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## RIP Traditional Senior Year

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On Friday, Mar. 13, Newport students left the school grounds at 2:58 PM as they always do, but they did not return. The classrooms remain empty, a shell littered with the last remnants of experiments and lessons intended to continue on Tuesday. At 3:00, PA Governor Tom Wolf closed all schools for fourteen days in response to federal mandates concerning the coronavirus. A closure meant for two weeks, lasted through the remainder of the year.

The World Health Organization declared the situation a pandemic since the virus, found in Chinese seafood and poultry markets infected more than four million within months of its discovery last year. The first death, from Wuhan China, came one day before the start of China's largest traveling season. Within two weeks, the W.H.O confirmed cases outside China and in the United States.

Based on the rapid spread of the disease, Chinese authorities quarantined Wuhan, preventing all transportation from leaving or entering the province. By the end of January, the Trump administration used the 213 death worldwide to suspend entry by any foreigner who had traveled to China within the past two weeks.

On Feb. 7 Dr. Li Wenliang, a Chinese doctor who had been reprimanded for his early warnings about the dangers of the virus, died from the same virus. This sparked the initial conspiracy theories that have plagued this situation. Within the next three weeks, France, South Korea, Japan, and Italy faced a rise in cases and subsequent shutdowns. Iran and Latin America followed but Iran became the hotspot. The rest of Europe and Nigeria also reported cases of infection. By the end of the month, the first American death was reported.

After the first American death, the C.D.C lifted the federal restrictions on testing and on March 11, the same day the W.H.O declared the virus a pandemic, President Trump blocked visitors from continental Europe during a prime-time address from the Oval Office.

Two days later, a national emergency was declared which subsequently caused the closing of all schools. By the beginning of April, the pandemic and mandated quarantine put nearly 10 million Americans out of work with more reported unemployment filings than the worst week reported in 1982. The stress of economic hardship caused pushback in the form of increasing

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**CAPS, GOWNS, AND FACEMASKS? SOCIAL DISTANCING AND COVID-19 PREVENTED THE CLASS OF 2020 FROM HAVING A TRADITIONAL GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

## We promise this isn't normal: High School welcomes Betts, Helmick & Hess

AVA MCGUIRE  
REPORTER

Newport High School hired two new teachers and a principal and created a curriculum director position.

Following the release of Ms. Dalton and the retirement of Ms. Mohler, Señor Craig Betts filled the vacated Spanish position. Señor Craig Betts is from the Camp Hill area, where he started teaching in 2008.

He began studying Spanish in high school, where he took a Spanish class for three years, but

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he went to college for a music education degree. He received his degree and taught music for about three years until he realized that he had a passion for Spanish.

Before he came to Newport, he taught two and a half years in Texas and he taught for five years at Mifflintown Highschool. "When I first came to Newport, I was amazed at the size of the school population. In my previous school, we had probably 4 times the number of stu-

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dents. I was a little apprehensive as to how my students would receive me as one of their "new" teachers, but after the first week of school, I was extremely happy to meet so many incredibly nice students who made me feel very welcome," he says.

He had many things he wanted to do before the end of this school year, such as getting to know his students and expanding their Spanish knowledge. Betts says, "One of my goals for next year is to try and in-

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PHOTO BY ELLA WEIDENHAMMER  
MISS LIZ HELMICK (ABOVE) AND MR. CRAIG BETTS JOINED THE TEACHING STAFF THIS YEAR.

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# Editorials

## Yo Dawgs, update your lit lingo, stat

AVA MCGUIRE  
REPORTER

It is officially 2020 and we have made it to a new decade. Along with this monumental accomplishment of surviving as a species comes an obligation all must face: the ejection of the slang of the past. If you are looking to “spill the tea” to your “sis” or trying to keep it “Gucci” with your “bae” then 2020 is just not the decade for you.

James Charles has given people a plethora of reasons to ensure that he has become entirely irrelevant. So along with this comes the extinction of the terms he has created amongst his followers: “spill the tea”, “sisters”, and the worst of all “love that”. These commonly used terms he introduced into pop culture should be dropped faster than his subscribers and his 2019 outfits at Coachella.

Aside from the disgrace James Charles has brought to the LGBT+ community and his former “sister squad,” here is a list of words that have been deemed no longer relevant to 2020.

“Lit” and all of its forms: “litty”, and “litness” is usually used to describe when something is cool, exciting, and fun. This word (which should be used to describe an object when it is *literally* on fire) can be found on t-shirts, hats, mugs, and worst of all, being used in the sentence “dude, that party was like so lit”.

“Gucci” as a term meaning good or chill. This is a designer brand, not a valid response in a conversation when a person asks “How are you?”

“Slide” and “Pop-out” mean the same thing, to stop somewhere or to show up. Somehow people believe that it is easier to quote gang rap every time they speak than to simply let an individual know that they will be there.

So what terms does this leave us to use?

“Wag” or “waggy” and “wagginess” meaning cool or chill. Instead of saying “I’m cooling right now,” one can say “I’m **wagging** right now.”

“Dank” is technically a word of the past, however, according to popular consensus, this word is one the road to a comeback into modern slang. This word is another way of saying cool or totally awesome.

“Squall” which up until 2020 has been a word to describe a brief snowstorm. Now, this word takes on a new meaning in pop culture - meaning hype or pumped. “We’re just squalling this place up.”

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## Not ready to give up the drama

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Every year the editor-in-chief writes a farewell article which usually ends up being a rant about everything they went through in high school. I wrote an emotionally-driven draft for this editorial about the fakes and the worst characteristics I've had to deal with these last 13 years. I might have seemed harsh, but it was all true and I included myself in those jabs, too. Unfortunately, this article was leaked by my friends and staff, which caused a correlating amount of drama.

There is a lot I could say about this situation. I'm a bit surprised, angry, and betrayed. Through this whole fiasco, all I can think about is a flustered Jack Nicholson screaming, “you can't handle the truth” to a cool and collected Tom Cruise. I get to be Tom

Cruise... because it's my editorial and I earned every bit of this ink.

We are at the end of our high school career and still finding ways to start rumors and belittle other people which tells me that the class of 2020 is not ready for life after graduation. We will all have to grow up because most of the petty middle school drama we still start in high school, will not be as exciting. It will have real consequences.

I wanted my advice to be simple and unifying - a message to take us into adulthood. Seniors, if people want to start rumors about you, who cares? It will all blow over and they are probably just doing it to take the attention away from their own insecurities. Focus on more important things like your schoolwork, your career, your family,

or your actual friends and making memories with them. That's what actually matters, and that's what you're going to remember for the rest of your life. On the contrary, don't start drama because it will attract the wrong people and the right people won't like you. We've seen dramatic adults. The difference is, as students we have also been confined together for thirteen years and we are stuck in each other's drama. Adults get to walk away and exclude their dramatic peers. Who is going to walk away from you if you stay dramatic? As of today, we're not stuck together anymore. There's no reason we should be trying to put each other down; we all have our issues and we all need to learn to deal with it instead of taking it out on other people.

To the friends and classmates that got my original editorial canceled, I like this one better, so the joke's on you. Also, I would like to thank you because every journalist loves a juicy, scandalous story and this was definitely one to remember. This social experiment was great because apparently this editorial is what I'm going to be remembered for, how I am going to “leave my mark.” I thought it was going to be because of my outstanding athletic career and friendships, or my raging popularity, or my ability to be seen during officer elections, or maybe even my sarcasm... but I guess I was wrong. If you guys could let this one get published, that would be great. Also, since I'm Tom Cruise, this editorial will self-destruct in ten seconds.

## Epstein didn't kill himself according to memes

XAVIER KOSER  
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In a world where people are constantly being outed for sexual harassment or rape only to get off scot-free, it feels good to see someone finally get theirs, especially someone like the late Jeffrey Epstein. On July 6, 2019, the prominent financier was arrested for the sexual abuse of thirty-six women, the youngest being just fourteen-years-old, as well as for the sex trafficking of minors. Epstein stayed in jail for about a month, only to kill himself shortly before testifying. Or did he? How can anyone be certain that there's not a conspiracy behind his death? Or could it just be a coincidence?

Here's what everyone knows: while in custody, Epstein attempted suicide but failed and was put on watch, under guard at all times, and unable to make another attempt on his life. After showing good behavior he was put back under the normal protocol. Despite technically not being on suicide watch, all guards assigned to him either went on break or stopped paying attention. Also, any cameras for Epstein's cell stopped working. This means that not only was no one actually present to watch him but any possible footage of what happened disappeared.

Technically everything could be a coincidence, but that seems unreasonable.

Is it possible that someone murdered him? Epstein was just days away from testifying in court, and he had been cooperative prior, so anyone working with him would

be outed as well. There are rumors of Epstein having connections to the Clintons, and it wouldn't be the first time enemies of Bill and Hillary have offed themselves or ended up in an ‘accident’ before going to court. Former friends of the Clintons such as Vince Foster and James McDougal have died in similar isolated prison cell scenarios or with gunshot wounds that are always ruled suicides. However, despite the possibility of the Clintons being a mega evil, Mission Impossible tier super-villain group of people, it is kind of silly to place the blame solely on them.

Another, more plausible idea is that someone, whoever it may be, slipped the facility some cash and told them to just let whatever happens to happen. Epstein was wrapped up in some dark, evil stuff, and any of his rapist, pedo friends would do anything in their power to stay out of trouble. And that power is nothing to scoff at as they undoubtedly have fat stacks of cash. They had a whole island dedicated to sex trafficking, almost anything is possible.

One good thing to come out of all this, besides a known pedophile dying, is the memes that came out of it. There have been many videos and images of the event, my favorite being a video of Epstein's point of view in Minecraft. In short, despite the conspiracy being super-real and there still being sick freaks out in the world, at least the one handling all the money is gone and dead.

## Are we still talking about this? Debate rages over legalization

JONAS WEIDENHAMMER  
REPORTER

Since PA legalized medicinal marijuana, CBD shops have been on the rise as CBD oil is believed to have a healing and relaxing effect. These shops have been so widespread that one such shop, American Shaman, opened in town. This shop provides a variety of CBD oils and products.

CBD is derived from hemp, a cousin of marijuana, and both of these plants are part of the cannabis family. This means that CBD has little to no THC, which is the psychoactive chemical in marijuana.

Marijuana is undoubtedly one of the most controversial drugs on the planet as more and more people are advocating the legalization of recreational marijuana. The criminalization of medical marijuana has limited treatment options for millions of people, and has disgruntled millions of recreational users known as “pot-heads.”

This dispute has been going on for nearly 100 years. It

wasn't until 1930 that marijuana was labeled as a poison. Then, in 1937, the Marijuana Tax Act was passed making the transfer or possession of marijuana illegal in each state. Twenty-three years later, the Controlled Substance Act was passed, which banned all use of cannabis, including medical. These Acts and Laws lead to today, the age of Marijuana, and the road to legalization.

CBD is just a stepping stone to the legalization of marijuana. Currently, CBD is legal everywhere, but recreational marijuana is only legal in ten states. It is predicted that within the next few years, marijuana will be fully legal in all states. According to a 2019 poll by the Pew Research Center, two-thirds of Americans support legalizing marijuana which also demonstrates support across political and generational demographics.

# Around the World

## The plague of 2020: wildfires, flies and hornets

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If a fatal virus isn't enough, a continent caught fire and two, winged, disasters also instilled fear among the masses this year threatening our food supply and air quality.

Painted red with wildfires, Australia reached record-breaking temperatures amidst one of the worst droughts in decades.

These fires stemmed from both natural and human causes, climate change having a major hand in this disaster. Lightning struck in forests, 24 people deliberately started bushfires, and climate change assisted in both intensity and movement.

Around 27 million acres and 2,400 homes burned during the tragedy, New South Wales taking the biggest hit. This is as devastating as the California and Amazon wildfires combined.

Almost 30 people died in the fires, along with many animals. There are about a billion estimated animals that fell victim to the disastrous fires. Species such as koalas, kangaroos, birds, frogs, bats, and many others fell in numbers drastically.

In the midst of the fires, Australia entered its summer season and the elevated temperatures provided perfect breeding grounds for these kinds of disasters. A month after the conclusion of this season, the wildfires finally ended.

Citizens evacuated by boat and plane once they declared it a state of emergency. The air toxicity reached 11 times greater than average measurements. Breathing in the affected air was equivalent to smoking multiple packs of cigarettes per day.

Sharing a post on Facebook or putting a story of a koala on Instagram is not the only thing people can do to help in the midst of future wildfires. Acquiring an education on the severity of the climate crisis and donating to help stop these wildfires is what will ultimately make

the difference for the future.

Five years ago, the Spotted Lanternfly started its invasion into Southeastern Pennsylvania. Lanternflies cause problems due to their ability to lay upwards of 30-50 eggs at a time. They have proven to be a very destructive force as they cost farmers millions of dollars. In the past five years, the invasive insect cost more than 28 million dollars in the grape industry, \$87 million in the apple, \$19 million in the peach, and nearly \$17 million in the hardwood industry.

Citizens in Southeastern Penn. have taken up arms against this destructive little bug. The invasion is not over but it has heavily slowed down since the start. It hasn't quite reached Perry County in full force yet but some locals have reported a few sightings in parts of the county.

If you were to come across this insect, you are to kill it immediately and call 1-888-4BADFLY to report its location so the PA Dept. of Agriculture can track the progress of the insect.

More recently, fear of a new invasion arose. Asian giant hornets or sparrow wasps, but fondly dubbed the "Murder Hornet" were noticed by western honey bee farmers on Vancouver Island in British Columbia and later in Washington State. While this sensationalized name is appropriately given due to its extremely painful sting and ability to kill some susceptible humans, experts say this hornet is unlikely to reach PA.

However, the Giant Hornets love to raid honey bee nests and leave no survivors. This is extremely detrimental to the honey bee population here in the United States, where our honey bee population is already expected to go extinct in the coming years. According to the Penn State Extension Office, the USDA released information about tracking and exterminating these pests if found.

## Helicopter crash kills legend +8

KATE TEMPLETON  
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Kobe Bryant's death headlined articles on every social media platform possible just hours after he was pronounced dead on Jan. 26, 2020. Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, along with seven others, were on their way to a youth basketball game via helicopter. Although this may not sound like a 'typical' mode of transportation for some, Kobe was known for this luxury.

Just as they did any other Sunday, Kobe and his daughter, accompanied by other teammates and parents, piled into the helicopter to make their way to the Mamba Sports Academy. Kobe created this multisport training center for young athletes in 2016. The route they traveled was one that the pilot had flown countless times, confident in his ability to make it there safely no matter the weather conditions.

Unfortunately, the pilot's overconfidence was no match for the foggy conditions they were about to encounter. Forty minutes into their trip, the disoriented pilot lost sight of the mountain range that would meet the body of the helicopter in a matter of minutes.

Two minutes after the helicopter went down, a witness called into the Los Angeles County Sheriff to report the accident. A mountain biker witnessed the crash and described the flames and thick, black smoke that surrounded the site. All nine of the passengers were killed in the crash.

Some people wonder why the world is still making such a big deal about the passing of Kobe. They ask, "Wasn't he just an athlete?" Kobe was more than

just an athlete. He was a loving husband, a knowledgeable coach, a successful businessman, and he spent his last few hours focused on his favorite role of them all, a father.

Bryant's death affected people all over the world in different ways. In the close-knit community of Newport, many connections and relationships have flourished from sports. Numerous adults and children of this town grew up looking up to Kobe and all of his accomplishments. Considering Bryant grew up just two hours away in Philadelphia, it really hits home for all of his Pennsylvania fans.

## Area 51 raid fizzles, produces masterful memes

AUSTIN KENT  
REPORTER

On June 27, 2019, Facebook-user Matty Roberts created an event named "Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop Us All." This all started as a joke, however, in the following months leading up to Sept. 20, over two million people pledged to storm the base and 'see them aliens.' The event had battleplans equipped with monster-crazed Kyles, screaming Karen's, speedy Naruto runners, and pebble throwers.

Many took this as a joke, but some were

shocked to see that there were some enthusiasts that were fully devoted to going to the base. The closest town to the base, Rachel, Nevada, has a population of 54 people and only one inn with fourteen rooms. Participants quickly booked this inn along with most of the nearby motels. Weeks away from the event, many Facebook users started posting pictures of their plane tickets.

Roberts worried that the event could actually turn into something catastrophic,

so he wanted to turn it into a music festival called *Alienstock*. However, a week before, he canceled the event entirely fearing a humanitarian disaster from the estimated 10,000+ attendees.

In the end, roughly 150 people showed up to the raid. No real action took place; instead, the attendees merely sat in front of the armed guards with their alien costumes and danced around. Only seven arrests were reported with petty crimes or misdemeanors.

## So, we didn't plan for this... Seniors interrupted

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COVID-19 created an unexpected change of events, to say the least. Many believed we would not get out of school for this "silly flu"-- we even took a vote. Some thought it would blow over and we'd be back at it by mid-May. Obviously we were a bit off.

No senior prom, no class trip, no Big Buffalo Day, no graduation, no lasting senior memories. Even though most of us were simply going through the motions, graduation was the last motion we had to go through. Some of us worked so hard to shovel through the highschool load-- others not so much ... but that's beside the point. In the end, we were all supposed to walk across the stage, shake a hand and get a piece of rolled-up paper that says we finally made it, that those past 13 years weren't for nothing. Instead, we walked across the stage with a mask on for a video that would be shown as a movie at the drive-ins... which is better than nothing and probably more memorable than the traditional graduation anyway.

Even though a lot of people didn't enjoy school or the things that came along with it, they still relied on the routine and the social interaction, but now being stuck at home they are severely suffering. Other people took advantage of this "Coronacation" and began to work more, learn new things, or take up new hobbies. Some have taken to Netflix, binge-watching shows like Outer Banks to pass the time.

This definitely was not the way any of us intended to be finishing the senior year, but it is what it is. We didn't get to say goodbye to our "friends," a.k.a. acquaintances that we won't talk to ever again unless our class is actually coordinated enough to have a reunion. Being out of school helped some falling-outs and lessened the fights that were bound to happen in the final months of senior year, so that's a plus.

We coexisted with the same group of fluctuating-60 people (rounding up) for the past 13 years, for what? Just to go cyber like we all once thought about doing a couple of years ago when we thought high school was just too much to handle.

There's a lot of things we're obviously missing out on. Even though some students are enjoying the "Coronacation," they still miss seeing some people, even teachers. Yes, teachers ... But, it just proves that Newport High School really wasn't all that bad after all. I hate to say it, but if given the choice, I'm certain a majority would rather be back in school.

The moments we all have been waiting for have been stripped from us. Are we sad? Eh, maybe. Are we bummed? Most definitely. All of us could relate one way or another and especially now that we are all living in a future history book, so maybe that brings our divided class to a more close-knit level than ever before.

As Andy Bernard once said in the Finale of The Office, "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." Don't we all?



PHOTOS BY E. WEIDENHAMMER  
ONE OF THE LAST NORMAL EVENTS FOR  
SENIORS WAS THE SENIOR VS STAFF  
GAME. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 10.

# Around the School

## Students organize Colton's Cookout, cookie walk, jokes

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Newport is a very tight-knit community with families that have been here for years. It is surprising what this community can do, and how the people within can work in unity to help local families in need. This has been especially evident since the beginning of November when junior Colton Cook's persistent cough was diagnosed as leukemia. This heartbreaking news shook the Newport community, but when it was all digested, the people of Newport came together to support Colton and his family.

It started out with the cookie walk, set up by the National Honor Society and supplied by faculty, staff and students during parent-teacher conferences which earned nearly \$700. This was followed by an ongoing shirt and wristband sale that continually brings in profits. A small fundraiser recorded students and staff reciting their favorite jokes to cheer up Colton during treatments. The crowning jewel was held at Highland Presbyterian Church called the *Colton Cookout*, which

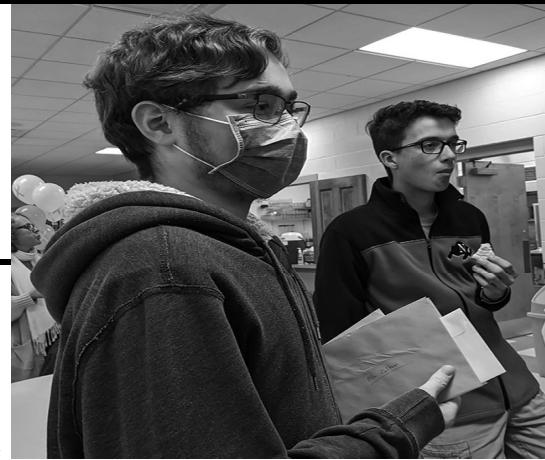


was expected to bring in some money to support the Cooks. "I think it will go well, I hope that the community comes together to support a great cause," said Newport senior, Levi Heimbaugh while planning.

The Colton Cookout was put together by Newport students, and strongly supported by their parents, teachers, and those who are involved with Pennsylvania Youth Ministries. On December 14, from 3-6 PM, people gathered to show their support. The admission to enter the event was an open donation, and the food was supplied by the local townspeople.

The turnout was amazing, with about 300 people filtering in and out over the three-hour event. With the help of the Highland Presbyterian Church, Newport High School, Pennsylvania Youth Ministries leaders, and the town of Newport, over \$3,000 was raised to support Colton's Journey to a Cure, meriting a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to this great success.

Anyone interested in supporting Colton can follow Colton's Journey to a Cure on Facebook.



PHOTOS BY J. WEIDENHAMMER

(ABOVE) COLTON COOK AND BROTHER BLAIZE ON DEC. 14. (LEFT) FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED IN SUPPORT AT THE HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## Heimbaugh, Imes, Weidenhammer attend DECA

LEVI HEIMBAUGH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Three seniors, led by Mrs. Amy Wagner, attended the PA Distributive Educational Clubs of America (DECA) conference on Feb. 19 at the Hershey Lodge. DECA, an organization whose goal is to prepare students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management hosted a variety of workshops ranging from handling college debt to being prepared for interviews. Dozens of colleges and businesses had representatives at the event for recruiting the students.

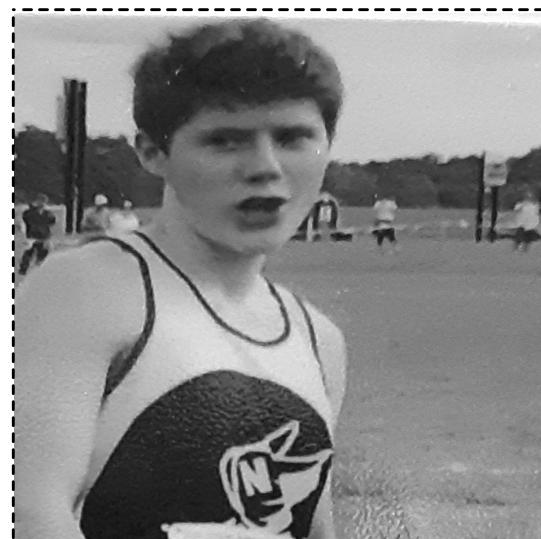
Seniors Dakota Becker-Imes, Levi Heimbaugh, and Jonas Weidenhammer competed in a quiz bowl where they promptly got eliminated in the first round. Weidenhammer, who will double-major in engineering and business, commented on the event, saying that "despite getting out right away, we were able to learn a good bit through the workshops. There are definitely a lot of opportunities for people interested in a career that involves business."

The group's fearless leader Mrs. Wagner commented: "The DECA Conference was a first-time experience for the students and myself. I was proud of the boys and how they competed in the quiz bowl. It will no doubt be exciting to see how Newport progresses next year." However, despite the joyous day, the mood of the students was inadvertently brought down as our Newportians had no choice but to ride with Greenwood students to the event.

This was the first time Newport students have attended the conference and competed in one of their events. So technically, their close first-round elimination in the trivia bowl proved a valiant effort. FBLA fundraised for this event throughout the year with the donut sales in the library.



PHOTOS BY MRS. WAGNER  
HEIMBAUGH, WEIDENHAMMER, AND BECKER-IMES COMPETED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE DECA CONFERENCE ON FEB. 19 AT THE HERSHEY LODGE.



Too  
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Senior Charlie Wentz won the county-level Stock Market Challenge with a \$112,000 portfolio.

The Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy attempts to teach elementary, middle and high school students to invest, make trades, build portfolios and analyze markets. Their ten-week competition uses a free simulation program from StockTrak, Personal Finance Lab.

## College Fair hosts 35 post-secondary options

KATIE HUSTON  
REPORTER

On Oct. 2, Newport High School hosted a college fair for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors during the first three periods in the cafeteria. Students talked to representatives of colleges from Maine to Florida as well as nearby colleges.

Newport's college fair hosted over 35 colleges, beauty schools, tech schools, branches of the military, and workforce opportunities. Students visited four-year colleges such as Susquehanna, Bloomsburg, Juniata, and Lycoming as well as trade schools such as Central PA Diesel Institute, Academy of Media Production (AMP), and DeRicelle Cosmetology. Job Corps, UPMC, and the Army all had representatives in the cafeteria. Two colleges from Maine and one from Florida responded to invitations and made the long trek to Perry County.

Guidance counselor Mrs. Strohm said, "wants the college fair to be more than just colleges and show that there are more opportunities out there for everyone." Mrs. Strohm and Mrs. Markle organized the fair starting in June when they sent invitations to different colleges.

The college fair offered many opportunities for students that they did not know they had. Junior Gabby Kichman said, "it was neat to see all of the options we have after we graduate." Many of Newport's students took advantage of this event.

In Nov. seniors have the opportunity to participate in instant decision days for both Shippensburg University and Lock Haven University. These days allow for seniors to sit down with representatives from college and get their acceptance (or rejection) the same day.

# Around the School

## Prosser stars as Buddy in 'Elf' with large ensemble cast

KATIE HUSTON  
REPORTER



It was a Christmas miracle that Newport students were able to perform their rendition of Elf: The Musical starring Max Prosser as Buddy the Elf on March 5th, 6th, and 7th just one week before the world shut down. Prosser starred alongside leading Seniors Kailee Warner, Levi Heimbau, and Allie Harris as well as Junior Mallory Burns. The idea of a Christmas musical was worrisome to many, however, director Amy Finnerty says that "Elf fits the talent of Newport's students perfectly" and that "working with the cast made every day feel like Christmas."

Lead actor Prosser has participated in Newport's musical productions since his freshman year. Prosser is no stranger to having high energy roles; as a Junior, he starred as the Cat in the Hat in Seussical: The Musical. In Elf, Buddy who is a human raised by elves in the North Pole. He journeys to New York City to find his father, Walter. However, when faced with the reality of a not-so-jolly city, he decides to bring the Christmas spirit to the people and saves Christmas. Max describes portraying the character of Buddy as having very similar energy to playing the Cat in the Hat but that "Buddy had a polar opposite personality" which he really enjoyed bringing to life on stage.

Directors, Amy Finnerty and Rebecca Wiles began the audition process just before Christmas break. During the auditions, the directors looked for people who put thought and time into their auditions as well as anyone with a "flurry of talent." Finnerty and Wiles both put a lot of thought into how to create the cast list for Elf in order to fit Newport's many musically talented students. Finnerty calls her process of creating her perfect cast as "the mag-

ical formula."

The formula works. From Sophomore Cesar Rangel's portrayal as the framing narrative Santa Clause to the smooth dance steps of Senior Hayden Shepley's beef and cheese scented department store Santa, the casting was great. Harris's no-nonsense Deb provided the vocals needed in the office while Burns and Riley Babski combined for perfect duets. Warner provided the sarcastic humor and bluesy vocals to ground Prosser's vigor, while Heimbau's acting chops added depth to a light-hearted story.

Additionally, the ensemble numbers provided plenty of memorable moments and crowd favorites. It was clear to the audience that the cast had fun together despite all the hard work and long practices.

Finnerty explains that an ensemble heavy show like Elf is tricky to choreograph. However, the cast worked for nearly two months to perfect every number to the best of their ability. This year's performance included unique choreography displaying North Pole elves dancing on their knees. These actors had kneepads to lighten the strain on their knees over the several months they had learning their numbers. Junior Ava McGuire who played an elf admits that the kneepads were "pretty terrible to work with, but we got used to it." Another elf actress, Sophomore Dani Failor agreed that "the numbers were difficult at first, but were not as painful as they seemed to be." Both actresses agree that Mrs. Gant worked her hardest to make the kneepads as comfortable, functional, and fashionable as possible.

The musical requires a myriad of volunteers for it to



PHOTOS BY MRS. STEWART  
SENIOR MAX PROSSER (ABOVE) POSES WITH DAVID STEWART AFTER A PERFORMANCE. PROSSER WILL PURSUE ACTING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. (LEFT) THE CAST DURING THE FINAL SCENE.

function smoothly and effectively. For weeks before the show parent, teacher, and student volunteers work endlessly to create sets, costumes, and help to run choreography with the actors. Volunteers spend long hours in the school well past the time the actors leave to make sure that every set piece is perfect. Newport's drama department has two very small crew divisions. Senior Lake Barnes and Junior Kaiya Van Jura head the lighting crew in charge of the spotlights. There is also a small stage crew in charge of the backstage ensuring a smooth run of the show that is composed of three middle-schoolers wrangled by Junior Katie Huston.

The show was a success and added to the long list of iconic shows for Newport's drama department.

## FFA represents in state competitions, misses final events

BLAIZE COOK  
REPORTER

The Newport FFA Chapter ended the year on a positive note with students achieving various awards, trips to surrounding states, and successful fundraisers.

The Newport FFA earned second at States in Parliamentary Procedure, which led them to The Big E, The Eastern States Exposition. The five-female team of sophomore Jessica Fleisher, juniors Hazel Miller and Amiya Priebe, seniors Isabel Owens and Rachel Soccio, and alumni Emily Reeser traveled to Massachusetts to compete against other eastern states. Newport FFA represented Pennsylvania successfully and received first in Parliamentary Procedure. Sophomore Lillian Otsott also attended the Big E, competing in the Creed, a public speaking contest. She received third place while competing against FFA members from surrounding eastern states.

At the Perry County Fair, Newport FFA placed third on their educational display. A group of Newport Horticulture students competed in a soil judging contest

in the fall; sophomore Jacob Cummins got 4th place.

On Sept. 21, FFA hosted its annual Farm to Fork Dinner at the PECO fairgrounds highlighting a locally produced buffet meal.

Fall CDPs, held three days later, allowed FFA students to compete in Poultry Judging, Tractor Driving, and Veterinary Medicine. Soccio placed second in Poultry Judging. Junior McKenna Brinser placed second in Veterinary Medicine and Junior Kelby Kimmel placed third in Veterinary Medicine.

Winter CDEs, Career and Leadership Development Events, held on Dec. 18, included events such as Natural Resources, Ag Issues, Employment, and FFA Knowledge. Soccio placed fourth in natural resources. The FFA Knowledge team, members including freshmen Alexis Otsott, sophomore Jason Gabel, and eighth-grader Andrew Aldrich, also placed fourth.

At the 91st annual Farm Show convention, Newport FFA students Aldrich, freshmen

ISABEL OWENS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Adrianna Chadwick, freshmen Clayton Dressler, Gabel, sophomore Cesar Rangel, and sophomore Hayley Shuey received their FFA jackets that they won through the FFA Alumni Jacket Campaign. Owens and Soccio received their Keystone Degrees, the highest earned FFA degree at the state level.

ACES, Agricultural Corporation Establishes Success, held on Feb. 8-9, invites FFA members to participate in various workshops that focus on a variety of agricultural-related skills, careers, leadership, and more throughout the two-day event. Students also have the opportunity to attend a large banquet and dance after the workshops.

More events were held throughout the year as students advanced through competitions and attended various agricultural related activities.

Rangel said his first ACES experience, "was fun, but there were a lot of hicks. That about sums it up."

Sophomore Olivia Valentine said, "it is a great conference

to meet new people, and have fun. The dance and dinner give the FFA members a chance to have fun after the four-hour long workshops. The next day is a cool opportunity to be able to make stuff for senior citizens in the hospital. ACES is definitely my favorite convention."

FFA members from across the state stayed at the Sheraton, which is well-known for the food they serve. It was clear to see that ACES was the favorite conference of not only Newport FFA members but members from the whole state.

After ACES the group sold strawberries and butter braids and celebrated National FFA week. Kelby Kimmel competed in the State Proficiency Contest with her application on horses where she won the state contest (equine placement) and will advance to the National FFA Proficiency Contest.

Despite the amazing work the group has accomplished, they could have done much more.

The students were preparing for

MARISSA MCGUIRE  
REPORTER

the CDP Area Speaking contest and even had their speeches memorized. The Parliamentary Procedure team, three years in the making according to Mrs. Barkley, was poised to compete in the area contest and would probably have advanced to the regional and state competition.

Additionally, FFA missed the State Legislative Leadership Conference which would have been the first time they attended in the last three years.

The group missed their banquet scheduled for May 1 and the Envirothon where the students would have competed in soil judging, wildlife identification, aquatics, and forestry. Finally, the group missed their elementary outreach program for the 4th graders and the State Convention in June.

Hopefully, group gathering restrictions will be lifted in time for the Perry County Fair where the group will begin again.

# Around the School

## Fasino enjoys interrupted American experience

CHLOE GREENE  
REPORTER

Did you know that Newport had a three-language-fluent, world-traveler at Newport's school? The new foreign exchange student, Anna Fasino, has visited five countries but will spend the next year in Newport.

Fasino hails from Colle di Val d'Els, in central Italy, which hosts about 20,000 people. She lives there with her mom, dad, and two brothers. Fasino said, "I miss my best friend; it has always been a dream of hers to come to America, but she doesn't speak English." Fasino said that she does miss her family, but she enjoys her time in America and is not yet ready to return to Italy.

Once she found out she was moving to Newport, she researched, yet didn't find much. Despite not knowing much about her soon-to-be home, she was still very excited about moving in with her host family, the Burns. The Burns and Fasino traveled to the beach and Virginia to

visit their family who lives there.

"School is totally different," Fasino said. In Italy, there are no lockers and the students stay in one classroom while the teachers switch classrooms. At her school in Italy, she mostly studied languages, had her own books, and did not use computers or laptops at all.

Anna delved into the American experience by participating in extracurriculars like cheerleading, Innovation!, chorus, and this year's musical.

"If you are hosting an exchange student, prepare to always be together, share, and enjoy time together and make them feel at home," said junior, Mallory Burns. "We have adjusted quickly and I've gotten used to sharing; we are basically sisters."

On June 13, soon after graduation, Anna will return to Italy. "My experience was amazing and hands



PHOTO BY TRICIA BURNS

**EXCHANGE STUDENT ANNA FASINO (RIGHT) POSES WITH HER HOST SISTER MALLORY BURNS AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE MUSICAL.**

down the best decision I've ever made in my life. I would totally recommend to anyone to try and become an exchange student during high school."



### National Honor Society Induction

(Back from left): M. Arney, J. Griffin, J. Fleisher, S. Benner, L. Oststott, L. Hoover, B. Kuhns, A. Kichman, K. Kaufell; (Middle): M. Peterson, E. Mayereski, C. Rangel, O. Valentine, D. Bellis, Z. Foltz, J. Beaver; (Front) J. Brajkovich, S. Aldrich, A. Bates, K. Huston, J. Cummins.



### Spanish National Honor Society Induction

(From left): R. Filip, G. Kichman, A. McGuire, S. Barr, G. Kauffman, E. Lawler, C. Rangel, H. Goerman, M. Burns

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protests and social media campaigns. People want to return to their jobs and entertainment. By the beginning of May, Australia, Britain, Germany and the US called for more information and out origins and mishandling of the virus. With 185 countries impacted and major economies failing, the rush for a vaccine and an ease of lockdown restrictions has become a priority.

But these worldwide problems, tend to pale in comparison to individual sufferings. The class of 2020 missed their graduation, prom and class trip. The entire school district moved to an online learning platform and the spring sports season was cancelled.

According to the district's Continuity of Education Plan filed with the Department of Education, the third marking period concluded with work assigned by Mar. 13 and included enrichment and review materials through mid-April. On April 14, teachers began presenting new

material for the fourth quarter with relaxed deadlines and marks for completeness only. Teachers continued to deliver material using the established Google Classroom platform and established office hours. As the weeks passed, fewer students reported to those group meetings and office hours.

Additionally, the pandemic caused financial hardship for the district which supplied internet services and technology for anyone that needed it and also will see decreased funding from taxes next year.

The online platform did spark some creativity among the staff and students. For example, the cheerleaders and softball team spawned videos and Ms. Hess embraced Instagram. Mrs. Barlup's art students were featured in the county newspaper and the drive-in graduation film will be remembered for years to come. The majority of students were amazingly adaptable and should be commended for their efforts during an emotionally and physically challenging time.

## How will you remember Mama Miller?

AVA MCGUIRE  
REPORTER

How is it possible to put so many memories and so much personality into words? It is hard to believe that Mrs. Miller retired on Dec. 20. She has been teaching English at Newport High School for 16 years but has been involved in the district for decades. She went above and beyond her job description. She showed a passion for English and literature and worked to evoke that same passion within her students. She has touched the lives of many students. Most of all Mrs. Miller showed everyone that it is important to be yourself, to show your true colors and voice your opinions. You will be greatly missed, Mama Miller.



"One time I saw Mrs. Miller at the beginning of the school year and she came up to me and whispered, "so I hear you're a liberal."

Junior Hazel Miller.

"When she talks in a southern accent like her grandmother."

Sophomore Lillian Ostott



"I enjoy the way she graded."

Junior Barry Farence

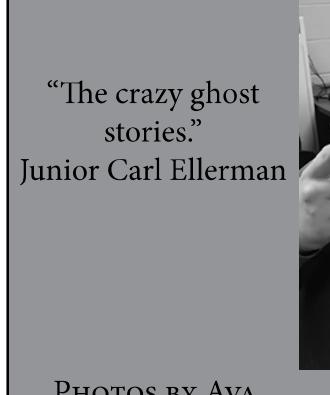
"She's the good kind of crazy and one time she yelled at me for taking notes during class, but it's okay because she's iconic and such a great person."

Junior Katelyn Huston.



"My favorite memory is an essay being due two weeks from now but then coming into class the next day and her telling us it's due today."

Junior Amiyah Priebe.



"The crazy ghost stories."

Junior Carl Ellerman

# Senior Edition

## Friends, Fierce and Fabulous: Muffitt & Kline earn all-around top honors

KAILEE WARNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Most high school movies depict *smart* girls the same way. They are sad, lonely, and friendless. These poor little girls spend all their time focusing on school and never have any fun. Inevitably some plot twist, hot former model, or sage mentor, sets these misguided souls on a more sustainable path. What sad high school did these producers attend? At Newport, our smartest young women are brilliant, athletic leaders with supportive friends and families. They don't need saving from themselves. Congratulations to this year's most well-rounded students: valedictorian Olivia Muffitt and salutatorian Emily Kline.

Olivia Michele Muffitt, the daughter of Tricia Barrick and Jesse Muffitt, credits her success to setting small, early goals. She "let those goals be [her] motivation to work hard and dedicate tons of time to [her] studies. Then it just became a habit." Clearly her method works. "When I was ranked first in my class at the end of freshman year, it became my goal to keep that throughout every semester," she said.

But the competition at the top was fierce and Muffitt worried every time report cards

came out. "I'm definitely not more intelligent than everyone else, sometimes I say the stupidest things that my friends never let me live down, but I worked hard and was very serious about my academics," she admits. Whenever Muffitt would say something not so intelligent, it was an ongoing joke that one of her friends, or sometimes Mr. Bower, would say, "our valedictorian everybody." Muffitt mostly liked sciences but claims AP Calculus with Mrs. Cirulli was her favorite class.

Muffitt managed to focus on more than just academics. She played field hockey, basketball, track & field, cross country, and cheerleading. Just as she was in her academics, Muffitt was a leader in everything she took part in by thinking of team bonding ideas, or making sure everyone had a positive attitude. This year-round athletic schedule actually forced her to "sit down, focus, and grind out the school work" with very limited time. And, in case she wasn't busy enough, Muffitt led as the president of Spanish National Honor Society, vice-president of both Student Council and National Honor Society, co-editor of the yearbook and treasurer of FBLA.

She also squeezed in some time to volunteer with Varsity Club and Relay for Life. Muffitt admits that she regrettably skipped some school functions because she didn't think she would have fun but now knows that making memories with friends is just as important as her other obligations.

To combat stress, Muffitt relies on her friends. She also relaxes with social media and admits that "I never seem to think about anything whenever I'm playing sports, running or working out in the gym." Her family also helped ease the burden. They "didn't bother me when I was studying," she admits.

The abrupt end to her senior year could be seen as a relief. "The Quarantine made me realize how we take

the little things in life for granted. There is not one thing in particular that I am upset [about missing], but it is upsetting not being able to spend the last few months of senior year with friends before going off in separate ways in the real world," she says. The real world is almost here.

Muffitt will attend Saint Francis University where she is enrolled in the Physician Assistant program and will play

**VALEDICTORIAN OLIVIA MUFFITT WILL ATTEND SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND PLAY DIVISION 1 FIELD HOCKEY.**



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PHOTO BY BARB KLINE

**SALUTATORIAN EMILY KLINE WILL ATTEND LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE TO STUDY ACTUARY SCIENCE AND PLAY FIELD HOCKEY.**

Division I field hockey. In August (hopefully) she will join other student-athletes. "I chose SFU because I knew I wanted to play collegiate field hockey, but academics were always a priority. SFU offered me a perfect mix of both with a very successful accelerated 5-year PA program while still being able to play field hockey at a very competitive level," says Muffitt. SFU also has a high percentage of student-athletes. "The professors are very understanding and easy to work with," she says.

Instead of addressing her peers, family, and teachers on June 3 from the auditorium, Muffitt pre-recorded her speech about small blessings. "I will miss most being so close to many of my classmates and teachers. With having such a small class, it was so easy to build close relationships," says Muffitt about the end of her secondary education.

Emily Jeanette Kline, the daughter of Barbara and Michael Kline, credits a solid

work ethic and organizational skills for her title as this year's salutatorian. "I always made sure to put my best effort into my work and get it done on time. That way, I could balance all my classes and ensure I did well," says Kline. She also admits to always writing everything down so she wouldn't forget it during an athletic event or other obligation.

Kline says she never intended to focus on the competition or title she now holds, she just wanted the good grades for herself. "Olivia is a great friend and always pushed me to do better in everything from school to sports. We've been at the top throughout high school and didn't really get bothered by the titles, we just pushed each other to be better in all of our activities," she says.

Kline's impressive lists of achievements reflect the time and effort she placed in athletics and extracurriculars. She is a four-year starter and letter winner in field

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## Seniors enlist choosing Marine Corps, National Guard, ROTC

KAILEE WARNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This year, a handful of Newport's seniors have made the decision to enlist in the military. This is a brave decision that not many people are able to make, but five students from the graduating class of 2020 have chosen to take this path.

Colton Barns enlisted in the Marines and will be active duty. He will be training to be a ground ordnance mechanic. Barns chose the Marines because he wanted a challenge and to be a part of a family where he will always have people he can trust. He hopes to become a better leader, a team-player, and a better person all-around.

Blaize Cook enlisted in the Army National Guard Reserves. He will use the money awarded to him in order to pay for college to become a light-wheeled mechanic. He

believes that this branch best fits his situation and he also knows people in the National Guard, which is how he got all of his information leading him to make this decision.

Levi Heimbaugh will be a part of Penn State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). ROTC is a program where Heimbaugh can do military training while simultaneously attending college. Heimbaugh earned a full-tuition scholarship as well as an army ROTC scholarship. After graduation, he will commission into the Army as an officer. He will be active duty for at least four years and then will choose whether to be active or reserves for the other four years. Heimbaugh will graduate from Penn State with a nursing degree, which will set him up for a job as a medical officer or, "something of the sort."

Kenneth Wright Jr. will join Barns in the Marines. Although Wright will also begin active duty, he hasn't decided how long that will last before he enters the Reserves. His goal is to make a career out of the military, hoping to be on the front lines. He will train to be an infantryman which means he will be, "with a gun digging trenches, and protecting our country." Wright chose the Marines because that was the branch his father chose. He spoke with other branch recruiters but he said, "it didn't feel at home; something about the Marines felt right."

Several students are still considering military service but have not officially enlisted.

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# Senior Wills & Future Plans

**Anna Aldrich** will attend Harrisburg Area Community College to major in nursing and become a Neonatal nurse practitioner.

**Desiree Armolt** will attend Harrisburg Area Community College to major in nursing.

**Maddison Ballard** will attend Lock Haven University.

**Colton Barnes** will serve the military in the Marine Corps.

**Lake Barnes** will enter the work force.

**Dakota Becker-Imes** will attend Harrisburg Area Community College to major in business administration.

**Tianna Bitting** will attend Harrisburg Area Community College for criminal justice and take over the family business, "Bitting's."

**Rachel Bohn** will attend Ball State University to major in nursing and play division 1 field hockey.

**Madison Bookwalter** will attend Barber Styling Institute in Camp Hill.

**Carter Buffington** will attend Penn State Mont Alto to major in nursing.

**Dalton Comp** will continue to work at Giant.

**Blaize Cook** will serve our military in the Army National Guard.

**Destiny Danner** will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in criminology and pre-law.

**Sullivan Ford** will serve the military in the Marine Corps.

**Allie Harris** will attend Millersville University.

**Lillie Harris** will attend Lock Haven University to major in Athletic Training.

**Levi Heimbaugh** will join Army ROTC at Penn State to major in nursing.

**Abigail Heller** will attend Elizabethtown College to major in occupational therapy.

**Colby Howell** will enter the work force in construction and eventually enlist in the Army.

**Austin Kent** will enter the work force as an electrician.

**Emily Kline** will attend Lebanon Valley College to major in actuarial science.

**Tiffany Knapp** will attend Ameri-

can University to major in international relations or wherever the wind happens to take her.

**Xavier Koser** will attend Temple University to major in secondary education.

**Dorian Kresge-Gonzalez** will attend Moravian College to major in health sciences.

**Morgan Levan** will attend Lebanon Valley College to major in psychology.

**Madison Liddick** will enter the workforce.

**Matthew Metzger** will enter the workforce.

**Roxie Miller** will attend Edinboro University to major in forensic anthropology.

**Lily Mottern** will attend Empire Cosmetology School.

**Josh Moyer** will attend Lock Haven University to major in biology.

**Olivia Muffitt** will attend Saint Francis University to major in physician assistance science.

**Cole O'Brien** will attend a trade school for carpentry.

**Isabel Owens** plans to not be in debt.

**Tony Pelino** will attend Penn State to major in electrical engineering.

**Maxwell Prosser** will attend the University of Pittsburgh to major in theatre studies.

**Glenn Rice** will attend DeSales University to major in exploratory studies.

**James Rogers** will enter the work force at AWP.

**Colton Sager** will attend Penn Tech.

**James Seifert** will enter the workforce.

**Hayden Shepley** will attend Juniata College to double major in Earth and Space Science and Biochemistry.

**Rachel Soccio** will attend Penn State University to major in veterinary and biomedical science.

**Tyberlea Taylor** will attend Harrisburg Area Community College for general studies.

**Kate Templeton** will attend Ursinus College to play field hockey and major in biology.

**Chloe Trish** will join the workforce

at Butchers Farmers market in the bakery.

**Kailee Warner** will attend Penn State University to major in elementary/early childhood education.

**Phillip Washington** will attend Lebanon Valley College to major in exercise science and to play football.

**Jonas Weidenhammer** will attend Drexel University to major in business and engineering.

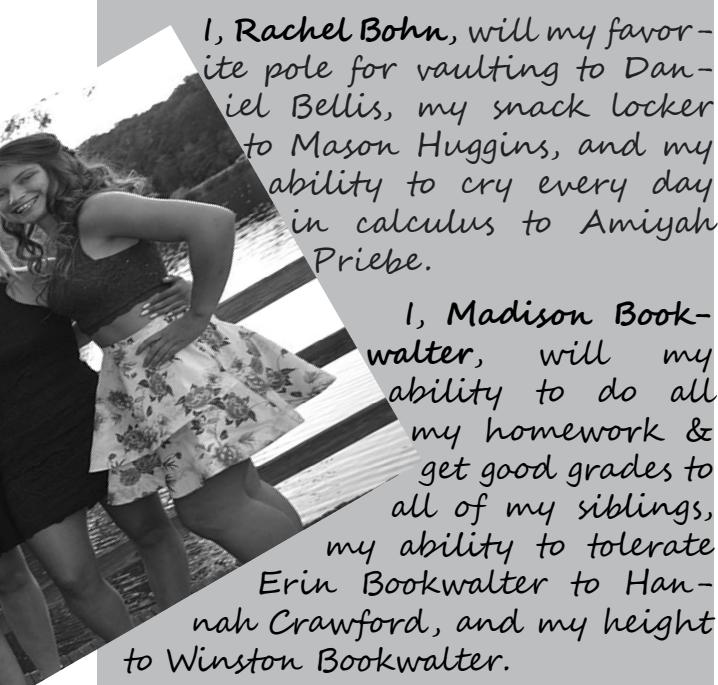
**Charles Wentz III** will attend Temple University and major in film.

**Samuel Wray** will enter the workforce.

**Junior Wright** will serve the military in the Marine Corps.

**Donald Zink** will attend Fitchburg University to play football and basketball.





I, Anna Aldrich, will my ability to go from a star jump to becoming captain to Jasmine Aldrich, and the privilege of sleeping through first, second, and third period to Andrew Aldrich.

I, Desiree Armolt, will my desk to Maria Capozzoli and my magical pencil to Kimberly Kaufell.

I, Maddison Ballard, will my procrastination to Sidney Stoneroad, my creative ability to Raven Stoneroad, and my okay grades to Gaige Ballard.

I, Colton Barnes, will my lack of wanting to do work to Nick Coletta.

I, Dakota Imes, will my love of sports to Elijah Thomas, my debate skills to Jesse Neidigh, and my intelligence to Spencer Sofranek.

I, Tianna Bitting, will my ability to work two jobs and still go to school to Ava McGuire, my fantastic taste in men to Mikala Nicholson, and my motivation to get up and go to school to Mason Bitting.

I, Rachel Bohn, will my favorite pole for vaulting to Daniel Bellis, my snack locker to Mason Huggins, and my ability to cry every day in calculus to Amiyah Priebe.

I, Madison Bookwalter, will my ability to do all my homework & get good grades to all of my siblings, my ability to tolerate Erin Bookwalter to Hannah Crawford, and my height to Winston Bookwalter.

I, Dalton Comp, will my athletic abilities to Adam Reich, my ability to be a helpful student to Aisha Reichenert, my ability to procrastinate to Brandon Brown.

I, Blaize Cook, will my ability to procrastinate to Olivia Valentine, my parking spot to Colton Cook, and my taste in college football teams to Josalyn Cook.

I, Destiny Danner, will my maturity to all of the underclassmen, my kindness to Hailey Danner, and my leadership to Sean Wilson.

I, Anna Fasino, will one good day with no problems to Mallory Burns, my above-average height equally distributed among all of the short Juniors, and my memories at the lunch table to Sophia Shoemaker.

I, Sullivan Ford, will my ability to do things last minute to Barry Farence, my ability to graduate to Dakota Durf, and my ability to get good grades on projects to Jared Fleagle.

I, Allie Harris, will my ability to not cry over everything to Bryan-na Kuhn, my ability to stay double

cheeked up to Payton Splain, and "CABLE" to Ella Weidenhammer.

I, Lillie Harris, will my killer biceps to Payton Splain, my blunt personality to Autumn Walters, and my ability to eat meat to Amiyah Priebe.

I, Levi Heimbaugh, will the ability to have a senior year to Cesar Rangel and my stunted ability to sing to Dominic Failor.

I, Abigail Heller, will my queen status to Shyla Benner, my ability to quit track to Kimmy Kauffell, and my noise-canceling headphones to Olivia Valentine.

I, Colby Howell, will my desire to be out of school to Annabelle Dopico and my terrible grades to Sam Henry.

I, Austin Kent, will my ability to wander the halls to George Wagner.

I, Emily Kline, will my super-fast two-mile speed to Amiyah Priebe, my basketball skills to Payton Splain, and my ability to do simple math to Mrs. Cirulli.

I, Tiffany Knapp, will my unfiltered philosophies to Mr. Barner, my academic ambitions to Allison Davis, and my procrastinating tendencies to Brook Knapp.

I, Xavier Koser, will my normally built feet to Ava McGuire, my ability to graduate to Austin Kent, and my terrific procrastination to Cesar Rangel.

I, Dorian Gonzalez, will my ability to be a simp to Will Davis, my ability to make weight to Grant Kauffman, and my ability to not pay attention to Mason Huggins.

I, Morgan Levan, will my selective hearing to Emily Mayeresky, my ability to overthink everything to Kristen Baney, and my sarcastic charisma to Rachel Mallonee.

I, Roxie Miller, will my bus seat to Logan Casey, my senioritis to Kate-lyn Briggs, and my poor life choices to Amber Glurna.

I, Lily Mottern, will my attitude to not put up with anyone's crap to Jazmine Aldrich & Rachel Mallonee, my spot to sing the national anthem & not choke to Tristen Co-hick, and my ability to graduate on time to Colton Hinkle & Perry Wright.

I, Josh Moyer, will my basketball skills to Hunter Goerman, my "We Are Not Your Kind" vocals to Eli Thomas, and my thickness to Liam Burns.

I, Olivia Muffitt, will Vice President of Student Council to Danny Bellis and my ability to get dressed by myself to Mrs. Cirulli.

I, Cole O'Brien, will my humor to Colton Barnes, my athleticism to Tony Pelino, and my art skills to Emma O'Brien.

I, Isabel Owens, will my wheel throwing to Hazel Miller, my extra

lockers to a StuCo dweeb, and my journalism participation to Carson Martin.

I, Tony Pelino, will my humor to Brandon Flanders, my brains to Liam Burns, and my notes to Elias Deaven.

I, Maxwell Prosser, will my theatrical and entertainment skills to Riley Babski, my role as the pep rally hype man to Seth Prosser, and my mediocre cross-country skills to Trinity Prosser.

I, Glenn Rice, will my distance running effort to Danny Bellis and my center back ability to Eric Lawler.

I, James Rogers, will my parking spot to Barry Farence and my ability to pass my classes to Makaliah Haines.

I, Colton Sager, will my shop skills to Kaleb Weller, my 94 F250 to Jack Dick, and my Mountain Dew stash to Charlie Dick.

I, Hayden Shepley, will my trombone skills to Rachel Mallonee, my healthy eating to Sam Henry, and my love of reading to Mallory Burns.

I, Rachel Soccio, will my veterinary skills to Rachael Filip, my non-poop colored shoes to Mrs. Cirulli, and my ability to get through 3 years of Parli-Pro to anyone Mrs. Barkley drags into it.

I, Tymberlea Taylor, will my attitude to Shyla Benner, my poor grades to Jesse Neidigh, and my coffee addiction to Noah Duncan.

I, Kate Templeton, will my parking spot to Mr. Bower, Mrs. Stewart's throne back to her, and my pregame playlists to Amiyah Priebe.

I, Chloe Trish, will my hardworking skills to Jean Whitekettle, my sense of style to Devyn Amsler, and my crocs to Hailey Danner.

I, Kailee Warner, will my throwing talent to Payton Splain, my ability to wear pants that fit to Cody Bellis, and my journalism blanket to Cesar Rangel.

I, Phillip Washington, will my basketball shooting ability to Andy Bates and my ability to sleep in class to Mason Huggins.

I, Jonas Weidenhammer, will my ability to accept a grade less than 97 to Hazel Miller, the lunch table to Cesar Rangel, and a full senior year to everyone else.

I, Junior Wright, will my speech impediment to Charlie Dick, Coach butterball life lessons to Aaron Liddick, and bringing life to the football team to Dalton Baughman.

I, Charles Wentz III, will the lunch table to Cesar Rangel, my ability to be a manlet to Mason Huggins, and my Fortnite dubs to Hazel Miller.

I, Donald Zink, will leave my skills to Casey B, my ability to pass to Ariel, and my special teacher to Brandon.

# Senior Edition

## Senior Superlatives



Matthew Metzger  
MOST LIKELY TO BE A  
HACKER FOR THE CIA



Abby Heller &  
Kate Templeton  
MOST LIKELY TO STAY BFFS  
FOREVER



Colton Sager  
MOST LIKELY TO STAY  
PERRY COUNTY PROUD



Levi Heimbaugh  
MOST LIKELY TO RUN AN  
EMPIRE



Kate Templeton  
BEST PROJECT LEADER



Maxwell Prosser  
MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A  
CELEBRITY



Olivia Muffitt  
MOST LIKELY TO FORGET  
YOUR BIRTHDAY



Rachel Bohn  
MOST LIKELY TO WIN THE  
LOTTO AND LOSE THE  
TICKET



Isabel Owens  
MOST LIKELY TO CLIMB  
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Austin Kent



Jonas Weidenhammer

## Staff beats seniors again 57-58

ELLA WEIDENHAMMER  
REPORTER

Feb. 19 at Newport High School the annual Senior vs Staff game raised money for the Bread for Life Outreach program. At halftime, the Student Council-sponsored event already collected \$250.

The coaches for the Senior team were Noah Heimbaugh and CJ, Noah's roommate. Coaching for the Staff team was sophomore Daniel Bellis and Junior Eric Lawler. The game started with a lead for the seniors but then the staff pulled ahead. The starting five for the seniors were Rachel Bohn, Blaize Cook, Emily Kline, Cole O'Brien, and Phil Washington. The five for the staff were Mrs. Briggs, Ms. Hess, Norm Bohn, Drew Schryver, and Coach Hazel.

In the first half, senior Dakota Becker-Imes suffered an injury that caused a brief intermission. Throughout the game, Mr. Lesh was throwing roast out to everyone including some references about brick walls and passports. Still, in the first half, the staff team started falling behind and this is where their coach, Bellis, threw his clipboard on the ground and walked away for a bit.

Later in the third quarter, senior Kate Templeton had a couple of nice plays including the one three-point she had and an assist with a give-and-go layup with Jonas Weidenhammer. Other good plays were made by Allie Harris with a great three-point, Levi Heimbaugh with a fast break, Junior Wright's two points, and Cole O'Brien's stuff over Business Manager Jamison Magaro.

Wright had too much juice which left him fouled out; one of the fouls against Norm Bohn. Both teams got T'd up for different things: the Seniors called too many timeouts and the staff had too many players. The third-quarter score was 48-45, and the seniors were up.

The last quarter ended up being some type of a nail-biting game. The staff was behind but somehow came back to win by one point - 57-58.

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hockey (captain) and basketball (captain), though the quarantine stifled continuing that record with track & field. She also played softball for one year in elementary school and was a phenomenal second baseman, according to teammates. Kline applied her superior math skills as the treasurer of Spanish National Honor Society and class treasurer for four years. As a member of National Honor Society, Varsity Club, and FFA, Kline organized many volunteer and fundraising events as well as competed in local and state competitions. She even used her artistic talents to paint sets for the high school musicals.

As a confirmed member of Newport United Church of Christ she actively participated in church groups like the Relay for Life's Luminary Committee, and Beth's Lunchbox, where she made, packaged and delivered home-cooked meals.

Kline notes that through all of these obligations her family remained extremely amicable. "They always attended all of my school and sporting events and showed me love and support throughout everything," she says.

Not only did Kline have the support of her family but she could always count on her friends. "All of my friends, especially, Carter, Olivia, and Rachel, supported my journey by always being there for me when I needed them. I could always count on them for making last-minute plans or for a good laugh," she says. She will miss playing sports with them and regrets that the quarantine prohibited the traditional prom and graduation ceremony.

She has spent the last few months outdoors with her family. Kline uses hiking and running as a means to unwind, but will soon find herself facing a new set of challenges at college.

Like Muffitt, Kline enjoyed Mrs. Cirulli's math class. "Math was my favorite subject every year and Mrs. Cirulli really helped me go as far as I could with my math skills, which I really appreciate," says Kline. After taking a standardized test in junior high, Kline received such a high score that she got to move up a math class and has been ahead ever since, this year taking calculus II. Kline will use these advanced skills as she pursues a career as an actuary at Lebanon Valley College. While enrolled in the Actuarial Science program, Kline will also continue playing field hockey. Her field hockey career started in late elementary school at a clinic with some of the teammates she will graduate with, where she showed her natural athletic ability at such a young age. Since LVC also boasts that one-third of their students are athletes, too, Kline will be surrounded by like-minded peers. While she also considered Penn State and Acadia University, she felt that LVC provided her with the best combination of academic and athletic opportunities.

Just like the skewed movies that infamously depict smart girls, the world likes to paint high school girls, nay, all women, as catty, manipulative, and self-promoting. The New York Times even collected literature reviews that confirmed three reasons why women have to compete against each other. But, Muffitt and Kline took the less-traveled path - they supported each other. "Emily and I never let the position of being valedictorian affect our relationship; we stayed close friends all through high school. There was never any tension, and if we ever had a question on an assignment, we knew we could get help from each other. If anything, the academic competition just motivated us to work harder," says Muffitt. Congratulations!

# Around the School

## Big Brother is watching (protecting) you

### Increased video surveillance and anti-intruder equipment

BLAIZE COOK  
REPORTER

This past year, Newport High School added various new procedures for maintaining the safety of the students. This includes new security cameras, both in the buses and the school; bars for the inside of all of the classroom doors; an electronic visitor registration system; and poles outside all of the main entrances.

Mr. Carson Glusco, one of the middle school Social Studies teachers, says, "It is a step in the right direction, but there is still a lot to work on regarding our safety and security."

The students first got to experience the safety bars in action during an intruder drill. The teachers placed their bar against the door and continued their regular procedure. Many of the doors were yanked on, in order to test the new bar, and so that the doors would not break in the case of an actual intruder. However, one

teacher's door did make a snapping noise during the test. A few teachers were instructed to allow the people into the room during the drill. These students were then asked questions regarding the drill and what would happen if an intruder was to get in.

Not all students responded appropriately to the drill. Sophomore Olivia Valentine admitted, "Well the kids in my class are annoying, so it wasn't very serious."

The intruder drill was well executed to some, but seemingly a joke to others. The school definitely started along the right path, but there is much more to be done to ensure the safety of the students. There will be more drills in the future in order to continue testing out new procedures and equipment.

Some question whether these safety measures are worth the money and

effort. Dr. Edir Madfis, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Tacoma argues that an abundance of safety measures can create a paranoid environment. "It is vital that genuine substantial threats are taken seriously, but a suspicious and fearful school culture that overestimates the likelihood and normalcy of rampage violence threats, and encourages students and teachers to come forward with even minor concerns about students' dangerous thoughts, questionable actions, and overall violence potential, amounts to a rather unwelcoming learning environment," he says.

In contrast, in surveys questioning the most important issues facing K-12 schools, school safety is at the top of every list.

## Artists get creative even under quarantine

KAILEE WARNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Newport art students were featured in *The News-Sun* and on *PennLive* for their continued creativity during the Covid-19 crisis. In addition to Isabel Owens' Best in Show sculpture (PCCA Youth Art Day, shown top right), several photos of their at-home work appeared in an online gallery.

It all began with a global collaborative effort from the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, an Instagram account called Between Art and Quarantine and The Getty Museum's digital art collection. "Artists were challenged to choose a famous piece and recreate or render an original interpretation with a Covid-twist," says Mrs. Jessica Barlup, high school art teacher.

Junior Hazel Miller has worked independently with Barlup to create a portfolio for her application to art school. Her self-portrait (bottom) was completed using watercolor techniques using non-traditional, household dyes.

Sophomore Kim Kaufell has "really grown as an artist" and Barlup contented that she wanted to challenge her to "get out of her comfort zone with thicker, expressive strokes."

The work of many Newport students featured in the challenge can still be viewed at *PennLive.com*.



## Perry County Cafe opens to mixed reviews

DELIA JONES  
REPORTER

At last, the long-awaited Perry County Cafe arrived in New Bloomfield. Nestled in the corner of the square just in the town of New Bloomfield, the new cafe has attracted many eager customers.

Already, since the opening date in mid-August, the positive reviews are flowing in. One new customer, New Bloomfield resident, Abigail Nickel commented, "The food is good and the workers are pretty nice, they just don't have the best service." Sixteen-year-old Nickel also hopes that in the future she can find a job opportunity at the Perry County Cafe.

Last year marked the start of the major undertaking of renovating the old brick building for the cafe. While the renovations were expected to be finished by spring, the building was not complete until the summer of 2019 due to some unforeseen construction delays. Nonetheless, the Perry County Cafe was off to the races as soon as the doors were open for trial by family and friends just a few days before the official opening. According to the "Perry County Times" article by Penn Live, "Some people, seeing the lights on, tried to order coffee and snacks prior to that."

The restaurant's business hours are extensive, thus making breakfast, lunch, and dinner available to order on the menu. From 6:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday through Wednesday, and 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Thursday to Saturday, the Perry County Cafe is open for business, serving numerous dishes, desserts, and refreshments. More information can be found on the Perry County Cafe Facebook page.

## Bring in the Cheer



PHOTO BY AYLA POTICHER  
CHEERLEADERS POSE AFTER A COMPETITION AT IUP. THE TEAM ALSO PLACED SECOND AT PECO AFTER LEARNING A NEW ROUTINE THAT MORNING AT HITTING ALL THEIR STUNTS.

## The Battle of the Burger Debate: jobs, health, cost and convenience

AVA MCGUIRE  
REPORTER

A new Burger King franchise opened adjacent to our current McDonalds, and it isn't adding much diversity to our currently available dining choices. Yes, fast food is a convenience which makes all of our lives a little bit easier, however, in order for this food to be available so quickly, it is highly processed. It contains unhealthy fats, loads of carbohydrates, unnecessary amounts of sodium, and plenty of added sugars. In small doses, this food has little to no negative effect on the average person. When it is introduced into an individual's diet, and regularly replaces nutritious foods is when health can become an issue.

Burger King is cheap; a full whopper meal only costs \$6.49. Families struggling financially often find it significantly more expensive to eat healthier. At Panera Bread, a chain that focuses on the health quality of their foods, an average meal costs upwards of \$11.50. Not to mention that the nearest Panera Bread is 17 miles away from Newport. Close and inexpensive healthy foods are simply not available to Perry County.

The rise of franchises has shaped American life: quick, cheap, go-go-go. As profound as this change in our country has been, is this industrialized mass-production of crap foods really what we want our local economy to conform to? Newport needs jobs, no doubt considering that most adults are forced to commute to work daily. Are more minimum-wage jobs what this town needs? "I applied for a job there because it is an easy way for teens nowadays to make some extra cash and it's close, easy and convenient," says Newport Junior Mikala Nicholson. More jobs for teenagers is definitely a positive to the opening of this restaurant. Do you think large corporate CEO's like Daniel Schwartz are unaware of the health issues surrounding their foods? The last thing Newport needs is another unhealthy option on the already limited menu.

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There are overall mixed views about the King going into our school community. However, I am here to tell you that, despite being a sub-par fast food restaurant, Burger King is, in fact, a good thing.

First off, a brand new restaurant will bring more jobs to Newport. More jobs is always a good thing. Both Newport and Greenwood school districts are within close proximity to the new Burger King. This will give another option for employment to both the schools' population. It will also provide an alternative to the poor saps who find themselves in the employment of Ronald McDonald. One can hope that the new competition between the fast foods of Red Hill will ebb McDonald's into raising their standards.

While not overly popular, Burger King does offer healthy menu options. For example the Grilled Chicken Garden Salad without dressing is a viable option. There is also a high-protein veggie burger and even the Whopper Jr. is under 300 calories. For students wishing to partake in a quick meal before or after extracurricular activities, relatively healthy foods are available.

Burger King offers a whole new array of fast food options that will be available to the populace. While the idea of another restaurant pumping out cheap and unhealthy food in Newport isn't great, the biggest advantage is the future implications for Red Hill. If two fast-food restaurants are successful in little old Newport, who is to say that the people over at Taco Bell or Wendy's or, if we're lucky, a Chick-Fil-A won't notice? This could spiral into a complex reminiscent of the shops in Selinsgrove or Carlisle. It will likely be a perk not to us, but to the future generations of students in Newport.

# Around the School

## New director and youngsters rebuild marching band

BLAIZE COOK  
REPORTER

The Newport Marching Band could have had a rough year. From constant staff leadership changes to inexperienced members, some people wondered if the group could manage a half-time show.

Building a consistent program has proven difficult after going through three different directors in five years' time. Ms. Donna Stuller, the newest, and current director assisted the staff for two years prior to taking on the leadership role. As a 2012 Newport graduate, Stuller now substitutes at other local schools while directing both marching and jazz bands.

Additionally, the season has been filled with many learning experiences for the

younger members. The majority of the musicians are in their first or second year, so there were many times when the practices would go back to the basics. During summer band camp, "It only took us a week to memorize the music, but learning to march without running into other instruments was difficult," admits first-year trumpet player, Benny Stewart.

Despite these obstacles, the band debuted well at the Perry Country Fair with other county schools and boasted solid performances every Friday night.

Stuller designed a half-time show based on vintage cartoons. Drum majors senior Blaize Cook and junior Kristen Baney alternate directing the songs including "The Flintstones," "The Pink Panther," and "Scooby-Doo."

The band also performed during the Homecoming parade and the Veterans Day parade in New Bloomfield. The Corona Virus prevented their trip to Wildwood, NJ.

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school year with the virus made me realize just how much I love my job at NHS and how much I miss seeing my students and colleagues. It is a privilege to teach at NHS," says Betts.

In his spare time Betts enjoys collecting and cooking. He says, "one of my favorites is collecting antique electric fans. I [also] love making bread, and I love making desserts."

Betts has been married for twenty-seven years to his wife, Holly, and has four children and one granddaughter.

In addition to a new Spanish teacher, Newport High School welcomed Miss Elizabeth Helmick as a new teacher to the English department following Mrs. Miller's mid-year retirement. Miss Helmick came from Somerset, Pennsylvania, and attended Somerset Area High School. Her passion for reading ultimately led her to a career as an English teacher. Her junior year, Miss Helmick debated many different English-centered careers but it was her English teacher/journalism advisor that encouraged her to follow the path of teaching. She earned her English Literature and Secondary Education degrees from Duquesne University.

Miss Helmick taught at Somerset High School for four and a half years before applying at Newport. She has always wanted to live in Harrisburg while teaching somewhere near-by.

When researching Newport, Miss Helmick saw a lot of things that drew her to the school. She wanted to work somewhere smaller than her previous job in order to know her students and fellow teachers on a more personal level, which definitely happens in Newport. When Miss

Helmick first arrived for her interview, she said that she "felt welcomed and comfortable already and knew it would be a good fit".

Before the end of the school year

## E-sports team debuts tournaments

KATIE HUSTON & CARSON MARTIN  
REPORTERS

Newport High School added Esports to its club roster for the 2019-2020 school year. Advisor Mr. Sieber along with the 45 club members have set up shop for the NHS Esports club. The club's competition A and B teams practice in study halls throughout the day to get ready for competitions beginning in Jan. and Feb. However, only 7 players play for each team.

Three different tournaments are being prepared for the winter tournament. These games include two first-person shooter games, *Overwatch* and *Rainbow Six Siege*, and a top-down strategy game, *League of Legends*. Several other games are alluded to, such as a Super Smash Brothers tournament.

Teams will be split into main tournaments and side tournaments. The main tournament for this season is *Overwatch* and will consist of a team of six people. The side tournaments are reserved for more casual, less skilled, or more lax players.

Over 68% of the club's members involve themselves in gameplay. In fact, many of the members involve themselves in Esports as organizers, strategists, content creators, or entrepreneurs. The North America Scholastic Esports Federation (NASEF) provides a diagram of these four aspects. Newport's Esports advisors are reviewing this with members to find every member a good fit.

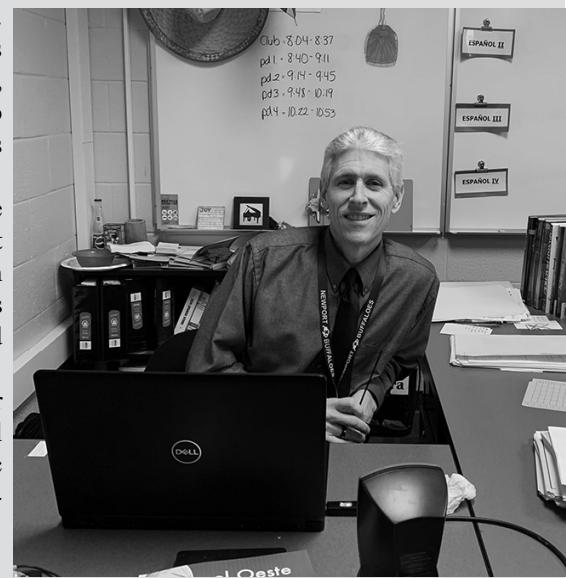
A member involved in organizational aspects helps to manage the teams of players. The more technologically gifted members provide IT support so that gameplay runs smoothly. Others help coordinate with Mr. Sieber about events and set them up for the players and for the public. The club's strategists are those who are very skilled in one particular game and use their strengths to help coach others. They are able to analyze different aspects of a game and decide what is best for each team for a competition.

On the content creator side of the spectrum, members take part in streaming gameplay and creating an outlet to the public about the club. In the future, Mr. Sieber hopes that members are able to develop their own software in order to make gameplay easier.

Entrepreneurial members organize fundraisers and develop the club's website. Currently, members are working on Newport's Esports website during club periods through NASEF. The club is hoping to find sponsorships from the community over the next few months.

The members that take part in playing the actual video games are only a small portion of the Esports club. While they are the root of the club, they are supported in all areas by their fellow team members. The Esports club provides these members opportunities and job-related experiences through event organization and participation in NASEF programs.

The club hopes to encourage youth to learn more about computer science and coding, both classes run by Mr. Sieber. The club will not only bring like-minded youths together but bring a scholastic competition to them. With everything falling into place, the Esports club has opened a new avenue of extracurricular activity.



PHOTOS BY STEWART

**MARCHING BAND MEMBERS GATHER BY THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEFORE THE HOMECOMING PARADE.**

she would like to get to know the students and the staff better, and collaborate with the English teachers to create a plan for next year. "My time in the building at Newport was short this year, but I felt connected and supported even during the transition to working from home. Teachers checked in on me and made sure I was doing okay, which I really appreciated. Next year my goals are to continue establishing routines that I started this year and to keep getting to know my co-workers and students better. I feel grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the staff at Newport and I'm looking forward to growing as a teacher as I become more familiar with my new school district," says Helmick.

Her hobbies include reading, gardening, and cross-stitch.

Newport also welcomed a new principal. Ms. Jocelyn Hess grew up in Chambers Hill and attended Central Dauphin East High school. Through high school, she played soccer, ran cross country, and was on the gymnastics team.

After graduating, she attended the University of Delaware, where she studied veterinary medicine. After graduating, she decided to attend York College and earn a bachelor's degree in education. She spent the first eleven years of her career at CD East where she taught biology and then became an assistant principal.

Coming from her most recent position at Mechanicsburg Area High School, the size of the Newport School District is quite the culture shock. Ms. Hess said, "[The small size] definitely makes it easier to get to know people on a deeper level." Many students thought that Ms. Hess had some big shoes to fill after the beloved Mr. McGrady, but now they like her more stylish footwear. Senior Kate Templeton said, "after talking to Miss Hess and making a connection, I realized how easy she is to communicate with and I wish our class would have gotten more time with her."

Before Ms. Hess, Newport's principal position was held by Mr. Scott McGrady. If he is no longer the principal, how come he is still around so often? Why was he

**PHOTOS BY E. WEIDENHAMMER**  
**MR. CRAIG BETTS HOPES TO MOTIVATE SPANISH STUDENTS WITH NEW STRATEGIES**

found at a tiny desk in an abandoned conference room until he moved to the district office?

His new title is Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and there is a lot to it. In the curriculum aspect, he helps to design plans for Kindergarten through 12 grades and helps to make purchasing decisions on needed materials. He also tries to connect Newport with other districts.

When it came to big assessments such as Keystones and PSAT's, McGrady would oversee them and also help coordinate the benchmarks, all while continuing to oversee NCAP classes which have expanded to the elementary school.

He is also a part of several programs and plans like alternative education, 504 plans, and the career exploration program with Mrs. Karen Smith, transition coordinator. Another one of his goals in this position is to inform younger students about careers instead of waiting until high school. He wants to get Newport students to start preparing for their future before their senior year in high school, which is what many students do now and causes a lot of unnecessary stress.

He decided to take this new position because it would allow him to still be able to see the students and to interact with the entire student body as opposed to just high school students. Mr. McGrady said, "In education, you have to look at what can be improved upon...I never want to do anything half-hearted".

In order to give more support to principals and teachers, Newport reinstated this position which hasn't been filled for nearly fifteen years. McGrady's five-year tenure at Newport prepared him for the interview process and unique requirements for this new endeavor. He says it will be difficult not to be a principal anymore because he truly loved it, but he is excited to take on this new opportunity.

# Sports

## Homecoming 2019

KAILEE WARNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Homecoming festivities began on Oct 7 with spirit week. Monday was mix-match day, Tuesday was throwback day, Wednesday was class colors, and Thursday was blue and white since there was no school Friday. The pep-rally took place on Thursday for the same reason. The cheer squad, senior football players, senior field hockey players, senior soccer players, senior Maxwell Prosser, the man all headed over school for the first pep

The gym flooded screaming voices that the athletes came out. did some cheers to and then the fight for on. While the judges winner, Seniors and Kenneth Wright relay where they were wrap by elementary blue man announced would go to the fourth the high schoolers school for pep-rally

The cheerleaders with a dance, followed by Prosser announcing team and homecoming the senior football players went against the senior field hockey players in a relay, that was the only L the football team took over the weekend. The competition for the spirit stick took place after that and the juniors won after the seniors kept the tradition of sitting in silence for the battle cry.



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the sports court. Then

On Oct. 11, the whole town got ready for the parade and the game. The parade took place first involving floats from every class and banners from clubs, and the homecoming court. The freshmen attendant was Trinity Prosser, the sophomore attendant was Bryanna Kuhn, and the junior attendant was Chloe Diamond. The queen candidates were seniors Carter Buffington, Emily Kline, and Chloe Trish joined by their king candidates, Dorian Kresge-Gonzalez, Glenn Rice, and Xavier Koser. Last year's homecoming



PHOTOS BY STEWART & CHUBB

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: THE CHEERLEADERS AND THEIR MINI-MES; THE MARCHING BAND DURING THE PARADE; THE WINNING FLOAT; AND ROYALTY, DORIAN KRESGE-GONZALEZ AND CARTER BUFFINGTON

queen Mallory Anderson was also in the parade.

Then later that night, the lights came on and the game began. Newport started the game off strong with a safety and they were quickly in the lead. They kept this lead through most of the game and ended up winning 38-21. Senior quarterback Elijah York said, "I think the game went well, we had a huge crowd and our town behind us to help us stay in



the game mentally and physically. With all that support the team was able to do what we do and win." During halftime, the Newport band performed their cartoon show lead by drum majors Blaize Cook and Kristen Baney. Announced during halftime, the class of 2023 won the float contest and Carter Buffington received the title of homecoming queen; Dorian Kresge-Gonzales would be named king the next day at the dance.

To celebrate the win, the students came together in the high school cafeteria for the homecoming dance hosted by Student Council. Newport alumni Drew Lowe returned to be the DJ. When the dance was over, homecoming 2019 came to an end.



PHOTO BY MRS. STEWART  
FOOTBALL TEAM GATHERS IN THE ENDZONE AFTER WINNING AGAINST TRI-VALLEY AT THE HOMECOMING GAME ON OCT. 11.

Football earns Tri-Valley silver

COLTON COOK  
REPORTER

Newport's football team improved immensely this year in comparison to their two-win season last year. Although with various graduating seniors, they might be right back at square one next season.

The year kicked off with an away game at Steel-High and, following the trend of the last couple seasons, ended in a 35-19 loss. Their schedule didn't get any easier the next week as they played their first home game against Williams Valley. The boys continued their sour start with a 43-21 loss. Newport would have two more games before their season really started to pick up; a 21-13 win against Pine Grove, and a 36-20 loss to Upper Dauphin.

After those four games, the team went on a winning streak. Senior Reilly Taylor said, "We just started to come together more and started to have more chemistry and worked harder in practice." They played Halifax at home and won 47-14, and then played Millersburg the following week winning 60-33. The next week they traveled to Line Mountain and won 20-15, and earned redemption from the last time they met at the Eagles' field.

On Oct. 11, Newport played Tri-Valley for their homecoming game. Generations of Newport alumni lined the track for the national anthem, played by Newport's marching band, and the singing of the alma-mater by various elementary students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

After that, it was time for kickoff. The Buffaloes started off strong and ended the first half with a 38-0 lead. Newport didn't score any more points in the second half, but their defense held Tri-Valley to three touchdowns which resulted in a Newport win 38-21.

Next, they played fellow Perry County team Susquenita. It was obvious that the Blackhawks were out for blood on their homecoming night, and they showed that in their aggressive playing. The game had a total of four unsportsmanlike conduct calls, all against the Blackhawks. One of these calls ended in a Susquenita ejection. The Blackhawks defense obviously studied Newport's team and put almost their entire defense on senior running back Ethan Rode. However, this left several of the Buffaloes receivers wide open. After all of this working in Newport's favor, they left that night with a 42-34 win.

Newport played their last home game against rival Juniata. The game was a nail biter from start to finish. At the end of the first quarter, the game was tied 7-7. By half time, Newport was up by one and by the end of the third quarter they were up by two. After a scoreless fourth quarter, the Buffaloes won 21-19. After this, they recognized their seniors by retiring their helmets and saying their final goodbyes to the field.

Rode was third in the league for scoring

with 13 touchdowns, fourth for individual rushing with 1,055 yards, fourth in the league for kickoff returns averaging 24.4 yards per return, and had over four thousand rushing yards in total which made him the new school record holder for overall rushing yards. Reilly Taylor was tenth in the league for individual scoring with nine touchdowns, fourth for individual receiving with 25 catches, and ninth in the league for punt returns averaging 10.5 yards per return. Quarterback Elijah York was fourth in the league for individual passing with 63 completions, and third in the league for punting, averaging 36.3 yards per punt. Alex Van Horn was

fourth in the league with 86 tackles. Other graduating seniors include Sullivan Ford, Levi Heimbaugh, Dorian Kresge-Gonzalez, Fisher McCauslin, Zach Minium, Phillip Washington, Junior Wright, and Donald Zink.

Newport would play Upper Dauphin in the first round of districts which resulted in a loss, ending the boys' season. They were second in the Tri-Valley League and should be proud of the season they had whenever it is compared to last year's statistics. Newport football continues to improve and will be back next year, hopefully.

# Sports

## Wrestling team puts pin in another season, second in league

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With a relatively young team, some people were concerned with Newport's wrestling team and how they would keep their winning program alive. After the first few tournaments, they are looking good for the season. They started their season on Dec. 6 with the annual Newport Duels tournament. They plowed through Fairfield 72-12 with pins from sophomore Andrew Digiuglio, juniors Grant Kauffman, and Will Davis, and senior Ethan Rode.

Then on Dec. 10, Newport lost their 6-year PeCo winning streak. They started off against Susquenita and won easily 53-27. They could not say the same about West Perry. Newport's youth really showed in this match with freshmen Tyler Gear, Will Finkenbinder, Caleb Lesher, and Dominic Failor all losing to either pins or a major decision.

The buffaloes tried to fight back with pins from Rode, junior Daniel Capozzoli, and Senior Dorian Gonzales. Sophomore Gannon Smith also won with a 3-1 decision and sophomore Nathan Rode won with a forfeit. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough and Newport lost 36-33, giving West Perry the title.

On Dec. 13-14, Newport got fourth place at the Carlisle tournament. Smith and junior Mason Huggins went the furthest in the tournament both getting second place. Gonzales and N. Rode both took home third, and E. Rode got fourth.

Newport caught another win on Dec. 17 when they wrestled Steel-High and won 78-6. Unfortunately, they didn't have the same outcome on Dec. 19 losing to Line Mountain 42-36. Next, Newport hosted the annual Holiday Tournament. The team tied for first with York Suburban and had many individual successes as well.

Sophomore Calvin Sarver and Lesher got fourth for their weight class. Sarver and Capozzoli made it to the championship round but ended up with second, and Smith and Deguglio both pinned to get first place and Gonzales and Davis joined the top of the leaderboard as well.

The boys started off the new year with a tournament at Manheim Township. Newport wrestled four teams and won every match. January was consistently a good month for the wrestlers, or at least better than Dec.. On Jan. 8, they wrestled Williams Valley and won 66-13 with pins from Capozzoli, Gonzalez, Geer, Rode, and Deguglio. Another big help in this match was the fact that there were more forfeits from the other team than there were pins.

Newport continued the streak with a win against Halifax 70-6 on Jan. 9. After a bit of a break, Newport wrestled Juniata. One of Newport's wrestlers, E. Rode, would be going for his hundredth win that night. Davis started off winning with a tech fall, N. Rode and Huggins also won with pins. The next three matches ended up in Newport losses.

Next up was E. Rode, he did get his one-hundredth win but not exactly the way he wanted to; Juniata decided to forfeit. Following the great achievement, E. Rode said, "it was a great experience and it was awesome to see how packed the place was. It's nice to know that the community has your back and shows continuous support." After five more wins from various Newport boys, they took the team win with a 48-25 score.

They continued the success with a win against Biglerville 57-22. On Jan. 23, they faced Upper Dauphin. After several forfeits again, Newport took an easy 64-12 win. Gonzalez joined E. Rode in the hundred-win club that night, he pinned his guy giving him the one-hundredth win.

In February, the Buffaloes wrestling season continued on as they moved to the team and individual districts. First was the Bedford tournament in which the team took fourth place. Gonzalez and E. Rode were the only two who made it to the finals and both received second place. This was the end of the regular season, leaving Newport in the running for team districts.

In round one, Newport hosted Biglerville. After pins from Gonzalez, Davis, N. Rode, Huggins, E. Rode, Smith, and Sarver, the Buffaloes moved onto the next round with a 30-49 win.

After that, they won against Bishop McDevitt but unfortunately lost against Bermudian Springs and West Perry, which ended their team district run. However, individual districts were just beginning. The first round of individual districts ended with Sarver, Kauffman and Capozzoli, and N. Rode, in fifth place. Smith ended in third place, and Davis ended in second. The first-place winners were Gonzalez, Huggins, and E. Rode.

In the next round on Feb. 21, E. Rode, Gonzalez, Smith, Davis, and Huggins all won in the championship quarterfinals. The next day the matches continued. Capozzoli pinned his opponent for seventh place. Kauffman ended up in sixth, Gonzalez and Huggins both took fifth, and Smith, Davis, and N. Rode all took second. E. Rode took home the district champion title for the second year in a row. He won with a 7-1 decision over Susquenita's Daniel Criley. Newport's team ended in second place in the Tri-Valley League, and third place in the district. In the top ten individual league standings, E. Rode ended in second, Gonzalez in third, Smith in fourth, and Huggins in tenth.

## Soccer: boys contend at districts, girls surpass previous season

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The Greenwood soccer team started their pre-season on Aug. 31 at the Big Springs Backyard Brawl Tournament, where they faced Big Springs and Camp Hill. They won against Big Springs, but lost against Camp Hill. During the Camp Hill game, a scuffle resulted in a red card for Greenwood's Junior defender Clay Gothel.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, the boys had their first game of the season with an energized mindset and played against Line Mountain with a whopping 9-1 win.

That same week, they faced Upper Dauphin to get their second win of the season. The boys once again played Upper Dauphin the following week where they won 8-0.

After their wins, they tackled East Juniata who made them work for their win. They went into a golden goal double overtime where a player from East Juniata and Junior Eric Lawler collided heads. The East Juniata player had been knocked out and Lawler had to be taken off the field for a checkup. The boys then scored their first and winning goal against East Juniata with a great header from Senior Glenn Rice and an assist from Junior Isaac Myers. The boys faced Halifax for the third victory of the week.

On Monday, Sept. 16, the boys played Line Mountain once again and beat them 10-0. The next day, they played Juniata and squeezed out a 2-1 win. On that Thursday, the boys faced Susquenita and won only by a goal in Varsity 3-2.

The boys took a break where they only had two games against Millersburg and East Juniata. As the boys were triumphant against Millersburg 2-0, and they looked forward to their second game against East Juniata for their homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 28. As the weekend came, the boys got ready for their homecoming game where they beat East Juniata 2-1.

The boys then

played Halifax at their field where they were surprised by Halifax scoring two goals in the first two minutes of the game. They tried to make a comeback but were unsuccessful which led to a score of 2-1, their first loss of the season.

After their heartbreaking loss, they prepared for the annual Peco Tournament which was held at West Perry on Saturday, Oct. 5. They first battled against Susquenita and won 3-0 which made them advance and play West Perry. Unfortunately, the West Perry boys were victorious with a score of 2-0, and went on to win the tournament.

The boys looked forward to their next few games since they had two losses the previous week and aimed to win all of their games. They had a busy week from Tues. Oct. 8 to Thurs. Oct. 10 with three games against Juniata, Millersburg, and Susquenita.

They started out with the left foot, losing against Juniata 4-1. The week got better as the days went by as they won against Millersburg 3-0. Finally, they competed against Susquenita for their Senior Night where the boys praised their three Seniors: Aaron Bollinger, Rice, and Keegan Yingst. This game had been the last game of the regular season.

The boy's now focused on semi-finals, championship, and then districts. They battled against two teams who had already beat them once: Juniata and Halifax. They played Juniata at Semi-finals and won 1-0 which only left them one more game to win the Championship. On Thurs. Oct. 17 they played Halifax for the Championship and sadly lost once again 2-1.

They tried to move past another emotional loss and focused on districts. They faced Lancaster Catholic at their field for the District 3 AA game and won 2-0 to keep playing in Districts.

The boys moved on to play Fleetwood to determine whether their season would be over or continue. In the end, they gave it all

they had but were beat 5-2.

The Newport and Susquenita girls' soccer teams merged together for the fourth year in a row. Coach Chris Magness returned for his second year of coaching after the previous year's team made it to the Tri-Valley Championship. Coach Kellas Wechsler continued her influential work with the team, leading them to a first ever winning record of 11-8. The coaches decided that it was important to focus on getting the team to districts in the 2019 season. Unfortunately, this goal was not met, however the team made it to the TVL playoffs for the third year in a row and surpassed several of the team's previous accomplishments.

The team's season was expected to have a rough start when Juniors Gabby Kichman and Zia Gochenaur, 2018 Varsity starters, were out for medical reasons. However, after kicking off their season with two wins in scrimmages against Hanover and West Shore Christian High School, the team won the first game of the year 5-0 on Aug. 30, against Mount Calvary Christian School.

The Lady Hawk's first loss was their home game against Kennard-Dale with a final score of 3-5. The next game against East Juniata was another hard defeat, 0-10.

Their spirits rose as they prepared for the following home game against Millersburg which was a win for the Hawks, but Susquenita was defeated days later by their rival team, Juniata. On Sept. 18, Freshman Samantha Wechsler scored in the last minute of a 0-0 game against Lancaster Country Day during the nail-biter match. The win flipped the season record of the Lady Hawks in their favor and gave the team hope and determination for the rest of the season.

At this season's Harrisburg Christian Tournament on Sept. 21, the Lady Hawks made it to the championship game after winning against Littlestown 3-2. During the tournament championship, the combination of an ankle injury of Sophomore Alay-

na Kichman and a tired team resulted in Susquenita losing to Harrisburg Christian.

Against Upper Dauphin on Sept. 23, Wechsler and A. Kichman scored 6 goals collectively, and the Hawks were victorious. Later that week, on Sept. 25, Susquenita played one of the top teams in the district, East Juniata, once more. During halftime, the Blackhawks were unexpectedly tied 1-1 with the Lady Tigers. Unfortunately, at the conclusion of the game Susquenita had lost 1-6 despite the hard fight they had put forth.

In the past, the outlook of the games against Line Mountain was not very optimistic for Susquenita. However this year, for the first time in the team's history, Susquenita won both games against Line Mountain, on Oct. 3, with a score of 3-1 and again on Oct. 10, with a score of 4-3. Both wins were clearly a result of the hard work and determination of the team, and the impressive lineup of players this season.

Junior Maura Bradney, goalie, had two shutout games in a row against Halifax, on Sept. 26 with a 2-0 win, and again on Sept. 30, 6-0. Susquenita varsity then won the away conference game on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Millersburg with a final score of 5-1.

On Oct. 14, Susquenita commemorated their five seniors with the first round of TVL playoffs. Newport's Seniors Rachel Soccio and Isabel Owens were both recognized. Soccio says "The team worked harder than last year to get our winning record for this season. The freshmen bring a lot of talent to the team and hopefully more will step up in the future." Unfortunately, Juniata brought the heat, which ceased the team's chance of earning the TVL title. The team came close to making the top ten for districts, but the Lady Hawks earned the 12th seed. Alayna says "not making districts was disappointing, but I have no doubts we can make it in the future." Both teams worked well on and off the field to make this season record breaking.



# Sports

## Questionable calls leave field hockey team in the elite eight

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The Newport Field Hockey team knew that their state championship run last year put a target on their back for the 2019 season. The team made their season debut at the annual Perry County Field Hockey tournament, falling short of the county title. The Greenwood Wildcats defeated the Newport Buffaloes to earn their fifth straight championship win.

The Lady Buffs had to first get past the fierce Susquenita Blackhawks before securing a spot in the championship. The Buffaloes came out strong and scored within the first seven minutes of the game and then netted another three minutes later. Newport secured the win with their third and final goal from junior Amiyah Priebe at the end of the first half.

Immediately after their win, the Lady Buffs shifted their focus to Greenwood. After watching the Wildcats defeat the Mustangs 8-0, they knew their chemistry was going to be hard to break. Senior Olivia Muffitt added, "Honestly, I felt calm going into the game. I knew we had the opportunity to win but it was just a matter of converting or not."

The whistle blew and Greenwood came out with their eyes on the prize. Fifteen minutes into the game, the Wildcats were up 2-0, but the two-goal lead did not stop the Buffaloes' drive. Priebe blasted a shot far post to cut the deficit in half. As the second period progressed, the opponent only seemed to get stronger, scoring two more goals to capture a 4-1 over the Lady Buffs.

Although Newport left as the runner-up, they instantly averted their focus to the rest of their regular season. The Buffaloes know that in order to go out on top of the leaderboard, they are going to have to take it up a notch against their rivals. Senior defender Lillie Harris noted, "Some changes need to be made and the intensity level needs to be higher if we are going to clinch the Tri-Valley League title."

Their Perry County play had not stopped there. The following Tuesday called for another Buffalo-Blackhawk showdown where the Lady Buffs cruised by with six goals and a shutout. Later that week, Newport traveled to Milton Hershey to take on Shippensburg and Elizabethtown, safely defeating them both 7-0. Senior Rachel Bohn and junior Sophia Shoemaker

combined to have 11 of the 14 goals on the day.

Next, the Buffaloes made their dreaded appearance at Line Mountain where they snuck away with their first win in years at the Eagle's faulty field. Priebe scored two goals and senior goalie Allie Harris recorded another clean sheet. Two days later, East Juniata visited the Buffaloes on their home field, taking a huge 13-0 loss that advanced Newport to number one in the league standings.

Two weeks following the Perry County Tournament, the Buffaloes finally received the chance to redeem themselves against the Wildcats. As expected, the 'Cats came out ready to play, scoring ten minutes into the game, but their lead was short-lived. Newport was awarded a stroke and Bohn converted effortlessly to tie things up. Regulation time concluded in a 2-2 tie after Priebe hit the back of the cage ten minutes into the second half with the Wildcats' response shortly after. The fifteen-minute overtime period ended in a 2-2 draw, leaving the league title still up for grabs.

The weekend thereafter, Mifflin County and West Perry traveled to Newport for the annual Big Buffalo Tournament. The Buffaloes fought off the rough Mifflin County squad 3-0 and secured the tournament title after taking down the Mustangs 5-1. The Lady Buffs advanced to 8-1-1 on the season.

Next, the Buffaloes traveled to Susquenita and East Juniata, where they walked away with a 3-0 win against the Blackhawks and a 8-0 victory over the Tigers. Both Muffitt and Shoemaker reached the 100 point mark in the span of a week. After over a week of not seeing the field, the rusty Lady Buffs fell short at East Pennsboro as well as at Selinsgrove the following day, where they lost a hard-fought game 4-2.

The outcome of Newport's last two games of the regular season against Line Mountain and rivals Greenwood were the determinants of the league



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**(ABOVE): THE TEAM POSES VICTORIOUS AFTER A TOURNAMENT AT MILTON HERSHEY. (BELOW): THE SENIORS SMILE, PROUD OF THEIR CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

title winner. The Eagles made the trek to Newport on their senior night in mid October after patiently waiting nearly the whole season to seek redemption. Seniors Rachel Bohn, Allie Harris, Lillie Harris, Emily Kline, Olivia Muffitt, Kate Templeton, and Kaillee Warner were honored prior to the game for their hard work and dedication to the program. The Buffaloes came out with another 2-0

it. Greenwood countered the Buffaloes fast break and scored, resulting in a 1-0 loss for Newport.

Despite their tough losses at the end of the regular season, the Newport Field Hockey team still had a very successful regular season and planned to keep fighting through the postseason. As they entered the first round of districts, the Lady Buffs' record stood at 11-4-1 as the

half, scoring two more goals coming from Bohn and Priebe. Despite their easy win, Newport anticipated a tough game against Oley Valley in the second round. The Buffaloes faced the Lynx the following Saturday, who they fell 3-0 to after being level at half.

After that loss, they needed two more wins, a necessity to ensure a place in the state bracket.

Newport's next two opponents were ones they knew very little about. The Buffaloes came out hot and tallied 26 shots against Eastern York with a final score of 6-1. Bohn, a senior forward, scored her hundredth goal after netting her third one of the night. Maria Capozzoli also got on the board to help the Lady Buffs advance.

There was only one game standing in their way of a state tournament spot and the Newport Buffaloes

handled it with poise. Despite their relentless offensive efforts, the Lady Buffs did not find the back of the cage until midway through the first half. Burns kickstarted the scoring for the Buffaloes and Bohn fed off that energy to end the half 2-0. Freshman forward Claire Weidenhammer scored the only goal in the second half of play to secure their state tourney spot.

Headed into states as the fifth seed meant their trek past the first round was not an easy one. Newport faced the first seed out of district eleven, Northwestern Lehigh.

From the first whistle, the Buffaloes dominated in their attacking 25, failing to convert until the last two minutes of the half when senior Emily Kline blasted a shot far post off a corner. Bohn and Weidenhammer also scored to assure the Buffaloes another game.

Nearly a year after falling to Wyoming Seminary in the 2018 State Championship, it was finally time for redemption. The Buffaloes were hungrier than ever, scoring two goals in less than a minute in the first half of the play. Newport's was up 2-0 at half, but the second half was a different story. Seminary came out and scored off five minutes in the second half. For another 18 minutes, the Lady Buffs held their ground. With seven minutes remaining, the Blue Knights ripped a shot from outside the circle but after celebrating, the official ruled it a goal.

The Buffaloes went into the 7v7 overtime period with composure, while the Blue Knights were out for blood. Newport pushed on their offensive end until a long ball went from Seminary's backfield to their star forward. Harris rushed out fearlessly and challenged the ball, unfortunately drawing a controversial stroke call. A Blue Knight then converted, ending the game 3-2 in their favor.

Although Newport's season ended in a heartbreaker, at the end of the day they knew they could only control what was in their power, which certainly did not include the officials. Bohn, a senior forward stated, "I am sad it had to end this way considering how hard we worked. We still have a lot to be proud of."



win, with goals from Bohn and Shoemaker.

Immediately after their last home victory, their focus shifted to defeating the 'Cats the next night. As soon as the whistle blew, the crowd could see that the Lady Buffs wanted the title more than anything. After 60 long minutes of hustle and a few game-changing calls that were missed, neither team found the back of the cage, forcing the game into the dreaded overtime period.

Coach Capozzoli elected all seven seniors to play in the fifteen-minute 7v7 overtime period. Unfortunately, halfway into

seventh seed in the District 3 single A bracket.

Although the Buffaloes were disappointed with their unusually low seed entering the first round of districts, they were still able to face the number ten seed, Schuylkill Valley. Two minutes into play, Shoemaker scored off a pass from Bohn to put Newport in the lead. A few minutes later, Hazel Miller put the ball in the cage right before Schuylkill Valley

got their first and only goal. By half, the Lady Buffs led 3-1 after a final first half goal from Mallory Burns.

The Buffaloes dominated possession in the second

# Sports

## Good year for golf: freshman add hope

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Greenwood/Newport's 2019 golf team was a tight-knit group with a lot of potential. This new squad consisted of five new freshmen: Cole Bingman, Devon Byers, Gavin Fegley, Dale Hupp Jr, and Brayden Miller. This group of friends could be described as a bunch of kids who simply love golf. They're known for meeting up together and going golfing on the weekends, which not only builds skills but also team comradery. Take it from the words of Coach Field herself, who said, "It's a positive sign whenever you have five freshmen who are really good friends and are playing all the time. That's a bright spot for the future of Newport Golf... It's going to be a bright future not because of me, but because of the new students and their love of the game."

Not everything is peaches and roses though for the team this year. Coach Fields claims, "My golfers are performing better than last year, but we're in a really good league." Regardless of the team's young talent, and veteran presences from Senior Austin Roush, and Juniors Grant Fultz and Kolby Seibert, East Juniata had a very strong team last year. EJ was consistently hitting within 70 points, with Newport often being closer to 80.

That didn't make things worse for Greenwood/Newport in the slightest though. This team was loaded with potential and had one member, freshman Fegley, with his sights set on districts. This wasn't a far-fetched dream either, with Gavin throwing together some great performances against opponents so during last season. The top three golfers between Millersburg and Greenwood go to districts, and Fegley had a very good chance of making that list.

To put it simply, Greenwood may not go as far as they would like to this year, but the future is very bright. There is definitely greatness awaiting this young, hungry squad of golfers.

The Newport/Greenwood golf team had its ups and downs at the 2019 Districts Championship. Districts were held at Briarwood East Golf Course in York on Friday, Oct. 4. The upside for this young golf team is that two golfers, Seibert and Fegley, became Tri-Valley League All-Stars at Districts this year. Seibert shot a 95 and Fegley shot an 87, missing the cut for the second day by only one stroke. It was a tough break for both of these golfers for sure, but it definitely bodes well for next year.

The downside of this year was that the overall record was 1-15 and their Tri-Valley League record was 0-12. This only means that there's room for improvement though, as Coach Fields claims, "[there was] tons of individual growth, and next year we should be very competitive, as in we should be able to win at least one match per each TVL match event. Whereas this year we were 20 strokes behind Millersburg consistently. We have all of our returning golfers except for Austin Roush, and I expect us to be extremely competitive."

There were certainly growing pains for the Newport/Greenwood golf team this year, but the future is bright and full of potential.

## Basketball teams show potential for the future

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**ABOVE: THE BOYS WATCH EXPECTANTLY DURING A SERIES OF ROUGH GAMES. (BELOW): THE GIRLS SMILE WITH COACH BRIGGS AFTER A SEASON OF STEADY IMPROVEMENT.**

Newport's Girls Basketball team had potential, but they also had a lot of room for improvement. As of Dec 16, 2019, the girls team was 0-4, and got fourth place at the PECO tournament this past Dec.. They came up short against Susquehanna on Dec. 6 with a 54-26 loss and lost 51-32 four days later against Upper Dauphin. Senior Emily Kline said, "we tried really hard".

There was hope though, and it resides in junior point guard Payton Splain. Splain had an impressive 11 points in their 62-37 loss to Greenwood on Friday, Dec. 13. Splain was also known for her signature knee pads which she wears during all of the games. Aside from this, she believes that her defining moment was when she scored an assist for opposing Greenwood player, Kennedy Stroup.

Speaking of potential, Newport grabbed their first win on Tuesday, Dec. 17, against a battered Line Mountain squad. They won 40-30.

Not much changed for the girls team come Jan. though. The highs were still the highs and the lows were still the lows. As for the highs, Splain was still killing it on the court, having an exceptional game against Line Mountain on Dec. 17 with 24 points. The girls also got second at the Christian School of York College A tournament, which was a big step up from their fourth-place performance at PECO. It's even more impressive when someone takes

into account that, in the words of Splain, "The girls were 6'5."

Now, for Newport's lows; their record was 2-8 at this time, with wins against Line Mountain and Fairfield. This, in simple terms, meant that there was still a lot of room for improvement, but it was a step up from earlier in the season. There was also a lot of confidence floating around the team for a good game against Line Mountain on Monday, Jan 13. Unfortunately, Line Mountain got the better of the Lady Buffs on Feb. 3, as Newport suffered a 64-41 loss.

Once the 2019-2020 girls basketball season had ended, there was no playoff berth. The team ended their season 4-18. As for Coach Ryan Coleman, sources have said that he plans to coach next year, which is another upside for the team.

On a more positive note, Splain and Hazel Miller are planning to play next year. Miller had a game-high of 10 points and Payton averaged 12.3 points a game, both putting up very impressive numbers. The experience of this past season on returning players and the hopeful participation of incoming freshmen creates powerful chemistry for our girls team next year. As for this year though, it was definitely a year of rebuilding for our Lady Buffs.

The boys Newport basketball team returned with their new high hopes for a good start of the season. They participated in a Tournament in Hanover on Dec. 6 where they placed third.

The boys started this season with a 42-38 win against Susquehanna on Dec. 9. Then, the boys faced Williams Valley hoping they could keep the streak going. In the end, Newport played well but the boys took an L.

They played at Juniata Dec. 17 and unfortunately lost 55-34, to then move on and play East Juniata at home where they took another loss, 46-33.

The PeCo tournament took place at Susquehanna on Dec. 27 and 28. The Newport boys played against Susquehanna first and won while Greenwood went against West Perry. West Perry was victorious and went on to play Newport in the finals where they would find themselves the champions of the Peco tournament, and Newport took home the silver.

As the new year began, they hoped to start it off with a win against Millersburg. Unfortunately, the varsity squad lost with a final score of 42-27 and then again against Susquehanna 43-37.

Then came the losing streak. The boys played Halifax and lost 68-38, Line Mountain and lost 41-37, and lost again to Greenwood 38-27.

For the next half of the season, they played Juniata, Halifax, Midd-West, Millersburg, and Line Mountain and couldn't pull out a win for any of them. Captain of the team, Junior Eric Lawler, said, "because of parents getting involved with the team, teammates were not looking at each other the same."

