

# The Quaker

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## Basketball Homecoming 2009



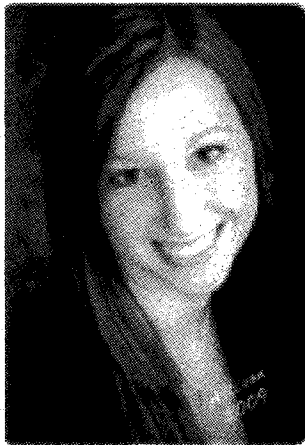
Elizabeth Ann Pastore is the daughter of Brad and Monica Pastore. Her high school activities include T.A.C.T., Project Support, yearbook, choir, and soccer. Lizzie plans to attend Kent State University to major in physical sciences. Her escort was David Mainwaring, son of Bill and Sally Mainwaring.



### Suehad Reigns as Queen



Suehad Awadallah is the daughter of Buddy and Sheryl Finley. Her high school activities include Yearbook Editor, Spanish Club, Interact Club, and track. Suehad plans to attend college and major in education and minor in photography. Her escort was Jordan Cuthbert, son of Greg Cuthbert.



Allison Elizabeth Ward is the daughter of Steve and Marilyn Ward. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact (public relations officer), Spanish Club, yearbook business manager, and volleyball. Alli's future plans are to attend college. Her escort was Daniel Kish, son of Paul and Brenda Kish.



Suzanne Marie Waterbeck is the daughter of Michael Waterbeck and Gina Dermotta. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (historian), Interact Club, track, and soccer. Suzanne plans to attend Kent State University to major in nursing and minor in Spanish. Her escort was Michael Boggs, son of Danny and Sandy Boggs.

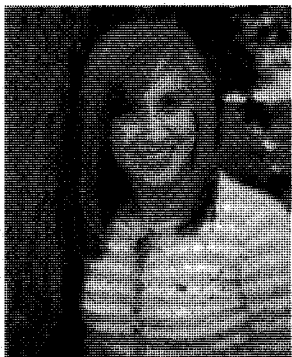


Bailey Claire Yoder is the daughter of Brent and Liana Yoder. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, T.A.C.T., varsity cheerleader (co-captain), Pep Club and band. Bailey plans to attend Mount Union College to major in education and history. Her escort was Dan Kearns, son of Pete and Susan Kearns.

### Basketball homecoming dance

By Ryan O'Donnell

Alexis Ann Thorne is the daughter of Bill and Debby Thorne. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (vice president), Spanish Club, T.A.C.T., cross country, and track. Alexis plans to attend college and pursue a degree in political science. Her escort was Zachary Carlisle, son of Shelly Carlisle.



Brienne Nicole Wagner is the daughter of Tom and Barb Wagner. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact Club, Spanish Club, T.A.C.T., and volleyball. Bri's future plans are to attend college and major in biomedicine and pursue a career in pediatrics or obstetrics. Her escort was Zack Grimm, son of Robert and Karen Grimm.

The SHS Basketball Homecoming Dance was held on Friday, February 20 in the school cafeteria after the varsity boys' basketball game against the Liberty Leopards.

The dance had been originally planned for Saturday, February 21, but the date was changed to Friday instead. When questioned regarding the change, Dr. Shivers replied by saying, "There was a possibility of more kids attending on Friday night because the dance was right after the basketball game, and also the finances were a big part."

The D.J for the dance was Mr. Russ Hopple, and there was also a live band that performed. The name of the band was Anomali. This local band was started by Brian Shivers, Marshal Sarginger, Derek Shasteen, and Casey Folds, who are all students here at Salem High School.

The dance was held to honor members of the basketball homecoming court. The queen and all members of the court were introduced that evening.

## NHS and Spanish Club host the Banquet of Salem

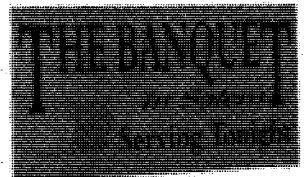
By Rosalyn Washam

Once a week at the Memorial Building, the Banquet of Salem provides a free meal to people who are less fortunate in the Salem area. Different organizations take turns preparing and hosting the event. The Salem High School chapter of National Honor Society and the Salem High School Spanish Club worked the January 16, 2009, banquet.

About fifteen NHS club members showed up to work on Monday, January 16. Club members were encouraged to work the banquet in an attempt to add service hours to their required forty hour total. NHS also donated \$50 to the cause. Spanish Club donated \$100 for the banquet and sent ten workers to help. The workers' jobs

included the following: handing out food and drinks, mingling with attendees, and cleaning up after the event. The meal at the banquet consisted of ham, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, and pie. The workers got to sample the meal after their shift. The food was prepared by the Salem Schools' food service director, Mr. J.R. Straley.

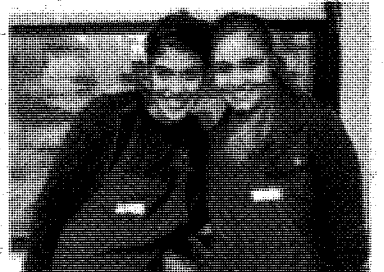
The banquet served about 250 people this month. It is nice that Salem offers a program designed to give assistance to people in the form of free meals.



NHS member Phil Bennet, Chef JR Straley, NHS advisor Mr. Viencsek and Spanish Club member Kayla Brown help serve food at the Banquet of Salem.



NHS members Dan Kish and Ashley Boyle help out by washing trays.



NHS workers Stephanie Paprodos and Mellay Gardner take a quick break from serving food to pose for a photo.

### Brown wins January read between the lines

Junior Laura Brown won the January "Read Between the Lines" contest. She won a ten dollar gift card to Wal Mart. The winning sentence was found in Olivia Maenz's article titled "Rude, crude, and very unattractive."

There will be a new twist to this month's contest. As always, the winner will be the first person to present their correct entry to Mrs. Dye. BUT... Keep your eyes open. Mrs. Dye will not be found in her room. She will be somewhere on the first floor of the high school. Look for this winning sentence: "But don't be mean and rude about it."



Congratulations to junior Laura Brown, the winner of *The Quaker* "Read between the Lines" contest for January.

# Opinion

## Point Counter Point

### Edward Cullen - new blood in town

By Ali Thompson

Who's the newest hunk since Brad Pitt? Is it Max While or Edward Cullen? (HA HA HA HA, what a joke!) For Salem, Ohio, let's just say this town isn't big enough for the two of them. So move out of the way Max because there's new "blood" in town and his name is Edward Anthony Masen Cullen.

If you slipped and hit your head on a rock and don't remember who Edward is, let me remind you. Edward is a vampire who falls in love with a normal girl. Edward says he's 17, but in real life he's about 107 years old. He doesn't look too shabby for being that old, if you ask me.

*Twilight* was the most talked about book and movie last year. Edward Cullen was the hottest vampire to hit the book shelf since Count Dracula. In the book, Edward is described as charming, polite, determined, and very stubborn. In real life, Max is arrogant, rude, desperate, and complicated!

When the movie came out, we saw the big screen version of Edward Cullen...and we liked it! In the movie we saw four major things that separate Edward from us. Let's see all the amazing things that Edward can do and a boring human like Max While can't do.

1. Edward can run really fast.... Max is out of shape.
2. Edward can sparkle in the light....Max is dull!
3. Edward can read people's minds...Max can you? I hope not!
4. Edward can play the piano gracefully...Max bangs on the piano keys... with his head...very loudly!!!!



All good things must come to an end. Now you decided who you would want — Edward or Max? Go with the hot, romantic, caring vampire, who lives forever and knows what to live for. Or would you rather pick the other dude who thinks awesomeosity is cool and tries to make it through a day in one piece! In the end, you compare the difference in real and unreal, and sometimes it's nice to imagine the unthinkable.



### Max While - THE man

By Julie Ridgley



You may have caught a glimpse of this debonair man strolling along the Salem High School hallways. He is the one man who is bold enough to stand up to the sea of Edward Cullen loving "Twilighters" and say, "Hey, I actually exist." That one man is Maxwell Allen While.

As more and more girls begin listening to Muse and drooling over a fictional being who would like nothing more than to drain their bodies of fluid, we must ask why. Why is this 107 year old vampire (who still proclaims that he's 17) receiving more adoration than the youthful and actually 17-year-old Max? Why is this creature that is cold and hard as granite so loved, while Max's body temperature remains a healthy 98.6 degrees and his skin lotion-y soft?

Edward Cullen is essentially a stalker. Would Max While stare into your window and watch you sleep every night? I think not. Edward sparkles in the sunlight. Some infatuated girls might argue that this is a good quality, but when did a "man" glittering like a fairy become a desirable trait? Max While plays the guitar poorly, which is way more punk rock than Edward's piano skills. And ladies, surprisingly, Max is single! Why waste your time lusting after a being that is unavailable for eternity? You would never have to fear that Max would break you in half with his hugs or murder your family pets. Also, Max While would never prevent you from hanging with your werewolf friends. He would never run to Italy to provoke an ancient vampire royal family.

If you enjoy the blood of mountain lions, piggy back rides that make you nauseous, and frost bite then by all means...choose Edward Cullen. However, if you prefer a man with a good taste in music, a love of real food, and respect for privacy laws then the choice is clear. A vampire may be dazzling, but only Max While possesses true awesomeosity.

## Future counselor interns at SHS

By Jay Bates



Miss. Kempisie Fisher works with Mrs. Crum and Mrs. Bosheff in the guidance suite.

If you have been in the guidance office lately, then you have noticed a new face sitting behind the desk. It is the face of Miss Kempisie Fisher, a graduate of Salem High School. She is an intern in the guidance counselor's office until sometime near the end of April.

Her internship is for school counseling. When asked if she likes working with kids she replied, "Yes. They are always fun." She said that she decided to go into this type of work because she wanted "to know that somewhere, somehow, I've made a difference to someone."

Miss Fisher has a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio Univer-

sity and is currently trying to obtain her Masters Degree from Walsh. She is a member of the Counseling Professional Honor Society (Chi Sigma Iota) and was nominated to the North Central Ohio Counseling Association's executive board.

## Salem nurses aid Salem students

By Will Beagle

The Salem City Schools' school nurses have a very important job. Over the years their location has changed. They are located in the hallway leading off of the cafeteria doors by the senior wing.

The daily job of a school nurse is to make sure everyone that comes into their office leaves feeling better than they did when they entered. If they have no one in their office, they do a variety of different things like work on shot records, look/apply for grants, plan health fairs, and also work with Americorp mentors to develop programs related to health and wellness.

Salem Schools have three nurses that rotate between all of the four buildings and St. Pauls. The nurses are Mrs. Patty Baker, Mrs. Meghan Ferguson, and Mrs. Suzanne Hritz. There are at least two nurses working a day. They try to be at each school for two and a half hours a day. There are specific requirements to be a school nurse. First, one must be a registered nurse (R.N.). Additional classes may be taken to obtain licensure as a school nurse.

Out of the 50-100 kids they see a day between the four schools, the nurses say that approximately 25-30% go home. The most common illnesses they see are headaches and stomach aches. The causes of stomach aches are many and may not mean the student is ill and must go home. Some students have complaints that can be handled such as a cold which does not require a student to leave for the day.

If you need to see the nurse, remember that they are usually here during the morning hours and leave around 11:30 unless there is an emergency in another build for which they must leave.



## War of Words

By Tyler Metts

### QUESTION

"What was your weirdest experience or place for a date?"



Senior  
Scott Kessel

"I was driving back from the movies on my first date when I got pulled over in Canfield. The cops made me get out because they thought I was drunk."



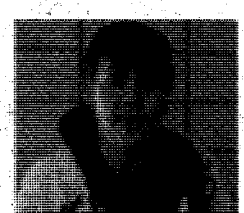
Junior  
Winter Weyand

"I was eating at Long John Silvers and talking at the same time, and I ended up spitting a fry at my date."



Sophomore  
Abi Pasco

"I went to the petting zoo, and a llama spit on me."



Freshman  
Brent Bosworth

"The weirdest place would be the moon. I was floating around, it was completely insane. Then I woke up."

## Listen Up!

If you like this, you'll love that.

### Famous: Blink 182

By Rachel Fritzman

This alternative rock trio formed in 1992 in Poway, California. Originally known as simply Blink, they consisted of Mark Hoppus, on bass and vocals; Tom DeLonge, on guitar and vocals; and Scott Raynor on drums. Tom and Mark met through Mark's sister, Anne, who knew they both wanted to start a band. After practicing day after day in Tom's garage, they decided they really wanted to do this and recruited Scott as their drummer.

After being signed by Cargo music in 1994, they released their debut album *Cheshire Cat*. Shortly after this release, an Irish band with the same name threatened to take legal action if they didn't change their name. Mark, Tom, and Scott simply added 182 and solved the problem. In 1998, after releasing their next album, and midway through their U.S.A. tour, Scott left the band because of a serious drinking problem. This is when Travis Barker of The Aquabats was asked to join them.

This amazing band had finally grown to become the one we all know and love. As Tyler Metts states, "What do the Northern Lights, sunsets, Jessica Alba, and Blink 182 all have in common? Well, with a simple glance at any of the previous, your heart and soul will be captivated by their sheer beauty." Obviously, at the peak of their fame with three more albums released and a staggering fan base, they finally reached their goal. What else could you possibly ask for?

Well, all good things must come to an end and unfortunately Blink 182 did, or so we thought: After much tension between band members, Tom announced in early 2005 that he was quitting the band. Geffen Records released their greatest hits album on November 1, 2005, and that was the last of Blink 182. Tom, Mark, and Travis went on to start other bands including +44 and Angels and Airwaves, who were pretty successful. However, who knows what will happen with these bands now?

At the 51<sup>st</sup> Grammy Awards ceremony on February 8, 2009, the trio reunited on stage to announce their reformation. As Mark put it, "Blink 182 is back!" They are working on a new album and planning a world tour for this summer. If you're lucky enough you might get to see them back and better than ever.



### Unknown: Amber Pacific

By Julie Ridgley

Amber Pacific was first formed in Federal Way, Washington under the name Follow Through. The band originally consisted of Matt Young on lead vocals, Justin Westcott with rhythm guitar, Tyler Peerson on bass, and Blake Evans on drums. Just two years after their 2002 start, the pop punk band was already performing in the Warped Tour.

They performed in the tour from 2004 to 2007, and released their first studio album *The Possibility and the Promise* in May of 2005. Their second studio release, *Truth In Sincerity* was released in the same month two years later, but with different band members playing the tunes. The album peaked at number 64 on the Billboard charts, and the singles "Fall Back Into My Life" and "You're Only Young Once" were also released from the album. "I just took little bits and pieces of my experiences and times from the last record until now and used that for what I wanted to write about," says one Amber Pacific vocalist and guitarist, Will Nutter, of the album.

They have gone through a name switch and so many lineup changes that none of the starting members even remain, but one thing is still certain. They are on their way to success. If you like bands like Blink 182 and want some new music, then you should type "Amber Pacific" into your Google toolbar.



## School dances: pass or miss?

By Olivia Maenz

The end of the year is coming up, and for junior and seniors we all know what that means, prom. I was just told that the faculty is wondering if the dance will be a pass or a miss. I went around the school and found out what some students thought about school dances since prom is the biggest one. Justin Evancho told me that, "He will only go to be with his girlfriend, and it's a social experience. You only have four years to do it." I do agree with him. It is a social experience. Who knows, you might leave with a new friend or a lifetime of memories. I also asked Amanda Speigle what she thought about dances. "They're fun, if I don't go now I'll miss it," she stated. I think she's right. You're young once, and these are your high school years. You might as well enjoy it, because once you're out you can't do it again. Unfortunately, I found a student who doesn't like school dances. I asked her "why" to which she responded, "Because they don't play a variety of music, and while you can just stay home with friends you can actually stand." Yes, I understand that not everyone will like the music that the DJ plays. The DJ could play different music. You could always request

a song.

So, regarding school dances, this is the way it seems to be. Some students like dances and some just don't. There's always room for improvement. Here are some suggestions as to how we can help the school dances succeed. I asked a couple more students about what they thought would be the needed improvement, Ryan O'Donnell said that the music needed to be more of a mixture. Plenty of students agreed with that. Jay Bates and Julie Ridgley both say that the lights should be turned off. They feel like they're being watched. The lights that the DJ uses should be the only lighting or fewer lights. Jay also commented on how some students stand around. They all should get up and dance or not go at all. Tyler Metts said that we need better dancers. Maybe if we give him encouragement, he could be our entertainer. I also took a survey of fourteen people, asking if they were going to attend prom. Four out of fourteen said that they were going to prom and three are unsure. I think that we might need to step it up if we want this to be a successful prom.

I also went looking for answers for prom so that the ones who

are going will know when and where prom is going to be. Mr. Kibler gave me an information sheet and is allowing me to let the junior and senior students know when it is. We will be receiving a paper that will share exactly the same information. Prom will be **May 8, 2009**. All transportation forms must be signed by the parent and handed in immediately to the office (by Tuesday, April 29). Prom Parade Check in will be at 4:30 p.m. at the SHS auditorium foyer. The parade begins promptly at 5:00 p.m. Prom court will be presented at the closing of the parade. Prom dinner/dance will be held at The Links at Firestone in Columbiana on Rt. 14 just east of Rt. 7. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Columbiana police have been hired for security and will have a breathalyzer test to administer to students. Students will need to check in and present their tickets at the door. You will be asked to please write your table number on the back of your ticket. Mr. Snow will be there to take pictures. Appetizers will be served prior to the dinner. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, and dancing will run from 8:00 pm until 11:00 p.m. The prom Queen and King will be announced at the Links.

## Winslet and DiCaprio reunite on *Revolutionary Road*

By Jessica Schmidt

The couple who once captured the hearts of audiences everywhere as Jack and Rose in the blockbuster film *Titanic* has reunited for the first time in eleven years. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet have now stepped into the roles of Frank and April Wheeler in the Oscar-nominated drama *Revolutionary Road*.

The film, set in 1955, pulls us into the life of the Wheelers, a young married couple raising their two children in suburban Connecticut. Being young and ambitious, the two never strove for simplicity or conformity, and yet they soon realize that that is just what their lives have come to. April soon hatches a plan which she believes will solve all their problems and persuades Frank of the same. As the plot continues, other events come into play, and it seems that more than their dreams may be torn in two.

Sam Mendes, the Oscar winning director behind the 1999 film *American Beauty*, does an excellent job of letting the audience into the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler. Through April's flashbacks of happier times, we can see and feel her desperate longing for the love and dreams she and Frank once held on to. The lives of the Wheelers are contrasted well in the standout performance by Michael Shannon, who understands the

Wheeler and yet finds great confusion in them. Despite appearing in only two scenes, Shannon manages to give one of the strongest performances of the year as the mentally unstable John Givings.

By far one of the most emotionally filled films of the year, *Revolutionary Road* landed four Golden Globe nominations including Best Picture (Drama), Best Director for Mendes, and lead actor nominations for both Winslet and DiCaprio. Kate Winslet succeeded in winning the Best Actress award, as well as another - Best Supporting Actress for *The Reader*. Despite the attention given by the Globes, the film was almost unrecognized by the more prestigious and sought after Academy Awards. The only major nomination at the Oscars was Shannon for Best Supporting Actor.

Awards recognition or not, *Revolutionary Road* easily stands out as one of the year's best. Crowded in a year of *Batman*, *Benjamin Button*, and *Harvey Milk*, it's easy for a strong film to be overlooked. One thing, however, will not be overlooked - the return of Kate and Leo. The film, which hasn't even come close to the success of *Titanic*, will overshadow their much younger performances and continue their still rising careers as two of the strongest actors in Hollywood.

## Up and Coming

By Drew Jones

**Hey Monday:** This band only formed in 2007 but is already signed to Columbia Records and recorded its first album. Hey Monday is not your typical inexperienced new band; this is one new band with much to offer and a lot of talent to boot. Hey Monday is a fine power punk band and one which is well worth investing the time to listen to.

**3OH!3:** 3OH!3's sound is unique and obviously influenced by a wide variety of music genres. They flawlessly combine electronica, hardcore rap, and rock. This combination creates some very catchy songs. I think they could be best described as a combination of Fischerspooner, LCD Sound system, Ying Yang Twins, and Metro 7.

**Better Than Toast:** Better Than Toast is a pop punk band formed in 2005. After writing and recording EPs and their full length album *Get Down*, Better Than Toast has been making noise all around the world. With their catchy melodies and hooks, every person can relate to the music that sticks with them for days. Better than Toast is one of the most unique sounding bands that I have ever heard. It shows within their lyrics and the way they present themselves.

# Feature

## Anomali



By Tyler Metts

There have been many tales of knights in shining armor saving damsels in distress. This is not one of them. This story is about five young men who have banded together to form the band named Anomali, and this is their story...

Long ago, before the dawn of recorded history, when birds of fire scorched the sky and the oceans were nothing more than boiling magma, five men walked the uninhabitable wasteland without fear and without rival. Their mission was simple. To some it sounded impossible, but to them, those people were idiots. They strove to become the most metal band in the history of ever while maintaining an intricate balance of awesome and cool.

The five men that make up this group called Anomali are none other than past/current SHS students. The band's guitarists are Derek "Squeak" Shasteen and Casey "The Hair" Folds. Their amp rocking rock is supported by the ever subtle bass of Marshal Sarginger. Now we all know that a well-respected metal band is nothing without a well-respected drummer. This man is the controversial subject of many conspiracy theories; this man is Brian Shivers. The final piece of the thousand piece puzzle that is Anomali is their singer. This man is an SHS grad of 2008. His past is an uncertainty, and his future is ever-bright. Theo Keniston is the voice that brings the instruments of Anomali together.

We may have the names of the band members, but we certainly do not have their origins and life story. I am limited to the amount of information I can present; therefore,

I will give a brief bio of each member. It was a challenge to actually find information on these illustrious young men. The "facts" I have uncovered seem slightly farfetched but are the only evidence with which I have been presented.

Derek Shasteen, guitar, has the most believable biography and those who know him can attest to this. Derek grew up like every other male child in Salem, Ohio. The one thing that sets him apart from the rest is his ability to keep looking young; in fact, Derek actually won the cutest baby pageant, at the age of fourteen. "Squeak's" childhood, believe it or not, spawned the idea for the book *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.

Casey Folds, guitar, is a myth to some. You may notice him in the halls of this very school with his trademark hairdo. Casey, according to my sources, has been around for quite sometime. The earliest recorded sighting of this seemingly young man was while he was wandering through the forests in the south around the time of the birth of rock. For some unknown reason, "The Hair" has decided to settle down in our very town and grace us with his legendary presence.

Marshal Sarginger, bass, is quite normal. He has no special abilities, but he does have one thing that sets him apart from the rest. Taking a look at Marshal you would notice his bulky stature and alpha male prowess. The way he walks through the hallway and stares at every being as if they were to be his next meal is quite the intimidating trait. All this comes from his heritage. Many have heard of stories of

Big Foot or the Yeti, but only Marshal knows the truth. These creatures no longer exist. They have finally evolved and given birth to the lineage that has blessed us with the bass-wielding Marshal Sarginger.

Now, on to the last two and oldest members of the band. Brian Shivers. To most, just his name would speak volumes of this young hero. This man has accomplished as many things as there are leaves on all the trees, ever! Just by living, this demigod saves the world from countless attempts of destruction. Don't believe me? Who do you think it is that gave us information on the whereabouts of Saddam Hussein? The information I gave was limited due to the small amount viewable to the public. The case that is Brian Shivers may never be solved, but at least he is here with us, drumming us all to safety.

The last and oldest member of Anomali is Theo Keniston, a graduate of Salem High School's class of '08. The story of Theo has been covered up and kept quiet more so than most others, excluding Mr. Shivers. Young Theodore grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. He spent his days being trained to be the world's greatest chicken farmer. He later discovered his melodious voice while he was cooing his prized chickens to sleep. He later moved to our fair city when he realized his life-long dream was to be an accomplished didgeridoo player (which he has achieved).

As I said, those may have not been the most believable biographies, but we are taught to write with the facts we are presented. Presently the band is celebrating their success and dealing with some inner-band issues. Marshal is taking some time off, not needing any work on his bass skills. "I'm really good," says Marshal, "if you take out the 'really good' part." Brian Shivers is suffering from an illness that prevents him from playing along to a click track. To those that know what a click track is, you must understand the severity of his affliction. Casey is spending his earnings on lessons to learn how to actually play the guitar. Derek is currently torn between hairstyles. He is not quite sure whether to let it go long or keep it a mild short. He welcomes suggestions. Theo is doing what he always does. He has gone into hiding and will come out in time for the next show.

## Phelps still a role model?

By Tim Eddinger

On August 17, 2008, Michael Fred Phelps made the news by earning his eighth gold medal of the 2008 Olympic Games. This set the record for the most gold medals in a single Olympics. The record was previously set at seven by Mark Andrew Spitz, a now retired American swimmer, which was set in the 1972 Olympic Games. While breaking Spitz's record, Phelps earned seven world records and an Olympic record. Including the eight medals that Michael got in Beijing, Phelps has earned sixteen medals in the Olympics, fourteen of which were gold.

Phelps made the news again in January. Unfortunately the headlines this time did not proclaim his athletic prowess. Instead, a picture of Phelps smoking marijuana from a bong was revealed to the public. The picture was taken November 6 at a party at the University of South Carolina. When asked about the picture, Phelps admitted that it was a real photograph of him and was quoted as saying, "I'm twenty-three years old, and despite the successes I have had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner that people have come to expect from me... For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public — it will not happen again."

Although no criminal charges have been pressed yet, Phelps is not out of the woods. He still may be fined up to \$570, plus court costs, or up to three months in jail if the Richland County Sheriff decides to pursue the case. Not only is Phelps facing a possible criminal case, he also has to deal with the negativity the picture brings to his reputation. He also has to deal with the possibility of losing his sponsors. Kellogg has already announced that they will not be renewing their sponsorship with Michael Phelps.

## Cartoon Delight

By Dacia Louk

Happy St.  
Patrick's  
Day!



## Ten question that need answered

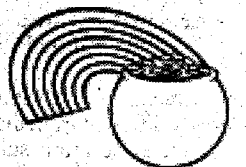
By Lauri Dotson

1. If a tree falls in a forest and no ones around to hear it, does it make a sound?
2. Which came first...the chicken or the egg?
3. Why weren't the washer and dryer invented at the same time?
4. Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
5. Does the word synonym have a synonym?
6. If the police arrest a mime, do they still tell him he has the right to remain silent?
7. How do they get deer to cross at the yellow deer crossing signs?
8. Do chickens think rubber humans are funny?
9. Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
10. Why are you IN a movie, but ON TV?



## School Calendar

By Matt Faulkner



- March 8<sup>th</sup> - Day light savings time
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Delayed start
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - Pep band and cheerleaders are going to the Mahoning Valley Phantoms game. All student admissions to the game are free.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day

# Feature

## February student of the month

by Max While

During this month's SOM luncheon/talent show, Rachel Fritzman obliterated the competition. Everyone else should've just forgotten about it or gone to lunch instead, because her talent (turning her in all the way around) was unimaginably intense. Rachel Fritzman is five feet plus three quarters of an inch tall, and she's also the student of the month.

Rachel may be our shortest student of the month, but she is not short on awesomeosity. She isn't very sad when she saw the end of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* because she "took her Grandma to see it for her birthday." Just because she was able to resist being sad at the butchering of a once-great franchise doesn't mean she is immune to the blues. She told me that she thinks the saddest thing in the world is "fighting." So true, Rachel. So true.

Like our previous female student of the month, Rachel is a fan of *Twilight*. She identifies herself as a member of Team Edward, despite Team Alice being the official Twilight Team of SOM. Such rebelliousness against the organization of SOM while simultaneously comming with roughly 95% of women on Earth makes a contradictory, post-modern statement that I feel fully echoes the sentiments a Student of the Month should have.

Rachel likes animals. Her favorite comic strip character is Odie because Jon isn't an animal and Garfield just likes lasagna." She owned some cats and a guinea pig, but they have both gone up to their respective cat and guinea pig heavens. Currently, her only pet is a miniature schnauzer named Arlo. She is so a kiwi enthusiast. She went to New Zealand to see them, but she explained that "they're endangered



With Seth Holenchick on drums, Wizard Chandler and Ted Yuhaniak on guitars, and Rachel Fritzman on the Max While, Admiral Iceknife and the Tree Sap Dilemma were poised to become the best band ever before their breakup.

and nocturnal, so I only saw them once."

Speaking of New Zealand, she appreciates New Zealand. She enjoyed her stay there and said, "It's awesome," supplementing her claim with the statement, "It's just so pretty, and the water's like super blue." She thinks *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* is excellent not only because it was filmed in New Zealand but because Elijah Woods' eyes are pretty.

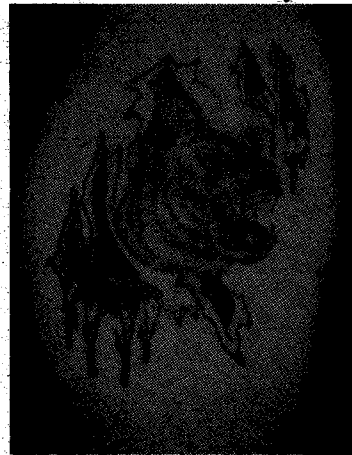
Her favorite teacher is the living legend Mr. Shivers. She admired his participation in the Peace Corps and the fact that he told the class he would take bullets for them in the event of a shooting. When asked to describe herself in six words or less, she replied, "I don't

know Max ha ha." Her favorite color is turquoise, and she likes 2% milk. She said that when she became Student of the Month she "Finally experienced what awesomeosity really stands for." Rock on, Rachel Fritzman.



## Tattoos in School

by Will Beagle



Mark Pitts "bears" his tattoo.

In high school there are many things you can do. One thing that is becoming more popular as the years go on is getting tattoos. Some students might do it for different reasons such as remembering a loved one or someone that has passed away, or some may get it for reasons they are unsure of. But no matter what, before you go and get one done you should make sure you know what you're getting into. What happens when you get a tattoo is a small needle is repeatedly pierced into the top layer of your skin in the motion of one might say a sewing machine. When this happens a small amount of colored dye is injected to create the tattoo. This process can take up to a few hours with bigger tattoos. This process also brings with it small to large amounts of pain.

I went around the high school to find people who had tattoos and people who didn't and asked them each a series of questions about what tattoos they have

and what they thought about people who have them. When asked what is your tattoo and where on your body is it located, senior Mark Pitts said, "A grizzly bear on my right arm." When asked what do you think of people who get tattoos, sophomore Seth Holenchick stated that "although I think tattoos are sweet, I think it is stupid when people get their names tattooed on them. It's like they don't remember their own names." While talking to senior Leah Minamyer about her flowers that go down her rib cage, she explained, "Each flower represents a member of my family." After talking to senior Max While and asking him if he were ever to get a tattoo what would it be of he said, "Goku." When asked why he thought tattoos were stupid, senior Jason Keniston said, "If we were supposed to write on ourselves, God would have done it for us."

Some of you might and might not know the seriousness of getting a tattoo. One of the worst things you can do is let anyone tattoo you without knowing if their materials are clean and safe to use. Some of the things that can happen to you if you go to a place with dirty needles is there is a possibility that you can catch different types of diseases. Some of these are Hepatitis C, skin infections, allergic reactions, skin disorders, and other blood borne diseases.

So if you're thinking about getting a tattoo, make sure you be safe about it. Some of the cleanest places I have heard about from some of the students I interviewed were Bad Boy Tattooing in Alliance and Artistic Demographic in Boardman.

## What is love?

by Brooke Skiba

With Valentine's Day just ending and feelings of love all around, it's hard to believe that these feelings are all human brain functions. The expression "to have good chemistry" is more accurate than most people realize because most of the emotions felt for others come from chemicals within the brain.

First of all, the initial attraction to another can be due to several factors. One cause of attraction that is still under research is pheromones. It is believed that people can detect certain pheromones in other people that cause them to naturally be drawn to them. There have also been studies stating that women tend to be attracted to men with a scent that is just slightly different from their fathers because the brain subconsciously wants to keep certain traits in the family while avoiding inbreeding. However, attraction is not all impersonal, and much of it can occur due to a person's lifestyle, past experiences, and present views of attractiveness.

Once the attraction has taken place, a whirlwind of emotion can occur due to several chemicals released in the brain. Amphetamine-like chemicals, dopamine and norepinephrine are released, which explain the wave of good feelings and racing heart that occur from seeing that person. In studies of love-struck college students, results proved that these chemicals could have constructive results such as increased energy, less need for sleep or food, and more focused attention. These intense feelings usually fade over time but leave lasting positive effects.

After the intense primary lust turns into romantic love, other chemicals, such as endorphins, are released from the brain. The endorphins have a calming effect and relieve anxieties when around or thinking of a loved one. This explains why we enjoy being around loved ones even after the more exciting chemicals subside. They are more addictive, however, so they explain why losing a loved one can cause so much emotional pain.

As positive an experience as love seems, it can affect good judgment, so being extra cautious is not a bad idea. The heightened amounts of dopamine that love produces can cause couples to be "blinded" to each others' flaws and mistakes, even when they are too large to be overlooked. The University of Texas ran experiments proving that couples that move quickly into passionate, "blinding" love ended up working out in far less cases many years later than the slower moving couples. The "blinded" couples were able to work through issues earlier on much easier, as they could look past any rough patches, but in the long run, once the more intense feelings faded, so did the relationship.

In conclusion it's clear that brain chemical activity plays a huge role in love. This isn't to say, however, that love is a mechanical process. Love can affect everyone a little differently, and the relationship each couple has is unique. It could be said that every relationship has its own brand of chemistry.



## Chocolate reign

by Amanda Croley



Chocolate has been given as a gift for years, traditionally to a mate or significant other. For centuries, people have noticed the "feel good" effect of chocolate on a person's mood. But not until recently have nutritionists been able to prove that chocolate has a positive chemical effect on most people. The cocoa used in chocolate contains phenylalanine, a natural chemical that is found in the brain. This chemical is released throughout the body when emotions are aroused which is why the body may feel like it is in love or in a good mood when a person eats chocolate. In fact, some forms of depression are treated by this very chemical.

Another natural chemical that chocolate releases to the brain is an endorphin. Endorphins are neurotransmitters found in the brain that reduce pain or stimulate euphoria in the body. Endorphins are also produced when a person laughs or exercises. Endorphins make a person feel content which is why so many people cling to chocolate in a time of distress.

Serotonin, the body's "happy chemical" can be stimulated by the body as well. Because tryptophan, an essential chemical that makes the body produce serotonin, is found in chocolate, it can be said that chocolate increases a person's happiness physically. This month, perhaps people will better understand what is happening in their bodies as natural chemicals in chocolate stimulate their brain.

# Sports

## Senior Spotlight

**Alexis Thorne - Track**



**How long have you been playing this sport?**  
Six years  
**Is this your favorite sport?**  
No, cross-country is my favorite.  
**Who is your team's biggest rival?**  
CVCA  
**Do you continue to play in the off season?**  
Yes, I run all year round.

**Adam Jones - Swimming**



**Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Jason Lezak, the anchorman for the 4X100 relay team of 2008  
**What strokes do you swim?**  
I swim freestyle and breast stroke.  
**What is your goal for this season?**  
To be the first senior letterman in swimming  
**Do you continue to swim in the off season?**  
I swim all year round.

**Josh Lankford - Wrestling**



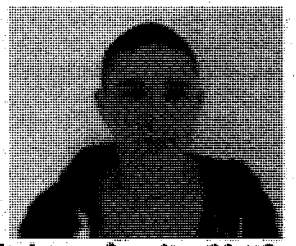
**Is this your favorite sport?**  
Yes  
**How did you become interested in this sport?**  
Family  
**Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Dan Gable  
**What is your favorite warm up song?**  
"Body Breakdown"- Dragonforce

**Tim Eddinger - Golf**



**What is your favorite memory?**  
Jib-Jabs with the team  
**How did you become interested in this sport?**  
My dad always golfs, so I got interested.  
**Do you play any other sports?**  
Yes, baseball  
**Do you continue to play in the off season?**  
I play whenever I can including the off season.

**Austin Mitchley - Golf**



**Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Tiger Woods  
**What is your favorite warm up song?**  
"Caribou Lou"  
**Who is your team's biggest rival?**  
Canfield  
**Do you continue to play in the off season?**  
Yes, the golf course is like my second job. It's just easy cash.

## The Salem High School swim team

By Ted Yuhaniak



Members of the SHS swim team are pictured above. They are (front row) Brynn Crowgey, Coach McDermott, Kayelynn Beiling. Back row Dustin Rogers, Kyle Madison, and Jacob Thompson

The sport of swimming has returned to Salem High School for the first time since 2000. Former Quaker swimming stand-out, Miss. Caroline McDermott, took on the mission to bring swimming back to Salem High School, but this time as head coach. After negotiations with the Salem Board of Education, Coach McDermott got the good news that the swim team for Salem had been approved.

In high school Miss McDermott was an outstanding swimmer for the Quakers. She managed to be a state qualifier and went onto swim in college. When she was young, just getting into swimming, she received tremendous support from her parents. They would take her all around the area to compete in swimming meets all the way up to when she graduated from Salem. Knowing that everyone may not be as fortunate, Miss McDermott came back to Salem to open an area swimming program at the Salem Community Center to give people in the community that same shot at suc-

cess. Living and breathing swimming, she knows that positive things will come out of this program.

The high school swim team is under the rules of the OHSAA and is sponsored by the Salem Area Swimming Club Team. Miss McDermott also is in charge of a youth program for kids ages 12 and under. This club is a pay to play program although, allowing the swimmers to compete in meets and train throughout the year. Sponsors to the club include Speedo and Williams and Apple's Attorneys. The team also receives tremendous support from the parents of the athletes, as they had to make sure their son or daughter found their own source of transportation to the swim meets since swimming is not a school sponsored sport.

With the rising popularity of swimming over the past several years Coach McDermott was able to muster together a team of six swimmers this season. These

six swimmers have been a dedicated and hardworking group, as they have put in many hours of practice all year long. The swimmers usually have three practices a week for an hour and a half where they do plyometrics and different swimming workouts. As it came to meets and the season went along the team continued to flourish and get better each and every swim meet. This season's team was made up of Kyle Madison, Adam Jones, Jacob Thompson, Dustin Rodgers, Kaylyn Beiling and Brynn Crowgey.

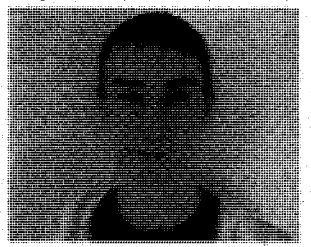
As the season came to an end Miss McDermott couldn't have been prouder of her team, as she said "They have inspired me with their work ethic and ability to come together and be a team." Now with this season over the future looks very bright for the Quakers. They look to return a couple of swimmers and bring in some fresh faces for next season in hopes of the swimming program continuing to grow.

**Jordon Strabala - Basketball**



**How long have you been playing this sport?**  
Since I came outta the womb.  
**What is your favorite memory?**  
Isiah Maher  
**How did you become interested in this sport?**  
Watching Michael Jordan play on TV when I was a kid.  
**What is your favorite warm up song?**  
"Never Scared"

**Gary Sebrell - Basketball**



**Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Lebron James  
**Who is your team's biggest rival?**  
United  
**What is your goal for this season?**  
White Tier Champions  
**Do you play any other sports?**  
Yes, baseball

## Girls' basketball and wrestling wrap-up

By Brandon Simmons

The winter sports seasons are nearing the end of the regular season. Tournament play is rolling around. Hopefully, the Quakers can get the job done and go deep into the tournaments.

I interviewed Coach Andres the girls' basketball coach. I asked him a few questions about how his season has gone thus far. He replied saying, "It has gone pretty good. We are currently 16-4 and 5-3 in the AAC." The girls will play Streetsboro in the first round of the tournament. I asked if the team met their expectations and what was the best moment of the season. Coach said, "We expect to have a successful season, and we would consider our season a successful one in regard to our record, but we wanted to win the league title which we aren't going to achieve. We also expect to make a long tournament run and that is yet to be determined. Beating arch-rival Canfield at home would be the highlight up to this point of the season, but we are hoping the best moments of the season are ahead of us."

I had a chance to interview the wrestling coach, Derek Beck. I asked him a few questions about the season and he said, "We finished the season 6-6 on dual meets. We had our ups and downs; when we lost, we lost big, and when we won, we won big." The team wrestles in the Division II tournaments at West Branch High School. I asked Coach Beck about the team reaching his expectations and about the teams' best moment so far. "I thought it might have been worse. We have a young team that fought HARD for a 500 record. We'll see if we punch anyone through to state to see how well we did. The best moment thus far was Patrick Simpson beating Tim Wiseman 4-2 at the league semi-finals. Pat lost to Tim earlier this season by 15 points at the Leonard Memorial finals match.

Come show your support as a Quaker Crazy for all the tournament games. It should be fun, and we wish good luck to all teams.

# Quaker Board

## Dangerous sports

By Nathan Gilbert

When one thinks of the dangerous sports they might of bull riding; everyone has one of those guys trampled by massive bulls and that can't be. Maybe boxing comes to mind, obviously someone who gets so many blows to the head is likely to shorten their life expectancy. NASCAR which has seen deaths since 2000 is certainly dangerous. Or how about freestyle cross, what those guys do on bikes is insane and dangerous. These sports don't come anywhere near the top of the list as to most dangerous sport.

More dangerous than bull riding, 170 mph cars races, and taking some 40,000 punches to the head in a professional boxers career, number 3 is horseback riding. Yes, horseback riding based on a recent survey per 100,000 riders including show jumping. Approximately 128 riders end up on their fannies. Many might not think horseback riding was so dangerous, when you take into account that horses must weigh between 109 and 113 lbs on a half ton horse traveling at 40 mph you can only imagine what a wreck might look like.

Another dangerous sport is skydiving. This is the act of jumping off a fixed position such as a balloon or a cliff, simply relying on a parachute to catch your fall, floating down safely to the bottom. The problem with this rather popular but crazy stunt is that the cause rather bad problems that

unlike free falling from much higher planes, cliffs are not a straight drop with no obstacles to catch your parachute or worse you. Base jumping is most popular with city buildings, canyons, and cliffs. If you ask someone why a base jumper does what he does, Ken Tarn professional BASE jumper says, "All your worries and stress in life disappears. There is only the jump. Pure adrenaline, time slows, that three seconds stretches beyond real time."

Among all the sports we participate in today, scuba diving is the number one cause in fatalities and serious injuries in sports with over 600 scuba divers killed since 1960. The ever competitive sport puts tremendous pressure on both the lungs and an unexpected but drastic press on the human brain causing many neurological issues amongst the divers. On the contrary, Ian Ring states that by far, most scuba diving injuries and fatalities tragically claim the lives of the ignorant, the reckless, and the irresponsible.



## Ohio Graduation Test

By Dan Drotleff

It's almost that time again, and if you don't know "what time" that you probably have not taken the Ohio Graduation Test. The Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) replaced the Ninth Grade Proficiency Test when the Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act was created in 2001. The first OGT was given in March 2005. There are five sections which must be completed in the OGT. They include the following: reading, math, writing, social studies, and science. Each needs to be passed in order to graduate, but do not worry if you fail a section the first time you take the OGT. You have six opportunities to study and pass the OGT. This test has been criticized because of the lower passing rate for ethnic minority and poor students who cannot graduate without passing the OGT which the NCLB Act supposed to take care of so that they can graduate.

Sophomore Tim Slason's opinion of the OGT is not positive which is a fair assessment of the test in many students' opinions. Tim said, "I'm doing a tally of how many times the teachers I have say something about the OGT, and the one with the most tallies, well, I think I'm going to fail that teacher's OGT intentionally." Upon asking sophomore Seth Holenckick what he thought of the OGT he bluntly said, "OGT blah blah OGT." I think this to mean that sophomores are tired of hearing "OGT." So according to this information given by these sophomores you get the voice of a whole class at SHS. Junior Tyler Thomas's opinion of the OGT is that they're pointless. If you can pass the OGT you can pass. So what's the point?"

Perhaps students are tired of hearing about "the OGT," but the reason that the teachers emphasize its importance so much is because they want their students to do well. Do not let others' opinions deter you from studying and trying to get the best grade you can. After all, the OGT tests are VERY IMPORTANT - your diploma senior year depends on positive results.



## To delay or not to delay

By Patrick Simpson

Since the school system only gets a certain amount of calamity days (which are usually for snow) per year before we have to make up days in the summer, the delayed starts seemed like a good idea for those in charge of the schools. The delayed starts give street crews time to clean up the cities' streets so that school won't be canceled. Instead school is just shortened for that day, and the students don't have to make up delayed starts. Some students don't agree with this policy because some of the teacher's lesson plans are changed, and students say they don't do anything in those classes because of the lack of time. These students feel that we should just get school canceled since we don't do anything in some classes. However, other students agree with this policy because they don't want to make up days in the summer.

When students were asked about this dilemma the following students gave these responses. "School should just be cancelled because two-hour delays are a waste of time when we don't learn anything on those days," said senior Corey Brannon. Eighth grader Isaac Foor stated, "School should just be cancelled because we don't get enough time to do assignments on the shortened days." Senior Mark Pitts gave this response, "We should have two-hour delays because sometimes the weather isn't bad enough to cancel, and it's better than going for a full day." Freshman James Briceland declared, "I would rather school get cancelled because I don't like going to school when the weather is bad out."

So readers can see, the opinion varies from student to student. However, regardless of opinion, this is the school policy which we must follow.

There are many laws being broken everyday. One of the biggest laws and most often broken is shoplifting. When asked about what they thought about shoplifting, sophomore Seth Holenckick said, "I think shoplifting is wrong and too many people get away with stealing." Also asked was junior Chris Szabat who replied, "It is bad - very, very bad."

Over 10% of the public shoplifts at least once in their lifetime. Shoplifting, for those who don't know, is when a person goes in to an establishment that sells any type of products and then steals something from that place for either their need of that product or for the simple thrill of stealing.

The act of stealing can either be good or bad, and when I say stealing is good I don't mean you should go out and steal. I'm saying that some people have legitimate reasons why they steal. They could be in an economic situation where they

## First jobs

By Richard Myers

In my experiences I have found that for a minor it is really hard to find a first job. And I know that for some of the other students in the high school it is hard for them, too. For some it is easy because their parents run their own business or they own a farm. But for most of us, that isn't the case. Here are a few students that shared their feelings about finding their first jobs and how unbelievably hard it is. When asked, "Why do you think it is so hard to find a first job?" I got the following responses.

Twelfth grader Josh Carroll said, "Because we live in Salem."

Senior Chad Anderson replied, "Because I don't have any work experience."

Junior Thomas Adams responded, "I may have a job but that's because I annoyed them until they couldn't take it anymore."

William Lindberg, senior, said, "I don't have any work experience."

Junior Justin Spack stated, "It's because I don't have any work experience, and I don't get how they want me to get any if they don't give a job."

Any way you look at it, job hunting is a hard job by itself. My best advice is to apply everywhere and wait for the call. If you don't get one, then annoy them until they take a look at your application. But don't be rude and mean about it. Just ask if they have looked at your application. If they do call you in, go in and do what they ask you to do. Answer all of their questions truthfully. Employers like that kind of stuff. Then see if they will hire you. If not move on to the next job. Good luck.

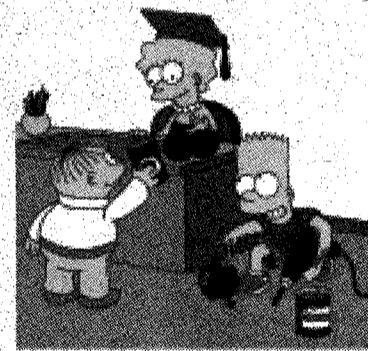
## Home is where the school is

By Vince Rosati

There is a big controversy on whether home school is for better or worse when it comes to getting the best education possible.

In 1997 a study was done across America that consisted of 5,402 home schooled kids from 1,657 families. This study showed that home schooled kids, on average, outperformed their counterpart public school kids by 37 percentage points in all subjects. Public schools try and throw money at education problems spending on average 5,325 dollars per student. Even with all that money, public school students only average in the 50th percentile on standardized achievement tests, while only 546 dollars is spent on average for home schooled kids who average at a much higher percentile of 92.

This shows that money spent does not have a direct correlation with education; it all depends on the teacher, the student's discipline, and good old-fashioned hard work.



## How much does the five-finger discount cost?

By Will Beagle



don't have enough money to buy food for their family to eat, so they go out and steal it. However, that still doesn't make it right to steal because it is still against the law. But on the other side of this, some people do it for the enjoyment they get in the act of stealing whether it be on a dare or just feeling like not paying for an item.

Some of the most stolen items are either over the counter drugs (Advil, Aleve, and Tylenol) and meat products (roast, steaks, bacon, and ribs). The consequences of stealing an item up to five hundred dollars is a first degree misdemeanor and can result in up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$1,000. Anything from \$500-\$5,000 stolen will be charged as a fifth degree felony and anywhere from six to twelve months in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines. The penalties get higher and more extreme as the price of what a person steals increases.

# Quaker Clips

