



THE GROVE GAZETTE

Selinsgrove Area High School Student Newspaper

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Senshu Students Returning

By Maegan Bogetti

From March 20 to 30, eight students and two teachers from Senshu High School in Tokyo, Japan will be visiting Selinsgrove High School as part of the annual exchange program.

The five female and three male students, along with their chaperones, will travel 6,700 miles from their home across the globe. The trip from Tokyo, which is the largest city in the world, to the small town of

Selinsgrove is a learning experience unlike any other.

During their stay in the area, the Japanese exchange students will have many exciting opportunities to explore and learn about American culture. Faced with such extreme differences in cuisine, communication, education, landscape, and daily life, the trip is sure to be enriching for both the travelers and those they meet.

Each of the exchange students will be assigned a host family to temporarily live with during their time away from home. Midway through the school year, Selinsgrove students are offered the chance to apply to host

one of the exchange program participants.

Freshman Jacob Rousu, Sophomores Adriana Oelberg, Asher Stuck, Jen Roan, Leah Hepner, and Maegan Bogetti, and Junior Trey Klinger are the Selinsgrove students who will host a Japanese student during the upcoming exchange.

Each host family will plan different activities for their foreign friend to experience, along with group activities planned for the guests throughout the week.

As a group, planned activities include a tour of Susquehanna University, lunch at the Kind Café, a visit to the high school art show, a trip to the Middleburg

livestock auction, horse riding, and even a day-trip to the nation's capital, Washington D.C. The students will also observe several classes in the high school, including cooking, music, gym, and art classes.

Since Senshu High School is a global-communications based school in Tokyo, members of its student body have a high skill in English. The school offers three levels of English language classes— elementary, intermediate, and advanced. It is a great practicing opportunity

for the students to travel to America and put their hard work and knowledge to use.

Because of this, communication between Selinsgrove

and Japanese students often flows more easily than expected. Certain ideas may be more difficult to communicate, but by rephrasing words or using a translator app, the problem can be solved.

It has always been exciting for Selinsgrove students to meet and talk to the Japanese exchange students when they attend school for the week. Students are encouraged to introduce themselves to the Japanese or to ask them questions. It is much appreciated by the visitors to meet friendly and caring people when they are so far from home.

Suggestions for conversation starters include asking the students if they

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Selinsgrove and Senshu students at the Tokyo-Narita International Airport after the Selinsgrove students arrived in Japan as part of the exchange trip

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Getting to Know You...

Exchange Student Profiles

Mai Kakinuma

What is the number one thing you want to do in the U.S? *I want to go to Disney Land.*

What type of American food do you want to try? *American Traditional food.*

In what ways do you think the U.S will be different from Japan? *Everything in the U.S is larger than in Japan.*

What are your interests? *I want to know what is popular in America.*

What type of music do you recommend or want to share with us? *J-POP music, especially Japanese idol, and Disney music.*



Kaho Nakayama

What is the number one thing you want to do in the U.S? *I want to have conversations with many of the students at school.*

What type of American food do you want to try? *I want to try macaroni and cheese.*

In what ways do you think the U.S will be different from Japan? *In America, everyone calls each other by their first name, but in Japan, it depends on the time and situation.*

What are your interests? *I'm interested in American school life and Amish people.*

What type of music do you recommend or want to share with us? *Japanese cheer song.*



Naoki Miyajima

What is the number one thing you want to do in the U.S? *I want to go see the Statue of Liberty.*

What type of American food do you want to try? *I want to try a hamburger.*

In what ways do you think the U.S will be different from Japan? *I worry myself because I hear the U.S is not as safe as Japan.*

What are your interests? *Famous American people.*

What type of music do you recommend or want to share with us? *J_pops.*



Moe Sakamoto

What is the number one thing you want to do in the U.S? *I want to go to New York City.*

What type of American food do you want to try? *Everything.*

In what ways do you think the U.S will be different from Japan? *In Japan, we don't enter our houses wearing shoes.*

What are your interests? *Communicating with a lot of people.*

What type of music do you recommend or want to share with us? *Japanese Pop.*

Itsumi Yoshino

What is the number one thing you want to do in the U.S? *I want to make friends a lot!*

What type of American food do you want to try? *Hamburger!*

In what ways do you think the U.S will be different from Japan? *I think in America, all food is too big!*

What are your interests? *I'm interested in listening to music.*

What type of music do you recommend or want to share with us? *I recommend Korean music.*



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are enjoying their stay in America, how it differs from their city lifestyle, what activities they have participated in, what places they have visited, or what foods they have tried thus far during their stay?

Students can also ask the visitors about their likes, dislikes, families, hobbies, school life, or preferences to get to know them. Simple aspects of daily life differ greatly between Japanese and American culture, so things seen as mundane by students here may be fascinating to the exchange students.

The Selinsgrove-Senshu exchange has been a successful and rewarding program over the years of its operation. One of the reasons it has been so beneficial and enjoyable is because of the welcoming, enthusiastic environment the students are met with when they arrive in an unfamiliar place.

By being kind and relatable to the Japanese exchange students, Selinsgrove students can help become an important part of their experience and the impression of America with which they leave.

National Honor Society to Host Dance

By Savanna Foor

The Selinsgrove National Honor Society will be hosting a spring dance this Saturday, March 25 from 7:00 pm until 10:30 pm for all high school students.

The dance is in support of Transitions, a counseling and shelter center for women in the Susquehanna Valley who have suffered from domestic violence and sexual assault. All proceeds will go to this organization.

The dance also doubles as a welcoming event for the Japanese exchange students who will be visiting Selinsgrove High School in the coming weeks.

Every high school student is welcome to the dance. Entrance cost is \$3 a person or \$5 per couple. What makes this dance unique is that students can get in for free as long as they bring an item to donate to Transitions in substitution for their entrance fee. See the list on the right for acceptable items.

The *Blast to the Past* theme encompasses the music that will be played at the dance. Everything from 80's hits to early 2000's jams are sure to have everyone dancing throughout the night.

Attire is totally up to the individual as long as it gets them in the dancing mood. Vice President of NHS, Isabel Bailey states, "I think the dance will be a good burst of high energy, which is something that everyone needs in the month of March."

Students may invite guests from other high schools; however, they will have to have a "dance form" signed and returned to Mr. Parise prior to entering the dance. Forms may be picked up in the high school main office and returned throughout the week or brought directly to the dance as long as they have the appropriate signatures.

Come join the fun this Saturday and get ready to dance your winter blues away, welcoming spring with a fun occasion.



Donations Accepted in Lieu of an Entrance Fee to Saturday's Blast from the Past Dance

Safe House Supplies

Shower curtains
 First aid kits
 Plastic mattress protectors for single and full beds (to protect against bed wetting)
 Cloth mattress protectors for single and full beds
 Blankets for single and full beds
 Crib sheets
 Silverware
 Pots/Pans
 Cork Boards
 Baby Safety Plugs for Electrical Outlets
 Baby Gates
 Cups
 Shelving (to store food)

Safe House Maintenance Items

Hammers
 Screwdrivers (flathead and Phillips)
 Electrical tape
 Duct tape
 Cordless drill
 Wrenches
 Tape measures

Safe House Cleaning Supplies

Mop and bucket with wringers
 Brooms
 Laundry detergent for high efficiency washers
 Windex
 Clorox
 Clorox Wipes

Supplies for Safe House Guests

Toothpaste
 Shampoo
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 Diapers
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 Paper Towels
 Toilet Paper
 Facial Tissues
 Tampons
 Sanitary Napkins
 Deodorant (Women's and Men's)
 Nail Polish Remover
 Body Wash
 Body Lotion

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SAHS Art Students Showcase Talent

By Daniel Napsha

Judging by the scene in the library these days, the next Van Gogh or Jeff Koons seems to be in Selinsgrove's midst.

The public will have a chance to see the student talent before they make it big at the art show this Wednesday, March 22 from 4-6:30 p.m. The Selinsgrove High School's Art Department will host their annual event at the newly renovated high school library.

digital photography classes will be shown from the media center's projectors.

For senior art students, the show will be a chance to showcase their high school portfolio. A miniature exhibit of each senior's work will be on display. Senior Brandon Walter will exhibit his art, including paintings, drawings, pen and ink, jewelry, and sculpture.

For visitors who like his work, he will also be handing out his business card. Walter is not too sad about this being his last art show, for he sees many more shows in his future. "I'm going on to have my own art shop, so I'll hopefully do more art shows," Brandon said.

The art show is part of a slew of events in the renovated library, following the National Honor Society's Trivia Night earlier this month. Though Mrs. Nobre de Veiga admits that the library, now devoid of book stacks, is harder to fill, she believes "the new space is much more inviting" and is excited to "welcome the public into the new space."

To involve the public even more, a silent auction for student artworks will also take place to benefit Mostly Mutts, a local charity for dogs in the area.

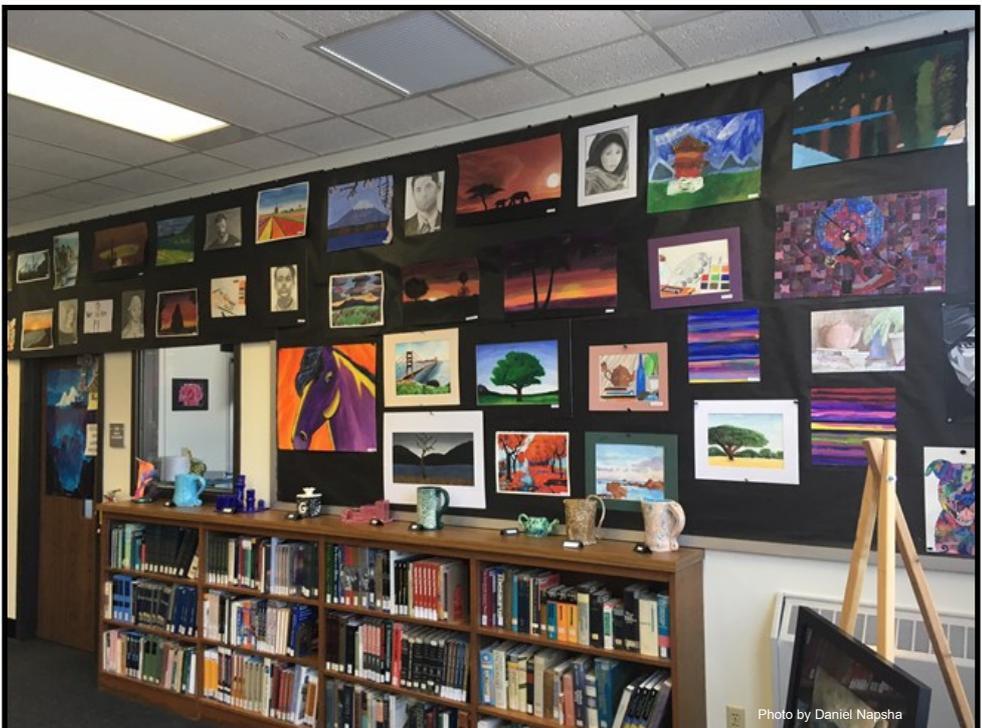
As part of the art show, the National Art Honor Society induction ceremony will also occur Wednesday night at around 5 p.m. Families are encouraged to come and see their student inducted in the society, which participates in different activities throughout the year to promote student artistry.



A three-piece showcase of senior Keyana Zellers' work on display in the gallery. Atop, a painting of Albert Einstein; then, a picture of the artist's hands, and finally, a self-portrait

Made up of student artwork from the numerous art classes offered at the high school, the art show will feature 2-dimensional art including sketches, drawings, and paintings, as well as 3D work like sculptures and pottery.

For the first time, student work from art teacher Mrs. Nobre de Veiga's



A sample of the student artwork that patrons will find covering the library walls for the Art Show.

SAHS Music Department Roundup

By Kiana Brubaker

Selinsgrove Area High School's band and chorus have been very busy lately between contest, competitions and unique opportunities.

On the chorus side of the music spectrum, seniors Raechel Council, Emma Lewis, Will Lapetina, and Rowan Miller and sophomores Hannah Doll and Zach Frey qualified for regional competition.

Regional Chorus began at Hughesville High School and then moved to the Community Art's Center in Williamsport for the competition phase. Hannah Doll earned first seat for states while Zach Frey and Raechel Council placed as first alternates.

The regional competition itself



Hannah Doll, Selinsgrove's representative at the State Chorus Festival

was held between February 22-24. This included extra rehearsals and a private cabaret concert for all of the singers who were competing in regionals. The individuals who performed during the cabaret concert were chosen by the

directors from among those who were in attendance.

Selinsgrove chorus students prepared for their blind auditions both with Mrs. Ulsh and on their own. Mrs. Ulsh stated that "it's high quality and advanced choral literature they're singing."

The state competition will be located in the Erie Convention Center on April 19-22. For students to qualify to attend states they have to place in the top four of the twenty people who compete in the same voice part.

For Selinsgrove High School band, there are also a variety of competitions for the students occurring. These competitions include orchestra, jazz band, and the traditional stage band.

District jazz band will take place during the last Saturday of March with Raechel Council and sophomores Madie Newell and Spencer Cook representing Selinsgrove.

Last month, senior Jacob Bodinger and sophomore Leah Bodinger attended district orchestra in Loyalsock. Leah was the only Selinsgrove student to advance to regional orchestra in Hershey, where she earned the fourth seat.

For the traditional band competition, seniors Jacob Bodinger, Will Lapetina, sophomores Leah Bodinger, Spencer

Cook, Jasmine Elsasser and Hannah Doll, and freshman Becca Sharpless competed in district band. Clarinetist, Leah, and percussionist, Jacob will compete at Central Columbia for regionals. If either places as a first or second chair, they will then continue on to states.

Leah Bodinger, who attended orchestra regionals and will be attending stage band regionals, described her adventures as "...an amazing experience to play music with so many people from other schools, and make friends with those who I wouldn't get to see otherwise."

Finally, the Selinsgrove High School Pep Band had a unique experience over the past two weeks as they became the official Bucknell University Pep Band.

Due to a need at Bucknell, Band Director, Mr. Smith, was asked to put together a pep band to play during both the Men's and Women's Patriot League championship games as the Bucknell Pep Band.

With very little time to practice, the three dozen high school students were whisked up to the Bucknell campus where they were seated in the middle of the student section to play in support of the Bison.

Sophomore, Will Switala described the feeling of playing among the wild throng of college students as, "it was incredibly nerve-wracking...compared to what we have done before, but it was exciting because everyone was cheering us on as well."

The band played so well and received so much praise from the greater Bucknell sports community that they were invited to travel with the Bucknell Women's team to play for them as their official Pep Band during the opening round of the NCAA National Championship Tournament (commonly referred to as "March Madness"). As this is the highest honor and opportunity for a pep band, Mr. Smith accepted and the band was off to play at the University of Maryland on Friday, March 17.

Despite a loss for Bucknell, the band played well and received a standing ovation from the players on the team after the game. "Being able to witness the game up close was amazing because it was such a great view of the game...we had great seats for one of the biggest games of basketball this year," commented Will Switala after the game.



The Selinsgrove High Pep Band, in the bullpen prior to the start of the NCAA National Championship first round game preparing to play as the official Bucknell University Pep Band.

SPORTS

Winter Sports Playoff Wrap-Up

By Dawson Klinger

The winter sports season has now come to an end for all Selinsgrove sports, and it is time to reflect on what an incredible few months it was for these athletes as the wrestling team had members advance past districts, the boys' basketball team moved on to states, and a few swimmers have moved on to the state round of competition.

The wrestling post-season consisted of three tournaments including districts, regionals and states. The top four place finishers at districts move onto regionals and the top three at regionals move onto states. The wrestling team had quite a few members move on to regionals.

At districts, seniors Bryce Reichenbach (3rd), Garrett Campbell (2nd) and Justin Schooley (4th) were each able to qualify at their respective weight classes. Juniors Drew Peterman and Adam Ritter, as well as sophomores Blaise Zeiders, Max Charles, and CJ Boyer all placed 4th and made it to regionals as well. The regional tournament is where the season ended for these remaining eight.

The boys' basketball team was able to accomplish a number of goals this season. They were able to win the PHAC Division 1 regular season championship, sending them to the league tournament, where they fell short to Central Columbia. They would then go to the district playoffs where they picked up wins over Montoursville and Athens, setting up a rematch with Lewisburg in the district

championship. Despite the loss, the team still qualified to move on to the state tournament.

In the first round of the State tournament, they matched up with GAR Memorial, a solid team from Wilkes-Barre. Unfortunately, the boys' season ended there, losing 72-59. Seniors Hunter George and Brice Harro were named to the PHAC Division 1 first team, and junior Tony Dressler was named to the second team.



Seniors from the basketball team, Griffin Kirchner and Kyle Mertz along with senior wrestler Bryce Reichenbach (from right to left).

The Fravel Sisters, senior Olivia and sophomore Sarah, qualified for the high school state swim meet. Olivia swam the 100 meter breaststroke in 1:05.48, placing her in 5th in the state. The Fravels will be attending the national swim meet in late April, where they will both be swimming in the 400 meter freestyle relay together.

Boys' Tennis Serves Up Some Talent

By Dawson Klinger

The Selinsgrove boys' tennis team is prepared to shine this season under head coach Duke Fravel, despite a much different look than years past.

Led by seniors Steven Pomykalski and Noah Wise at the one and two singles spots, this year's team is less experienced and younger than last year.

Graduation took a toll on the team, as their top four players from last season (Aidan Finnerty, Garrett Benner, Johnny Lin, and Eric Martin) all graduated. All three singles players this year are new to singles including sophomore Asher Stuck.

Last year the team went 15-3 and lost to Lewisburg in the district semifinals. When asked about what he took away from last year's seniors, Pomykalski responded with, "They demonstrated great leadership and always tried to connect with the younger players on the team. I learned a lot from those guys on and off the court and I will do my best to carry on the tradition they have left us".

This year's team includes Pomykalski at the one slot for singles, Wise at the two, and Stuck at the three. The doubles teams are freshman Connor Shaffer and senior Jack Rynearson, as well as the two freshman Nick Thompson and Liam Finnerty. Come check out the tennis team during their first home match on Monday, March 27 against Shikellamy High School.



Senior Steven Pomykalski tries out the ever critical "game face" in preparation for a Seals tennis match.



Baseball is Back with Big Hopes

By Keanan Wolf

As the Selinsgrove baseball team prepares for the upcoming season, they have high hopes for continued success that began last season.

The Seals won the District 4 Class AAA Championship last season, a very special achievement for a team decimated by injuries. Key returners include seniors Kyle Mertz, Evan Poust, and Morgan Fisher. Senior catcher Jake Nyland and sophomore pitcher Logan Hile will both be huge contributors to the team this year, despite both being sidelined for most of last season due to medical issues.

With the season approaching, senior Morgan Fisher commented on how he thinks the team will do this year and what the team is doing to prepare, saying, "As long as we play together as a team, work hard, and do

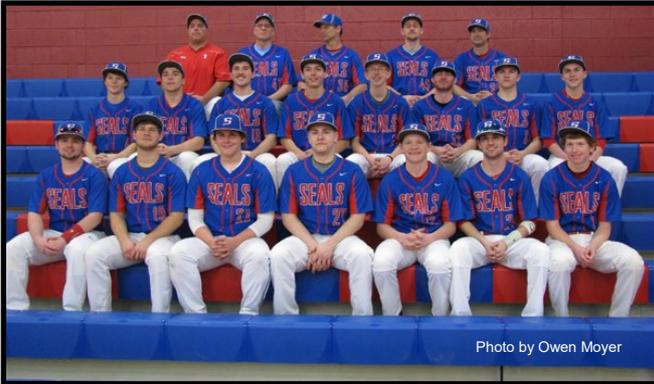
the little things right, we could have a great amount of success this season." Morgan as well as many of the other players on the team are very excited and ready to see what the Seals can accomplish this season.

Due to the recent snow storms, the Seals had to cancel both of their preseason scrimmages, but they are still well prepared to begin their season because they have been

running indoor practices and aren't letting the weather stop them from getting the work in that is necessary to defend their championship in the 2017 season.

They will have to be

ready to prove their ability on Monday, March 27, the date set for their first home game of the season against Hughesville High School as long as the snow melts and the field dries off in time.



The 2017 Selinsgrove High School Baseball Team

Track Team Takes On New Season

By Megan Keeney

The Selinsgrove track team, coached by Mr. Jeff Kiss (girls) and Mr. Ryan McGuire (boys), opens up their spring season with their first meet at Central Mountain on Tuesday, March 28, with high hopes for the season.



The 2017 Selinsgrove High Girls Track and Field Team

The girls' team has many returning key runners including seniors Ashley Blair, Natalia Brown, Brittany Carnathan, and Sara Arbogast. Junior Piper Klinger will anchor the throwers and sophomore Hannah Grove will be counted on in the long distances. The key to the sprinting squad will be sophomore standout Megan Hoffman, who is back and ready to win more gold medals at districts this year.

Last year, Hoffman placed 1st in her 400m race, which broke the school and freshman class record. She qualified for states in both the 400m and 4x4 relay events and competed in nationals in the 100m and 400m.

Hoffman, the 2016 *Daily Item* Track Athlete of the Year commented, "I believe we will come back strong with new athletes and returnees, even though we lost some valuable athletes" while senior Ashley Blair added that, "...if everyone works as hard as we usually do, we will continue our winning legacy".

The boys' track team also has many key returnees, such as junior thrower Keith Dreese. Important runners include seniors Chris Tirpak, Garrett Campbell, and Justin Schooley, along with junior Ethan Jenkins and sophomore Evan Gaugler. The boys' team is fairly young this year, but the talent they possess appears to be solid. The first home event will be the Selinsgrove Invitational meet on Saturday, April 1.



The 2017 Selinsgrove High Boys Track and Field Team

Softball Swings Back in Action

By Sam Rodkey

The spring season has kicked off and the softball team is looking to make strides and continue building on their success finish from last season.

The Seals finished with a record of 7-13 last year, fielding a young team; however, the girls worked hard in the offseason in the weight room as well as the gym to improve.

The team, which only lost one player, Hunter Smith, to graduation last year is led by head coach Joel Rogers and assistant coach Tammy Newberry.

The team returns multiple valuable players, especially those in the sophomore class.

Key returners include sophomores Brooke Longacre, Sam Artley, and Paige Smith in

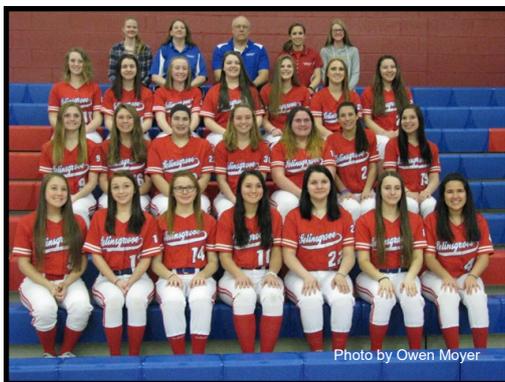
addition to junior Hailey Grenfell. There are also multiple freshman going out this year for the team who hope to make an impact at the varsity level.

Brooke Longacre believes that the team is heading in the right direction. "We have been working hard at practice every day so far, the ultimate goal is to just keep improving and getting better. We have the

potential to do some great things this year".

The softball team will see its first action Tuesday, March 28 at 4:30pm when they travel to Central Columbia High School as long as the field is dry enough to play.

Seals fans can catch the first home game on Thursday, April 6 at 4:30pm against Shikellamy High School.



The 2017 Selinsgrove High School Softball Team

Lacrosse Ready for a Great Season

By Marley Sprengel

With the season quickly approaching, the boys and girls lacrosse teams have a lot to live up to as they are now officially school sponsored teams.

Saturday, April 1 against Dallas High School.

The girls' team has a similar looking schedule in the season ahead, as Danville and Lewisburg are their toughest opponents as well.

Key returners include seniors Megan Kahn, Megan Keeney, Veronica John, Savannah Bucher, and Savanna Foor. Kahn, Keeney, Foor, and John are this season's captains and are excited to have the chance to make the district final game and bring home a gold medal.

When asked on how she felt about the season, Savanna Foor exclaimed, "With all this returning talent, we should be able to compete with anyone we play. I'm

excited to get the chance to play with my friends for one last season and to make it the best one yet". The girls' first home game is on Tuesday, March 28 against Lake Lehman High School



The 2017 Selinsgrove High Boys Lacrosse Team

On the boys' side, Ryan Bucher, Gabe Ludwig, and Cross Kantz, all seniors, lead the team as captains. Other key returners are junior Connor van Zijl, sophomores Joe Kahn, Ben Swineford and Charlie Hayes. In addition to the returners, freshman Nick Shaffer has shown his ability to compete and is one to watch this season.

The Danville Ironmen and Lewisburg Green Dragons will be the team's biggest competition this season. Joe Kahn's thoughts on the season are very positive, saying "This season is shaping up to be the best one yet, as the captains lead us to work hard and have fun every day." Catch the boys' team in action at home on



The 2017 Selinsgrove High Girls Lacrosse Team

ENTERTAINMENT

Student Profiles

Savanna Foor, Senior

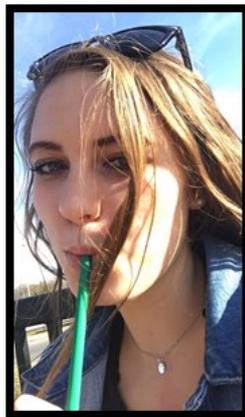
If you had to pull an April Fool's Day prank, what would it be?
Kidnapping my brother and telling my parents that he's missing.

What is your signature outfit? *A big sweatshirt, mom jeans, and white shoes.*

If you were to create a holiday, what would it be called and what would it celebrate? *National Pop a Zit Day, to celebrate clear skin and good complexions.*

What is one question you have for the Japanese exchange students? *Coke or Pepsi?*

Do you spend your snow days differently now than when you were a kid? If so, how? *I still make great memories, I just don't like the cold as much. But I'm still a sucker for some hot cocoa.*



Tony Dressler, Junior

If you had to pull an April Fool's Day prank, what would it be? *I would put four chickens in the school and label them 1, 2, 3, 5 so no one would know where the fourth one was.*

What is your signature outfit? *Sweatpants tucked into my socks and a college sweatshirt.*

If you were to create a holiday, what would it be called and what would it celebrate? *National Goat Day on December 12th to celebrate goats.*

What is one question you have for the Japanese exchange students? *How many languages can you speak fluently?*

Do you spend your snow days differently now than when you were a kid? If so, how? *Yes, when I was a little boy I would play in the snow, but now I stay inside, keep warm, and drink black coffee with cream and a packet of sugar in it.*



Adelya Duke, Sophomore

If you had to pull an April Fool's Day prank, what would it be?
I would make cookies for my friends and substitute the sugar for salt.

What is your signature outfit? *Jeans and a sweater or sweatshirt.*

If you were to create a holiday, what would it be called and what would it celebrate? *National Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Day.*

What is one question you have for the Japanese exchange students? *What's a popular social activity to do in Japan?*

Do you spend your snow days differently now than when you were a kid? If so, how? *I watch a lot more Netflix, but I still go outside and sled.*



Oscar Machorro, Freshman

If you had to pull an April Fool's Day prank, what would it be?
I would fake a pregnancy.

What is your signature outfit? *Camo Capris with white sketchers, a sleeveless t-shirt with stains, and a raccoon hat.*

If you were to create a holiday, what would it be called and what would it celebrate? *National Mashed Potato Day.*

What is one question you have for the Japanese exchange students? *What kind of pets do you have in Japan?*

Do you spend your snow days differently now than when you were a kid? If so, how? *No, because I still sleep on a park bench.*



Grease sliding through rehearsals

By Liz Whitmer

On May 10-12, and 14, the Selinsgrove Area High School production of *Grease: The Musical* will occur in the auditorium.

The musical, directed by Ms. Laurie Knitter, is based on the famous movie *Grease*, starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. The storyline follows 1950s high school students dealing with opposing cliques, criticism, and finding love. The musical stars seniors Isabel Bailey and Jonah Roth as Sandy and Danny.

Sandy is an Australian girl who meets rebellious Danny, which leads to



Photo by Maddie Newell

The cast of *Grease* pauses to pose for a photo.

a summer romance. Her family ends up staying in California and she soon joins the group called the Pink Ladies, the most popular clique in their high school. Once the couple discovers they're attending the same high school, Danny acts as though his feelings for Sandy completely disappeared.

The two of them are worried their friends will not accept their relationship, but soon decide to swallow their pride and date. Sandy and Danny try to change who they are to please the other person and fit in with their group of friends.

Although the plot is extremely similar to the movie, it is mildly adjusted to accommodate being performed by a high school group of approximately 40 students. Many of the characters are the same, but there have been some songs changed, including the removal of the memorable song "You're The One That I Want."

Selinsgrove's production of *Grease* involves students from all grade levels. Sophomore, Maddie Newell, is confident about the outcome of this year's production both on and off the stage.

A large part of being involved in the musical is meeting new people and promoting individuality. Newell said, "It has boosted my

confidence level and helped me build new friendship much more easily."

How would you have done at last week's NHS Trivia Night?

1. What was the name of Captain Hook's first mate?
2. What company developed the game app called Candy Crush Saga? It is the most popular Facebook game in the world.
3. For which cathedral was the fictional Quasimodo a bell ringer?
4. Which character dies in nearly every episode of South Park?
5. Walking from Canada to Mexico, what is the fewest number of US states that you have to travel through? Bonus for naming them.
6. In Scrabble, how many points is the letter C worth?
7. Time to channel your inner geek: What vehicle could do the Kessel Run in less than 12 parsecs?
8. Name both rival gangs in West Side Story?
9. Put these in order from the MOST caffeine to the LEAST caffeine: 5 hour energy shot, 16 oz Starbucks Latte Macchiato, 24 oz Dunkin Donuts Iced Coffee.

You will have to ask someone who was there for the answers!!!



Cartoon by Jenna Eberly



My Turn by Isabel Bailey

The other day I was sitting in a room with inspirational posters taped to the wall which say things like “setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible” or “set your goals high and don’t stop till you get there.”

I like to refer to them as goal posters. We all know these posters, their bright primary color schemes beaming down at us from their places on the wall. I’ve been seeing goal posters since the first grade. We’ve all listened to the speakers who come into talk to us at school about setting goals and achieving them.

Goals are important, and these posters are nothing if not logical. Short term goals like winning your soccer game or getting an “A” on an upcoming math test are great, as are long term goals like becoming a carpenter or a journalist. It is good to have ideas about the future. It offers stability and direction, but perhaps it doesn’t leave much room in between.

The whole notion of goals can be confining. These posters jump out at us, telling us we need to set goals that have a path, plan, and purpose. At an age where we’re just figuring out who we are, it’s a lot of pressure to also know what kind of path we want to take.

There’s the expectation of college or work after high school—parents and teachers want to know your major, your job, and you feel as if you have to deliver this goal to them. Often, once these goals are announced to friends and families, people feel as if they have to stick to them. Perhaps this is one of the biggest problems—the idea of goals do not allow for the fluidity with which life moves.

The word goal is safe. It gives people security and guidance. This security isn’t bad; in fact, in a lot of ways it’s a survival technique. Many of us need to envision the future in some way in order to make choices during the present.

Yet feeling the need to envision the future is different than feeling the need to have a goal with a blue print. Something the posters at school do not reveal is that life takes turns and spins. A goal is unlikely to be a straight path because we cannot control everything.

Goals that are too rigid can make us less adaptable to the surprises that life presents us with.

I am coming from a perspective of someone who is okay with uncertainty, but that’s not to say I don’t have ideas about the future. I want to major in art history, I want to do well at college, and when I’m older I want to have a career and children. So do I have goals? Yes. But I’ve never labeled them as such. This way, I feel I have room to change, and room to adjust. I see the things I want for my life as ideas, feelings to guide me through what someday may be a reality.

But who knows? At age two I was going to be a doctor, at six I wanted to be a teacher, at 10 I was going to be a therapist, at 14 I was going to be a writer, and now I want to be a curator. Check in with me in two years and we’ll see where I’m at. To some, this may sound flip-floppy, but I don’t think it is. I see it as a readjustment. There are people who happily never waver, but that’s not most of us.

I am proposing an asterisk at the bottom of these posters, something to the effect of “*leave room for life.”



Give yourself the freedom to explore the possibility of life without limits. Goals are dreams with deadlines, a means to an end but not the ultimate purpose of life.

— Glynis Nunn —

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