



Hillary's Health

By Chelsea Kun

Earlier in September of 2016, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton was being treated for pneumonia, which raised questions concerning her ability to serve a four-year term as president.

Clinton had to leave a 9/11 memorial service early due to a medical episode, and before she entered her van, she appeared to collapse. She cancelled all of her events for Monday and Tuesday, including a fundraiser in Hollywood and also an appearance on *The Ellen Degeneres Show*. She would be back into activity by Wednesday.

Officials from Clinton's campaign told *People* magazine that a "respiratory illness" had been going around Clinton's staff for a while. Several of them had to be given emergency medical treatment. Dr. Lisa R. Bardack, who was treating

her, claims that she was suffering from pneumonia which caused her to collapse. It was also the reason for earlier respiratory problems.

Rumors are flying that DNC officials are "considering alternate plans" in case Clinton is not able to complete the campaign, according to *Heatstreet*. *Republican Nominee Donald Trump has used this information to his advantage. Although he said at first that he wouldn't make any harsh comments, he did mention that Hillary Clinton's health is not well enough to fight ISIS, let alone run the country. "Here's a woman — she's supposed to fight all these different things — and she can't make it 15 feet to her car, give me a break," he said during a rally in Manheim, Pa. He was warned not to make personal remarks like that, but he disregarded those warnings. He even imitated Clinton's collapse.*

In response to his

mockery, Clinton stated, "As soon as he travels to 112 countries and negotiates a peace deal, a cease-fire, a release of dissidents, an opening of new opportunities in nations around the world, or even spends 11 hours testifying in front of a congressional committee, he can talk to me about stamina."

Clinton claims to be feeling much better, and was able to successfully attend the first presidential debate on Tuesday, September 27th.



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Isis Sinking

By Siarra Glassmoyer

The strikes against ISIS Boats have dramatically risen. The United States and their allied warplanes have sunk a total of over one-hundred ISIS boats. The month of September alone brought sixty-five of those boats down. Over fifty were destroyed between the days of September 14th to the 16th. Strikes have occurred around the towns of Qayyarah and Sultan Abdallah.

Iraq is almost entirely land-locked, but they still have found a way to transport across water. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers are navigable. These two rivers happen to cross Iraq, which allows ISIS to be able to carry fighters and conduct improvised explosive attacks. In July, a U.S. Apache attack helicopter annihilated a boat full of explosives. The ship was trying to disconnect a newly built

Iraqi bridge. It is believed that this is likely to be tied to the U.S. and Iraq battling ISIS to retake Mosul. Military officials have said this battle could start as early as October, but it's believed to start later than the October deadline. ISIS's defense efforts are going to consist of moving their fighters up and down the river.

Chris Hammer is a retired U.S. Navy Commander and currently a senior naval analyst at the Institute for the Study of War in Washington. Harmer thinks that the U.S. is making the effort to scuttle ISIS ships. He thinks this is happening particularly so that ISIS won't be able to position their forces through the water.

The Iraqi military has a poor track record of controlling the two rivers. During World War 1, the British would utilize the rivers to send small armed river boats to the Tigris and

Euphrates. Britain used the rivers in their campaigns against the Ottoman Turks. The U.S. military has never been able to master fighting on rivers. This makes the coalition's support even more vital. Even though many of the boats sunk, Harmer has warned that ISIS will have no problem capturing additional vessels. They may steal them from Iraq fisherman or even farmers.

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Editorial: Black Lives Matter Movement

Andorra Bastien, Editor-in-Chief

In recent months, the police brutality in America has vastly increased. The start of the Black Lives Matter movement came into effect when the fatal death of Trayvon Martin occurred in 2013. Since then, the movement has grown exponentially and involved political leaders in reforming the racist epidemic in our law enforcement. The phrase “black lives matter” stems from the reality that African American men are being shot and killed before the situation is fully investigated.

It is appalling that the policemen of our nation have killed so many innocent lives. Although the Black Lives Matter movement has shined a light on the racial issues that have ensued in our nation, I find it hard to believe that the movement will actually put an end to the killing

of innocent people. The movement only spreads awareness to the racism and prejudice in our country.

I find that actual change starts when the nation evaluates the issues with police brutality and have the officers face penalties. Reform also starts with examining the qualifications to be a police officer and police standards on the use of force.

For instance, how is it that a 12 year old boy named Tamir Rice was immediately shot several times by officer Loehmann for playing with a toy gun? In late December of 2015, the grand jury refused to indict the officer, and Timothy McGinty, the prosecutor of the case, found that this was not a crime. This raises the question of why officer Loehmann wasn't penalized for his

extreme proceedings.

The misconception of the Black Lives Matter movement is that black lives are more significant than those of other races and ethnicities. The truth is that the movement is only stressing that there is evidence proving that black lives are insignificant in comparison to white lives in perspective of the criminal justice system.

I support all lives because the killing of innocent lives can never be justified no matter what race or ethnicity you are.



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Band News

By Sam Houser

When you go to Wilson's football games, what do you go for? Do you go for the game itself, or do you go for the food? Do you go to socialize with friends, or do you go simply to get outside on a nice day? Or, finally, have you ever gone to a football game to see the Wilson Warrior Marching Band?

If you've never gone for the lattermost reason, I highly suggest you consider it. The marching band, led by Drum Major Madisen Shriver and Junior Drum Major Jonathan Scott, has been working hard this year to provide a top-quality and exhilarating performance.

The band's theme this year, "The Bugle Boy," stars trumpet player Dylan Lynch as the Bugle

Boy, a young soldier sent into war. The show opens with the band's version of the iconic WWII song, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" by the Andrew Sisters.

Following the Bugle Boy's assignment to Pearl Harbor, the production includes the song "At Dawn They Slept" written by Jay Bocook. This suspenseful concert band piece recreates the mood of the attacks on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941. At the end of this song, the Bugle Boy tragically loses his life in battle.

In memorial of the Bugle Boy and all other soldiers who gave their lives for their country, the marching band closes out with a combination of TAPS and "Amazing Grace".

The Wilson Warrior Marching Band's music is all arranged by band director Jonathan Freidhoff, with percussion parts by Adam Josephson. With 33 wind players, 5 percussionists, and 21 band front members, the marching band is the largest it's been in thirteen years with 59 performers in total.

You can see the marching band perform at any football game, as well as the Phillipsburg/Easton Halloween parade on Oct. 30th and the West Easton Halloween Parade on Oct. 31st.



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Pep Rally!

McKayla McKinney

Welcome back everyone! The start of the 2016-2017 school year has fast approached. The first week of school was filled with many anxious students waiting to either begin their high school journey or finally finish it. It was also when we conducted with our annual pep rally.

Students piled into the musty gym starting off by the seniors, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen soon followed. As the freshmen class walked through the doors into their seat, chants filled the gymnasium exclaiming, "Go home freshmen!"

Once the chaos settled

down, athletic director Rosie Amato spoke to the school about the numerous sport teams competing this fall. He also began to talk about the abundance of new coaches in Wilson athletics this year. A few of them are Mrs. Vitko for girls varsity soccer, Mr. Fowler for the golf team, Heather Flank for Varsity Cheering, and Mr. Labach for Varsity football.

We then heard from the football captains Brian Hunter, Terrance Mainor, and Ethen Aquino. Each went on to describe how successful they predict this season to be and how they hope to have support from the student body and whole community. The cheer-

leading squad then went on to show the students and staff some of the routines they have performed at past competitions.

Athletes from each team came down to the mats to play a little game to keep things interesting. The twirlers then took the mat while the band played showing us their fabulous routines as well. The pep rally finished by our band playing Wilson's alma mater.

Football Recap

By Jen Maldonado

Wilson Area's first football game was on August 27. This was coach Labatch's first actual game coaching for the Warriors. The game did not go as planned though, with the warriors losing 27-7.

The touchdowns for Pen Argyl were all made by their junior running back Logan Sterner. The single touchdown by Wilson was made by Job Goodman. But this loss did not effect the Warriors in their next game at Palisades. Warriors lost 14-13 but still put out a strong fight. This game was in honor of the Tom Poyton, the coach who recently passed away. Both schools were selling white shirts saying "Two

Teams" on the front and "One Brother" on the back.

Wilson Warriors were 13-0 in the first half. Coletti caught one touchdown and then another in the second half. Nine out of ten Warriors marked their ten-year anniversary of their 2006 state championship team with a halftime ceremony. Falcons were 14-7 at halftime and had a 17 point lead before the warriors put 21 points.

In the 2nd quarter, Job Goodman ran the ball off of Sophomore Robby Swiatek's kick. In the fourth, Cameron Clark ran again off of Swiatek's kick. Job and Cameron were both very impressive players, with Job's yards being 121 and

Cameron's being 208.

The Warriors have progressed from last season and are stronger than before. Come out the games to support, student section or not. The players appreciate the cheers and everyone being there. It really makes them work harder to represent such a good school.

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Fall Sports Summary

By Taylor Sheridan

The school year has just begun, yet many of our school's sports teams have already been putting in hard work during the offseason. With the start of the PIAA fall sports season, Wilson's eager sports teams will finally be able to compete in their games and matches they have been long preparing for.

Starting off with our field hockey team, the girls won their first game in nearly 4 years against Palisades on September 21st, improving their record to 1-8-2. They hope to carry that momentum into future

games.

Next up is our boys and girls soccer teams. The boys team is off to a 3-6-1 start, and they hope to improve that record through the next few weeks of the season. As for the girls team, they have won 0 of their first 9 games, but they will be given many more opportunities to grab that first win with more games to come.

Now onto the cross country team. Through the first 8 meets of the season, the boys are 5-3 and the girls are 6-2. They are off to great starts, and they hope to carry this momentum into their upcoming meets.

Wilson's golf team is currently

0-16, but they will continue striving to do better against other golf teams.

As for our girls tennis team, they are 0-16, but they are going to continue working hard to win their upcoming matches.

Last but not least, our football team started the first half of their season 0-5, but they hope to turn their season around in the second half of the season.

New changes in the School

By: Vanessa Fonseca

The new changes in Wilson Area High School demonstrate our Wilson warrior pride.

In the entrance of the school, there is a new warrior head design. The class of 2016 showed school spirit by donating \$3500 for the warrior head design. The bright and colorful feathers on the warrior head brighten up the day as students enter the school.

Another change to Wilson includes the remodel of the gym. The walls of the gym are repainted, and new banners were hung. There are new score

boards, and the floor is completely resurfaced.

Furthermore, the school bought more chromebooks for the students and teachers to utilize for any assignments. Also, there is a new sound system installed in the cafeteria, so that everyone can hear the announcements in the morning.

Wilson plans to continue adding new changes to the school, starting with changing the color of the lockers to blue and gold to add more school spirit.



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iPhone 7 Review

By Jada Grant

The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus by Apple was released on September 16th across the U.S. and received an even mixture of praise and criticism.

The newest Apple flagship will be available in gold, rose gold, silver, black, and jet black. However, the new jet black color will only be available in 128GB and 256GB models. The iPhone 7 will retail between \$649 and \$849 depending on the amount of storage one needs. The 7 Plus model will start at \$769 and can get as steep as \$969.

The newest Apple smartphones introduced new changes including, a

new 12 megapixel camera, water resistant technology, a 'button-less' home button, and the removal of the headphone jack. The new camera has a 5x digital zoom and can record videos in 4k. The newest Apple products are IP67 water and dust resistant, a feature that consumers have been waiting for for some time. The reimagined home button now uses haptic technology, the kind of technology used in Apple's mouse pads. It acts as a touch screen and is manipulated by how much pressure is applied to it.

Apple's removal of the headphone jack has frustrated consumers to no end with many thinking it was a

pointless tactic to help the tech company secure a higher profit with the sale of their \$159 AirPods. However, Apple has kept some of the features on the new smartphone the same. For example, the display on the iPhone 7 still displays a 4.7 retina in HD.

Many consumers are excited about the newest Apple flagship with its improved camera and water resistance. Some shoppers think an insufficient amount was changed and are choosing to bypass an upgrade. Nevertheless, Apple is set to sell 13 million new iPhones on its opening weekend.



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Ryan Lochte Scandal

By Jacob Danser

During the summer, millions of people tuned in to watch the Rio Olympics in early August. However, the focus quickly turned to one athlete in particular.

On the night of Saturday, August 13th, Ryan Lochte initially claimed that he and three other Olympic swimmers were robbed by people posing as armed police officers while leaving the French Olympic team's hospitality house in a taxi. Soon after, Lochte spoke to NBC's Billy Bush about the incident. Lochte stated, "We got pulled over in the taxi, and these guys came out with a badge, a police badge, no lights, no nothing just a police badge and they pulled us over." He also said that the swimmers were ordered to get on the ground while being held at gunpoint. Less than a week later, Brazilian authorities said the swimmers fabricated the story after they vandalized the gas station's bathroom, and later charged Lochte with filing a false robbery report.

Police Chief Fernando Veloso said an armed security guard did pull a gun on one of the swimmers after he demanded that they pay for the damages. The group of swim-

mers only paid \$20 in U.S. dollars and 100 Brazilian Real at the scene of the "robbery."

The incident came as a huge surprise to many, and overshadowed the remaining days of Olympic competition. The 32 year old was given a 10 month suspension for his actions, which will prohibit him from taking part in the 2017 World Championships in Budapest. In addition, four of Lochte's sponsorships dropped him within the first 24 hours of the incident. Speedo USA, Ralph Lauren, skin care firm Syneron-Candela, and Japanese mattress maker, Airweave, cut off all ties with swimmer and caused him to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Millions of Americans across the nation have lost respect for Lochte after the incident, including two men who rushed to the stage of "Dancing With the Stars" to protest Lochte's involvement with the show.

There are mixed emotions among Americans regarding Lochte, and even after the incident, many believe he deserves a second chance.

Coffee Catastrophe

By Michael Jablonski

One of America's most beloved beverages may soon see a decline in production.

A recent study released by the Climate Institute found that the number of coffee crops will decrease in half throughout upcoming years. The study suggests that the reason for this decline in the number of crops stems from an increase in temperature as well as drastic changes in precipitation patterns. These two factors are damaging fields in the tropical parts of the world where coffee is grown such as, Colombia, Mexico, and Ethiopia.

Coffee drinkers can help the cause by purchasing coffee brands that produce zero carbon emissions.

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Senior Spotlight: Terrance Mainor

By Brenna Blanke

Terrance Mainor, one of our senior football captains at Wilson, has recently committed to playing Division I Football at Monmouth University in New Jersey.

Terrance started playing football in the eighth grade and continued playing throughout his high school career. During his years on the field, he realized that he wanted to play football for as long as he could and potentially wanted to be in the NFL. In his junior year, Terrance's dreams became a reality when he received offers from colleges and started

attending football camps.

Terrance attributes his success on the field to his father, Terrance Mainor Sr., whom he recognizes as his biggest inspiration. He also attributes his success to his coaches and teammates for their continuous support. According to Terrance, "My teammates have taught me what being a family is all about and what the meaning of a brotherhood really is."

When asked about his coaches he says, "They taught me how to be a better leader."

Terrance says he will always re-

member Wilson due to the fact that it helped him get to where he is today. Most importantly, Terrance continues to make his Wilson family proud and the impact he has made at Wilson will never be forgotten.



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New Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Shaffer

By Aimee Badman

Ms. Shaffer is the newest addition of the staff in our English Department here at Wilson Area High School.

Aimee: Where did you go to college?

What was your major? How many years did you attend?

Ms. Shaffer: I went to Slippery Rock University, majoring in Secondary Education English for 4 years.

A: Where did you grow up? What high school did you attend? Did you play any sports?

S: I grew up in Bangor, PA and I went to Bangor School District from K-12. I played field hockey and softball in high school.

A: What is your favorite book? Why?

S: The Harry Potter series are my favorite books because I felt like I grew up with the characters.

A: What made you want to become a teacher? Did anyone influence you or did you always want to be a teacher?

S: I liked English class; I worked well with children throughout my life, and I always wanted to be a coach.

A: Did you have another teaching job before coming to Wilson or is this your first job?

S: I was a volunteer tutor lab teacher at a school called Americorps, and then I taught at Laurel High School in Western PA.

A: What is your favorite part about teaching and why? What is your least?

S: My favorite part about teaching is being able to establish a relationship with my students. My least favorite part about teaching is being a new teacher because I have homework every night just like my students.

A: Are you interested or already involved in any after school activities at Wilson like an advisor or assistant advisor?

S: I am the advisor of Thon. I would like to be a field hockey or softball coach, and I would like to join the World Travelers Club.



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New Teacher : Mr. Grabowski

By Allison Reiter

Wilson Area High School has acquired many new teachers this year. Mr. Grabowski is one of the many new physics teachers. Physics is a science concerned with the properties of matter and energy.

He is very dedicated, arriving at school every day at 7:00 am for anyone who has questions or needs help. He teaches AP physics 1, AP physics 2, and applied physics. He likes to say, "All

physics all the time."

Before pursuing teaching, Mr. Grabowski spent four years in the army. After that, he attended Rutgers University for five years followed by working as an engineer for two years. His engineering job is what introduced him to teaching. He had the opportunity to volunteer in a high school chemistry classroom, which was his "favorite part of the day".

Mr. Grabowski says his favorite part about teaching is

"getting to work with bright, motivated students all day and sharing something he loves all day".

He enjoys Wilson and says, "I like it here, and I'm glad to be here!" He is a wonderful addition to the teaching staff at Wilson Area High School, and we hope he will teach here for many years to come.

New Teacher: Mr. Poticher

By Annabella Bastien

This school year brings many new teachers and students. One of the new additions to Wilson Area High School is the new history teacher Mr. Ryan Poticher.

He was born in Santiago, Chile and was adopted at the age of five months. As a young child, his career aspiration was to become a roller coaster designer but never a history teacher.

Mr. Poticher attended Oley Valley School and in eighth grade his history teacher assigned him an ancestry project. As an adopted child this project troubled him but soon after finding out about his birth parents, it inspired him. This made him realize how important background is, which

inspired his love for history.

In high school he played baseball and was involved in county band, concert band, jazz band, and marching band as a trumpet player. After graduating high school, he attended Bloomsburg University and took classes such as management and history. Outside of school he is the manager of operations at Dorney Park and will be the new advisor of Key Club alongside Mr. Graffius.

He enjoys visiting museums such as, The Franklin Institute and The Holocaust Museum. He finds that the students and staff of Wilson are very welcoming and hopes to inspire his students to learn more about history.

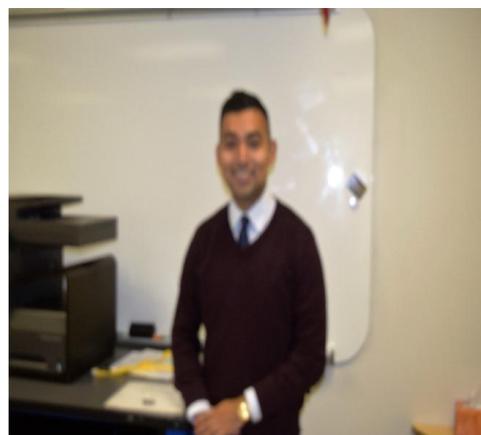


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New Student: Brandi Montague-Saunders

By Brandi Montague-Saunders

My name is Brandell Montague, and I am a new student at Wilson Area High School. I started attending Wilson on August 29, 2016. I have recently moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. When I first came here I felt very nervous, and I thought no one would like me because I came from a different state.

As a new student in Pennsylvania, living in a different neighborhood,

I have encountered many new experiences. For example, I am now living in a new complex and I have come across new, different people. Adapting to Wilson has been a fairly easy process. Although I was nervous at first, I knew I would get adjusted to this school immediately once I heard how welcoming the students were at Wilson.

While my time here at Wilson it has turned

out to be a great school. The people here are very friendly; they have shown me around and helped me with my school work. The teachers have also been supportive in my transition to Wilson. However, socializing has been the most difficult because I am shy. Overall, I enjoy living in Pennsylvania and being a student here at Wilson.

Pokemon Go Review

By Grace Hurd

Which game have ten percent of all android users downloaded in the past four months? The answer: Pokemon GO. Pokemon GO is a mobile app that allows the user to walk around the community to catch Pokemon and battle other players.

I had heard about Pokemon GO from Facebook and my friends. I did download the app until August because I wanted to focus on summer work first. When I started, I was confused about everything, since the only thing I knew about Pokemon was Pikachu.

I enjoy the app, but I do not play it on a daily basis as

some users do. I like that one must walk around to get the Pokemon. It allows exercise and has been proven to reduce depression due to being outside of the house. I do not like that Pokemon can escape when they are captured, especially those who are hard to catch as it is.

Pokemon GO will continue to impact users for month to come. For me, it has allowed me to see the community, especially near Washington Boulevard, in a different light. I rate this game a four out of five stars.

