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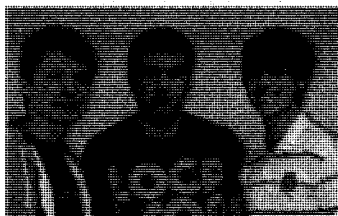
## Boys' and Girls' State

By Alison Thompson

The decision has been made and this year's 2009 Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State delegates have been chosen. Representing the guys are seniors Derek Erskine, Scott Jones, and Cody Holland. They will be going to Bowling Green State University to represent the Boys' State delegates June 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. As for the girls, juniors Lauren Crowell, Brynn Crowgey, Theresa Ieropoli, Alison Thompson, and Lindsay Winn will be going to this year's Buckeye Girls' State, which will be held at Ashland University June 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State is a program that allows participation by juniors between the summer of junior and senior year.

To qualify for Buckeye Boys' or Buckeye Girls' State, delegates must complete an application and return it to Dr. Shivers. Then the American Legion Auxiliary interviewed whoever had applied to Buckeye State at the Chamber of Commerce building. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the program which is a summer leadership and a citizen program. At the program, delegates are divided into different groups that go to different cities. Then the people that are in a city elect from among their peers those whom they would want to represent them in the State Legislature. The delegates elect state officials and the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. From there the legislature organizes meetings, elects leaders, and passes bills.

Buckeye Boys' State started in 1935 while Girls' State started in 1938. Since then many people have been to Buckeye State. The few famous delegates that readers might recognize are Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, Mark Wahlberg, Michael Jordan, Nancy Reed, and Mike Huckabee to name a few. So good luck to this year's Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State delegates and have fun.



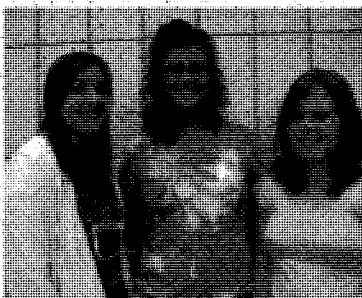
Juniors Cody Holland, Scott Jones, and Derek Erskine are eager to attend Boys' State at Bowling Green this summer.



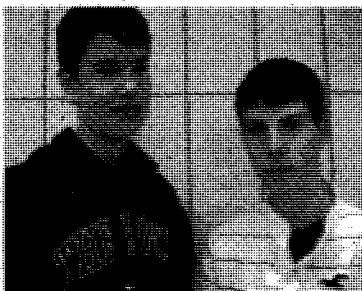
Juniors Brynn Crowgey, Theresa Ieropoli, Alison Thompson, Lauren Crowell and Lindsay Winn are excited to visit Ashland this summer.

## Computer contest

By Will Beagle



Congratulations to freshmen computer winners Rebekah Santarelli, Cassidy Polen, and Aimee DeRoads.



Congratulations to freshmen computer winners Andrew Pietrzak and Nick Costa.

From March 11th through the 17th, the freshman students of Salem High School and East Liverpool High School were able to take part in an essay contest. This contest resulted from a partnership between Governor Strickland's Connect Ohio initiative and the member companies of the Ohio Telecom Association. The students had to write an essay based on one of three prompts about technology.

For their efforts, winning essay writers were given a computer. AT&T donated twelve computers to students at three area schools. A brochure distributed by Connect Ohio/A.T.&T stated, "As part of the No Child Left Online program, thousands of Ohio students will benefit by having access to the Internet outside of school hours."

The Salem winners and the titles of their essays are the following: Nick Costa wrote an essay titled "My Concept of the Perfect Cell Phone." Aimee DeRoads wrote "What Does My Future Look Like." Andrew Pietrzak's piece was "Technology is Your Friend, Not Your Foe." Cassidy Polen composed "Technology: The Catalyst Our Local Economy Needs," and Rebekah Santarelli wrote "Technology of the Future." When asked why he took part in this contest, Nick Costa said, "Mrs. McCracken showed us the AT&T contest form, and I had some extra time on my hands, so I decided to write the essay."

Beyond the free Dell desktops that each winner received, they also won a whole year of free internet service. This just proves that with a little hard work you can achieve whatever you want.

## NHS induction ceremony

By Jessica Schmidt

Being a member of the National Honor Society is a privileged position to hold in any high school. The club promotes service, leadership, character, and scholarship among outstanding students. Salem High School's chapter of NHS held its annual induction ceremony for the incoming class on Wednesday, March 25.

The event is held in a formal manner. The thirty-nine senior members lead a procession down the aisle of the auditorium and onto the stage, followed by the new members by candlelight. This year's class of inductees included nineteen juniors and three seniors.

Current president Daniel Kish presided over the ceremony. Vice president Alexis Thorne, secretaries Mellay Gardner and Dana Webb, and historian Suzanne Waterbeck also said a few words throughout the evening, and treasurer Rosalyn Washam led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Viencek, the advisor of the organization, and Dr. Shivers joined the students on stage. Senior members Cassie Utt and Jessica Schmidt sang the National Anthem as well as a selection from the Broadway musical *Wicked* entitled "For Good." Dr. Charles McGowan, a university professor, was the guest speaker for the evening.

Family members of the NHS students attended the ceremony. Refreshments of punch and cookies were offered in the lobby of the auditorium at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## Academic challenge review

By Rosalyn Washam

Salem Academic Challenge won the local competition held at Salem High School on January 24, 2009, and advanced on to regional competition. On April 17, they traveled to Jefferson Community College, in Steubenville, Ohio, to compete in the regional competition for this area. Seven students went to compete at Jefferson Community College. Those competing were the following: six seniors — Dan Kish, Rick Samu, Dan Yanek, Brian Shivers, Rosalyn Washam, and Max While; and one sophomore — Andrew Skiba.

Schools from Columbiana, Mahoning, Cuyahoga, and Carol counties compete in the competition in Steubenville. Schools competing from this area include South Range, Canfield and Poland. The top two teams from Steubenville will advance to Columbus, Ohio, and compete at state.

On Saturday, Salem went against Sheridan in the first round and won 29-28 and advanced to the next round against North West High School. Salem fell to Northwest, 29-41. Because the competition is double elimination, Salem still had a chance to come back; and they did. Against Poland they won by a margin of ten points, 34-24 and against Poland by a margin of twelve points, 43-31. Unfortunately, Salem lost to North Canton Hoover 55-19 and is therefore not able to attend state.

Although Salem fell to Hoover in Steubenville, they won against Lowellville in the WYTV challenge which was on TV April 18. To see how the Salem Quakers fare against the Liberty Leopards, tune in on May 2, 2009.

## Read Between the Lines

Waiting Monday morning with his newspaper in hand, sophomore Jake Secrest had found the words, "In all honesty, yes." This made him the grand prize winner in the "Read Between the Lines" contest in the March issue of *The Quaker*. The March prize was, once again, a ten dollar gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

So here it is, *Quaker* readers, the April and final issue to feature the "Read Between the Lines" contest. This will be your last chance to win big as the May issue of *The Quaker* is always dedicated to the senior class, and there will be no contest during May. This month the grand prize winner will be the first person to present their correct entry to Mrs. Dye AFTER the dismissal bell on Friday, April 24. Are you reading carefully? This month you must **highlight the winning sentence in yellow marker** or your answer, even if correct, will be disqualified. The April sentence to find is the following: **"It's a bad idea."**



Congratulations to sophomore Jake Secrest for winning the March "Read Between the Lines" contest sponsored by *The Quaker*

## YSU English Festival

Some students from Salem High School recently attended the English Festival at Youngstown State University on April 1.

Students attending the festival compete against and collaborate with hundreds of other students from area schools in activities based on seven novels that are required reading outside of the classroom setting.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Nan Wilson, high school English department, and Mrs. Monica Navarra, the following sophomores and juniors participated: Patrick Anzevino, Connor Bezeredi, Drew Bostwick, Kyle Costal, Cody Crawford, Abby Cull, Brandon Culp, Lilli Daley, Sarah Drake, Megan Evans, Taylor Fredrickson, Amanda Hepfner, Alex Hoopes, Tiffany Kekel, Brandi Knisley, Cheri Merryman, Monica Metts, Steve Navarra, Mark Schreffler, and Lexi Shivers.



Sophomore students Abby Cull and Kyle Costal each received recognition at the English Festival held at Youngstown State University on April 1. Abby placed first with a team of students from area schools in a poetry contest called "Renga Riot," and Kyle Costal earned an "Honorable Mention" for his impromptu essay based on two of the English Festival books he had read.

## Food Drive Update

Feed Your Community, Feed Yourself is the name of the huge food drive happening at Salem High School. Come and support your community next weekend by purchasing a ticket for a paghetti dinner and movie held at Salem, Friday, May 1. Tickets are on sale for purchase now and will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under twelve years old. We need everyone's support to make this the biggest food drive in Ohio, so buy a ticket and support your community.

# Opinion

## Point Counter Point

### EBay is the way

By Chris Szabat

Are you into online auctions? If so you have probably heard of EBay. EBay is a website through which you can search for something you want to buy and purchase it from someone at a price they choose. This online auction is how many people save money. EBay has been active since September 3, 1995, and thousands of people have been auctioning items. EBay has also established localized websites in thirty other countries. EBay owns many other businesses such as PayPal, Skype, StubHub, and Kijiji. Millions of collectibles, decor, appliances, computers, furnishings, equipment, vehicles, and other miscellaneous items are listed, bought, and sold daily. Items on EBay can be rare and valuable while many others are old and seemingly worthless were it not for the thousands of eager bidders

worldwide. Almost anything can be purchased on EBay as long as it is not illegal and does not violate the EBay Prohibited and Restricted Items policy which is in effect. The EBay fee system is quite complex. There are fees to listing and selling a product, plus other option fees which are based on various factors and scales. The U.S.-based eBay.com takes \$0.20 to \$80 per listing and 5.25 percent or less of the final price. Under current U.S. law, a state cannot require sellers located outside the state to collect a sales tax, making deals more attractive to buyers. Although some state laws require purchasers to pay sales tax to their own states on out-of-state purchases, it is not a common thing.

EBay also offers several types of auctions. Auction-style listings allow the seller to offer one or more items for sale for a specified number of days. The seller can establish a

reserve price. Fixed Price format allows the seller to offer one or more items for sale at a Buy It Now price. Buyers who agree to pay that price win the auction immediately without submitting a bid. Dutch auctions allow the seller to offer two or more identical items in the same auction. Bidders can bid for any number. They can bid from one item up to the total number offered.

EBay also provides a system for tracking and rating buyers and sellers so users can attempt to protect themselves. It has limited personal contact and protection of personal information. EBay also has the ability to track sales and purchases online so you know exactly where your item is and when it should be delivered. EBay is trustworthy, so it can build a reputation as a reliable seller or purchase.

### Craigslist

By Tyler Hlavcak

Have you heard of Craigslist.com? If not you could be missing a free opportunity to post classified ads throughout the nation. You can be an individual interested in selling a one-time product or a small business owner with many products or services to sell. If you aren't using Craigslist, you are missing a valuable opportunity to buy and or sell at great bargains.

What is Craigslist? This website, like many others of its kind, focuses on providing users the ability to build an online community. Serving more than twenty million users each month, Craigslist.com is among the highest-ranking sites on the Web today.

Most community forums provide a place for people to chat, get to know each other, or share common interests. Craigslist is unique in that while it does offer a

forum, it is also a place where people can promote and sell. Craigslist allows users to post classified ads to a community bulletin board.

The board on Craigslist.com hosts millions of ads and has billions of visitors every year. As more and more people turn to the Web for their purchases, the "List" is rapidly becoming one of the most important places people bookmark. Even when you do have to pay for ads, you will pay far less than you would if you paid for an advertisement in a local paper (or national one). And more and more people are using the Net to find what they need whether they want to find a job, a new home, a new car or anything else.

This begs the question, though, which service is better... Craigslist or eBay? This question becomes more and more important as we discuss the future of classified ads on the internet. Both websites

have their pros and cons.

#### Pros of Craigslist

- \*Great for purchasing large items that are difficult to ship.
- \*Consumers get to actually see items in person before they commit to purchasing. Listings are grouped by cities, so finding items for sale in your area is relatively easy.
- \*Craigslist ads go beyond items for sale and include personals as well as employment listings all on one website. Straight-up purchase method (rather than auction) can provide immediate gratification for buyers and sellers alike.
- \*Craigslist is free for all services except job postings.
- \*More localized shopping

This website is easy for your average Joe to use. This is one of the few online shops that work like your regular newspaper classifieds.

### Breathalyzer: A prom precaution

By Olivia Maenz

Everyone who can't wait to go to prom, are you sure you want to? All the juniors and seniors have received a letter regarding what is going to happen on prom day... a breathalyzer test. Officers from Columiana have agreed to give a test to those who look suspicious. So please think smart and don't go drunk.

You really wouldn't think that our school would do it to us. Well, we guessed wrong. However, there is a good reason for such actions. I did some research on the internet to find out how many teens died last year on prom night. Over 150 teens died or were seriously injured just on prom night.

I understand how students want their prom night to be the best night of their life. If you decide to drink and get so hammered, do you think you're really going to be able to remember that night? Probably not. I know that you are thinking, who cares what she says. A couple of years ago, my friend decided to drink on prom night. He wasn't a drinker. He got drunk and decided to drive home instead of staying at my friend's house. Sad thing was his dad was a cop and his mom was a driving instructor. They both warned him about the outcomes of drinking and driving, but he still put himself in a

dangerous situation.

I believe the breathalyzer test is a good idea. Maybe they should do it. Here are some thoughts from other students who will be going to prom. I asked them if they think the breathalyzer test is a good idea. Out of all that I asked, they said that they don't care. Jay Bates, a senior at the high school, told me this. "Why be scared? If they [students] don't drink before they go, they shouldn't be worried." Others students also said that it's stupid to even try to get drunk and be arrested for a stupid reason.

By the way, prom is right around the corner. Once spring break was over, the junior class was selling prom tickets at B and C lunches. When you wanted to buy the tickets, you had to have your emergency release forms and your student visitor form with you. If not then they do have the right to deny you sale of your tickets. Also for all of those who will be going "stag," you do not have to walk in prom parade to go to prom. The afterprom tickets cost \$20.00 for a ticket. We will be going to Jillian's for after-prom.

If you have any questions regarding prom please see Mr. Kibler.

### G-20 protesters

By Vince Rosati

More than thirty people were arrested after 4,000 anarchists, anti-capitalists, environmentalists, and others protested in London during the G20 summit. G20 is a group of twenty Financial Ministers and Central Bank Governors and is an informal forum that discusses and makes decisions on the global economy. England is also bailing out banks to help save their economy, but banking problems are causing the jobless ranks to soar. The protests were happening as President Obama and Prime Minister Gordon Brown held conferences, but that did little to calm protesters as they burned in effigy a banker hung from a streetlight. They waved signs some of which said "0% interest in others," "Resistance is fertile," "Banks are Evil," and "Make love not leverage." Police lined the streets trying to protect London's financial district but to no avail as protesters, some waving communist and

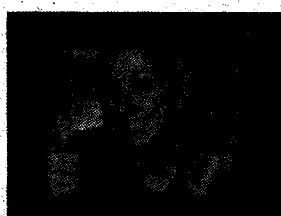
anarchist flags, pelted the police with paint, eggs, and other small projectiles.

These protests occurred throughout Europe including Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Geneva. All protested the same thing, capitalism and how it's the bank's fault we're in this huge economic mess. Other protesters were there as well; some environmentalists, some protesting the war, some just there to be part of something bigger and put some meaning behind everyday life instead of just living day to day. Mainly the protesters were made up of anti-capitalists doing their best to get some kind of needed change from government which has done nothing to change anything but give more of the tax-payers' money to big business. Now we have to pay for their mistakes.

## The April War of Words

By Lauri Dotson

What was your best and/or favorite summer vacation?



Alli Ward  
Senior

"Going to Punta Cana last summer."



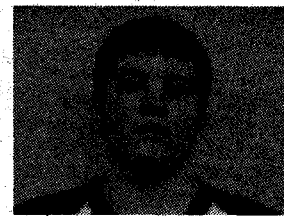
Jordan Grim  
Junior

"Going to Texas, I got really tan, and we went to Six Flags."



Kevin Burkholder  
Sophomore

"Going to Geneva Lake."



Devon Bell  
Freshman

"When I went with my dad to North Carolina to see the rest of my family."

## Grease concludes successful S.H.S. run

By Nathan Gilbert

The past weekend was the grand show for cast members of Grease performing what they have been practicing since February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The play brought in 511 viewers on opening night, and 541 on Saturday. The show was also performed on Monday but the numbers for the show have not yet been released. Tickets to the play were \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The play was shown once again on the evening of Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as an act of charity in which all of the proceeds went to the local Alchemy Press Foundation for animals.

The play was approximately two and a half hours long and consisted of two acts. The first consisted of seven scenes where students had arrived back at Dell High School after summer break during which Danny met Sandy. The second act which consists of the final five scenes began after a fifteen minute intermission for the audience to enjoy the concessions offered in the lobby.

The cast included thirty-two students from S.H.S. Students began work on the play on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Practices were three to four hours long on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The entire cast did very well as we heard from the outstanding voices of all those involved in the musical. When asked Dan Kish, who played the part of Eugene, what he thought of



Darny and Sandy (played by junior Tyler Cosma and senior Cassie Ut) share an embrace as the main love interests in Grease.

the play, he responded, "People don't realize how much talent is in S.H.S. It was neat to work with the actors and vocalists to see a really great show." I also spoke with another one of the cast, Derek Erskine, who said "The directors, cast, and crew put an ample amount of time into practicing for the musical. This was a very tiring experience, but after putting on the show I realize that it was well worth my time." When discussing

the production with Cody Holland, he simply replied, "Hair grease SUCKS."

The costumes were representative of the 1950's. The popular style of the time was black leather jackets and slicked back hair for the guys. Despite my limited knowledge of other styles of the 50's, the actors were interestingly attired. The stage was put together very well with vibrant colors and great props that were obviously very time consuming. The car "Grease Lightning" was a great prop. It was built from a golf cart and white painted wood.

The cast of the play performed some really lively and very entertaining dance routines throughout the musical and kept viewers entertained. Also, it was very impressive the way the girls and boys kept completely still during certain scene changes during which the boys were stationed on the ground floor while the girls were on the top level portraying an entirely different environment. The play had many musical numbers which made it easy for the extremely talented students here at S.H.S. to show off their phenomenal singing, dancing, and acting abilities.

The cast, crew, and directors put in a lot of time and the musical turned out to be a great one thanks to all of their hard work.

## Summer releases

By Daniel Drotleff

Looking forward to movies coming out in the summer is always good news for students and teachers. It means that summer break is near. There are many mediums through which you hear about these new films (friends, newspaper, TV news, etc.). The best, though, is previews at other movies because it's one of the rare moments where you become the judge and juror and say, "Hey that looks really good." or, "That looks really bad." So here is a list of movies that are coming out this summer. Beginning in May there are some movies that look like real hits:

**Battle for Terra-** Basically humans lose Earth and go into space to find another planet. They find one, and it's already inhabited so they declare war.

**X-Men Origins: Wolverine-** Title pretty much gives it away. It tells the history of Wolverine in a very action-packed way.

**Terminator Salvation-** It's a prequel to the original Terminator set eleven years before the Apocalypse in Los Angeles before Sam Reese is sent back in time. By the way, don't walk in front of Christian Bale, adjusting lights while he's acting. It's a bad idea.

**Angels and Demons-** The sequel to The Da Vinci Code. It stars Tom Hanks, and he has to save the Catholic church from a group called the Illuminati.

**Dance Flick-** A parody of recent dance movies such as Step Up and Save the Last Dance.

After May, we have an incomplete list of all the releases.

**Transformers 2: Revenge of The Fallen-** Sequel to the hit "Transformers," it looks like another battle of Autobots and Decepticons.

**Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time-** A movie based on the game of the same title.

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs-** Another movie in the Ice Age series.

**2012-** You know, the Mayan calendar thing. Yeah, they made a movie. **G-Force-** Government trained guinea pigs trained for espionage. Yeah, only Disney could come up with something that crazy. Nicholas Cage is in it if it makes you want to see it... well his voice is.

**The A-Team-** if you don't know what it is then you don't need to watch it.

**Final Destination: Death Trip 3D-** The fourth installment of the Final Destination series so death will try and kill more people only this time it's in 3-D.

**Saw VI-** How many ingenious ways can they kill someone? It appears this series will go the full nine movies based on the nine books. How fun.

**The Wolfman-** It is a remake of the classic of the same name.

## Famous: The Spill Canvas

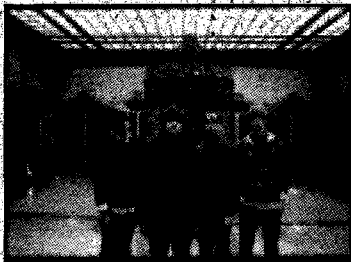
By Jay Bates

The Spill Canvas is a punk rock, acoustic, alternative band which originated in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The band is comprised of Nick Thomas - lead vocals, guitar; Dan Ludeman - guitar, vocals; Joe Beck - drums; and Landon Heil - bass. The band's influences range from Saves the Day, and Maroon 5 all the way to John Mayer. Their music is an embodiment of sincere, emotional teenage angst while the lyrics are heavily influenced by Dick's late youth and incorporate an addicting, melodic punk sound.

The Spill Canvas started as a solo-side project for young musical talent Nick Thomas. At the time he was the singer for another local band, The Tones of Ranvier. However, he soon quit and played acoustic covers and sets at local venues under his own name "Nick Thomas." Nick is a very skilled guitarist who started recording songs at the young age of fifteen but can also play piano and bass. Nick's success sparked the interest of other local musicians that wanted to join the band but didn't feel comfortable playing under the name of simply "Nick Thomas." That's when Nick dubbed the name The Spill Canvas as a permanent name for the band.

Nick finished high school but instead of college he pursued his music career. He had one on several midwest tours and a few coast-to-coast circuits which had gained him numerous fans and helped him record multitudinous demos between his travels. In April of 2003 after endless endeavors of getting exposure from his recorded demos, Nick caught the attention of Brad Fischetti, president of newly founded label, M1 Records, who signed him shortly after hearing the impressive demo tapes. The Spill Canvas' first album "Sunsets and Car Crashes" was released in 2004. It was written and produced by Nick himself. Nick was joined by several members throughout the previous years but has been the only constant in the band.

Since the signing of the band in 2004, The Spill Canvas has released four albums and a flurry of E.P. tracks. These albums include "Sunsets and Car Crashes," "One Fell Swoop," "Denial Feels So Good," and most recently "No Really I'm Fine." Some of The Spills' ever so popular songs include "All Over You," "All Hail the Heartbreaker," "Staplegunned," and a personal favorite "Self Conclusion."



## Unknown Straylight Run

By Rachel Fritzman

Straylight Run is an indie rock band that originated in Long Island, New York, in 2003. John Nolan - vocals and Shaun Cooper - bassist, originally created Straylight Run after their departure from the former band known as Taking Back Sunday. John had written many songs while being with them, but he didn't feel they were right for the band. John and Shaun began playing and recording these songs with Taking Back Sunday's drummer, Mark O'Connell. Mark was then replaced with Will Noon, who was in a former band known as Breaking Pangaea. Breaking Pangaea had broken up and the lead singer, Fred Mascherino, replaced John in Taking Back Sunday. A little while after all of this happened, John's sister Michelle DaRosa joined Straylight Run as the back up singer, and the band had finally taken shape.

Because of John and Shaun's former involvement in Taking Back Sunday, their label company, Victory Records, forced them to release an album. The album was self titled and released on October 12, 2004. It made the Billboard Top 100 Albums list and helped get them on tour opening for the band Simple Plan in late 2005. In 2005 they also released an EP called "Prepare to Be Wrong." This was their last CD with Victory Records.

In June of 2007 Straylight Run released another album with Universal Records titled "The Needles the Space." They were finally getting their name out there when Universal Records dropped them in late 2007. A couple of months later Michelle announced that she was leaving the band. She left on good terms to pursue a solo career, and on her MySpace she stated she may return to the band someday.

Shortly after she left, the band started recording their next CD which was an EP titled "Un Mas Dos." The album was released on September 9, 2008, in a digital format, but it can now be bought as a CD as well. Straylight Run is now playing at the Soundwave Festivals in Australia and plans to keep recording and touring when they return home.



## Feature

### Being on your own is cool, right?

By Tyler Metts

As the years go by and the young become more mature, they start to want a little independence. Being on your own can be great and all or perhaps it just seems great. Many say they cannot wait to get out on their own and off to college, but they do not truly realize what it means to be on your own.

Sure there are many things of a positive nature to think about. On the upside you can pick your diet, set your own curfew, go and come as you please. There are many good things about living on your own, but for every positive there is a negative. You won't have parents to help you out when you're short on cash, no one to do your laundry when you forget, and no one to say goodnight to after a long day. These things are taken for granted everyday because they have always been there. The saying "you don't know what you have until it's gone" is ridiculously true.

The term used to describe students living on their own is emancipation. There are two types of emancipation. One involves students under the age of eighteen and as early as fourteen to have the same rights as eighteen-year-olds. This process is long and time consuming. The student wishing to be "divorced" from his or her parents must have several "proofs" that they are able to live on their own. The other form of emancipation, which is the one being discussed in this article, involves students of eighteen years of age who are living on their own.

Here at Salem High School, we have a few of the aforementioned students walking among us. These

are young men and women who are no different than the rest of us; they are simply living a different lifestyle than the norm of Salem students. Walking down the hall, you wouldn't be able to tell who these students are. Whether their situation is good or bad, they suck it up and live life. I was able to ask these unique students about their situations and their thoughts about it. Their answers were completely different. One student was completely optimistic about being emancipated while another was serious and blunt.

Living on your own means that you must have some sort of income to support your place of living. Some of the students use money they have earned by working to support them. One student receives money through a disability check, another via their father, and one lives for free due to a mutual agreement. When asked about the positives about being on your own, the similar answer was that they all are learning what it's like to be on their own before the rest of their age and the freedom to do what they want. "You can experiment," says Amanda Croley, "you can decorate your way and cook too."

The negatives were polar opposites between the students. One student says there really are no negatives. "It's lonely, and there is a lot of responsibility put on me," admits Jordan Cuthbert. Miss Croley also admits that the loneliness is a problem, but for her the main negative is spiders. "There's no one to kill them for me," jokes Amanda.

Some of them miss a de-

ceased family member or a runaway pet. For the majority of these young people, it's their family. Some had siblings that they shared their lives with. Some may have lost their parents or guardians. They no longer have anyone to share secrets or problems with or check the house for whatever is making the creepy noises at night. It's something we all have that we take so much for granted. It's something most of these men and women want but cannot have. The optimistic student says that this is the best thing to ever happen to them. Croley offers the advice to buy bug spray for those spiders. Jordan's advice is a quote that all of us have heard but never really pay any mind to. "Don't take anything for granted." To us the quote means little, but to these students who are on their own it means a world of things we may never understand.

Living on your own is a reality that most of this year's graduating class is about to face. These young men and women have a head start and admit it is not easy. So while you have the time, sit back and think of all the things that you may lose or be apart from when your post high school life begins. Prepare yourself for anything, and make sure you don't take anything for granted.

### Poets' Society Contest

The Poets' Society of Salem High School, a newly formed club this year, is sponsoring a poetry contest to honor National Poetry Month which is the month of April. Directions were supplied to students through English teachers or Mrs. Dye. Entries are due today - Friday, April 24.

Entries had a specific format. They were to be typed and have a cover page with the student's name and grade. The poem was not to exceed one side of an 8.5" by 11" page. The work was to be typed in Times New Roman with a 12 font and include a title. Only one entry per student was allowed. If you are reading this article early in the day on Friday and you have a study hall, there is still time to enter. The winner of the contest will be announced on Thursday, April 30, and there will be a prize basket given to the lucky winner.

While members of the Society wished to honor National Poetry Month, they also desired to bring attention to this new club. If you were not able to join this year, perhaps next year you will find time to be a part of The Poets' Society. This year the club members discussed several poets, shared their own poems, held a Halloween party, went to Christmas dinner at the Green Rose Bistro, and created a club T-shirt. The club meeting dates are posted on the locker outside of Mrs. Dye's room. Come and join The Poets' Society.

### New and improving

By Patrick Simpson

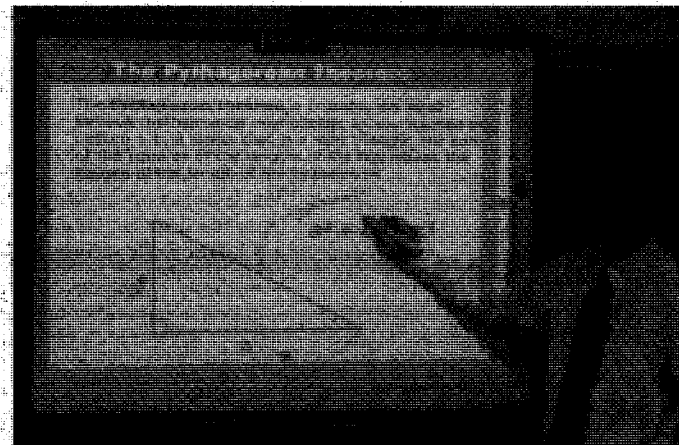
Salem High School is seeing many improvements this year. All classrooms will be getting new desks and Smart boards will be provided for those teachers whose subjects can utilize them. The desks will be replaced four rooms at a time. The rooms that get the new desks first will be determined by the condition of the old desks. At the current time there are already four rooms which have been provided with the new desks, and four more rooms are expected to get the new desks before the end of the school year. There will be an attempt to try to sell all of the old desks or they will be stored for repairs and spare parts or tossed out if they are in really bad condition.

The main purpose for the new smart boards is not so much for improving in technology as it is to help the students learn better. These smart boards will be provided to math, science, history, and special education classrooms. At this

time all math and science classrooms have a smart board as well as two history and two special education classrooms. When asked about how he likes his smart board Mr. Ziegler stated, "I love it; it allows me to do a lot more by covering material more quickly. It also entertains the students more."

The school board will supposedly have all of these upgrades finished sometime between August of 2009 and June of 2010. With all of the new improvements to the school with the new desks, smart boards, and security cameras, this writer wondered if Salem would keep getting upgrades within the next couple of years. Dr. Shivers stated, "We are always looking out for the best technological advancements available to help us instruct."

We seem to be keeping up with technology in our school so far. We just have to wait and see what else the technological world will give us.



Mr. Ziegler looks positively algebraic next to his new smart board.

### Senioritis attacks

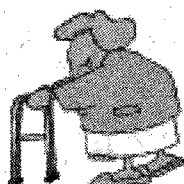
By Ryan O'Donnell

Every senior here at Salem High School is familiar with the term "senioritis." This term has no real definition or meaning, but many people have their own meaning for it. I got a chance to ask a few senior students what they believe senioritis is. Brandon "BSIMM" Simmons said: "I've been going to this school for four years of my life, and I can't wait to get out. The fourth nine weeks of school is just brutal. I just want to sleep in every class because most of my work is done." I also talked to Jay Bates and he had this to say regarding senioritis: "Senioritis is a point in time, as a senior, where you walk around lifelessly, sit in class hopelessly waiting for school to end so you can go eat Main Moon or Bruster's Ice Cream." I also got a quote from Mrs. Johnson who mostly teaches all seniors and she had this to say: "I think some seniors have had senioritis all year long, but I really feel it's from seniors this last four years. It's a feeling I get from the students of absolutely not caring anymore about anything- school, grades, attendance, schedules, sports, teachers- you

name it." Then I got a quote from another senior, Rosalyn Washam. She had this to say about senioritis: "I thought senioritis was something people just made up but it has hit me, and I'm ready to be done."

Teachers do their best to try and keep their student's motivated through the last nine weeks. This can be hard to do, though, as it seems like no one cares or even wants to be in class. Teachers have to keep on doing their job though because the last nine weeks does actually matter to students.

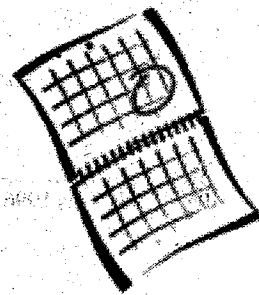
All seniors should try and do their best to just not get lazy and try to keep up with all the work for the last nine weeks of high school. It's almost over, so just make sure that you aren't the one who gets that case of senioritis.



### April Calendar

By Lauri Dotson

- May 8 - Prom
- May 7 - Spring Choir concert 7:00 P.M.
- May 19 - Awards Assembly 7:00 P.M.
- May 20 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 P.M.
- May 21 - Special Needs Prom
- May 25 - Memorial Day - No school
- May 26 - Senior picnic (Country Club)
- May 28 - Baccalaureate 7:00 P.M.
- May 29 - Last day for seniors
- May 30 - Alumni Banquet - Invitation Only
- May 31 - Commencement 2:00 P.M.
- June 4 - Last day for students



### Poet's Corner

It Gets Better

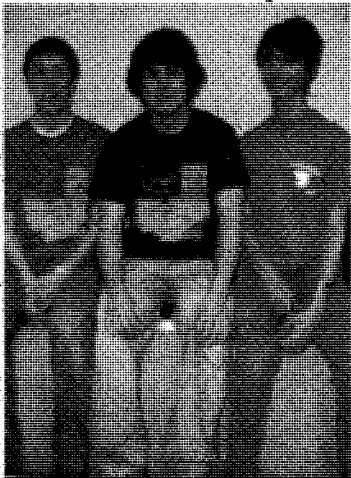
By Dacia Louk

Thinking about times when you were here,  
You always made me laugh I held you so dear.  
But now you're gone and time moves so slow,  
I thought you were the one but now I don't know.  
If you were the one I wouldn't have had doubts,  
I thought when you said I love you I knew what you were talking about.  
You found someone new and I hope you're happy with her,  
Because I found someone too that makes my past with you feel like a blur.  
He's so great, so charming and so fun,  
I believe he just might be the one.  
So as I say goodbye to my past three years of sorrow,  
I will give my heart to this guy, and that he will borrow.

# Feature

## SHS exchange students

by Brooke Skiba



Drew Bostwick, Jeff Barton, Cameron Clark

Next school year, three of our own SHS students will be leaving to live in a foreign country for a year. All three are going through the Rotary Youth Exchange program which strives to broaden cultural horizons in young adults ages 15-25. These students are Drew Bostwick, Cameron Clark, and Jeff Barton.

Sophomore Drew Bostwick plans to travel to an area in France near Paris on August 26<sup>th</sup> this year. He will be staying for most of a year with a host family in this country. In a location where English isn't the main language, communication is difficult. "Luckily, Mrs. Carter helped me find a tutor at Mount Union College," Drew says. He looks forward to meeting new people, seeing sights, and adapting to a new culture. He also looks forward to the food which he anticipates to be a major difference from the U.S. along with the different means of transportation. Drew is least looking forward to the homesickness. "It's going to be hard being away from home so long," he says.

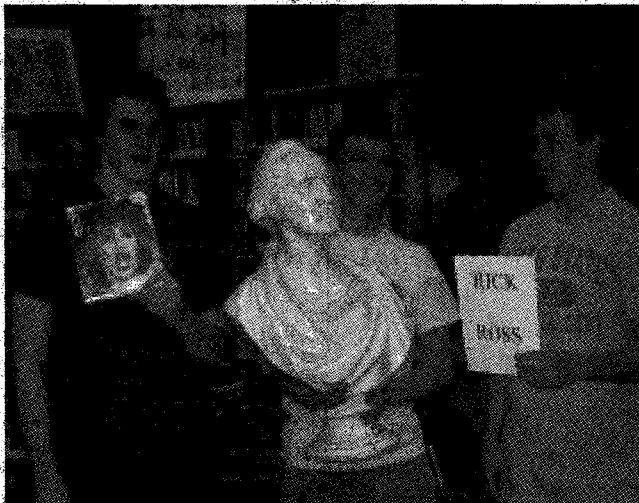
Cameron Clark, sophomore, will be going to Japan next school year. He will be staying with two or three different host families throughout the course of nearly a year. Like Drew, Cameron is also being tutored in the language and is still learning the basics. Just about everything in Japan is different, so he will have to make large adaptations. "I'm most looking forward to seeing what it's like to go to school in a foreign country," Cameron states, "and also learning a new language." The food in Japan is also, as he says, "pretty crazy." He will experience a whole new appetite to go along with the lifestyle including a lot of raw seafood. Cameron is also least looking forward to the homesickness.

Senior Jeff Barton plans to go to Brazil for ten months, where he will most likely be staying with three host families. He does not know a great deal of the language currently, but he has until August to learn as much Portuguese as he can. Jeff expects that some major differences will be using the metric system and having seasons "flip-flopped." Brazil is located on the opposite side of the equator, so the seasons will, in fact, be ours backwards. He most looks forward to learning the language and being submerged in a new culture. When asked what he least looks forward to he answers, "Not having Mountain Dew."

Foreign exchange programs offer students the opportunity to leave the American world for a short time and take on a new culture. Hopefully Drew, Cameron, and Jeff enjoy their stay in other parts of the world and bring back stories of a superb experience.

## April Student of the Month

by Max While



Max While, "Stingray," and Ted Yuhaniak pause for a moment of awesomeosity in the library.

This month was a month of crazy success for the Student of the Month. The final SOM luncheon produced record attendance as well as a three-way tie, which was broken in the ultimate SOM obstacle challenge. This event was easily the highlight of the year for everyone involved, especially this month's SOM, Karl "Stingray" Wertz. Despite his nickname being "Stingray," Karl Wertz is actually the Number One Dog. His favorite song is Lil Mama's "Lip Gloss," and his favorite actor is Daniel Craig. Stingray more than halved the time of all the other competitors in the obstacle course, and although his strategy of "knock all the impromptu barriers over and go in a basically straight line to the exit" was rather controversial, he was a true SOM the whole way through.

Stingray often enjoys staring at himself in the mirror, taking in the subtle details of his beauty. While some take this as a symbol of vanity, it is obvious to the educated that he is simply giving his Daniel Craig-like visage the appreciation it deserves. Maybe we could all learn something from Stingray, to give ourselves credit for what we have and to appreciate ourselves because no one else can. When asked if this was his message, he kept his eyes on his reflection, yet replied, "That is definitely the reason I do this." Stingray is a positive role model for inner-city youth.

When asked about his fears, Stingray confided in me that he feared nothing, except for one time when he was afraid of a snake. He says fear is for the weak and compared it to going to the Fun Factory, or the "Not-Fun Factory" as he prefers to call it. Stingray Wertz is a real man, easily the manliest SOM since Ian Penix. His manliness is shown in many ways including his great hair, large muscles, cute face, decision to wear sandals with socks, and his eyes that hint at a mysterious past he doesn't want to talk about. When asked about his past, he would only say, "I don't want to talk about it." Stingray's typical

weekend includes going to Burger King on Fridays with his gang, the North Side Draculas, although he said that April 10<sup>th</sup> would be an exception to this because he was going to see *Dragonball: Evolution*. El Stingor talked at length about *Dragonball: Evolution*, and I could probably fill this whole article with his musings on the subject. I'll spare you all and simply say that he does not expect it to be very good but feels that as a fan of the animated series "Dragon Ball Z," he feels obligated to go.

Earlier I mentioned that Stingy Wertzminster is the second manliest SOM in the history of Student of the Month. But he also has a first to his name as the SOM most allergic to bees. "I'm horrifically allergic to bees," Stingray said, squeezing my arm and staring into my eyes with a look that I'd mistake for fear if I didn't know that the King Sting feared nothing. After searching me to make sure I did not have any bees on my person, he whispered in my ear, "One sting, just one little insectoid suicide attack onto my body, and I will surely die." This was by far the most terrifying ordeal I'd ever experienced in my tenure as King of the SOM Council.

In summation, Karl "Stingray" Wertz is an awesome dud. He bucked traditions to destroy all obstacles in his way and secure his victory. When asked what inspired him to succeed so much, he said, "Villanova, Ted Yuhaniak, Alan Turing, and Avey Tare." If that doesn't convince you he deserves this title, nothing will.

Unless we get insanely lucky and manage to finally pull off the student of the year article, this is the last SOM article Ted and I will write. We hope we can keep SOM running in the paper forever. Next year the articles will be picked up by Tim Slason and someone we haven't decided yet. We'd also like to say thank you. It's been pretty rad.

## Baccalaureate

by Jessica Schmidt

A tradition holds at Salem High School, as each year's senior class graduates, of the baccalaureate service. But what's a baccalaureate?

A baccalaureate is a church service, usually held on a Sunday or Wednesday, to celebrate and honor the graduating class from a high school or college. Parents of the graduates are welcome. Salem High's holding of a baccalaureate dates far back, although it was once phased out. It isn't certain whether the parental involvement or lack of interest from students caused it to diminish in popularity, but nevertheless it eventually returned.

The service, of course, is not a mandatory event. It is religiously-focused being mainly a Christian-themed event and held in a local church. For Salem, the host church is rotated each year. A few recent services have been held at Emmanuel Lutheran, St. Paul's, and First Friends.

Tradition says that if there is a member of the graduating class whose parent is a pastor at a local church then that church will serve as the location of the service. Such is the case this year. The baccalaureate service for the class of 2009 is expected to be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street, the place of worship for Pastor Connie Sassanella, mother of senior Libbi Williams.

Usually a guest speaker from the area is invited to deliver a motivational or reflective speech to the graduates and families - a speaker for this year's service has not yet been decided. Another aspect of the service includes the music. The chamber choir attends and sings a few songs appropriate to the occasion. There may also be one or more solos sung. Following the service there are often light refreshments.

Baccalaureate is a pleasant opportunity for students and parents to gather together to celebrate accomplishments, reflect on past years, and wish each other good fortune one last time.

## Ten questions that need an answer

By Matt Faulkner

1. Why do deep belly buttons collect lint?
2. Why do seniors constantly whine about doing research papers?
3. Why do seniors get senioritis?
4. Why can't you eat six saltine crackers in one minute?
5. Should it be illegal to use cell phones while driving?
6. Why can't you drink a gallon of milk in an hour?
7. How can you stop bullying in the schools?
8. Why did we have spring break so late this school year?
9. What is the average texting usage of a teenage kid?
10. Why are games so bad in school?

# Sports

## Senior Spotlight

Mike Boggs - Track



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Six years

**What is your favorite memory?**

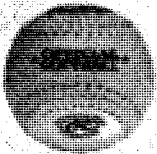
Doug Tanley throwing a shot put at me.

**What is your goal for this season?**

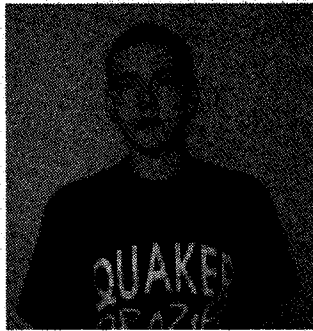
School discus record

**Do you plan to play this sport in college, if so where?**

Yes, at Mount Union



Dustin Rogers - Swimming



**What is your favorite memory?**

Every time Jacob dives

**What events do you swim?**

Fifty and 100 meter freestyle and 100 meter backstroke

**What is your goal for this season?**

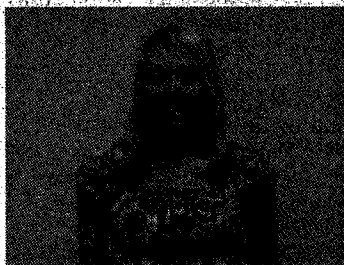
To be the best on the team and make it past sectionals

**Do you plan to play this sport in college, if so where?**

I hope to make the Army swim team.

By Rosalyn Washam

Candace Halter - Softball



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Eleven years

**Who is your favorite athlete?**

Grady Sizemore

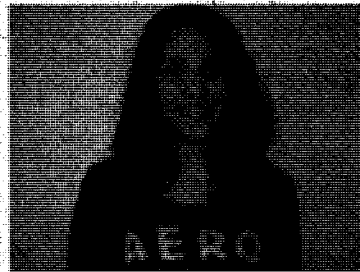
**Who are your team's biggest rivals?**

Poland and Canfield

**Do you continue to play in the off season?**

Yes, mostly year round

Suehad Awadallah - Track



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Five years

**What is your favorite memory?**

Coach Hopple's "ring the bell" speech sophomore year.

**What events do you run?**

I am dedicated to the 800 meter and sometimes run the 400 meter.

**Do you continue running in the off season?**

I don't race but always enjoy a long run.

Erin Sebrell - Softball



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Seven years

**Is this your favorite sport?**

Of course!

**What is your favorite memory?**

When the team went to Columbus my sophomore year for a weekend

**What is your goal for this season?**

My goal is for our team to reach a 500 season record.



## The return of the king

By Tim Eddinger

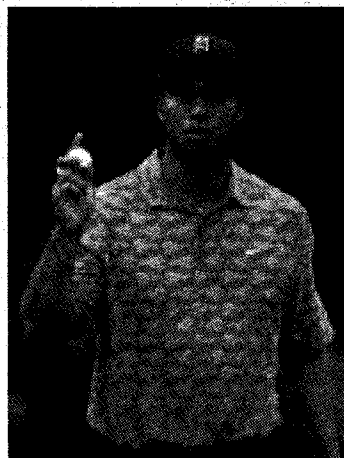
In a game where a three foot putt is by no means a gimmie, Eldrick Woods, more commonly called "Tiger" Woods, sunk a sixteen foot birdie putt on the 18th hole of the Arnold Palmer Invitational to beat Sean O'Hair and regained his throne as the best golfer. The Arnold Palmer Invitational (March 23-29) was Tiger's first win since his ten month absence from golf following his victory in the U.S. Open in 2008.

Two days after winning the U.S. Open in 2008, Woods announced that he would be required to undergo reconstructive surgery on the ACL of his left knee and would miss the remainder of the 2008 golf season including the final two major championships: The Open Championship and the PGA Championship. Woods also revealed that he had been playing for at least ten months with a torn ligament in his left knee and sustained a double stress fracture in his left tibia while in rehab from the surgery. Woods' absence from the remainder of the year caused PGA Tour TV ratings to decline. Overall viewing for the second half of the 2008 season saw a 46.8 percent decline as compared to 2007. During his break from golf, Tiger announced on his website that he and his wife were expecting their second child, and on February 8, 2009, Tiger's wife Elin, gave birth to

Charlie Axel Woods.

In what many people called "one of the most anticipated returns in sports" Tiger made his debut at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. Despite playing well and a first round victory, Tiger fell to Tim Clark in the second round. Woods first stroke play event was the WGC-CA Championship at Doral where he finished 9th (-11). Despite shooting a -4 on the last day, Tiger still feel short at the Masters. Tiger finished eight under par which was four strokes behind the winner Angel Cabrera, who shot 12 under par.

Even though he had a slow start in the 2009 season, Tiger Woods looks like he has recovered fully from his injuries and has the potential to climb back to the top.



## Spring coaches preview

By Brandon Simmons

The spring sports season has begun with regular season play already in full swing. The baseball, track, and softball teams will be busy with hectic schedules for the next several weeks.

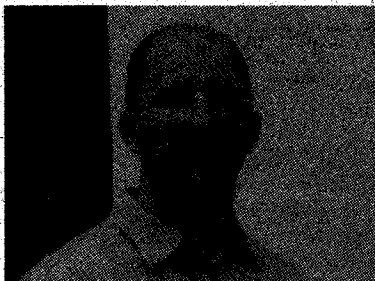
The baseball team started their season on Monday, March 30. I had a chance to interview Coach Alejars, and I asked him a few questions. I asked how has the season looked thus far. He replied by saying, "I feel so far the season is going well. The positive attitudes and willingness to work hard and together can allow us to accomplish some good things." The returning lettermen are Brandon Simmons, Gary Sebrell, Dan Fortney, Alex Whinnery, Nick Lesky, and Dan Gagnon. The senior Captain is Dan Fortney. I also asked coach what were his thoughts about this upcoming season? Coach replied, "I am very excited. Not just because of the new conference alignment, but also the way the men are working. I believe we are a little inexperienced, and will have to grow up quickly. Pitching right now is a concern in regard to depth. We are going to have to be relying on a couple of guys who will have to give us a lot of quality innings."

The track team started its season on Tuesday, March 31. The team will be competing for the top positions in the county and in the conference. The team has much more depth than previous years and has a few new guys to back them up. I had a chance to interview coach Huda. I asked him how the season has looked thus far. He went on saying, "The season is going great so far. We have a lot of athletes doing great things on the track and field events. We are working toward the County Meet on May 5. Our goal is to be running fast and throwing far at a time." I asked what his thoughts were on the upcoming season. He stated, "I think we have a very talented team this year. We have a lot of potential and need to continue to get better everyday. If we do that great things will happen. The seniors participating on the track team include the following: Tyler Metts, Jason Keniston, Mike Boggs, Jason Floor, Brandon Floor, Rick Samu, Jay Bates, Phil Bennett, Ted Yuhaniak, Brian Shivers, Suzanne Waterbeck, Lauren Shivers, Suehad Awadallah, and Alexis Thorne. Coach Huda commented, "I view all of our seniors as leaders in track and field. It is one of the few sports that freshmen are expected to compete with seniors. Having great senior leadership, like we do, helps make this transition much easier for the younger athletes."

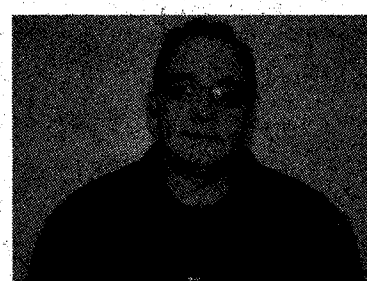
The softball team is under the leadership of Coach Bob Purnell. The seniors on the softball team are Mistee Shadle, Ashley Hunt, Leah Minamyner, Candace Halter, Erin Sebrell, and Jessie Dillon. They are looking to improve this season and have a fun year.

The spring sports season flies by in less than two months, so get out and support the teams as much as you can.

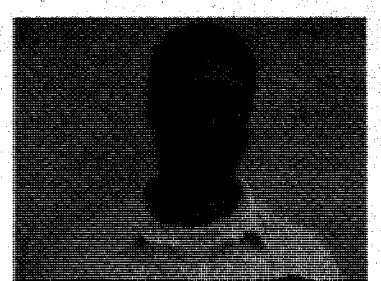
\*The Quaker apologizes for the inability to reach the boys' tennis coach for information. Best wishes go out to the boys' tennis team for a successful season.



Mr. Aaron Alejars  
Salem High School baseball coach



Mr. Bob Purnell  
Salem High School softball coach



Mr. Todd Huda  
Salem High School track coach

# Quaker Board

## Cleveland Indians in line for a Pennant

By Ted Yuhaniak

It's finally time to play ball again in Cleveland, Ohio, and Cleveland Indians' fans couldn't be more excited for the upcoming season. After a strong finish to the 2008 campaign, Tribe fans have high expectations for their team as does the Indians' organization.

In a season where experts and fans all around the baseball world believed the Indians could win the World Series for the first time since 1948, the 2008 season immediately took a turn for the worst. With fans devastated about the name change of the ball park over the spring, Jacobs Field to Progressive Field, they became more devastated when early season injuries began to take place. The Indians experienced great losses to the middle of their lineup, when Travis "Pronk" Hafner and Victor Martinez were lost for the majority of the season due to injuries. Losing Hafner and Martinez was devastating to the Tribe, as they were the three and four hitters in the Tribe's lineup. Things continued to get worse as starting pitcher Jake Westbrook went down with a season ending injury and 2007 AL Cy Young winner C.C. Sabathia was not able to get on track. With the season going in the wrong direction, General Manager Mark Shapiro was quick to make trades that would benefit the team in the near future. The Indians would deal C.C. Sabathia to Milwaukee for the young slugger Matt LaPorta. LaPorta is a top ten prospect in the minors. He brings to Cleveland some great pop in his bat and a powerful arm for the outfield. Other trades included third baseman Casey Blake and veteran pitcher Paul Byrd, in an effort to free up some spending money and bring in a few more promising prospects.

As the 2008 season progressed, the future began to appear very bright. The Indians began to see new faces make a big impact. Catcher Kelly Shoppach showed that he is able to hit the long ball, hitting twenty-one home runs after taking over catching duties for Martinez. They also saw great promise in the South Korean right fielder Shin-Soo Choo, as he ended the season with a batting average over .309. In left field Ben Francisco proved to

be a great everyday player, as he became one of the team's most productive hitters during the '08 season. The team also learned they had a great utility player in Jamey Carroll as he could play about any position asked and was a feisty hitter. Cliff Lee provided a great spark to the team as he won the 2008 AL Cy Young Award, after a twenty-two win season where he did not know coming into the season if he would even make the Indians' roster. The final surprise came from the starting pitchers who were called up from the minors, after all the early season injuries damaged the rotation. Anthony Reyes, Scott Lewis and Zack Jackson proved they had the stuff to pitch in the majors after making the jump from the minors.

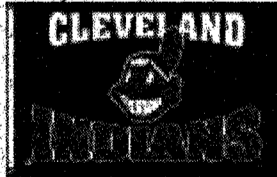
When the season came to a close, Mark Shapiro made sure to continue to make improvements to his ball club. Coming into the season he knew the bullpen was the number one priority. With the Indians being known to have closers who will make fans have a heart attack every night during the ninth inning, Shapiro went out and signed hard throwing closer Kerry Wood formerly of the Chicago Cubs to a two-year deal. To help set up for Wood, the team was also able to sign side-arm, relief pitcher Joe Smith, formerly of the New York Mets. To finish off a tremendous off-season, the Indians were able to sign utility player Mark DeRosa, formerly of the Chicago Cubs, who will become an everyday third baseman for the club.

Now as the 2009 season begins, Indians fans should have great reason to believe. The batting line-up looks great as it should be much improved, even from the 07' playoff club. Leading off for the Tribe will be the do it all, All-Star Grady Sizemore. Then Mark DeRosa looks as though he can be that number two hitter the team has been looking for so long to compliment Sizemore. The team will have Victor Martinez back batting third and Travis Hafner also back in the clean-up spot for this season. As the line-up goes on, they appear to have great power and depth to compliment the top of the order. The line-

up will conclude with Jhonny Peralta batting fifth likely followed by Ryan Garko, Choo, Francisco, and Asdrubal Cabrera. The team will also look to find time for players like Kelly Shoppach, Jamey Carroll, Josh Barfield, Andy Marte, Trevor Crowe and others to get their shots at hitting. To go along with the hitting, the fielding also looks great, with a group of talented outfielders and adding DeRosa to play third.

Manager Eric Wedge seemed to agree with the media and fans that close ball games are going to come down to pitching. The bullpen seems to be in good shape as the team has great depth in relief pitching. The question is can players stay healthy? The bullpen will be led by relief pitchers Rafael Perez, Rafael Betancourt, Masahide Kobayashi and Zach Jackson. Then the bullpen will look to use strong pitchers Joe Smith and Jensen Lewis in the set-up role, and finish with Kerry Wood as the team's closer. The starting pitching will be the X-factor for the team this season. Not even the Indians management seems to know what to expect this season. To lead the rotation will be ace Cliff Lee, followed by Fausto Carmona who has a strong spring. With Jake Westbrook on the 60 day DL to begin the season, the team needs players to set up in the three through five spots of the rotation. To start the season veteran Carl Pavano and young studs Scott Lewis and Anthony Reyes will complete the rotation. If struggles occur, the Indians have players ready to step up in the minors in starting pitchers Aaron Laffey and Jeremy Sowers.

For Cleveland this should be the time for fans to get excited about the Indians. It finally seems as though Mark Shapiro and management have all the pieces in place to make a run at the World Series title. To all of those fans with Indians fever, be a believer!



## They work hard for the money

By Richard Myers

For the seniors there are only a few weeks left in the school year, and we are done with school, high school that is. But after all of the waiting for the diploma and the hand shake, there is a huge party somewhere, where you are the guest of honor. This is what we call a graduation party. Here you could receive money, gifts for college if you are going, and possibly a car. But I was wondering, "What would a student want at their graduation party?" The following responses are what some seniors had to say.

Chad Anderson, a senior, said, "I would want a huge cake and some party favors. I would also like a new car because the one that I have is a piece of junk."

Twelfth grader William

Lindberg answered, "I really don't know if I'm having a party, and if I did I wouldn't want it to be a huge, just a couple of friends."

Thomas Adams, junior, said, "I would really like to have a new car, so I don't have to ride the bus to school. But if I do have a graduation party I won't be in school any more."

Senior Matthew Highland replied, "Well, I am really having two parties — one at my mom's house and one at my brothers. I hope to get enough money for the things I really want."

Christine Lanning a senior replied, "I would really like to have some money and at least some of my family there to help me celebrate.

But it really would matter to me if I had one or not."

Everybody sounds like they are going to have fun at their parties. I just hope that the rest of the senior class has fun at theirs. One really important thing to remember regarding parties is that if you're not twenty-one and if you do get offered alcohol from an adult, you need to say, "No." Underage consumption could ruin your life, and it could ruin their life too. The law states that if an adult serves, buys, picks up, or even hands a minor an alcoholic drink they could be fined up to \$5,000 and could face a minimum of eighteen months in prison. This is considered a fourth degree felony.

## The importance of Earth Day

By Amanda Croley

Earth Day was the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April and was originally made a holiday to celebrate and appreciate the environment of the world. Founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson and Sydney Howe, Earth Day has been celebrated in the United States for nearly forty years.

The U.S. is not the only nation to celebrate this holiday. In 1990, Earth Day was celebrated internationally by 200 million people in 141 different countries. The very first earth day influenced the passing of the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The amount of people participating in the celebration of Earth Day increases every year.

Why is Earth Day important? Oil spills, power plants, sewages, polluting factories, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, loss of environments, and extinction of wildlife species are all contributing to the growing environmental issues. Earth Day celebrations include festivals and events to help influence people to be more conservative with energy and electricity and to quit habits that are harmful to the environment.

Some important steps to take in contributing to the improvement of the environment are to recycle, to be cautious of the prod-



ucts in use, and to not use more of anything than is needed. Recyclable items include toner cartridges, aluminum cans, newspapers, two liter plastic soda bottles, milk jugs, steel containers, organic material/cuttings, glass, telephone books, cell phones, and other paper and plastic items. Other tips for around the house are to add a low flow faucet aerator, to use rags instead of paper towels for cleaning, to use latex paint instead of oil based, to use rechargeable batteries, and to be aware of aerosol cans that contain CFC's that hurt the ozone layer.

This year for the celebration of Earth Day, one event that took place was the 2009 Earth Hour. Participants turned off all nonessential lights for a full sixty minutes to "give the Earth a break." Due to many commercials on popular channels, the Earth Hour campaign was a success.

## Sham WHAT?

By Andrew Jones

So have you ever been walking around your house and noticed a random stain? Ever want to punt your cat because he urinated on your shoes? That party you had last night, need to clean up that spilled purple "drank"? Brandon Simmons over on a Friday night? There's a Sham Wow for that. Sham Wow is a revolutionary towel that can take a beating and come back strong. The Sham Wow is a patented design that will absorb almost anything. The Sham Wow is popular among car enthusiasts, because of the ability to wash and dry your car in half the time. Easily removes cola, wine and pet stains! It doesn't drip, and it won't make a mess!

The ShamWow washes, dries and polishes any surface. It's like a towel, chamois and sponge all in one! For only \$19.95 and \$7.95 shipping and handling you'll receive 4 large Sham Wows and 4 mini Sham Wows, that's a total of 8 Sham Wows at this great low price! They are made in Germany from a revolutionary fabric that can absorb over 12X its weight in liquid. Use them to clean up spills fast and they won't scratch any surface. You can even use them as a towel or on your pets. Sham Wows are machine washable and bleachable. Use them over and over, they will last for years! And they are so durable the company will guarantee your Sham Wows for 10 years!

One might think this product is a total sham, no pun intended.

But many people find the Sham Wow a great product for cleaning cars, cleaning spills, and any "other" mess that might find its way into your home. One thing Sham Wow has going for it is the creepy spokesperson Vince Shlomi. Vince is known for being a little off when it comes to common sense. He is an ex-sciencetology member that was "kicked out" because of his tv ads. On February 7, 2009, Offer was arrested in Miami Beach, Florida on a charge of felony battery after an altercation with a 26-year-old prostitute. Offer, who appears in police reports under his real name Vince Shlomi, contended that he struck the prostitute when she "bit his tongue and would not let go". Prosecutors later declined to file formal charges against either individual. The Sham Wow is an amazing product with even a better host! GO BUY ONE TODAY!



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