

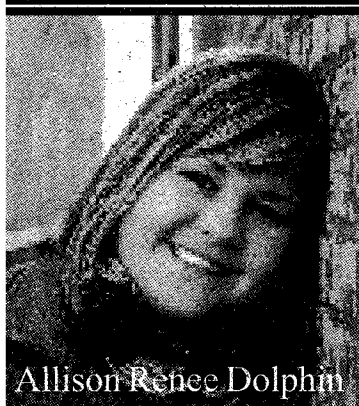
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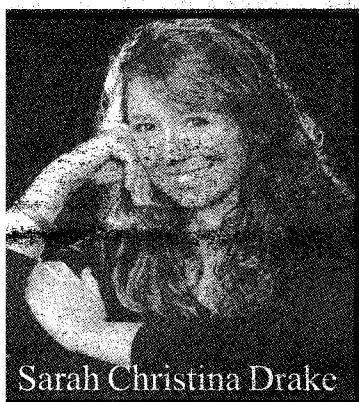
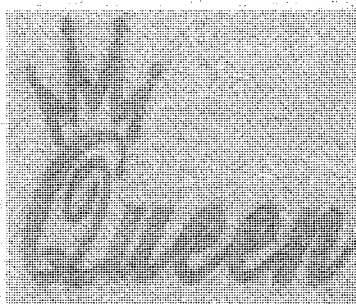
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Allison Renee Dolphin

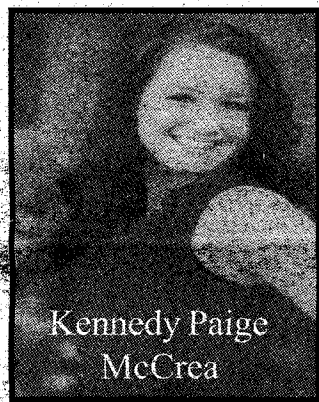
Allison Renee Dolphin is the daughter of Derik and Kathy Dolphin. Her high school activities include Choir (vice president), Chamber Choir (choreographer), Mass Media, Project Support, and Quaker Ann. Her future plans are to attend college and major in English and education and minor in theatre. Her escort was Trent Frederick, son of Chuck and Glenna Frederick.

## Winter Homecoming 2011



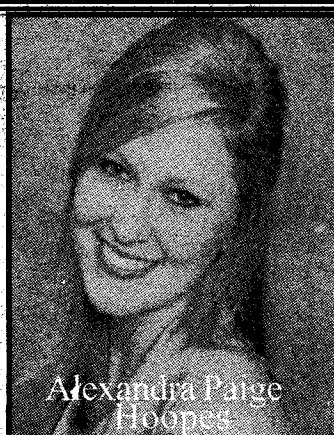
Sarah Christina Drake

Sarah Christina Drake is the daughter of Mr. Tracy and Dr. Pamela Drake. Her high school activities include Pep Club, Project Support, and National Honor Society. Her future plans are to attend John Carroll University and study international business. Her escort was Mason Lochadel, son of Jeff and Amy Lochadel.



Kennedy Paige McCrea

Kennedy Paige McCrea is the daughter of Jim and Teresa Hack and Matt McCrea. Her high school activities include Volleyball, Softball, and Pep Club. Her future plans are to attend Bethany College to major in biology, with a minor in psychology and business. Her escort was Marshal Sarginger, son of Eric Sarginger and Denise McQuiston.



Alexandra Paige Hoopes

Alexandra Paige Hoopes is the daughter of Matt and Deb Hoopes. Her high school activities include Spanish Club (vice president), National Honor Society (historian), Student Council, Varsity Track and Field, and Varsity Academic Challenge. Her future plans are to attend Kent State University's Honors College to major in pre-med and minor in business. Her escort was Alex Stone, son of Ed and Becky Stone.



Abigail Nicole Pasco

Abigail Nicole Pasco is the daughter of Mark and Teri Pasco. Her high school activities include Soccer (co-captain), Cheerleading (co-captain), Project Support, Track, and Spanish Club. Her future plans are to attend Walsh University, major in nursing, and play soccer. Her escort was Steve Navarra, son of David and Monica Navarra.



Lisa Marie Franklin is the daughter of Gary Franklin and Shelly Burkey. Her high school activities include cheerleading, German Club, Yearbook, and T.A.C.T. Her future plans are to attend Wright State University to major in Mass Communications. Her escort was Alex Hrovatic, son of Richard and Angie Johnston.

## Homecoming activities

Winter homecoming was held on Friday, January 28. Each member of the court, as well as her escort, was announced at halftime. The winter homecoming queen was Kennedy McCrea, and she was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Lydia Shivers. After the game a dance was held in the cafeteria to honor the queen and her court. The theme for the evening was "Dress to Impress." The dance was sponsored by pep club under the direction of Mr. Motz.

The pep club also organized a pep assembly held Friday afternoon in the auditorium. Winter athletes and the court were presented at the assembly. A variety of activities took place on the stage, and the cheerleaders led the students in cheers.



Alexandra Kristine Shivers

Alexandra Kristine Shivers is the daughter of Dr. Richard Mark and Mrs. Jeanine Shivers. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, German Club, German Honor Society, Varsity Track and Field, and T.A.C.T. Her future plans are to attend Youngstown State University. Her escort was Michael King, son of John and Diana King.

## Scholastic Art Awards

By Meg Bell

Since 1923 the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have given young artists and writers around the country a chance to shine. Every year over thirteen million creative students around the country send in their best, hoping to win a Gold Key, Silver Key or Honorable Mention for their region. There are more than twenty-five million dollars in awards and scholarships available.

Once the work wins regionally, it goes on to the national competition for a chance to win Gold, Silver or the American Visions and Voices Award. Seniors can enter portfolios of work to be recognized by more than sixty art institutes and colleges, and this affords them even more chances for scholarships.

Participants can enter into a variety of categories for visual art, which includes digital art; traditional art such as drawing, painting and mixed media; sculpture and architecture; photography; video games and many more. The writing categories include journalism, poetry, novels, dramatic script and various portfolios of work.

The work is judged on originality, technical skill and personal vision or voice. "Rather than being evaluated for specific skill proficiencies, students will be evaluated on how they used their skills to create something unique, powerful, and innovative," says the Alliance. Alumni of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers include such famous artists and writers as Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote and Richard Avedon.

Although it is too late to enter this year's competition, those interested in taking part in next year's competition can begin brainstorming and beginning new pieces of art or writing to enter in the fall.

## FAFSA for SHS

By Aimee Jones



Senior Aimee Jones and guidance counselor, Mrs. Jamie Kemats, review information to complete the FAFSA application.

Attention seniors! Many of you may know of or have already applied to FAFSA. This is Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Guidance counselor, Mrs. Kemats, answered some very important questions regarding how important FAFSA really is. She stated, "Very important and required for many grants, loans, or scholarships for college." Everyone must complete this important paperwork, even if they don't receive a large amount of funding from the government. You can apply for FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). In order to fill out the entire survey, you will need your parents income tax form from the previous year and other personal information from them such as their social security number and years of education.

When applying, there are helpful hints in the side margins. These help if you are unsure what to answer or what kind of response they are looking for. There is also a help hotline number you can call if you have questions. If you take the time to sit down and fill it out, it is not that big of a hassle.

If you haven't already applied, you need to be aware of deadlines. Many colleges and universities have their own deadlines, so check with the schools you are interested in and find out their deadline. The federal deadline is June 30, 2012, and the state deadline is October 1, 2011. If you haven't already applied, try to get the application completed by the end of February. FAFSA is very important, especially for those of you that know you need help paying for college. Ultimately, the earlier you file, the eligibility for more money is available. If you have more questions and haven't already filled it out, check with your guidance counselors for more information.



# Opinion

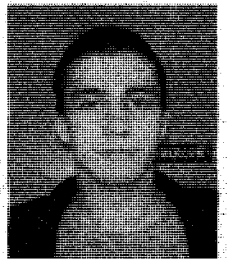
## War of Words

By Sierra Cannon

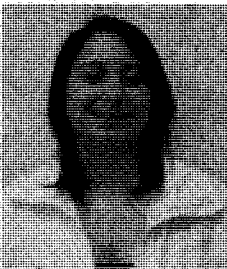
**"If you could choose a theme for homecoming what would it be and why?"**



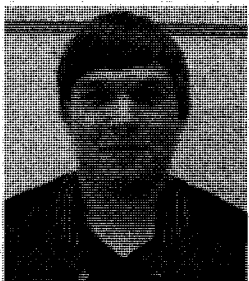
**Freshman, Jordan Foster- "Call of duty because it's sick."**



**Sophomore, Sheldon Brownfield- "Something crazy because it would be fun."**



**Junior, Sonia Miller- "A night in Atlantis because it seems exotic."**



**Senior, Shawn Foor. "Star wars because it is epic!! :D"**

## Shauna Says...

by Shauna Uptegraph

On Facebook, you see it. In the malls, on the streets, sitting in the row next to you, two seats up in your English class. Anarchy signs, kids throwing gang signs, upside down crosses and atheistic denouncements of religion, all for the price of fashion. But why? Why has adopting an unpopular belief system become part of pop culture? Who said it was okay for a red haired, pale skinned child to claim to be part of Black Nationalism?

Truth is, dear readers, I don't know. It's hard to tell when stupid became a name brand. It seems like it's always been there, lurking like a bad zit the day before prom, just waiting to be popped. And our generation has popped that zit full of dumb. You're not a "blood"; you're not a Nazi. You're not a Satanist. YOU ARE NOT AN ANARCHIST. So stop pretending, kiddies. When I was in elementary school, we used a word that, when used now in the oh-so civilized conversations of high school, will get your friends deadpanning and denying knowing you. And that word, boys and girls, was "poser." I feel it's appropriate now because idiotic behaviors require idiotic names and, let's face it, etching an anarchy sign into your notebook like a badge is idiotic. In effort to stop this ridiculousness, I'm going to offer some insight on these more popular occurrences.

What is anarchy? It is the absence of any government or law within a society. First of all, anarchy doesn't work. Watch any popular punk movie, and you'll see. From Sid and Nancy, SLC Punk, or even some less well-known ones such as Retrograde and Devolution, it just doesn't work. You CANNOT be an anarchist, nor a disestablishmentarian, especially not while shopping at Hot Topic with your daddy's MasterCard. Dying your hair funky colors, wearing ripped up clothes,

and not liking that mommy took your cell phone away for a week does not make you an anarchist. Do you know what "absence of any government or law" means? It means that anyone, regardless of mental stability or reason, can do anything they like without repercussion. Can you imagine this school without regulations? Yeah, scary. Now try the world. It's an idea based on the thought that people are basically good, but since they aren't, it falls to pieces. I submit this to you, anarchy teens. If you wear that symbol, your peers should be allowed to do whatever they like to you. Regardless.

Now for the gang signs. Chances are, and especially if you're in this high school, you are not a gangster. You are not a big deal. You are probably a short, scrawny teenager with pale skin and allergies. As such, do not wave your bandana. Do not throw up your signs. Do not show your respect. It's silly. Stop it.

And you! You, drawing swastikas all over your notebook. Do you truly hate minorities? If so, you have bigger problems than bad taste. But for the most part, I'm just going to guess you're trying to identify with someone you think is cool. However, a swastika is not only a sign of Nazi fascism. It is also used as a sign of fertility and happiness used by the Pagans and was used in ancient Egypt as a symbol for change. So what exactly are you trying to identify with?

Attention students of Salem High School. Please, be yourselves. Who you are is already going to change as you grow; must you really try and identify with such grotesque symbols of sub reality? Furge you, as your peer, to stop the nonsense. It doesn't make any sense to anyone who knows anything real about the façade you're putting on? You seem like a tool.

## Where's the best place for sledding?

By Meg Bell

The winter season can bring with it not only inches of snow but feelings of sadness, restlessness, and boredom. Children and teens often find themselves stuck inside for hours on end watching TV and wishing that the seasons of spring and summer would grace them with their presence. However, the cold, unpleasant season doesn't have to mean you have to hibernate until April. You can still go out and get exercise and spend time with friends and family. Sled riding isn't just for little kids, and many teens still like gathering at popular places such as Kelly, Centennial and Coy Parks. But which is the best for spending a snowy day sliding down hills and breaking bones?

Out of nineteen students polled, fourteen agreed that Coy Park is the best place for sled riding. Located on W. South Range Road, the park offers plenty of space for families and friends to gather. Coy has the biggest and steepest hills. Sophomore Lindsey Foster compares it to the others and agrees, saying, "They have good hills there. Plus I've seen the other places, and I prefer Coy Park."

Yet these three parks are not the only ones around to provide a day of amusement. "McKinley Monument is awesome. There are thirty-five hills going down a huge steep slope," says junior Heather Bailey, "...there are many little children. They make sledding more fun with helping them up and trying not to run them over. If you haven't gone to the Monument, check it out. It's worth your time." Other suggestions include Lake Tomahawk, Salem Golf Club, and Firestone.

When asked "What is your best sled riding experience?" a variety of responses were offered. Senior Abby Humphrey recalls "tying a bunch of sleds together with friends and going down a huge hill." Junior Becca Devlin remembers last year's snow storm saying, "The snow was so deep we couldn't climb the hill." Mitch Hendericks, also a junior, says "tying a sled to a 4-wheeler" is his best experience.

Regardless of where you choose to go, it's always best to keep your wits about you. Watch out for small children, avoid areas where you know there's a pond, and drive safely.

## Point Counter Point

### Homework: To be or not to be?

#### Pros

By Eva Jackman

Although I am not entirely fond of homework myself, I do believe that it is necessary for it to be assigned. By doing homework students are able to review what they have learned in class earlier in the day, keeping it fresh and crisp in their minds. Senior Rebecca Enlow commented on the topic, stating, "Homework helps me better retain the information I learned in school." In short, you are able to remember what you are learning and score higher on tests. Also, if you have a grade that you are not very satisfied with, homework can give you easy points to bump up to that ideal percentage.

Another complaint I often hear about homework is that it is a nuisance. Why go to school for six hours only to go home and waste our free time on more school work? This may be an unfortunate truth, but perhaps if students would spend less time whining about homework and actually take fifteen to twenty minutes out of their life to focus on and complete their assign-

ments, we wouldn't have this conundrum. Out of the three different schools I have attended, I have never had a teacher who did not give me time in class to work on homework. Not only that but homework is really not that difficult to do, unless you don't pay attention in school. Teachers very rarely assign work that has never been reviewed in class.

Homework is meant to help us not hurt us. Homework is merely a small task on our enormous high school to-do list, and it helps students score higher on tests by reviewing what they learn in class. Not only that, but there are some very interesting facts and concepts one is presented with — you would be surprised. Let's stop pretending that homework is some maniacal torture device sending us down a path of disaster. My advice to you is to just do your homework. What may seem pointless now will help you in the long run. Dull that pencil tip and sharpen your mind.



#### Cons

By Donna Paparodis

I can't think of anything better to do with my time after school than doing more homework. That would be sarcasm. If I already had a full day of work and learning, then why would I want to continue it during after school hours? The typical teenager wants to get school over with and be done with it until the next day. After school is your time for you to relax and do what you want. But with homework, sometimes you have to spend half of your night doing it, and then there's no time to relax or do something fun. And that's not even counting eating dinner and doing the things you have to do to get ready for bed that take away even more time. The hours after school should be for us.

We go to school for a reason and that is to do work at school, not at home. The work that we have should be short enough to finish in class, so we can get our work in and still have our own free time. Some kids have an hour or two hours of homework almost every night. That is just ridiculous if you ask me. If

you ask junior Ciara Andrews she will tell you, "We go to school for seven hours a day already, and many students have other obligations after school." I agree with her. Some people have jobs or sports that occupy most of their extra time.

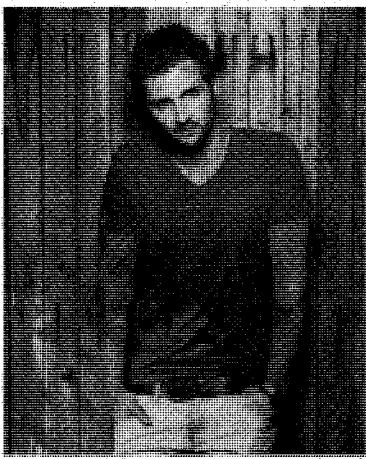
When would those students who have to work and are in sports get their work done? It would be almost impossible to finish it all and get studying in for tests. By the time you get done with your original obligations and then your homework, you won't have a sufficient amount of time for sleep. If you're tired for school, you won't do as well, and aren't we expected to get enough sleep? How can we be expected to get all of our things done including homework and on top of that get an ample amount of sleep to perform well the next day? It is just not bound to happen. So, I think it would be a huge load off of our shoulders if all we had to worry about was our own personal plans after school and turn homework into just schoolwork. Don't you?

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

## Secondhand Serenade

By Sierra Cannon

Secondhand Serenade is a one-man band from California with John Vesely on guitar and vocals. He played bass for a number of local bands for eight years before creating his own band but switched to guitar when he met his wife. He explains, "She wanted me to play her a song, but I didn't have a band at the time and serenading her with a bass guitar was out of the question." He used the name Secondhand Serenade because the songs he performs are actually serenades to his wife, and everybody else is hearing them secondhand. "A name like 'John' has limits," says Vesely, "people expect something from that. I don't want to be tied to one thing." Since learning how to play guitar and writing all of his own songs, he has released three albums under the name Secondhand Serenade: *Awake* in 2007, *A Twist in My Story* in 2008 and *Hear Me Now* in 2010. Vesely is most known for his songs "Fall for you," "Your Call," and "Why?"



John Vesely from Secondhand Serenade

He originally wrote and recorded *Awake* in 2005 without being signed to a label, then it was re-released in 2007 after he signed to Glassnote records. At first he sold his songs and the album as a whole on his own. Fans could order the album from his Myspace page, and he would send them out. He sold about 15,000 copies on his own, and in just a few months time, *Secondhand Serenade* shot to the #1 position of all unsigned bands on Myspace. He also became the only unsigned artist to have a CD in the top 100 alternative albums on iTunes.

His 2007 album, *Awake*, is more about a sort of desperation within feeling and a fight to remain human through struggle. Vesely reminds us that we are human and that feeling and suffering is part of that. He tries to show us how to be okay with being human, that not everything is as bad or wonderful as we make it out to be but also that some things are far more bad or more wonderful than we thought. *A Twist in My Story* is

about his struggle through his divorce with his wife. The album includes other songs from *Awake* to show that those feelings are still present, despite the bitterness their separation caused. "So you see, this world doesn't matter to me. I'll give up all I had just to breathe the same air as you till the day that I die." This line shows his struggle to live without her, as though his world is not the same without her in it.

*Hear Me Now* is Vesely's most recent release. The album was criticized by many critics commenting that he was too repetitive with a lot of the lyrics. Repetition has a purpose, and its purpose is usually emphasis. As a fan, his repetition of the same line or the same basic idea says to me that he cannot express, no matter how many times he can say it, the way he is feeling. The lyrics for every song were written by Vesely, which allows him to connect to his fans on a different level. Words aren't chosen because their rhythm works well but because no other words can express what those words can. Fans find comfort in his work knowing that it's more than a song — knowing that he had to have felt the same way to find the words they couldn't.

## Eleven

By Tim Slason

Though you've probably never heard of them, Eleven's influence is far reaching in the music world. They have the talent of Jack Irons (of Pearl Jam and the Red Hot Chili Peppers) and Alain Johannes (with credits in Queens of the Stone Age, Spinnerette, and Them Crooked Vultures) to name just a few.

Eleven released five albums from 1991 to 2003 and were reportedly working on a sixth before the death of Natasha Shneider who died of cancer in 2008. It is unknown how much was done and if any recordings will be released. Their music combines some more standard sounds of hard rock music with some less common elements, like the sitar and other instruments that are not typical of the genre. Natasha's vocals contribute a great deal to the texture of their songs, combining with her husband Alain's vocals and instrumentation to create a mood for each of their albums unique to the band.

One of their albums, *Think*, features several of their more popular tracks. It opens with "Nature Wants to Kill Me," one of their stronger tracks, that sets up the feel for the whole album, with a fast flowing bass line and quick lyrics to match. A few tracks later comes "Seasick of You," with slower, stronger bass line and deeper lyrics with more vocal emotion to match. "Big Sleep" comes up later, with a chorus that sticks in my mind and a slowly unraveling emotion from start to finish.

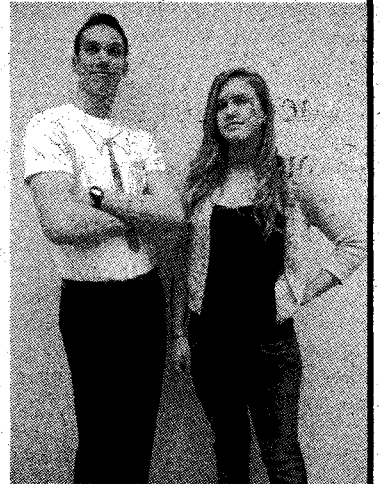
Another notable track from the band is "Verb," where the lyrics discuss the regrets of life through inaction, with a slower pacing that keeps your mind trained on the words being sung. "Cool Cruel Baby" takes a very different direction with driving music and vocals that are more focused on the movement of the music, and they hold your thoughts on the beat.

It seems a bit tragic that the band was ripped apart by the death of Natasha right after they returned to recording after an extended hiatus and before anything could even be released.

## Have you seen "Chuck"?

By Mike Risbeck

The TV series "Chuck" is about a computer geek who is launched into a new career as the government's most important secret agent. This all started when Chuck opened an e-mail subliminally encoded with government secrets. He unknowingly downloaded an entire server of sensitive data into his brain. The fate of the world lies in the unlikely hands of a guy who works at Buy More. He now has to fight assassins and international terrorists, instead of fighting computer viruses. The government's most precious secrets are now in Chuck's head. Major John Casey of the NSA assumes the responsibility of protecting him. Sarah Walker is the CIA's top agent and Chuck's first date in years. They're going to keep him safe by trading in his pocket protector for a bulletproof vest in hopes to get their secrets revealed.



Kyle Costal and Rachel Lutz pose as Chuck and Sarah.

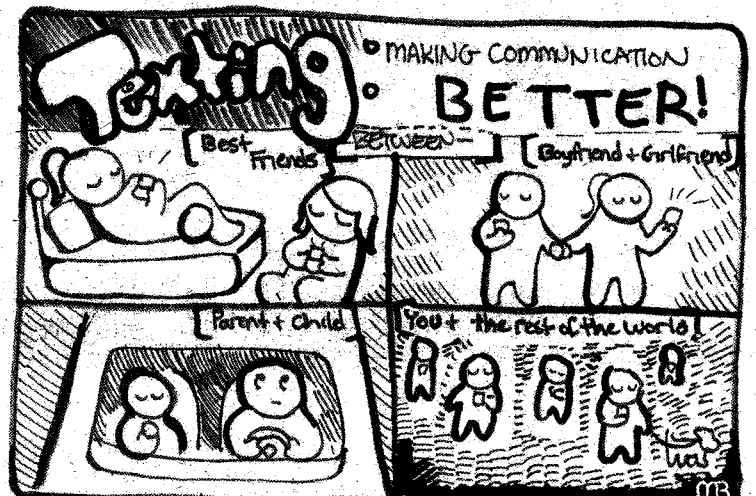
This TV show appears to be gathering quite a base of fans at Salem High School. Some consider it to be one of TV's most thrilling series. The plot line entertains a variety of students but among these Kyle Costal and Ehrik Bush are two of the biggest followers. Kyle likes the idea of an ex-computer nerd turned secret agent and shared the following when he said, "Chuck" is truly an amazing show. The entire cast was born to play their roles. "Chuck" is a character I can identify with. The show pulls you in and makes you feel like you are part of all the action. It is in-

sanelly comical, providing great entertainment. "Chuck" is my favorite show of all time." Ehrik likes the different plots and twists as shown by this quote, "My favorite things about 'Chuck' are that it has funny parts mixed with action and some dramatic parts."

"Chuck" has been very controversial when it comes to ratings after the past couple seasons. This TV series could use your viewing to help get new seasons out there. The new season starts this month. So you can watch new episodes, and who knows, maybe you'll become part of the nerd herd.

## Cartoon Corner

By Meg Bell



## Puzzle Key

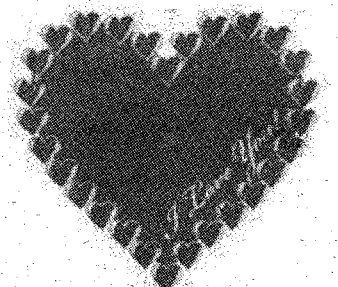
### ACROSS

1. Jack London
1. Kate Middleton
8. Orlando Bloom
11. Benedict Arnold
13. Nicolas Cage
17. Paul Revere
18. Katie Couric
19. Oprah Winfrey

### DOWN

1. Justin Timberlake
2. LL Cool J
3. Elvis Presley
4. Edgar Allan Poe
5. Betty White
7. Marilyn Manson
9. Joan of Arc
10. Michelle Obama

12. Paul Newman
14. Betsy Ross
15. Eli Manning
16. Mel Gibson



# Feature

## Teachers share talents

By Sierra Cannon

Teachers, although their main talent is to teach, also have other talents/hobbies that they enjoy outside of school. A questionnaire was sent out to the staff to discover what other talents the staff might be able to share with us. Only a few responses were returned, but it is still interesting to discover some things that you may not have known about the people teaching you:

**Coach Brock:** Many know Coach Brock as the disciplinary force of our school. Or perhaps you know him as the man who leads workouts in the weight room. Many of you may not know that Coach Brock used to be an assistant chef for Jeff Chrystal. While he is no longer an assistant chef, he still enjoys cooking and has for twenty-plus years. Coach Brock commented that he cooks for his own enjoyment but usually gets paid for it.

**Frau Carter** has a busy hobby of sewing, something that she has enjoyed doing for about forty years. When asked about what type of sewing she does, Frau commented by saying, "I do needlework — knitting, embroidering, bargello and needlepoint." Frau says that she sews mostly for enjoyment but

also crafts gifts from her hobby.

**Mr. Samu** is a very artistic person, spreading his talents over many fields in the creative industry. When asked about these hobbies, Mr. Samu commented, "I enjoy painting pictures and designing sets for our musicals." He has been into painting and art since grade school, and it was something that stuck with him to this day. He notes that he used to get paid for his paintings, but that now he paints for his own enjoyment or for the school. Mr. Samu included, "I also enjoy landscape designing since I've owned my house. I designed and planted all of my gardens at my home as well as designed and built two brick patios." It will not surprise readers to discover that he has also had roles in many local theatre productions and sings at weddings. Recently, he sang at Laci Meals' wedding on New Year's Eve. Laci is a graduate of SHS. Mrs. Samu also joins Mr. Samu and performs at weddings with Mr. Samu singing and Mrs. Samu playing the piano.

Thanks to those staff members who let us have a little glimpse inside their personal and talented lives.

## Community service at S.H.S.

By Kaylin Cadile

Through my endeavors of being the President of Key Club at Salem High School, I have met many other people, through experiences that I'll never forget. What I have learned about my community is to give back to those who give to me or simply just to do something nice for someone else without having to do it. Community service to me is what I would do to help my peers and community enjoy themselves at the cost of making them, as well as myself, feel good that someone went out of their way to make their experience fun and enjoyable. I have gotten to know a whole better me in how I act toward different people and what I say to them. To me I think this shows an incredible amount of charisma in how a person can change when they are involved in community service. There are many clubs in our school that are involved in community service projects. Examples of these organizations would be Key Club, Spanish Club, Interact, T.A.C.T., Starfish, etc. Some of the things the clubs are involved in helping with are Project Prom, Create-a-Smile, March of Dimes, Pennies for Patients, and there are many more. In the History of Government classes, the students have to complete five hours of community service for a grade. So it makes students help out their community and shows them how to lend a hand.

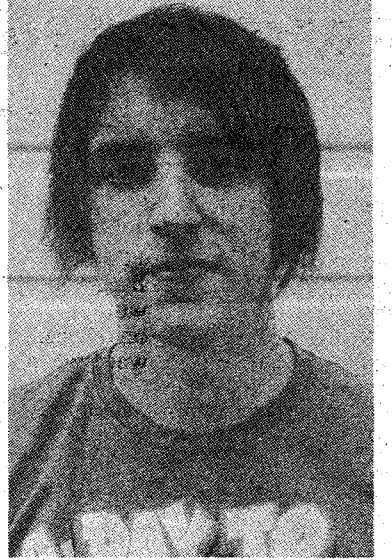
## Artist of the month Cody Schwartz

By Alli Dolphin

Junior artist Cody Schwartz has been involved with art ever since he was a young lad. He says he remembers his mother introducing him to drawing and being creative at a young age. Cody has taken Art I and Drawing here at SHS. He is currently taking Painting with Miss Yereb. He says anything can inspire him to create art. It just really depends on what kind of mood he is in.

Cody's favorite form of art is graphic art, but he says, "I'm not picky. I pretty much enjoy anything that looks sweet." His favorite artist is Shepard Fairey. He is the artist of the Barack Obama "Hope" poster.

Cody has won numerous awards for his artwork. Last year, he

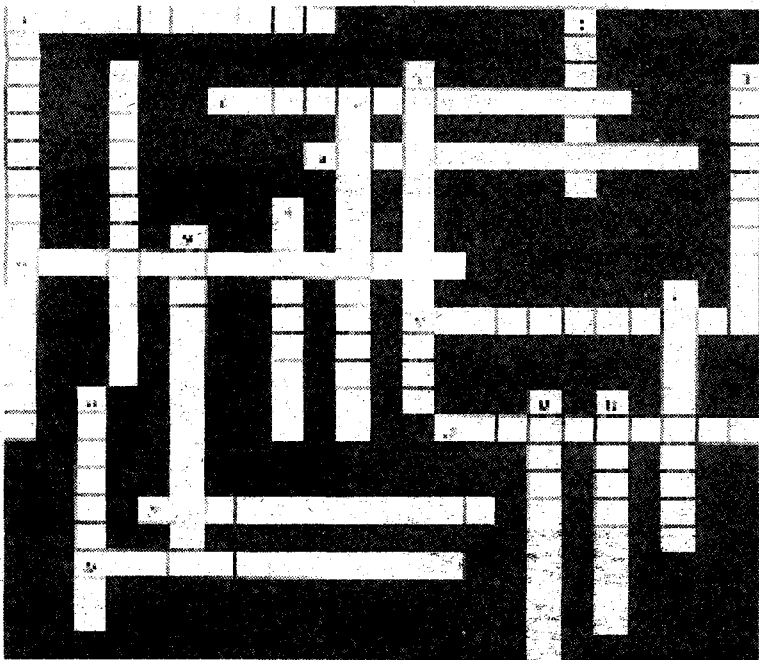


won a Scholastic Gold Key for a drawing, and this past December he won the poster competition for Salem First Night.

When Cody isn't creating art, he enjoys skateboarding, listening to music, and hanging out with friends. He plans to pursue a career in art, but he isn't very sure what he wants to do yet.

## CROSSWORD CORNER

By Eva Jackman

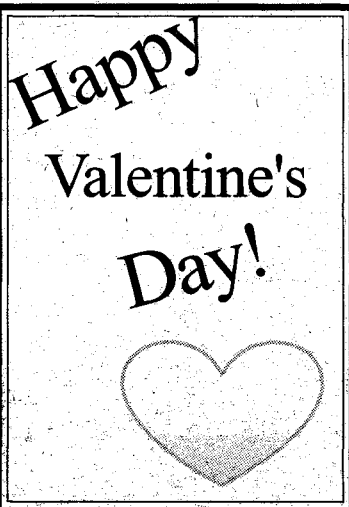


### ACROSS

1. A self-made millionaire by his time of death and best known for his novel, *The Call of the Wild*.
6. She is praised for her exquisite sense of fashion and will be a princess this April thanks to her husband to be.
8. This gorgeous actor has been cast in many historical and fantasy based roles from pirates to elves.
11. This traitor fought in the Revolutionary War.
13. Starring in a new movie (in theaters NOW) this actor is best recognized for his receding hairline.
17. A former dentist, this man rode miles to warn us of British military advancement.
18. She was the 1<sup>st</sup> solo female anchor of a weekday evening news program.
19. She got her *OWN* TV network this year.

### DOWN

1. This heartthrob used to be part of a boy band and brought "sexy" back.
2. You can find this former rapper on the hit TV series *NCIS*.
3. A rock n' roll sensation, known for his looks, charm and voice. (He has left the building!).
4. This dark romantic married his cousin and died a mysterious death.
5. At 89, she is the last living Golden Girl.
7. From Canton, OH, he's known for his controversial stage persona and music.
9. Claimed Divine guidance, winning France victories in the 100 Year's War, she was later burned at stake as a heretic.
10. Current 1<sup>st</sup> Lady.
12. This "cool hand" was an actor and co-founder of *Newman's Own* food company.
14. Credited for making the 1<sup>st</sup> American flag.
15. Quarterback for the *NY Giants*.
16. He's a great actor with a terrible temper!



## Clubs and Classes

By Larry Goontz

**National Honor Society** – On January 5, National Honor Society began their annual candy bar sale. The sale will run through January and end early February. The candy is being supplied by Gorant Candy and each bar costs \$1. The flavors are the same as in the past, ranging from butter caramel and pretzel to almond. National Honor Society will use the money made from this fundraiser for the spring induction of new members and the annual breakfast also in the spring.

**Physics Club** – Physics Club is officially up and running with the club's first project underway. The members must break up into teams and build a trebuchet (similar to a catapult) and launch a golf ball as far as possible. Each team must get sponsors to donate money for the distance that their trebuchet launches the golf ball. For example a team must get a sponsor to donate \$0.25 per meter. The money raised from this competition will go toward a year-end Cedar Point trip for the club. In Mr. Kibler's active physics classes, students just finished their Rube Goldberg projects.

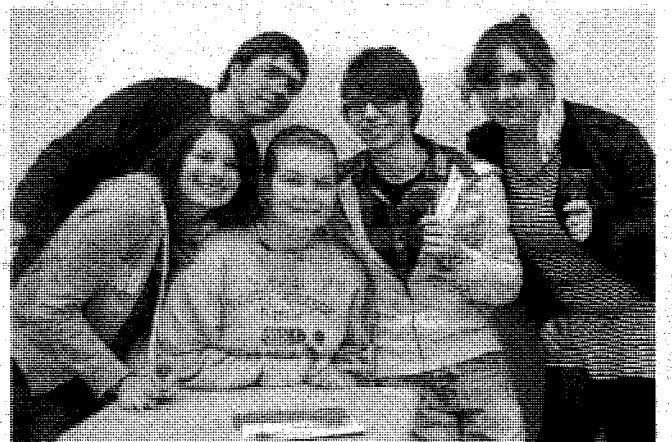
**Pep Club** – Pep Club has had numerous meetings in the past weeks to organize the winter homecoming and pep assembly.

**German Club** – This month German Club had their monthly meeting and began planning their upcoming "Fasching" party in March.

**T.A.C.T.** – This month TACT met to begin organizing a club Valentine's Day party.

**Key Club** – Key club met this month to begin organizing an upcoming Tupperware sale and candy sale.

**The Poets' Society** – The Poets' Society met recently to organize their Valentine's Day fundraiser. Candygrams will be on sale in the cafeteria. They can be purchased in three categories: secret admirer, friend, or love interest. The cost is .50.



Members of The Poets' Society prepare Candygrams

## Feature

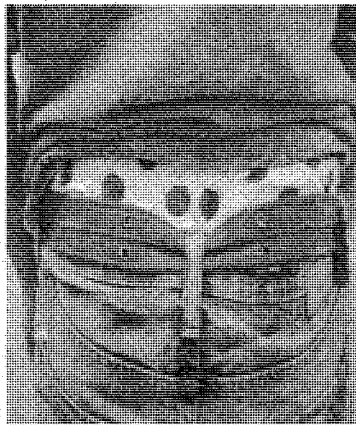
### What's up? Not your pants!

By Eva Jackman

If one were to go sightseeing through the halls of SHS, one would not see the spectacular views of London or France. However, one may, catch a glimpse of a classmate's underpants.

This odd fashion of wearing the pants below the waistline to exhibit one's underwear is becoming a contagious trend in schools everywhere, including both the high school and junior high here in Salem. But gentlemen (and some ladies), here is some "food for thought." The exposure of one's underwear, whether it is boxer shorts, briefs, or thongs is in violation of the school dress code. This can be found on pages fourteen and fifteen of the high school agenda. Part 1-G of the dress code reads, "No display of undergarments." Following this, in letter H, it states, "Pants must be worn at waist level so that undergarments are not visible." So why are students breaking the rules and dressing themselves in such a way? Some may argue and say that it is a form of self expression, but honestly, there are millions of other ways a person can express himself or herself without violating school policy and being less than courteous in the hallways.

Both teachers and staff find this trend to be ill-mannered and absurd. Respected math teacher and coach, Mr. Andres, commented on the pants issue saying, "It looks extremely uncomfort-



When you wear your pants below the waistline, this is the end result. Perhaps you are proud of your undergarments, but that is no reason to display them in the halls of S.H.S.

able, so pull your darn pants up." Also, junior Sonia Miller said, "Unless your boxers are attractive, pull up your pants." Endless remarks from various teachers and students have also been made about the issue. Hall courtesy is important at SHS, for it displays the conduct of our school.

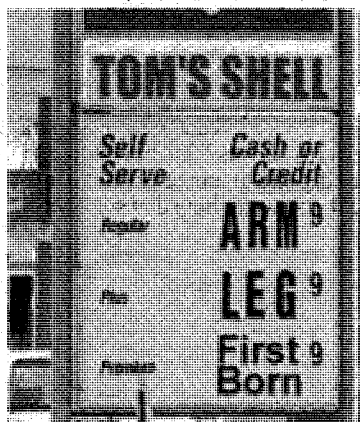
So the next time you are caught with your pants down, buy a belt and wear it.

### Gas prices got you down?

By Larry Goontz

Whether you own a car or not, you have probably noticed the price of gas. Currently in Salem, the price has been hovering just above the \$3.00 mark. That is about \$0.15 higher than one month ago and almost \$0.25 higher than two months ago! These rising gas prices are affecting everyone's lives on a day to day basis, especially high school students. You may have noticed more carpools to school and basketball games, or you may have been affected by the "I don't have enough gas to take you home today" excuse. Many people think that the fluctuations in gas prices are completely random, but there is an actual reason behind this expensive madness.

Gas prices are basically set based on supply and demand basis — as more gas is required, the price goes up. If you have ever watched the news, you may have heard about an organization call OPEC. OPEC stands for the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and is made up of twelve countries including Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela. OPEC members collectively hold 79% of world crude oil reserves and 44% of the world's crude oil production, which basically means they control most of the global market of crude oil. When countries buy gasoline, they are actually buying crude oil, which is used to eventually make gasoline. Oil is not sold in gallons but rather in barrels; about forty-



Although a bit of an exaggeration, this gas board demonstrates consumers' frustration.

two gallons of gasoline can be made out of one barrel of crude oil. As of today, one barrel of crude oil costs around \$91. When you pay for one gallon of gasoline, 75% of the sale goes to the crude oil, 14% to taxes, 10% to distributing and marketing, and 5% to refining.

Although gasoline prices are outrageous, there are ways to save money when buying gas. First, a simple Google search will show you multiple websites that inform you as to which stations in your town have the cheapest gas. Many students also have iPhones or Android phones, which both have applications that will also show you where the cheapest gas is. For students who must pay for their own insurance and their own gas, it is really important to know where to go in town to get the best price for your hard-earned money.

But with gas prices potentially hitting close to the \$4 mark this summer, the best advice to save money comes from the words of America's 43<sup>rd</sup> President George W. Bush, "Don't buy gas if you don't need it."

### Student of the Month Ciara Andrews

By Aimee Jones



You may have seen her in the halls or watched her dive into a pool, but now you are seeing her in *The Quaker*. Ciara Nicole Andrews proudly takes the Student of the Month throne for the month of December.

To have such a title brings with it great benefits. One of those benefits is being rated highly on the "Awesomeosity" Scale. The editors here at *The Quaker* believe Ciara tops the scale; however, when asked where she would place herself, this was her answer, "Not that awesome, probably somewhere in the area of a snow day and Christmas."

This month's pick is genuinely special. When asked if she was capable of growing a moustache or a beard, she simply chose a beard because all real men have beards. As awesome as this girl is, there are probably some things you don't know about this purple-loving super safe driver. Ciara cuts her birthday cake on March third and prefers bean bags over carpet squares. When asked to give a reason why, she stated, "Bean bag because who starts a story with 'One time on this carpet square....'" She makes a good point.

If you get the chance, go see Ciara compete in a swim meet. She swims the free and breast sprints. Grab your party hats and celebrate with this young lassie. Remember she can always use a handy high five... because she's the coolest cat in town.

### Broken New Years Resolutions

By Kaylin Cadile

Most people make New Year's resolutions at the start of the new year. How many of them actually keep them all through the year?

Studies have shown that between 40-45% of adults make a resolution each year. Of these resolutions, 25% are broken within the first week, 35% are broken within one month, and over half of the resolutions are broken within six months. Most people set out to change something for the wrong reasons, which is why they cannot stick with their resolutions. While resolutions are well-intentioned, unfortunately most people fail at keeping them. With all the hype surrounding these promises, it is easy to get caught up in it without really taking them seriously. So here are a few of the

New Year's resolutions that have been already broken this year by some random Salem High School students.

"My New Year's resolution was not talking in class... yeah that didn't happen!" - Kayla Mills

"For my New Year's resolution I was going to try to get fit, but I haven't got the motivation yet." - Aphdin Cadile

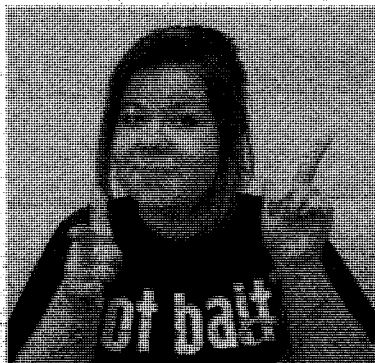
"My New Year's resolution was to try to save money; it isn't working out too well." - Tiffany Franklin

"For my New Year's resolution I wanted to try to keep the drama out of my life; somehow it found its way back in." - Amanda Swartz

"My New Year's resolution was to stop cracking my knuckles." - Jansen Paumier

### Poet's Corner

Rambling Timelines  
By Shauna Uptegraph



Tick tock and the clock goes click.  
Another moment of life has passed  
Feelings relative to mortality's rate.  
And nothing is built to last.

How can you feel what you've been told you know?  
How can you know what you feel?  
How can you tell someone their truth is a lie?  
How can you tell them what's real?

The gears have stopped grinding  
A euphonized state  
You'll be punished for intellect, punished for new,  
A mountain of drugs on your plate.

Write dreams in a journal, we'll tell you they're lies.  
Send you off with a pill for each truth.  
You'll never know the potential you had,  
Because of your chemical youth.

Tick tock and the clock goes click.  
But this moment it seems to stay still.  
Altered reality can mean something new-  
But the world stays the same and I'm ill.

Blue suits in swivel chairs, they whisper with money.  
Spoon-fed by the best textbook fakes.  
And at the ripe old age of just barely eighteen,  
We'll hand you a gun and your fate.

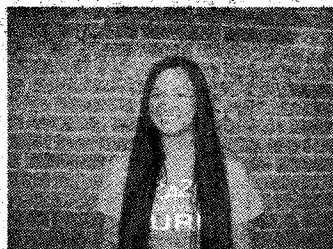
Ideology like venom, it's sucked from our heads.  
While whispered our thoughts by our ears.  
Invent reason to create ruin, it's a beautiful lie,  
And inject into the holes all our fears.

There's power in numbers in a nation divided.  
And we're only as smart as we think.  
And don't think you can win, don't try to escape it.  
You'll lose yourself in red tape and black ink.

# Sports

## Senior Spotlight

By Kaylin Cadile and Aimee Jones



**Alyssa Myers - Cheerleading**

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

About a month

**What position do you play?**

The sign painter

**What other sports do you play?**

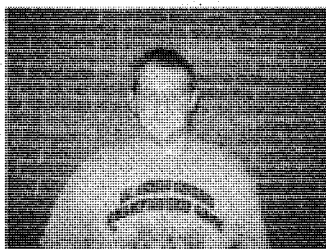
Tennis and Track

**Is this your favorite sport?**

Not really

**What is your favorite memory?**

Kayla Mills eating seven hot dogs at a game, and when she fell on the bus while sleeping



**Anthony Masters - Wrestling**

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

Three years

**What is your favorite warm-up song?**

"Party in the USA"

**What position do you play?**

Heavyweight

**What other sports do you play?**

Football

**Is this your favorite sport?**

Yes



**Jake Madison - Basketball**

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

Since the day I learned to walk, I was dribbling a basketball

**What position do you play?**

Guard

**What other sports do you play?**

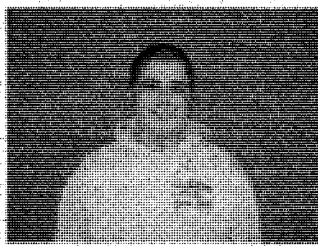
Golf and Tennis

**Is this your favorite sport?**

Yes

**What is your favorite memory?**

Fourth grade church league



**Jimmy Kearns - Wrestling**

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

Eleven years

**What position do you play?**

215 weight class

**What other sports do you play?**

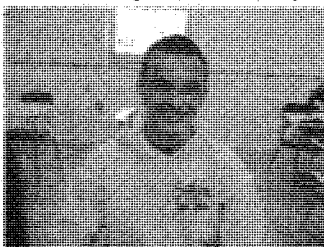
Football

**What is your favorite memory?**

Pinning someone in front of the home crowd sophomore year

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

Just went to practice one day



**Karl Wertz - Cross Country**

**How many years have you been playing this sport?**

Six years

**What is your favorite warm-up song?**

"Pretty Boy Swag"

**What is your favorite memory?**

Too many

**Who's your team's biggest rival?**

Girard

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

Coach Hopple



**Jake Secrest - Wrestling**

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

Three years

**What other sports do you play?**

Soccer, football, baseball

**What is your favorite memory?**

Indian nicknames

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

To place at a tournament

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

My friends asking me to come out



**Betsy Yuhaniak - Cross Country**

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

Six years

**What other sports do you play?**

Track

**Is this your favorite sport?**

Yes

**What is your favorite memory?**

Running at state as a freshman

and the team placing sixth

**What was your goal for this past season?**

Break my personal record of

20:36...I ran a 20:26



**Kyle Costal - Cross Country**

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

Four years

**What position do you play?**

The Stud

**What other sports do you play?**

Baseball

**What is your favorite memory?**

Competing in the Fall Sports

Dance-Off with Marvin Barber

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

Dr. Yerkey told me I should run

**GOOD  
LUCK  
WINTER  
ATHLETES**

**GO  
QUAKERS**

## The Ohio State University troublemakers

By Mike Risbeck

The Ohio State University has been an honorable and respected university for years. This was almost all thrown away when a couple of Buckeye bad apples sold merchandise they had won with the team in 2008 and 2009. These players have disrespected the game of college football, but more importantly they have disrespected the very school for which they play. They were all handed punishments which they most certainly deserved.

The biggest name on the list of players was Terrelle Pryor who sold his 2008 gold pants, 2008 conference championship ring, and 2009 Sportsmanship Award from the Fiesta Bowl. He was forced to pay back \$2,500 for the awards he sold. Mike Adams sold his 2008 Big Ten title ring, and he was forced to pay back somewhere around \$1,000. Dan Herron sold his football jersey, pants, and shoes and in order to accept discounted services. He was later forced to pay back about \$1,150. DeVier Posey sold his 2008 conference championship ring and accepted discounted services which led to him also being fined \$1,250. The last two guys that were punished because of selling their memorabilia or for receiving discounted services were Solomon Thomas and Jordan Whiting. Thomas sold his 2008 gold pants, his conference title ring, and accepted discounted services and was fined \$1,505. Whiting just received discounted services but was fined \$150.

These players all showed very little if any respect to their school by selling the rings, jerseys, or other things they have won. This is why the NCAA came down so hard on them by giving Pryor, Adams, Herron, Posey, and Thomas five-game suspensions. Whiting got off a little lighter than the other guys because he didn't sell any of the items he has won. He just received some form of discounted services. He was only suspended for one game by the NCAA. The Ohio State players that have been mentioned will go down in the history books in infamy. It will be interesting to see how this all plays out next fall. Presently, The Ohio State University has appealed the decisions of the NCAA.

## Cheese rolling? Zorbing? ... Some really silly sports

By Donna Paporadis

We are all accustomed to sports such as football and baseball, which are considered our "normal" American sports. But what about cheese rolling or unicycle polo — that doesn't sound so normal, does it? If you have heard of odd sports like these, you are probably scarcely updated on them seeing as we don't cover them in the media. Many people haven't heard of these weird sports, some of which are even played here in America, so I'm going to tell you a bit about some of them.

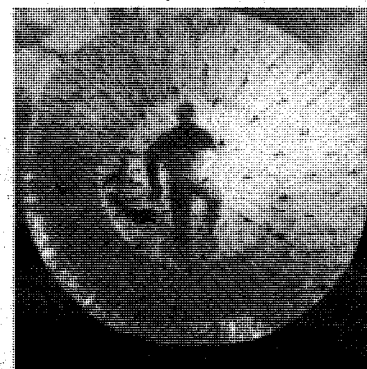
Cheese rolling, like I mentioned before, is a two hundred-year-old tradition that is carried out every Spring Bank Holiday in Gloucester, England. A wheel of cheese is rolled down Cooper's Hill and the competitors race after it. The first one to reach the bottom of the hill wins the cheese wheel. Sounds fun but apparently it is pretty dangerous. Injuries are common in this sport. In fact, the 2010 cheese rolling has been canceled because of the lack of safety that comes with the game.

A second strange sport is something called zorbing. It was invented in New Zealand by two men who wanted a way to walk on water. The zorb is an inflatable plastic ball that a person can fit inside. The zorbonauts, as they are called, get into the giant balls and race down a hill. The ball is safely padded so no one gets hurt. No one has ever even thrown up while participating in this sport because of the safety of the padding. Also, there are two types of zorbs, the harness and the hydro. The harness harnesses you in as it is obviously named, and the hydro has no harness and a bucket of water is thrown in so you can slip and slide inside. So, rolling down a hill in a ball — does it sound fun to you? It does to me.

The last sport I'm going to talk about is wife carrying which originated in Finland. Males carry their wives through a series of obstacles in the shortest amount of time possible. The husband that wins gets the glory of being number one wife carrier, and he

also gets his wife's weight in beer. If that's not a great sport than I don't know what is.

So, if you like sports but are tired of the common ones we usually participate in, why not try something odd? There are many more of these strange sports out there for you to take part in, so go ahead and be different. It's a stretch, but you can do it.



## Quaker Board

### Where did Brusters go?

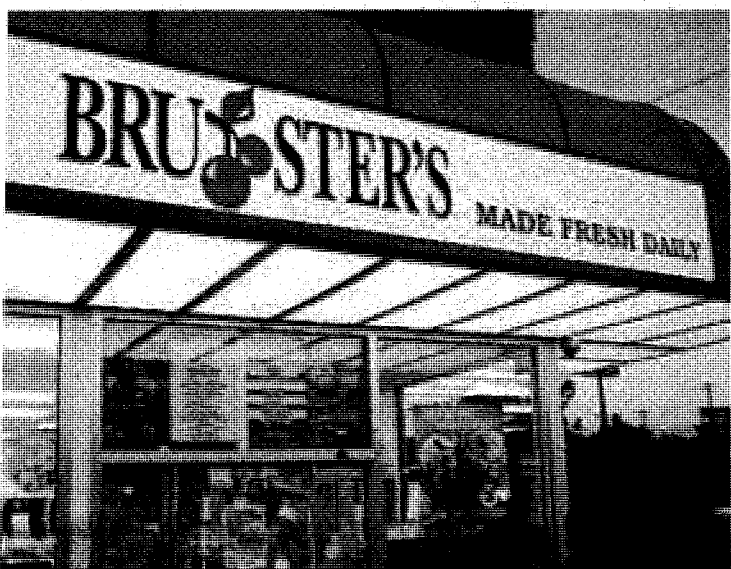
By Donna Paparodis

The beloved ice cream shop, Bruster's, has unfortunately closed for good. If you are not sure which ice cream shop I'm talking about, it is the store on East State Street heading out toward Wal-Mart on the left side of the road. But if you look it up on the internet it will tell you that ours is not the only one that has closed. Apparently in Charlotte, NC, and Atlanta, GA, it has also closed for good, leaving people out their jobs.

Senior Aimee Jones, who worked there for two years, said she was enraged when she found out they were closing. When she found out she said, "I was a co-worker (who was also not

contacted) texted me asking if this was true... it was later confirmed on Facebook." She told me she doesn't even know why they closed but assumes it may be because of debt. As a side note, her favorite flavors were nutty coconut, white turtle, and birthday cake. But sadly, she will no longer get to experience them.

Needless to say, the uninformed employees were angered when they heard the news, seeing as they were not even told and are now unemployed. So if you want ice cream, you'll have to find some place else to get it because your favorite place is gone.



Brusters was a great place to go for a cold, tasty treat, but customers will have to find another place when it comes to ice cream this summer.

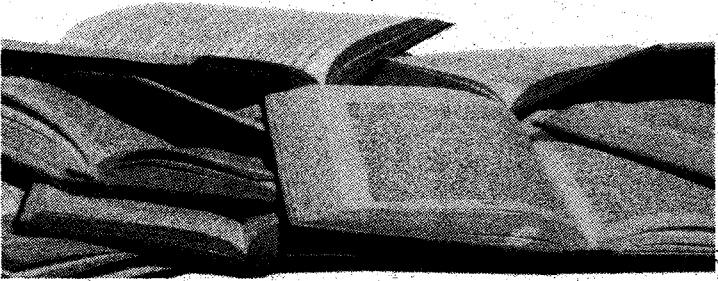
### Quaker Million Page Challenge

by Kayla Mills

The Quaker Million Page Reading challenge has finally ended, and we have surpassed expectations.

The Salem community read 2.91 million pages in ninety days. Students in the Salem City Schools read 959,172 of those pages. Over 800 individuals participated in the challenge, along with each child from Salem City School and St. Paul's School.

Mr. Thomas Bratten, Salem's superintendent, recently shared with all staff an email sent to him by Mr. Brad Stephens, the director of the Salem Public Library. Stephens stated: "My congratulations to everyone involved on your end with this fine accomplishment, we should all be very proud of the work done by the students." The winner of the classroom pizza party, awarded to the classroom which read the most pages, was recently announced. Mr. Viencsek's seventh period junior English class is the winner. There are also passes, donated by the Fun Zone, which will be distributed to the leading classes in first through fifth grade. Good job, Quakers!



### Substitutes

By Mike Risbeck

Substitutes are a prime example of people who love to be around to help students as much as they can. They have to help individuals to the best of their ability no matter what the subject is. There are substitutes that have made a career out of it. There are also other substitutes that have been teachers in the past that have retired and returned as substitutes. The hardest thing about being a substitute, though, is when students or entire classes don't pay attention to you and afford the respect that a substitute deserves.

We have a lot of great substitutes that work in the Salem School District year after year. There are two substitutes that we had the honor of interviewing about some of their most memorable moments. Mrs. Judy McKee has substituted for thirty years in Salem and has many fond memories. She thinks math is a tough subject to substitute for as shown by this quote, "Math is difficult for me. I have been from band to machine shop to gym to choir, over the years, and, of course, the basics of English, science, social studies, art, and home economics. You name it I've probably been there."

The second substitute we had the honor of interviewing would be Mrs. Sharon Walker. Although a resident of Salem, Mrs. Walker taught at Alliance High School for over thirty years but wanted to return to the classroom. She enjoys teaching upper classmen as shown by this quote, "I prefer the high school students. Middle school is okay, but high school is my passion."

Substitutes are sometimes a teacher's lifesaver because who knows when a teacher might miss due to illness. The substitutes will always do their best to get the students to understand. It is important to remember that these substitutes sometimes receive short notice, must arrive at school and try to understand the classroom teacher's plans, and then get the students through the day and accomplish the objectives set forth by the regular classroom teacher. Please remember to give these people your respect and cooperation when they are teaching your class in the future.

### School Calendar

February

Monday 14 - Valentine's Day

Thursday 17 - Conferences (3-9 PM)

Friday 18 - No School

Monday 21 - No School (President's Day)

### What I wish I knew... before I sat next to Shauna

By Kayla Mills



Shauna Uptegraph. You have seen her walking around the halls as a proud senior of Salem High School. Perhaps if she wasn't glaring at you from behind her reading glasses or ridiculing you from afar, you would have had the opportunity to get to know her better. As for me, I have the pleasure of sitting next to her in my Mass Media class. To be completely honest, there are a couple of things that I wish I knew before I sat next to her.

I wish I'd known that Shauna was a crouching tiger, ready to pounce and devour her victims with her witty insults. I wish I'd known that she has the strength of a professional baseball player and is not afraid to use that strength toward my demise. I wish I'd known that she would constantly find a way to run over my "over-sized purse" with her chair, even if the purse was nowhere near her. I also wish I'd known that in her mind, everything that comes out of her mouth is undoubtedly more superior to the words that come out of mine.

But something I REALLY wish I knew about Shauna

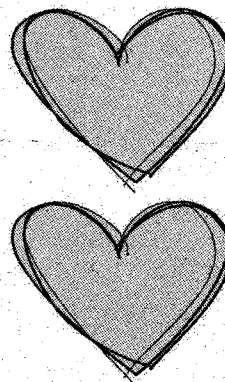
Uptegraph is that if you say something that doesn't quite fit right with her, she doesn't have a problem letting you know. From personal experience, I have come to find that she is a very pigheaded person and doesn't usually stop until she wins the argument. She has a certain way of doing things, and if you stand in her path, I suggest you move if you cherish your life.

Whether you agree with my point of view or not, you must admit that Shauna's intelligence and artistic genius make her stand out amongst the other students at Salem Senior High. As stubborn and cocky as she may be, we cannot forget that she is also strong-willed and determined. As long as you stay on her good side, (I'm almost positive there is one), you should make it home safely with all of your teeth in tact. As for me, it has been a roller coaster of ups and downs when it comes to sitting next to Shauna in my Mass Media class. But I wouldn't have it any other way.

### Buy your valentine a candygram

On sale beginning Monday, February 7

Send a candygram to a friend, someone you secretly admire, or your sweetheart. The cost is only .50. The candygrams will be distributed during lunch periods on Valentine's Day.



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# Quaker Clips

