Santa Claus is coming to Millerstown
By Chris Hodge

It’s nearing that time of year again; the time where every avid holiday lover puts up their green and red lights and brings a lovely smelling pine tree into their home. Christmas is a time that usually brings everyone closer together, and that was displayed in Millerstown on December 15, 2012, at the annual Christmas In Millerstown! This event gathered many people from the community to share in a little Christmas spirit. There were many vendors selling baked goods along the side of the road the whole time. Inside the local Chrysler garage, there were excellently crafted gingerbread houses on showcase. The fire hall was open for people to gather inside and share some hot chocolate or snacks. On the music-oriented side of things, Greenwood’s Jazz Band and Swing Choir also performed. Each year, Christmas In Millerstown never fails to bring the Christmas spirit to our community!
### FFA at Hoss’s
By Grant Lauver

On October 9th, Greenwood FFA went to Hoss’s to simply have an enjoying night. It was filled with fun, laughter, and good food. Local area schools like Juniata also attended the dinner at Hoss’s. It was a great time to fellowship with friends and get to know people from different schools. The schools enjoyed some great food that Hoss’s supplied. Some students that attended mentioned the spitball fights that they encountered with each other was the best thing they did that night. All together, it was a great night that the Greenwood FFA will never forget.

### FFA CDE competition
By Grant Lauver

On Friday, December 7th, Greenwood FFA chapter competed in multiple events that consisted of Interviewing, and AgSales. At the beginning of the event there was a breakfast for all schools that attended. After breakfast and registration, the competing began. All members of the Interviewing competition went and prepared for interviewing. AgSales members began there competing by taking a multiple choice test about sales and management. When the competing ended, lunch began. When the day came to an end, everyone found out the results of their competition. CDE Competition was a great day and a great experience for all members. Greenwood FFA Chapter looks forward to another great year next year.

### Winter band concert
By Tristen Rumbaugh

The Greenwood Band Concert on December 19, 2012 was a great success! It was a sea of black clothing on the stage as director Jonathan Watts conducted them all the way to victory. The concert started off with the Junior High Band, followed by the Brass Band, Senior High Band, Jazz Band, and ended with a great finale with the Marching Band. Everybody is still in amazement on just how far the band has gotten in the past few years, all thanks to Mr. Watts! Good job to him, and congratulations to the whole band for an awesome performance!

### PECO band
By Hannah Dalpiaz

Every January some high school instrumentalists get together to make music at the PECO Band Festival. PECO Band is an honor’s band festival. An honor’s band is where advanced instrumentalists get together and play music that challenges them. Students from Newport, Susquenita, West Perry, and Greenwood participate.

A lot goes into the planning of the PECO Band Fest. First, the host director has to get a guest conductor. The guest conductor has to be someone you trust with the students, who is good with running rehearsals, and has a lot of years of experience in public schools or at the college level. The guest conductor chooses the music, and then gets it approved by all four county directors. Then all four county directors have to get together to select who goes. This is done round-robin style. Each director considers the playing ability and availability of the students. Music is then purchased, folders re organized, and forms and money are collected. Advertising is also done. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

Greenwood is sending twelve students to the festival this year. They are: on Flute 1: Alex Pennay (First Chair); on Flute 2: Hannah Dalpiaz (First Chair) and Brittni Linn (Fourth Chair); on Clarinet 1: Tara Barnard (First Chair); on Clarinet 2: Olivia Carlton (First Chair); on Alto Sax 1: Samantha Strong (Second Chair); on Tenor Sax: Taylor Bingaman (Second Chair); on Trumpet 2: Mike Levan (First Chair); on Trumpet 3: Austin Funkhouser (First Chair); On Trombone: Grant Carlton (First Chair); On Baritone: Avery Funkhouser (Third Chair); and on Tuba: James Turner (Third Chair). This year there is also a middle school festival. Greenwood is sending seven students to the middle school festival. They are: on Flute 2: Rachel Lauver (First Chair) and Corissa Wagner (Third Chair); on Clarinet 2: Tori Hostler (Second Chair); on Clarinet 3: Lyonna Bowserox (Third Chair); On Trumpet 2: Luke Gorman (First Chair); on Tuba: Eve Lesperance (Second Chair); and on Battery Percussion: Isaiah Bryner (Third Chair).

The PECO Band Festival will be held at West Perry High School on January 4th and 5th, 2013. The Concert will take place on January 5th at 2:00 PM in the West Perry High School Auditorium.
A “sing your heart out” concert
By Keenan Weimer

On December 12th, 2012, three groups of talented singers performed songs they had been practicing for months. They had their chance to belt out a few notes in a packed auditorium. The night began with the middle school choir; a talented bunch of young singers got on stage and sang until they couldn’t sing anymore. Up next was the swing choir group known as Out of the Blue. They performed hits like All I Want for Christmas is You and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Finally ending the night was the senior high choir. They sang songs that ranged in meaning, languages and rhythm. The final song was a gospel hymn known as Peace in the Valley. It brought the soul to the concert. They also teamed up with the middle school chorus and performed song classic Christmas songs, like Deck the Halls and Jingle Bells. Altogether they had an incredible show.

A literal rock of the ages
By Keenan Weimer

With musical season just around the corner, auditions have been made and many people have belted out a tune and acted out a scene to make a dent in the director’s mind. The cast for this year’s musical “Aida” comes solely out of the Freshman through Seniors. Auditions were held on December 3rd and 4th, with the lucky few getting call backs on the 12th. Here’s how they went:

With the lead role of Aida: Emily Rowe
With the other lead role of Radames: James Turner
As the princess Amneris: Zoe Navota
As the evil uncle Zoser: Grant Lauver
As Nehebeka, the slave girl: Bailey Albert
As Mereb, The slave guy: Charlie Harrison

Greenwood blood drive
By Taylor Winters

On Monday December 16th, Greenwood held their annual Blood Drive. Greenwood does the blood drive through Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank and the Red Cross; they must converse with them to set up a time and date that is convenient for both. They try to schedule it 56 days from any other blood drive in the area. About a week in advance, Greenwood has to send in information on approximately how many people will be there. Walk-ins are welcome, however, the winter season is the hardest because of sickness. This year there were about 12 teachers and students from Greenwood that donated blood.

To donate blood, you must be seventeen or sixteen with a parent’s permission. If you donated blood you must wait 56 days until you donate again, thus why Greenwood tries to schedule it 56 days from any other blood drive. If you have gotten tattoo or piercing, you have to wait twelve months to donate blood. When you do go and donate blood, you have to fill out a paper with information and then they will give you an interview. The interview is just to ensure that you are in full health to donate blood. After you donate, the cafeteria has given snacks and drinks for you.

FBLA regional's
By Grant Lauver

On Monday, December 10, Greenwood FBLA chapter competed in Regional competition. The day consisted of competitions of testing and performing. There were multiple schools from the region which made the competition even harder. Greenwood FBLA chapter dominated the competition and sent a record number of students to State Competition which will be held in April of 2013. Congratulations to all of the students who made it to states and to all who participated!

Overall Regional competition was a day full of fun and fellowship with fellow FBLA members. One of the perks of being in FBLA is meeting new people and making new friends. After all of the performing events and workshops were over, everyone ate lunch. After lunch it was time for the results of all the competitions. FBLA Regional competition was a great one yet. Expectations are high for Greenwood next year at the State Competition.
The Greenwood boys' soccer team made it to the District Championship last year, where they fell short of the gold. Spurred on by last year’s incomplete season, the Cats avenged their loss. Greenwood cruised to a 3-1 advantage over Biglerville in this year’s District Championship. Led by a core group of seniors all year, the Wildcats had a very successful season. The soccer team made it into the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

Hockey Team Reaches State Final Four
By Joseph Sheaffer

Throughout the season the Greenwood field hockey team has run through many opponents. They cruised through the district tournament, reaching the championship. The ladies lost a heartbreaker to Oley Valley in a game that went through two overtimes and penalty strokes until a champion was eventually crowned. Inspired by the tough loss, the Wildcats fought through the state tournament to the semifinals. With only Crestwood standing between the girls and a berth to the state championship, the team showed up to play. A well fought game needed two overtimes to determine a winner. Late into the second overtime, Crestwood squeaked a goal past the Wildcats. Although the loss was hard to take, the girls had a magnificent season to proud of.