

Homecoming excites

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As September breezed into October with its trademark nipping chill and autumn could truly be glimpsed for the first time, it could have only meant one thing in the school: homecoming.

Student council sponsored and held homecoming on October 11 in the school's cafeteria and gym and welcomed students in for dancing, games, food, and many other fun opportunities.

However, before the dance date arrived, the week prior was devoted to spreading spirit throughout the school in preparation for the homecoming football game and dance.

Spirit week encouraged students and teachers to participate in activities such as Monday's red white and blue day, Tuesday's twin day, Wednesday's heritage day, and Thursday's mis-

match day.

"[The committee] tries to have at least one spirit day related to the Homecoming themes," said student council member Ashlynn Corrigan.

As a result, student council included heritage day this year.

Students dressed to represent their ancestry, such as senior Shelby Meyers who wore a kilt to honor her Scottish background.

And finally on Friday, the day of the pep rally, people donned their blue and gold to show their school pride.

This year presented the first student-run pep rally, where members of student council orchestrated all the activities.

Pep rally emcee Michael Bracey said, "I feel like the pep rally had a lot more energy being student run this year."

Once everyone settled, Bracey took the microphone and began with a farewell to the girl's tennis team as they left for a match in Hershey.

This led into student council

members Catherine Turner and Hogan Strickland's announcement of the 2014-15 homecoming court.

Following this, band director Matthew Barr introduced the marching band, who performed their production of Iconic Pop along with color guard; a set which included excerpts from Daft Punk, Lady Gaga, Pharrell Williams, and Bruno Mars songs.

After the music ended, Bracey announced all the fall sports, which included: golf, girls' soccer, girls' volleyball, cross country, football, field hockey, tennis, boys' soccer.

And finally, football cheerleading followed their announcement with a dance and cheer performance.

Finally, the infamous scream-off was afoot, and after a few rounds, Bracey declared the winners, yet again, to be the senior class.

The second to last activity the pep rally had to offer was an ice cream eating contest in which both the staff and student body participated.



Photo by: Mike Snyder

French teacher **Shayne Joyce**, among other teachers and students, competes to eat the most ice cream.

After several minutes of dairy consumption, it was declared a tie between agriculture teacher Abigail Smith and technology education teacher James Waltermeyer.

Finally, to close out Friday's pep rally, football coach Patrick Weider called the football team down to the floor to announce the seniors, as well as lead a chant for the whole gymnasium to participate.

The school hosted homecoming from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This year's theme was Around the World, and ac-

cordingly, decorations such as globes, tickets, and a model of the Eiffel Tower adorned the gym to support the globetrotting theme.

The gym was the dance floor for the night. And across the hall, the cafeteria offered up refreshments, and space for attendees to sit and talk.

Food for the affair included options like mini-quiches, mozzarella sticks, popcorn chicken, lemonade, iced tea, and more.

In the middle of the event, the music was temporarily stopped, and alumni Kenneth

Zeller handed off the title of homecoming king to senior Zachary Snier and senior Alyx Miller homecoming queen.

The music then resumed, and students kept dancing until 10:00 p.m., when the event concluded and everyone had to either say their farewells to the night or help to clean up afterward.

The homecoming dance, and even the spirit week activities leading up to it, gave students many opportunities to have fun as well as show their pride, and perhaps, even take a trip around the world.



Photo by: Mike Snyder

Senior **Emily Hill** completed a vertical trek walking challenge.

FBLA field trip

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On October 21, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) took a trip to Ski Round Top.

The students attending were able to go to a business meeting, attempt a vertical trek challenge, and build on team and leadership skills.

FBLA is a club that involves a group of high school students that wish to become powerful members of their community and build on their business skills.

Any student is able to join FBLA; the club's main goal is to "enrich and develop high school students to lead in the business world," said FBLA advisor Mike Snyder.

The trip enabled the students to build upon their skills for the future by presenting them with challenges that focus on team building skills such as communication and working well together.

This is the first year that our FBLA attended the trip.

Snyder planned this trip so that members of the FBLA could gain knowledge of the business world and had the chance to interact with other chapters of the FBLA from different schools.

After going on the trip, sophomore Bailee Wenckus said that gaining good skills for the future and achieving a healthy balance of school activities was her personal motivation for going on the trip.

Snyder hoped members of the FBLA would begin to see themselves as a team unit rather than individual high school students.

Overall, the main point of the trip was centered around the team ideal and to further student team, leadership, and business skills for their future plans after high school.

New businesses in Shrewsbury

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Expected to open by the latter part of October is a new shopping center in the heart of Shrewsbury entitled "Messina Highlands," featuring several restaurants and other businesses.

Messina's new shopping center will be located across from Shrewsbury Commons, which includes Walmart, a very popular shopping center among locals and tourists.

These restaurants and businesses that will be in Messina Highlands include Panera Bread, Chipotle, Five Guys, People's Bank, AT&T, Great Clips, Mattress Warehouse, and Glamour Nails, with space still available for leasing.

Joseph Messina is the owner of Messina Highlands and also owns the popular Glen Rock Pizzeria in Glen Rock and Messina Plaza in Stewartstown.

Commenting on his choice of location, Messina said, "Being adjacent to Walmart and the proximity to Interstate 83 made it very attractive."

Likewise, many students find the new

construction to be an improvement.

"The shopping center will provide a place for friends to get together and go out to a popular restaurant without having to drive far and make a day trip of it," senior Zachary Snier said.

However, some students feel the shopping center might have a negative impact on the community.

Many students are concerned about traffic the shopping center will bring. Junior Julie Kemp said, "I dislike that it may end up being even more of a busy area."

To ease the traffic flow, construction crews are in the process of installing traffic lights near the shopping center.

Many students are happy about the new construction because it will make their favorite restaurants closer to them.

Snier said, "Normally, I would have to travel through Shrewsbury to get to York to go to the kinds of stores that are in this shopping center. Now, I can save time and money by traveling less to go where I want to go."

In addition to providing new business, the shopping center will provide

new jobs, especially for students who previously had limited local employment options.

"The business I'm most excited about is Panera Bread, considering I love working there...When it's in Shrewsbury it won't be such a long drive for me anymore," said Kemp.

Mostly, students are excited about the restaurants being built.

"I'm most excited about Five Guys. The food there is delicious! Being able to drive only twenty minutes for a tasty burger and mouth-watering fries sounds like a deal to me," said Snier.

Like students, teachers residing in or near the area have commented as well.

Science teacher Gino Salvitti said, "I think it will negatively affect the community [because there will be] more traffic."

Because there is space still available for more business, some have also commented on what shops they'd like to see there.

Science teacher Kyle Hardenbrook said, "I'd like to see a bike shop move in that plaza. [There are] plenty of bikers in the area and we have to drive up to York to get a decent place to shop for bikes."

Islamic State in Syria and Iraq

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In April 2013, a terrorist organization resurfaced and has currently taken over both headlines and parts of Syria and Iraq.

This terrorist organization is known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and also called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

After the U.S. forced Al Qaeda out of Iraq in 2004, remnants of the group reformed into a group called ISIS.

ISIS was not as recognized in the news and did not become as active until April 2013, when ISI declared that it was an Al Qaeda-supported militant group in Syria.

"The majority of ISIS fighters were Iraqi fighters but were unable to serve under the new Iraq government after Saddam Hussein's military was disbanded," said Middle East analyst Fawaz Gerges.

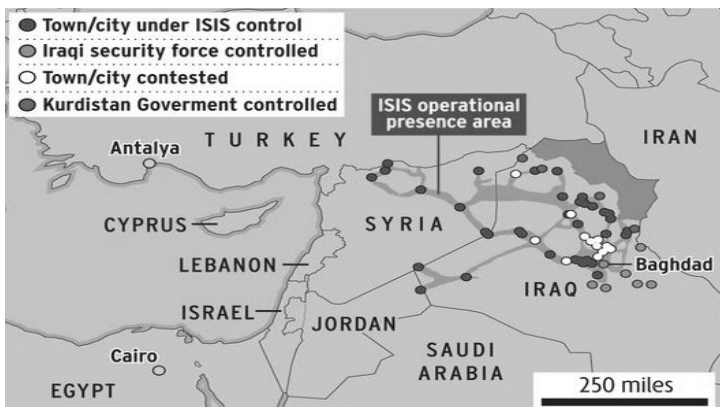


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Represented in the map is the current territory of ISIS's conquest.

According to ABC, the elected leader, who is a Shiite Arab (a sect of the Islam religion), treated another sect of the Islam religion, Sunni Kurds, terribly.

The amount of followers that ISIS has is unknown, but al-Baghdadi claims that there are thousands of followers that number is increasing as ISIS continues to grow.

ISIS is known for killing dozens of people at a time, carrying out public executions, and committing inhumane acts against people, such as crucifixions and be-

headings.

According to CNN, when American journalist, Steven Sotloff was beheaded on September 2, it was to retaliate for the United States of America attacking ISIS with air strikes.

According to CNN, the aim of ISIS is to create an Islamic state across Sunni areas of Iraq and in Syria.

ISIS currently controls over 100 square miles of land in both Iraq and Syria which they gained mostly by forcing people out of their homes.

ISIS attacked the small northern Iraq cities, Mosul and

Qaragosh, and forced people of the Christian religion to flee.

On June 19, President Barack Obama sent dozens of military advisers to work with Kurdish and Iraqi forces in response to ISIS fighters moving across Syria.

Then on August 8, Obama increased U.S. involvement with ISIS by adding small air strikes to protect military personnel in Iraq.

In total, the United States has conducted 90 airstrikes on ISIS and continues to conduct more.

According to ABC, Obama pledged to continue the strikes against ISIS even after the group threatened to kill more American captives.

So far, ISIS has executed three hostages on video, and al-Baghdadi plans on executing more if the United States continues with air strikes on ISIS militants.

Obama is persuading the United States' allies such as the United Kingdom, France, and Turkey to help defeat ISIS in any way they can.

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