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Mr. Trough + retirement = he will be missed.

By Brooke Skiba

The math teacher we all know and love, Mr. Trough, is retiring December 31st. He's taught it all, from primary seventh grade math to A.P. Calculus, and after thirty seven years of teaching in Salem he's ready to relax in retirement.

Mr. Trough currently teaches in the math wing of our high school. He is well-known for his infamous saying to introduce the weekend. He claims he just started saying "fruit juices and colas only" one day and added on the rest since. In retirement, he will miss being around a lot of nice people. However, he looks forward to spending more time with his wife.



When asked what has changed the most between when he started teaching and now, Mr. Trough said, "The kids. The kids have changed a lot." Who will fill in for him is not yet known, but we will all miss Mr. Trough a great deal. Even when he leaves, students should always remember, "Drive safely. Fruit juices and colas only. Let a smile be the only drug you need. Think kind thoughts. And no matter if you win or lose don't forget to go out for ice cream. It'll make you feel better."

Mr. Trough's Top Ten Memories at SHS

1. Winning math contests with the Math Club in the 90's
2. The concerts and plays put on by the students
3. Home ec. baked goods
4. The fire in the auditorium
5. The bomb threat that took hours to check out
6. All the sports teams that went to state
7. Watching students drive in the parking lot!
8. All the successful people we have produced
9. The heartbreak of learning of prior students' deaths
10. All the wonderful people I've met and all the good friends I've made.

H1N1 clinic comes to Salem

By Lexi Shivers

The Salem Jr.-Sr. High School held an H1N1 clinic for all students in the Salem City Schools. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade received their vaccinations on November 17, 2009, and students in the junior and senior high received their H1N1 shots on November 20, 2009. The clinic was held in the Salem Jr.-Sr. High School cafeteria, where there was enough room for everyone to safely receive their vaccinations.

The Salem Jr.-Sr. High School was chosen as the site for both the elementary and the junior and senior high school students' H1N1 because of several important factors including access to a large parking area, good traffic flow through the clinic, access to refrigeration for the vaccines, and a large undercover area for families to wait in the event of inclement weather. For the junior and senior high school clinic specifically, a large room was needed to accommodate all of the students as they checked in, received the vaccine, and were observed afterwards. The auditorium was not available for the use that day, so the cafeteria was utilized instead. The vaccinations were supplied by the federal government and administered by the local health department at no cost to the students.

There is an average of around six hundred students who live in the Salem District who received the H1N1 vaccinations at the school located vaccination clinics. On November 17, 353 students were immunized at the elementary clinic. On November 20, 264 students were immunized at the junior and senior high clinic. The Salem Health

District received and supplied the vaccines. Salem City Health Department nurses along with faculty and senior Hannah Mullins students and EMT's with prior training in medication administration administered the shots to all students.

Salem's nurse, Mrs. Hritz stated, "The clinic was an effective way to inoculate several hundred students over a short period of time. This particular clinic was difficult to plan due to the many unknowns such as when the vaccine would arrive, how much would arrive and how many students would actually be interested in receiving the vaccine. As a result, dates were set up on short notice as soon as enough vaccine became available."

There was recently a news story on the H1N1 flu mutating and becoming resistant to Tamiflu. Tamiflu is a prescription medicine used to treat the influenza, flu, or a virus. If taken when symptoms begin to occur, Tamiflu can shorten the duration of the flu. The four cases of H1N1 found at Duke University hospital which were resistant to Tamiflu occurred in patients who had serious conditions that suppressed their immune systems. This gave the virus a better chance to mutate and develop resistance. Currently, Tamiflu appears to be isolated and is also being carefully watched by the CDC, a government agency that primarily focuses on public health. "It is important to use anti-virals as recommended and only when clearly needed so that we do not hasten cases of resistance occurring. All the more reason to practice prevention which includes vaccination, good hygiene, and staying home when ill," said Mrs. Hritz.

In the holiday spirit

By Cheri Merryman



With this being the holiday season, SHS students, staff, and clubs are all in a giving mood. Throughout the months of November and December various groups around the school have been collecting and donating many different items to local charity organizations in the area.

Key Club started its annual coat drive on November 10 and ran until December 10. A goal of one thousand coats was set for this year. The coats were then taken to the Salvation Army to be distributed to families in the community. Also in November the club began collecting dessert items, paper products, and canned goods to be donated to the Salvation Army as well. No ending date has been set as of yet.

Create-A-Smile is an excellent service project headed by Mr. Niederhiser, principal of Buckeye Elementary. Hundreds of toys, games, and clothing are donated each year to the program. On Christmas Eve "Santa" and his elves visit the homes of families in need and pass out the wrapped presents. Again, Key Club collected toys for the program from December 1 to the 18.

American Field Service (A.F.S.) along with the Poets' Society collected hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves to complement the coat drive. The clubs began collecting in November and ended on the eighteenth. The donated items were displayed on the Giving Tree in the school's lobby. They will soon be taken to the Salvation Army.

Mr. Viencek had asked each of the students in his English classes to bring in five cans of food. The cans were then taken upstairs to the junior high as it was the junior high which had initially started this worthwhile project.

Even though Thanksgiving is over, everyone should be thankful for what they have. Not everyone has what they need; if they did, all these drives wouldn't be necessary. Also, we should be thankful for the people who help with these projects to ensure that others will have enjoyable holidays. Merry Christmas!

Teacher messages to Mr. Trough

Luke AKA Alejars

To Chuck (AKA Yoda), For all the years of training thanks I give you. May the force be with you. Teach I always will.

Mr. Andres

Mr. Trough, Thanks for being one of my favorite teachers of all time and for being all of our Jedi Master!!! I only have approximately 802 Mondays left!!! Have a great retirement!

Mr. Fawcett:

Mr. Trough was one of my favorite teachers as a student and one of my favorite colleagues as a teacher. He always has a kind word, and his expectations are matched only by his dedication. Mr. Trough will be impossible to replace at Salem High School.

Mr. Jeckavitch:

Chuck, my congratulations on your retirement! You have shown professionalism, humor, friendship and empathy during your years at Salem High School. The students and staff in Salem have been blessed to have you impact their lives. It has been my honor and privilege to share my teaching career with you! Now have fun!!

Mr. Miller:

Chuck, good luck on your retirement, your dedication and devotion to the students of Salem High School will not be forgotten. Take care and best wishes.

Mrs. Bosheff:

You will be missed! Thanks for all your support over the years. Who will I harass now?

Mrs. Caroline Snyder:

Chuck, Thank you for your guidance and thoughtfulness this year. I aspire to be a legendary teacher, just as you are. Congratulations on the retirement. "Perfect numbers like perfect men are rare." Rene Descartes.

Mr. Steffey:

Chuck, it has been a pleasure working with you. Your humor and "good morning" no matter the time of day always brought a smile to my face. I wish you well in your retirement and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you for touching so many young lives in a positive way. You are "Salem Pride."

Mrs. Wrask:

He always has a smile on his face!

Yadda :)

I'm sure going to miss you...not many of the good old gang are left here. You ALWAYS make me laugh; I love your sense of humor. Thanks for being the devoted colleague that you are. Thanks for many great memories, Chuck.

Mr. Ziegler:

The math department will not be the same without you. Enjoy all the "Ziggy" days and weeks ahead.

Opinion

Ask Erskine:

Whatever happened to winter dances?

By Derek Erskine

Spirit is on the rise as well as the overall charisma of the school. Athletics have been extremely successful thus far, and I hope to see the winter sports achieve the same level of success. Clubs are meeting weekly and doing more activities in the community than I've ever remembered them doing. The fall dances were great, with fall homecoming being the best attended dance since I've been in high school. So let's have this newfound spirit carry over into the winter.

The schedule for dances in Salem is usually the following: fall homecoming, Sadie Hawkins, six month period of inactivity, prom. My personal favorite is that period of inactivity... no not really. In the six month period of inactivity some group or club usually schedules a dance. The two common ones as of late are White Christmas and a dance following the homecoming game. These dances are normally either cancelled or just very poorly attended. Pep Club is planning a casual dance following the winter homecoming game on January 22. I think it's going to be a lot of fun and so does the Pep Club advisor Mrs. Wolfgang.

"You have to give it a shot and go. You can't condemn something before you give it a try," says Mrs. Wolfgang. I myself have been guilty of this. I have not gone to a winter dance the last three years simply because I thought it would be lame, but I never gave it a chance. This year is a great opportunity to change that mentality. As teens we usually complain there is nothing to do in Salem. But whenever people put effort into having something exciting for us to do, the interest isn't there. Mrs. Wolfgang said, "When I was in high school they had

dances after every home game during football and basketball seasons, and I still remember them to this day." Currently we have four dances throughout the year, and two of them lack in attendance. I would love to see a great turnout for this winter homecoming. This year Pep Club is doing something slightly different in preparation for the homecoming game.

Pep Club is having spirit week leading up to the game. This year there's going to be a competition. Each of the four classes is going to have a "spirit board." All the classes will decorate their board. A cash prize of \$100 will be given to the class with the best board. This is just one of Pep Club's ideas for spirit week, but if you have any ideas share them with Mrs. Wolfgang.

For football homecoming the court gets to participate in a parade, be announced at the homecoming game, and receive recognition at a well-attended homecoming dance. For winter homecoming the dance is often ended early, or just simply gets cancelled. So what are these girls getting all dressed up for? Sadly, it is just so they can walk around the basketball court. It's not fair to the winter court. Without having the cost of dinner and dress clothes, this will be a cheap event, and I know most guys have six dollars to spare. Why not go out and have a good time on January 22? Cheer on the Quakers to victory, and stay afterward for a fun time. Regardless of what you're doing, if you go in with a bad attitude you're not going to have a good time. If you go in determined to have fun, then you will; experiences in life are what you make of them. So — let's go out

The scoop on Tater Tuesday

By Mike King

Every Tuesday the school cafeteria serves mashed potatoes and gravy instead of french fries. Even if you do not like the mashed potatoes and gravy, you have to take them. You don't get the choice.

When asked why we have a Tater Tuesday, J.R. said, "We need to ease up on the french fries and make sure that one day a week we are following the school's wellness policy. It's a sad thing that the age groups of the kids attending Buckeye Elementary aren't expected to outlive their parents due to childhood obesity."

The school's mashed potatoes don't taste very good. You can't compare them to the school's fries. For the students that do eat them, they are not very filling. On Tuesdays, you see more students with two lunches and even more mashed potatoes going in the trash. When asked about the school's mashed potatoes, Matt Taylor said, "They make me not want to go to lunch on Tuesdays, that's how bad they are." Perhaps a better idea would be to serve both mashed potatoes and fries on Tuesdays and

let students decide which they want. When asked how they make the mashed potatoes, J.R. said, "We use about seventy gallons of water and thirty-six lbs. of margarine. The margarine contains vitamin K which is hard to get into your body."

Every other day except Tuesday, the cafeteria serves french fries which are more appealing to students. The only two way to get fries on Tuesday is to order a chicken salad, which includes fries. The other way is to go to the lunch line by the main entrance to the cafeteria. But the fries there are worse than the mashed potatoes. When asked about the school's french fries, Stephen Navarra said, "They're delicious, and they never get old."

It's not fair that the students have no say in what they eat. The school's mashed potatoes don't taste very good, they don't fill you up, and the majority of the student body would rather be eating fries on Tuesdays. I urge the cafeteria to give students the choice between the fries or the mashed potatoes on Tuesdays.

Point Counter Point

Fra-Gee-Lay...It's Italian

By Jim King

When you hear the words "official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock," only one Christmas movie can come to mind — *A Christmas Story* directed by Bob Clark. The movie is told from the point of view of the grown up Ralphie Parker, who is nine years old in the movie.

A Christmas Story is the classic Christmas battle between kids and adults. It shows Ralphie trying every way to talk his parents into and to tip them off that all he wants for Christmas is, in fact, that Red Ryder BB Gun.

The movie runs on TBS for twenty-four hours starting at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve and the last showing beginning at 6 p.m. Christmas Day. This creates a heated battle between Tyler and myself regarding the subject of whether broadcasting *A Christmas Story* for a twenty-four hour period is too much of the phenomenal movie. As people like Tyler try to say, there is no point for the movie to be shown for twenty-four hours straight.

I feel differently. The movie has become part of the Christmas spirit for many; the movie is only shown on those two days all year long. As the movie begins and viewers hear the voice of Jean Shepherd (the voice of adult Ralphie who plays the narrator throughout the entire movie)

Ooohhh Fuuddgge

By Tyler Hlvacak

A Christmas Story's initial theatrical run came in 1983. When it hit VHS, home video was still a rental business, so fans spread the Christmas Story via the few worn copies at their local video store. It wasn't until the rapid growth of cable in the early '90s and the need for seasonal programming that *A Christmas Story* really over-ran the culture, to the extent that it now airs for an unneeded twenty-four straight hours on Christmas.

On the new 20th-anniversary double-disc DVD set, one cast member speculates that the movie's popularity grows each year because people watch the movie at Christmas time when they're already feeling warm and good, so the film gets woven into their fondest memories. While that's a good theory and all, it's curious considering the movie's tone. Though deep down it is considered a light comedy, *A Christmas Story* contains plenty of hurt and anger, all drawn from the stories of radio disk jockey Jean Shepherd. He narrates his memories of growing up in middle America in the '40s adding his own language in an attempt to define the profanity and explain the mystery of the schoolyard "triple-dog" dare.

A Christmas Story grasps the full scope of childhood injustice and obsession. Amid the comi-

for the very first time, it kicks off the final hours until the most anticipated morning for most kids and many adults.

I asked around to see what the perception of the movie was (meaning I disregarded anyone who said anything negative about the movie) and found many people who enjoy it. When asking freshman Ryan Murphy and junior Charles Shrontz if they liked the movie, they both agreed. However, both do not partake in the twenty-four hour marathon on TBS which greatly disappointed me.

Along with the humorous side of the movie, there are also many facts that can be learned from it. Without this movie how will the younger generations learn that VICK is the name of the Lone Ranger's nephew's horse, or that *fra-gee-lay* is an Italian word, and most importantly that when sticking your tongue to a frozen pole in the harsh winter weather it will instantly freeze to the pole.

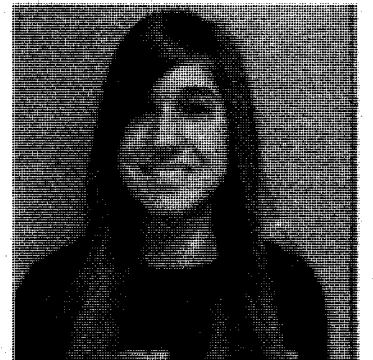
As many can probably tell, I will be watching this movie quite a few times from Christmas Eve until the last showing on Christmas Day. I hope many of you will at least watch it once and just sit and enjoy a classic with your family on a day that is truly about just spending some quality time with family.

War of Words

By Rachel Fritzman

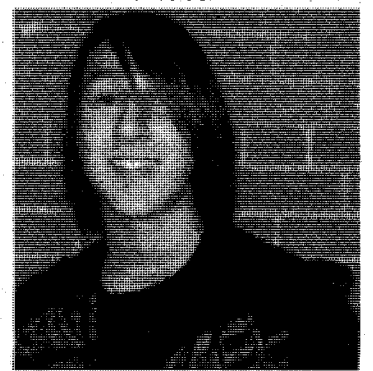
Question-What is your best childhood Christmas memory?

Freshman-Carson Kleinman



When my dog knocked over a Christmas tree.

Sophomore-Edmund Mitchell



When I got a puppy in my stocking.

Junior-Mark Schreffler



Probably when I got a keyboard for Christmas.

Senior-Rebecca Skiba

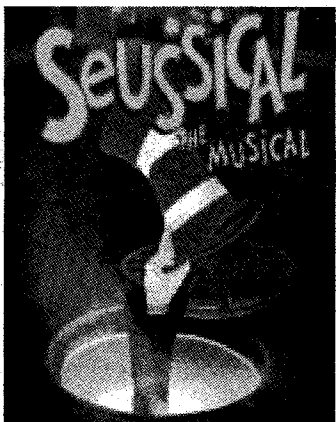


Hmmmm, probably when my grandma bought me puppy slippers..... and I was in middle school?

Seussical the Musical coming to the SHS stage in April

By Alli Dolphin

Have you ever considered auditioning for a musical but couldn't work up the courage to do it? Well, now is your chance. This spring the school musical is *Seussical*. It is a musical based on the books by Dr. Seuss. The show will be directed by Mr. John Miller, musically directed by Mr. Samu, and choreographed by Carrie Mazzucco. The show dates are April 16, 17, & 18, and auditions will be sometime in late January. The audition date is not set yet, so listen to the morning announcements for an exact date.



If you do decide to audition you must prepare a one page song. When selecting a song to sing, keep in mind that you want to sing a song that shows off your range and musical ability. Some advice that Mr. Samu gives is be prepared, sing loudly, and be prepared to read a portion of the script if you are interested in trying out for a lead. Some issues that you may want to consider when trying out for a lead, supporting, or cameo role would be your commitment and time. Do you have time to go to twice as many rehearsals, if not more than chorus members, and do you have the time and ability to memorize lines and songs? Mr. Samu's comment on what to consider is "You must be flexible. Many students will be trying out for the same part. Have a few characters in mind. Don't just set your sights on one." Another thing to think about when auditioning for a lead is what is your character like? Your idea of Gertrude McFuzz or JoJo will be totally different from someone else's. A tip for getting an idea for a character is to watch a few different You-Tube videos from other theatres that have done *Seussical* to help you get a base idea for your character. Then you can go with that base idea and let your imagination run wild.

The narrator of the show and lead is the Cat in the Hat. He is described as funny, imaginative, mischievous, and sings tenor. The outsider and other lead role is Horton the Elephant. He is very caring, gentle, and is a baritone. JoJo can be played by either a boy or a girl. The part is a supporting role and sings alto or tenor. JoJo is the son/daughter of the mayor of Who-ville, and often gets in trouble for his/her "thinks." Horton's neighbor, Gertrude McFuzz, is a soprano, and is a supporting role. She secretly loves Horton but because of her one

feathered tail, she isn't very confident. Mayzie La Bird is a mezzo soprano and is also a supporting role. She is pompous, flirtatious, and she convinces Gertrude to take pills to make her tail grow, and Horton falls in love with her. The Sour Kangaroo is loud and brash. She is a supporting role and sings soprano. During one of her songs "Biggest Blame Fool" she and the other citizens of The Jungle of Nool tell Horton he's a fool for thinking there are people living on a speck of dust. General Genghis Khan Schmitz is the general of the Academy and gets called in by JoJo's parents to straighten him out. He is a baritone, and is a supporting role. Mr. Mayor is a tenor.

Lead roles aren't for everyone. There are also parts like the Bird Girls and the Wickersham Brothers. These parts are like glorified chorus roles and are usually played by a small group of girls and boys. The Bird Girls are friends of Mayzie, and the Wickersham Brothers are mischievous monkeys that steal Horton's clover away from him. If those parts are still too big for you, there is the chorus. You could either be a citizen of the Jungle of Nool or the citizen of Who-ville. "No matter what aspect you are involved with, being a part of a show like *Seussical* is always a blast. You'll meet new friends, learn new things, and have lots of fun doing it. If theater 'isn't your thing' try out anyway, you might like it. After all, who doesn't like Dr. Seuss?" says Connor Bezeredi, a junior here at SHS who plans to try out for *Seussical*. Come to auditions and be prepared. You only have one chance to audition, and you don't want to do any less than your best. This show needs a big cast and has plenty of opportunities for everyone.

Send-A-Card

When doing Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people who have sacrificed so much would get. When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

A recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

If you approve, please pass it on.
Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

I'm back with an all new installment of "DVR Worthy?" and this time around I'm doing popular movies. The movies that will be covered are *The Blind Side*, *2012*, and *Armored*.

Based on the true story of Baltimore Ravens football star Michael Oher (pronounced "oar"), *The Blind Side* shows how a homeless African-American teen, "Big Mike," is taken in and eventually adopted by the Touhys, a wealthy Southern family who help him fulfill his potential. Though *The Blind Side* is a tremendously uplifting film, mild language is often used throughout this film. The language that is used is realistic to that of any high-school football team; there is mild profanity. During a visit to his old neighborhood, Michael meets some of his old "acquaintances," who imply that he is having sex with his adopted sister and mother. They also use foul and abusive language and threaten him with guns which causes Michael to beat them in a brief fistfight. Later the same men similarly threaten the feisty Leigh Anne, who throws their insults back at them and refuses to be intimidated.

The Blind Side is a magnificent film, both deeply moving and greatly optimistic. From a shy, homeless, and friendless boy, with the help and love of his adopted family, his teachers, and his coaches, Michael becomes a cheerful and successful young man. He becomes confident in himself, his abilities, and most of all his own ability of being loved. The changes in the Touhys are equally powerful with both Leigh Anne and her daughter being forced to confront the racist attitudes of their friends, as well as the poverty and pain of a world which, in their upper-class circles, they never knew existed.

Is it DVR worthy?

By Tyler Hlvacak

And so this movie receives an A+ in my book and is worth every MB left on your DVR hard drive.

If you're looking for deep, meaningful, intellectual entertainment, this isn't the film for you. It is, however, a well-paced, entertaining disaster movie. As always with Emmerich films, the special effects are fantastic. Where he surpasses his previous work is in the pacing of *2012* as well as the apocalyptic scope of the disaster. Instead of a big special effects intro that spans out into the human part of the story, Emmerich balances the human story and the disaster all the way through *2012*.

The details of the plot require a certain suspension of disbelief, but the acting and dialogue are plausible in context. The film also makes an everyman-style attempt to ask some moral questions regarding who lives and who dies.

I can be as much a movie snob as the next person, but for sheer entertainment sometimes I just don't want to think too much and enjoy watching lots of really big stuff blow up in a really big way. And *2012* blows up really, really big. So if you're looking for a movie that dazzles with out-of-this-world effects, huge explosions, and do-or-die scenes, go for it; you have nothing to lose with this movie. But if you're more into the actual thought process that some movies make you go for, skip over this one and leave it for that rainy day when you're bored out of your mind. And so for you do-or-die fans out there this movie may warrant a few MBs on your hard drive. This one I will leave up to you.

Unfortunately for this heist thriller, *Armored* fails to live up to



its potential and ultimately ends up falling apart. This movie will dazzle you with its plot; however, every other front, especially the acting, is what brings this movie down. Even Laurence Fishburn couldn't save it. The script... well, let's just say that none of the actors needed to actually study lines. Anyone, anyone could have taken the idea of this movie and written the script. And the stars were not challenged in their roles. Older people will more than likely enjoy this over the younger crowd, although most people will find this apparent "action" movie quite boring. *Armored* had its moments but really was not an enjoyable movie. Go see the movie for yourself, but in my opinion save your money for matinee times when tickets are cheaper. *Armored* certainly did not live up to my expectations, so I would save your money and your space on your DVR and possibly just rent it.

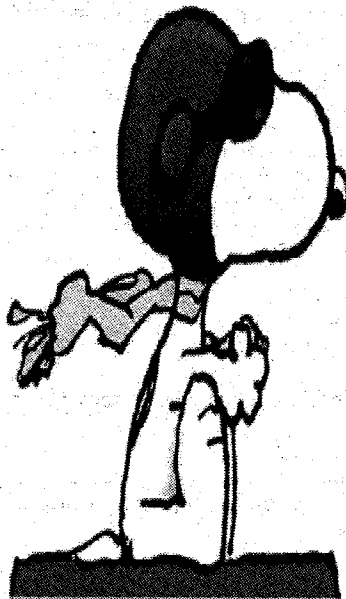
As you can see, we have a wide variety of movies that have come out within the last few weeks. Some of these have been good, and some of these have been bad. But no matter what, you know what you like so don't take my word for it. Get out there and see these movies.

Stageleft presents Snoopy

By Alli Dolphin

The classic Peanut characters come to life in *Snoopy!!! The Musical* at the Stage Left Trinity Playhouse. The show dates are January 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 8 pm, and January 17, & 24 at 2 pm. This sequel to the musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* is a musical that focuses more on the world famous Snoopy and his life. The director of the show is Nathan Kuhns, the musical director of the show is Jodine Pilmer, and the choreographer is Reed Worth.

This talented cast consists of seventeen members that range from grades 7 through 12. Snoopy, the title character, is played by Alex Walker. Charlie Brown, the lovable failure is played by Jacob Ward. Alli Dolphin plays Peppermint Patty, the freckled faced brunette who secretly loves Charlie Brown. Charlie Brown's best friend, Linus, who is never seen without his security blanket, is played by Tyler Hanes. Christina Fonner plays the crabby, loud-mouthed Lucy. Sally Brown, the cute, younger sister of Charlie Brown who is in love with Linus is played by Hillary Fowler.



Woodstock, Snoopy's best friend, is played by Drew Bennett. The show originally only has a cast of 8 people, but Kuhns decided to add a chorus.

This show has catchy tunes like the opening number that is called "The World According to Snoopy" sung by full chorus. During this song it talks about how Snoopy wants to change his life. "I Know Now" is a song about what Sally, Patty, and Lucy have learned as they've grown up. "The Vigil" is sung by Linus. He is waiting for the great pumpkin to appear and Snoopy waits with him, but while waiting he wears dark sunglasses so no one will recognize him.

When Kuhns was asked how he feels about the show, he responded by saying "I'm really excited and looking forward to working with such a wonderful cast for my first directional experience." This show is great for the whole family. The playhouse is located at 234 East Lincoln Way Lisbon, Ohio. So go out and make the short drive to Lisbon to see what Snoopy will do next.

Feature

The Chosen One By Matt Oliphant



Imagine being able to rescue a damsel in distress from drowning with your shirt and sunglasses still on. I mean sure anybody can rescue a person from drowning, but no one can accomplish such a task while still looking as fly as can be. That's why this December Lindsay Winn is the student of the month. But no worries reader, for this is just the beginning of her amazing abilities and awesomeness.

Lindsay is a senior at the Salem High School. She is a golfer and a fantastic one at that. Lindsay thinks that Lorena Ochoa is the celebrity that best resembles her by her abilities (Lorena is a professional women's golfer), but she believes that Katie Holmes is the best celebrity that looks like her. Lindsay is actively involved with National Honor Society, Choir, Student Council, and Spanish Club just to name a few.

I asked Lindsay which animal she would save — a three-legged goat or a headless chicken? Her response was, "Both, I'm a beast." I was floored by the response that someone would even consider saving an unwanted animal such as a three-legged goat let alone save two unwanted animals. That just shows how much of a great student of the month person she is; however, don't be fooled by this tender-hearted comrade of ours. If she ever had a snowball flung at her, she would definitely retaliate. The only soft spot she has for owning noobs in a snowball fight is her grandmother... but that's completely understandable.

As the interview went on, I blasted Lindsay with some seriously tough questions that took her quite some time to fathom. One of the questions I asked Lindsay was when she sees herself growing a beastly beard, but she unfortunately doesn't think she will. But I bet if she was a guy, she'd easily have a godly beard, that's how SOM she is.

I finished my interview with a question about her Brooke level. (The Brooke level is the awesomeness of one being, such as Brooke Skiba. It's based on a scale from one to ten. One being like Kanye West at the VMA awards and ten being equivalent to Brooke Skiba.) Lindsay rated herself as an eight which was extraordinarily modest of her. The SOM council

The ideal guy and girl By Brooke Skiba

In our world with unlimited types of people, each with different styles and personalities, what makes the perfect guy or girl? In fairy tales, we learn that the "perfect" guy is a charming prince who saves a damsel in distress, and the "perfect" girl is the sweet, unappreciated girl who is a princess at heart. Whether or not that still holds true today is unclear. Some girls still feel that they should be treated like a princess. Sophomore Stephanie Wood claims, "Most girls just want a guy to do sweet, romantic things like in fairytales." However, other girls have more specific types. As Ali Thompson says, "He has to be Italian. If he has no Italian heritage, Ciao!"

The purpose of this article was not initially to look at dating types, but almost everyone who answered made it into that. Maybe we just aren't able to look at the opposite sex without considering dateability. Regardless, it was obvious that both genders have an ideal girl and guy in mind.

When asked what they felt was the perfect guy, almost all girls said the same thing; the perfect guy is "caring, sweet, smart, and funny." There were few, if any, answers that did not include the word caring. Guys were not able to guess what a girl would want in the perfect guy. They felt that girls would think the perfect guy was attractive. That was the only quality the majority of guys could agree on, but a few agreed girls would think the perfect guy is respectful.

Guys also had a distinct perfect girl in mind. They all seemed to believe that the perfect girl is cute, smart, and funny. Girls felt that guys would find the perfect girl to be several things, but almost all said attractive. Some even said they thought guys would find the perfect girl to be "Megan Fox" or "Pamela Anderson." On the less external side, the majority of girls felt a guy would want a smart, nice girl who is not afraid to be herself. The girls' opinions seems to agree with sophomore Jared Tacey who said, "The ideal girl is a beautiful, smart, funny girl who is happy with herself."

Between the "perfect" guy and "perfect" girl, it seems the similarities are intelligence and humor, so a smart, funny guy or girl would be ideal. Neither gender felt that the opposite sex had to be smart in only a school sense, and both felt that humor was of great importance. "He absolutely has to be funny," senior Julie Ridgely says. "I just couldn't be with someone who couldn't make me smile."

Whether or not the school's opinion of the perfect guy or girl is accurate, no one could really say. It's possible that having an image of the perfect person is what puts too much pressure on people who think they're supposed to be that person. "That is the reason girls in our country have self-esteem issues," says junior Tim Slason. "They think they need to be some perfect girl, but they're special just the way they are." Having an image of perfection could also have a positive effect, as everyone should always try to improve him or herself to an extent, just not in ways that are unnecessary. An actress Judy Garland said, "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." So perhaps you should just always strive to be the best you can be, and you'll be someone's perfect.

Disadvantages of missing school By Laura Brown

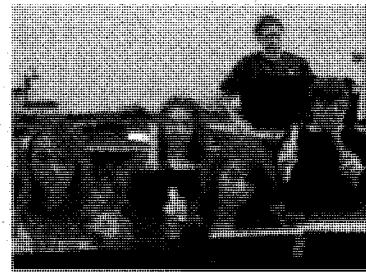
Have you ever felt swamped with homework from missing school? You might have had the infamous flu bug or just a cold. Or maybe you're just playing the good old hooky. Whatever the reason might be, you will always have some sort of make-up work to do. The amount of make-up work all depends on what classes you have and what you're doing in those classes. Missing out on a chemistry lesson can oftentimes stress people out because the day you happen to come back you will be totally lost.

Some students have a legit excuse for missing a vast amount of school days. Senior Nathan Gilbert recently had surgery to remove his appendix. Nathan missed out on five days. When asked how he felt when he came back from the five long days, he replied with, "I was in fear of the physics homework that I would have to make up." The great amount of work that he had been placed with, not to mention the pain he was still undergoing, gave him a lot on his plate. It was a great

struggle getting back on track for Nathan; the same is true for many other students that have gone through the same thing. It is almost like when you come back to school after being on break for a long period of time, but everyone else is already two steps ahead of you already. When you are finally caught up with all the missed homework, tests, quizzes, and essays, you feel relief. The classes vary as to how hard it will be to catch up. Last year, my sophomore year, I took a lot more difficult classes than I have this year. I know that if I were to miss out on even a day of chemistry I would have been lost. This year my schedule is much easier to stay on track. But I can easily fall behind if I miss a few days of some very important lessons.

Usually teachers are rather lenient with the students that are out for a medical excuse. Teachers are here to encourage you, rather than discourage you. Don't be afraid to ask your teacher for help if you are falling behind.

"Hark how the bells..." By Shauna Uptegraph



Devoted members of the SHS hand chime ensemble meet at 7:00 am to practice with Mrs. Samu.

For many years, the junior high has had a hand chime ensemble and has taken great pride in it. However, due to Mrs. Samu's dedication, the high school hand chime ensemble has arrived.

Those of you that don't know will be enlightened by knowing that the hand chime ensemble is rather like a large, man-made piano. Each chime is like a key. If you follow the music and play only when it's time for your key, it makes a wonderful melody.

Bells used in the ensemble are hand bells. These small handheld bells have flexible handles that allow the bell ringers enough bend to snap their wrists, creating a lovely tune without breaking the instruments themselves. There is a hinged clapper inside of the metal part of the bell which is hooked to a spring to force it to swing only back and forth instead of in all directions like a school bell. Brought to the world first by two brothers, Robert and William Cor in the late 1600s in Wiltshire, England, hand bells are generally rung in succession but can be used solitarily to hold someone's attention. The first tuned bells allowed people to sit comfortably to play, rather than stand, as the untuned ones before had. They were brought first to America by Margaret Shureliff in 1902.

There are many bell ringing techniques requiring a different level of skill and talent to get the right sounds, though traditional

ringing states that one bell in each hand is proper. However, Shelley ringing is also popular and allows the musician to ring four bells at once. Shelley ringing requires that all four bells be pointed facing the right, the bells in the left hand facing the right, and vice versa. Weaving, plucking and shaking are also common.

Anyone can join the hand chime ensemble, freshman through senior. Mrs. Samu first decided to dedicate her time to Salem High for the ensemble when she discovered that the instruments bought by her husband, Mr. Samu, had not been put to use. Also, when her junior high students became high school students, many were upset that they could no longer make music the way they had grown to love.

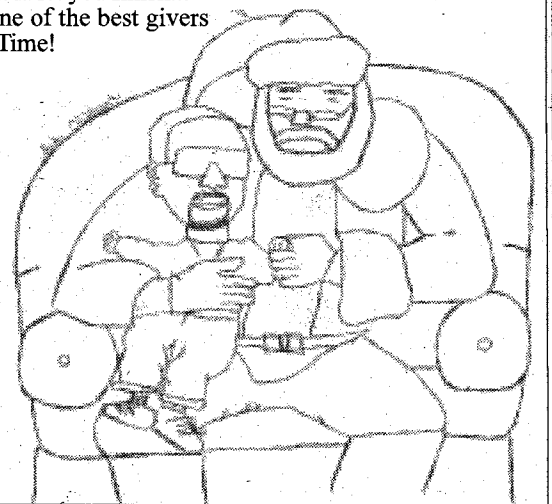
The hand chime ensemble is officially part of the SHS music department and performs with the other choirs at each presentation. Each year an average of fifteen students participates. However, this year the number jumped to eighteen. The small numbers may indicate that many think they cannot join, which Mrs. Samu says is untrue. She says that anyone "dedicated to our group and responsible to make all of our rehearsals and performances" can join the ensemble. Students aren't even required to read music, though it does help.

Not only does Mrs. Samu believe in the power of good music, but she also believes in the power of community service. Her choir takes two field trips a year to area nursing homes to allow some further interaction for the residents. The residents sing, clap, and shout out to the songs, and many smile throughout the performance. These visits have become so important that there are often requests as to when the ensemble is performing.

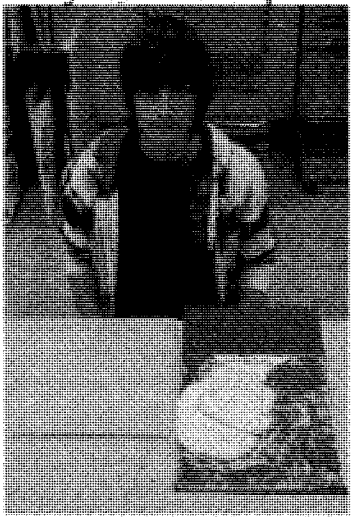
If you're looking for a way to creatively and legally express yourself, look no further than the Quaker hand chime ensemble. It's a lot of fun and brings joy to many.

Cartoon Corner

Santa: So Kanye, what do-
Kanye: Yo Santa, I'm really happy for you and Imma let you finish... but Oprah is one of the best givers of all time! All Time!
Santa: ...



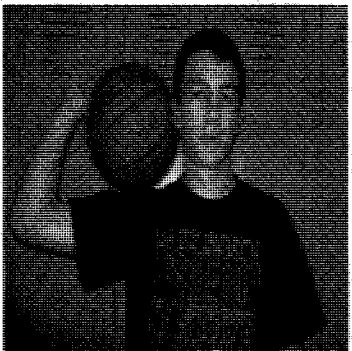
Artist of the month By Allison Dolphin



The artist of the month for December is Shane Grim. He is a sophomore here at SHS and takes Art I with Mrs. Frederick. She says, "Shane Grim is a very talented art student. His original, creative work exceeds that of the traditional tenth grade student. I can only hope that he continues to develop his natural talent by continuing with more art courses here at Salem High School and beyond into college."

Shane says he has been interested in art his whole life and that his grandmother struck his interest in it. His favorite artist is Pablo Picasso, and his favorite piece of art is *Prayer* by George Daniels. Shane's personal favorite piece is *Still Movement*, and he drew it in seventh grade. He also painted the sarcophagus for the SHS fall play *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. He lists basketball and playing guitar as his other hobbies. In regard to style, "I don't have a favorite style," Shane says, "I just draw."

Dillon Rhodes



Dillon Rhodes and Hedo Turkoglu
Dillon could stage his mini-me!

Have fun sledding but be safe By Sarah Beagle

There are many activities you can do outside during the winter. Sled riding, snow boarding, skiing and building snow men are just a few of these fun activities. But who invented these thrilling activities, and what can you do to prevent yourself from getting hurt?

Sledding began in the 1870's in St Moritz when British visitors began experimenting with boys' delivery sleds for recreation. By mid-decade the owner of the Kulm Hotel, Caspar Badrut, had the first course built for this thrilling sport; although, most of us just do it as a recreational activity to pass time. This is a fun way to spend those cold winter days; however, you should take some safety precautions while playing in the snow.

In 2006 Stacey Grady recorded that 55,000 people were injured just by sled riding. Most of the injuries involved arms and legs. Here are some safety tips that will help prevent any type of injury.
Step 1: You should never ride in the dark. You should also stay clear of areas that are full of trees. You may know the area well, but everything looks different at night.
Step 2: Always wear a helmet, especially children under the age of

twelve. Head injuries are very serious and, unlike a broken arm or leg, head injuries are hard to repair.

Step 3: Wear gloves, heavy coats, and boots that are preferably waterproof.

Step 4: Drag your feet to slow down your sled. If your sled does not slow down, roll off and onto the ground. This is much safer than staying on.
Step 5: Avoid using inner tubes, saucers and disks. These items are often hard to steer and you can possibly injure yourself or someone else.
Step 6: Do not ride when it is icy. This causes you to go faster, and it will make it harder for you to control.

Step 7: Inspect your sled before you decide to go sledding. You wouldn't want to injure yourself or someone else.

Step 8: Never sled near a street or a cliff. Make sure the area is clear of harm.

Step 9: Never attach your sled to a moving vehicle. This is not a smart thing to do, and it can be extremely dangerous and possibly fatal.

If you follow these simple steps then you will be safe and also have a good time. Don't forget to have a nice, warm cup of hot chocolate when you are done. Happy holidays everyone.

Clubs and Classes By Jessica Brennan

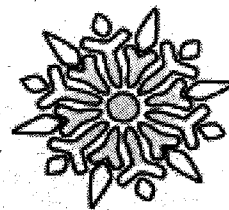
Spanish Club: This month, Spanish Club helped with the Salvation Army kettles. Members of the club stood at Wal-Mart from 9am to 9pm on December 12. Members also helped with the Sebo House Tour on the 12. The annual Christmas plays were presented by Spanish IV members on December 16.

Key Club: This month, Key Club helped in a number of community activities. The members collected pop cans for Habitat for Humanity, helped The Salvation Army with a food drive, and visited Concord at Lexington, a nursing home, on December 9 to make holiday crafts. Key Club also had the coat drive which concluded on December 10.

German Club: German Club had its monthly Kaffee Freitag and a Christmas get-together this month. They celebrated the holiday in a German style.

AFS: This new club had a fun Christmas party on December 17 after school in Mrs. Dye's room. The members participated in a White Elephant gift exchange and brought snacks and drinks to share. The club's shirts have been made, and you'll see students wearing them around the school. AFS members also prepared and presented a Christmas stocking gift to Frank (Francois).

Chamber Choir: Chamber Choir, under the direction of Mr. Samu, has been working hard this year to get ready for their Christmas performances. They go to a number of schools and other places such as churches in Salem to share their voices and dancing talent. The Chamber Choir performed on December 3 at Salem High School along with the freshmen, sophomore, and concert choirs. Chamber Choir also participated in a show choir festival at West Branch High School on December 16.



Celebrity look-a-likes By Aimee Jones

You may have noticed that some of your fellow peers and some of the staff resemble particular celebrities and some famous fictional characters. We decided to go searching for some of the more obvious look-a-likes and others that may have never caught your eye.

Dylan Davidson



Dylan Davidson and Corbin Bleu
Can anyone say HSM movie double?

James Hudson



James Hudson and Michael Cera
James is just as infamously "Superbad" as Mr. Cera.

Lauren Athinson



Lauren Atkinson and Veruca Salt
I wonder if she possesses the "Golden Ticket."

Mr. Carden



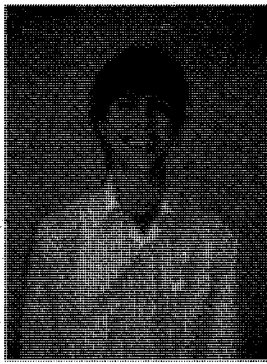
Mr. Carden and Linguini
..I wonder if Mr. Carden can cook as well as he can direct the band.



Sports

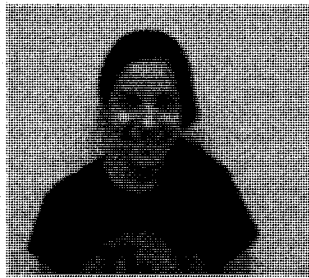
Senior Spotlight

By Danielle Kruegel and Abi Pasco



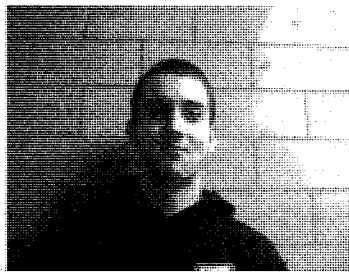
Derek Erskine - Soccer

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Niles
How long have you been playing this sport?
Twelve years
How did you become interested in this sport?
My mom coached my team in the U-8 division. She encouraged me to play.
What was your favorite memory of this sport?
Seth Harding scoring three goals in the last twelve minutes of the game against Poland my sophomore year... this decided the right to be Conference Champions.



Alison Thompson - Soccer

What was your favorite memory of this sport?
Beating Canfield and going to District Finals, twice!
What is your favorite warm up song?
"Kick Start My Heart"- Motley Crue
What position do you play?
Goal keeper
What was your goal for the past season?
To have fun and make it back to District Finals



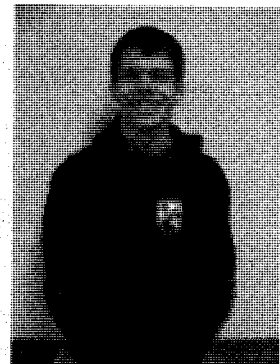
Josiah Rouse - Soccer

How did you become interested in this sport?
My friend played, so I started so we could be on the same team.
What other sports do you play?
I run track
Who is your team's biggest rival?
Canfield
What position do you play?
Defense/ mid-field



Theresa Ierepoli - Soccer

Who is your favorite athlete?
Josh Cribbs
How did you become interested in this sport?
It was the thing to do when I was little.
What was your favorite memory of this sport?
Fun times in the vans on the way to camp
Who is your teams' biggest rival?
Canfield



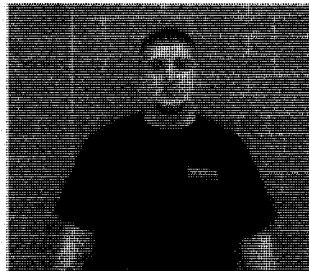
Tyler Hlavcak - Soccer

What is your favorite warm up song?
"Soldiers"- Drowning Pool
What was your favorite memory from the past seasons?
Saran wrapping Keaton to a light pole at camp
Who is your favorite athlete?
Hernan Crespo of Genoa of the Italian Series
What other sports do you play?
I plan on running track this year



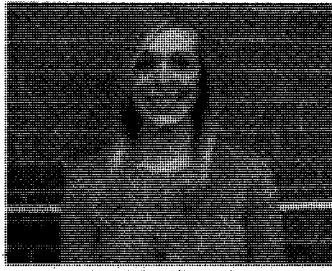
Dana Ackerman - Volleyball

Who is your favorite athlete?
Adam Toecash
How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years.
What other sports do you play?
Track
Who is your team's biggest rival?
HUBBARD!



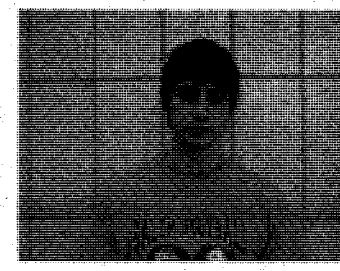
Anthony Fast - Football

Who is your team's biggest rival?
United and West Branch
How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years
Who is your favorite athlete?
Larry Foote
What is your favorite memory of this sport?



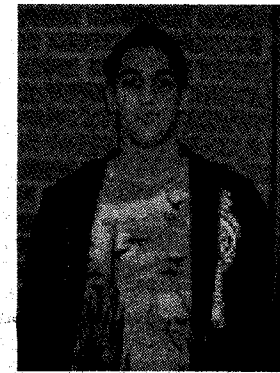
Olivia Mitchley - Volleyball

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Steltsy's birthday and "standstill pepper"
What position do you play?
Middle hitter and libero on good passing days.
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Diva" by Beyonce.
How did you become interested in this sport?
Mr. Goddard's A.P. history class.



Justin Adams - Football

What is your favorite warm-up song?
"So Ambitious" by Jay-Z.
Is this your favorite sport?
Yes
What is your favorite memory of this sport?
This whole season
What were your goals for this season?
To be fast

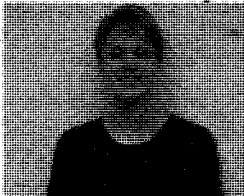


Mike Lopez - Soccer

Who is your team's biggest rival?
West Branch
How long have you been playing this sport?
Since I was five
What position do you play?
Midfield/ striker
Who is your favorite athlete?
Christiano Ronaldo

Scullion in EPSN Ohio Edition

By Danielle Kruegel



Some of you may not know that our own superstar Amy Scullion will appear on ESPN Rise Magazine. This magazine is the high school version of ESPN Magazine and this month is the Ohio edition.

Amy was chosen by the magazine on November 16, 2009, to be their athlete of the month. Amy was very surprised she said, when asked, "It wasn't something that I even knew was a possibility." First, they contacted Coach Jeff Andres and told him that they would like to have Amy be on the cover and do a spread in the magazine. Amy also

said that they did an over-the-phone interview with Coach Andres, Chelsea Fuson, and Danielle Kruegel.

Some of you may have seen photographers in the gym on November 19, 2009. These people were photographers from the magazine. They came to do a photo shoot for Amy's very own spread. When asked how this has impacted her, Amy replied, "It's an honor and has been an awesome experience. I think it's really cool that I had the chance to represent our school."

Amy also is excited about this basketball season. She is looking forward to the big games, to beating Canfield and Howland, and hopefully making a run in the tournament. The magazine will be out sometime in the next few months!

Congratulations



Coach Mike Kopachy
Div. III
Coach of the Year

Leave it to the French

By Alison Thompson

Americans have always loved sports. Our favorite sports are football, basketball, and baseball. Travel across the pond and land in Europe where their sport is all about football (soccer).

For all you soccer fans who are keeping up with the FIFA 2010 World Cup playoffs, November 18 was a game that no soccer fan would have wanted to miss. Let me give you a recap from what I saw during that game. France and the Republic of Ireland were playing each other in the second round of the game. Seventeen minutes were left on the clock, and France was down on Ireland's side of the field waiting for the free-kick to be delivered. The ball was kicked, went right to Thierry Henry who moved out his hands where the ball hit, and passed it to William Gallas, who was in the penalty box, headed it in and scored the winning goal. The Referee never blew the whistle, at the end of the match. Kilbane, a left back for the Irish, asked the ref if he saw the play happen. The ref responded, "I can 100 percent say it wasn't a handball."

Days later, Thierry Henry admitted on ESPN that he did touch the ball before passing it to Gallas. The Irish had already asked for a rematch and so has Thierry Henry, but FIFA wouldn't allow it. Two weeks later and now the Republic of Ireland would like an extra spot making it thirty-three teams in next year's world cup. Sadly, they were rejected, and no more than thirty-two teams will play at South Africa in the 2010 FIFA World Cup. On December 2, FIFA began investigating Thierry Henry and are taking another look at the scene.

Quaker Board

The Quaker Crazies

By Lydia Shivers

Pep Club kept busy this month with Pep Club shirt sales and Meet the Team Night. Pep Club shirts were on sale from November 30 to December 10. Short sleeved shirts were \$8.00 and \$10.00 for long sleeved. The front of the shirts featured "Salem Spirit, Salem Pride." The money collected will be used for Pep Club sponsored events. Hallie Hank, Amy Scullion and Mrs. Wolfgang were in charge of shirt sales.

Pep Club hosted a community "Meet the Winter Sports Teams" night on Thursday, December 10 in John Cabas Gymnasium. Basketball, wrestling, and swim-

ming teams were introduced. The teams showed their favorite pre-game drills. After everyone was announced, fans had the athletes sign their Pep Club t-shirts.

With the winter sports season already underway, continue to support the girls' and guys' basketball teams as well as the wrestling and swimming teams. After an inspiring fall season, the Quaker Crazies need to keep school spirit alive. With encouragement from everyone, the Quakers will carry on the success. Thanks to all who bought a t-shirt and came to the Meet the Team's night.

Voucher Program

By Nathan Gilbert



Senior Nathan Gilbert stands by as Dr. Shivers and Mr. Brock check records for student vouchers.

were created by then Assistant to the Principal, Mr. Kirkland, in an attempt to give students an initiative to come to school. When the vouchers were first created they did what they were intended to do; attendance was up, and Salem met the required attendance goal for the state of Ohio. The program was stopped due to the fact that in the most recent year Salem has failed to meet the state's requirements.

There are two alternatives routes you may take to receive vouchers if you are a senior. One may apply for any college before mid-terms and receive a voucher for a mid-term exam. If you have received an A in a class for the four consecutive nine weeks of a school year, you will be eligible for a voucher in the class in which you have an A. These vouchers are not limited to any amount and may be used for all seven classes if your grades and teachers allow it.

The vouchers are also used upon the teacher's discretion and may be turned down by a teacher for any reason. We can only be glad we had the opportunity to take advantage of the voucher program as long as we did. They are gone and are not coming back, so let's make the best of it.

What's your phobia?

Compiled by Monica Metts

Arachibutyrophobia- Fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.
 Vestiphobia- Fear of clothing.
 Rupophobia- Fear of dirt.
 Atychiphobia- Fear of failure.
 Consecotaleophobia- Fear of chopsticks.
 Didaskaleinophobia- Fear of going to school.
 Ephebiphobia- Fear of teenagers.
 Zelophobia- Fear of jealousy.
 Glossophobia- Fear of speaking in public or of trying to speak.
 Hypegiaphobia- Fear of responsibility.
 Poinophobia- Fear of punishment.
 Koniophobia- Fear of dust.
 Novercaphobia- Fear of your step-mother.
 Omphalophobia- Fear of belly buttons.
 Atelophobia- Fear of imperfection.
 Phobophobia- Fear of phobias.
 Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia- Fear of long words.
 Decidophobia- Fear of making decisions.
 Technophobia- Fear of technology.
 Pantophobia- Fear of everything.

Did you know?

By Cheri Merryman

Oh-my-gosh! Oh-my-gosh! Did you know that in two years the world is going to come to a screeching halt and end?!.....Or maybe not, but that's what the new movie, *2012* is all about. The film takes place in the year 2012, and the world is turned upside down by hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods. The end of the world has arrived.

The idea for the movie comes from the legends and rumors surrounding the Mayan calendar. The calendar has different parts to it; one of these is known as the Long Count which includes future time right down to the very second. However, the calendar just stops on December 21, 2009, at precisely 11:11 am. Some people have interpreted this to mean that time will cease to exist, as the world will end. This belief is a popular theory known as "doomsday."

Others have taken the opposing view and believe that something will happen but not the end of time. Instead they believe in the "enlightenment" theory. It suggests that the world will suddenly awaken to unsurpassed knowledge and that it will simply be very different, not over.

And then there are some who say that nothing will happen on that date except the normal, everyday activities of life. This can be termed the "nada" theory. This is the theory most supported by evidence. In fact, currently there are around seven million Mayans on the planet and the vast majority of them do not believe that the world will ever end.

Ancient Maya saw time as being cyclical. It starts at zero and then goes for a certain length of time and then is reset, so to speak. The current time period is known as the Great Cycle and is only one of what the Maya call World Age Cycles. To them, 2012 marks the end of an era, not the world.

More proof to support the "nada" theory can be found in the book that sells more copies than any other in the world, the Bible. It states that eventually the world as we know it will end but that's only after Christ returns to this earth. Then one thousand years after that a new heaven and a new earth will be created. As far as when that will occur, who knows? Yes, it could be Dec. 21, 2012, or it could be another six thousand years from now, or even today. Matthew 24:36 reads, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels in heaven, but my Father only." To say the Maya knew when the "end of the world" would come would be in clear contradiction to the very word of God.

That being said, the "doomsday" theory is just hype with no facts to back it, as is the "enlightenment" theory. The only theory with any tangible evidence is the "nada." When 2012 comes around it will prove to be another false scare, just like in 2000 with Y2K, which obviously didn't happen either.

National Youth Leadership Forum

By Monica Metts



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Exploring American Diplomacy, Intelligence & Defense

Do you enjoy getting away from home? How about making new friends? Or what about learning about things that teenagers don't ordinarily experience? If you have the opportunity to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF), I would highly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities this forum offers students. I was recently nominated by an SHS teacher to go to NYLF, and I experienced an awesome trip in Washington, D.C., that I will never forget.

First, I had a choice to make. I had to decide whether I wanted to attend a forum on Medicine, National Security, or Law and CSI. In the end, and after plenty of hard thought, I decided to go to the National Security forum, and I'm very glad I did. I wasn't quite sure what to expect of NYLF/NS when I signed up for it. I just knew that it was going to be an unforgettable experience—that it was. In the short six days that I was in Washington, D.C., I learned more than I ever imagined I would. I met new friends, visited numerous monuments and memorials, and explored Capital Hill and the Smithsonian Museums. NYLF/NS presents to students an awesome week which will take their minds off of just about anything

going on at home, and the events that they plan are of great interest. My days began at 7:00am and ended around 11:00pm, with events scheduled precisely throughout every day. Hands-on activities allowed me to grasp concepts quite thoroughly.

Through a simulation exercise, NYLF/NS scholars learned the importance of teamwork when it comes to government work. Scholars learned the importance of every part of a team and how those components of a team are dependent on each other to work effectively. With students coming from across the United States, NYLF/NS demonstrated that there will be plenty of diversity in life and that it is necessary to be flexible and open-minded. NYLF/NS also made it obvious to scholars that it will be necessary to make quick and dependable decisions throughout life.

I will never forget my week at NYLF/NS, and I'm very anxious to see if any opportunity like that comes my way again in the future. The things I learned at the National Youth Leadership Forum have stuck with me, and I'm sure they will continue. If any opportunity like this comes your way, go ahead and try it. Chances are you won't regret it—or forget it.

College Application Day

By Brooke Skiba

On November 19, Salem held its very first College Application Day in the high school library. The goal of College Application Day was to have all high school seniors interested in higher education apply to a university, technical, or proprietary college early in the year. Many "sister schools" to Salem in Columbia county participate in this day, as well as several colleges in the area.

The day was started by a grant from Cheryl Chan in the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education. Application Day involves representatives from area colleges coming to assist students with the completion of their application. Thirteen area colleges came to Salem this year with all but one waiving their application fee.

Of about 165 students in the senior class, forty took advantage of this opportunity to meet with college reps and fill out paper or online applications during their thirty minute time slots that morning. The seniors each filled out one to three applications of their choice, each at no cost, with the exception

of the YSU application fee.

Taking part in College Application Day is very beneficial. "A lot of students cannot afford the application fee, or just don't understand how to fill out the application. It's nice to have the rep beside you to help you through it," stated guidance counselor Mrs. Nancy Crum.



She is also aware that many other students have already filled out applications and didn't need to participate but feels that it's a great opportunity to fill out applications at no cost. Another benefit for seniors who filled out one or more applications is that they will receive one midterm voucher to opt out of a semester test. This is another great motivation for students to participate in College Application Day next year.

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