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Warm Christmas Wishes!

This Month

Message from the Editor



By Brandon Ranck

It is finally December, and believe it or not it is almost time for Christmas break! How exciting, right? Christmas is full of happiness, family and of course, gift giving.

This month, Luke Engel and Olivia Edler were selected as the athletes of the month. They both are phenomenal when it comes to sports and we're glad to recognize their accomplishments this month.

In this issue, you'll learn about some exciting upcoming movies. Who doesn't like to watch movies? This time of year, there are plenty of movies you can catch over Christmas break.

Hunting season has also begun, and hunters are out in full force. Many students bagged deer and

also headed out in search of bear. These folks are now looking forward to muzzleloader and archery season returning while we're on Christmas break.

In addition, as I'm sure you've noticed, the school district's attendance policy has changed. See the story inside for more information.

Also in this issue, you'll even get to learn about the history behind Candy Cane Lane, a popular destination this time of year. Who doesn't love taking a drive up and down Candy Cane Lane?

A shout out also to the life skills class. Once again this year, they collected hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks. All these items are then donated to local families in need. What a great way to spread holiday cheer!

On behalf of the Paw Print staff, Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all!

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MAKING HEADLINES



President-elect Trump continues to prepare to take office next month. The new president will be sworn in Friday, January 20.



Sundance Head came out on top as winner of season 11 of "The Voice." This gave coach Blake Shelton his fifth win in the series.



Penn State will face off against USC in the biggest bowl game of the season, the Rose Bowl, airing on January 2.





Student of the Month



Andrea Sanford

The Business and Professional Women's Club Girl of the Month for December is Andrea Nicole Sanford, daughter of Gary and Michele Sanford of Jersey Shore.

Andrea's activities include the following:

- For 1 year: Yearbook
National Art Honor Society
- For 2 years: National Honor Society
Prom Committee
Homecoming Committee
- For 4 years: Bible Club
FBLA
Tennis
Track and Field

Andrea has served as both secretary and treasurer of Bible Club. She is also the team captain of the Tennis team. Outside school, Andrea has worked part-time at Weis Markets. Additionally, she is an active member of the Community Baptist Church, serving both in their youth group and as a leader of the group. She volunteers regularly at New Tribes Mission.

Andrea has lettered in tennis for three years and track and field for two years. She served as the Jersey Shore representative at the Flaming Foliage Festival and received the ninth grade Lioness Student of the Month Award. She consistently is nominated and receives the VIP award at the high school and won the outstanding underclassman award in tennis. She was the Athlete of the Month and was part of the PHAC All-Star Doubles team in tennis in 2015. In the arts, Andrea has won first place at the Lycoming County Fair Art Show. She is also a consistent and regular member of the distinguished honor roll.

Andrea enjoys playing tennis, painting, hiking, being outdoors, eating, and spending time with friends and family. She plans to pursue degrees in Biblical Studies and Intercultural Ministries at New Tribes Bible Institute and New Tribes Mission.



Todd Sanford

The Jersey Shore Lions' Club Citizen of the Month for December is Todd Steven Sanford, son of Steve and Sharon Sanford of Jersey Shore.

Todd's activities include the following:

- For 2 years: FBLA
- For 3 years: Outdoor Club
- For 4 years: Football
Bible Club
Tennis

Todd has been president of Bible Club for three years, captain of the tennis team for four years, and captain of the football team for one year. Outside school, Todd is a member of his youth group and works part-time at Weis Markets. Seasonally, Todd works as a landscaper.

Todd has obtained numerous accolades both on and off the athletic field. He was the All Conference Wide Receiver for two years, has three varsity football letters, and was the D4 All Star receiver. He has broken the three single-game all-time records in receiving yards, catches, and touchdowns. He was the All Conference Wide Receiver during his senior year and he broke the career and single season record for football catches. Todd is also a regular member of the distinguished honor roll.

Todd enjoys spearfishing, snowboarding, and sleeping. He plans to attend New Tribes Bible Institute to get a degree in Intercultural Studies in hope of becoming a missionary.



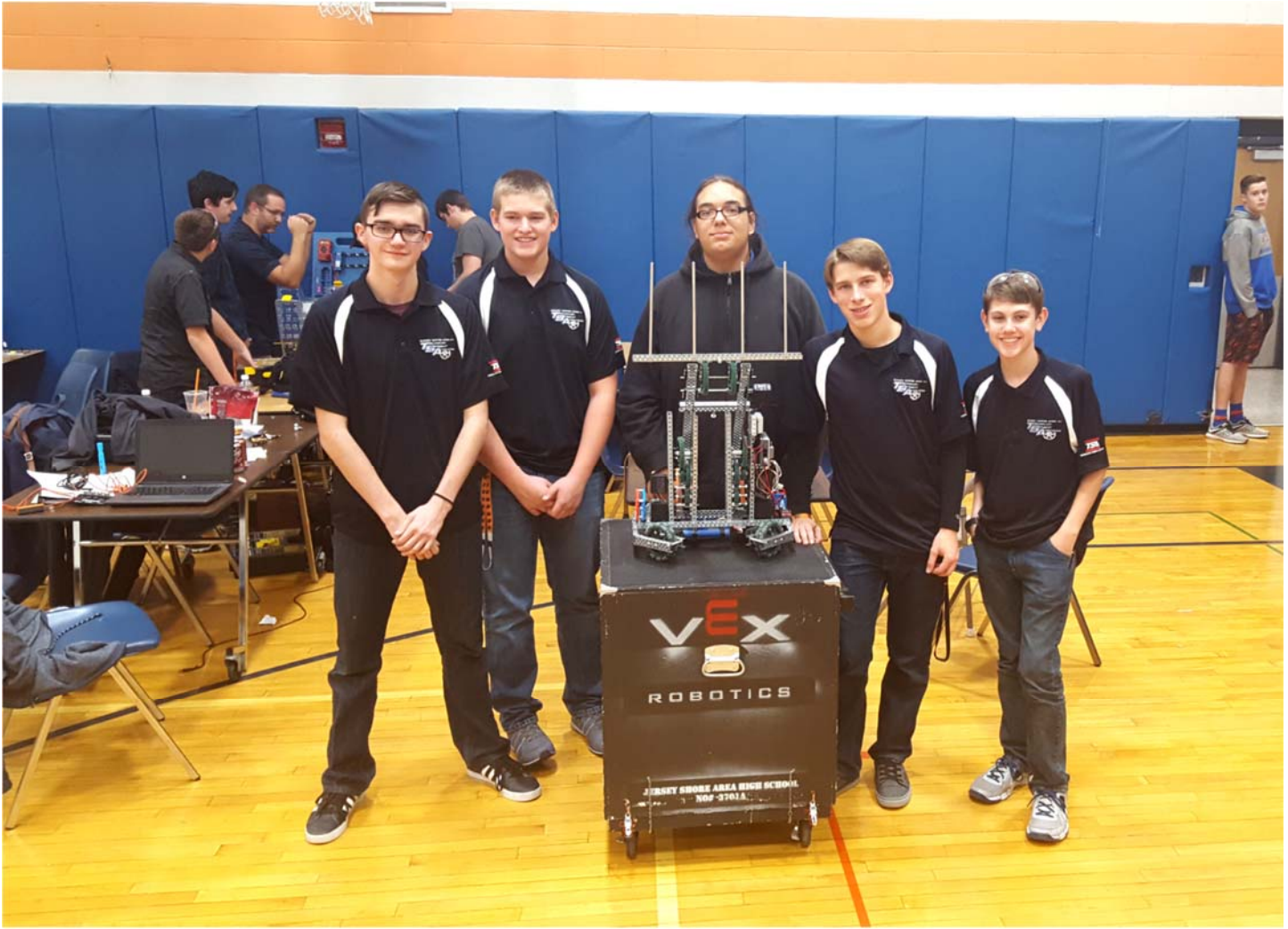
Helping Others Through Kindness

You might have seen the giant blue poster in the B wing next to the steps that leads to the office. That is the “Random Acts of Kindness” poster from Mrs. Andrea Campbell for her creative writing class. Their Thanksgiving assignment was to do a random act of kindness for anybody, just to be nice. Students wrote on the poster about the acts of kindness they performed. Some of the things they wrote included helping out their family members with chores, donating items for the needy, and lending a hand to friends in need. Hopefully, this poster inspires the students to do a random act of kindness this holiday season.—By Olivia Killinger



National Kidney Foundation assembly

Last month at our school, the Future Business Leaders of America (FLBA) hosted an assembly on kidney health. The FBLA has currently been fundraising for the National Kidney Foundation by using can drives and several fundraisers. Their goal is to raise \$3,300 dollars by the end of the school year, and if they raise the money, they get to cut Mr. Jeffery Miller’s hair. FBLA members brought in a guest speaker from the National Kidney Foundation to talk to the students about how kidneys are important in their bodies. One in three Americans are at risk for getting kidney disease. Major risk factors include having high blood pressure and diabetes, or having a history of kidney failure in your family. Early stages of kidney disease are very hard to point out. But if you suspect something, it can be as easy as taking a urine test to find out if you have a kidney disorder. You can also take a blood test to find any problems. The kidneys are important in the human body because they get rid of waste in the body and help to balance fluids. Without your kidneys, you would need to be on a dialysis machine that helpd to clean waste from your body. If you are a driving student, and would like to help out, put an organ donor label on your license; that way, if anything happens, you can help people in need of new organs. ~ By Olivia Killinger



VEX Robotics Team Brings Back Success

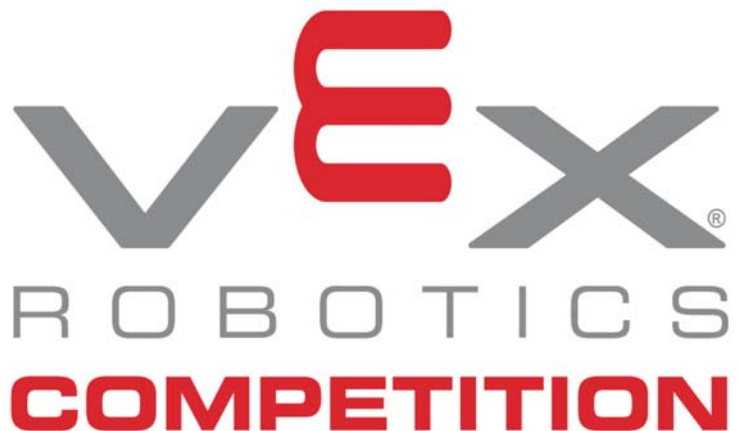
The Jersey Shore HS VEX Robotics team recently competed in their first event at Livonia High School in New York. Among the 16 teams present were New York State champion teams, as well as VEX World Finalist teams.

The JSAHS team won five out of seven preliminary heats, having to forfeit one of the two events lost in order to replace a broken axle. This feat placed them in the finalist rounds, where they went on to capture third place.

The Jersey Shore VEX robotics team consist of five members, four of which are new to the competitions. The team is led by Ryan Stratton (11), who competed in VEX last year and placed third in the nation at the National TSA conference in Nashville. Joining him on the team this year is Nash Berfield (10), Evan Fink (9), Owen Knepp (9), and TK Humphries (9).

The team will be gearing up to compete again next Saturday at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia. They are looking to create a second robot before competing in December, if time and finances permit.

VEX robotics is an international program consisting of more than 10,000 teams from 32 countries. It is supported by such organizations as Project Lead the Way, Northrop Grumman and NASA.





To skip or not to skip?

Students Angry over Revised Attendance Policy

By Elizabeth Tindell

Earlier this year, students received a paper about a "new" attendance policy. The reaction was almost immediate – students read them and many were very much displeased since they can only have 10 absent days with an excuse.

Mr. Reed Mellinger, principal, explained that the policy isn't actually a new one.

"There is no new policy. The attendance policy (#204) was adopted in 2009. It was

revised September 2016 but only as an update to meet the new formats as we move policies into the Board Docs web access. What is different is the interpretation about how medical excuses are handled," Mr. Mellinger said.

"The major thing that we changed was just an interpretation of the rules," he said. "We got these changes because our solicitor confirmed the new interpretation is correct over what was done in the past."

There is no exception to this policy, but

what is considered as a school absence is the following:

- 1.) Serious illnesses
- 2.) Quarantine
- 3.) A family emergency, with the principal's approval
- 4.) Recovery from an accident
- 5.) A required court attendance
- 6.) A death in the family
- 7.) A family educational trip
- 8.) An educational tour or trip



Trump Gearing Up for Presidency

By Dre Gallick

This election has been a bit more intense than people expected. Unless you have been living under a rock you have heard that Donald Trump is the next president of the United States of America, which was one of the biggest upsets in election history. Hillary Clinton, who has a lot of political experience, lost to Donald Trump, who has very little political experience, in this year's election.

Many people were saying they would flee the country if Trump was elected, but they still have not made any sign of leaving. After Trump was elected, he met with Barack Obama in the white house and it was quite awkward since Obama is against Trump and was for Hillary. After the election Trump picked people to be in his cabinet, some are Jeff Sessions - Attorney General; James Mattis - Secretary of Defense; and Betsy DeVos - Secretary of the Department of Education.

Many people are still in shock that Donald Trump has been



elected president and are protesting against Trump but that has died down over the past few weeks.

However, Trump supporters are ecstatic that Hillary Clinton lost and American can finally "Be Great Again." Also because of Donald Trump, many blue collar people registered and voted in this year's election which hasn't happened in a very long time. Time magazine named Donald Trump "Person of the Year" recently. Time magazine awards this title to the person who has most affected the news and our lives, for good or bad. Other people who have been named person of the year in the past include Pope Francis and Pope John Paul II. But some very

bad people also received the title, including Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin, who won the award twice.

"I feel like the next 4 years under Trump will be fantastic." said Alex Dincher (9). "Donald Trump's hair is quite marvelous."

Zander Rafter (9) said, "I am so relieved that Donald Trump is the new president."



Opinions

School Should Start Earlier, End Earlier

By Corina Sarge

The start and end times of school has been a controversial topic, since there are many advantages and disadvantages to both sides of the argument. The school district picks a time they think best fits the students and staff, but there still is a lot of fault with the system we currently have set up. My own opinion is that having high school start at 8:10 and end at 3:30 is less convenient for students and even some teachers, but again, there are some problems that a time change may cause.

I don't think that the issue with earlier school starting time is getting up early. Sorry, but if the excuse for some students is they simply don't want to get up earlier than they already have to, welcome to the real world. If students plan on being independent and having a job of their own, they should expect getting up early, although that may not always be the case. According to multiple studies, the average adult wakes up at 6 a.m. I'm not a morning person, and I live thirty minutes from the high school, but I'm willing to get up half an hour earlier for the benefits that come with school starting earlier.

Obviously, there may be problems for staff that don't live within the school district, or have other complications. Some people do already have to get up around 5 just to get to school. Mrs. Betsy Black, a teacher in the high school says, "I live in Williamsport and already have to get up at 5:15 a.m. in order to get myself ready as well as my son... It would be difficult for me to have school start earlier." It might not be a matter of getting to school on time, but faculty with younger children might not have the money to pay for a babysitter.

At the same time, babysitting is already difficult for some parents of students. Another staff member, Heath Rager said, "Students who are older would be home for younger siblings." The time change would greatly help parents of students or other teachers with younger kids. For parents that work later, the time change would help, since it would also have elementary start earlier (for bussing purposes, like the staggered times now) meaning parents would be home for their children (or as I said beforehand, older siblings). Even if parents didn't get home before their children did, younger children would spend less time in latchkey programs.

There are also advantages for the students. Looking at different studies, I noticed ones that claimed later school times meant better academic performances from students. However, these studies may not have taken into account that the later start time means a later end time. This also means student athletes miss more classes since games/meets need to be done and over with before the day ends. Missing classes does not improve a student's academic performance in any way, shape, or form. It only adds more school-work to do when it's already eleven at night by the time students return home from an event.

"If school ended earlier, then athletes would miss less school when leaving for athletic events such as games. I even have to leave school early for home XC and track meets," Sidney Trunzo (12) explained.

Alyssa Stover (10), an active softball player, agreed. "I play softball and my travel team is an hour away so another girl and I have to leave right from school to change, eat, and do our homework in the car," she said.

The earlier times wouldn't just help student athletes, but any student that has a job. High school is the jump between adolescence and adulthood. To prepare for the future, students should try to earn money (for college or otherwise), not to mention experience. It's a lot harder to earn more money and experience when

SCHOOL	START	END
JERSEY SHORE	8:10	3:30
CENTRAL MOUNTAIN	7:55	3:02
LOYALSOCK	7:50	3:00
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT	7:50	2:31
MONTOURSVILLE	8:20	3:15
WILLIAMSPORT	7:40	2:25



students don't have much time left in the day to get things done. Most students already receive minimum wage, and it doesn't help they have a limited amount of time to earn money to make up for low payment.

Based on my comparison of school start and end times within the area, two-thirds of school districts start before 8:10 a.m. and get out at least 15 minutes before 3:30 p.m. This leads me to conclude an early start time for Jersey Shore is *not*

impossible. Other schools have been starting early and getting out at more convenient times for years. Think about it; even if school started and ended half an hour earlier, just half an hour, it'd give students just that extra time to get to places such as home, or sports practice, or work.

Research from other school times in this part of PA shows our high school has a lot longer day than most schools. Montoursville starts at 8:20 a.m., which is 10 minutes later, but ends at 3:15, 15 minutes earlier. Williamsport High School has a much shorter day than ours, exactly 7 hours and 1 minute. The high school starts at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m. Doing the math, our high school day lasts *7 hours and 20 minutes*, almost 20 minutes longer than Williamsport and many other schools. That might not seem like a long time, but if we did have the same amount of hours as most schools, and started at the same time, we'd be getting out at 3:01 p.m. I do understand this is not as easy to change, but it's certainly something to think about if the district ever decides to change school times.

Some students and staff may not agree with me, and for some, it may be slightly less convenient to start earlier. However, a large majority of people do agree, and after looking at the facts and details of everyone's day, school is better off starting earlier. This way, younger children are getting home when most parents get home, such as other staff members, or older siblings can get there before them. Students would have more time to do school-work and extracurricular activities without missing their last class of the day. They will also have more time to work and earn money. Students also won't have as much trouble trying to squeeze in assignments at 1 a.m., or during school. Plus, most high schools start early, meaning our district can do the same thing. Although this is my opinion on the subject, many agree. This district is ready for a better change for its students, parents, and staff.



Features



Jessica George— Staff of the Month

By Brandon Ranck

You may have had her in class, or maybe you've heard one of her corny jokes. She is Ms. Jessica George and she is our December staff member of the month. Ms. George has been working with the Jersey Shore Area School District for 18 years.

Ms. George is originally from Williamsport and graduated from Williamsport High School. After graduation, she attended Lycoming college for her undergraduate degree and Villanova University for her graduate degree. In addition she attended a summer graduate session at Cambridge University.

She completed her student teaching at Jersey Shore and decided to come back and teach in the district.

"My favorite part of my job is expanding my students' open minds," said Ms. George

However, her least favorite part of the job is lunch duty. Her hobbies include running long distances and lying on Paw Print questionnaires. She has been running on and off for fifteen to twenty years. However, she started to really run races for the last six years. She would love to eventually run the Boston or London marathons. This year alone, she has run 10 half-marathons, and two full marathons. The full marathons included the Buffalo and New York City events. She has also qualified for the 2017 New York City marathon.

In her spare time, she likes to train for races and practice defenestration.

"I don't have any kids, I have cats - they're better," said Ms. George.

Ms. George spends most of her summers traveling to the UK. While she is in the UK, she travels throughout and goes for runs and relaxes. She also hiked across the UK two years ago. She has traveled much of: Europe, Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia. She has also traveled a few times to Mexico and Canada.

"I love to teach about the French Revolution, Imperialism, and World War I," Said Ms. George.

If she could have dinner with anyone from history it would be Winston Churchill.

"He was such an important figure for the era and I think he would just be someone you could have a fun and interesting dinner with. He was well known for his wit and humor," Said Ms. George

In addition, Ms. George, along with Mr. Greene do a lot of work with the Advanced Placement or AP program.

"I think we run a very successful AP program. We both put a lot of time and effort into preparing our students not only to be successful on the AP exam, but to help them improve their critical reading, thinking, and writing skills as well as time management. What has helped us achieve this is by initially being trained on the best practices and methods of teaching AP. Additionally, both of us go to the AP reading every year which keeps us up-to-date on the changes to the AP exam and a firsthand experience with the AP rubric both of which we can bring back to your students to better prepare them.

The Paw Print would like to wish her luck in her future endeavors!





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Movies Recommendations for Winter

By Elizabeth Tindell

The holiday season involves more than gifts, decorations, and cookies. It's also a popular time for movie studios to release a ton of movies, and this year is no different.

For those of us who love a good cartoon, the Disney Movie *Moana* is in theaters now. The story is based on a young Hawaiian princess named Moana, played by Auli'i Cravalho, who lives on an island in Polynesia. The adventurous teen, who was chosen by the ocean, goes on a mission to save her people by finding the demigod Maui, played by Dwayne Johnson, who is a little more than full of himself. Together, they sail the ocean, facing many of monsters and trivial issues, and Moana finds the one thing she's searched for her entire life - her own identity.

Another animated film that has recently come out is the new movie *Trolls*. This adorable movie is about two main characters named Poppy, played by Anna Kendrick, and Branch, played by Justin Timberlake. After a group of Bergens (mean and nasty trolls) attack, Poppy and Branch have to go and find their friends. In a full movie of fun and adventure, the two have to team up and tolerate each other in order to get their friends back.

For comic lovers, *Doctor Strange* is officially (and finally) coming out to theatres. Dr. Stephen Strange, played by *Sherlock's* Benedict Cumberbatch, has a terrible accident that take from him the ability

to use his hands. Since traditional medicine is not working for him, he decides to join a secret enclave. While joining this, he learns that it's not just any enclave. This one fights against the unseen forces of other darkness. Before long, Strange is forced to choose between his life of fortune or leave it all behind to defend the world as the most powerful sorcerer in existence.

Speaking of books, J.K. Rowling introduced a prequel to the Harry Potter series earlier this year. In just a short time after the book's release, Hollywood was already in the process of making *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. This thrilling movie is set in 1926 with the character Newt Scamander. He has just completed a worldwide trial of finding the widest array of magical creatures. When he got to New York, he meets an American muggle (a non-magical person) named Jacob. Jacob accidentally releases several of Newt's magical creatures of which spells trouble for both the wizarding world and the muggle world.

If you're into war movies, there are two coming out. The first is *Hacksaw Ridge*. This is the story of a private first class who won the Congressional Medal of Honor despite refusing to bear arms during WWII on religious grounds. He went in and was isolated by most of his fellow soldiers for his religious and passive views, then became one of the most respected and adored men of that time. His selflessness and bravery helped him push on to save 75 men in the Battle of Okinawa, without fir-



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ing a single shot.

The second movie is called *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*. Nineteen-year-old private Billy Lynn comes home with his fellow men after he becomes a hero after a tormenting Iraqi battle. Through flashbacks, peaking at the spectacular halftime show of the Thanksgiving Day football game, what really happened to the squad is revealed, contrasting the realities of the war with America's perceptions.

For the comical people, *Almost Christmas* is a dramatic comedy about a retired mechanic Walter Meyer who makes an attempt to bring his family together for Christmas, after the death of his wife. He tries to just have a normal, traditional Christmas. Poor Walter soon realizes that if his bickering children and the rest of the family can spend five days together under the same roof, it will truly be a Christmas miracle.

Again, it is coming to the end of the year. We were excited about a lot of movies this year and we still are with the newer ones coming out.



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Christmas Tree Frenzy

By Elizabeth Tindell

The Christmas tree. A classic. A need. Christmas just wouldn't be the same without it. Did you know that the Christmas tree actually has a history? While no one knows where fir trees were introduced, they do have an idea as to where it started. Traditionally, the evergreen fir tree was used to celebrate winter festivals. The Pagans took the branches as reminders for the spring to come, the Romans used them to celebrate Saturn, and Christians used them to represent everlasting life with God.

There were also many different types of Christmas trees that different people put up. One such was the cherry or hawthorn plant (or the branch of a plant) that got put into a pot and grown there for several weeks in the hopes that it would flower at Christmas time. If people could not afford a real plant, then they would find pieces of wood that they would decorate to substitute as a tree.

The first to bring a Christmas tree into his home was supposedly the 16th century preacher Martin Luther. Another was a story about a man named St. Boniface of Crediton, who travelled to Germany to preach to German pagans. In order to stop a sacrifice under an oak tree, St. Boniface is said to have cut down the oak tree and, to his amazement, a young fir tree sprang up from the roots of the oak tree. He took this as a sign of God and he and his followers decorated the tree with candles and preached to the pagans there.

Another legend actually has a story to go with it:

"Once on a cold Christmas Eve night, a forester and his family were in their cottage gathered round the fire to keep warm. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. When the forester opened the door, he found a poor little boy standing on the door step, lost and alone. The forester welcomed him into his house and the family fed and washed him and put him to bed in the youngest son's own bed (he had to share with his brother that night). The next morning, Christmas morning, the family was woken up by a choir of angels, and the poor little boy had turned into Jesus, the Christ Child. The Christ Child went into the front garden of the cottage and broke a branch off a fir tree and gave it to the family as a present to say thank you for looking after him."

When people first started decorating their trees, it wasn't (obviously) the beautiful glowing lights that we know today. In 1584, a historian wrote down about a type of tradition in which men and young women would go and decorate a tree with various "apples, nuts, dates, pretzels, and paper flowers." They would dance and enjoy themselves after the decoration took place.

Christmas lights were developed around 1895, by Ralph Morris, an American telephonist (a person who works operating a switch board). They were created due to the fire hazard the fire caused. In 1885, a hospital actually burnt down due to the candles and tree.

There are many places that the origin of the Christmas tree has come from, and rightfully so, due to many different traditions and religious beliefs. No matter what you believe, Christmas is still a wonderful season. Christmas brings brother closer to brother more than ever before.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Candy Cane Lane is a Holiday Tradition

By Kali Egler

The 200 block of Summer Street near South Williamsport turns into Candy Cane Lane each year from Thanksgiving, until January 6.



Candy Cane Lane is exactly what it sounds like—it is a whole block decorated with beautiful Christmas lights and Christmas figures in honor of Christmas and is located in Dubois town.

You have probably visited and enjoyed the street, but did you know Candy Cane

Lane has been around for 59 years? The first time Candy Cane Lane got decorated was in 1957.

For the big 50th anniversary of Candy Cane Lane, the borough mayor Lou Plankenhorn announced that the month of December was officially “Candy Cane Lane month forevermore in Dubois-town.”

Candy Cane Lane has become a yearly Christmas tradition to many people, and some just go for something to do. Padraic DeLaney (12) said, “It is not really a family tradition but I did go



last year and this year.”

Candy Cane Lane is a perfect place to go to get into the Christmas spirit. Mrs. Brooke Maddox said that she tries to make it every year but that it is not a family tradition.

Don't Let Holidays Wreck Your Diet

By Simon Remeika

I know what you're thinking ... It is Christmas, so how can you have a healthy dinner and not overeat?

Well fear not because I am about to blow your taste buds up and help you have a healthy dinner. First off: Desserts!!! Well we all love cookies and milk. But my lovely mother makes spiced pumpkin cookies that are to die for. I know pumpkin does not sound good when put in cookies but it might give you a Christmas miracle. Just take canned pumpkin and a mixing bowl and add sugar and ginger and sha-bam!!!! You put the mixture inside the cookie dough mix it and eat like a champ!

Another healthy meal my mom makes is Sweet Potato Casserole. And take it from a kid like myself who hates sweet potato - it is like unicorns and rainbows in your mouth. Just put in some orange zest and you have got yourself s Sweet Potato Casserole!

Finally the main course! Everybody loves a good ham or turkey for Christmas. But if you want a smaller alternative there is always chicken! Just buy a chicken, and put it in a pan. With vegetable oil, and some gravy, it is surprisingly awesome! Cook some Brussel sprouts and you are set to go!

Boom! There is your healthy Christmas dinner. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Healthy Honey Almond Christmas Cookies!

1 cup whole almonds, toasted (see Tip)
1 1/4 cups whole-wheat pastry flour, (see Note)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup plus 1/4 cup honey, divided
1/3 cup canola oil
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature, divided
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds, (see Tip) for garnish

Process whole almonds in a food processor or blender until finely ground (you will have about 1 1/4 cups ground). Transfer to a large bowl and add whole-wheat flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder and salt; stir until just combined. Beat 2/3 cup honey, oil and 3 tablespoons butter in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until well combined. Add egg and vanilla and beat until blended. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients; stir to combine. Refrigerate the dough for 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 2 baking sheets with cooking spray or line with parchment paper or nonstick baking mats.

Roll tablespoons of dough into 1-inch balls and place on the prepared baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Press the tip of your index finger in the center of each cookie to make an indentation. Bake the



cookies, in batches, until set and barely golden on the bottom, 13 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a rack; cool for 30 minutes.

Combine the remaining 1/4 cup honey and 1 tablespoon butter in a small bowl until creamy. Use about 1/4 teaspoon to fill each cookie and top with 2 sliced almonds, if desired.

Make Ahead Tip: Store in a single layer in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

Tip: To toast whole almonds, spread on a baking sheet and bake at 350°F, stirring once, until fragrant, 7 to 9 minutes. To toast sliced almonds, cook in a small dry skillet over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until fragrant and lightly browned, 2 to 4 minutes.

Ingredient note: Look for whole-wheat pastry flour in the natural-foods section of large supermarkets and natural-foods stores.



Features



The History Behind Carols



By Abi Velez

It is 2016, the Christmas music now is auto-tuned, poppy, and ones that you can “get down to.” But they all weren’t like that.

In the beginning Christmas tunes were sung in celebration of the winter solstice while dancing around stones. If you didn’t know, the word “carol” means to dance or a song of praise and joy. Also, these carols were sung throughout the whole year for each season. A song called “Angel’s Hymn” was the announced to be sung at a Christmas service that was taking place in Rome in 1229. After that many songwriters all over Europe and surrounding countries started writing their own Christmas Carols. But, many people did not like the fact that most of the carols were written in Latin. Back then only the wealthy were literate in Latin; the common people could barely read Latin at the time.

That ended when a guy named St. Francis of Assisi created Nativity plays in Italy. They would depict the manger scene where the three wise men would follow a star in the sky to find baby Jesus, his mother Mary, and Joseph, in a barn. This brought all the people of different languages together because it wasn’t all about the words; they themselves could physically see what was happening and learn the story of the birth of Jesus. They then would go out and tell their friends and family, and spread what had happened so many people knew what the carols actually meant.

The very first carol ever written was in 1410; sadly only a small bit of it is still around. It was about Mary and Jesus going around Bethlehem meeting all the different people. Mostly all of the carols but a few were actually true stories, they were made up as something for entertainment other than a true religious experience.

A name you might know, Oliver Cromwell, stopped the celebration of Christmas in 1647. But the people kept singing the carols in secret to keep them alive. Before caroling was a common thing, singers called “Waits” were the only ones allowed to publically sing, and collect money from the people passing by, just like street performers in the subway do today.

New carol services were created, and the public loved them. One of the most common types is the candlelight service. To this day we still have candlelight services. While mostly on the radio we hear the new poppy type Christmas music, like “Santa Baby,” and “All I want for Christmas is you,” but occasionally we do get the pleasure to hear a classic Christmas Carol like “Drummer Boy,” or “Mary, Did You Know.”



Last-minute Gift Ideas Are Sure to Please

By Olivia Killinger

The month of December carries a lot of weight. Usually it’s when the first snow comes, people are stuck indoors, and the most important event, Christmas, arrives. It’s pretty cool to get gifts from the people who care about you, but it also gives you the responsibility to give gifts back. This Christmas let this be your guide for the best Christmas gifts of 2016.

If you have a little kid you are shopping for this year, you might be overwhelmed by all of the toys. If the child is under age three, the Baby Einstein Exploring Music Gift Set is a great toy. It is currently \$14.99 at Target and will make any little bundle of joy smile. If the child you are buying for is between the ages of 4 and 7, get creative. Most kids at these ages love to draw and color, so pick up some colored pencils and a big note pad. It doesn’t break the bank, and gets children to use their brains. If the child is between the ages of 8 to 11, this is a harder stage to shop for. I recommend getting a Rubix cube, or something that makes them focus, with a goodie bag full of candy, or special trinkets, like toy soldiers or a little doll.

If the person you are shopping for is in the age range of



12 to 15, I recommend going to the Dollar Tree or 5 below and picking up little things. For girls, I would get lip-gloss, a brush, candy, and maybe fuzzy socks. For boys, I would put in small dumbbells, headphones, and a poster of something they like. If you shop carefully, you shouldn’t go past \$15.

For mom, I recommend getting a candle, and a coffee mug. Candles are useful in many ways and can help eliminate the stress that being a mom can cause. For coffee cups, you owe her on this one. She got up with you every Christmas to see you open presents, the least you can do is give her something to hold her caffeine.

For dads, depending on whether they are more of a hands on dad, or an office dad, we have two routes we can

go. If he is more of a hands-on dad, you can get him simple tools, like measuring tape or a set of screwdrivers. You never know when you are going to need it. For an office type dad, I recommend a nice tie, or new cologne.

This year Christmas shopping is going to be hectic, as it always is every year, but hopefully this list helps your shopping become a little easier.



Features

Victoria's Secret Wows at Fashion Show

By Tara Toth

Believe it or not, we're more than halfway through December and along with that comes gift giving ideas for Christmas or even Hanukkah. However, this particular gift option is limited to females only, sorry guys.

The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show aired live earlier this month on CBS with special guest stars The Weeknd, Lady Gaga, and Bruno Mars. The angel line up consists of Alessandra Ambrosio, Lilly Aldridge, Elsa Hosk, Jasmine Tookes, Josephine Skriver, Lais Ribeiro, Martha Hunt, Romee Strijd, Sara Sampaio, Stella Maxwell, and Taylor Hill.

This year's fashion show was the first one ever to take place in the city of Paris, France, and in honor of this, Victoria's Secret launched a perfume solely dedicated to it. They named the fragrance "Secret Paris" being inspired by the world's sexiest city.

Many students, both females and males, tuned in to watch the show. The reasoning as to why can easily be correlated to some of the best presents for the holiday season and beautiful women, of course. One model in particular, Jasmine Tookes, was granted the special opportunity to wear this year's designer bra which is worth millions of dollars in cost with its many intricately positioned crystals.

The show was definitely one to remember with amazing performances by some of the hottest artists of today. Another reason that made this year's fashion show larger than life was the first ever performance by siblings. Two of the most beloved angels go by the names of Gigi and Bella Hadid, who walked this year's fashion show together and this marked the first time in history that two siblings walked the runway; surely it was an emotional experience for them both. With the launching of new lines such as Dark Angel and Secret Angel, this show surely took the fashion world to the next level.



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Holiday Nails Spread Holiday Cheer

By Tara Toth

Christmas is the one time of year where there really is no extent of expression with the holiday spirit practically emanating acceptance on both social media and in modern day life.

Personally, one of my favorite ways to get in on the holiday trends is by getting my nails done. It's both a self confidence booster and a great stress reliever. Now, for those of you that are first timers, one of the best spots locally to get acrylics or even just a plain manicure is Future Nails located in the TJ Maxx Plaza. They have a variety of selections when it comes to choosing your perfect shade, and always make sure to satisfy their each and every customer.

Although today the popularity of fake nails seems to be at its peak, gel nail polish is the way to go. It is both more durable and better for your nail beds than normal polish, and for an extra ten bucks to lengthen your next visit to 3-4 weeks rather than two, it couldn't be more worth it.

Of course red and evergreen nails are the go-to this month with the Christmas cheer filling the air, but any other dark bold color would do with making a statement this holiday season. I tend to prefer cool toned mauves and browns when doing a simple color, but French tips are always in too. Cute holiday nail ideas can consist of Christmas trees, snowmen, lights, wreaths, reindeer, and so much more. In essence, the ideas are endless with all the classic holiday movies and cold weather urging us to embrace the celebration of everyone's favorite holiday.

So if you're pondering the thought of treating yourself this break, I would highly recommend stopping in the nail salon for a fresh set. Not only can you become a walking, breathing decoration, but you are granting yourself the opportunity to focus on you around a time when giving to everyone but yourself seems to be the spirit, and I think that's important. Sometimes you need to take a step back from reality to give yourself the chance to appreciate the little things, and I don't believe there's a better outlet for this than getting done your very own holiday nails.





This or That?



Mrs. Black



Kyle Toner



Emma Butzler



Owen Lesser



Brayden Foley

QUESTION	Betty Black (Teacher)	Kyle Toner (12)	Emma Butzler (11)	Owen Lesser (10)	Brayden Foley (9)
1. Fake Tree or Real Tree?	Fake Tree	Real Tree	Real Tree	Fake Tree	Real Tree
2. White Lights or Colored Lights?	Colored Lights	Colored Lights	Colored Lights	White Lights	Colored Lights
3. Snow or No Snow?	Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow
4. Snowboarding or Skiing?	Neither	Snowboarding	Skiing	Snowboarding	Snowboarding
5. Gift Giving or Gift Receiving?	Gift Giving	Gift Giving	Gift Giving	Gift Giving	Gift Receiving
6. Ham or Turkey?	Turkey	Turkey	Turkey	Turkey	Turkey
7. Hot Cocoa or Eggnog?	Hot Cocoa	Both	Hot Cocoa	Hot Cocoa	Hot Cocoa
8. Traditional Carols or New Carols?	Traditional Carols	New Carols	New Carols	New Carols	Traditional Carols
9. Reindeer or Elves?	Reindeer	Reindeer	Elves	Reindeer	Reindeer
10. Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays?	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas
11. Indoors or Outdoors?	Indoors	Outdoors	Outdoors	Indoors	Outdoors
12. Two hour delay or Two hour early dismissal?	Two hour early dismissal	Two hour delay	Two hour early dismissal	Two hour delay	Two hour early dismissal

Nittany Lions in Run for the Roses

By Luke Laubach

At the beginning of the year many Penn State fans were very optimistic about the upcoming season. Some dreamed of seeing Penn State on top playing in a big time bowl game. Others saw them at the bottom having a rebuilding year. Well if you saw them playing in a big time bowl game at the end of the year you were right.

The season started off with a little bit of a shaky win against Kent State. After that they took an in state loss to Pittsburgh they had another tough test facing off with Michigan. Michigan scored quick and often in an easy 49-10 victory. The loss got to Penn State and they started to turn their season around. They picked up a couple quick easy wins against lower Big Ten teams and then their biggest challenge faced them.

Ohio State at home was definitely the most hyped up game of the year. It started off as a white out which Penn State always plays well in. They came out of the gates all hyped up and they got to the Quarterback early and didn't let him escape the pocket. Penn State was down 12-7 at half and 21-7 after 3 but that was just the beginning.



Trace McSorley ran for a two-yard touchdown and Tyler Davis added a field goal to make it 21-17. Ohio State tried to kick a field goal to go up by a touchdown but that's when the madness happened. The kick was blocked and Grant Haley picked it up and ran 60 yards for a touchdown to put Penn State up 24-21. Penn State's defense was able to hold Ohio State for the rest of the game and get the win. After the game all the students charged the field and it was madness. Saquon Barkley has been running wild recently and is quietly getting his name involved in the Heisman race. Saquon has totaled

16 Touchdowns and is currently leading the Big Ten in touchdowns scored by a running back. To make the season go better they had a come from behind win against Wisconsin which made them the Big Ten champs. Penn State fans were going crazy after the win but some were still a little disappointed. Penn State barely missed out on the college football playoffs and will play USC in the Rose Bowl on January 2nd. Even with Penn State missing out on the playoffs it's been a lot better year than most fans expected.





Athlete of the Month

Luke Engel: Swimming for Records

By Brandon Ranck

Luke Engel is a very avid swimmer here at our high school, and is also the Paw Print's December male athlete of the month. Luke has been swimming for 10 years. In addition, Luke has gone to the state competition for two years and currently holds three records and one relay record. Luke also has been named the most valuable male swimmer for three years.

"My favorite memory has been breaking and re-breaking records and holding a relay record with great teammates," said Luke.

Luke's coaches have been a great influence on him.

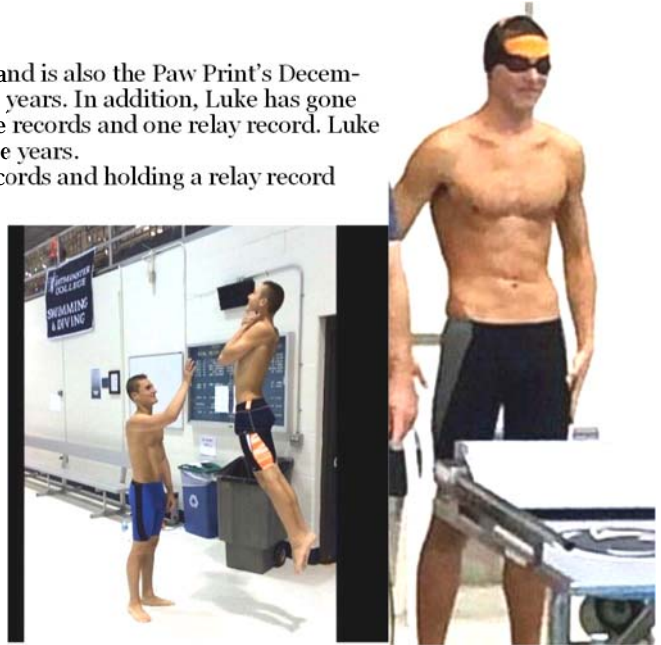
"I have had a lot of coaches over my time swimming, but I haven't had a favorite. I love all of my coaches and all the help they have given me," said Luke.

After graduating from Jersey Shore, Luke plans to attend college and swim at Gannon University in Erie.

Luke tends to look up to Olympic gold medal winner Michael Phelps, and the fictional character Ricky Bobby from the film Talladega Nights.

Luke's advice to freshman would be "in the words of my mentor, Ricky Bobby, if you're not first, you're last. But in all seriousness, if you work hard and put the time in, you will do great things."

The Paw Print would like to congratulate Luke on all of his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



Olivia Edler: Victory on Court

By Corina Sarge

December's female student athlete is Olivia Edler (12). Olivia participates in soccer and basketball, as well as track and field.

She's played soccer since she was six years old, and has been in track and field and basketball since the seventh grade. One of the accomplishments she's made throughout her athletic years is making the second team All Conference for basketball as a junior.

Being a multiple sport athlete keeps her "physically fit and busy," she said.

One draw-back of participating in numerous sports according to Edler is "time-management with school work." Over the summer, Olivia is involved in an adult league slow pitch softball team.

Her favorite coach was Darrin Bischof because he "gets so into it, he has so much enthusiasm." Although Olivia claims to have too many favorite memories from sports to tell, she says, "What happens on the bus, stays on the bus."

She wishes to play a sport in college, but understands it may not happen. She also looks up to Liz Severino (12) and Harley Lorson (12). Her small bit of advice for underclassmen is to hustle, no matter what the odds.





Fun and Games

HOROSCOPES

By James Emery

Aries (March 21- April 19)- This month is going to be a slow and cold one. It would be best if you stay inside and keep warm. Karma will be your best friend this month.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- Due to the cold you may get a bit moody; try to not take it out on your friends or family. Look out for someone in trouble and help them.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)- If you have a friend that is a Virgo or Leo you may want to help them. They may not look it but they need a good friend to stand by them.

Cancer (June 21- July 22)- The cold times are here, so don't let yourself turn blue. Get up and do something and cheer up. Maybe you'll meet someone special under the mistletoe!

Leo (July 23- August 22)- You are a leader and need to lead by example. How? Lead a group of friends and go caroling, organize a night of fun with friends, or d offer to babysit.

Virgo (August 23- September 22)- Sometimes you need a little help from time to time even though you don't want to admit it. When a friend offers help, take it.

Libra (September 23- October 22)- You are the one to help as many as you can. Take care of yourself as well! Take a nap, enjoy a mug of hot cocoa and enjoy your favorite Christmas movie.

Scorpio (October 23- November 21)- You may get a bit down but not as much as others so help those who are in need of help even if they don't ask. Spread some goodwill and holiday cheer.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)- Your month is finally here and you're full of energy. Put it to good use – help wrap gifts or shovel the walk. Remember, Santa's watching!

Capricorn (December 22- January 19) – Time to get that hot drink and warm up next to a fire or snuggle with your pets. Don't forget to give your friends a smile and lend a hand.

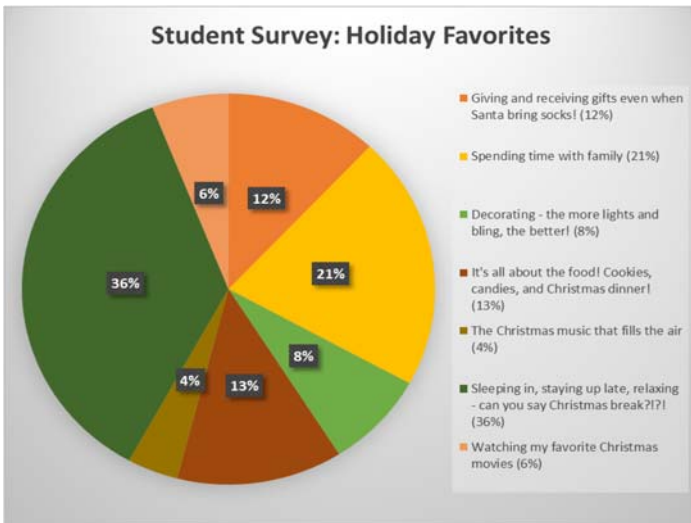
Aquarius (January 20- February 18) – This time of the year sometimes isn't all cheery like the movies but that doesn't mean you have to be that way. Show a smile and lend a hand.

Pisces (February 19- March 20) – It can get crazy over the holidays but don't lose your cool. When things seem overwhelming, take a step back and a deep breath. Enjoy the beauty.

Christmas Word Search

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- SNOWFLAKES
- CANDY CANE
- JESUS
- SNOWMAN
- CAROLS
- JOSEPH
- STABLE
- DECORATIONS
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- STAR
- EGGNOG
- MANGER
- STOCKING
- FAMILY
- MARY
- THREE WISE MEN
- FRANKINCENSE
- MISTLETOE
- TOBOGGAN
- FRIENDS
- MYRRH
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TRIGGER WORD OF THE MONTH!

Jovial

Adjective
Cheerful and friendly.

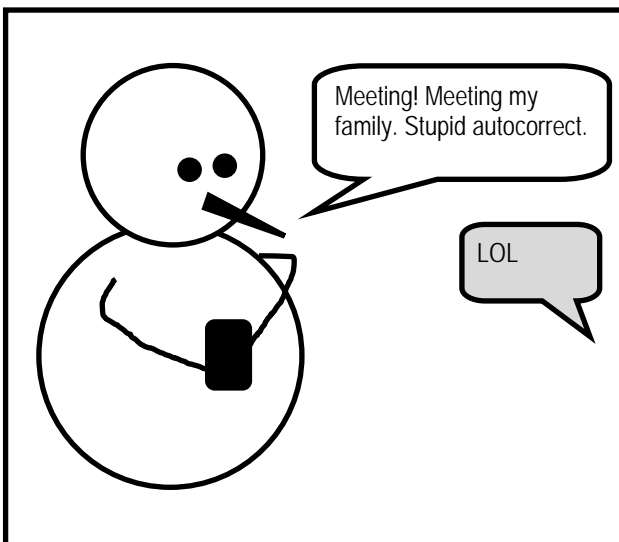
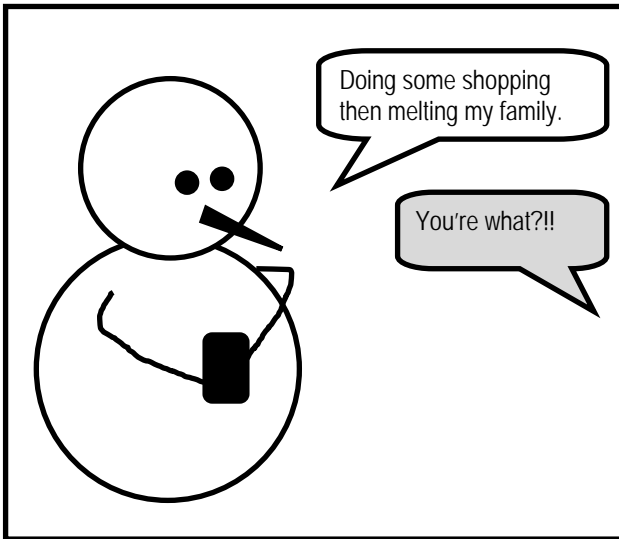
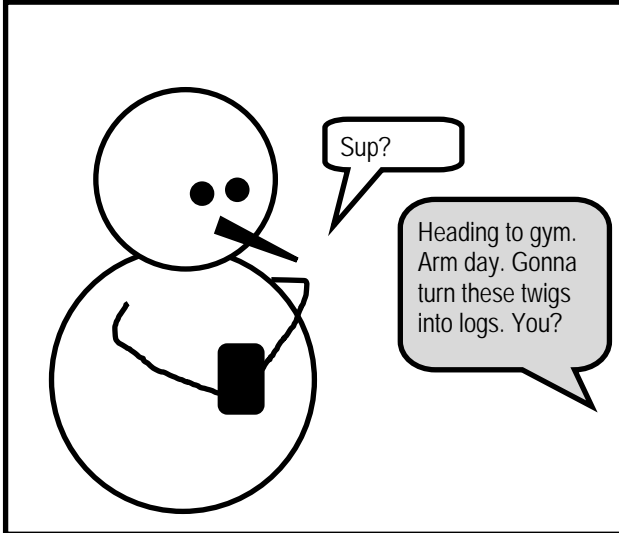


Last Laugh

Short Takes

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funnies



- ☺ Superheroes come from broken homes & inattentive parents. Parents, stop hugging your kids. We need a Batman.
- ☺ The worst thing about finding out Santa isn't real is that you realize it was your parents who were to blame for all the terrible presents.
- ☺ Whoever gets the gift from me that has scissors under the wrapping paper, I'm going to need those back.
- ☺ I'm only a morning person on December 25th.
- ☺ No matter how old you are, an empty Christmas wrapping paper tube is still a fun thing to bonk someone over the head with!
- ☺ Everyone's getting into relationships. What am I getting into? MORE FOOD BRB.
- ☺ Top 40 radio sucks because the same 6 artists sing 100 songs; Christmas music sucks because 100 artists sing the same 6 songs.
- ☺ Christmas is cancelled. I told Santa I've been good this year. He died laughing.
- ☺ Santa Claus: He knows when you are sleeping. He knows when you are awake. Sounds like Santa has Facebook.

