

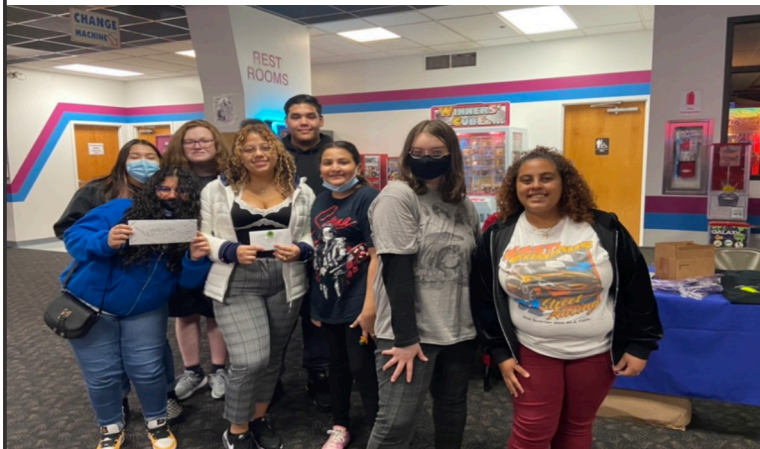


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KEY CLUB HELPS OUT

By: Kiaralyn Castillo



Many of the students at Wilkes Barre Area High school are participating in the different clubs the school has to offer. The Key Club under the direction of English teacher Heather Johnson, is just another one that is also giving back to the community.

The Key Club is focused on helping out the community by volunteering at different events.

“We look for projects that we could offer help for,” said Johnson.

It certainly showed through the projects they’ve done so far. Students and teachers can go up to her and suggest fundraisers or events and the club will get it done.

Johnson tries her best to attend and participate in every event someone suggests to her. She looks for projects that everyone can volunteer for and is interested in. In addition, every student dedicates their time to volunteering for all types of events in her club.

Recently, the club completed a bowl-a-thon for epilepsy. The event was held to raise money for a cure for epilepsy.

There were 20 students who participated in the event raising money and awareness.

For the holidays, the students went to Downtown Square to paint the windows on different buildings. They painted many little different characters including Christmas characters and scenes as well. Johnson took 15 volunteers to the Square creating a learning lesson for all participating, giving something to be proud of in their community

Their current fundraiser is a food drive for kids and families that aren’t fortunate enough to have a big holiday dinner for Christmas.

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CANOE CRAZE

By: Olivia Connell

It seems in Sam Elias’s class there is always a fun new thing to look forward to.

Over the past two weeks, his students took to building canoes out of cardboard and duct tape. Using math to figure out how to make it float, students were able to have fun while getting some real work done.

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The club is baking baskets full of food for the families of kids that go to our own high school.

"We want to provide them with a good holiday meal," said Johnson.

"They've been working hard collecting foods and counting baskets to help out the families in need, especially during this time of Covid."

The students have been going into every fundraising event with pride and smiles on their faces.

"To go and see these kids and the work they've done and how proud they were was amazing. The Key Club is the most rewarding thing I've done" said Johnson.

The Key club is always looking for more ways to help.

WBA & MCFARLANE SHED LIGHT ON COLLEGE APP PROCESS

By: Patrick Cunningham

CLASS OF 2022. Have you started your college application process? If you are considering going to college, now is the time to begin your common application and apply to the school of your choice. Wilkes-Barre Area High School through the guidance department and counselor, Diane Mcfarlane is providing many different resources to help guide Wolfpack students through this process.

Mcfarlane and her office is located right near the front of the school next to the Nurses office. Mcfarlane is working hard to help students reach their academic potential and get them into the college they desire.

Mcfarlane has been partnering with outside resources such as the Educational Opportunity Center and PHEAA to hold FAFSA nights which help educate students and parents how to successfully complete filling out your FAFSA applications

The FAFSA helps reduce the price of your college education by giving federal grants and scholarships to make college more affordable. The last FAFSA night held was on Wednesday December 15at 5 PM. Students can sign up in the office

"All students should take advantage of the college advisors that come to the lunch room



because they can help you with the start of your college application process. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9am there are college application workshops and everything related held in LGI 2 that can help you. Any questions can be directed to my email," said Mcfarlane.

Mcfarlane can be reached at dmcfarlane@wbasd.k12.pa.us

Seniors can also join the "class of 2022" google classroom for college related information. The google classroom code is sxqsny.

THE SENIOR TRADITION CONTINUES

By: Trinity Hull

It was a “tea”riffic night to start off the holiday season. Continuing the tradition, the Senior Tea was held on December 9th, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the WBA cafeteria.

130 students and their parents or guests attended the first official Tea held at WBA that was traditionally held at the three merged schools previously.

It consisted of an entertainment portion held on the brand new stage and followed into the school’s cafeteria for some delicious entrees.

The entertainment portion began with Lael Walker, Mistress of Ceremonies, continued with remarks from senior Principal, Mrs Colleen Robatin.

In addition, a guitar solo by Brody Walker, a Hanukkah Presentation presented by Sarah Newman, and a performance by senior CAPAA Chorus students (Cheryl Corcoran, Kaden (Raine) Hock, Breena Kravabloski, Brianna Slovenkai) of “Silver Bells” highlighted the afternoon.

A poem, “Christmas Joy” was read by Ismael Decena, and ended with a duet performance of “Baby It’s Cold Outside” sang by Trinity Hull and Nathan Scullion.

The tradition of senior tea originates from the 1930s, when Meyers High School first opened. It began with only female students and their mothers and shifted into females and males with any guests they desired to bring as the years went on.

Unfortunately due to virtual learning, the tradition did not continue on for the 2020–2021 school year and there was a chance it was not going to return.

The senior advisors, Marianne Kapuschinsky and Marianne Aboutanos, originally posted a survey on the senior class activities page regarding interest in the event. There may have been fright in the thought of losing what seems to be an everlasting tradition, but Kapuschinsky and Aboutanos were certain it was a necessity to continue on.

“The senior advisors listened to the response of



the students who exclaimed that ‘this is a tradition that has been going on for as long as they know of’ and we would like to see it continue even though we merged the schools,” said Kapuschinsky recalling a response.

Fortunately, it made a comeback due to the overwhelming persuasion of students and faculty that wanted to continue it.

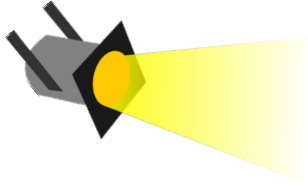
It was a warm and festive atmosphere filled with several positive comments afloat.

“I enjoyed the performances a lot,” said senior Elisa Prado.

“The food was great... props to whoever made the food,” added senior Layla Macking.

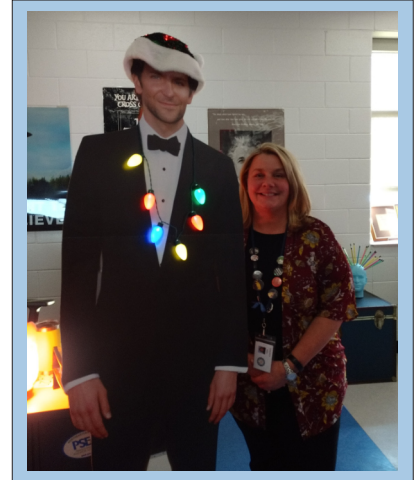
“The decorations were very beautiful.”

It may have been the first merged tradition, but the Senior Tea has been continuing for ‘oolong’ time. Let’s hope the Wilkes Barre Area High School will keep the par ‘TEA’ going for years to come.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: A Q&A WITH MRS. KOMOREK

By: Michaela Barney



Q: When did you start teaching in the district?

A: I started teaching around 2001/2002. It's been about 20 years.

Q: What classes do you teach in the school?

A: I teach advanced English 9 and creative writing.

Q: What sparked your interest in English classes?

A: A 9th grade English teacher I had. He jumped on the desk and recited parts of Rhyme of The Ancient Mariner. His name was Mr. Corcoran.

Q: Did you always want to be a teacher, or did you have other plans?

A: I had many other plans. I wanted to be a marine biologist, I wanted to be a fashion designer, I wanted to be an attorney. I wanted to be a lot of other things, but this profession is where I was meant to be.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching young people?

A: I have many favorites. They keep me from being antiquated.

Q: Outside of the classroom, what are your hobbies and interests?

A: Anything that has to do with gardening or flowers. I'm all about outside stuff.

Q: What was the last TV show you watched? What did you think about it?

A: The last show I watched was Dexter. It was beyond fantastic.

Q: Who is one person, dead or alive, that you would like to have dinner with?

A: My mom. I mean, I could say Freddie Mercury. I would love to have dinner with Dolly Parton, Steven King, Oscar Wilde, Bradley Cooper, LL Cool J, Queen Latifa, Shirley Jackson, the list of possibilities. I'm not the type to have dinner with one person, I need an entourage.

Q: If you were stranded on a desert island, what is the one thing you would bring?

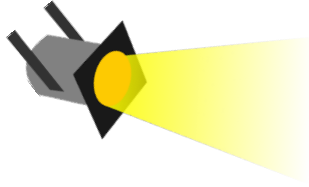
A: Tweezers, hands down, to fix rogue hairs.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: That's a loaded question. It is cruel and unusual punishment to ask an English teacher what her favorite book is. Even the most terrible book is good in a teacher's eyes.

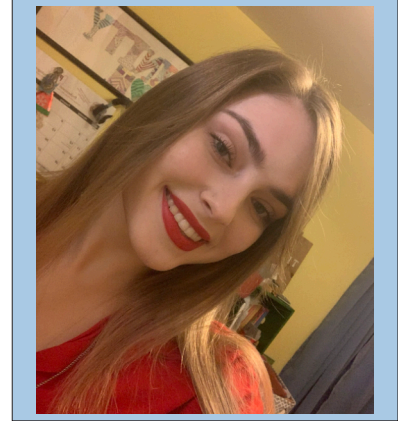
Q: What is one moment from your teaching career you will never forget?

A: A student projectile vomiting Goldfish crackers in my classroom and then stopping to point out the Goldfish crackers in his puddle. It was a beautiful moment.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: A Q&A WITH TRINITY HULL

By: Olivia Connell



Q: What made you get into theater in the first place?

A: I have been pursuing theatre ever since I was 10 years old. I guess I can say that it grew from taking dance lessons my whole childhood. My younger cousin started theater a little bit before I started and my mom figured I may enjoy it as well... she was right.

Q: With all of the things you are involved with, what are you planning to do in the future?

A: If I am being quite honest, I am unsure with what my future holds, career wise, but I am certain that theater will always be relevant. Wherever I choose to attend college, I plan to join the drama club at my college and/or join community theatre to continue my passion. I am involved in key club and a few other clubs as well. I have always been passionate about community service and the key club gives me the opportunities to pursue community service as much as I can. Because of that, I plan to continue my involvement in my community as I grow into an adult.

Q: Are you having fun your senior year? What activities are you looking forward to?

A: I can truthfully say that I am having a great senior year. I was a part of the first Wolfpack Players production of Little Shop of Horrors on the new stage, I am active in the Drama Club, Key club, FBLA, the 'Wolf Print' Newspaper, Yearbook and plan to become even more involved in the MIND'S UP club, and Christian Revival Club.

I am looking forward to the next two productions with the Drama Club, "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma", and "Little Women". I am also looking forward to the events and meetings that each of these clubs have in plan. I was looking forward to the senior tea and Chorus and Band concert, but that took place and they both were amazing experiences.

I am also just looking forward to other senior activities in the future.

Q: What was your favorite role to play and why?

A: My favorite role for the drama club was Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. I thoroughly enjoyed the songs that I sang for the show and the rehearsal process went as smoothly as it could have gone, which I am extremely thankful for.

Q: What do you most enjoy doing during your free time?

A: I enjoy working out, going out with loved ones, listening to music, and it's nice to just curl up on the couch with a blanket and watch a movie or two.

Q: What was your most memorable performance, why does it stick out so much?

A: For the drama club, I would say my most (it is a hard choice) positive memorable performance was when I had the role of Annie Warbucks in the musical "Annie Warbucks". I was a freshman at the time of this production and having a lead role and performing in front huge audiences was something I will never forget. Also, we had casted a few middle schoolers in the high school production and it was super nice bonding with some younger kiddos. We also had a real, live small dog that portrayed 'Sandy' (thanks to Nat Scullion), which was a cute idea to make the show come to life. (cont. pg. 6)

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Q: What will you miss the most about being here when you graduate?

A: That is a very hard question because my answer to this is very broad. I am going to miss seeing the teachers I have gone to school with since freshman year. I am definitely going to miss drama club... it's been my home for the past 4 years. I'll miss the little things like, booking it to my car at the end of the day so I am not late to work after school and complaining about how slow everyone walks in the hallways because I am trying to book it to my class in the C wing upstairs to my class in the E wing downstairs.

Q: What got you into tennis? Who was your inspiration?

A: It started with my parents a few years back. My mom bought some tennis racquets and tennis balls and a few times that summer my family and I went to the Birchwood Tennis Courts and hit around a few. A few months before my junior year, my friend Bryna Soriano really persuaded me to get started and play it for the team. I listened to her persuasion and started playing for the school in 2020.

Q: If you could perform on Broadway, what show would you be in and why?

A: I have always been a fan of Hairspray the Musical. I performed the musical when I was 13 years old at a community theatre and was casted in the ensemble. One of my dream roles is to play Penny in the show. I love the music, I love the dancing, I love the story.

Q: What class do you enjoy the most? How do you think it will help you?

A: I really enjoy my consumer applications class with Mr Lapinski. Mr Lapinski is such a wonderful teacher and honestly makes me laugh so much everyday in his class. I appreciate his authenticity when it comes to what the real world is and will definitely benefit from because of it.

Q: What would you like to do in FBLA? Why did you choose to join this club?

A: This is my second year in FBLA. My goal is to make it to states with my event, Job Interview. I have been working with Mrs. Mendoza on preparing my resume and letter of intent... for my scheduled 15 minute interview on December 13th. I am actually super appreciative that I chose this event because this is what to expect in the real world in order to obtain a career. I have work experience and job interview experience, but this process is very helpful in training me for a more serious future work life.

..."CANOE"...(cont. from pg. 1)

Elias started this canoe project back in the late 1990s because of a unit in geometry where they learned surface area and volume. He wanted to turn a boring unit into a fun project.

Elias stated, "It started by figuring out the weight of a canoe I built at the time, and I thought we could use the same math to make scale model boats."

His inspiration was from when he was in college, he had a group that was in a Concrete Canoe National Championship. Ten years later after he got second place in the contest, he found out the winners cheated by blowing glass bubbles into the concrete.

Building the boats proved difficult, but it ended up being a lot of fun and a great team building exercise. After doing the math that led to the plans, they finally got to assemble.

"We ran into some hardships, but my team pulled through in the end and I'm glad we were able to pull ourselves together," stated Mackenzie Andrews, one of the builders in the advanced geometry classes.

Brian Paucar said, "It was harder than expected, and it took up a lot of time. You had to be precise with the measurements. The end product was worth all the work so I'm happy with how it went."

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CHORUS AND BAND UNIFY IN “HARMONY”

By: Trinity Hull

It's a year of “firsts”.

The Wilkes Barre Area Chorus and Band held the very first vocal and band concert on December 9th, 2021. The concert was held in the brand new auditorium and ranged from freshman to seniors. The chorus students incorporated a variety of holiday songs, from their opening “Silent Night” to an audience favorite, “Jingle Bell Rock”.

In addition, the CAPAA band students performed a range of melodies from “Silent Night” to their upbeat conclusion, “Jingle Bells”. The CAPAA Chorus students performed several songs from “Silver Bells” to “Peppermint Winter”.

A portion of the concert was performed by students who take Chorus as an elective at Wilkes Barre Area. Leading up to the concert, chorus teacher Joelle DeLuca broke each student into vocal parts and learned each part one day at a time. The students sent DeLuca their favorite holiday music in which she selected the combination of hits.

As the concert approached, DeLuca combined all of the voices into a beautiful blend of talent.

“My biggest concern is that everyone would be able to attend and be present and take it seriously,” said DeLuca.

It may have not been the biggest outcome, but the audience seemed to enjoy the holiday cheer from the teens.

“I am really excited to meet new students from all of the schools and continue working with students that I have been,” said DeLuca in an interview prior to the concert night.

She followed with, “I am excited to hear the beautiful blend in the holiday concert”.

DeLuca was not the only one who was excited for this event. Ty Sica, a senior who has never performed in front of an audience expressed his sentiments.

“I always enjoyed singing and felt I had a talent for it,” said Sica.

For those who enjoy singing, like Sica, taking chorus as an elective may just be a good idea to expand your talent on.

What's next? After we return from Holiday break, DeLuca plans to prepare for a spring concert.

“There is no theme yet... to be continued”.

With this in mind, there is a lot to look forward to in the future of the chorus and band here at Wilkes Barre Area. Let's continue to support the arts so the future of music never falls “flat”.



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BOOK REVIEW:

THE HOLIDAY SWITCH: A GREAT READ TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY!



By: Bianca Tlatelpa

Looking for a book to get cozy with this winter? The Holiday Switch is a lighthearted holiday rom-com perfect for someone who loves watching Hallmark Christmas movies.

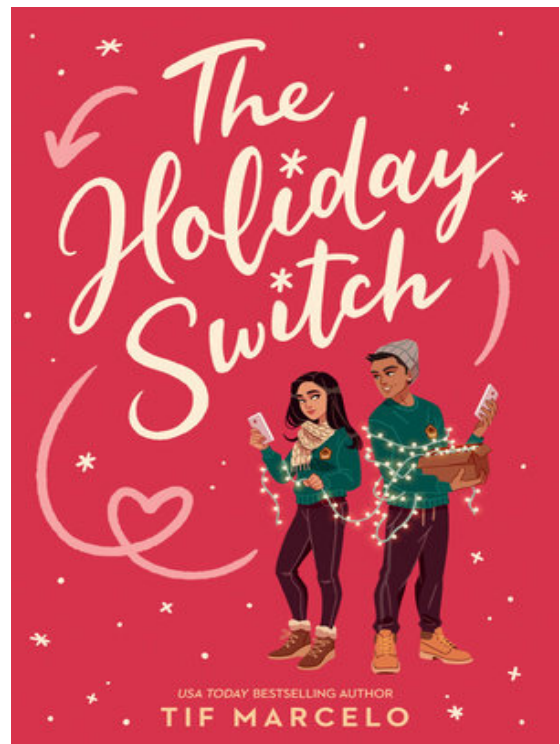
With winter break around the corner, Lila Santos' main focus is to earn enough money to help pay for college after being accepted into Syracuse University. When Teddy Rivera—her boss's nephew—shows up as a new employee, he takes Lila's hours and hopes away.

Even worse; Lila has to train him.

A series of misunderstandings lead them to hate each other (because what's a rom-com without a rivals to lovers trope), but things take a turn when they accidentally take the wrong phone after leaving work. The two of them learn there is more to each other than meets the eye. Question is: Can they trust each other with their secrets?

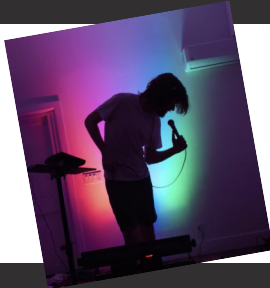
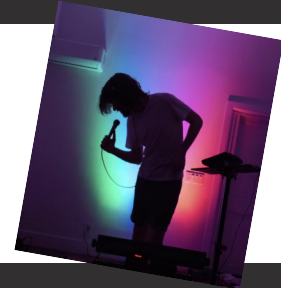
Set in a joyfully Christmas obsessed town, Tif Marcelo succeeds in writing a book filled with everything we love about romantic Christmas movies while also representing fellow Filipino Americans such as herself through characters that couldn't be more different than one another.

Lila's character growth is something a lot of us can relate to, especially seniors who are struggling deciding what their futures will look like. Her original plan was to go to medical school, but she runs an anonymous book blog she keeps secret from her family because of their ban on social media due to a traumatic experience the family went through years ago.



The book might be branded as a holiday romance, but it's not necessarily the main element of the story. A character trying to decide between doing what she loves and what she thinks is more practical while also trying not to let down the people she loves is what stuck with me the most.

The Holiday Switch is a nice, short book with great dialogue and well-developed characters. If Christmas is your thing or you're simply just looking for a quick read, what better way to kick off the holidays than with a book!

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**MOVIE REVIEW:
INSIDE****By: Michaela Barney**

Director: Bo Burnham

Release Date: May 30, 2021

Runtime: 1h 27m

Rating: 5 stars ☆☆☆☆☆

Over the past year, society has universally shared the feeling of being trapped in one place; the feeling of not knowing what the future will hold; the feeling of not knowing how to feel, or becoming numb to feeling anything at all. After dealing with this smothering loneliness for the past year, it's comforting to find an artistic expression of our feelings. Bo Burnham's 2021 Netflix special *Inside* manages to achieve this goal by teaching the viewer about the idea of "healing the world with comedy." Burnham, a comedian who has been subjected to performing comedy without an audience to react, shows the reality of being trapped with yourself in a time of adapting to the new normal.

The special does not follow the traditional layout of a film with an exact plot. Rather, it lacks sensical transitions and seems like an overall random presentation of various comedy bits. For some, this formula may be uninteresting or disorienting. However, when you attempt to look at the thematic significance of scene placement, you can gather the story of a man losing himself over the loss of his passion and stability in life.

Under my interpretation, it seems that Burnham becomes more and more critical of himself as the special progresses. Beginning with the idea that he can bring joy to the modern environment with comedy, the comedian can barely utter a simple statement without correcting himself by the end. This concept, mixed with humorous themes such as the desire for human affection and the growth of online companies, shows how some people have struggled mentally throughout the pandemic, despite the attempt to conform to the changes.

Burnham's comedy style incorporates music into the presentation, and the music of *Inside* diverts away from his traditional style. Without the confines of a stage, Burnham expresses a more advanced musical style to match the modernization of music. Some songs have become widespread among social media apps such as TikTok, where people who have not watched the special still appreciate the songs. The music of *Inside* is universal for a young audience and – while it does advance the plot of the film – it can be enjoyed without a full concept of what the film is exactly about.

Ultimately, *Inside* quickly became popular with this generation due to its ability to relate to the shared experience of the pandemic. The snappy visual style and music mixed with the presented downward spiral of Burnham relates to the adolescent feeling of being trapped and alone. Some may say the presentation of this theme is pessimistic and lacks the light in life, but a realistic presentation of "that funny feeling" we experience may serve better than an oversimplified optimistic outlook.

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LOOK OUT! LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS REVIEW

By: Cade Williams

Rating: 10/10

What would you be willing to pay for fame and glory? Your life? The life of another? In The Wolf Pack Players presents, Little Shop of Horrors, we take a look as to how much one man is willing to sacrifice.

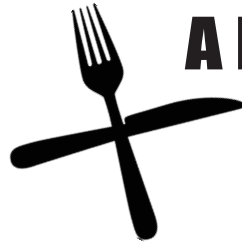
The debut of The Wolf Pack Players was no short of extraordinary. Director Alice Lyons with the help of Musical Director Joelle Deluca, Choreographer Jamie Burns, and Assistant Director Lou Lyons put together a wonderful cast and crew. Which included The Wolf Print's own Trinity Hull.

The set design was beautiful and helped to get the audience immersed into the scene. The audience was captivated by the singing and dancing throughout the whole show. The mixed emotions from each twist and turn the story throughout was palpable, especially at the end.

I would say the show was a success from the opening night to the last curtain call. With fantastic work by everyone involved from the leads down to stage crew. Although there seemed to be some minor technical issues, not a single actor or actress missed a beat.

Everything was nothing short of incredible. From the heart wrenching story to the amazing musical numbers, this show was one for the books. I am especially amazed at how good it was considering restrictions due to Covid-19. Each and every one of the cast members involved put in some great work to help ensure this show was a success.

I am looking forward to the next production for The Wolfpack Players. If this show was any indication of what is to come, this inaugural year is shaping up to be one for the books. I wish nothing but success for now and the future for The Wolfpack Players.



A NEW PLACE TO EAT: COSENZA'S

By: Olivia Connell

Cosenza's is anything but your average family owned restaurant. Located at 8001 Bear Creek Blvd, in Bear Creek, I took a trip to test their food and service and I was not disappointed.

Cosenza's is a small family owned restaurant. The owner, Pam Masi, took the time to personally come out and give some insight on how it works. As of now, the restaurant is only open for pickup, however they are hoping to open up in the spring when more people are willing to work.

Masi, as well as being the owner, is also the chef. I put in an order for their penne and vodka and a salad. The wait time was exceptionally fast. By the time I drove up, which took about 20 minutes, the food was on its way out.

The food was steaming when it was brought out and made my mouth water. Their salad with house dressing was up to the mark. The spices and dressing put on it made it extremely flavorful and enjoyable to eat.

When it came time for the entree, I was even more excited than before. The penne and vodka came out with a piece of fresh homemade bread and it looked amazing. The sauce was creamy and flavorful and the pasta was cooked to perfection.

Overall it gets a 9/10. Cosenza's is perfect for a casual dinner when you don't feel like cooking. The staff is very friendly and the food is great. Overall, I have to say I'd visit again soon.



MUSIC REVIEW: 2021 VS. 2005

By: Katelyn McMullen



Superstar Taylor Swift is taking back what's hers with the re-release of her 2012 album titled Red, which was Taylor's first album under the genre of pop.

After the purchase of her entire catalog by Scooter Braun in 2019 for approximately \$300 million, Swift is recording her albums over again. With new and slightly altered versions of the original songs on this album as well as new songs that Taylor calls "(From the Vault)", Red (Taylor's Version) is a well-rounded pop record with minor country elements.

All Too Well (10 Minute Version) is definitely the star of the show here, as it was released with its own short film. I think one of the reasons that Taylor is so well loved is because she has absolutely no problem being brutally honest in her lyrics, and this song is definitely a prime example of that.

I Bet You Think About Me (feat. Chris Stapleton) and Nothing New (feat. Phoebe Bridgers) are my favorite new songs on the album. The lyricism is definitely relatable and thought provoking on both of these tracks.

State of Grace is one of my favorite songs in Taylor Swift's discography, and the re-recording did not disappoint. I really appreciate the acoustic version that they added to the album as well. Red (Taylor's Version) is a great introduction album for people trying to get into Taylor Swift's music, as it really reflects her overall sound across her entire discography. I think this album is definitely worth listening to, especially now that there are more songs to listen to.

OVERALL RATING: 7.5/10

A Fever You Can't Sweat Out is the first studio album by American alternative band Panic! At The Disco. This album was released in 2005, which was a big year for emo and pop punk music.

This album could be sonically confusing to people listening for the first time, as it falls under a plethora of genres and is overall a very unique record... Emo, pop punk, emo pop, punk cabaret, etc. I feel as if this album is a pop punk/emo classic.

As someone who has been listening to this album for over half of their life, I can assure you that it's a timeless record filled with moments that will most definitely stick with you. Ryan Ross, the band's lead guitarist and main songwriter at the time, is a phenomenal writer.

My personal favorite tracks on the record are definitely Camisado, Build God, Then We'll Talk, Lying Is The Most Fun, and I Constantly Thank God For Esteban.

The lyricism is dark, intricate, and sarcastic at times. What I think really makes this album so great is the vocal delivery. It's no secret that lead singer Brendon Urie is an incredible vocalist. I genuinely would not want anyone else to sing this album simply because his voice sounds as if it was made for these songs specifically.

The instrumentals are all very fast paced and bold, and there are tons of catchy melodies on this album. I am especially in love with the drums on this album performed by the band's second longest lasting member, Spencer Smith. This record was and is something extremely special and unique.

A Fever You Can't Sweat Out is a theatrical masterpiece. Give it a listen if you are looking for something dramatic and edgy! I promise you will not be disappointed!

OVERALL RATING: 10/10

SPORTS

GIRLS' SOCCER: LEAVING THEIR HEARTS ON THE FIELD

By: Elisa Prado and Abby Weidow

The ladies of the 2021–2022 Wilkes Barre Area Wolfpack soccer team played an outstanding season of competitive soccer.

With 14 wins and 6 losses, the girls maintained their confidence and focused on the games ahead of them instead of looking back.

The main goal scorers of the team were seniors, Krystal Haertter and Esabella Mendola. The two captains mastered their partnership and kept the team sane on and off the field.

Mendola recalled, “The fun Friday practices, where we would discuss as seniors what activities we would play,” helped the team build team chemistry, while having fun throughout the season.

Although the season had many ups, there were also some moments where the girls would doubt themselves. These moments were when the girls would rely on the three captains, Mendola, Haertter and Layla Macking to push them and make sure they believed in themselves so they put their hearts on the field every game.

“Even if the start is not how we wanted to begin with, we’ll find a way to come through and work hard,” Haertter said when they had a rough beginning to the game.

One game in particular was the night game against Crestwood. The Wolfpack girls were losing in the first half, but regrouped in the second half with the help of the team and rallied to win the game.

The Wilkes Barre Wolfpack had some major upsets this season as well, one of them being at Dallas high school. Dallas was ranked at the top of the division this season. A victory against the Wolfpack was all but guaranteed. Wilkes Barre Area defeated Dallas 3–0. Mendola, Mackenzie Evans, and Faith Wolfe all scored for the Wolfpack spoiling the night for the Lady Mountaineers.



The girls also got revenge from the previous season as well against Berwick last season. Wilkes Barre came up short to Berwick in a very close game ending in 3–2 with Berwick scoring within the final seconds of the game. The Wolfpack came back hard this season beating Berwick twice this season in a 3–0 for the first game, and for the second game 5–1.

The Wolfpack went into the second game against Hazleton Area high school. Last season, Hazleton upset the Wolfpack by knocking them out of the district playoffs. Wilkes Barre Area had some serious revenge on mind. The girls beat the cougars 7–1, and 6–0 respectively during this season’s run.

A big help to the Wolfpack was Shelby Ardo–Boyko, a key defender this season for her team.

Ardo–Boyko commented on next season, “Next year is going to be a little hard because we are losing a few of our main forwards and our main goal scorers, but I have faith that we’ll pull through it and work as hard as we need to get where we want to be.”

Mackenzie Evans was also a key player when it came to helping win games for the Wolfpack. Evans will be returning next year.

Evans stated, “Coming back next year I feel that we need to work harder than ever. We have been craving a district championship and with two of our top goal–scorers gone we need to want it and work even harder than this year. Overall it was a good season, we didn't expect it to end as early as it did but we all worked hard and battled until the end.” (cont. pg. 14)

SPORTS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PREPARES FOR ACTION

By: Caleb Williams

As the days get colder and sports begin to move indoors, the attention is turned onto the varsity Lady Wolfpack Basketball Team. The team is coming off a very successful season, winning the 6A championship at Mohegan Sun Arena.

With last season in the rearview mirror and a new one on the horizon, Coach Mushock-Namey is determined to repeat as champions,

“The goal is to definitely make it back to the arena, with the core group that we do have back, you can't set your expectations lower than what we did last year.”

As the season approaches the players look ahead, hungry for another title. Some key departures could impact their chances to make it back however,

“Our departures were two of our most athletic, speedy girls. This summer we really focused on replacing those girls,” said Coach Mushock-Namey

The team retained three key starters in seniors Gloria Adjayi, Reagan Holden and junior Shelby Ardo-Boyko who are all determined for back to back titles.

Adjayi who is a Center/Power Forward wants more than a title.

“My goal is to make the team communicate better and get to the arena again, but this time we'll work more on defense and transitioning.”

This is Adjayi's last season with the Lady Wolfpack before heading off to college, so what is next for the four year starter?



“I'm still debating on whether I want to play basketball in college. I kind of just want to focus on my education,” said Adjayi.

Her fellow frontcourt member Ardo-Boyko who is a power forward had a simple goal for herself in mind for the season.

“Make it back to the arena and just work hard, wherever we get.”

When asked what team she wanted to beat the most, the answer didn't take much thought.

“Wyoming Valley West” stated Ardo-Boyko.

Starting point guard, Reagan Holden reflected on her career and team.

“I'm very comfortable, I've been with them for the past three years. We're like a family.”

Holden is a senior as well, with college in sight.

“I plan on playing basketball in college, if I get the chance,” stated Holden.

As the season tips off there is one thing that is certain, the Lady Wolfpack varsity basketball team is geared up and ready to go, hungry to bring a second title in three seasons back to the school.

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"I'm really going to miss playing with Krystal," Mendola also recalled.

The talented girls have been playing with each other since they were five years old and played on almost every team together, so it will be bittersweet seeing them move on to their new goals.

All of the girls that were on the team were immensely supportive. We couldn't have done it without coaches, Desiree Kreidler and Jason Nolan, challenging the girls to play better every day.

In addition, Krystal Haertter received incredible accolades for her work this year.

Haertter had the huge honor to be named Player of the Year and was also selected to the PSCA All-Star team.

"It was a great honor to be named Player of the Year and it felt really good to see hard work pay off. I couldn't have done it without my teammates," said Haertter.

The future plans for Haertter is to play division 1 soccer at Iona College. As for Mendola, she plans to play at Misericordia University and to major in physical therapy.

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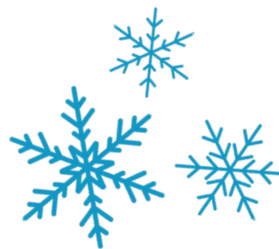
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