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Females stay fit & fabulous

By DeAnna Walker



Mrs. Baillie and her class of fabulously fit females recently completed a 5K here in Salem.

When scheduling classes for the 2011-2012 school year, many students saw a new elective added to the list of choices which was Female Fit & Fabulous: Personal Fitness and Wellness. Sorry boys, this special class is for girls only. This class is open to any high-school female who wishes to be fit and who cares about her health and well-being. The instructor is Mrs. Baillie, who is also the physical education teacher. This class is not an alternative to PE, but it will definitely help you into shape so you look your very best!

Participants sign up for this class because they wish to achieve and maintain healthy fitness levels, want to participate in physical activity regularly, enjoy challenges and social interaction, and strive for self-expression. Many of the students have enjoyed all the activities in which they were involved. Alexis Smith and Sierra Day both had the most fun when they went swimming at the Community Center. The students also engage in trips to the Salem Community center to work out and will also be attending Pilates and yoga classes. Not only are the girls physically working on their health, but also they are mentally controlling their health. The girls keep journals on their diet. Mrs. Baillie explained that journals are "to make sure the foods the girls eat are helping their workouts. This isn't about losing weight." As well as their journals, the class has also had speakers visit to explain other ways to improve their personal health.

One big part of this class training to participate in a 5K run. The girls train and work hard on increasing endurance and stamina. On Thursday, November 29, Mrs. Baillie went with her whole class in the Habitat for Humanity's Fright Flight 5K. Lauren Guest placed first in her age group, and Alexis Smith placed third in hers. All that training and hard work really paid off for these young women. "Many of the girls surprised themselves and did a lot

better than they had expected," Mrs. Baillie proudly stated. After the 5K, these girls had gained a sense of accomplishment thanks to this class. To my knowledge, the girls will be involved in another run, and as you can see, we can expect a lot out of them.

This class was proposed by Mrs. Baillie for girls who want to be fit and care about their health and fitness. A class with so much fun and accomplished goals should be offered every year. The students currently enrolled in the class agreed in saying they would take it again next year if it was offered. This is a great way to help the girls of Salem High School maintain a healthy physique while having fun along the way. Danielle Fatherly expressed appreciation of this class and Mrs. Baillie. "I want to thank Mrs. Baillie for all the support she gave. She really helped me get back into shape, and she got me running again."

Female Fit & Fabulous has been a great addition to the SHS schedule. It has helped girls maintain fitness as well as teach habits to maintain a healthy lifestyle. In addition, it has helped many girls overcome obstacles and prove to themselves that they really can do anything if they work for it. Girls, are you looking to get in shape in a fun, enjoyable way? Female Fit & Fabulous can be the answer for you.



College Application Day

By Brent Bosworth

Do you like saving money? People usually hate being asked this question because of how obvious the answer is. You might not think it is that expensive to send college applications, but when it comes down to it, one application is around thirty dollars. It wouldn't be that bad if you were only sending out one application, but odds are you are going to send more. If you attended College Application Day your applications to certain colleges were sent for free.

College Application Day took place on November 9 from 10am to 12pm, and it was held in the high school library. This was very helpful to students; however, not every school was involved. The schools that took part in this were the following: Kent Salem and East Liverpool, Akron University, Walsh, Bowling Green, Ohio Valley College of Technology, University of Toledo and Eastern Gateway Community College. When I asked Mrs. Kemats about where the original idea for this came from, she said, "It's to remove barriers for students who might not have the finances to pay for an application fee."

This event was not national; however, most schools will accept a letter from a guidance counselor stating financial hardship. Salem's program was a very good idea considering there were no requirements beyond filling out an informational sheet that recorded the things they need to know to put on your application form.

NHS blood drive

By Donna Paporadis

On October 25 Salem High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held a blood drive. The goal was fifty-eight pints, and fifty pints were collected. Although they didn't meet their goal, the blood which still was collected will save 150 lives. Jordan Umbs, who helped out with the blood drive, said, "I wish more blood could have been donated, but nineteen people were rejected that wanted to help out." To be eligible to give blood you had to answer several questions, have your pulse checked, and have your finger pricked to see if you had enough iron in your blood. If you made it past all of that, you could donate. So even though nineteen couldn't give, at least they tried.



NHS members Kaitlyn Culp and Sierra Day watch Celena Stevenson as she prepares to donate blood.



Jacob Thompson, Eva Jackman, Megan Nottingham, Kayla Mills, Kenna Bullard, and Aimee DeRoads all volunteered to donate their blood.



RIP Steve Jobs

By Donna Paporadis



Most people found out about the death of Steve Jobs on a device that he made. This shows how much of an impact he had on our world today. From the Apple I to the MacBook Air, we've followed him and his partner, Steve Wozniak, and their inventions from day one, and we've always been amazed at what he created.

It all started on April Fool's Day of 1976 when they created the Apple I. It was the first at-home computer that had 8k of RAM and a keyboard. It could also play videos. In 1977, the Apple II came to be. This computer was able to play video games and had business management tools. In their first year, Apple made almost three million dollars. By 1985 Jobs resigned from Apple due to some of his items flopping in sales. But he acquired Pixar Animation Studios from George Lucas. He made Pixar so successful that his share was worth 1 billion dollars.

In 1997, Jobs became CEO of Apple. In October of 2001, the original iPod was released, changing music and portable players forever. Then in 2007, Steve Jobs unveiled the original iPhone, or iPhone 2G. Hundreds of people were lined up outside Apple and AT&T stores waiting for their phone to be released. Many stores actually ran out of phones to sell within an hour. Later that year the iPod Touch came out which many people were excited for because not everyone could buy the new iPhone.

The iPod Touch let people

get a taste of the iPhone's features without having to pay more. There are five generations of the iPhone, the newest being the iPhone 4S, and each time there is an improvement made on them such as clarity or a faster processor. Then Apple came out with another astounding product, the iPad. This device was basically a computer on the go. It did everything the iPhone did except call, but that feature later came out too. When it was released, three million were sold within eighty days. The iPhone and iPad have changed the way people do things. Businessmen can download apps to help them do things for work; teachers use them in classrooms to teach their students. Children with autism benefit especially from the iPad, which has apps to teach them their numbers and letters, and it's been proven these kids pay attention more when using the iPad.

The devices that Steve Jobs has been a part of making and innovating have changed so many aspects of people's daily lives. Millions of people own Apple products in America. In fact, in 2009 it is estimated that six million people owned an iPhone, and that number has only grown since then. Steve Jobs has left an everlasting impact on this world in many ways: the music industry, business, education, and much more. We continue to use the marvelous inventions he has made and will never forget him.



The world has lost the genius of Steve Jobs, but his creativity and his many innovations will be with us forever.

Steven Paul Jobs

February 24, 1955 – October 5, 2011

Opinion

November Point Counter Point

UGG-ly fashion statement

By Donna Paparodis

It's getting to be that time of year when the air gets cold, and you need to start wearing warmer clothes. People wear sweaters, gloves, hats, and all sorts of thick clothing to keep from freezing. But the worst of all are the UGGs. Now, I understand you're cold and all, but why choose a style that, well, isn't stylish? Just because hundreds of stores sell them doesn't mean they're in good taste. Sure, lots of people buy them, but most are just following people like Jennifer Aniston or Eva Longoria who wear them. Stores buy them because people who mindlessly follow the crowd want them, not because they're the cute option for bootwear. The irony in the boots being made of sheepskin is that sheep usually follow whoever is leading which is exactly how so many have been sold. That's not to say that all boots are ugly, quite the contrary actually.

I love all kinds of boots. There are many that are fashionable and stylish. But UGGs are just monotonous and lacking in variety. I've seen so many "different" types of UGG boots, and they all look alike... an odd-shaped foot space with a straight leg attached to it. Yay? Honestly, anyone could have come up with that shape. It's boring and consistent with every type of boot they offer. There is no variety, and who wants that? Most people want lots of different styles to choose from

that would fit their own preference. But, UGG doesn't provide that. In the dictionary in Australia, where UGG boots were created, the word UGG is a derivation of the word ugly. If that's not a sign, I don't know what is.

UGGs can turn a cute outfit into a train wreck. Why ruin a pair of cute jeans with a pair of boots that looks like they were made by babies? And furthermore, they just look like elongated slippers. It couldn't have taken the people who invented them too long to come up with the style. I mean, if you can even call it a style. How much thought could have really gone into that design? Not much if you ask me.

You may think they're oh so comfortable, but they aren't good for your feet at all. The soft sole of the boot wears down and cause problems with the tendons in your feet. Also, these things can cost up to \$375, and that's only the classic style. Some different styles on the market go for over \$1,000. I could go to Wal Mart and get a pair that looks exactly like UGGs for \$12, not that I would. Why would you waste so much money on ugly shoes that aren't even good for you to wear? These products are overpriced, bad for your feet, and just plain UGG-ly. Who knows why these things are so popular. Maybe we're all just mindless sheep following the leader.



Are UGGs ugg-ly? NO!

By DeAnna Walker

As the weather cools, we all bundle up to stay warm. Many of us choose to wear our boots, UGG boots in particular. UGGs are trendy and versatile. No matter what you decide to wear, UGG's will help complete your fall or winter wardrobe. These boots are anything but UGGly.

UGGs are found in many stores or online sites. For example, Victoria's Secret, a well-known company, also has a partnership and sells UGGs. On the UGGs official online site (www.uggaustralia.com), they is a list of approved websites that sell their merchandise. That list includes 332 websites that have been approved to sell UGG's. There is obviously a very high demand for this fancy footwear.

It's no secret that UGGs are expensive. They range from \$100 to \$300! Why would someone pay so much for a pair of boots? They are cute and fashionable. They are almost a necessity when it comes to fall and winter fashion. You wouldn't spend a ton of money on something you didn't like or wouldn't wear, would you? No, you'd buy something that's trendy.

UGGs fit that description. You can wear them with any outfit. If you want something casual and cozy or something classy and sophisticated, you can find a pair of UGGs for your attire. You have to have the mind set that you absolutely hate UGGs to not be able to find a pair of shoes they designed

as even the least bit appealing.

UGGs are everywhere, but be sure they aren't look-alikes. Many stores have designed similar boots to sell. The only thing missing is the UGG label. Apart from that label, the boots look almost identical. Another difference is usually the price. You can get the UGG look without paying hundreds of dollars, so why not take advantage of it? Although these look-alikes aren't UGG's, it is still the same style and idea.

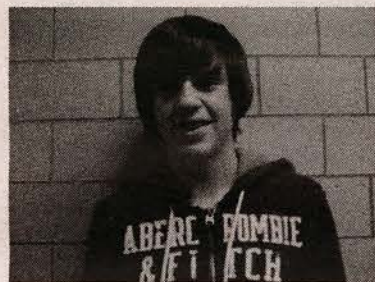
Boots are used to keep your feet nice and toasty, correct? UGG's fulfill this need. They use the finest quality of sheepskin to make sure your little piggies are nice and toasty. This grade-A sheepskin is luxuriously soft, dense, and malleable. The wool they acquire for each boot won't be used if not thick enough (www.uggaustralia.com). So your feet are surrounded in thick wool, ensuring you that you won't be the slightest bit cold. With all these qualities, these boots prepare you for the worst of weather.

As you can see, UGGs are definitely not ugly. Along with being cute, stylish, and trendy, they also provide a warm sensation around your toes. Although they're pricey, these boots are clearly worth every penny. Look your best in the fall and winter, and add a pair of UGGs to your wardrobe.

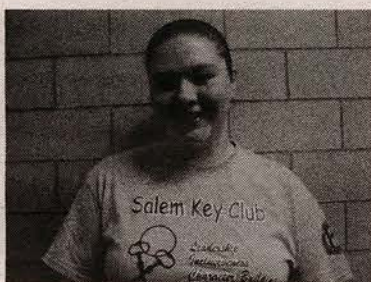
War of words

By Kayla Mills

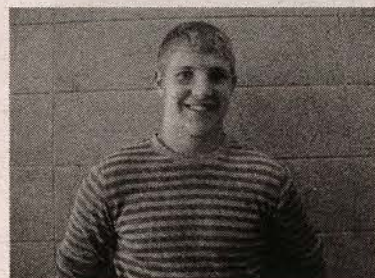
What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?



Freshman Marty Roth- "Playing cards with my family."



Sophomore Emma Janofa- "Eating zombie ham."



Junior Zachary Taylor- "I fought a turkey, killed it, then I ate it with gravy. Yum yum. Reeses."



Senior Kenna Bullard- "I went turjet huntin' and I was the only one to get one!"

Graffiti... it's GRIM

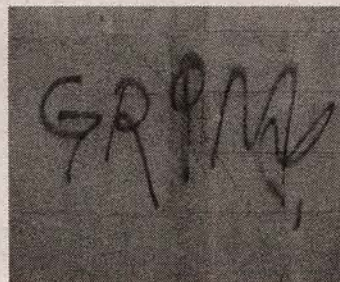
By Katelyn Rhodes

Graffiti is the use of spray paint to create markings such as initials, slogans, or drawings that deface any sort of public property. Popular tagging spots are trains, tunnels, and brick buildings. Graffiti is not considered illegal until it is put on something that is in the public eye, and you can be fined or arrested if caught. It can be found in probably even the nicest upscale cities in the country.

Lately graffiti has been showing up a lot more in Salem. It can be found in places such as under the overpass, at the park, and on outside walls of local businesses such as the Sparkle Market. There has also been some found on the bleachers at Reilly Stadium and those culprits have been caught and prosecuted. Senior DeAnna Walker states, "I see graffiti everywhere in Salem. No matter where you look you see 'GRIM' somewhere. It's kind of annoying." It should be annoying to members of our community; we do not want to see our town being vandalized with spray paint. Hopefully in the near future the persons who have been spray painting public property will be caught. It would be even better if

security cameras could be placed throughout town to catch future vandals.

A wall has been set aside at Memorial Park for graffiti to be created legally. I would think that people would take advantage of this and not risk the consequence of doing it somewhere where it would be illegal. This way credit could be taken for your work, and individuals would not be punished.



This "grim" graffiti clearly detracts from the appearance of the building and is one of many cases throughout the city of Salem.

If you are really interested in the art form of graffiti, why not earn prizes for your work? There are graffiti competitions held every year. Your piece could be a cover for a magazine or an online website. Some towns even look for someone to make an entire mural for the community. In conclusion, why sneak around to do your work when you can create it legally in a competition and be rewarded for it?



This graffiti, which displays a horrific spelling of "resin," is one of the more notably bad instances.



By Ian Chandler

Here Comes Treble

By Meg Bell



Sadie Hawkins

By Katelyn Rhodes

Theme: Longings

Have you ever felt something at the core of your being that screams for something you do not have? This series of songs might help you. If you long for something, always remember that the difficult road will end at some point. Your ambition will lead you to where you want to be.

Closure in Moscow: "We Want Guarantees, Not Hunger Pains"

The imagery of this song may be hard to digest, but the superb lyricism pens lines that run amok through one's head like a carnival of thought. This is a high-energy kickoff to begin the list and makes one wonder if we've truly lost our way and how badly we really want to see - or be blind.

Dance Gavin Dance: "Swan Soup"

Now this is an interesting little ditty. At first glance, screamer Jon Mess's lyrics might sound like the rambling of a crazed professor. However, singer Jonny Craig's words are deep, expressing a desire for something gone.

We Came As Romans: "An Ever-Growing Wonder"

This band was voted "most likely to be super inspirational and optimistic" in high school. This song reminds us that we all have potential beyond belief and that everyone is a work in progress, longing to improve.

Panic! At The Disco: "I Wanna Be Free"

Pop darlings P!ATD return with a hidden track this time, perhaps displaying a simple wish to belong. Frontman Brendon Urie is able to craft some delicious harmonies that showcase this longing musically.

Anberlin: "Hello Alone"

What you might pass off as a typical rock band might actually be intellectual cravings wrapped up in poppy hooks. The beautiful need to reach out to someone not yet known is wonderfully written in this song.

Of Machines: "Becoming Closer to Closure"

This could be the theme song for the anti-suicide movement. "Don't fall asleep, we can't afford you to be alone." The universal love necessary for life is evident in this song.

Katy Perry: "Teenage Dream"

Because Firework car.

A Day to Remember: "All I Want"

Who doesn't want "a place to call my own, to mend the hearts of everyone who feels alone"?

All Time Low: "Weightless"

Everyone wants to worry less and wishes they were carefree. This song is an awesomely melodic expression of that emotion. There are more hooks in this song than in a bait shop.

There for Tomorrow: "A Little Faster"

Ever been frustrated and impatient? This song's chorus begs for that feeling to be over, wishing everything would be revealed "just a little faster."

Theme: Life lessons

We often turn to music for guidance when we're feeling lost or confused about life. I've compiled a list of ten songs that may give you the push you need if you're ever feeling down and need some reassurance or direction. This playlist has everything from rap to screamo, lo-fi to indie-pop. There's a little something for everybody. Sit back and plug in your headphones, and I'm sure you'll get the help you need.

[1] Bloody Poetry - Grieves

This is an underground hip-hop type of song, featuring a bit of piano and brass. This song is about moving on from your past and expressing yourself.

[2] To the Lost - Dream on, Dreamer

Even if you're not a fan of hardcore music AKA "screamo," you can still appreciate the ending of the song with soft vocals. You can make your own interpretations, but it's pretty much about following your own intuition.

[3] Stare Like You'll Stay - Circa Survive

A little on the softer side, we're given a song about reassurance and holding on, no matter how hard the situation is. It also emphasizes the point that you're not alone, no matter what you're going through.

[4] Viola Lion - Isles & Glaciers

Fans of Jonny Craig will enjoy this song by the supergroup Isles & Glaciers, which features other popular vocalists like Craig

Owens and Vic Fuentes. A slower but still powerful song, this line sums it up: "I am a million pieces of the sky."

[5] Circles - As Tall As Lions

Although As Tall As Lions is a lesser known band, most people can enjoy this song for its sweeping vocals and instrumentals, making it almost dreamy in a sense. The chorus is fast-paced. "Circles" could also be taken as a sort of love song, but it easily fits into this playlist.

[6] Giants - Now, Now

Like "Circles," "Giants" is fast-paced yet dreamy. "You take our homes but your framework doesn't hold/ against the feet of us giants."

[7] So Fast, So Maybe - K. Flay

"Life sucker punch might break your spleen/ so you better get used to the pace of things/ cause basically it's like stress non-stop/ from the moment that you're born 'til the moment that you drop." This is pretty self explanatory. This song says if you don't like how your life is going, then do something about it.

[8] Radicals - Tyler, the Creator

Definitely on the edgier side, those not familiar with Tyler, the Creator or OFWGKTA may be a bit put off by this song. Give it a chance, and you'll see the diamond in the rough.

[9] On The Radio - Regina Spektor

Similar to "So Fast, So Maybe," this song offers reassurance that life goes on.

The Mousetrap Review

By Brent Bosworth

Recently a few select students took part in recreating Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*. The students that were chosen from the auditions for the play were Brandon Thomas as Giles Ralston, Stephanie Baker as Mollie Ralston, Tommy Panek as Christopher Wren, Jacob Thompson as Mr. Paravincini, Kyle Hissom as Major Metcalf, Kenna Bullard as Ms. Casewell, Kathryn Zeppernick as Mrs. Boyle and last but not least Ian Chandler as Detective Sergeant Trotter. Not only did these students do a fantastic job with the play but Mr. Viencek did a great job, as well, directing his final play for SHS.

The play *The Mousetrap* was very interesting. It consisted of many twists, and you never really knew what quite to expect. The detective played by Ian Chandler turned out to be the murderer, and he murdered to get revenge on who he thinks is responsible for his brother's death. However, you would never have expected this because it was made to look like all of the others are hiding something. Christopher Wren was made out to

look really suspicious but really he was just scared because he had the mindset of a child who refuses to grow up. The other suspicious character was Mr. Paravincini who in a weird way seemed to find the murder case amusing.

Other characters such as Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, Ms. Casewell, Mrs. Boyle, and Major Metcalf were also recreated very well. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston would both make good suspects to someone who didn't already know the ending just because they were both in London at the time the murder took place and were keeping it secret. Mrs. Boyle could not have been a suspect just because she gets killed so early in the play, and Major Metcalf never really came off as the type to be a murderer not to mention he could barely walk. In the end he turned out to be an undercover cop.

The play began with some microphone difficulties; however, it was completely made up for by the acting of the students and by the amazing set that was put together by the crew. It was overall a very good production.



Giles (Brandon Thomas) and Mollie (Stephanie Baker) Ralston as the happy couple.



Mrs. Boyle (Kathryn Zeppernick) and Mollie (Stephanie Baker) in mid-argument.



Paravincini (Jacob Thompson) and Trotter (Ian Chandler) holding the misspelled "Monkswell Manor" sign.



Imagine you and your date dressed as Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Feature

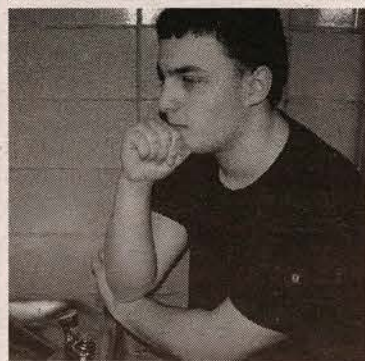
Student of the Month Brandon Thomas

By Ian Chandler

He moves through the school like a half-bear, half-ghost blend of swagger and intimidation. He recently starred as a lead in the latest school production *The Mousetrap*. He eats lunch 5B. Who is this bold as a Sharpie, daring individual? He is Brandon Thomas the Great Thomas (as given by him), the newest Student of the Month for the month named after the number "nine."

You may not know Brandon, but he is one of SHS's most indifferent, humorous, sardonic members. His favorite color is invisible – a wise choice. He quotes his favorite water animal as being the tadpole, "because they turn into frogs," and he is an avid wolf fan. His theme song would be "What Is Love" by Haddaway, and his favorite word – prepare yourself for a moment of legend – is "is." The word of all words to describe the man of all wolves.

Brandon's activities include doing activities. He shares my love of planking and is rather fond of sleeping, video games, and eating (at times simultaneously). When faced with the dilemma of trick-or-treat, he chooses trick. He would want Dell to take over the world if the need arose, with a solemn "rest in peace, Apple" to the opposing side. If an old man showed up at his doorstep and offered him an iPad, a fruit basket, or a lifetime supply of rice and noodles, Brandon would choose the rice and noodles, "because



when nuclear annihilation comes, I'll need the food to attract walking land-fish." May this enlighten you to prioritizing your lives.

He likes chocolate milk out of all the milks but states, "I have no need for sustenance." Did I mention he loves wolves? His recent performance as Giles Ralston in *The Mousetrap* sent audiences fainting worldwide and blew all tadpoles out of the water. This just goes to show that Salem High School indeed has an underbelly of intensely dedicated, awesome students just waiting to surface.

I interviewed Brandon and asked if he would like to give a quote of wisdom to the school. His timeless response: "If you can't come up with a quote, make one up." This advice is Zen-like and should be followed as standard protocol for all struggling interviewees. Congratulations, Sir Brandon the Great, for winning Student of the Month, and don't forget to shake hands with this epic man.

Brent says

By Brent Bosworth



As far back as I can remember, I have always heard people complain about religion in schools, which should be accepted yet unaccepted both to certain extents. To successfully have such a large, diverse group of people in the same place at one time is hard, so we definitely have to meet in the middle in order to work together. If people would take working together to heart, then getting past religious disagreements would not be as hard as everyone thinks it would be.

A really big issue to some people is the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. I think that even if you are not religious,

you can respect the fact that the people that founded our country were from a Christian background. If it is really a big deal to you, then just don't put your hand over your heart or exercise your freedom to not say the Pledge. I do, however, think that it is wrong for anyone to push religion in school. For example, if you teach science, you should not just leave the Big Bang Theory out of your lesson because of what you believe happened based upon your religion. I personally think that we could accomplish a great deal more if we put our priorities before our religious beliefs.

Everyone has an opinion when it comes to what's taking it too far, but I think the main issues are noticeable. Religious cultures should definitely be accepted in school. It should not be preached to us, however, because if we wanted that we could simply go to church. The bottom line is this: we are all here to get an education, and we shouldn't waste what is supposedly the best years of our lives disagreeing over something that we cannot prove or disprove to people.

Take care of the turkeys!

By Kayla Mills

Turkey is looked upon as the focal point of the average Thanksgiving dinner. It is a great source of protein and gives us the amino acids we need for healthy skin, hair, and nails. But don't you enjoy seeing those plump creatures waddling around, shaking their tail feathers? According to statistics, over 300 million birds are killed each year for eating purposes. Forty-five million birds are killed on Thanksgiving alone. So why can't we go with the alternative? There are many other options for your main course on Thanksgiving.

Tofu turkey is a great example. Not only is it an inexpensive alternative for the real thing, but it also provides the same nutrients that regular turkey provides to the body. Even though it may not have the same exact texture as real turkey, it tastes very similar. Also, for those of you who like to play with your food, tofu turkey is the food for you! Another benefit to eating tofu turkey is that it can be molded into different shapes. This can only aid in making your holidays creative and fun.

Traditional Thanksgivings are nice at times, but mixing things up can open the door to new and exciting things. So why not go Italian for the holidays? If the cast of *Jersey Shore* can do it, you can do it too! So instead of the ever-so-popular turkey, why not cook up some lasagna or maybe spaghetti? Dishes such as these are very easy to make and not nearly as expensive as a large turkey. Also, these dishes can be made quickly as opposed to the time involved in roasting a turkey, thus making it perfect for the average procrastinator.

We all know that the holidays give us an excuse to make a large meal for the whole family. But who says that you even have to cook? With the large number of restaurants around us these days, we don't have to worry about making anything at all! Sure, it could get a little costly, but it can be much more convenient as opposed to slaving away in the kitchen for hours on end. Who has the time to do that anyway? By going out to eat for the holidays, you are almost guaranteeing that everyone in the family will be satisfied with their meal. And isn't the goal to make everyone happy anyway? By using this approach, you are making things so much easier for yourself.

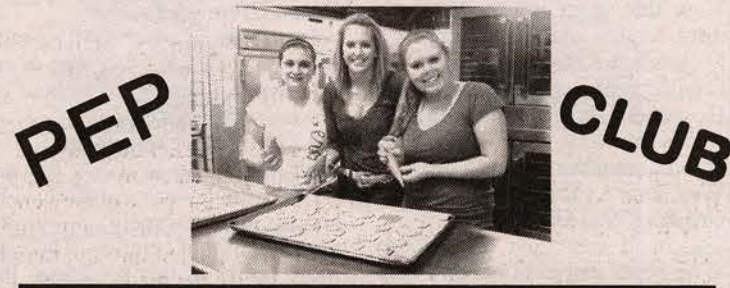
Many people don't realize how creative they can get when it comes to cooking meals during the holidays. You do not always have to go with a traditional Thanksgiving. Give one of the alternatives above a try. Not only could your guests enjoy a change, but the turkeys will be thanking you as well.

Clubs and classes

By Jeff Dyke

Pep Club

The pep club is doing very well this year. They have no official officers but seniors Cassidy Polen, Madison Hoover, and Cassie Davidson work to organize what is happening in the club. The Pep Club, with the help of Mr. J.R. Straley, the chef here at Salem, worked together and sponsored the tailgate celebration that we had for the Salem vs. West Branch game. Everyone in the community was invited to the cafeteria for hot dogs, drink, and cookie before the game. Students and members of the community were also invited to walk behind the band as it marched to Riley Stadium. Mr. Motz is the advisor of Pep Club.



Freshman class

The freshman class officers for the 2011-2012 school year are the following: President, Zack Morris; Vice President, Branson Panezott; Treasurer, Cameron Tureney; and Secretary is Shonte Pipkin. The freshman class is having a Quaker blanket sale, and they are selling for \$25 dollars per blanket. The freshmen are also going to be selling coupon books. If interested see a freshman or Mrs. Heineman, their advisor.

Ski Club

This is only the second year for Salem High School's ski club. They are currently selling beef sticks as a fund raiser. They will also be sponsoring a cornhole tournament on November 19 at 3:30 in the high school gym. The entry fee is \$20 for a two-person team, or \$10 per person. These fundraisers are to help pay for the transportation costs and other things as well. For more information see Ms. Kekel, the club advisor, or talk to any ski or snowboarding club member.

A.F.S.

The A.F.S. Club (American Field Service) recently had a Halloween party. There were light refreshments and other fun things to do. They have also finalized their t-shirt design and took orders from the new members they now have. Listen for announcements if you are interested in joining this club. The days of meetings may change, but the time is always the same and that is 7:15 am in Mrs. Dye's room 179.



Members of A.F.S. take a moment to pose with their fangs for a scary shot during the Halloween Party.



Annie and Saskia looking ferocious.

Teacher of the Year Señora Neapolitan

By Ian Chandler



Señora offers her "chicas" some food during a Spanish fiesta

Here at Salem High, there is an annual award given to an outstanding member of the staff who exhibits outstanding leadership, quality execution of education, and commitment to his or her position. It is given to an elite echelon of faculty who display stupendous character. This year, Señora Jennifer Neapolitan has been chosen as Teacher of the Year.

Señora Neapolitan notes that she is married, and has two Schnauzers. She enjoys quality time, literature, and travel. She is a United High School graduate and Thiel College alumnus. As part of her Spanish major and experience, she has studied in Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic. Any student who manages to eavesdrop on a conversation between her and Señora Hutson will hear a soft waterfall of Spanish interchange between the instructors, and it is a treat to listen. She

notes her mother and her high school French teacher, Mrs. Greco, as inspirations.

Señora was informed of her award on her birthday and was happily attacked by the yearbook staff with an array of flowers and balloons. Certainly, any student who has passed through her class can verify the many contributions she has made to the cultural program in the school, in her "efforts to create a bilingual student body," which, she says, are more motivated thanks to the award.

The multifaceted linguist also coaches track with her husband at this very school. One might speculate that she might inspire her athletes in Spanish. I was privileged enough to take a high-octane adventure with this legendary figure through the labyrinthine hallways of Salem High School on a typical teacher mission of work delivery.



This skull would be a welcome addition to any Day of the Dead celebration.



Spanish maracas, anyone?

And, I must say, it was exciting.

In closing, I asked if she would like to thank "the Academy." Her response is the following: "¡Me gustaría agradecer a la Academia Latinoamericana de Español de Quito, Ecuador! También, gracias a la Pontificia Universidad Madre y Maestra de República Dominicana." For those uninterested in Spanish, or you German kids, she means to thank two of the schools at which she studied abroad.

I would like to give Señora a thunderous congratulations for her prestigious Teacher of the Year recognition. Like Christmas or a birthday, it only occurs once annually and usually involves balloons. May you continue your years of teaching with many dedicated students and that one student who will always converse in complete English on No Inglés days.

Artist of the Month Meg Bell

By Katelyn Rhodes

Senior Meg Bell has been chosen as November's artist of the month. She is a very skilled and creative artist. Meg has been interested in art since she was small. Although she has taken many art courses here at Salem High School such as Art 1, Drawing, and Portfolio, when asked why she likes art classes she replied "I don't really because I don't like being told what to create. But it is nice to be surrounded by other creative people." Meg prefers to work on her own time because it gives her more of an open right of passage on what she works on. The style of art she prefers most to work with is surrealism. Her favorite artist is Esao Andrews, an American surrealist painter who is known for working with oil on wood panels.

Meg is a prominent member of National Art Honor Society advised by Ms. Yereb. Her role is president and she says, "I am honored that I was chosen to be president." Aside from NAHS, Meg also enjoys activities such as reading, writing, the internet, gardening, taking pictures, and sleeping.

We are all starting to think about what we will be doing after



graduation. For some of us it will be college, working, or maybe taking the year off. When Meg was asked what her future plans are she stated, "I wish I knew. Possibly something art related or maybe something completely different while doing art on the side as a hobby. Or, if possible, getting a tattoo apprenticeship." She may possibly take some art courses in college, but it depends on what she decides to major in.

I wish her the best in what she decides to do. I'm sure whatever she chooses will be perfect for her whether it be art related or not. For now she is known for being a very talented young artist with a lot of potential.



Untitled
By Meg Bell

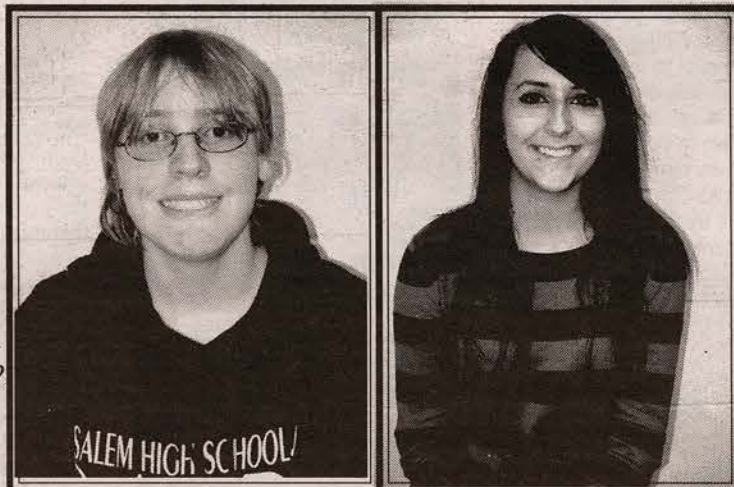
Don't miss those simple wonders
In life, so intricate yet plain...
Like a balloon, in the sky
Alone it swims through blue ice.
A tiny hand let go of the end
Of the white satin ribbon
That holds the balloon together.
So delicately wrapped around the string
The child's hand loses grip
And solitary into the cerulean
Does the orb glide...
A journey it makes past trees
And power lines, tall woods
And over those looking up.
But if you never lay your head back
And roll your eyes up
You'll miss its gentle bobbing
Until into space it goes
Until it ends its life
With a
Pop.

Poets' Corner

Transcendence: Portraits

By Ian Chandler

Lampposts adorn the broken sidewalks,
clouds reach overhead.
Clocks tick past, nothing ever lasts.
Arguments explode, the world stops turning.
Torn away from the pages on which are written
names,
we lose ourselves in pleasure just to feel the same.
Will we ever learn to preserve that which we love?
When will it be too late?
Count your blessings, not your curses.
When they're at the end of their rope,
Will you pull them up?



Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Kayla Mills and
Donna Paparodis



Heather Bailey- Cheerleading
Who is your favorite athlete?
Joshua Cribbs
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Super Bass" by Nicki Minaj
Do you play any other sports?
Not this year



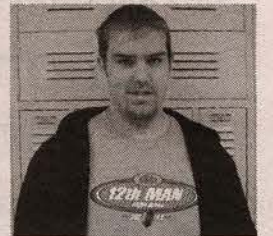
Cristie Carlisle- Cheerleading
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Last Friday Night" by Katy Perry
Who is your favorite athlete?
DeAnna Walker and Katelyn Rhodes
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch and Canfield
What is your favorite memory?
Getting ready at the girls' houses



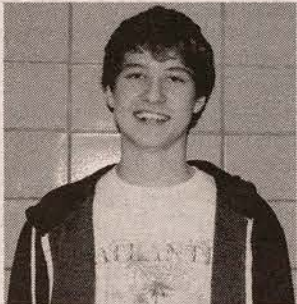
Corey Coleman- Football
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Juice" by Soulja Boy
Who is your favorite athlete?
Peyton Hillis
What is your favorite memory?
Freshman football
Do you play any other sports?
Wrestling



Becca Devlin- Volleyball
Who is your favorite athlete?
Cat Osterman
What is your favorite memory?
Our intense practices and winning Districts my sophomore year
Who is your biggest rival?
Canfield
Do you play any other sports?
Varsity softball



Josh Harbin- Football
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Till I Collapse" by Eminem
What is your favorite memory?
Beating West Branch on senior night
Who is your favorite athlete?
Jared Allen
Do you play any other sports?
I plan to wrestle this year.



Mitch Hendricks- Golf
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Every Time You Go Away" by Paul Young
What is your favorite memory?
When JVs won... by default against a legally blind person
Who is your biggest rival?
Myself
Who is your favorite athlete?
Bart Wyss



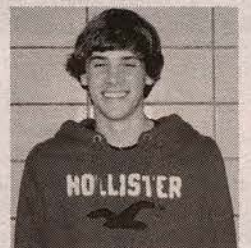
Abbie Maenz- Soccer
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Where Them Girls At" by David Guetta
What is your favorite memory?
District finals freshman and sophomore year
Who is your biggest rival?
EVERYONE!
Do you play any other sports?
Football ;)



Susie Nunzir- Golf
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Pumped up Kicks" by Foster the People
What is your favorite memory?
Almost flipping the golf cart with Katie
Who is your biggest rival?
Champion
Who is your favorite athlete?
Peyton Hillis



Jocelyne Samu- Soccer
Who is your favorite athlete?
Frankie Hejduk
What is your favorite memory?
All the good times at soccer camp and "getting it"
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch and Poland
Do you play any other sports?
Track



Jordan Stewart- Soccer
What is your favorite pump up song?
"Back Burner" by August Burns Red
What is your favorite memory?
Nick breaking the trophy case
Who is your favorite athlete?
Lionel Messi
Do you play any other sports?
Ping pong and water polo

Salem's ski club

By Jeff Dyke

Ski Club is relatively new to Salem High School. Actually this is only the second year that we have had this organization at our high school. The advisor and founder of Ski Club is Ms. Kekel. The purpose of Ski Club is to get students to know about action sports such as skiing and snowboarding. They may not be very well-known sports, but those who love them know that they are a great deal of fun. The club is currently involved in a fundraiser. They are selling Jack Links beef sticks. They will also be sponsoring a corn hole tournament on November 19 in the gymnasium, and everyone is encouraged to come and join in on the fun. The fundraising money will be used for the enormous amount of money spent on the transportation bills for ski trips. Also, students who would like to join next year who don't have enough money to join won't have to pay that much or won't have to pay any at all.

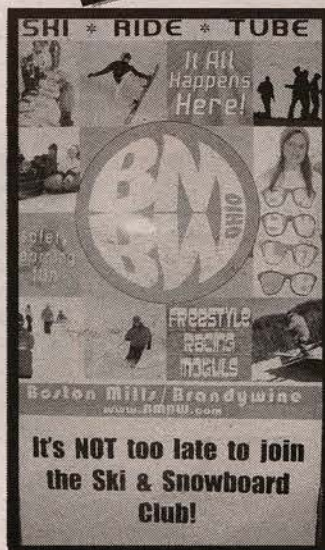
Ms. Kekel is a very experienced skier and snowboarder, skiing for thirteen years and snowboarding for nine years. She was also involved with the Ski Club at her own high school for three

years. She added that the Ski Club primarily will be going to Brandywine, but they could go to Peek n Peak in New York. I asked Mr. Kekel which she preferred more, to snowboard or ski. She said she prefers to ski and added that she is on her feet a lot more when she skis! The first Ski Club trip is going to be held on January 8 and every Sunday after that until February 12.

It is a great club and a great activity if you want to get in shape, or if you have never done it before the club offers a great opportunity to learn. It's fun to do in your free time and fun to do with your friends on the weekends. The membership dues are not due until December, so there is still plenty of time to join the club and also attend the meetings and participate in the fundraisers that they are holding.



Ms. Kekel



Salem girls' volleyball succeeds as District runners-up

By Reegan Barnett

The Lady Quaker Volleyball girls have fought a brutal battle, crawling their way to the top. The seniors this year, including Cassie Davidson, Becca Devlin, Lexi Smith, and Kayleigh Null, brought their best throughout this season. The girls swept away the NBC's league title, being the 26th year in a row winning the league for their division. The Quaker girls overall record landed at 24-1, with only one away from an undefeated record by the Girard Indians. This group of girls was ranked fourth in the state overall, a great accomplishment as they watched their ranking rise throughout the season.

Mr. Don Conser was the head coach leading them to victory this season. The 2011 volleyball team had the attitude of just absolutely hating to lose, that was what helped lead them to outstanding levels. Coach Conser has said that if you watch his girls during practice, you'd never guess their success. From the beginning of time these girls have practiced lightly, bringing fun but still just enough intensity on to the court. Out of

eight teams in the league, the Lady Quakers pulled out on top once again. The girls defeated Marlinton, Louisville, West Branch, Alliance, Minerva, Carrolton, and Canton South. The league games were grueling and successful, demonstrating that the Lady Quakers were up for any challenge thrown at them.

As the season has come to an end, the girls can reflect on how enthralling the season was for them. The team made it exceptionally far in tournaments. During tournaments they demolished Niles, Poland, and Hubbard. The last game of the season was between Canfield and Salem. The archival to the Quakers, the girls had a desire to destroy the Lady Cards. The match was grueling and intense, coming close each individual match. Canfield came out on top for the three matches, but the Quakers put up their own fight. The Lady Quakers won District Runners up this year which is still an honorable title. The girls will lose four of their finest next year, but they will bring back many to carry on the Quaker name.

Quaker Board

Scholarship Deadlines

By Jeff Dyke

There are many scholarship contest opportunities offered through the guidance department. Not all of these offerings are for seniors only. Anyone who knows that college is in their future should be able to check on the scholarship/contest postings and apply. Listed below are some of the current ones which are available. If you are interested, visit the guidance department and let the counselors help you.

Voice of Democracy Competition for grades 9-12. Podcast script on patriotic theme. Apply online www.vfw.org

Service Above Self Scholarship

1000 - community service. Prizes: Presidential Spirit of Community Awards

1000 trip to Washington DC. Prizes: Presidential Spirit of Community Awards

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Fashion foes and woes

By Reegan Barnett



For all you kids out there who may feel challenged in the fashion arena, here are some words of advice: NO ONE WANTS TO SEE YOUR SKIN.

Yes, I do repeat, having your clothes shrunken two sizes too small for your body is not the cutest way to flaunt yourself. Try covering up, layering, being modest about what you choose to wear. Let's try and cover up a bit now ladies, I mean, it is starting to get chilly, and no one needs to see the goose bumps rising on your legs when the weather gets to freezing. There are more appropriate and cuter choices of style out there in the world. If you're dying to wear shorts in the dead of winter, pair them up with adorable wool tights that match, and throw on some of your nifty boots to create an adorable outfit. That teensy tiny mini skirt just calling your name? Put your bad habits to rest and throw on a pair of colorful leggings and some stellar ballet flats.

Boys, also girls on occasions, please hike up your drawers. Seeing your underwear isn't becoming on anyone and is unnecessary for the faint and innocent eyes of students just making their way throughout the day.

No one needs to see Lady Gaga or Nicki Minaj off the red carpet. Yes, have your creativity, but let's not get too crazy like the infamous "meat dress." Is there a problem with matching these days? Too many people just come in wearing whatever, and newsflash — some of the creations may be hazardous to the eyes of the student body. Please cover up that midriff of yours, dear. There is no need to be wearing tops that show off your belly, no matter how slim or cute you think your stomach or belly button rings are. Let us all also try to discourage the addicts of plung-

ing necklines. Yes, you may have it to flaunt, but there are plenty of students (mostly girls) who would rather you keep it to yourself. No need for the peep shows, sweetheart. And if you're going to wear those mile long stilettos, please be sure that you don't look like a fool trying to parade down the hall. No, you don't look hot as you trip, fall, and fumble your way from class to class. Be sure that your heels are right for you and not ankle-endangering to you or your fellow peers.

Are floods in? I'm pretty sure that I haven't seen them in the fall or winter fashion catalogues. Capri's... good. Jeans that touch the floor... good. Pants that randomly stop right before your ankle... unacceptable. Please be sure that you aren't making a fashion no-no with this unfortunate mistake. Now, can you breathe in those jeans? Because I see your body busting out of those pants, and, believe me, I don't think anyone could be comfortable that way. If you want the skinny jean look, make sure to buy them so that they aren't glued to your body and not cutting off your blood circulation throughout the day. Normally buy the jeans a few sizes larger than your normal any day pair of blue jeans.

It's cold out, so you want to keep those wee little piggy toes toasty. Put on a pair of boots, tennis shoes, or heels even! But please not the dreaded socks and sandals combo because it's just not working for a fashion fix. Be considerate, and don't make others' eyeballs bleed, thank you. Not everyone has it in them to be a fashionista, but these words of advice are to help stop regular people from committing a fashion sin. So save yourself, and others, from awkward and unfortunate outfits yet to come. THANKS!

College Checklist

By DeAnna Walker

Choosing colleges can be such a hassle. There are so many different aspects you must look at in order to reach a final decision. Where is the college located, how many students attend that university, and of course, what will the cost be to attend? In order to make this process a little less painful, *The Quaker* will be giving a brief view of many colleges favored by SHS students such as Kent State University, Akron University, Walsh University, and many others. With help from *The Quaker*, finding your college of choice will be an ease.

Youngstown State, here we come!



COLLEGE NAME: Youngstown State University

LOCATION: Youngstown, Ohio

POPULATION: 13,712 students per year

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 19.5 students : 1 professor

MASCOT: Penguin

TUITION: Commuter - \$7,451.28 On Campus - \$15,551.28

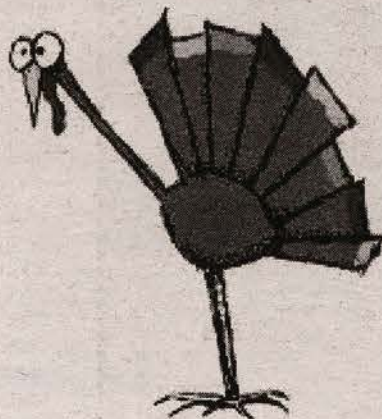
REQUIRED ACT SCORE: YSU is an open admission university.

Being a resident of Ohio, you must maintain good grades, pass all sections of the OGT, and have taken the ACT/SAT at least once.

OPEN HOUSE DATES: There are no open house dates scheduled, but you can call General Info (330-941-3000) to schedule your own visit.

Cartoon Corner

By Meg Bell



November Calendar

By Meg Bell

- November**
- 18 Sadie Hawkins Dance (6-11pm)
 - 19 Ski Club Cornhole Tournament (HS gym, 2:30-8:30pm)
 - 23-25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess
 - 24 Thanksgiving
 - 25 Black Friday
- December**
- 6 Senior parents financial aid night (HS lib 6:30-9pm)
 - 10 Gingerbread Day (HS caf 9am-6pm)
 - 14 HS Winter Band Concert (HS aud 6-8pm)

Quaker Clips

