

TODAY IN HISTORY

Ten years ago: Behind the Pentagon's closed doors, U.S. military leaders told President George W. Bush they were worried about the Iraq war's mounting strain on troops and their families, but indicated they'd go along with a brief halt in pulling out troops during summer 2008. The space shuttle Endeavour landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., making a rare nighttime touchdown that ended a 16-day mission.

Five years ago: A study from the Society of Actuaries said that insurance companies would have to pay out an average of 32 percent more for medical claims under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. President Obama named veteran Secret Service agent Julia Pierson as the agency's first female director. Italy's top criminal court overturned the acquittal of American Amanda Knox in the grisly murder of British roommate Meredith Kercher and ordered Knox to stand trial again. (Although convicted in absentia, Knox was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.)

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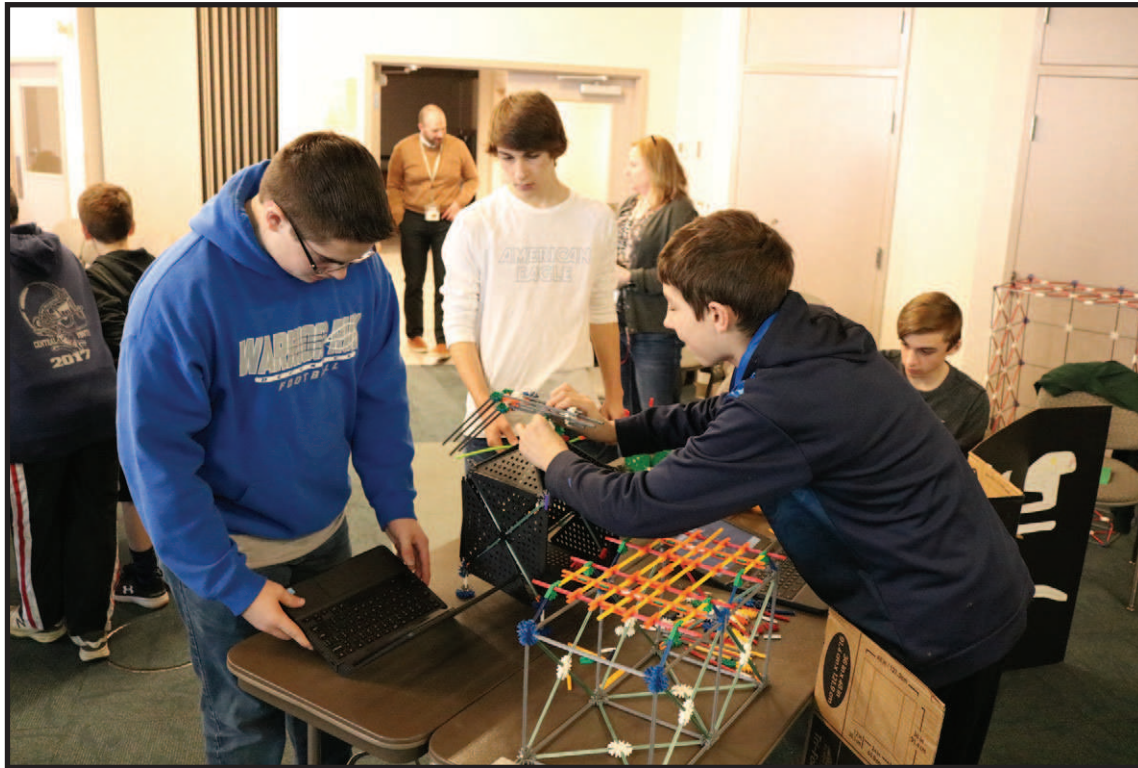
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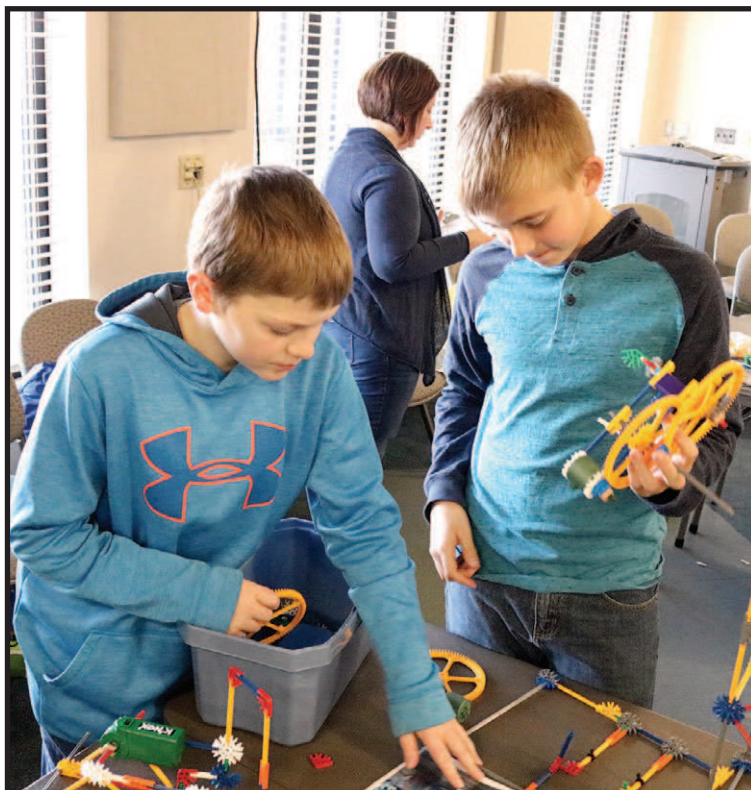
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From left, Warrior Run Middle School students **Ethan Carper, Nathan Axtman and Trent Balzer** work together during Friday's K'Nex STEM Design Challenge at the CSIU, Montandon. More than a dozen area schools took part in the event, which was funded by Thermo Fisher Scientific.



Chris Brady/The Standard-Journal
From left, Meadowbrook Christian School's **Michael Smith and Simon Ludovico** took part in Friday's K'Nex STEM Design Challenge at the CSIU, Montandon. More than a dozen area schools took part in the middle school challenge.



Chris Brady/The Standard-Journal
Milton's **Micah Fritz** worked Friday during the K'Nex STEM Design Challenge, staged at the CSIU, Montandon.



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From left, Mifflinburg students **Grant Oldt and Zeb Hufnagle** took part in the K'Nex STEM Design Challenge Friday at the CSIU, Montandon.

BIRTHDAYS

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 88. Actor Alan Arkin is 84. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is 83. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is 78. Actor James Caan is 78. Author Erica Jong is 76. Journalist Bob Woodward is 75. Singer Diana Ross is 74. Actor Johnny Crawford is 72. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 70. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 69. Actor Ernest Thomas is 69. Comedian Martin Short is 68. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 68. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 68. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 66. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao is 65. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 64. Country singer Dean Dillon is 63. Country singer Charly McClain is 62. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 61. Actress Ellia English is 59. Actress Jennifer Grey is 58. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 58. Actor Billy Warlock is 57. Actor Eric Allan Kramer is 56. Basketball and College Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 56. Actor Michael Imperioli is 52. Rock musician James Iha is 50. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 50. Movie director Martin McDonagh (Film: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri") is 48. Actress Leslie Mann is 46. Actor T.R. Knight is 45. Rapper Juvenile is 43. Actress Amy Smart is 42. Actress Bianca Kajlich is 41. Moderator Margaret Brennan (TV: "Face the Nation") is 38.