

# The Quaker

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## 2004 Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

This June, an exclusive group of young men and women from SHS will be attending the American Legion Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State programs. Both are intensive learning experiences in city, county, and state government through a non-partisan neutral education approach.

Boys' and Girls' State are both held at universities to accommodate the large number of students. Residence halls are divided into cities and counties, with citizens "registered" under one of the two political parties (which are selected for members beforehand). Each level (city, county, and state) of government is run by the Staters

through offices just as a regular work day would function. Jobs in banks, public works, and law enforcement complete the experience.

Delegates for this year's Buckeye Boys' State include Keith

Berger. Held at Bowling Green State University from June 12 through the 20 and including well over thirteen hundred young men, the nine day program includes an impressive docket. Mock elections, daily government functions, and numerous speakers are just to name a few.

Lauren Arnold, Kainani Lovette, Alexis McKee, Elizabeth Rogers, Kelly Ventresco, and alternates Alison Fedyna and Tricia Baker are the delegates chosen for this year's Buckeye Girls' State. Continuing its run at Ashland University, the program will be held from June 13 through June 19. Sponsored by the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, the experience educates young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship, just like Boys' State.

forward to being a delegate at this year's session of Buckeye Girls' State. I've always been interested in government, and I think this will be a great experience and very helpful in future endeavors, whether in

and Girls Staters should be proud of their accomplishments."

Applicants to the Girls' and Boys' State programs must undergo an interview process at American Legion Post 56 in Salem. Leadership, extracurricular activities, grades, and overall character are all acknowledged during this assessment.

Also, the Boys' and Girls' Staters will participate in Salem's Annual Memorial Day Parade. Along with riding the route, they will participate in the ceremony at Hope Cemetery by reading inspirational passages from such works as "The Gettysburg Address" and "Flander's Field."



Buckeye Boys' State Delegates: (back l-r) Derek Sanders, Aaron Berger (alternate), Fred Vogel; (front l-r) Josh Krugel, Ben Roberts, Brett Hiltbrand (alternate). Not pictured: Keith Getzinger.

Getzinger, Josh Krugel, Ben Roberts, Derek Sanders, Fred Vogel, and alternates Brett Hiltbrand and Aaron

When asked about her involvement in this year's Girls' State, Lauren Arnold stated, "I'm really looking

college or my career. It is also a great distinction to be chosen as a delegate or alternate and all of the Boys



Buckeye Girls' State Delegates: (back l-r) Elizabeth Rogers, Kainani Lovette, Alexis McKee, Kelly Ventresco; (front l-r) Lauren Arnold and alternates Tricia Baker and Alison Fedyna.

## Prom 2004: Rendezvous in Paris

By Amanda Jones  
Staff writer

As the end of the school year approaches students are eagerly awaiting for something big to happen, something that will top everything that has happened in the year. Every year students know what will be in store. This biggest event of the year...the Junior-Senior Prom, of course!

The Junior-Senior Prom will take place on May 7, 2004. Attendees will be allowed to leave school after fourth period (11:22) to get ready for the dance. Students attending the prom are required to be in the band room by 4:30 to participate in the prom parade. Following the parade all students will travel by bus to Saint Mary's reception hall on Glenwood Avenue in Youngstown. The dance will last from seven to eleven o'clock. On May 8 the after prom

will be held at Cedar Point. Students will depart on charter buses from the high school at seven in the morning and return at eleven at night. Tickets were sold for \$15 per person for the prom and \$27 to Cedar Point.

The theme for this year's prom is *Rendezvous in Paris*. Decorations will display Parisian influences. Background colors of dark purple and silver with the Eiffel tower will set the mood. Park benches, lights, and trees will give the feel of being outside on a Paris night. The DJ for the dance will be our very own Salem alumnus, Troy Tice.

Expected turnout for this year's prom is around three hundred students. Attendees from other schools and students who graduated by at least 2003 will be permitted to attend as long as the proper paperwork is completed. No underclassmen will be allowed to attend the dance even if asked by an upperclassman.

## Mass media excels at Press Day



Members of *The Quaker* staff traveled to YSU for Press Day on Monday, April 26. *The Quaker* was awarded a third place trophy for "Best All-Around Newspaper" and an honorable mention trophy for "Most Improved." Individual awards went to the following writers: Devon McIlvaine, first place - column/opinion writing; Sean Morrissey, second place - Headline writing; Sean Morrissey and Devon McIlvaine, second place - In-depth/Series writing; Lauren Arnold, third place - In-depth/Series writing; and Allison Boron, Personality Profile - honorable mention.

Members of the staff also participated in a variety of workshops. Seth Doane of *Channel One* was the featured speaker.

Press Day is an annual event sponsored by Youngstown State University. It is open to area high school students.

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# News

## Spring Fling 2004

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

The Fourth Annual Spring Fling dance sponsored by the Project Support Club and Salem High School took place Friday, April 16, 2004. It was a fun-filled evening with a great DJ and plenty of food and dancing.

From 6 until 8 o'clock, the kids in the transition classes along with their

parents, friends, relatives, and members of Project Support danced the night away to music supplied by DJ Don Shuman,

also known as DJ Rocks. Many students from the Career Center, the Middle School and other surrounding schools were invited to attend, however, most could not make it. Lisa Hostutler, President of Project

Support, was very instrumental in the planning and decorating of the cafeteria for the dance. Many organizations donated food and other products to help, while a plethora of parents gave monetary donations in order for the dance to be a success. Coca-Cola donated all the pop, Sparkle Market donated all of the balloons and paper products, and Giant Eagle and Wal-Mart both gave gift cards that were used to buy food. Sherri Sox, along with developing

the idea for the Spring Fling four years ago with Mrs. Schomer, was a tremendous help by working the food table. She also had help from Carla Kyser.

The dance created a comfortable, entertaining environment for everyone involved and, even Mrs. Schomer was caught doing the Cha-Cha Slide.



## Choir visits Boston

By Amanda Jones  
Staff writer

The Salem High School choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jeckavitch, recently traveled to Boston. The reason for this trip was to participate in a choral competition. The three songs that were performed for the competition were "Ave Maria," "Soon and Very Soon," and "Look at the World." The choir members who took part in the competition left Wednesday, April 14 and returned Sunday, April 18.

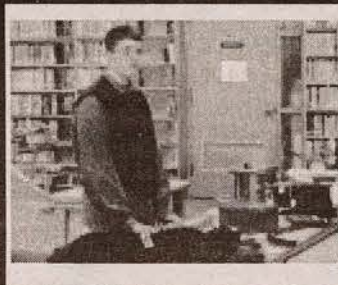
Along with the competition the choir had the opportunity to take part in many different activities. Some of these activities included tours and plays throughout the city. One tour that the choir went on was called a Duck tour. This tour consisted of riding around the city in a land and water mobile touring both the city itself and its waterways. The choir also had the opportunity to see the play *Shear Madness*. This play was a comical mystery in which the audience takes an interactive part to determine the outcome. This can be different every time.

The choir students were also able to learn about some of the more historical sites of the city. The tour guide was able to point out Paul Revere's house. The burial sites of three signers of the Declaration of Independence were also in Boston. These men were Sam Adams, John Hancock, and John Adams. The Old North Church is also found in Boston. Around 11,000 bodies are buried at this historical site. The students were able to see the USS Constitution but unfortunately were unable to board it.

There was also free time during the trip. Choir members and chaperones went to the Prudential Center Mall and the Natick Mall. They were allowed free time to walk around the New England Aquarium along with shopping at Quincy Market. A few events had to be cancelled due to a late arrival in Boston. The students were unable to complete the "Freedom Trail" tour, visit the Bull and Finch "Cheers" Pub, or visit the Boston Public Library which is the oldest free library in the US.

When asked about the trip Mrs. Jeckavitch replied, "We had a great trip, great weather too. The students sang very well in the competition. Both choir and chamber choir received 'excellent' ratings. The students were able to see many historical sites as well as the play *Shear Madness*. The highlight of the trip for most was the tour of Fenway Park."

## Clubs and Classes



SHS freshman Andy Loudon recently presented a program about the Civil War for some of the American history classes. He pitched a tent in the school library and displayed a variety of Civil War paraphernalia. Andy is a member of a Civil War Regiment that is involved with reenactments throughout the state of Ohio.



Miss Habeger's ninth and tenth grade English classes recently made a field trip to the Salem Boxing Center after reading *The Contender*. Dennis Plegge, who runs the boxing club, talked to students about the discipline, respect, and determination required in boxing. Former ABF Lightweight World Champion Harry Arroyo was present and demonstrated some of his skills and techniques. Students were able to talk to these people and even had the opportunity to try out some of the training equipment.



Mrs. Conti's active physics class completed a unit about sound and how it resonates in stringed instruments. They designed and constructed their own instruments. Through this project they learned about tone, pitch, and getting sounds to vibrate through homemade resonators. They also learned that it is *not* easy making constructive musical instruments and music.



Dr. Mathus' students recently participated in the National Latin Exam. Among Salem students, Zach Malloy earned a gold medal and Jeremy Malloy a silver medal for Latin II. David Bowman, Tyler Williams, and Lulu Rogers earned *Magna cum laude* honors. At the Latin I level, James Drotleff and Joseph Shivers earned gold medals, and Paul Shivers, Kevin Stratton, and Zach Dorn earned *Magna cum laude* honors. One Introduction to Latin award is still pending. In addition to a medal, Zach Malloy earned additional honors for having a perfect exam. That award will be announced later.

## Stay focused on the positives

By Mr. Ken Peters  
Guest writer

It becomes necessary to take time to enjoy our fortunes while being aware of helping others less fortunate. This becomes an opportunity to express one's true character. It also teaches an important fact of life - success. Helping others - philanthropy, may be one of the most important lessons of life. Look around and see how someone has helped you personally, as a family or your community.

It is important to say *thank you* to all who made this project [the boats] so successful. These include students gathering food, machine trades manufacturing axles and welding trailers, students building boats, teachers donating food and money, administrators and community members support, Latin class leading the effort, with additional support from English, science, math, language, history and all others. It is difficult to try and single out individuals to thank for fear of missing someone. As the project grew, we lost track of the money supporters - this is my only regret. However, the results are overwhelming, and you should be proud of your participation.

In life, work hard to do

the right thing. Stay focused on the positives. Remember, too, that not everyone will participate in your plan and that is okay. You never know of their abilities, constraints, or involvement in many other good causes. Do be wary of those who speak negatively of others efforts, for their views can be a detriment to your own beliefs.

My father, after growing up an orphan on the streets of Pittsburgh and renting a room to go home to empty at night at the age of nine, taught me the importance of respect for others and a focus on hard work. My wife and sons reinforce these when I see their constant acts of selflessness and giving toward others.

In closing, I would like to leave you with some quotes that you may wish to keep near as you go on with your lives.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." - H. Jackson Brown

"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find it out." - Frank A. Clark

"I am not, nor will I ever be, the caliber character of my father or sons. However, I can still try daily to better myself or to be the best that I am able to be. I am but myself." - Joe Anonymous

## Where did all the food go?

Update on the

"Sail into spring on a sea of food project."

This project was gathered locally to be distributed locally for the good of our community. Times are tough everywhere for some, very good for others. The response was enlightening. The students and other supporters of this project collected in excess of 10,300 items of food.

The winner of the boat and trailer was a gentleman from Poland. He already has plans to share it with many in his community.

Food banks receiving your donations are the following:

First Christian Church	3 ½ months supply of food
First Baptist Church	6 months supply of food
First Methodist Church	100 families/300 people
Salvation Army	3 ½ months supply of food/80 families

## Point/Counterpoint

This month: Feelings on the new conceal and carry law.

By Devon McIlvaine  
Feature editor

Let me tell you a little story. Once upon a time there were these old guys, and they made up this thing they liked to call the Second Amendment; this amendment gave people the right to bear arms. No, it did not give just the military the right to bear arms, or the militia, or whatever it might be. The founding fathers decided to build it into an irrefutable Constitution that every person had the right to protect himself. Back in those days everyone had a gun, and strangely enough the murder rate was nowhere near what it is today. Why? Because people knew how to use guns; they didn't take the responsibility lightly. With the enactment of Ohio's new concealed carry law, people will again begin to have this basic understanding. The people who receive these permits are not the mental patients that my dear friend Sean would have you believe. These applicants go through hours of training and instruction in how to properly handle a deadly weapon before they are awarded the right

to carry one. Some people naively believe that such a law is begging criminals to perpetrate violent crimes, but the people who receive these permits are law-abiding citizens. Murderers and thieves, quite obviously, aren't concerned with what the laws say (that's why they call them criminals), so being forced to break one more law in an attempt to obtain a weapon isn't exactly the deterrent of the century. Allowing honest citizens to possess a gun, however, may force said criminal to reconsider attempting to rob a convenience store which may house someone trained and armed with a firearm.



## “Who are you...oo,oo?!”

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

It is a known fact that mathematically, Senator John Kerry has the Democratic nomination for President wrapped up. But what do we really know about the man who embodies the typical “New England liberal”? Kerry was born in 1943 to a political father and an aristocrat mother...and blah blah blah. Let's face it, very few high school students care about the life of the Massachusetts senator now in his fourth term (except for a few...well, ok, me). So, let's get to the real issues...botox, money, France, the usual.

As if it is not enough that Senator Kerry was born into the esteemed and wealthy Forbes family, his wife is Teresa Heinz Kerry, and yes, that is Heinz as in Heinz Ketchup. John Kerry is married to the condiment queen, and she has the money to prove it. Mrs. Kerry is worth an approximate \$500 million, and the couple together is rumored to value somewhere in the ballpark of \$600 million. After all, Kerry put a significant amount of money into his own campaign. But, in the grand scheme of things how much is \$600 million really? After all the Trump Taj Mahal makes Donald Trump about \$525 million per year. So isn't the question really “Why don't the Kerry's make more?” Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought that being an oil tycoon was a prerequisite for the President these days.

So, if the Kerry's have so much money surely they can keep up their appearances, and that is the exact controversy, small as it may be, surrounding the Kerry campaign. Teresa Heinz Kerry has admitted to having Botox injections,

but what's making John look so perky? Stephanie Cutter, a Kerry spokeswoman, maintains that nearly sweeping the primary season thus far is what's causing Kerry's “Reylon Girl” wrinkle free appearance. However, plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Kane says this of Kerry's smooth forehead and no longer droopy eyelids in the *New York Daily News*, “Not only is it Botox, but it's classic bad Botox.” Senator Kerry seemed to be surprised by the accusations of plastic surgery when saying, “I've never even heard it. Where did this come from?” But, then again if Kerry really did have the injections lifting his eyebrows, I suppose he would always appear that way.

“The only way the French are going in is if we tell them we found truffles in Iraq,” said Dennis Miller. Yes, that's right folks it's time to join in America's favorite pastime and make fun of the French! But the possible future leader of our country may not be laughing. It seems that Kerry spent summers and family get-togethers in France at the estate that his grandparents bought in the 1920s. And to top that off the Senator is fluent in the language, how dare he! Elect a president that is well traveled with good communication skills and an understanding of European life - well steal my socks and call me Denny! I just won't have it! Although relatives living in France say that “Johnny” is all-American I just don't know if I can stand for it, myself. I don't know what this country is coming to. The next thing you know we'll be hunting for imaginary weapons in the middle of the desert.

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

Vivid yellow signs at Reilly Stadium, letter-sized reminders to customers at local businesses, posted notices at all entrances to SHS - all stating that hidden weapons on those particular premises are prohibited. But, with the newly passed law that allows law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons with the proper licensure anywhere in the state of Ohio, these signs may almost be pointless. Technically the signs may forbid weapons on those premises, but that doesn't mean everyone will follow them.

Of all people, Charles A. McCoy, “the I-270 Columbus sniper,” would have qualified for a license to carry a concealed weapon. Loop-hole? I think so. He's not the only person who would have qualified under the law; mentally-ill individuals are also eligible unless a court has ruled them incompetent. Records show that McCoy would have qualified before his most recent hearing, entitling him to carry a gun

during those shootings.

Activists say that with this law crime should drop way below what we are seeing now. But even with that said, what about our own safety? Not knowing that the man next to me might have a weapon is just a little unnerving. I'm not saying he's going to whip out his .45 and gun me down; it's just that fear of not knowing what could happen in any given situation. Plus is there really a need for such self defense, especially in Salem, Ohio?

Immense background checks would have to be performed, along with training for more than twelve hours (the amount for the current law) and support from all levels of law enforcement. In 72% of the states, law enforcement must approve permits if citizens do not fall into certain categories (including felonies and mental status). Eighteen percent of states are extremely strict and don't even issue them unless a spotless background is evident. Ten percent of the states do not allow concealed weapons whatsoever, Ohio being among them until just recently.

## SAM Center: A case of bad timing

By Thomas Leguard  
Staff writer

What comes to mind when people hear the phrase arch enemies? Superman vs. Lex Luther, Spiderman vs. The Green Goblin, Browns vs. Steelers, Muslims vs. Jews, and Russia vs. The United States comprise a short list of some possible rivalries.

Another rivalry that seems to come up in every high school and high school movie is athletics vs. books. Whether it, the pretty cheerleader vs. the hidden beauty of the geeky girl or the captain of the football team vs. the band leader there always has seemed to be a conflict between the two cliques. It always seems to be over the same thing - the fact that the athletes get all the attention and all of the schools respect.

Our own school is beginning to see the rivalry first hand with the idea of the construction of the SAM Center. It is putting a split down the student population and the city. Many people are unhappy that this idea is being brought up at this time. Between the constant news reports of the circus that has been going on with the school board and all the talk of tax cuts, people are a little nervous.

Questions come up like: Where is the money coming from? Why do we need another weight room? Isn't the cafeteria in debt? Isn't the school board constantly at each others' throats? Aren't the middle school and Prospect school in dire need of reconstruction if not being completely shut down? Where are our priorities?

In regard to the money issue, the Salem High School web page

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## War of Words

By Lauren Arnold  
Quaker Clips Editor

### How bad is your senioritis?



“It's terrible! I never do my homework at home if at all, and I have missed more days this year than all of my freshman, sophomore, and junior years combined”

-Allyson Pasqual



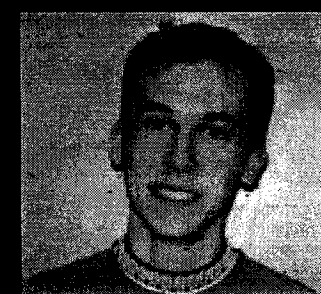
“Extremely bad! I usually start slacking off at this point every year, but seeing that this is the last one, I have no desire to do much of anything for some reason.”

-Travis Swiger



“Words can't describe the amount of apathy I feel towards school. I've come to realize that caring is way too overrated.”

-Brennan Booth



“I don't have senioritis. I could never quit my studies. I'm hoping to get into law school so I need my grades to do well for me.”

-Jason Downing



“I've had senioritis since preschool.”

-Kassie Farcas

# Feature

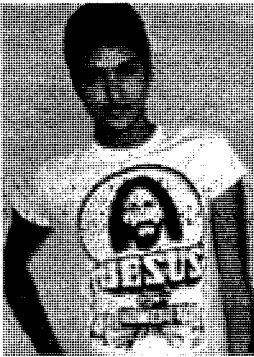
## Jesus loves hip-hop...oh, stop being offended!

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

I feel like I should preface this article, which probably means I shouldn't write it, but here it goes! First of all I would like to make it clear that I am neither a heathen nor a devil worshiper; just call my minister and ask (Rev. Ross Jackson, First Presbyterian Church). Second, I have seen our own Tom Leguard write a retraction, and it doesn't look like too much fun. So, please take this in the spirit in which it was intended. Finally, I am not an authority on the relationship between Jesus and the rap community, just in case there was any confusion.

Am I the only one troubled by the fact that the Messiah is the newest pop culture icon? I don't think it's a bad thing that people are finding religion; whether it is Christian, Muslim, or Judaism, it doesn't matter to me. I'm just concerned that a new generation of Christians is finding its faith through a movie that was produced by a major player in *Chicken Run*. If you have truly found spiritual fulfillment through *The Passion of the Christ*, then I'm happy for you, I really am. But how do you know who is for real and who is jumping on the Savior bandwagon? I mean, how much can I trust some six hun-

dred pound guy in a Grateful Dead t-shirt and a piece of "passion jewelry" (i.e. nails on necklaces, bracelets, etc.)? I don't think that people should be exploiting religion. But, I don't know if they're exploiting, educating, or trying to educate; I don't know what in the Lord's name (quite literally) these "Christian entertainers" are trying to do...I'M JUST SO CONFUSED!



I hate that J. Christ might be the next J. Lo, and I am befuddled as to whether this article is sacrilegious, funny, neither, or all together ambiguous. I take some comfort in assuming that I am not the only one who feels this way because in talking to some of my fellow students I found that everyone finds the saying "Jesus is my homeboy" amusing and all, but we just don't know if we should wear it on a T-shirt. And if we do decide to buy the "Jesus t-shirts" can we wear them to school or is that crossing the church-and-state line?

Now I'm at the end of my article, and I am a little more confused than I was when I started, and maybe you are too. I suppose that I didn't really argue a point, but hopefully I got you thinking. I guess my whole purpose of this rambling is that the possibility of high school kids sitting here next spring saying "God was so last year" is troubling, and no one else is addressing it...why?

## 14 things to be jealous about

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

1. Good metabolism
2. Students with 4.25 GPAs
3. Beaver Local's amount of snow days.
4. Long legs
5. Photographic memories
6. Perfect skin
7. Photogenic people
8. Wisdom
9. People who can sleep ANYWHERE! DEVON
10. Pets - because they can sleep and eat all day.
11. Jennifer Aniston & Brad Pitt (do we really have to explain?)
12. Runners
13. Hippies - can anyone really hate a hippie?
14. Stand-up comedians



## The British are coming

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

Nowadays it seems like more and more Americans are taking up the way of our mother-land and speaking the Queen's English. No, not the sophisticated, proper language of Parliament, but more like the slang of the common bloke, er, man.

The craze of British culture can be traced back to the sixties when several of England's most popular bands "crossed the pond" and topped the charts for almost a decade. Today it seems like no big deal to have some of our favorite bands come from another country like England. That also means that it's no big deal when some of the Brit slang slips into our everyday conversations.

When it comes to thinking up words to replace outdated verbs, adjectives, and nouns, the Brits are the best. However, some of their words and phrases are so extreme that sometimes it seems as though they are speaking another language all together.

Try to match these British terms with their American meaning.

- A. Flat
- B. Draughts
- C. Station wagon
- D. Ironmonger
- E. Jigger
- F. Mackintosh
- G. Kip
- H. Wonga
- I. Plaster
- J. Serviette
- K. Blighty
- L. Hole in the wall



- 1. Nap
- 2. Raincoat
- 3. Alley
- 4. England
- 5. Estate car
- 6. Checkers
- 7. Apartment
- 8. Band-aid
- 9. Money
- 10. ATM
- 11. Hardware Store
- 12. Napkin

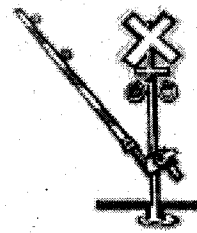
Answers: A.7, B.6, C.5, D.11, E.3, F.2, G.1, H.9, I.8, J.12, K.4, L.10

## Angels on Track

By Katie Baranovich  
Staff writer

Angels on Track is an organization that was started in 1996 after high school student, Ryan Moore, and five of his friends were involved in a fatal car accident. A freshman at Northwest High School in Stark County, he was only sixteen years old at the time. The deadly crossing was located on the rural

Deerfield Avenue in Northeastern Ohio when tragedy struck. While riding as a passenger in the car, a train hit their vehicle when the teens were crossing the rail road tracks, and it happened without warning. Three, including Moore, were killed. There were no gates and no flashing lights that many have come to rely on at rail road tracks.



Statistics prove that "According to a 1999 study released by Rail Watch, a Texas-based non-profit organization, a car-train accident occurs every 90 minutes in the U.S. The study also indicated that more than 500 deaths and 1,800 injuries resulted from these accidents in 1998." Angels on Track is working throughout the area and all of Ohio to help prevent future train accidents.

No one can bring Ryan or his friends back, but tragic accidents involving railroad crossings can be prevented. With common sense and caution it can be safe to use railroad crossings that lack safety gates and lights. Next time you get to a railroad track crossing take the extra minutes to double check it might just save your life or a friend's, and remember "Bad Crossings Kill Good Drivers."

Shockingly enough at least 80 percent of the public Rail Road Crossings in the United States have no gates or flashing lights to warn of approaching trains. Ryan's parents founded this organization to give out partial reimbursements to awards to local highway authorities for railroad safety upgrades. While they have made amazing progress in helping to make railroad crossings safer for pedestrians and automobiles operators, there are still thousands of crossings that are not

All information was found on [www.angelsontrack.org](http://www.angelsontrack.org)

April Calendar	
May 1	Freshman Formal
May 3	Band Concert
May 5	Choir Banquet
May 7	Junior/Senior Prom
May 8	After prom Cedar Point
May 8	Sophomore Social
May 12	Band Banquet
May 14	3 on 3 Tournament
May 15	Senior Citizen's Prom
May 16	Choir Concert

## Senior jeans

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff writer

The "Senior Jeans" tradition continues with the Class of 2004. A pair of blue jeans is decorated throughout the year by artwork and the signatures of any senior who wishes to do so. This year's jeans were graciously donated by Jessica Nutter. Brennan Booth provided his artistic inspiration when tagging the denim canvas. Quaker Sam, a giraffe, a Native American, the Mona Lisa and the Great Fu Fu are among the images which were drawn on to these one of a kind commemorative pants. New to the senior jeans tradition, a collection of key rings will be found on each belt loop. Near the end of the year tickets will go on sale to the public, and the jeans can be won by any person. A drawing will be held to determine the winner of the "Senior Jeans."

Blue jeans were created for railroad workers of days gone by.

Their pants would not stand up to the rigorous work, and the pockets would often rip open at the seams. Blue jeans are made out of durable denim, and Levi's began using rivets to maintain strength where rips would occur. So blue jeans have been a symbol of toughness and longevity since our nation's infancy. These pants are the American dream.

You may wonder who benefits from these pants. The answer is all of mankind. All of the money raised from this will be given to a charity. Toward the end of the year senior English classes will collectively decide the recipient of these funds.

Mr. Viencek has taken the responsibility of maintaining this tradition. He states, "Knowing the high caliber of students comprising the senior class, many believe these autographed jeans will be a priceless keepsake of famous individuals emerging from the class of 2004."

## Traveling to the capital

By Katie Baranovich  
Staff writer

On April 2-4, 2004, thirteen students had the opportunity to travel to Columbus for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio District of Key Club International Convention. Members of the club left Friday morning to make the journey to the state capital.

After arriving in Columbus, attendees were allowed to take the traditional "Walking Tour" of the Capital building. Upon returning to the Convention Center the opening session was held and motivational speaker and hypnotist, Dr. Jim Wand, spoke to the Key Club members. Currently he is in the process of auditioning for the next *Survivor*. Friday night concluded with caucuses to hear candidates for office speak about their goals for the Ohio District, and an informal dance.

Saturday morning started bright and early with a K-Family session and a final round of caucusing. Throughout the remainder of the day there was a variety of forums to attend, and the business session concluded with the House of Delegates where the new Execu-

tive Board was elected and amendments to the bylaws were passed. Saturday night some awards were handed out, and the board was re-elected. The festivities concluded once more with a formal dance.

Sunday was the day when the bulk of the awards were handed out. The SHS Key Club brought home a variety of awards. Bethany Billham was named Distinguished Club President, Aaron Berger was named Distinguished Club Vice President, Jason Stewart was named Distinguished Club Treasurer, Carla Gbur was named Outstanding Club Member, and Katie Baranovich received a nomination for Outstanding Lieutenant Governor, which will be decided at International Convention. In addition the club received awards for completing the Governor's Project and Key Club Week Participation. Salem also brought home four trophies including the following: First Place in Achievement Report, First Place in the K-Family Service Board, First Place in Poster Contest (drawn by David Beeson), and First Place Non-traditional Scrapbook. The scrapbook will move on to judging at International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in July.

## Poet's Corner

### This Anger Inside

I've been told that I have a lot of anger inside,  
At times this is something I just can't hide.  
I have tried to forget it and push it away  
Time after time I tell them I'm OK.

Why don't they believe me when I tell them so?  
It hurts me so bad I just want them to go.  
I want them to go and leave me alone,  
Sometimes I just need to be on my own.

This anger inside has built up over years,  
Sometimes I just break down into tears.  
Why does this stupid thing happen to me?  
I just want to break away and be free.

-Carla Gbur

### Question

Adaptation: seek and plunder

One good laugh deserves another

Pack of beasts live as one

Knowing land, worship sun

Ride the darkness

Current other

Stumble upon

Unknown mother

Blind hands feel the morrow

No sign of the one

No sign of the one

Adaptation: seek and plunder

Cannot save the sinking brother

How the west was won

One

West

Won

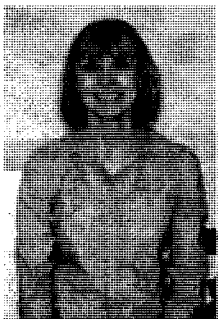
-Brandon Fitch

## Teacher Feature with Mrs. Schomer and Mrs. Seevers

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

Located in senior hall are the classrooms of Mrs. Joan Schomer and Mrs. Debbie Seevers. Mrs. Schomer's class is a Model IV Learning Center. She is assisted by Mrs. Cathy Hoover, LPN and attendant, Mrs. Sandy Deville. Mrs. Seevers has a Model IV unit from CESC. Attendants in her room include Mrs. Jessica Paulini, Mrs. Denise Kornack, and interpreter, Mrs. Anita Gillam.

Mrs. Seevers was born on February 1. She attended Meadville Area Senior High School in Meadville, Pennsylvania. After graduating, she attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Before coming to Meadville, she lived in Houston, Texas and worked at the Aldine Independent School District. Mrs. Seevers says



at *The Miracle Worker*, the story of blind and deaf Helen Keller, inspired her to study deaf education. Her favorite things about being a teacher include getting to know each student, having fun with them, and watching them mature and grow. She is currently working on her masters degree at Kent State.

A memorable moment in her teaching career occurred when she was a chaperone on a trip to a

roller skating rink with fifty deaf students. "I put my skates on, went around the rink one time and fell," she explains. "I ended up breaking my arm!"

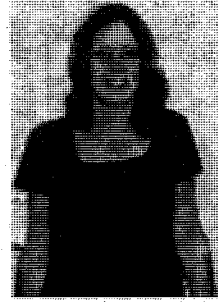
In high school, Mrs. Seevers was involved in all vocal groups and school musicals. She even played guitar and sang in a folk group called "The Villagers," as well as accompanying choirs on the piano. She was also in the French Club, International Relations Club, National Honor Society, and Speech and Debate.

Mrs. Seevers has been married twenty years this June and has two children. In addition, she is also a mom to a dog and a bird: Topo, a Boxermix, and a Senegal bird named Maggie. Her favorite sports teams are the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins. She enjoys reading books by James Patterson and John Grisham, as well as music by Sheryl Crow, Lenny Kravitz, the Steve Miller Band, and Jimmy Buffet. She takes pride in the fact that she can wiggle her ears and adds that she travels to Nags Head, North Carolina, almost every summer. Mrs. Seevers also enjoys jogging and exercising, hiking and biking, spending time on the family boat, waterskiing, cross-stitching, going to musical programs, and her children's basketball games.

Mrs. Schomer was born on July 3. She decided to become a teacher because of her love of kids and teaching. After attending Butler Area Senior High School in Butler, Pennsylvania, she went to Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. There she received a BS in education. She later

attended Kent State to earn her Master's degree. Before she came to SHS, Mrs. Schomer was employed at the middle school in Columbiana and taught a regular sixth grade class. She has also worked with orthopedically-handicapped middle school students.

In high school, she says her favorite subject was English, and she enjoyed reading novels such as *Moby Dick*, *The Red Badge of Courage*, and *Charles Dickens* novels. Her love of reading continues today as she enjoys mystery novels, especially those of Agatha Christie and the series of *The Cat Who...* by Lilian Jackson Braun. In addition, she loved a task loathed by most students, that of diagramming sentences.



In her spare time, Mrs. Schomer enjoys the TV show *Judge Judy* and power-walking with her husband. She has been married for thirty-four years and has three children, two of which were adopted from Korea. Her home also contains a cat named Friske, a frog named Ed, and a fish. An interesting fact about Mrs. Schomer's family is that three of her brothers have played professional football: Bill Saul (Pittsburgh Steelers), Rich Saul (Los Angeles Rams) and Ron Saul (Washington Redskins).

## CLOSED

By Thomas Leguard  
Staff writer

"Ah lunch was great," I said as I walked down the hallway to sixth period. "I sure am glad I drank a whole lot of water to hydrate my mind for the end of the day."

I walked up the one way hallway and turned to the right thinking I could stop at the bathroom.

Only to find that it was closed. Oh well, I thought, I can just stop in the science wing and relieve myself there before my test, only to find once again it was closed. My entire test I sat uncomfortably twitching due to my situation.

The next day the same thing occurred only the science wing was open again so I was able to save my discomfort. However, the senior hallway restroom is still closed.

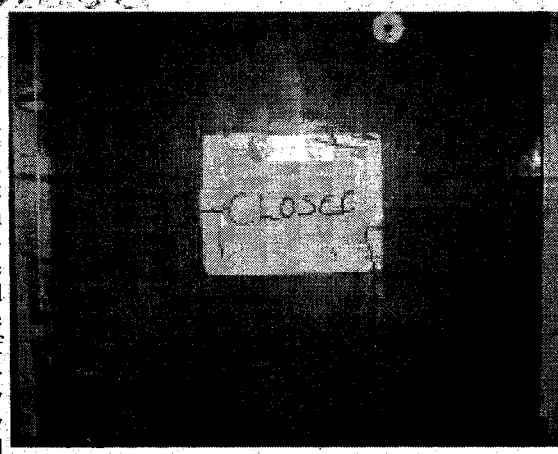
A little aggravated about the whole situation I decided to go straight to the top and find out just what was behind the closing of the restrooms. My first stop was Mr. Beatty only he explained to me that

it was an executive order from Mr. Kirkland.

Eventually I tracked him down and asked him, "Mr. Kirkland why is the senior restroom closed?"

He turned to me and said, "Because I wanted it closed." He then proceeded to explain that there were people smoking in the bathrooms. The senior hallway is the only restroom that could not be patrolled by a male teacher.

These male teachers, we'll call them the potty patrol, consist of the following: Mr. Kirkland in the office hallway, Mr. Shivers in the



science wing, and Mr. Shurtleff in the second floor. Until the smokers in this school can contain themselves long enough to go through a whole day without a smoke, they will have to puff in constant fear of the potty patrol. As for the rest of us, we will have to find other places than the senior hallway to relieve ourselves.

# Entertainment

## "To Boddah pronounced"

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff writer

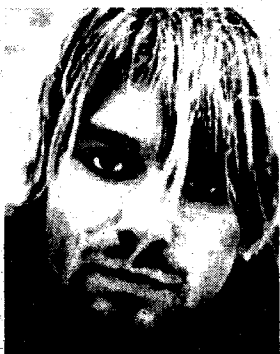
The brightest star ascends the midnight sky so fast that it seemed to have always been there. The unimposed splendor draws you in with the reverent consciousness of an awaited and impending change of all that is. No, it was just a rock band. And it was over as fast as it began. But it was

In 1988, the stage was set but no one knew who would steal the show. The American youth of the generation had no struggle or direction. Adolescent suburbia was salivating for something to believe in, wanting anything to call their own. Our nation's teens were silent, crouched and ready, lying in wait to lunge at the next big bandwagon. "Here we are now entertain us." Now we're getting somewhere.

Nirvana dropped onto the scene and exploded out of sight. But not before shaking things up and without knowing why people followed in their wake. Kids who would have beat Kurt up in high school misunderstandingly took his words as their anthem, and Cobain hated it.

A frail and sensitive painter from Olympia, Washington, Kurt Donald Cobain, was the most unlikely of rock superstars. His satiric and vividly agitated songs

outlashed at a world that kept him uneasy since childhood. Growing up Kurt was a happy kid that loved drawing. After his parents divorce Cobain was shuffled around to different homes and says he never felt loved or secure again. Upon entering adolescence he gave up on Bob Segar and found refuge in the punk underground. This was something



he could identify with. Even if the causes are not the same, he was excited by the tenacity and raw emotion.

In 1988, Nirvana released their first album "Bleach" with the now famous Sub-Pop Records in Seattle, Washington. This was a launching point for the Independent Seattle scene that came to be labeled as "Grunge". "Bleach" was recorded for \$606, and sent Nirvana from the club scene to Saturday

*Night Live*. The follow-up album "Nevermind" solidified them into the mainstream. This was difficult for Kurt who was devastated by people's misconception of what he was trying to do. Many of his pop fans loved him as the next big thing, they screamed for *Smells Like Teen Spirit*. It got to the point where Kurt despised playing his own creation because of what it came to represent. With the release of "Nevermind" Cobain helped to get rid of some of the fickle, pop fans. But they ate up everything he threw at them.

On April 5, 1994, Kurt Cobain was found dead in his home. After almost no police investigation it was ruled a suicide. This was an abrupt end to the three year run in the public eye. Recently a commemorative tenth year remembrance was held at a tiny park on Lake Washington Boulevard close to his old home. This place is now listed as "Kurt Cobain Park" in Washington guide books. Messages are tagged all over the few park benches, showing a strong public adoration for the late artist. Many speculations have arisen about the causes of his death which were suspicious in nature, but the case has not been reopened as of yet. One thing is certain, that the music is forever. In Kurt's final note he left the quote that, "It is better to burn out than to fade away."

## Rufus Wainwright's no *Evil Angel*

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

Blessed with what has been called one of the most unique and expressive voices in music today, Rufus Wainwright has yet again popped back into the public, yet secretive eye. With the release of his junior album *Want One* in September of 2003, the singer-songwriter opens up a little more than the previous two recordings. Being as staggeringly determined as it is, the emotional intricacy of his past substance abuse still leaves much to be imagined. Powerful orchestral sounds woven with his awe-inspiring voice in amazing complex arrangements are just the tip of the iceberg.

Rufus was born in 1973 in New York to prominent musicians Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle. After the separation of the two artists, his mother moved them both to Montreal where young Rufus began studying classical piano at age six. Within the next seven years he began touring with mother, Kate; aunt, Anna; and sister, Martha, and later earning Juno (the Canadian equivalent to a Grammy) and Genie (the Canadian equivalent to an Oscar) nominations at the age of fourteen. Coming out as a homosexual while in his mid-teens, he sought relief through music, his own or that of the classical masters. His sexual preference has not only been the basis of his music but his charity work as well.

When time for higher education approached, upstate New York's Millbrook School called Rufus' name. Continuing at the prestigious McGill University in Montreal, he soon failed out and decided that studying music and composition was not the key to his future success and shyed away from classical entertainment altogether. The Canadian and American club



circuits were the way to go, and with his gaining popularity (yet slightly underground) a recording contract with DreamWorks was right under his nose.

Before the release of his self-titled debut album in 1998, the two years prior were spent recording a mammoth amount of tunes, with only twelve tracks selected for the release. *Rufus Wainwright* was the start of a somewhat "trademark sound" with piano-driven melodies

amplified by thriving orchestra arrangements. Closing out the year in 1998, Rufus was honored with the label "Best New Artist of the Year" by *Rolling Stone*. With time ticking away, work was immediately started on his sophomore album *Poses*. Yet again, two more years proved to produce still an even more magical musical experience. Continuing with his sumptuous voice and the accompaniment of his piano skills, the somber and grave mood of the album certainly reflected a more mature Rufus with songs like "Evil Angel," "Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk," and "California."

Continuing with the success of his first two albums, time was spent focusing on not only the third album but also on motion picture soundtracks as well. Re-recording "Instant Pleasure" for *Big Daddy* (1999), the only song actually sung in French ("Complainte de la Butte") for the film *Moulin Rouge* (2001), and also re-recording Cohen's "Hallelujah" for the *Shrek* (2001) soundtrack were three of the most popular tunes to grace the ears of movie-goers.

With musical stylings much like those of the late Jeff Buckley and Elliot Smith, Rufus shines in a world full of pompous pop idols. This thirty year-old not only has an overall amazing appeal but an excellent quality for entertainment as well. Young or old, male or female, gay or straight - Rufus is truly a musical genius appreciated by all.

## Hot summer concerts in Ohio

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

For all you concert-goers out there, here are just a few of the tours you might want to catch over the summer, compliments of our "friends" at ticketmaster.com.

Prince will be touring the US until late August. He'll hit Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland.

Kenny Chesney will make 24 appearances around the US by himself and with other artists such as Uncle Kracker and Rascal Flatts. He'll appear in Columbus on July 9.

Blink 182, No Doubt, The Used and more will be appearing in the Rockfest tour which comes to Columbus on May 14 and the Post-Gazette Pavilion in Pittsburgh on May 22.

Projekt Revolution 2004 includes performances by Snoop Dogg, Linkin Park, Korn, and The Used will come to Columbus on July 23 and Cuyahoga Falls on August 5.



Dave Matthews Band

Dave Matthews Band will come to Columbus for two shows on June 23 and 24 and Cuyahoga Falls on June 29.

Rod Stewart promotes his newest album with a 33-date tour around the US and Canada and will appear in Cleveland on July 27.



Kenny Chesney

Other concerts coming to the Gund Arena include:

- Alabama on June 4
- Britney Spears on June 29
- Incubus on July 12
- Sarah McLachlan on August 26
- Metallica on September 21

## Friends Forever

By Carla Gbur  
Opinions editor

After ten long years of making people laugh, the group consisting of Chandler, Phoebe, Ross, Rachel, Joey and Monica will be obsolete. The television show *Friends* has been running on NBC since 1994, and the group



has had their ups and downs but have stuck it out all ten years. What exactly do you expect to get when you put six friends together in Manhattan to live, learn and grow? The episodes are filled with craziness, fun and some challenging questions that can arrive in any young adult's life. *Friends* blow up the ratings on "Must See TV" Thursday nights when the six close friends sit around drinking coffee at The Central Perk, talking about all the things in life, but after Thursday, May 6 it will be nothing but re-runs.

This sitcom has so many awards to show after all the years it's been on air. They have received forty-four Emmy Nominations, in-

cluding five for Outstanding Comedy Series. *Friends* won a Screen Actors Guild in 1996 for Outstanding Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Series and it has been nominated four times for a Golden Globe. They have won four People's Choice awards, three first one being for Favorite New Comedy Series, and the remaining

three for Favorite Comedy Series. This show focuses on the bonds that these six friends have, and shows the many ups and downs they go through, and they had been through a lot the past ten years. Whether it's Ross and Rachel going through their lovers' quarrel, Monica being a neat freak, Chandler constantly running into Janis, Joey going on and off of his soap operas or Phoebe singing one of her many songs about cats, they all get along well and in the end things turn out for the best. This is now the tenth and final year for the group, but we can still expect to see all of them around on some shows or movies. Plus there are always re-runs.

## Baseball set for 2004 campaign

By Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

The 2004 Salem baseball team returns a quality core of upperclassmen from last season's squad, as well as some promising underclassmen. This year's team is led by Coach Kirkland and Coach Alejars. The Quakers also boast seven seniors: Travis Milliron, Zac Grey, Lance Buckley, Brian Schwartz, Tim Singer, Landon Heath, and Andy Ace.

In their first contest of the spring, the Quakers traveled to Springfield to take on the Cardinals. They were unfortunately knocked out by the score of 8-4. Travis Milliron took the loss on the hill for Salem.

The team then traveled to Lebanon for their first non-conference game of the young season. Salem throttled the Blue Devils 10-4. Sophomore Jarin Heath was the winning pitcher, and contributing on offense was Travis Milliron who went 3-3 with a homerun and five RBI. Heath helped his own cause at the

plate by hitting a homer of his own along with three RBI. Also chipping in was Grant Sevek who had a pair of singles and a pair of RBI.

The Quakers then came home for the first home game of the season against the South Range Raiders. Salem was again victorious, this time by a score of 9-4. Ryan McAllister notched his first win on the mound and was helped by good running support in the first few innings as the team scored seven runs over the first three innings.

In their next match-up against United, senior Travis Milliron pitched a game for the ages. In the 11-0 win that saw Mark Kolich and Grant Sevek each go yard, and Sevek and Landon Heath contributing doubles, Milliron did not surrender a hit throughout the five innings of the game. He did not allow a run and was only one walk away in the third inning from throwing a perfect game. This was the first Salem no-hitter since Mike Prendergast in 2001 against Youngstown Woodrow Wilson.

The team then played host to the Crestview Rebels, yet another non-conference foe. The Quakers were again victorious, this time by the score of 15-4 with Tim Singer notching the victory on the mound. Grant Sevek belted his second homer of the season and also chipped in four RBI. Mark Kolich went 3-4 with a triple and two RBI. Cody Dillon, Landon Heath, and Tim Singer all doubled for the Quakers.

The baseball team has now compiled a 4-1 (0-1 in the Metro Athletic Conference) record, but it could be better if not for the few cancellations due to rain. The team is off to a hot start and hopefully can continue this success throughout the 2004 season.

## 2004-2005 cheerleaders named

Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

As the 2004 school year comes to a close, cheerleading try-outs for next year's squads have taken place. Many girls put on their best performance for the judges, but only twenty girls made the cut for Varsity and Junior Varsity football and basketball.

The 2004 varsity cheerleaders for football are the following: Samantha Blake, Julie Cappuzzello, Annie Dombroski, Erin Drotleff, Patti Fitzpatrick, Kimberly Kenst, Mallory Kolich, Kalie McElroy, Brianne McCallister, Maggie Reedy, Emily Yoder, and Kelly Ventresco. The winter varsity squad for boys' basketball is comprised of Kelly Ventresco, Andrea Mosher, Mallory Kolich, Kalie McElroy, Julie Cappuzzello, Kimberly Kenst, Annie Dombroski, and Erin Drotleff. Along with the varsity, the junior varsity girls' basketball cheerleaders are as follows: Brianne McCallister, Amber Johnston, Alisha Fata, Cheryl Coy, Abby Schuster, Brittany Leyman, Sarah Humphrey, and Krista Phillips.

The girls put in numerous hours of hard work. They learned a cheer, a dance, jumps, and they had to create their own cheer to perform. This year's judging panel consisted of members from the UCA along with Advisor Lori Brooks. The girls tried out in the morning and received telephone calls later that Saturday evening telling them whether or not they made the squad.

This summer the ladies will be attending cheerleading camp as well as have multiple practice sessions.



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## "I love track and field"

By Carla Gbur  
Opinion editor

The track and field season is under way and has not had the best weather to start with. This doesn't deter the teams from getting down to the track and getting their workouts in. Whether they are distance runners, sprinters, jumpers or throwers, the girls and boys are both out there everyday, rain or shine. Track is one of the only sports where everyone gets a chance to participate in the events and has the biggest number of kids out getting fit in one sport. Both the boys and girls have been going through a face lift when it comes to the coaching staff. Coach Huda is the boys' new head coach, and he's being assisted by Coach Hopple and Coach Cochran. On the girls side they have Coach Almond returning as head coach and Coach Moore as throws coach. Assisting with different specified areas are Coach Angus, Coach Dull, and Coach Ward. The two teams have come together as one again and have been practicing hard and pushing each other to be at the top in every meet.

It's taken a while for this season to get started, and the meets haven't been there like usual. At the end of March the boys' and girls' teams traveled to Austintown for the Early Bird Invitational. It was a non-scoring meet so the kids were just out to see how much work they needed to do. There were schools there from all over the area competing for fun. Following that meet was the girls' Cope meet at Salem, where they placed 14th out of over twenty

schools. Aubree Horning showed her stuff and broke her school record from last year in the shot put. She had a toss of 39'2". The boys traveled to East Palestine for the Ward Invitational where they competed all day and placed 1st in their division. After a week of hard workouts and no track meets, the boys and girls both took on big teams. At the Ward and Cope meets on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> the boys stayed home this time while the girls traveled to East Palestine. There was some good competition at both events and many good things happened early in the season. For the girls Horning pulled through again beating her record by three inches and taking first place in shot put for the meet. The following week was the county meet where the boys and girls both competed and took home first place. It's been almost fifteen years since that has happened. Many good things happened at the meet also. The girls 4x4 team beat the meet record and Horning broke her record yet again throwing 40'1". The boys' running events MVP was Zac Grey and the girls' field event MVP was Horning. The weekend provided much more competition with girls travelling to Kent Roosevelt for the Rough Rider Invitational where they placed 2nd amongst all Division I schools. The boys travelled to West Branch for the Warrior Invitational where they took home the 1st place trophy.

The boys' and girls' teams are both well on their way to successful seasons, and the athletes and coaches all agree that bigger and better things are sure to come.

## Tennis team swings into 2004

By Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

The 2004 boys tennis team is looking to build on the improvements it made at the conclusion of the 2003 season. After losing only one senior from last years squad, the 2004 Quakers are an experienced group and ready to go. The team is led by coach Joe Judge and seniors Tom Leguard, Chris Price, and Nate Mullen. The boys are an improved squad and ready to surprise some people in the upcoming campaign.

In their first match against the United Eagles, the Quakers were victorious by the score of 3-2. Winning singles matches for Salem was Tommy Spack and Nate Mullen. Joe Smith and Ben Roberts were victorious in their doubles match.

The team then traveled to Howland for a double-header against the Tigers. The Quakers were overmatched as they lost the first match 5-0. Things didn't get any better in the second match of the double-header either as they were again defeated 5-0.

Next up was another double-header. This time the boys squared off with the Poland Bulldogs at Poland. In the first match, the Quakers again struggled to find their groove and were defeated by the score of 5-0. The Bulldogs didn't lighten up their game in the second

match and dominated the Quakers again by the score of 5-0.

The team has many upcoming matches on their schedule to look forward to, and, like the baseball team, has many to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. The Quakers play good competition which should only make them a better team as the season goes on.

## Lady Quaker softball

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

This year's girls' softball team is probable to have a more successful season under the direction of head coach, Ms. Luther, along with Mr. Stratton as the JV coach.

The Lady Quakers' Varsity team is comprised of the following: Rita Liggitt, Courtney Nannah, Kristen Rhodes, Krystal Finley, Chasney Perry, Brittany Gregory, Brittany Kaley, Stephanie Szabat, Julie Barrett, Crystal Geist, Samantha Yeager, Amanda Yeager, Molly Colian, D'lorah Eddinger, and Kendra Perry. They have faced off against Canfield, Chaney, Beaver Local, West Branch, Crestview, Niles, Warren Harding, United, Minerva, and Alliance. At press time the girls had a 2-10 record.

## Girls basketball team's dream season ends

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

An amazing season for the Lady Quaker basketball team came to a close with a heart-breaking 54-50 loss to Hamilton-Badin in the state semi-final game. However, this was an extremely memorable season with many positive aspects.

Looking back on Salem's stellar season, it's rather coincidental that the only two teams the girls lost to throughout the season were the two teams playing for the Division II state championship. For the five seniors Alyson Cotter, Lauren Teal, Lizzie Jesko, Renee Farina, and Ashlee Thorne, this season will never be forgotten. "When I was a little girl, I always dreamed of making it to state, and my goal was finally accomplished. We had a great team this year, and next year I wish them much success. I'll never

forget all the crazy times and all the great victories," Alyson Cotter commented. Along with being a three-year captain, Cotter also nabbed Second Team All-Ohio honors and many other local first team accolades. (She will be continuing her education and basketball career at Baldwin-Wallace.) Agreeing with Cotter, Lauren Teal stated, "The girls worked really hard, and we were continually striving to improve. I really think we got better every game. I cherish every moment that I spent with the girls." Teal received Honorable Mention All-Ohio honors and many other local first team recognitions also.

This was only the second time in Salem High School athletic history that our girls' basketball team made it to state. They certainly did a great job during this fantastic season. Many memories were made, support was given, and records set. Congratulations!



# Quaker Clips

