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Green competes at Poetry Out Loud regionals

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Senior Veronica Green competed in the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition at Keystone Theater in Towanda, on Feb. 8.

The Poetry Out Loud Competition was created to help students build public speaking skills, gain self-confidence, and learn about great poetry from the past and present.

"I saw it as an acting opportunity and another opportunity to perform," said Green.

The poems she spoke in the competition were "Y2k" by Therese Lloyd, "No Coward Soul is Mine" by Emily Brontë, and "Earth You Have Returned to me" by Elaine Equi.

Freshman Austin Cummings, Juniors Devon Miller and Larissa West, and Seniors Dez Long and Devon Robinson went with Green to the regional competition to watch.

"I went to support Veronica and our theatre arts, but also because I am intrigued by the different ways poems can be read to convey different messages," said Robinson.

"I decided to go to the competition because I already had an interest in performing and poetry. I loved the idea of seeing performers whole-heartedly act out one of the most beautiful forms of literature," said Cummings. "I also wanted to be there to support Veronica in the competition."

Many attendants said they would go again if given the chance.

"Each and every one of the performers went all out with their presentation," said Cummings. "It was truly something to behold."

"I enjoyed watching all the different students perform their poems differently," said Miller.

The competition began when drama teacher Mrs. Denise Clark started a Poetry Out Loud unit in her classes. Smaller competitions were held between her classes to determine who would represent the school. Green was the only competitor to make it to the regional competition.

"I enjoyed Veronica's performance more than the others be-

cause she acted out her poems, making them come to life," said Robinson. "No two poems should ever sound the same," he added.

"I hope more people will join us for the next competition," said Cummings.



Senior Veronica Green and Drama teacher Mrs. Denise Clark are standing by the Poetry Out Loud poster at the competition. Green had the highest overall performance, but will not be moving on to the state level. Photo provided by Mrs. Denise Clark.

Students embrace new cultures at Spanish Festival

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Celebrating the Spanish language and culture through exciting entertainment, traditional Spanish foods, and general fun, students enrolled in Montoursville's Spanish classes gathered together on Feb. 15 for the Spanish Festival.

Spanish students participate in the Spanish Festival in multitudes of manners: creating food to be sampled, aiding in the distribution of event programs, making videos completely in the Spanish language, and presenting proceedings at the event as announcers.

"I have made food for the Spanish Festival in previous years, but now--as a Spanish IV student--I am working with others to create a video to be played for attendees at the event," said Junior Julia Bradley. "Seeing everyone's project is my favorite part of the Spanish Festival, especially since I know most of the students participating in the creation of the videos."

Junior Lillian Choate, who is a student in Spanish III said, "Learning a different language is a lot of fun, and I am most excited for the videos at the Festival because they are always funny and entertaining."

Spanish Festival videos range from a variety of topics. The current AP Spanish class decided to create a video based on the popular family game show, Family Feud. Furthermore, the Spanish IV class decided to create a video based on the award-winning television show The Office.

Senior Joey Rogers said, "I liked watching the other students' videos because it shows different levels of understanding of the complex language."

"I am excited to attend because I have heard that the food at the Spanish Festival is really good and the videos presented are humorous," said Freshman Ashley Wheeland who will be attending the event for the first time this year.

"The videos were really funny and generally good this year," Junior Abby Shoemaker said. "The Twilight-based video and the Office video were my favorites because they made me laugh the most."

When questioned about the variety of food available for sampling at the event, Shoemaker said, "It is cool to try the new foods from different cultures at the event because you can eat things that you may not have tried otherwise."

According to Bradley, the Tres Leche Cake was the best dessert

to sample at the Festival this year "Because it tasted good and was something I haven't had the opportunity to try before."

Upon being questioned about her favorite aspect of learning the language, Bradley said, "Spanish is fun to learn because it is not a class where material is always taught straight out of a textbook. Instead, activities like the Spanish Festival make the educational experience enjoyable and interesting to take part in."

"My favorite part of the Festival was hanging out and talking to other people," said Junior Koby Lakes, a current Spanish IV student who helped create a video, Los Juegos Olimpicos de la Oficina, this year.

"It is nice to talk to other people and have fun at the event without having to worry about school, homework, and assignments," said Lakes.

"[The Spanish Festival] is my favorite part of being in the Spanish program here. I will definitely miss it after I graduate," said Rogers.

"I will not be able to attend the event next year because of scheduling conflicts causing me to be unable to fit Spanish into my schedule," said Shoemaker. "I am disappointed that this will be my last year because the event is always something I look forward

to."

This year was Montoursville's tenth annual Spanish Festival. Since the beginning of the event, the number of students participating has grown and the activities

have increased as well.

"Not every school has a Spanish Festival event like Montoursville," said Choate. "However, it is a great event to have and take part in."



Students are attempting to complete a tongue-twister in Spanish in order further their experience and also to receive a quiz pass. Both MAHS students and Spanish I students from McCall Middle School attended the event and participated in the preparation. Photo by Julia Mertes

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Take each other out, dodgeball style

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The yearbook staff held a Hunger Games Dodgeball Tournament in the gym on Feb. 8.

It's a game of dodgeball without teams and without barriers between teams. The winner of the game is the last person standing.

Sophomore CJ Signor won the first of six rounds.

New competitors were introduced in the second round, which was won by Freshman Ionut Reynolds.

The Third round started with Freshman Jayden Basore getting his, and ended with Freshman Ryan Smith "Smitty" as the victor.

The three previous victors

were brought back into the arena for the "Quarter Quell", which Signor won.

All of the previous competitors were in the fifth round, which brought forth a new tactic. Senior Ben Kutay, along with Freshmen Dan Kutay, Cooper Shirk, and Antonio dragged a shield to the corner of the gym and hid.

Once their spot was invaded, B. Kutay T-posed in the center of the room and was hit. Freshman Gage Reeder was the final competitor standing, concluding the fifth round.

For the sixth and final round, all competitors and members of the onlookers were invited to the game.

Round six (a huge round star-

ring every contestant) started with the Kutay Maneuver being adapted by D. Kutay, Shirk, Freshmen Robert and Steven Green, and Round 3 champion Smitty.

B. Kutay was hit out once again while T-posing in the center of the gym, and the arena came to a halt.

Two large alliances were hiding behind shields on opposite sides of the room, and Junior Hunter Shearer sat on the floor with a shield on his feet. No groups were willing to make the first move.

After minutes of anticipation, Yearbook adviser Mrs. Cindy Wentzler then reintroduced Ben, Kutay as a "Tracker Jacker".

"He can get you out, but you can't get him out," she said.

The game started back up again as Ben ran around the room yelling, "Run! Run! Pity me!" as he chased his victims.

The competition raised \$58 for the 'Sock staff.

To left: Junior Alex McWilliams is in position fitting to both defend and offend. McWilliams started the game by guarding the dodgeballs, which proved to be a good strategy until he was hit. Photo by Emma McMurray



AcDec succeeds at regionals

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Montoursville's Academic Decathlon, also known as AcDec, team traveled to Penns Valley High School to compete in the 2019 Regional competition on Feb. 2.

Out of the eight high schools present for the competition, Montoursville placed third, taking home an overall bronze medal. The team qualified for the state-wide competition, which will take place on March 15-16. There are three regions in Pennsylvania: East, Central, and West. Montoursville is a part of the Central region, along with other local schools such as South Williamsport and St. John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport.

Students on the AcDec team compete in various events, all having something to do with an annual theme decided on the national level. This year's theme was the 1960's: A Transformational Decade. There are ten events to compete in every year: Art History, Interview, Science, Language and Literature, Music, Mathematics, Social Science, Essay, Speech, and Economics. All events are in the form of a multiple-choice quiz except for the Speech, Essay, and Interview. Students can earn bronze, silver, or gold medals in each event depending on their performance. There are also medals awarded to the top three overall performers in all events throughout the compe-

tion. Despite the size of the team at Montoursville, only nine students were in the competitive running at Regionals. There are three tiers of competitors in the Academic Decathlon system: Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity. The tier that a student is bracketed in is dependent on their GPA. However, all three divisions still earn points that go towards the collective team score.

Montoursville took home 28 individual medals from Penns Valley, and the combined point total was enough to qualify them

for States. Senior Ben Kutay earned seven medals, Senior Hunter Moyer earned four, Senior Melissa Kline earned eight, and Senior Kylie Snyder earned two.

Junior Julia Mertes earned three medals, and Junior Alex Kremer earned two.

Freshman Eddy Brown earned three medals.

"You don't know how easy it is to get an award in AcDec if you put the work in," said Junior Alex Kremer, who is competing with the team for his third year. "And we put a lot of work in."



The whole Academic Decathlon team poses and shows off their medals after competing. 2019 is the team's twelfth year in a row in which they've qualified for the State competition. Photo courtesy of AcDec coach and Social Studies teacher Mr. Mitchell Hart.

Expressing love

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On Feb 14, also known as Valentine's Day, students received some Sonnet-O-grams which, were given out by the English Honors Society and sang some Valentines which were given out by Concert Choir.

The Sonnet-O-Grams are Shakespeare's poems given out with candy and the Valentines were just a few songs that were being sung by some students in the school's choir. The Valentines were sold for a dollar and were performed during lunch, while Sonnet-O-Grams were given out all throughout the day.

The English Honors Society has been doing Sonnet-o-grams for about four years while this is actually the first year that Valentines were done.

"We wanted a way to get people interested in choir so we thought about how fun the Sonnet-O-Grams are and came up with the idea of Valentines," said Junior Jaycie Neubauer when asked how the choir came up with the idea for Valentines.

When asked how Valentines turned out for the first year Neubauer said that a lot of people were interested in their idea and they raised about \$100 for the choir.

"Though the Valentines were sold for a dollar, there were a few people who gave us a few extra dollars to dab after we sang the song," said Neubauer.

"I bought a Valentune for my sister because I thought it would be funny to see her reaction," Junior Kendra Tucker said when asked why she decided to purchase one.

Tucker also said that the song that she had gotten her sister was "F.U.N." from SpongeBob.

"I also got my boyfriend, Ian Maclachlan one and it was also 'F.U.N.' from SpongeBob," said Tucker. "I figured it was the perfect one for him since he likes SpongeBob."

"My favorite part of doing Valentines was getting to sing to people," said Junior Ashley Loss, who is a devoted member of Montoursville's high school choir.

"I really liked singing the

SpongeBob song," said Loss.

"We got the idea from the National English Honor Society Website and tweaked it to fit our club and school," said National English Honors Society adviser, Mrs. Alissa Martin about Sonnet-O-Grams.

"We sold over 80 which was great since the weather really put a wrench in our advertising and selling," said Martin when asked how many Sonnet-o-grams they sold this year.

"Sonnet-O-Grams have always been a big hit, and everyone seems to be excited to buy them," said Junior Julia Mertes who has helped with the event for the last few years.

"It's a lot of fun, and has been a small but successful fundraiser for the National English Honors Society," said Martin. "We love the support from administration but teachers especially since they allow us to interrupt classes," she said.

When asked what her favorite part about doing Sonnet-O-Grams Senior Madison Reeves said "It was fun seeing my classmates embarrassed when I was reading the poems out loud in front of the class."

"Reading 17 Sonnet-O-Grams to Mrs. Shoemaker's AP Calculus class." Reeves said when asked what her least favorite part about doing the sonnet-o-grams was.

"Honestly, I don't remember how many I had, but I like doing them so I signed up for four periods," Reeves said when asked how many she had to read. "I had at least 30 Sonnet-O-Grams."

"My favorite person to read one to was Jenna Hickok," Reeves said.

When asked why Jenna was her favorite, Reeves said that Jenna was in Anatomy dissecting a cat while she was reading her a Sonnet-O-Gram.

"We plan on continuing with it next year," said Martin.

"Of course, it wasn't only fun for everyone watching at the lunches, but it was really fun for us singing," Neubauer said when asked if choir is planning on continuing Valentines next year. "I really hope we continue with this."



Heart-shaped candy like this was passed out with NEHS's Sonnet-o-Grams. The Sonnet-o-grams also included Shakespeare poems and were delivered to students throughout the day on Feb. 14. Photo from by Google.

Warrior Awards

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Every month students are selected for a Warrior Award for showing the school's motto of pride, tradition, and excellence.

These 16 students that were nominated for February by representatives from the many academic departments in the school for showing outstanding attitude. They will be celebrated with a breakfast before school.

Seniors:

Devin Robinson
Zoe Wise
Hunter Moyer
Hannah Eck
Drake Musto
Samantha Miller

Juniors:

Colin Gorini
Mia Schrine
Alexander Kremer
Alexandra Mckenna
Jacie Neubaur
Zoey Bird

Sophomores:

Ethan Lepley
Dylan Garlick
Hailey Zartman

Freshmen:

Lanie Mussina

Mike Mussina to Enter MLB Hall of Fame

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On January 22, 2019, four athletes were announced to be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. They were Yankees' pitcher Mariano Rivera, Mariners' third baseman Edgar Martinez, Blue Jays' pitcher Roy Halladay, and Montoursville's own Mike Mussina.

Mussina first became eligible for the Hall of Fame five years after he retired at the end of the 2008 season. 425 ballots were cast in 2019, his sixth year of eligibility, and 319 (75 percent) of those ballots were needed to be elected into the Hall of Fame. Mussina received 326.

Mussina was born in Williamsport, PA, but he moved to Montoursville in time to spend his academic career there. He played three sports throughout his entire high school career: football, baseball, and basketball. He was a kicker for the football team, and scored over 1,000 points during his varsity basketball career. But his true passion was always baseball. For hours at a time, he would throw rubber balls against a wall in his basement that had a crude strike zone drawn on it.

Recruiters were drawn to his pitching talent even during his

high school career. His junior and senior years were marked by endless phone calls from colleges scouting him.

He graduated from Montoursville High School in 1987, and went to Stanford University to play baseball and earn a bachelor's degree in Economics. The Baltimore Orioles recruited him straight out of college, and he went on to play professional baseball for nearly two decades, from 1990 to 2008.

By the time he retired, Mussina had children of his own in the Montoursville School System. Brycen Mussina graduated in 2017 after playing the same three sports as his father throughout high school, and Peyton Mussina is a current sophomore. He plays golf, baseball and basketball, and Mike Mussina was an integral part in founding the school's golf team.

Mussina currently coaches on three teams in the athletic program at Montoursville. He helped bring Montoursville a district championship in baseball as the pitching coach last year, and he is the head coach for the golf team. Since 2013, he has been the head coach of the boys' basketball team.

Almost as soon as he signed

on as head coach, the boys' team made leaps and strides in their performance. The team has qualified for district playoffs for the past three years running, and they took home the district title last year.

Senior Dylan Bower has been playing basketball and baseball under Mussina's coaching for four years, and is currently a Var-

sity captain for the boys' basketball team. He says that qualifying for the Hall of Fame is "A high honor for someone like him."

Bower went on to commend Mussina's coaching ability, saying, "I'm proud to say that he coached me and congrats to him."

Mussina will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, on July 21, 2019.



Mike Mussina coaches the boy's varsity basketball team from the sidelines. He has coached them for the past five years, and helped them to a District Championship last season. Photo provided by Beth Verrico.

Painting the Big Picture: Preparing for the Art Show

Photostory by: Zachary Springman



Above: Students work on their art projects for Mrs. Venessa Mauro in Drawing 1. Due to a tight schedule this year, both Drawing 1 and Advanced Drawing have the same periods.

Right: Mrs. Venessa Mauro prepares for the Art Show. The Art Show was held on February 27-28 in the auditorium.



Left: Senior Emma Klepper, left, and Sophomore Abby Klepper, right, work on their drawings for Advanced Drawing. The Art Show featured paintings and drawings from all the schools in the Montoursville Area School District.



Above: Senior Madison Choate works on her project for Ceramics. Students' art pieces will be shown off at the Art Show this month.



Routnom writes on...

by Janina Reynolds



- Congratulations to Senior Cassie Conklin and Junior Jaycie Neubauer for making district choir!!

- Also congratulations to Junior Jaycie Neubauer for advancing on to regional choir which will be coming up sometime in March!!

- Also congrats to Senior Cassie Conklin for making district jazz, which will take place on March 30 and 31 at Millville!!

- Seniors Ben Kutay, Ben Watts, Jen Fortney and Junior Julia Mertes are going to the PA School Press state Student Journalism Competition at Penn State on March 27!!!

- The school's ski club will be going to Killington, VT on the weekend of March 1-3!

- Congratulations to the boys' basketball team on making it to playoffs!

- Good luck to Mrs. Linda Keiser's business students that will be going to the Husky Dog Pound Business Competition on March 28!

- Also good luck to the students that will be going to at the Lock Haven Business Competition, which will take place on March 12!! At this competition they will be giving judges their business pitch for their business idea.

- Good luck to anyone participating in the volleyball tournament!!

- Good luck to everyone participating in this year's spring sports!!

- Congratulations to the wrestlers who are representing Montoursville and going to districts this year!!

- Montoursville Area High School's Theatre Department is having a night of Cabaret on March 16 at 7 pm!



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editor-in-chief

**#5: "Third Stage"
(Boston, 1986)**

This album is at the bottom of the list because I discovered it recently - around Christmas of last year, if I remember correctly. I was in Goodwill with my mom (thrift shopping is our jam) and browsing through their CD bin when I came across this CD. I had heard that Boston was a pretty good rock and roll band from the 80's, so I picked it up for about 3 dollars.

You have the pensive and wet-sounding "The Launch" that makes the listener feel like they're floating in space that is immediately contrasted by the energetic and peppy "Cool The Engines".

"Third Stage" has a lot of variety, excellent production, and excellent musicians behind it. It was also one of the first albums ever to feature an electric violin!

Favorite Track: "Hollyann"

**#4: "Hold Your Fire"
(Rush, 1987)**



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**#1: "Rumours"
(Fleetwood Mac, 1977)**

Fleetwood Mac is a big name in the music world and only in the last year have I started listening to them religiously. I must say I truly love every song on this album, and that I can listen to on repeat. The song "Go Your Own Way" is a personal favorite of mine because it is about the breakup of the two lovebirds in the band, Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham. This entire album is musical genius and is from the heart; a must listen in my eyes. The vinyl of this album hangs proudly on my bedroom wall.

Favorite Track: "Don't Stop"

**#2: "Out of the Blue"
(ELO, 1977)**

ELO (Electric Light Orchestra), is a band that is the perfect harmony of alternative and rock. It is the king of feel good music in my eyes and I have listened to this album's hit, "Mr. Blue Sky,"

Kutay's Cognition: My top 5 all-time favorite albums

Rush is one of the oldest and most interesting prog rock bands out there. Songs like "Second Nature" talk about humanity's conflicting desire and fear of progress ("We fight the fire/while we're feeding the flames") while other songs like "Mission" praise the people of ages past who had to suffer through hardship. Singer Geddy Lee's lyrics are a bit avant-garde, but if you're looking for warm, synthy 80's rock, you'll definitely be able to enjoy "Hold Your Fire".

Favorite track: "Force Ten"

**#3: Phase 2
(Fear, and Loathing in
Las Vegas, 2014)**

FALILV answers the question of what would happen if eurobeat and heavy metal had a baby.

As crazy as that sounds, every track on this album is incredibly diverse. In one 3 to 4 minute song, you can have as many as 6 or even 7 sections or motifs. These guys are crazy energetic and it shines through in songs like "Swing It!" and "Thunderclap".

Favorite track: "Stay As Who You Are"

**#2 "Chiptunes = WIN:
Volume 6"
(Various artists, 2017)**

If you know anything about me, you know that I'm really into music made with old video game systems. This album is a collaborative effort between 50 of today's best chiptune artists and does not disappoint. Every song is high quality and there's a song for just about any mood! "Attemption" and "Purple Trampoline" are great for chilling out, while "We're At War!" has some real grit behind it.

Favorite track: "Bakvgo"

**#1: "5150"
(Van Halen, 1986)**

"5150" is the best album from my favorite band of all time. I've been listening to these songs for my entire life! They're all so fun and energetic and they make my day whenever I hear them. Great vocals from Sammy Hagar and awesome guitar and synth licks from Eddie Van Halen bring the whole thing together. Some real classics came off of this album like "Dreams" and "Good Enough". The more I think about it, this album kind of represents my personality: Goofy, energetic, and never slowing down for a second.

Favorite track: "Dreams"

Way of the Watts: The Watts Top 5

almost every day since the 6th grade. The band's creator, Jeff Lynne, wrote this masterpiece in a span of only three weeks, and my goodness, was the result a blessing.

Favorite Track: "Mr. Blue Sky"

**#3: "America, Location
12" (Dispatch, 2017)**

I can thank my father for the introduction to this band who's genre is literally "Jam-Band." I have been listening to this band for around two years now, and personally I see this as ideal road-trip music. It's very upbeat, a rare hybrid of indie and folk music, and perfect to listen to while driving down the highway. I always keep this CD in my truck ready to go. Nobody really knows who this band is but giving them a try will not disappoint.

Favorite Track: "Midnight Lorry"

**#4: "Torches"
(Foster the People,
2011)**

Around my freshman year was when I discovered Foster the People and I have been listening to them since. This is again one of the very few albums I like every

single song on and can listen to on repeat. This band was my first love in the genre of alternative and has always been very therapeutic to me. Torches is a feel good album with a West Coast vibe and I highly recommend.

Favorite Track: "I Would Do Anything for You"

**#5: "Flower Boy"
(Tyler, the Creator,
2017)**

It was not until recently that I even began listening to rap music and this is by far my favorite album. Tyler, the Creator is a class act even back to his days on the adult swim show, "Loiter Squad" and his music is parallel to how funny he is. This entire album is a one of a kind and I would consider it a fusion between rap, pop, and alternative. It is very relaxing to sit down and listen to this and I feel as if this album is very underrated.

Favorite Track: "911/Mr. Lonely"

Arrowhead Editorial: The Stresses of College

In today's world, high school students are starting the process of planning for college.

For many students it's a stressful topic because they start this process right when they come to the high school. In a perfect world, you had a choice between doing whatever you wanted or college.

Teachers and parents alike tell it how it is. You're. Going. To. College. It's almost like you don't have a choice and that adds to the stress because it's your life and you get to choose what you do with it. Society tells you that if you don't have a degree and go to a four-year college, you don't amount to anything and that you won't be successful.

And again, this stresses students out because no one in high school wants to talk about college because you have to choose now instead of choosing when you're ready.

The freshmen are introduced to the idea of college and what careers they are interested in, in Librarian Mrs. Julie Ritter's Info Lit class. Guidance Counselor Mr. Eli Skinner comes in for a week and they go through their options.

The sophomores are getting emails from Admissions directors

all over the state from colleges and universities.

The juniors are doing their English midterm on a career and they have to pick three colleges that they are interested in going to. Then they have to present it in front of their class.

The seniors are applying to schools in hopes they get in. For the seniors, this is it. This is where the journey ends and they go out into the real world.

Why are they starting this right when you get to the high school? On your first day of school, you're so nervous and then they just start talking about college and you get confused. It's only the first day and they are already making you plan your future!

It's ridiculous because you should enjoy high school while it lasts instead of stressing about college and your future. As juniors and seniors, it's not a bad thing that as they move on, they get stressed because they have to make a decision right then and there. But for freshmen and sophomores to get stressed is insanity because they are still adjusting to high school and trying to navigate their lives.

This is a huge reason why high school students are stressed about planning for their futures.

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BRADEN COTT



Parents: Jason and Dawn Cott
Most Embarrassing Moment: "When I kicked a speedball into a girl's face during freshman year gym class."
Activities: Track(9-12), Cross Country (9-12), Swim Team (10,11), Key Club (9-12), FBLA (11-12), NAHS (10-12, president), NEHS (12), NHS (10-12), Warrior Ambassadors (9-12), STAR (12)
Plans After Graduation: Attend RIT for Mechanical Engineering. Also is planning to run cross country and track for RIT.

"An officer and a gentleman through and through - the nickname fits." -Mr. Barbour

CORTNEY JACLYN HOUSEKNECHT



Parents: Brooke and Curt Houseknecht
Most Embarrassing Moment: "Freshmen year of band I couldn't see where I was going with the bass drum and I tripped over the markers on the football field when marching on for more than one performance."
Activities: Spanish Club (President), NSHS (Treasurer), NAHS (Board Member), Theatre Arts Club, Thespian Society, Improv Troupe, Band, NHS, Key Club, Rho Kappa
Plans After Graduation: Attend Kutztown University with a dual major in Art Education and Applied Digital Arts

"Drawing, painting, ceramics....Cortney can do it all! She is successful at any art medium so she will make a great art teacher or digital artist. I hope that she has a great time at Kutztown!" -Mrs. Stetts

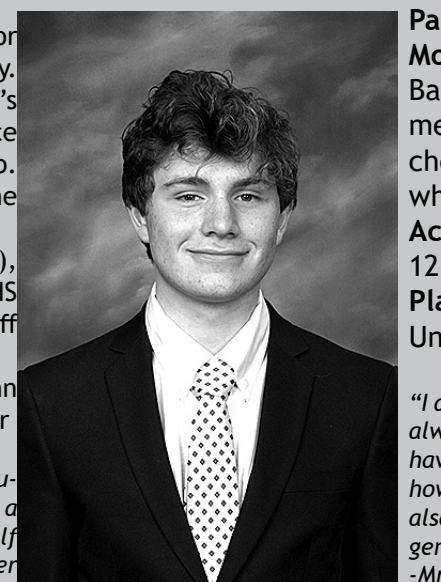
JENNIFER LYNN FORTNEY



Parents: Susan Prindle and Marc Fortney
Most Embarrassing Moment: "In my junior year, one day I felt completely fine all day. All of a sudden I felt so sick in Tressler's class and ran to the bathroom not once between periods, but twice to throw up. I ended up getting wheeled down to the nurse the rest of the day."
Activities: Chorus (9-12,10 Secretary), Marching Band (9-12), Tennis (9), NAHS (12), Rho Kappa (12), Arrowhead Staff (Features Editor 12)
Plans After Graduation: Attend Penn State University with an undecided major

"Jen is one of the most cheerful, upbeat students we have at MAHS. She always has a smile on her face and the glass is always half full to her. She is that bright sunny day after five days of gloom." -Mr. Tressler

DEVLIN ORION HYDE



Parents: Lauralea Bodle and Steve Hyde
Most Embarrassing Moment: "During Mass Band my junior year, one of my friends told me how to solve a riddle and I said "That was cheap" and swore in front of a band parent who yelled at me."
Activities: Marching and Concert Band (9-12), Drama Club (11-12)
Plans After Graduation: Attend Bloomsburg University and major in Psychology

"I am proud of the young man Devlin has become. He is always courteous and respectful in every interaction I have with him. He always says 'Thank you' no matter how big or small it is that I've helped him with. I have also witnessed him outside of school being quite the gentleman. Devlin is an all-round great individual!" -Mrs. Albert

Super Bowl ads: A favorite or a flop?

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A huge number of people watch the Super Bowl annually. There are plenty of fans though, who are there for not only the food, but the commercials. Every year after the Super Bowl, people all over the country have a debate on which commercial was the greatest and the worst out of all of them.

This year, the variety of commercials was an emotional rollercoaster. There were ones to make viewers laugh, cry, and ones to try and inspire. The Verizon and car brand commercials had a memorable touch to them. First responders were shown in the clips and met with the person who was rescued that day. Who knows, maybe the question people asked themselves was "What if that was me?" The commercial had many viewers starting to tear up.

Danny Devito had a role in an M&M's commercial where he was

turned into a human from a piece of candy and then proceeds to get ran into by a vehicle. Pre-accident, Devito ran around asking if people wanted to eat him. Some of the population found the sick humor to be quite hilarious and others found it ridiculous. "I was really disappointed in the choice of commercials this year," said Sophomore Olivia Muse.

The Tide 4-part commercial was a hit across the country. That goes into the favorites category with the Amazon Alexa commercial featuring Rebel Wilson, Cardi B, and many more celebrities and the NFL Touchdown Celebrations dance number reminiscing on Dirty Dancing.

"By far the worst and most annoying commercials are for alcohol," Muse also said. There is always a feud between multiple companies to see how they can show off their brand and "Dilly Dilly" has definitely caught the public's attention.



Left: Rapper Cardi B was featured in the new Pepsi commercial. Photo from Google

Candy hearts go missing this Valentine's Day

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The sweetheart candies made by Necco will be hard to find in 2019 since the popular company is not selling them this year. Although other industries like Brach are still selling their version of the sweet candy hearts.

Before the factory closed, Necco was producing billions of candy hearts every year. When asking junior Abby Fogleman if she knew about the candy hearts being gone she said "I didn't know they were gone this year."

This candy has been popular for many years, senior Samantha Klementovich said she has seen them around "Since I was a kid."

Many enjoy the sweet candy but Klementovich said "They taste like cough medicine," and Fogleman said "They taste stale."

The candy hearts have sayings on them, such as "Be mine," "Miss you," "Love you," "Text me," and many more.

Fogleman said "I remember giving them out as a kid because that is when they were most popular for us, but I have not given the candies out since elementary school."

CNBC News said that the sweetheart candies are unavailable for the first time since 1866. Necco actually sold their company to the new owner, Spangler

Candy. Since Spangler got the company later than expected, they didn't have enough time to produce the candy for the holiday. Other brands of the candy hearts are stepping up and giving the people who love the sweethearts other options, and they are trying to fill the void.

"Are you sad about the candies being gone this year?" Klementovich said "Not really since I didn't eat them anyway."

The sweetheart candies have a long history and we hope to see them back on the shelf in 2020.



Above: Candy hearts won't be around for Valentines Day this year. They are missed by a lot of consumers. Photo provided by Google Images.

Candy Hearts Trivia!

- Candy hearts have been manufactured by the New England Confectionary Corporation (NECCO) since the 1860's.
- NECCO makes more than **8 billion** candy hearts a year to keep up with demand.
- They're the best selling candy around Valentine's Day!

The Arrowhead page 6 Date Ideas for Your Valentine

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Each year new couples find themselves emerging from the MAHS datesphere. Many of these couples find it increasingly difficult to think of fun and creative date idea. Sometimes, whilst figuring out a plan, an argument can arise

‘You choose!’ ‘No you choose!’ is among many small arguments couples face in choosing a date plan.

Below are some new/updated date ideas--in price assorted categories -- to spend the Valentine’s season with your hubby.

Cheap-\$0-\$5

- stay in, watch a movie!
- if your significant other is an animal lover, you cant fail by going to one of the

various pet shops in the area and looking at the animals.

- play video games together
- go hiking on any of the various local trails
- hang out at a coffee shop (see previous issues for coffee recommendations)
- do a puzzle together
- go on a short road trip, spend the day somewhere you’ve never been (or love going)
- take buzzfeed quizzes together
- draw together, make some art, you dont need to be artistic to enjoy drawing with your s/o
- pick out a book to read together.

Moderate-\$6-\$25

- spend some time at the mall together
- build legos together
- go see a movie at one of the two local theaters
- make some food together-it always tastes better when you make it yourselves
- go to hooplas, play some games
- go bowling at faxon
- go see a play or musical at a loal theatre (Foot-loose is coming soon)
- grab brunch at a local diner
- go to an amusement park like knoebels

Expensive- \$26+

- Go out to eat at a fancy restaurant
- go to a concert of a band or artist you both love
- grab some friends and go on a wine and design double date
- fly some drones together
- go to the beach
- go to escape room
- go to coming
- buy each other outfits using a fixed budget and see how well you know each other’s style.



Teacher Feature

Mrs. Keiser

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Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: “I enjoy working with teens, teaching is a very rewarding job.”

Q: What has been your favorite FBLA trip you have went on?

A: “I can’t pick just one, we always have a great time at states and nationals.”

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?

A: “Accounting is my favorite subject, but I also love Intro To Business (mgt105).”

Q: What is your favorite part of your teaching day?

A: “Interacting with my students.”

Q: How long have you been teaching at Montoursville?]

A: “16 years.”



Above: Mrs Linda Keiser helps her students during her 3rd period Marketing class. Keiser thinks that working with teens is a rewarding job. Photo by Zoie Boyer.

Spotlight:Gracye Winger Mussina Family:The ties that bind

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Gracye Winger, a sophomore at Montoursville Area High School, has been described by most who know her as a loving, caring, and a wonderful friend.

Winger is involved in a mutlitude of clubs and activities, all revolving around the arts, where she feels most comfortable.

Among these activities are choir, band, jazz band, theater arts club, and most recently; the school musical-”Foot-loose.”

During her free time, Gracye is practicing her dance moves fort the upcoming musical. She enjoys spending

time with her friends and getting the practice in at the same time.

Gracye would like to note that she eats macaroni and cheese with both a fork and a spoon depending on the type of macaroni and cheese she is eating at the time. She has a ceratin spunk and a quirky personality that makes her light up a room.

An A-average student, Gracye’s plans for after high school are to hopefully go to college for nursing. The colleges she’s currently looking at are Penn State and possibly Grove City.

Outside of school, Grayce loves to relax, go to eat, and just be with friends.

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As Mike Mussina rolls his way into the Baseball Hall of Fame with 76.7 percent of votes, his son feels a weight off his shoulders for his father.

“When we found out, it was like a big weight was lifted off my shoulders,” said Sophomore Peyton Mussina. “Every year it was nerve wracking, seeing if he would get in.”

Though Mussina said he was proud, the family tends to be humble, and not talk about his dad’s athletic success much.

When asked how his dad’s success shaped his family, Mussina had kind of laughed a bit before answering.

“My siblings and I try our hardest at the sports we play,” Peyton said. “And our dad helps us out when we need it.”

After his response, Mussina was asked how his life would be different if his dad had not been so successful, Peyton admitted that he probably wouldn’t try so hard in the sports he plays.

While interviewing Mike Mussina’s niece, Freshman Lanie Mussina, she was asked if she’s ever watched him play.

“I tried but stopped pretty quickly because I got confused pretty quickly,” she responded. “Everyone got tired of trying to explain it to me.”

When asked where her pride stood concerning her uncle, she said that of course she was proud, but “It was normal” and she

“Didn’t really have anything to compare it to.”

Though Peyton’s never seen Mike play, London described an experience that could only be labeled as a baseball fanatic’s dream.

“I saw him pitch against Pittsburgh against the Pirates,” Junior London Mussina said. “We sat in

a really high suite in the stadium, and the view was great but I could barely tell who anyone was.”

Both Lanie and Peyton could agree that what made Mike so successful was his hard work, and how driven he was. Lanie made the remark that it was “Almost like it’s a natural talent.”



Pictured above is sophomore Gracye Winger playing her tenor saxophone in first period band. (photo taken by Bo van Dijk)



Mike Mussina poses with his son Peyton Mussina after a baseball game. Mike was a professional baseball player, and has recently been recognized for his accomplishments with induction into the MLB Hall of Fame. Photo provided by Peyton Mussina.

Top romantic movies

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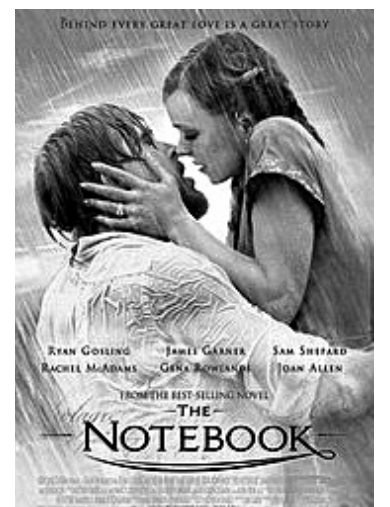
Despite the inherent loveliness, being alone on Valentine's Day can be fun. You can sit on your couch in comfy pajamas and watch romance movies that can make you cry or make you laugh. Here are the 3 best romance movies of all time voted on in a random survey of 100 Montoursville students.

#1: "Titanic"



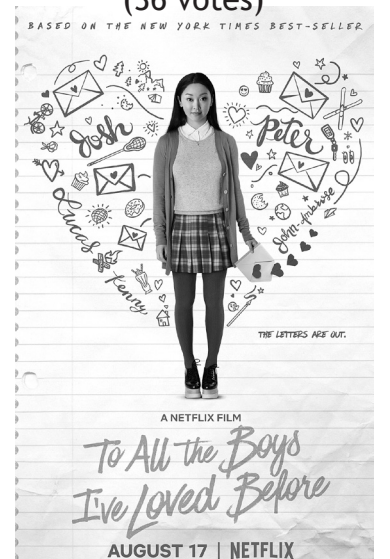
Movie cover photo of "Titanic" directed by James Cameron. Photo provided by Wikipedia.

#2: "The Notebook" (59 votes)



Movie cover photo of "The Notebook" directed by Nick Cassavetes. Photo provided by Wikipedia.

#3: "To All The Boys I've Loved Before" (36 votes)



Movie cover photo of "To All The Boys I've Loved Before" directed by Susan Johnson. Photo provided by IMDB.com.

Artist of the Month: Morgan Snyder

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Q: How long have you been taking art classes?

A: Technically since elementary school, when it was required. But I didn't sign up for them until I got to high school.

Q: When did you first notice your love for art?

A: I always knew that I enjoyed it, but in middle school was when I really got into it. I started to



Senior Morgan Snyder poses for a picture in Mrs. Mauro's room. Snyder has been taking art classes at the high school since her freshman year. Photo by Maria Lewis.

put more effort into my projects around that time.

Q: How do you get inspiration for your projects?

A: What I say is whatever happens, happens. I usually just start throwing on the wheel and see what it turns into. It always starts out as one thing, but then could turn into something completely different, so then I just tweak my original idea.

Q: How do you plan to use your artistic talents after high school?

A: I'll probably just continue to throw on the wheel as a hobby, and maybe sell my work on Etsy or something, but beyond that, I think I'm gonna stop doing art after I graduate.

Q: What is your favorite piece of art you have ever made?

A: Honestly, it was a project I made in middle school. It's the project I remember making the most. We had to carve an image into a square piece of copper, and I carved a leopard. I was very proud of my work.

Netflix show "You" intrigues and horrifies

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"You" premiered on Netflix on September 9th, 2018. This mystery thriller is about a man named Joe played by Penn Badgley.

He meets Beck, the girl of his dreams (played by Elizabeth Lail) in his bookstore and becomes enamored with her.

He starts making every effort he can do to win her over - even if it means compromising the law.

Over the course of the show, Joe's love for Beck becomes more and more obsessive. He lets his emotions control him and slowly descends into madness

as a result. It all culminates in a thrilling climax that is absolutely best left unspoiled.

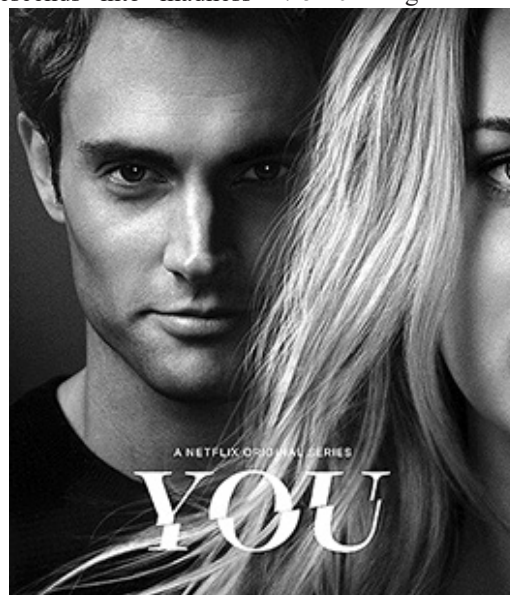
"You" explores the absurdity of love and the madness over one person it can induce.

It also explores the question of how far is too far to go for the one you love.

This show is filled with many unexpected twists. It's incredibly mysterious and explores the psychologies of its characters.

"You" is an absolute thrill ride and is a must-watch for thriller and romance fans.

Rotten Tomatoes gave "You" a 7.5/10 rating.



The characters of Joe and Beck are featured in this promotional art for "You". The thriller show premiered on Netflix in September of last year. Picture is provided by Off the Shelf.

4 Featured Fun Spots

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Winter is a boring time of the year, so what can you do to stay busy with your friends and family? The Arrowhead staff came up with four fun places to go. Different students reviewed the places based on if they would go again, their favorite memory and if they would tell others to go, along with a 1-10 rating.

Ice Skating:

Reviewer: Senior Emily Ebbert

Question: Would you go again? Why?

Answer: Yes, because it was very fun! But also no, because it hurt my ankles.

Question: Favorite memory?

Answer: When Gable Crebs fell into a group of little kids skating.

Question: Would you tell others to go?

Answer: If they like cold and broken ankles, then yes.

Rate 1-10: 7

Ski Sawmill:

Reviewer: Sophomore Peyton Mussina

Question: Would you go again? Why?

Answer: Yes, it's a great place and not too far away.

Question: Favorite memory?

Answer: When we drank 27 sweet teas on New Years.

Question: Would you tell others to go?

Answer: For sure.

Rate 1-10: 8

Roller Skating:

Reviewer: Junior Lucas McCracken

Question: Would you go again? Why?

Answer: Yes, I had a lot of fun.

Question: Favorite memory?

Answer: Falling every 10 seconds

Question: Would you tell others to go?

Answer: Yes, it's something to do during the winter.

Rate 1-10: 6

Bowling:

Reviewer: Sophomore Alivia McDonald

Question: Would you go again? Why?

Answer: Yes, because it was fun.

Question: Favorite memory?

Answer: When Hannah lost a fake nail while bowling.

Question: Would you tell others to go?

Answer: Yes.

Rate 1-10: 7.5

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Q: Do you have any traditions you do before practices or games?

A: For away games I sleep on the bus and I listen to pump up music before.

Q: How has playing soccer affected your education?

A: I am a pretty good student so it has just helped me balance everything I need to do.

Q: How long have you been playing soccer?

A: Basically ever since I first could.

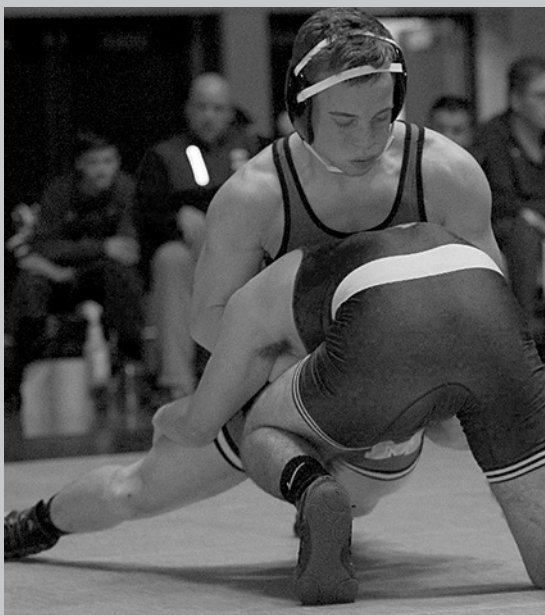
Q: Who is your biggest supporter?

A: My mom because she has always supported me no matter what.

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment?

A: All of freshman year

WYATT DEWALD



Q: Who is your biggest supporter?

A: Ian because he is always there for me and supports me no matter what.

Q: Do you have any traditions you do before big matches?

A: I stretch and listen to music.

Q: How long have you been doing wrestling?

A: 4 years

Q: What's your most memorable moment?

A: When Q made weight that one time.

Q: How has playing sports affected your education?

A: It made me try harder in school and keep my grades up

Cheer Squad takes on Nationals

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On Friday, February 8th the Montoursville Cheer squad headed to Disney World for their Nationals competition.

They competed at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

At 12:09 pm they walked onto the mat for the gameday performance, recreating a Friday-night football game, filled with two band dances, a cheer, and then a chant.

The awards ceremony started at 3:00 pm. There were thirty-two teams in the squad's division and they ended up being twenty-sixth in the Nation. Counting every division there were well over 300 teams at Florida competing to being national champs.

After the competition, they went to Hollywood Studios and watched "Fantasmic," one of Disney's light shows, featuring Mickey Mouse, and all the Disney villains. They were also able to ride the Tower of Terror and Rockin' Rollercoaster, some were able to even walk through Toy Story land.

On Saturday the girls then went to Animal Kingdom in the morning. They saw the Tree of Life, rode the famous Expedition Everest and traveled to Africa for the Kilimanjaro Safaris. Later that evening they switched parks and traveled around the world at Epcot and then rode Soarin, a breezy, airborne adventure as you hang glide above some of the

most breathtaking wonders the world has to offer.

Sunday, they spent the day at Magic Kingdom, riding Space Mountain, It's a small world and more! To end off the week they watched the fireworks and a light show at Magic Kingdom and took a bunch of pictures. For the squad, it was a great thing to end the season with and it's hard saying goodbye to Coach Weaver.

As the girls' first time at Nationals, they all had a great time and said riding in the van with Nanny Barb, Rachel Shaffer's grandmother, Barb Shaffer, hanging out at the house with the team, and dancing to the cupid shuffle underneath the fireworks at Epcot was the team's favorite part of the trip.



Above: The cheerleaders went to Epcot along with Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios.

Students take break during flex

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The sophomore class hosted a volleyball tournament that started on Feb. 19.

Students from all different grades participated in this event to compete for bragging rights.

For this event, it was free to watch and be the audience, but players had to pay \$2 to be able to participate and play in the volleyball tournament. The tournament helped the Sophomore class to raise around \$90.

Volleyball was thought of to be a good way to raise school spirit and was a good idea to invite all students to watch and cheer on others.

Sophomore Cael Crebs said he participated because volleyball is fun and it helps support school spirit.

Three volleyball courts were set up and games were going on one after the other on the first day and second day it was held.

Sophomore Hannah Albert said her favorite memory was when "Mackenzie Cohick could not serve the ball over the net once."

Crebs' said his favorite memory was "The time Austin spiked the ball into the back of Mason's head and the ball came back over the net."

Sophomore Alexa Ulmer said, "It is fun because I get to play against new people and it got me out of my comfort zone."

On the other hand, Sophomore Alivia McDonald said it was fun because you get to play with your friends, and you also get to play against them at the same time.

All students interviewed concluded that the volleyball tournament is fun, but there are some pros and cons to it too.

Crebs said, "There should not

need to be girls on a team to be able to play," but other than that he said the volleyball tournament should continue next year because it raises a lot of money and is also fun to play in.

Many students said it was a good way to get out of flex and have fun during school, including Ulmer who said, "It should continue because it is a place where students can go during flex and get their mind off of school for a little bit."



Two students attempt to hit volleyball over net during the second day of volleyball tournament. Photo by Hannah Albert

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