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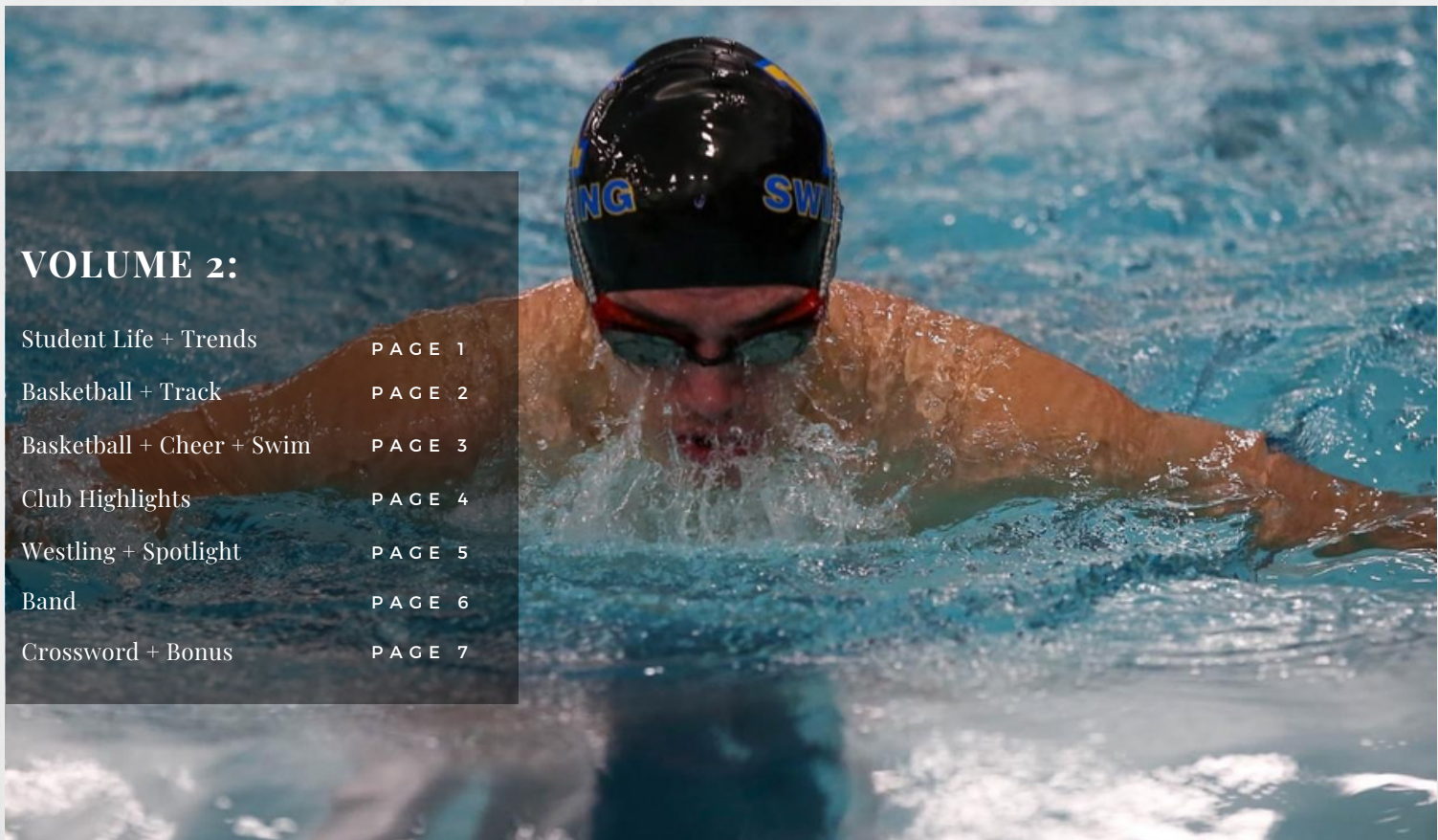


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STUDENT LIFE

BY ADDISON MORRIS

Christmas break was not too long ago, and we wondered what some of our West Muskingum students did over their time off of school. Lucas Ruetz told us, "During break I spent Christmas with my family in town, then for a few days before new years I went up to Toledo to visit some more family." Lucas Stant also responded by saying, "Over break I went to a Christmas party and did a white elephant with my friends, Santa gave me some unpopped popcorn and an empty plastic bottle, and I celebrated the new year by eating too many shrimps and drinking fake champagne." It seems as though our students had a good time over break, or at least I hope so!

TRENDS

BY MAYA CAMPBELL

Trends have changed quite a bit since the year West Muskingum High School was established. In 1962, you wouldn't be caught dead with a hole in your jeans. T-shirts were not an item you would wear out in public if you wanted to be taken seriously. Now, a t-shirt and ripped jeans are the usual type of clothing you would go out in. Not only have the clothing trends changed, but the way that people speak and interact has also significantly changed as well. Back then, people were far more formal in conversation than we are today. Slang is in most of our everyday conversations, while in '62, it was a very uncommon part of conversations. Life and trends have changed a lot in the past 61 years.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY SELAH MURPHY

The girl's basketball team thus far has had a great season with 12 wins out of 17 games. Senior team member Caitlyn Drake says that their win against New Lex remains the most satisfying of the season. She says that despite the practices being intense and tiring, she has always had fun. The challenges faced this season were playing teams that were overall very physical, fast, and difficult

to defend. Still, by matching their energy and working together, they learned to overcome them. Her biggest mentor in her twelve years in basketball has been her father, who helped coach her in the youth league and has been a guide ever since. To any new members, she wants to say that the bond made with your team members is unmatched and that work is

always balanced with fun. Her senior goal is to become sectional champs for the third year in a row. Our girl's team has worked extra hard this season, and the results are clear. Be sure to show support at their coming games, and we wish them luck for the rest of the season. Especially on Senior Night, being held February 4th at 1:00 pm in the high school gym!



DID YOU KNOW?
KEY CLUB, FBLA, STUDENT COUNCIL, FFA, AND NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF WMHS HISTORY

INDOOR TRACK

BY KAYLEY COLLINS

Being a newer sport, indoor track has gained great success! Our athletes have traveled many miles to compete in doing what they love. They have done relays, individual races, long jump, triple jump, and high jump. This team shows dedication by practicing hard in our very own high school hallways. We spoke with Carlee (Lee) Hankinson on the season. Although this is her first year doing indoor track, she participates in eight different events. When asked who has been

the most influential person when teaching technique Lee said, "Coach Durfee. He's not just about physical but also mental. Having a great mental and physical state forms great technique." When it comes to indoor track, Lee enjoys the naps and snacks between events as well as meeting new athletes and making friends. Such as everyone and everything else, there are always challenges. Lee said, "I have a habit of getting frustrated very easily and shutting

down at random times. I overcome it by thinking of a time where I did great in an event and tell myself it's not impossible. I replay those times I did good in my mind and it's almost like I can feel how it felt back when I did good." Unfortunately, this is Lee's senior year, but she leaves with some words of wisdom, "It never hurts to try things once. Whether it be a week, or a few days. Having the mentality of being open to any situation can change how you go into life and sports."



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BOYS BASKETBALL

BY ADDISON MORRIS

The boys started off their season with a win over Cambridge, 57-37! Jacob (Jake) Allen, who has been playing basketball since he was 5, is West Muskingum's very own point guard. Jake says his senior goals are to win the MVL, win sectionals and

districts, and to play in the convo for regionals. They also played against River View with a score of 71-66 with West winning the game. Let's hope the boys can keep up the good work the rest of the season! Their current record as of January 23rd is 12-3. Come show support on our boys senior night being held at 6:00 pm on February 10th at home against New Lexington.

CHEER

BY ADDISON MORRIS

Jessica (Jess) Shawger is a freshman at West Muskingum High School. Jess is on the golf team, as well as being a first-year junior varsity cheerleader. She is enjoying both very much. This is Jess' first year in cheer. When questioned about starting cheer her freshman year, she made a great point, saying, "Cheer sounded fun and I decided to try it. High school is my chance to do the things I want to do before it's too late". High school is a great chance to branch out and do fun things, and Jess is doing just that! Jess also gave some advice to anyone wanting to try something new, she said, "You're never too old to try something new, and don't listen to anyone's judgments". It seems that Jess has a great mindset about finding an activity that you enjoy and not letting anybody stop you. Our cheerleaders can be seen at every boys' basketball game supporting the team!



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SWIM

BY ADDISON MORRIS

Anna House, a West Muskingum Senior who is in her second year of swimming in high school, says her goals this season are "... for my relay team to make it to districts at Ohio State University just like my sisters. I also set goals to improve my time from last year..." Anna also talks about what practice is like. "The practices vary depending on when we have meets. We work all the different strokes. We also work on long distance and sprints." Our swim team seems to be doing well this year, and I hope all of our swimmers continue to enjoy the team this season!



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KEY CLUB HIGHLIGHT

BY CAMRYN WELCH

West Muskingum Key Club has worked diligently these past few months to improve the Muskingum County community. This year, recovering from the harmful effects of Covid-19, Key Club has returned stronger than ever. Headed by President Margret Tyo and the officer team of Jorja Kelso, Lucas Ruetz, Grace Rana, Kayley Collins, Caitlyn Drake, William Tang, and Camryn Welch. Key Club has been extremely active this Semester. So far, the club has hosted its annual events, including the peanut sale, decorating Christmas trees for the holiday season, and even buying and wrapping Christmas presents for local children. Even Pancake Day for teachers

and staff was a great success. They have also tried some new service projects, including painting the elementary school world map. Is it the officer meetings? Is it the commitment of so many members? Is it the extensive networking available to students? No one really knows what makes Key Club so special. Our West Muskingum Key Club has

reached out beyond the school. West Muskingum Key Club had the second largest representation at this year's State Conference, Fall Rally. While at the Columbus Zoo, members had the opportunity to bond with other chapters and collaborate. If you are interested in joining Key Club, meetings are held every Friday before school.



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FILM CLUB HIGHLIGHT

BY GRACE RANA

Film Club – a place to try something new and step out of your comfort zone, whether it's through writing, acting, or editing. Film Club was founded last year, starting with a handful of friends and a passion for making stories. The club's mission is to appreciate the art of filmmaking. Whether it's through writing scripts, shooting commercials, or just watching movies.

Despite some obstacles, it has grown into a fun-filled club with a bright set of underclassmen. It has since made several projects, such as snow day videos requested by Mrs. Tompkins. Madison Revenaugh, one of the founding members of the club, is a senior and current Treasurer. She described meetings as "informative", where everyone gets a chance to be involved in the conversation. She said her favorite memory was the Premiere & Potluck, where there was food, a screening, and awards. She said she helped start the club because she liked acting and screenwriting.

Madison has been one of the primary writers in the club, contributing to almost every script. Film Club hopes to make skits and promotional videos for clubs around the school soon. Whether it's to get your club out there or just a team bonding exercise, shooting a promotional video will be great for both your group and the Film Club. They'll also be hosting a March Madness-style Cutest Pet contest. The club meets every Thursday from 2:30-3:00 in Mr. Steven's room, so feel free to drop in anytime!



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DID YOU KNOW?
BY 2001, THERE HAS BEEN
APPROXIMATELY 5,114
GRADUATES WITH ONLY
47 GRADUATING WITH A
4.0

WRESTLING

BY CAMRYN WELCH

The West Muskingum Newspaper Club recently had a discussion with Talor Woodard, West Muskingum Varsity Wrestling Coach. Despite only having five wrestlers, the team has competed and placed extremely high in several tournaments against competitive teams. Most of these teams field all fourteen weight classes. Each West Muskingum wrestler has held a winning record this season. In addition, senior captain Konnor Samson currently holds 114 career wins. This huge accomplishment is amazing for

the wrestling team. In our recent discussion with Coach Woodard, we asked him to share his input and tell us what makes the team so strong: "They have been putting in the work to be the best they can be," Woodard states. He describes the team as "more like a family who holds each other accountable... They're eager to learn and improve." These committed team members have not only committed themselves to wrestling but to their school work. The wrestling team did not

possess a GPA below 3.5. Two weeks ago, the team placed 4th in the Freddie invitational. Only last week, the team made a great showing at 9th place against competitive division one teams in Northeastern Ohio. The wrestling team is scheduled for a match Saturday, January 28th, at New Lexington for the Jimmy Wood Invitational, arguably one of the toughest tournaments of the year. As Tornados, let's rally to cheer on our wrestling team and celebrate their dedication.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BY LILLI LEPI

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

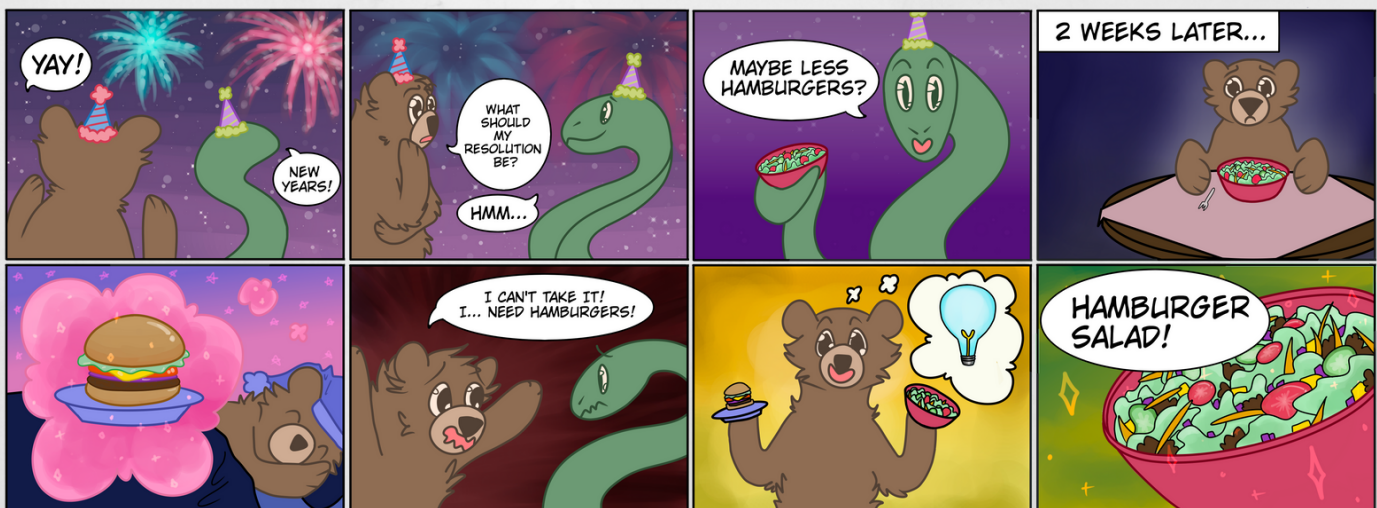
Molly Spiker is a West M sophomore. She is active in track, 4H, and is a junior leader. After high school, she would love to go to college for track. Molly has a goal to become a physical therapist or an athletic trainer.

JUNIOR/SENIOR

Tobi Mortensen is a West M senior this year. He is involved in the sign language and foreign language clubs. After high school, Tobi plans on going to college for a Ph.D. in Psychology to become a professional Psychologist. He is leaning towards going to Ohio State Newark for his first couple of years before he transfers out of state to finish his schooling.

ADVENTURES OF HAMBURGER VOL 2

BY GRACE RANA



*you can find the comic in color on @granicles on Instagram

BAND

BY SELAH MURPHY

After the marching season ended, the band shifted focus, covering pep band at basketball games, jazz band, and concert band, and preparation for the district 9 OMEA Solo and Ensemble event. Thus far, the pep band has performed at nearly all home basketball games in support of our team and student section. If you come to the games, you can hear them play a variety of different songs. The jazz band is set to perform two outside-of-school gigs in February.

The jazz band is composed of Lucas Ruetz, Westley Cornett, Noah Wahl, Thomas Milner, Vince Lin, Selah Murphy, Iris McFarland, Keolani Gill, Grace Rana, Madison Revennaugh, and Chase Darner. These musicians dedicate extra time during the day and outside of school to learn new playing styles and music. Some members of the band chose to put in extra work to learn new pieces in order to compete in this year's District 9 OMEA solo and ensemble contest.

They learn music in a range of difficulties in order to be judged on a scale of 1-5, one being the highest. The event was on the 21st. Those performing were all rated very well, some even coming back with a score of 1. Keep an eye out for opportunities to watch our band play, the members have dedicated much time and effort not only to learning their instruments but to representing our school in the community and at contests.



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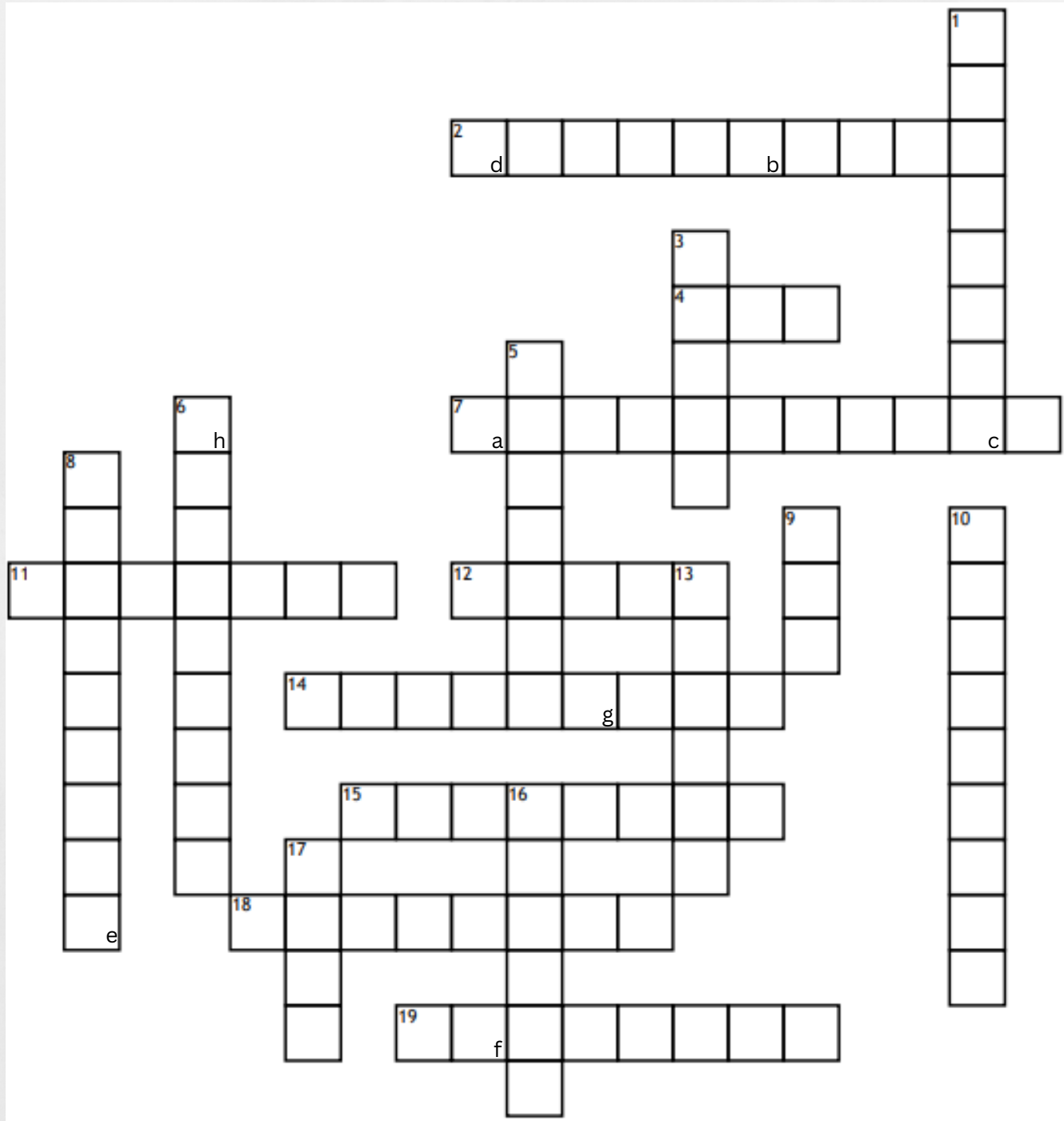
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Wednesdays after school in
Mrs. Shawger's room 221

Choose any position you want:

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Photographer
Writer
Interviewer
Comic Artist
And more!

WINTER CROSSWORD



Across

- 2. It's minty and its a very popular hot chocolate
- 4. One of the official Christmas colours, and it's the first colour in the rainbow
- 7. A type of traditional Christmas treat you can make little men and houses out of it
- 11. You make 3 snowballs and you can add a carrot
- 12. Little instruments on santas sleigh
- 14. The holiday celebrating jesus' birthday
- 15. The last month of the year

- 18. A structure that you sit on to slide down a snowy hill
- 19. A shoe that you wear to help you walk in snow

Down

- 1. A hot beverage, the most common topping is marshmallows
- 3. One of the official Christmas colours, and it's the forth colour in the rainbow
- 5. You put these on your hands to keep them warm
- 6. A form of water that falls from the sky and you will never see another one exactly like it ever

- 8. Minty canes and is usually has stripes on it
- 9. A winter sport that you race down a hill for
- 10. When you walk under this plant you kiss the person your under it with
- 13. You wear them on your feet when you are skating
- 16. A dairy beverage, the main ingredient is egg
- 17. Not hot

BONUS

What is Mr. Steven's favorite cereal?

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find the letters corresponding to the answer in the finished crossword