary Springman (Boy of the Month -- Warrensville), Paeton Peluso (Girl of the Month -- Warrensville)

**Teacher:** Mrs. Victoria Stetts

(Awards are given to the students the following month. E.g., Warrior Award recipients for the month of November will receive their awards and breakfast in December.)



Mr. Montour chosen

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The once popular tradition of Mr. Montour was brought back this year as a way to recognize some of the many outstanding seniors we have at MAHS.

Seniors Maddy Reeves, Bekah Lundy, and Julia Keissling had the idea to bring back the contest this year.

The school participated in dress up days to go along with Mr. Montour. The days included a Movie Monday, a 50's day, and a Blue and Gold day. The seniors had a Mr. Montour meeting on the day that the winner would be announced.

Senior Wyatt Nettling won the title of Mr. Montour during the basketball game against Shikellamy on Jan. 14.

"I did not expect to win," said Nettling. "There were a

lot of good guys in the group and I was just happy to be a part of it."

Nettling and his escort, Emily Ebbert, shopped for outfits at Walmart for the dress up days.

The other seniors in the running for Mr. Montour were Ben Watts, Eli Ward, Jared Holmes, Greg Shoemaker, and Sam Barrett.

Their escorts, respectively, were Jen Fortney, Marlea Fry, Alaynah Grimes, Maddy Reeves, and Emma Cihanow-hyz.

The court enjoyed a dinner with members of the faculty at Pier 87 as a part of the tradition.

"I'm not sure what all will be involved yet," said Nettling. "There wasn't much information in the job description."



The seniors are having a Mr. Montour meeting. The meeting was held to raise excitement about choosing Mr. Montour at that night's basketball game. Photo by Alissa Aldinger.

Beating the Buzzer with Warriors Basketball

by Alissa Aldinger  
& Zach Springman



Top Left: Junior Jacob Simms avoids the Shikellamy team and shoots. During halftime the Mr. Montour candidates were escorted and Wyatt Nettling was crowned. Photo by A. Aldinger  
Top Right: Mackenzie Weaver attempts a 3-point shot. Montoursville played against Lewisburg on Jan. 22. Photo by Z. Springman

Bottom Right: Senior Dylan Bower jumps for the shot and scores against Shikellamy. The boys lost 75-45. Photo by A. Aldinger

Bottom Left: Sophomore Mackenzie Cohick shoots for the net. The girls lost their game against Lewisburg 53-35. Photo by Z. Springman

Leading into FBLA state events

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The Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, dominated at their regional competition at Penn College on Jan. 8 with 20 members placing high enough to advance to the state level competition.

"I think that many of our members have a good chance of being award winners at the state level," said FBLA Adviser Mrs. Linda Keiser. "They are smart and driven students and I know they will do well."

Senior Rebekah Lundy, who is currently enrolled in the business class, Management 105, decided to try something new for her senior year by joining FBLA.

"I really surprised myself by placing first in the region in my event, Business Communications. I hope to do well at the state competition, but I do not know what to expect," said Lundy.

Junior Ian Plankenhorn, who placed sixth at the regional competition with Senior Marlea Fry, said "I joined FBLA because I find business to be very simple and easy, and I hope we can make it to day two at states."

Thirty-two members of Montoursville's FBLA team went to the regional competition with twenty students moving on to the next competition level. Everyone moving onto the next competition, states, is required to attend

study sessions with Keiser in order to prepare for the next competition, said Lundy.

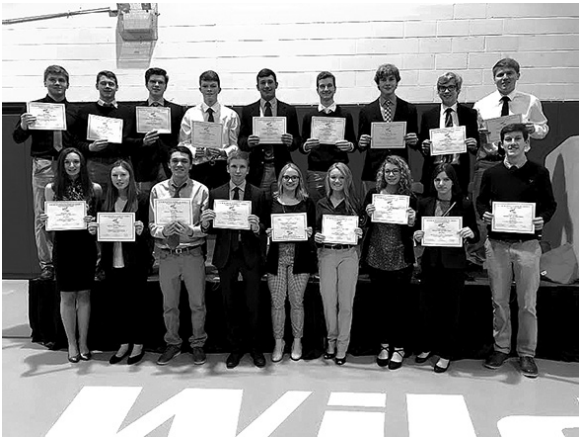
"I am preparing for the next event by studying using Quizlet and other resources," said Senior Emma Cihanowyz, who has been involved in FBLA since Freshman year and proceeded to FBLA Nationals last year. "Our hope for this FBLA season is to place in the top four at states and proceed to the FBLA National competition again."

In the past, Montoursville has had many state winners in various categories, and MAHS FBLA has

also had many national winners in numerous categories. These FBLA National winners placed in categories including Personal Finance, Accounting, Introduction to Business, Banking and Financial Systems, and Economics, said Keiser.

Last year, in 2018, two teams advanced to the FBLA National competition level, said Keiser who hopes to see more students succeed and further in their events this year.

These students will be representing Montoursville at the State level in the upcoming months.



Montoursville students compete in groups at the FBLA Regional competition in early Jan. using their knowledge and preparation to go up against other high school students in the area. Similar to previous years, numerous students scored well enough to be representing MAHS at the next level. Photo provided by Mrs. Linda Keiser.

Routnom writes on...



by Janina Reynolds

- Congratulations to the 20 FBLA members that made it to states
- Congratulations to Senior Veronica Green on winning the Poetry Out Loud Competition
- Congratulations to Junior London Mussina on getting Outstanding Lawyer and Senior Cole Peterson on getting Outstanding Witness at their recent Mock Trial Meet at Penn State on Jan. 11-13.
- Congratulations to Senior Wyatt Nettling for being crowned Mr. Montour on Jan. 14.
- Good luck to Ac Dec at their District Competition which will be on Feb. 1.
- Good luck to the cheerleaders at the States Competition in Orlando which will be on Feb. 8.
- Ski Club is going back to Killington, VT on the weekend of March 1-3.
- Hunger Games Dodgeball, hosted by the 'Sock staff, will be held in the gym during Flex on Feb. 8. Admittance is \$1 per person.
- Good luck to anyone participating in the volleyball competition which will be in February.
- Congratulations to guy seniors, Kurtis Johnson, Jacob Anderson, Isaac Barrett, Gable Crebs, Devon Robinson, Gabe Phillips, Wyatt DeWald, Daniel Rogers, and Ben Kutay on making the 2019 Winter Formal Court.
- Congratulations to the girl seniors, Emma Cihanowyz, Zoe Wise, Marlea Fry, Jordan Moll, Kerrigan Hartsock, Veronica Green, Maria Berardelli, Julia Kiessling and Alaynah Grimes on being nominatted for the Winter Formal Court.



# FFA Goes to the PA Farm Show

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On Jan. 7, over 60 students traveled to Harrisburg for the day to attend the 103rd annual Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Future Farmers of America is one of the largest clubs in the school. Its adviser is Agriculture teacher Mr. Ben Hepburn. All students in the club were welcome to attend the farm show, and two buses were used in order to transport all the students.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show happens once a year to celebrate the \$185 billion that agriculture brings to the state's economy. It is the largest of its kind in the country, with over 12,000 exhibits over the farm show's duration.

This year, the show ran for eight days-- from Jan. 5-12. Montoursville's FFA members went to the convention on the 7th because it was the state's Future Farmers of America's midwinter conven-

tion.

Over 5,000 FFA members from 150 high schools in Pennsylvania attended the convention in addition to students from Montoursville. It took place in the New Holland building, which seats over 7,000.

The entire Farm Show Complex and Expo Center covers 60 acres of land-- 24 acres of which are contained within 11 buildings. Students traveled between buildings in order to see many of the exhibitions offered that day at the farm show, which includes rodeos, tractor pulls, and thousands of

animals.

"My favorite part of the FFA trip was the cows and the pigs," said Sophomore and FFA member Scott Grow. "You can really see how different they are."

There were over 6,000 animals on display during the farm show. In previous years, students from Montoursville Area have hosted exhibits themselves, but there were none on the trip this year.

Almost all of the food at the Farm Show is homegrown, whether it be apples, meat products, or the renowned milkshakes for sale at the convention.



Above: Cattle were on display at the PA Farm Show. Thousands of animals from throughout the state were on display for the 8-day duration of the fair. Photo courtesy of the PA Farm Show website



Left: FFA students enjoy fresh milkshakes bought at the farm show. Many of the treats available were grown and/or made by attendees. Photo by Junior McKada Ulmer.

# Walking for a Cure

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This year, our school has two Relay For Life teams. The one team captain is Senior Zoe Wise and the other team captain is Junior Julia Mertes.

"We have already been fundraising this year through the Craft Show, and we're going to have a Bowl-A-Thon event as well," said Mertes when asked what they have planned.

Mertes also said that they have a lot of little fundraisers planned to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"Last year, we raised over five thousand dollars and I am really hoping that we will be able to raise more money than that this year," Mertes said.

Wise said that she is planning on doing a Buffalo Wild Wings

Night and are doing bake sales at the high school during flex and lunches.

"We also are doing the Half-Court Shot Contest during the halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball Games," Wise said.

"We are also working on Daf-fodil Days which is a fundraiser funded by the American Cancer Society," Wise said. "It helps bring hope to cancer patients in the hospital."

"I did it to bring awareness and honor my grandfather who lost his life to lung cancer," Wise said when asked why she joined Relay For Life.

When asked why she joined Relay For Life, Junior Maddi Farber said that she joined because she did it last year and she really enjoyed being able to help raise money for a good cause.



Some members of the Striders team pose in front of their homemade photo booth at the 2017-2018 Relay For Life event last June. The Striders team raised over \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society last year. Photo provided by Julia Mertes.

# Alleged "murder" at MAHS

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What will happen when a bunch of kids meet up in the school cafeteria on a Friday night?

Apparently they'll have a Murder Mystery Party.

Junior Ashley Loss thought that having the party would be beneficial to members of the club.

"We decided to have the party as a sort of bonding experience and just to have an overall fun time," said Loss.

"It was like a party, but so much cooler," said Junior Larissa West.

The theme of the party was Teen Choice Award Show. Everyone dressed in fancy evening clothes and was assigned a character.

Each person in attendance was given a card, telling them about their characters. They would act

like their character and do what their cards told them to do, and then someone was murdered.

At the end of the night, they all accused who they thought the murderer was.

The group running the party had to prepare the envelopes, the food, and make sure the decorations were on point.

"The most difficult part was actually that the original date that we had planned was the date that we had the threat and we had to leave early," said Loss.

This meant that all the food needed to be reordered, as well as the date of the party, but it still went on, two months later.

West's favorite part was when they were all sitting around in a circle and accusing each other of being the murderer.

"[It was] like a really intense

game of Mafia," said West.

"[My favorite part was] when we were all revealing our secrets," said Freshman Ben Nields, who attended the party.

"The best part was definitely the reveal of the murderer," said Loss. "Most of the attendees of the party already go who it was and they were so into their parts, it was just amazing."

"I thought everyone had a great time," said West. "Once we were there, no one was afraid to be in character or be strange because everyone else was doing it."

"There was never a dull moment," said Nields. "It was a blast."

Once it ended, a group of the attendants headed to Dunkin' for the after-party party.



The attendants of the Murder Mystery party pose for a picture. The party was on Jan. 4. Picture provided by Ashley Loss

# Lazorka's stay at MAHS extended

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Over the summer, English Teacher Mrs. Betz had a baby. It's customary for a teacher to take some time off after this, so she would be needing a substitute for her 11th and 12th grade English classes at the beginning of this school year. It now turns out that Miss Abigail Lazorka will now be filling in for her for the rest of the school year.

Lazorka graduated from Montoursville Area High School in 2012, and is a certified elementary school teacher. She's been working substitute jobs for the past few years, and she says that "After subbing all of May I realized I loved the [high school] level."

When she first started, "I was very nervous because I am only a few years older than the Juniors and Seniors I teach," said Lazorka. Since then, her fears have faded away. "My students are fantastic, and they make teaching so much fun!"

Another potential long-term substitute position opened at McCall Middle School, so Lazorka decided to contact Betz over Christmas to see how long she was planning on taking leave. Montoursville Area School District will hold a job for Mrs. Betz even until next school year, so she was free to choose to take more time off. As it was, Mrs. Betz elected to stay on leave for the entire rest of the year. When she heard this, Miss Lazorka said she was "Beyond excited. The opportunity to be a long-term sub for the whole year doesn't come around too often!"

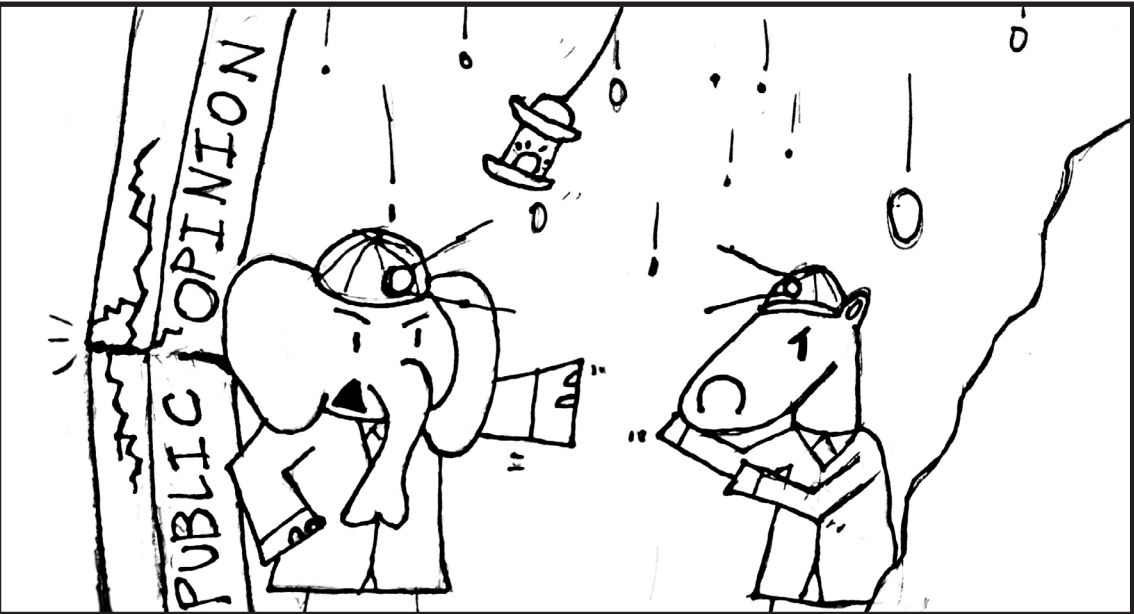
After the end of the year, Miss Lazorka said, "My plans are... to travel with my dog, Sherwood, during the summer, and job hunt for the next school year!" She also wants to become certified to teach High School English.

Overall, she's really enjoyed her time here. She says, "There is a [high] level of professionalism and support... I love MAHS!"



Miss Abigail Lazorka helps Senior Rachel Steinbacher with her Honors English 12 midterm. Lazorka has taught the class on Mrs. Alicia Betz's behalf for the entire year. Photo by Zach Springman.





The stubborn partisanship in Congress will result in a devastating “cave-in” for the establishment on Election Day. Cartoon by Ben Kutay



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With the government shut-down situation looming over President Trump’s want for a wall on our southern border, the topic of immigration is a topic of frequent heated debate across the country.

Another battle of “left vs. right”, another stalemate between people unwilling to compromise, what were 35 days of federal workers not getting paid and wondering if they would be able to put food on the table.

No one is denying this is an issue in need of immediate action, but the question is how we go about doing it. The following are two arguments and both sides of them regarding the immigration issue.

The root of a shockingly large amount of illegal immigration is not illegal border crossings but is actually related to the work visa system and our friends in the sky-planes. From essentially what was the Reagan administration on, border and customs patrol got a lot more strict. This served as a catalyst for some unexpected behavior within immigrants in our country on work visas.

With border security now tight, large amounts of these immigrants overstayed their work visa’s and continued illegally residing in the United States knowing once they went back to Mexico they would probably not get back in.

Also, there is no wall tall enough to stop a plane from flying over it and Politifact data shows up to 40 percent of all illegal immigrants came here from high in the sky.

On TruTV’s, “Adam Ruins Everything”, we see both of these arguments elaborated on in depth and a description of what immigration in America was before these restrictions described as a “Revolving Door.”

Many democrats support the

# Way of the Watts: Two sides, two arguments: Immigration

idea of “Revolving Door”-open arms immigration policy boasting the argument that immigrants are what made our country so great in the first place and the economic boosts they also bring are undeniable.

The counterargument to this? America was never meant to be a “revolving door” for immigrants to come in, reap the benefits of our system and then hitch right on back home as is shown in the popular YouTube radio show, “Louder with Crowder.” In response to the planes argument, a wall obviously is not going to fix our entire illegal immigration but as Steven Crowder says, if 40 percent are coming over on planes that leaves a possible 60 percent of the problem that could be partially alleviated by the wall.

I highly recommend watching both the show and podcast aforementioned for a more in- depth analysis on this issue.

The next issue I would like to address is one that the President has been proclaiming loudly and proudly since the earliest days of his campaign, and this is “Mexico is gonna pay for it.”

With the wall carrying a hefty bill of almost \$5.6 billion, fingers are being pointed left and right about who exactly would foot it. The answer? All of us.

Trump has been quoted claiming that his new trade deal NAFTA with Mexico would pay for almost all of the wall, but basically all research shows this is not the case. Even recently has Trump has nodded to the notion that U.S taxpayers are going to see this one come out of their pockets.

So is their a reality where we don’t end up paying for this 30 foot steel slat wall. If it ends up being constructed, probably not.

Believe it or not, a little over a year ago, a scenario in which Mexico would have paid for the wall and not have been able to do anything about it arose. It was called a “border adjustment tax,” and was a part of the original Tax

Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that has been a bright spot of Trump’s presidency.

This part of the bill, however, did not survive to the ratified portion as it was opposed by U.S retailers, and Trump himself, because of the fact that it would raise the price of imports.

In several articles put out by the Washington Post and Forbes, we see this tax explained and its positives and negatives laid out. The way this would have payed for the wall, as explained in these articles, is that it would place a 20 percent tax on all imports but exempt exports, making them tax free, and no this is not a tariff.

Accredited economist Martin Feldstein predicts in one year Mexico could give us almost \$13 billion in revenue from this tax alone. However, a tax like this would not just be imposed on Mexico but all U.S trade partners which could cause damage to a lot of industries with roots here. I found this to be the only remotely possible way Mexico would pay for a wall on our southern border.

Looking at immigration closely, the only effective solution is through something rare in the political world, and that is compromise. Between the wants of the Democrats and Republicans, a hybrid plan of both immigration policies may just be the answer. One thing that is not the answer

## Staff Editorial: Why are the books always better than the movie?

A majority of the avid book lovers out there know the excitement that overtakes you when you hear a movie based on a book that you have read and loved is coming out.

Most of them are disappointed with how the movie turns out because there are so many points or moments from the book that they’ve been excited to see come to life that are messed up, or worse, completely left out. Sometimes characters are messed up and they act and look no way like they are described in the book

Yes, the movies are normally amazing to the ones that haven’t read the book but to those that have, it just feels wrong.

For example, the book “It” by Stephen King and the 1990 mini series based on it. Not many have read the book and think the movie is amazing. Many who have read the book also think it’s amazing.

But while they loved it, they had some criticisms. Beverly Marsh, one of the main protagonists, was played so wrong, many scenes in the movie didn’t happen at all, really important scenes in the book, like the epic rock fight, was made much less epic, and major plot points and devel-

opments in the book just didn’t happen.

One of the more famous character misconceptions is that of Albus Dumbledore in the fourth Harry Potter movie. This is one instance that nearly everyone who read the book and watched the movie saw and disliked.

Dumbledore is described as a calm old man, which is insanely messed up with these eleven words: “Harry did you put your name in the goblet of fire?”and all the Harry Potter fans hung their heads in shame.

In the movie, he’s yelling and attacking Harry. Directly following that phrase in the book, it says, “He asked calmly.”

It’s understandable for scenes that are difficult to recreate, but so many big scenes are missed and that really does upset the audiences. How to fix it?

Directors: study the book.  
Actors: study the characters.

In the end, those long awaited movies are going to be loved if they’re entertaining. Sometimes, you just need to forget that the book exists and enjoy the movie for all that it is, not for what it isn’t.

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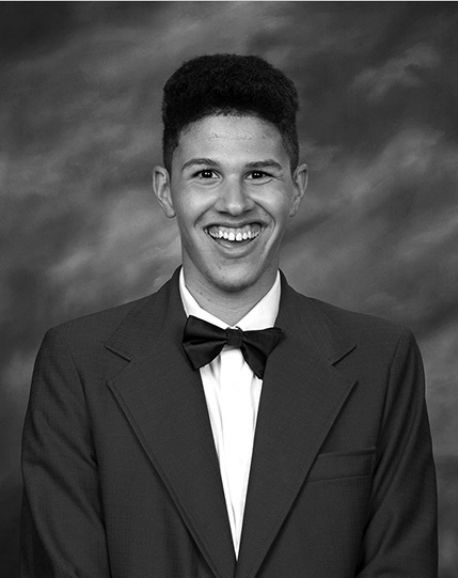
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# BOYS & GIRLS of the MONTH

This issue of The Arrowhead features a Boy & Girl of the Month sponsored by both the Montoursville and Warrentsville Lions Club. Those sponsored by the Warrentsville Lions are featured above those sponsored by the Montoursville Lions. The Arrowhead is not responsible for choosing the Boys & Girls of the Month.

## DEVON ROBINSON



**Parents:** Paula and Mike Robinson  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “When I say an answer in Shoemaker’s class but end up being completely wrong.”  
**Activities:** Marching band (8-12), Jazz Band( 9-11), Choir (9-11), Ville Harmonic (11), Track (9-12), Basketball (9), Student Government (9-12), Key Club (10-12), Theatre Arts Club (9-12), Musicals (10-12), Book Club (12), Culture Club (12), Physics Club (12)  
**Plans after graduation:** Attend college with a Bio Chem and Pre-med degree  
*“Devon compliments enthusiasm with creativity. Count the pretzels!” -Mr. Barbour*

**Parents:** Wayne and Rachel Eck  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “When I was younger my family and I went skiing and as we got off the ski lift my jacket got caught on the lift and knocked me over, as everyone was watching, it drug me through the snow until my uncle pulled me out from under it.”  
**Activities:** FFA (9-12 VP-10, President-11,12), Marksman (12 President)  
**Plans after graduation:** Plan to attend Penn State Altoona for a major in Biology with an Ecology emphasis  
*“While I would trust Hannah with my kids, I question her ability to identify quality male genetics.” -Mr. Tucker*

## HUNTER MOYER



**Parents:** Christy and Greg Moyer  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “When I dropped the largest bass drum three times my freshman year. I cracked the rim the first time.”  
**Activities:** Rho Kappa (12), Physics Club (12), Science National Honors Society (12), Tennis (11-12), Band (9-11), Choir (9-11)  
**Plans after graduation:** Go to college for Chemical Engineering  
*“With freaky injuries and excess Madden-Overdrive and Brawlstars, Spookie remains a work in progress.”-Mr. Barbour*

**Parents:**Eric and Krista Wise  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “My eighth grade year, we did the “Aladdin Jr.” musical. I remember coming out for a cameo role, and I tripped and almost fell on my face during the show.”  
**Activities:** Key Club (10-12-editor), National Art Honors Society (10-12), Rho Kappa (12), Thespian Honor Society (11-12-Treasurer), Theatre Arts Club (9-12)  
**Plans after graduation:** Attending Lock Haven University and majoring in Business Administration/Management  
*“Zoe is a Warrior through and through -- her active involvement in Band, Theatre Arts and Key Club means she is everywhere at all times. Zoe’s willingness to get the job done, to step up into leadership roles, and to encourage her peers to get involved in school activities, are examples of the leader she has become. What a wonderful ambassador for our school!” -Mrs Tira*

## ZOE WISE



# Unofficial February holidays

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Like many other months, February is full of unofficial holidays. There is National Wear Red day, Umbrella day, Sticky Bun Day, Bubble Gum Day, and National Pizza Day.  
Nobody can forget the Super Bowl, it definitely that is a lot more popular than others.  
Sophomore Allie Kiess said she knew about National Pizza Day. And Junior, Abby Stine said that National Bubblegum Day is her favorite.

“Will you participate in any of these holidays? Will you wear red on National Wear Red Day?” Kiess said that “I will eat pizza on National Pizza Day.” Stine said she would buy a sticky bun on National Sticky Bun Day.  
A good majority of people were unsure and didn’t know any of these holidays. Some said they knew about Valentine’s Day or the Super Bowl, but they didn’t know the truly unofficial holidays. They were suprised when they saw all the hidden the in February.



Above: National Sticky Bun Day is February 21, 2019 for those who want to celebrate the right way.

# Is It Really “New Year, New You?”

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When it comes time for a new year to start, many people have huge plans to benefit themselves and the society around them.  
New Year’s resolutions are made for those who want to stay on a better path, and in many cases continue a healthier lifestyle.  
There are commercials, talk shows, and others on social media who show off what resolutions lead to better lives. Working out, eating healthier, finding love, and staying off social media are all very popular resolutions.  
Junior Kendra Tucker was asked if she had any resolutions.  
“I don’t think I have ever made any resolutions. I feel like I wouldn’t keep up with them,” Tucker said.  
Many people tend to forget about their healthy habits throughout the year and go back to an old routine. That isn’t necessarily a bad thing, it just can be overwhelming. It can be tough

keeping up with a new lifestyle.  
“I had a resolution for about a week and then it was long gone,” said sophomore Katie Musto.  
Not all resolutions fade away though, some people follow through with the decision.  
“I love making new resolutions each year,” said optimistic Sophomore Olivia Muse.  
Even just trying different hobbies, foods, or hairstyles can change a whole routine. It all comes down to whether or not someone is determined to change, and can keep up the new day-to-day routine.  
Senior Desiree Long deleted Instagram and a few other social media apps as a sort of detox from all the online life.  
Whether the resolutions for 2019 stick or not, everyone is determined to have a good year and that is the main point. Take in every moment of it, and set goals that will show a lot of benefits in the long run.



# Coffee Review, Pt. 2

Arrowhead staff members got together to test different coffees from various shops nearby. They were judged on strength, flavoring, and presentation. All drinks were rated on a scale of 0-5.

## Mel's:

Location- Montoursville  
Price- \$2.11  
Flavoring- Vanilla  
Strength- 1 out of 5 (not strong at all)  
Presentation- 4 out of 5  
Overall: 4.5/5

## Backhouse Cafe:

Location- Williamsport  
Price- \$2.47  
Flavoring- Vanilla  
Strength- 3 out of 5 (kind of strong)  
Presentation- 3.5 out of 5  
Overall: 3.5/5

## Sawhorse Cafe:

Location- Williamsport  
Price- \$4.25  
Flavoring- Vanilla  
Strength- 5 out of 5 (strongest coffee)  
Presentation- 3 out of 5  
Overall: 1/5



Above: Jen Fortney & Janina Reynolds try out the different drinks.  
Left: Pictured from left to right are coffees from Mel's, Sawhorse, and Backouse Cafes. The coffee from Mel's scored highest among the Arrowhead staff.

## TEACHER FEATURE: MRS. MORGAN

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**Q. What made you want to be a teacher?**

A. "When I was un the sixth grade, I helped my English teacher grade papers. Although when I graduated I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but I had an awesome Spanish teacher."

**Q.What is your favorite class to teach?**

A. My favorite class to teach would have to be Spanish 1 because I get to teach more fun concepts

**Q.What is your favorite part about teaching?**

A. When students come back and tell me that what they learned helped them

**Q.Why Spanish?**

A. Well as I said, I had an awesome teacher....in my first year of college i had a German teacher that taught Spanish, then we had a test on rules and i found it really cool



Pictured is Sra. Morgan at her desk during her planning period.  
Photo taken by Jennie Brouse

## Student Spotlight: Sara Conrad

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Sara Conrad, a junior at Montoursville Area High School, is involved in varsity cheerleading, dance, and multiple clubs.

Her high school goals are to "graduate with good grades" and "have fun while doing so." She is very involved with school activities along with those benefitting Montoursville.

For cheer, she supports the football, basketball, and wrestling team. Conrad is also getting prepared to leave for Florida with the cheer team in early Febuary. Sara is one of the many cheerleaders

who is raising money for herself, and all the others to be apart of the competition. Conrad says cheer makes her happy because, "I love it and I can be with my team and have fun."

Junior year is known to be the most difficult of all 4 years in high school. When asked "Are you happy with your current grades and schedule?" Conrad said "It's stressful but I am happy with my schedule and my grades are good."

Although school is a lot, Sara said "Dance is my favorite thing to do because it's not stressful and I can relax and it is really

all about being with my friends. That's my main goal in life; to be surrounded by those I love."

Sara was asked "The future is coming fast, what do you strive to accomplish or plan to do in life?" She "wants to go to college, get a good job, and live a happy life."

Overall Sara Conrad is a busy teenager and student, with clubs and meetings, dance, cheer, and schoolwork. She is overwhelmingly happy to support Montoursville and the community around her.

She is always welcoming to new faces, and hopes to make more friends between now and her senior year.



Sara Conrad shows off a stunt with the cheerleading team at a football game. She showed the crowd her group's impressive stunt. Photo provided by Steve Bagwell.



Review: “Bird Box” entertains

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The “Bird Box” movie came out on Netflix on Dec.13,2018. This drama/thriller stars Sandra Bullock and was watched by 45 million people in the first week it was released. In this movie a mysterious force takes over in different places all over the world which causes anyone who looks at the force to see their worst fears and causes them to kill themselves. The main character, Mallory played by Bullock, survives with her children and end up going on a journey through the woods and down the river in a small canoe. They go on this dangerous journey completely blindfolded. Something that helped them along their way was the two birds in their box who warned them when any dangerous force would come close. In this movie there was a lot of unexpected surprises. Sophomore,Shakira Grimes said “what surprised me the most was that the mother and her children ended up surviving.” A lot of people really liked what message this movie gave. Junior, Dustin Berkheiser said “The message of this movie I believe is that people are blind from the suicidal community.” Then Grimes said “I believe the message is taking her anger out on the

human race.” Although there was a lot of good feedback over the movie some people had some critics about the movie. Grimes said “I didn’t like how you never got to see the actual monster in the movie.” Bullock got a lot of great feedback for the work in this film for portraying a brave and fearful mother desperate to help save her

herself and her children. This movie I believe is really about a test about true motherhood and doing whatever you can to protect your children from any harm. That’s what this movie projected. So overall, I would give this movie a good rating for the message that this movie gave and the amount of mystery and tension portrayed.



Sandra Bullock stars in Netflix’s latest hit movie “Bird Box.” Bullock must get herself and her small children to the other end of a river completely blindfolded, and without talking. Photo by IndieWire.com

Artist of the Month: CASSIE CONKLIN

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**Q: Do you wish to pursue singing after high school? How?**  
A: Yes, I am hoping to pursue a minor in musical theatre. In college I would like to continue in participating in musicals. Possibly doing choir as well.  
**Q: At what age did you discover your singing talent**  
A: I was about 3-4 years old I auditioned for a couple of musicals. I would have to say 5th grade was when I truly fell in love with music.  
**Q: What is your biggest accomplishment so far musically?**  
A: Making district choir my 11th/12th grade years. Also winning a Ray of Light award for

best performance by a featured actress in a musical.  
**Q: Who has influenced you with your singing career? Explain**  
A: My older sister Katie, seeing her in shows sparked my interest. My parents allowed me to get involved when I was little, and that really started my career in theatre. I’m thankful to Mrs. Clark for giving me so many wonderful opportunities for shows. Lastly, Mrs. Tiede, I am grateful for her kindness and love for music.  
**Q: What is your favorite memory from high school choir?**  
A: The pops concert my freshman year.



The recite fight

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The school hosted the Poetry Out Loud competition on Jan.10 in the Black Box theatre. Participants were Seniors Rachel Steinbacher, Cortney Houseknecht and Veronica Green, and Junior Jaycie Neubauer, ” said English teacher Miss Abigail Lazorka. “Veronica took first place and will represent MAHS at the Regional competition.” said Lazorka. Competitors were scored on accuracy,portrayal and vocal level. Judges at the competition were current and retired English teachers Lazorka, Miss Michelle Hopkins, Mrs. Alissa Martin, and Mr. Christian Bower. “The Students had to memorize two poems and read one at the first round based on accuracy and at the end scores were tallied up and then the second round, the students read their second poem and at the end both scores were tallied up,” said Lazorka. Green said before competing in front of the whole school,they had to do a classroom competition to see who was the best and then they had to compete in front of the school. Green was announced as the winner of the competition with Neubauer in second. She will move on and compete in the Regional competiton on February 1st in Towanda.

“I have to read 3 pieces, ‘Y2K’ by Therese Lloyd, ‘No Coward Soul is mine’ by Emily Bronte and my last piece is ‘Earth, you have returned to me’ by Elaine Equi,” said Green. Poems read in the competition were “Common Cold” by Ogden Nash in the first round,and “Epitaph” by Katherine Phillips in the second round read by Cortney Houseknecht. Jaycie Neubauer read” The Maid’s Lament” by Walter Savage Landor in the first round and “ Respiration” by Jamaal May in the second round. Rachel Steinbacher read ”Rain” by Kazim Ali in the first round and “ The Star” by Ann Taylor in the second round.



Senior Veronica Green recites a poem for Poetry Out Loud. The competition was held on Jan. 10. Photo taken by Alissa Aldinger.

Montoursville gets “Footloose”

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The drama department is taking on yet another project, preparing for the annual production of the spring musical. They are presenting the production of “Footloose,” which was originally brought to the big screen in 1984, and is about an upbeat Chicago teen who moved to a small town where dancing and rock music have been banned. The musical will be taking place April 5-7, and all will be welcome. In order to prepare for the big debut, many of the cast, including Freshman Madie McLaughlin, have been “Practicing their lines, music, and choreography at home and in their free time.” When asked about her personal thoughts on the upcoming show, Freshman Abby McLaughlin said “It was one of the best decisions I have made through high school so far, and you enjoy every practice, because there is never a dull moment!” Before becoming a part of the production, each cast member had to audition. Auditions required that each member to prepare. “Right before the audition, I was very nervous because I didn’t know what to expect,” said Abby McLaughlin, explaining her personal experience with the audition process. “But then when I walked into the chorus room to audition, my nerves calmed down, and it was a great experience overall.”

Footloose Cast List

Ren McCormick	Greg Shoemaker
Ariel Moore	Reagan Luna
Rev. Shaw Moore	Jacob Anderson
Vi Moore	Cassie Conklin
Willard/Student	Devon Miller
Rusty/Student	Abby Shoemaker
Wendy Jo/Student	Larisa West
Urleen/Student	Ashley Loss
Chuck Cranston	Sam Barrett
Ethel McCormick/Adult	Kayla Markley
Wes Warnicker?Adult/Choir/Council	AJ Bennett
Lulu Warnicker/Adult/Choir	Maddy Ramsey
Jeter/Student	Ben Nields
Bickle/Student	Joey Watkins
Garvin/Student	Devon Robinson
Eleanor Dunbar/Adult	Veronica Green
Betty/Adult/Choir	Madison Holland
Coach Dunbar/Adult/Council	Maggie Stroop
Lyle/Student	Eli Weaver
Travis/Student	Noah Huffman
Cowboy Bob/Adult/Council	Austin Cummings
Principal Clark	Courtney Houseknecht
Cop/Country Fiddler/Adult/Choir	Lanie Mussina
Adult/Choir/Council	Brenna Smith
	Ariel Butler
	Kevin Anderson
Adults/Choir	Cate LeCrone
	Elizabeth Stapp
	Jenna Moyer
	Cadi Durant
Students	Madie McLaughlin
	Dylann Eck
	Abby McLaughlin
	Gracye Winger
Co-Stage Managers	Zoe Wise & Sarah O’Brien
Props Master	Madison Shaffer & Zoie Boyer
Stage Crew:	Rose Saul, Morgan Holland, Grace Allen, Maria Beradelli



SAM JORDAN



**Q: Do you have any traditions you do before practices or meets?**  
A: Yeah, the team has a pasta night.  
**Q: Who is your biggest supporter?**  
A: My mom and Colin's dog Bo  
**Q: How has doing swim affected your academic career?**  
A: It has helped my work ethic and taught me how to succeed.  
**Q: What's your most embarrassing moment?**  
A: Definitely Swimgate  
**Q: What is your biggest achievement?**  
A: Splitting an apple in half with my hands.

KERRIGAN HARTSOCK



**Q: Who is your biggest supporter?**  
A: My parents because they go to every meet and cheer me on through the whole thing.  
**Q: Do you have any traditions you do before big matches?**  
A: I get my heart rate up and make sure I'm really stretched out.  
**Q: What is your most embarrassing moment?**  
A: Sophomore year during a group hug I got my braces stuck in a teammate's hair and it was really hard to get it untangled.  
**Q: How long have you been doing swim?**

Sprinting into the January 2019 track season early

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Track has sprinted into its season early this year. Interested track team members are participating consistently in Indoor track for the first time since 2015. "For us being a first year team and not training like the other teams are, the team and success this year has exceeded my expectations." Said Senior Captain Braden Cott, who has taken the reigns of the team since Coach Nathan Kimble resigned from coaching track, due to extenuating circumstances. "I was worried I wouldn't be able to fill his shoes and the level of coaching he gave his athletes." Cott said about being put in charge to run practices when Kimble resigned. Varsity Boys' assistant Soccer Coach Bryan Pauling decided to step up to the challenge with Lyter Elementary teacher Jason Cott to take the team to the meets so they could go as a team. When Pauling was asked what made him decide to step up and coach the team, he said, "The entire group was working hard in training and since Jason and I had clearances we decided to step up." When Kimble resigned from coaching, the team lost a few people but it still has a few original participants left. The team is currently looking for new members. Freshman and Co-Cap-

tain, track and Cross Country runner Raya Pauling said, "The reason I stayed was I didn't want to let the program down." Cott also said, "The reason I stayed was because regardless of the coach situation, I needed to prepare for this coming season and track in college." Some new participants were asked what made them decide to join indoor track. Junior Tristan Shirk said, "I heard about it from my brother, Cooper, and my Grandfather wanting me to do it." Freshman Lily Saul said, "Coach Bryan, he had texted my dad and said he would like me to run the 60m in the upcoming meet so I did." Since the start of Indoor Track, the team has gone to two meets at Susquehanna University near Selinsgrove PA. "We plan on attending more in the next month or so," Coach Pauling said. The team's first meet together was on Jan 5, there they accumulated 1st place in boys 800m by B. Cott and a 1st place in Girls 800m as well by R. Pauling. "Montoursville went undisputed in the 800." Cott would say. Montoursville also took home another 1st place finish by Senior Dominic Caputo in the High Jump clearing 6'4. As well the team took home a 2nd place finish in the boys 400m by Cott. Caputo also took home a 2nd place finish in triple jump.



Senior Dominic Caputo is performing his High jump at Susquehanna University. Caputo's jump height was half of an inch away from qualifying for nationals. Photo provided by Braden Cott



The girls' 4x4 relay team poses after a race at Susquehanna University. The team placed 3rd in the race. Photo by Erin McMurray



Senior Braden Cott pushes through the last few meters of a race at Susquehanna University. The indoor track team has competed at two meets so far this season. Photo provided by Braden Cott

Teddy Bear Toss

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On Dec. 21 the high school boys' basketball team played its rival, Loyalsock. The student section was full of many students from all four grades who cheered on the boys as they played the game. During the game, the boys' team made a statement and showed, with only one returning starter this year, that they have potential in the future. "I think we will do pretty well this season, hopefully as good as our last," said Junior Austin Loe. "This game was a turning point in our season where we knew we were going to be good." Upon entering the school, some fans brought in a teddy bear to get into the game for free, and then threw them onto the court during halftime to show their support for Toys For Tots. One fan was Sophomore Allie Kiess who said, "It was a great experience, I didn't expect to see that many teddy bears thrown onto the court." "A lot of people from the student section brought teddy bears, which was surprising to me," said Sophomore Katie Musto. Many of the cheerleaders helped pick them up, filling at least four bags full of teddy bears, which were donated to Toys for Tots in order to help the organization. Kiess said, "It's important to show that us as students and a community want to support organizations that help others, and this was a great way to show it." Loe said the teddy toss was a good idea, and that it showed support for a good cause. "I thought this was a good idea, and that we should do things like that more often," said Musto.



Fans support Toys for Tots by throwing stuffed animals onto the gym floor. They were thrown onto the court during halftime at the game. Photo provided by Evelyn Wynn.

Support the school's winter sports teams by attending a basketball game, swim meet or wrestling match!