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A Senior's Reflection on Soccer

Reflecting on the past four soccer seasons that I have experienced during my high school career, I realize that during my freshman year, the five of us who were brought up to Varsity (Brittany, Lindsey, Abby, Taryn, and I) never realized what we would accomplish these past two years. After our first season together we promised each other that by our senior year we would have a winning season. We have gone far beyond that. For the second year in a row we have not only had a winning season, but won a Sectional Championship. This year we returned ten of eleven starters, five of which play together in the spring, so we really melded together this season.

We started off a little rocky and when we met with North Warren for the first time in the season. They beat us on our own field. It was our breaking point; either we rise up and band together or fall apart. We didn't just fall, we rose up from the ashes of that game to come back to their field on their senior night against their fans and beat them 4-0. That win gave us the momentum all way into the state tournament. We had so much energy that game that had not been matched in any other game we played except on our senior night. The ceremony that night brought me to tears for I knew it was the last time I would play under those lights on our football field. All the seniors had to gather themselves for we had a battle ahead of us against Warren Hills. They scored early in the first half; however, we did not give up. We put one in the back of the net to send the game into overtime. With four minutes left Brittany Nechay rocketed one into the net.



After shaking hands we had our team talk at the end which was filled with tears, but these tears were of happiness for the win and some of sadness because the seniors had just played their last regular season home game. That game will remain in my memory of one of finest moments of soccer we, as a team, have ever played. Later in the season we went on to beat Mount St. Mary's for the Division title and we continued our winning through the postseason and went on to win our second Sectional Championship.

Unlike ours, most team seasons end with a loss. Nevertheless I do not believe that most teams have had one let alone two seasons like we had: Two Sectional Championships and a Conference Title. I am still in awe of what we have accomplished and I am proud to say that I played for Belvidere.

- Morgan Smith



BHS Graduate Named to WCCC Trustee Board

Megan Bartow was recently named to the WCCC Board of Trustees. Her fellow graduates of WCCC selected her. Meg is a 2004 graduate of Belvidere High School.

While at WCCC she was very active in student affairs and became president of the student association.

Meg is currently attending East Stroudsburg University hoping to earn a bachelors degree in communication. Congrats Meg ! BHS is very proud of you.



- The Scarlet Scoop Staff

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Who Is That New Face in the Science Department?

Miss Morgan is the student teacher for Dr. Kaiser-Antonowich. I thought it would be interesting to talk to someone who is becoming a teacher. Here is the interview:

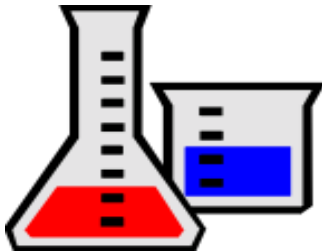
What brought you to Belvidere High School?

"The student teacher placement at my college starts with a middle school experience and then with a high school one. I want to be certified 7-12 grade."

How did you first know you wanted to have a career in biology?

"I always loved biology and science. I started out at ESU without teaching but then changed my mind".

I understand you teach both biology and physiology? Which do you enjoy more and why?



"I started teaching Bio and then Physics. I was apprehensive about physiology but find it fascinating."

Did you expect teaching at BHS to be different than it is?

"I've taught at Allamuchy and then Hackettstown. They were all similar."

While having this job, what do you get to do besides teach?

"Once I take over a class I make up lesson plans and tests with the advice of Dr. Kaiser."

Anything you want to say, any messages, quotes you want to include in this interview?

"I want to say thank you to everyone. Students and faculty have been warm, welcoming and helpful. It has been a nice experience."

- Rebecca Litz

A Last Minute Gift Idea.....

Did you know the tradition of the bayberry candle? This sentiment and candle are a great last minute gift. This tradition started in England and came over in the colonial time in America. It is still widely practiced today.

The Bayberry Candle
- author unknown

This bayberry candle is a gift from a friend,
On Christmas Eve burn it down to the end.
A bayberry candle burned down to the
socket,
Brings luck to the home and wealth to the
pocket.



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“I Remember Mama” is Coming to BHS!

Imagine living in a world where you knew nothing of the culture and very little of the language. The only way you had of surviving was to keep the culture and traditions you knew alive within your family. What I have just described to you is a bit of background for this year’s musical, “I Remember Mama.”

This production is about an immigrant family from Norway living in San Francisco in the early 1900’s. Based on the novel called Mama’s Bank Account, The story is told by a girl by the name of Katrin, played by Damaris Millheim. She fondly reminisces of her childhood and of the sacrifices her mother, played by Danika Dow, made for her and the family

Katrin is a teenage girl living in a small home with her mother, father, and siblings. She is a writer in the making and writes down all of her thoughts and feelings in her journal. The play begins with the reading aloud of one of her entries, “But first and foremost I remember Mama...” Katrin shows through her writings how this particular family functioned and was led by Mama, the strong matriarch. Mama is so protective of her loved ones and shows that constantly to everyone especially Uncle Chris, the “black sheep” of the family. He is the head of the family and all decisions must be made through him. Uncle Chris is quite a humorous character. He is very stubborn but is often clueless about what is going on around him. He despises Katrin’s aunts and does all he can to uproot their influence over the children’s minds. You may say that he and the aunts are the comic relief of the play.

This performance will take you on an emotional trip. This play is a comedic drama at its finest. Please support us by coming out to see our musical. I promise you... you won’t be disappointed.



-Shakira Spears

Christmas Traditions



At about this time, everyone is feeling the pre-Christmas excitement. After all, its only a week away! Now’s the time for Christmas shopping, holiday decorating, and cookie baking. Christmas is also a time for traditions, but do we truly understand why these traditions are followed? Some are so old their meanings were forgotten, while other traditions are so old they themselves were forgotten!

- Christmas Trains- Do you have a train and track set up under your tree? If you do, you’d be interested to know that trains used to be an important part of holiday decorating. The first routinely scheduled train route occurred on Christmas Eve in 1830. With trains there to carry family members home for the holidays, and a popular mode of transportation, trains found their ways into Christmas stories, such as The Polar Express.
- Mistletoe- Starting with the Druids, mistletoe has always been a magical and mysterious plant in European folktales. It was said to bring peace and love. It was adopted by the Christmas traditions in about the 1800’s to incorporate good feelings for the season.

Christmas Lights- Because the winter solstice is the darkest day of the year, many pagan people would light candles and make offerings to please the gods and bring back the sun. Christians, to combat the pagans, decorated trees and their homes with bright lights. Now these same lights have been incorporated in to the Christmas festivities.

- Katie Beth Kelly

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Spanish Classes go to New York City

BHS Holiday Spirit

The elves have been busy around the halls of Belvidere High this season. We were put into the spirit by the terrific concerts of both the Instrumental groups and Chorus of BHS. Then the Key Club had a food drive for a local church that was very successful and planned a party for a group of children. The Student Government also got into the spirit by sponsoring Military Mail and baking cookies to be sent to our troops over the Christmas break.

Then there is the Candy Cane sale with a new twist this year. You can send that special someone a blue and white candy cane and ask them to the Snowball Dance. What a good way for that person who is a little shy.

May the rest of the academic year be a healthy and good one for all of us. Happy Holidays!



-The Scarlet Scoop Elf

DON'T FORGET THE SNOWBALL DANCE
January 27 \$30 PER PERSON WHICH
INCLUDES DINNER AND DANCING AT
THE BELVIDERE MANOR. SEMI-FORMAL
DRESS.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A
GREAT NIGHT!!!!!!!**

On December 6, 2006, Mrs. Lupackino's Spanish classes went on a class trip to New York City. They went to see the play LA GRINGA at the humble Repertorio Espanol Theatre.

LA GRINGA, written by Carmen Rivera, perfectly captures the life of a spanish american girl, Maria, who is torn between two cultures that don't completely accept her: New York City and Puerto Rico. Maria, the leading actress, leaves her home in New York to try to discover her roots in Puerto Rico. After living in America for years, her Spanish is a bit rusty. However, she comes to Puerto Rico with all the determination she can muster. She ends up living with her distant relatives to help get her more comfortable with her new surroundings. Surprisingly, Maria's family doesn't welcome her graciously and consider her to be ignorant of the Spanish culture. She does, however, instantly bonds with her uncle who makes living with her family bearable. After several life lessons, Maria comes to terms with her family and finally feels Puerto Rican, not just a girl without a place in the world.

This was an enjoyable day for us all.



-Katlin Trainello

Preview of the next issue:

Watch for articles on Girls and Boys Basketball, Tips for taking the SAT's, Wrestling, and Your views on Lockdown Drills.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday from...

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