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N.H.S. contributes to local causes

Reilly wall comes down

By Donna Paparodis



Salem's National Honor Society has answered the "Call of the Community" by donating \$2,000 to the Reilly Wall Project.

For two years the organization has worked to raise money to help with the restoration of the historic wall surrounding the stadium. Last year's students had various fund raisers, and this year's group hosted "A Night at the Theatre" with dinner and the play, *The Mouse-trap*.

Robert Viencek is the advisor for the group. "I am so very impressed with the students in National Honor Society. They are hard working, diligent and focused."

This year, for the first time, the club has two students serving as president. They are Nick Costa and Jordan Umbs.

Nick Costa stated: "We are very excited to donate this money to the Reilly Wall Project and hope that they will succeed. The Salem High School Chapter of National Honor Society is very proud to assist our community in this historic venture."

Jordan Umbs said: "It is exciting and gratifying to think about being remembered in the years to come, and to know that in some small way we were able to make a difference."

The goal of the Salem Preservation Society is to raise \$650,000 to begin the first part of the project, but another problem has arisen.

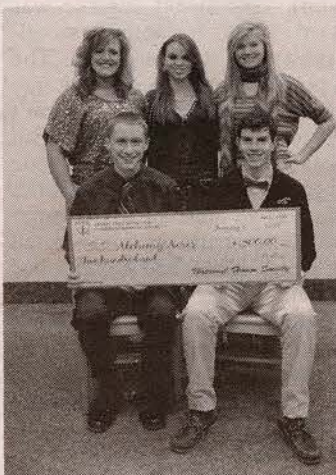
Members from the Building and Grounds Committee of the school board suggested the wall on Pershing Street be taken down for safety issues. Its crumbling bricks and holes were becoming hazardous. The week of January 9 it was taken down and cost about \$7,000 to \$8,000. A temporary rented fence is now in its place.



National Honor Society members present the check for the Reilly Wall project totaling \$2,000.

N.H.S. helps Alchemy Acres

By Katelyn Rhodes



National Honor Society members present the check for Alchemy Acres totaling \$500.

The Salem High School Chapter of National Honor Society sponsored a big holiday dance: "The Doggone Ugly Christmas Sweater Dance" on Friday, December 9 in the cafeteria.

Robert Viencek, the advisor for N.H.S., explained: "The dance was a fun, crazy and enjoyable evening with everyone dragging out their questionable-taste Christmas sweaters."

The idea for the dance was the brainchild of N.H.S. member senior Jocelyne Samu. "I am good friends with the people who operate Alchemy Acres in Salem. The Sacco family is devoted to the well-being of animals. They do their best to find good homes for the many dogs and cats housed there."

Members of N.H.S. provided homemade cookies and punch. They also invited members of the student body from West Branch High School to the dance. The dance followed a very exciting and intense basketball game between Salem and West Branch.

Samu stated: "The dance was a big success. We are able to donate five hundred dollars to Alchemy Acres."

Viencek, a dedicated vegetarian and advocate of animal rights, stated: "One of the world's greatest people was St. Francis of Assisi who said: 'If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.'"

Deck - A - Door

By Jeff Dyke

The deck-a-door Christmas contest was hosted by the junior high student council and their advisor, Mr. Viencek. To participate in this event, a class had to pay five dollars, and all the proceeds went to benefit the "Create a Smile Program."

Only the door was to be decorated, and it had to follow a holiday songs or movies theme. The doors were only to be decorated before or after school. The competition began Monday, November 28, and the doors were judged on Monday, December 12. There were two winners selected, one from the junior high and one from the senior high.

The winner of the contest will receive a pizza party courtesy of the junior high student council. The contest winners were Mr. Motz's of the high school and Mrs. Rothbauer of the junior high school. They will receive the pizza

party sometime after the midterm exams.



Mr. Motz's classroom door displayed attractive artwork depicting the well-known song, "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

Brenna Price wins design contest



Senior Brenna Price, an advanced placement visual art student, has been announced as the winner of the 2012 Scholastic T-shirt design competition. Her art instructor is Ms. Yereb. Her entry was cho-

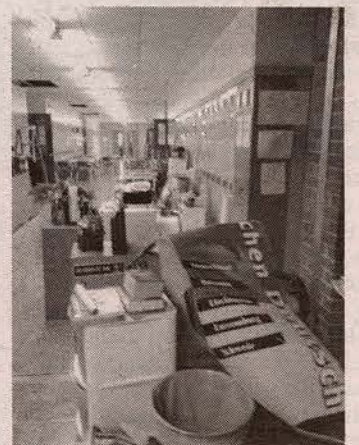
sen from hundreds of other submissions.

The announcement of Brenna's winning entry was made by Johanna George who is the Scholastic coordinator of five counties.

Anyone who is interested in obtaining a winning design T-shirt can obtain one at the Eastwood Mall in Niles. Brenna's design is displayed there. Purchases can be made at the Art Outreach Gallery in the Mall.

The National Scholastic visual art will be displayed from January 22 through February 26 at the Mall.

Broken pipe wreaks havoc in German classroom



Everything had to be cleared from room 140 after a waterpipe broke.

During the weekend of January 13, a pipe burst in the room of Mr. Stokes, a junior high teacher. The water ran through the walls and ceiling into Mrs. Carter's classroom directly beneath. The problem was discovered by Mr. Klucinec and Mr. Spack who arrived early for Saturday school.

Frau described the mess: "My first thought was how bad could it be, a little water from the ceiling? Turned out to be the Amazon Rain Forest! Everything, and I mean everything, was waterlogged with paper mache from the ceiling tiles stuck to furniture, books, and lots of my things from Germany and college years. Many were items my parents had brought back for me and memories from trips with students."

The SHS maintenance team was a huge help. On Saturday a company was brought in to replace the ceiling and floor. Frau and her students returned to a refurbished room on Tuesday, January 17.

The Scholastic Art Awards

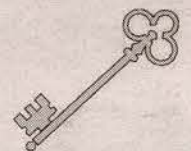
By Meg Bell

The Scholastic Art Awards is an annual contest open to junior high and high school students. Each year, contestants gather their best artwork to send to competition for their area. Students can choose to submit their art into several categories including painting, drawing, mixed media, sculpture, photography and even video and game design. Seniors can submit entire portfolios of work. Prizes include Honorable Mention, Silver Key, and Gold Key. Once winners are chosen, they are invited for an awards ceremony for their region and given their Keys.

Each year features different themed contests for those in-

terested to enter their work. This year includes topics such as bullying and grief. Another new addition to the awards this year is the ability to enter work digitally. This has received mixed reviews among students and teachers. While some think the digital uploading system is more difficult and time consuming, Mrs. Frederick has a differing opinion: "I think with time it will get easier. Uploading the work saves time because you don't have to mat and shrink wrap anything until you're chosen as a winner."

The deadline for entries was January 10, and winners should be notified within the month.



Scholastic Art recognition

The following individuals are students of Mrs. Frederick:
Senior Geoff Forney: Silver Key for his portfolio
Senior Meg Bell: Silver Key
Junior Ellen Walp: Silver Key

The following individual is a student of Ms. Yereb:
Senior David Lapin - Silver Key

Opinion

January Point Counter Point

New video games

By Kayla Mills

In this day and age, gaming is a very popular activity among children, teens, and young adults. At the rate that technology progresses, it's crazy to see the transition from something as simple as the Nintendo to something as advanced as the Wii.

The Wii is a videogame console that was actually released by Nintendo in 2006. The game was made popular by its wireless controllers and motion sensory technology. The gaming system has many features that make it popular. One feature is the online capability that the device has. Nintendo has many; it's easy for one to access Facebook, Twitter, and even Youtube through the console. Parental controls are another popular feature of the gaming system. This prevents younger children from playing games that could be deemed as inappropriate. Lastly, the gaming system has backward capability. This means that the console is compatible with any Nintendo GameCube software.

The Xbox 360 is a videogame console that was designed by Microsoft. This can be considered as one of the more popular gaming systems, for 57.6 million

consoles have been sold since last year. One popular feature about this game system is Xbox Live, which is where numerous players can connect with one another and play games as well as communicate from a wireless headset. Another great feature about Xbox 360's are that they can come with Kinect. Kinect is known as a "controller-free gaming and entertainment experience" for the Xbox 360. It uses motion detection to monitor the movements of the player. This feature comes especially handy while playing games such as Just Dance.

The Playstation 3 is the third out of a series of gaming systems produced by Sony Entertainment. Some popular features that the gaming console has are its multimedia features, Blue Ray technology, and internet capability as well as Playstation Portable connectivity.

All of these game systems are known to be in the seventh generation of gaming systems. Only time will tell what crazy new technology will be developed in a few years from now. But there's a giant possibility that these newer gaming systems will be a thing of the past.



Old video games

By Donna Paparodis

Video games have been the center of the lives of teenagers for years. From Pong to the Xbox 360, they've been the source of fun for not only teenagers but young children and adults. They have progressed incredibly since the first systems were revealed. But as great as consoles have become, I also enjoy the oldies but goodies.

I'll start with the classic Super NES (Nintendo Entertainment System). This 16-bit console was released in 1990. It was the best-selling system of its generation. The only problem was that dust got into the game cartridges, so if it wouldn't work you had to blow it out. But besides that, it was a lot of fun. One of its games was Super Mario World. Mario was an increasingly popular video game character who started off in arcade games and was enjoyed worldwide. Kids enjoyed playing through the maps as the Italian plumber, collecting coins and beating bosses.

The PlayStation came out in 1994 and sold 102 million systems. They continued selling games for the console eleven years after it was released. This paved the way for the PS2 and PS3, which are still used today and have been extremely successful. Crash Bandicoot was a popular game that came out with the PlayStation. Crash was a mutant bandicoot that was created by someone who wanted world domination. His goal was to stop his creator and save his girlfriend Tawna.

Another game system was the Sega Genesis that came out a little earlier than the previous - 1989. It had add-ons to increase its performance. In 1991, Sonic the Hedgehog was introduced as the mascot for Sega. Sonic games were well-liked. Collecting rings and spinning

in the air and jumping on platforms made for an exciting adventure where Sonic had to stop an evil doctor from collecting gems to gain control over South Island.

Dreamcast, which was introduced in 1998, was discontinued in 2001 because of dropping sales due to competition. But this system was enjoyed by many. I myself played it a lot, particularly 102 Dalmatians: Puppies to the Rescue. Its large controllers contained a compartment for VGA adapters that allowed it to be played on a computer or HD TV, which was pretty cool.

When the GameCube came out, everyone wanted one. It was released in 2001, and the games were in the form of miniDVDs. It was the first to use optical discs for memory. The GameCube had online play available with certain games like Homeland and Phantasy Star. GameCube also had multiple Mario games including Paper Mario and Mario Kart.

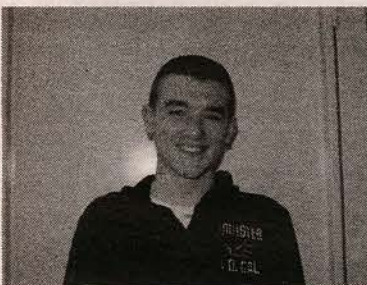
Last but not least, the Xbox made its debut in 2001 and was part of the sixth generation of game systems. Its popularity soared immediately, selling over 24 million in five years. In 2002 it came out with Xbox Live where you can play online with others. Madden NFL games became popular with the system and are still made every year for the new Xbox 360. The Xbox opened the door for many great games and new and improved consoles in the future.

There have been many remarkable consoles that have come out since these oldies, but I still say the classics are just as good and entertaining. Get your play on...

War of Words

By Kayla Mills

What is your favorite movie quote?



Freshman Luke Secrest: "You have the voice of an angel. Your voice is like a combination between Fergie and Jesus." - *Step Brothers*



Sophomore Mary Cappezzello: "I wish I could bake a cake made out of rainbows and smiles, and we could all eat it and be happy!" - *Mean Girls*



Junior Bryce Sommers: Would you please put some pants on? I feel weird having to ask you twice." - *The Hangover*



Senior DeAnna Walker: "What a beautiful chocolate man. Hahaha!" - *White Chicks*

Did U C That on FB?! LOL

By DeAnna Walker

"if you don't have anything nice to post, don't post anything at all."

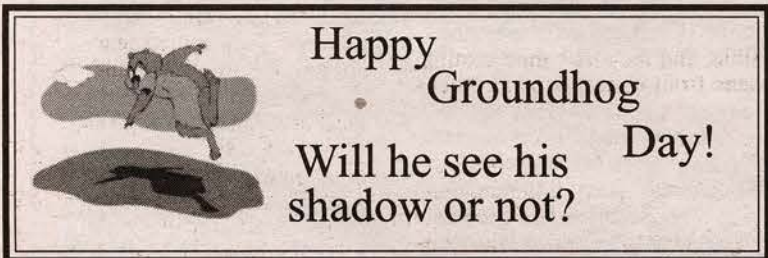
It's so annoying walking into school every day and hearing, "Oh my gosh, did you see that fight on Twitter last night?!" What's the point of fighting over the internet? If you have an opinion on something and you really feel that strongly about it, voice your opinion. Do you really have to post something rude or sarcastic for the whole world to see? No. We're all intelligent enough to know that there will be debates over what was posted if it is controversial. We don't all have to agree, but lashing out on someone or talking down to someone isn't the way to go either.

I understand that the internet makes it easier to communicate, but it also seems like it is easier to be cruel to people this way. Words hurt, and everyone knows that. I've seen so many comments online that it's pretty disgusting how horrible we can be to each other. And for what - because someone doesn't think the same way as you? Is that sup-

posed to make it okay for you to verbally cut someone to pieces? Just because you're not face to face with someone, doesn't mean they aren't taking what you say to heart. You don't know what's going through their minds or how they're feeling. It is scary, but you never truly know how badly a seemingly small comment can affect another person.

Finally, if you can't stand to confront a person, don't do it online! If you have a problem with someone, take it up with them. You don't need opinions and comments from every other person online. A fight should be between two people, not the whole online community.

Facebook, Twitter, and these social networking sites are a great breakthrough. They're so useful, and they're a great form of entertainment; however, don't take advantage of this. Stop being cruel and posting things that you know will strike some people's nerves. To put it simply, STOP FIGHTING OVER THE COMPUTER!



Here Comes Treble



Creed

By Meg Bell



Is there such a thing as a perfect band? Could words possibly describe the beauty and grace this band conveys with each song? Fret not, I have found the answer to all of life's music problems: Creed.

With hits such as "With Arms Wide Open" and "My Own Prison," Creed explores life's problems with each confusing music video. Scott Stapp, a very respectable prophet-like man (comparable to Jesus), belts out vocals with such power and skill, it's hard not to let the tears roll down your cheeks. Even live, Stapp is known to show true emotion when performing, and concert goers have reported he "rolled around on the floor of the stage in apparent pain or distress and [finally] appeared to pass out." What passion! The other members of the band... well, they play instruments.

Creed has released three multi-platinum albums worldwide and has created a wide fan base among angry middle-aged men.

Upon viewing a Creed music video, you are sent into a world of magic and angst. The video for "My Sacrifice" uses imagery such as a blind, old man feeding pigeons, a confused drummer playing in three feet of water, Scott Stapp looking down mournfully and clutching his chest, green water nymphs, and what appear to be bald members of some cult. What could it mean? Who knows? It's the magic of Creed. The guitarist sometimes shows up and nods his head in recognition: "Yes, I'm in Creed, and I'm awesome." Then somewhere at the end of the video the wind picks up and blows everyone away, in slow motion, of course.

However, not everyone is a fan of Creed. (What? Really?) The magazine *Guitar World* voted Creed as second worst band of the year. Further research has concluded this can only be the result of jealousy. Stapp has been quoted as saying he hopes to become a "Kurt Cobain martyr-type" How could you possibly lose your faith in music with that statement?



Nickelback

By Ian Chandler



I am about to share with you a truly remarkable musical act. This band has sold over 50 million albums in the whole wide world. They are the best selling foreign act behind the Beatles for the 2000s. Their legacy lives on worldwide. Yes, the band of brothers of which I speak is the almighty Nickelback.

Nickelback is from Canada – the richest nation in the world, my mother country, and a land full of worthy people – and this is a sure sign of their awesomeness. They took their name from bassist Mike Kroeger, who formerly was employed by Starbucks and would frequently say, "Here's your nickel back." Such a deep name. You can tell just by looking at it the hard work and symbolism the band put into their moniker. Nickelback is kind of like a waterfall sound machine that puts you to bed at night. I often drift off into dreamland to the tune of their somber ballad "Savin' Me."

Nickelback is not an actual word, thus proving their creativity and originality. Singer and lead goatee man Chad Kroeger's rusty vocals have approximately the texture of a rocky gravel road, churning over layered guitars as if he attempts to steamroll the messy pile into a conglomeration of notes in what hopefully creates a song. Cue theme from *Mission: Impossible*.

The band has also spo-

ken openly about their policy against sexual innuendos, a doctrine which clearly pervades their songwriting. Backed by such greats as Billy Graham and the epic singer Chris Martin of Coldplay, they piledrive on throughout the world, touring their maple leaves off - literally. They have insane stamina onstage and off, as all band members play often and do nothing in their free time.

Overall, listen to a few of these songs, and you will be seduced. From the reflection and persistence of "Photograph" to the melodic stylings and ever-true dream song "Rockstar" and "Something In Your Mouth" - a heartfelt attempt of a good Samaritan to prevent a restaurant patron from choking on their meal of Cornish game hen, intending to rescue her quickly with a swift Heimlich. Or maybe just desires to inform her of the item of food currently blocking her windpipe. Oh well. It's absolutely pronounced AHN-deeves. This emasculating band of warriors have been sent from God to sell millions of albums, experiment with brand-name toxins, and have the voice of an angel - a fallen angel.

Nickelback. Now that's what I'm talking about.



How to chill out

By Kayla Mills



When one hears about a potential snow storm, the first thing they usually do is post it on Facebook and/or Twitter. News gets around, and then within ten minutes the "We better get a snow day tomorrow" posts begin. Students begin to get excited, and then every other tweet revolves around the potential snow storm. The next morning the kids excitedly turn on their TV's to see that ALAS, there is a snow day. Our first reaction as sleepy teenagers is to unplug the alarm clock and go back to sleep for another four to five hours. But as we wake up, many of us realize that we have nothing to do with the rest of our day off. To many, there is nothing more frustrating than seeing someone post something along the lines of... "I'm so bored..." right after they just got finished saying that we better have a snow day. So to avoid the hundreds of "I'm bored" tweets, here are some things you can do to make your snow day more eventful.

There are endless things that one can do in the snow. Snow ball fights, sled riding, and making snowmen are only a few of the many recreational activities one can do in the snow. Why not do something different and bring out the four wheelers? Not only can you ride around in the winter wonderland, but you can also attach a sled to the back and give a friend the ultimate sled riding experience.

If being in the frozen tundra isn't your thing, you could always invite a few friends over and have a movie party. Whether your selection includes classic holiday hits or gory Chiller Network remakes, it's unlikely you will be disappointed. For this kind of party, hot chocolate and popcorn are obviously a must.

Finally, if you can't stand the outdoors, and the indoors isn't much better, then do yourself a favor and stay away from the computer! No one wants to see your endless tweets complaining about how bored you are. In fact, it's kind of ridiculous to say that you want to have a snow day, but you can't stand the snow. If you have no other options, and you are completely bored out of your mind, just go back to sleep! Not only will you attain the beauty sleep you longed for but you will be ready and well-rested for a day full of education the next day. And we all know how important that is!

Snow days are to many the best part of the winter season. So use them to your advantage! Don't waste your whole day off by complaining how incredibly bored you are. It is only uneventful if you make it that way.

In need of a read?

By Ian Chandler

"Identity. Where does it lie? In a face? A voice? A bundled string of events we call a lifetime? Is it in our DNA, bone, flesh, ancestry? How do we define our identity, and is it a once and for all definition? Or is it always changing?" This quote about the book's theme, from the author's website (find out more at marypearson.com), introduces the central idea of *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. It focuses on the title character as she recovers from a car crash that killed her two best friends. After waking from a year-long coma, her family realizes she has amnesia, and she tries to piece together her identity by watching childhood home movies. Her blunt grandmother acts cryptically like the rest of her family. Jenna struggles with who she is, knowing only her name and what she sees on the videos. She begins to attend a charter school with very interesting classmates with hidden pasts like hers and soon discovers she can recite whole passages of Thoreau and answer random history questions, despite her memory of her character being nonexistent. Before long, she uncovers a secret that has been kept from her - the bridge of the gap between who she was and who she is now - before and after the accident.

I can't say much without revealing the main plot twist, but rest assured: it is worth reading for. This profound story inquires without asking what it means to be human. It explores the concept of how far someone would go to save a loved one - be it moral or immoral. This relates to the concept of euthanasia. When do you pull the plug on someone? How can you judge whether they are alive or not? These



questions are central to the heart of the book.

Jenna's adventure is, in my opinion, not as important as the ethical quandary that is the crux of this novel. It challenges contemporary thinking with a moral issue that lies in the deepest chambers of the soul, in the recesses of the mind, and blurs the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil. Humans seek comfort and do not like talking about such topics, but at some point - possibly in the near future - they will have to be addressed, and this is a great narrative to get a person thinking.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox is an absolutely remarkable story that might have broken new ground in the teenage book market. I read through it within a few hours staying up one night and was rewarded with an awesome tale and a recommendation for what to put in your library. This challenging, thought-provoking novel is one of the best novels marketed toward the teen age group I have ever read, and I highly recommend it to anyone searching for a deep, real, and even unnerving book.

Black Fail Brides

By Brent Bosworth

This band is very gifted, almost in a musical sense. Also they put off a fantastic, sparkly, vibrant image. They got their start over MySpace as all great scene/emo bands seem to do. At that time they were not known as Black Fail Brides yet, simply just "Brides" to express their feminine characteristics because deep down their lead singer, Andy Sixx always wanted to be a girl and was envious of women everywhere. This also would explain the large quantities of makeup used by the group. They also wanted it to be known that they were highly influenced by Freddie Mercury, Ke\$ha, and Elton John.

It is well-known that each member is a devout student of the Bible, and they take their clothing ideas from concepts of Leviticus. They are well-known for their meaningful song lyrics and titles, some examples being "we stitch the wounds and unstitch them again," and "set the world on fire and then put it out with our tears." They have put out a few albums, but, honestly, no one really cares about the names

of them. This band is often defended by their fans who wear clothes stating that because they look like females does not mean they aren't "tough guys." I feel like the way these people dress actually sends out a good message to kids; this message is the following: don't be afraid to do what you believe in, but don't be alarmed when you get insulted for it.

As soon as these guys came out they stole the hearts of preteen girls everywhere and even became known to some as "the next big thing since *Twilight*." This is mainly because they also shine in the sun because they are "mystical." These are men who have made people proud to be who they are and be proud to stand up for themselves. That's why these guys are such a great group.

I feel like now would be a good time to point out that this article is fictional. It is my opinion on the band, and the things said about this group are not to be taken literally.

Feature

Student of the month: Annaliese Radcliff

By Ian Chandler

Lo and behold! New ground has been broken in this year's Student of the Month column! The field has been currently dominated by such stalwart males as Chase Howard, Brandon Thomas, and Zach Maenz. Until this very moment, no one in the SOM family has been of the female flavor. Ladies, prepare to gloat in the faces of your subservient male inferiors. I present to you the official January Student of the Month: Annaliese Radcliff.

Annaliese performed exceptionally well on this month's test and did not let its artificial essay prompt stop her from promptly being awesome. She said she would feel "a little Gray" after reading a certain Wilde novel about a man aging vicariously through a portrait, displaying her cleverness in a single, punny aphorism. She rates Ron Paul "by default" as the number one Republican presidential candidate, "simply because he's not Gingrich, Santorum, Romney, Perry, Huntsman, or – in traditional Republican spirit – a woman." Clearly she is a to-be political figurehead of the future. When asked if she was a tree, she responded in the negative.

She took the initiative to meet this writer's quickly approaching deadline by using Facebook as a tool to send her bio – and wow, what a history this girl has. She writes, "Annaliese Radcliff was born from the fires of Mordor (otherwise known as scenic downtown Youngstown) and has lived in the quaint city of Salem, Ohio, for her entire life of sixteen years. She plans to attend Kent for her undergraduate classes and go to a place far, far away (perhaps Alderaan!) for a degree in International Relations." Let it be known that her writing style is of such impeccability that this writer could not have said it any better.

What does a Renaissance man such as Annaliese do in her spare time? She strokes her massive ego. She enjoys obtaining a high status as being the contradiction of contradictions and enjoys being of a philosophical nature when she finds "two brain cells that are willing to work in tandem (which happens rarely)." Her favorite book is Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*, and lists *Inception* as one of the best films she's seen in years. Obviously the lady has taste, comparable to a Victorian queen with a codpiece.

When asked of her favorite word, she responded, "Don't make me guffaw." She enjoys "rainbow sherbet 7 Up punch" as her favorite beverage but miserably answered her favorite dessert with "Dutch apple pie" instead of the correct answer, "the Sonoran." In her many talents, she has perfected procrastination, or, in the Radcliff's Third Unabridged Dictionary, "infinite multitasking." Her favorite joke is the Bay of Pigs invasion, and she prefers Risk and chess in the way of board games.

Annaliese definitely deserves this month's title of Student of the Month. After all, her favorite magic trick is "the one where Ian Chandler completes his work on time. It's a classic." I felt very humbled to join the greats of David Copperfield and Guns N' Roses in terms of magic and procrastination. She thanks her "wonderful classmates and teachers" for this prestigious award that only happens once in an era. To her, Hello Kitty and gruesome, unethical matters "push the boundaries of the human imagination." She is an absolutely fantastic scribe that deserves the Ian Chandler Writing Seal of Approval.

Congratulations, Annaliese, on this highly commendable honor. May you readers, as a student body, take cues from her high literary standing and out-of-the-box creativity – just her overall awesome factor. You, too, can be SOMEone. I would like to leave you with these words from Annaliese herself: "Our history as a species is deeply intriguing to me in its complex and dark irony, and other times a well-read book that's short enough to make you feel accomplished when you finish a chapter, a mug of warm tea, and a soft blanket is just as satisfying." If she spoke Latin, I think she would leave this solemn proverb behind: *Fui quod es, eris quod sum*. Good day to you, sir.



Brent says

By Brent Bosworth



Brent says: stop the hate!

"This town is seriously the worst place I've ever been!" Really, have you been anywhere else? I'm sick of hearing people complain about Salem! Can you tell us where you'd rather live and possibly give a reason why? No matter where you go in life, you're going to have days that are boring, and you will also have a hard time finding stuff to do. I would love to know why this place is so bad because, from what I hear, the "good" places to live are the places where it's dangerous to walk down the street. That's ridiculous.

I feel like I'm justified to speak my opinion on this subject considering I've lived other places including California which, for some reason, is like every teenager's dream home. Honestly, I have to say I prefer Ohio. I like the fact that I don't have to worry about getting shot at when I leave my house or getting jumped by drug addicts. I apologize if that makes me the weird one. I think I speak for many people when I say that your complaining about where you live is getting annoying – grow up. If you hate it here then move when you're old enough. If you think about it, eighteen isn't really that old. You don't have that long to wait.

I will admit, though, it is kind of funny to listen to the reasons why people hate this place like when you ask them what makes it so bad and they answer "it just sucks." It's actually a pretty solid environment to grow up in. I mean, there aren't really any racial problems like you would see in a lot of other places, and everyone pretty much accepts everyone for who they are. I conclude this article by saying this: think before you complain because you sound really stupid.

People of the P.A. system

By Katelyn Rhodes

Seniors Ian Chandler and Tommy Panek are the men behind the magic of the P.A. system for the 2011-2012 school year. They were approached by our principal Dr. Joseph Shivers last year to do the job and respectfully said yes to his offer. They call themselves the Tommy and Ian show, sort of like a radio station such as the Bob and Tom show. They are to do all of the announcements verbatim; improvising isn't usually part of the plan unless it would be absolutely necessary, making the announcements sound a little more professional than they would if everything was just off the top of their heads.

As we all know, there is a closing word to the announcements telling us what kind of day to have. Words such as opportune, inspiring, and salubrious have been used so far this year. When Ian was asked who decides the closing word he stated, "I usually do, but once in a blue moon Tommy will have a good

idea." Also, when Ian was asked if he could give me a statement of his experience so far he said, "I can. It boosts my soul to seraphim, like heights to distribute important data to my peers and give them fancy words on which to meditate." This sort of response gives a hint as to why he chooses some of the closing words that he does, to make everyone think a little, like a brain teaser.

Tommy Panek, the other half of the Tommy and Ian dynamic duo, was asked to give a statement on his experience so far of working as an announcer for the P.A. system. He said "Simple, yet profound." Neither of the boys seem to have anything bad to say so far about their experience. Hopefully, they enjoy the rest of the year and will miss it after they finish their final announcements. We will all be curious to hear what the rest of the final closing words will be for the rest of the year.



Ian and Tommy prepare for another round of announcements.

No shadows, please

By Sierra Cannon

Groundhog Day is a holiday celebrated in the United States and Canada on February 2 every year. The second day of February has been celebrated as Groundhog Day since 1887. Groundhog Day was originally a German tradition to predict the weather.

This holiday is centered around whether or not a groundhog sees his shadow after emerging from his burrow. As the folktale says, if the groundhog sees his shadow then the winter season continues for six more weeks. However, if the groundhog does not see his shadow, the winter will soon come to an end.

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, is the location of the largest Groundhog Day celebration. This town in Pennsylvania is also the name of the most popular groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, who famously predicts the winter's fate every year. This is a huge day in

Punxsutawney. Officials who oversee the event actually dress in tuxedos and top hats. Media coverage is also given, and the results are broadcast to viewers on all major television networks.

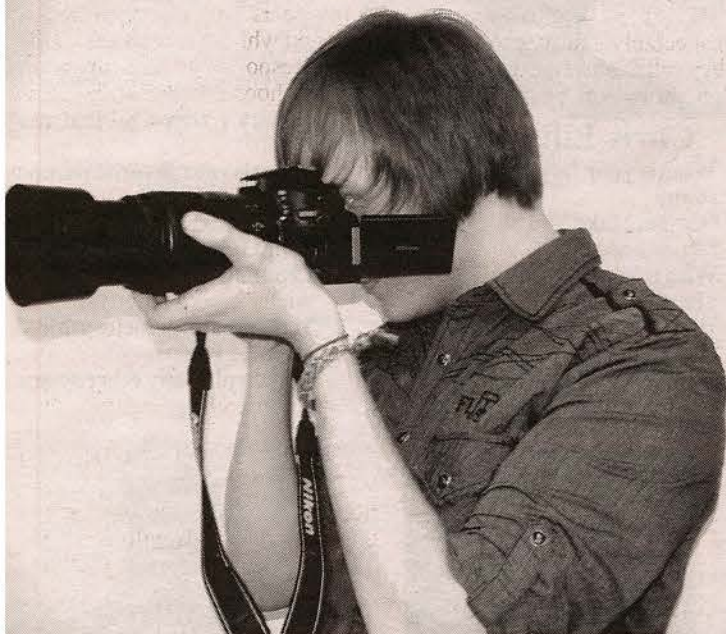
Let's hope that Phil does not see his shadow this year, and we can say goodbye to the cold winter.



Phil is given special treatment as he makes his prediction on Groundhog Day.

Artist of the month: Geoff Forney

By DeAnna Walker



We have so much beauty in the world, but many people may not see how truly beautiful things can appear. Geoff Forney catches glimpses of this through the lens of his camera.

Geoff has been interested in photography ever since he was eight years old. This was when his father presented him with his first camera. He recalled reading through skating magazines just to browse at the action shots. "I was always fascinated by the photographers who took the action shots of the skaters," he admits. Ever since then, he's been following in the footsteps of his favorite photographer, Chase Jarvis, who has a unique style unlike others.

Geoff is not just a photographer. In fact, he's a well-rounded artist and draws quite frequently; however, he does enjoy photography a lot more. Why? "I like the fact that you're confined to real life. With drawing and painting, your possibilities are limitless. With photography, you have the challenge of working with the real world." He is particularly fond of photographing landscapes in this real world.

With the click of a button and a flash of the camera, one can capture a memory, and in that single second, a reminder of that lasting memory is created. One may see something another person may not but can easily share it by photographs. Geoff recalls taking a picture of downtown Salem, but the difference is his viewpoint. He was lucky enough to climb to the roof of a historical building to see a side of Salem most people will never get the chance of experiencing.

It's evident that Geoff puts a lot into his work. He hopes to continue it in the future as either a job on the side or even just a hobby. He feels everyone should try to see something pretty in the ugliest of things. He'd also like to encourage fellow and aspiring photographers. Geoff simply believes, "Stick with it no matter what others may tell you because there are a lot of people that will try to bring you down." There certainly seems to be a bright future for Geoff Forney, and it's not just from the flash of his camera.

How soon is too soon?

By Donna Paparodis

We all know that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you see the one who makes your heart beat faster. But do you honestly love that cute guy from your English class?

Let's say you end up dating said cute guy (or girl). Do you really need to use the "L" word two days after the start of the relationship? It's not even a relationship yet. Many young kids throw the term around loosely as if it simply means you like them. It's used so easily that it barely means what it's supposed to mean anymore. Just because you find someone cute and funny doesn't mean you love them. You probably don't know a whole side of that person. There could be things about them that you may absolutely despise, but "I love you" is thrown out so quickly that none of those things have time to be discovered. Who says we teens know the meaning of love at all yet? I imagine some do, but for the most part we are still learning about life and aren't mature enough to care to understand the meaning of love. Most likely you won't be with the first person you love for the rest of your life anyway. If that's how things work out, then good for you, but it's unlikely.

Let's be real here. How long have you known this person — possibly a couple weeks, maybe a month? It takes couples years to find out everything about their partner. If it takes that long, how could you feel so strongly about someone after such a short amount of time? Like I said, you don't even know half of their beliefs or personality yet. What if they feel something is right that you completely disagree with? Then you'll start arguing, and maybe you'll change your mind about loving them. If it takes something that small to make you fall out of love, you didn't love them in the first place.

How about when you start to think you might have a crush on someone, you take it slow. Get to know them. Hang with that person for a while before you date. Find out what they believe in, their morals, if they're honest, and make sure they will treat you right. Don't tell them you love them unless you are sure you do. Most importantly, don't tell them you love them after the first day. In some cases, that may even scare your crush away. Moving too fast is a sign of being clingy to some people, and no one likes a stage five clinger.

All in all, choose wisely when dating. Make sure the other is respectful and takes things slowly. You're in high school. Enjoy it! Not everything has to be so serious and melodramatic. You'll have lots of time to find the one you'll be with forever. So, don't stress about it, and don't tell the guy or girl you just met at the mall that you love them.

Poet's Corner

By Katelyn Rhodes



Valentines Day is near again.
All girls want a kiss from
their boyfriend.

Love and laughter fills the
hall.

Everyone is expecting for a
secret admirer to call.

Nickels and dimes are spent
on candy.

To give to your sweetheart
and tell her she's dandy.

In and out the love letters fly.
Narrating how your Valentine
is sweet as pie.

Envelopes closed and sealed
with a kiss sending love to
the ones that they miss.



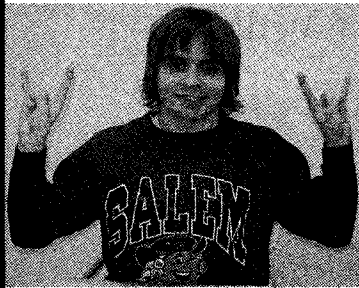
Senior Katelyn Rhodes



Sports

January Senior Spotlight

By Reagan Barnett
and Jeff Dyke



Isaiah Maher – Cross Country

What is your favorite pump up song?

"It's my life"

What is your favorite memory?

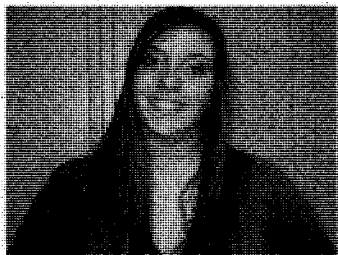
Getting my final PR in cross country

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Jordan

Who is your biggest rival?

Anyone who wants to challenge me



Abbey Minamy – Soccer

What is your favorite memory?

Hitting Jeremy, Steve-O, and all the time spent with the team

Who is your biggest rival?

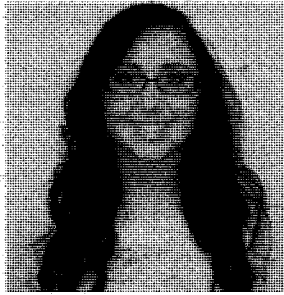
West Branch and Chagrin Falls

Who is your favorite athlete?

Mia Hamm

Do you play any other sports?

Track and softball



Jess Dinsio - Varsity Cheerleading

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Pandora" Parkway Drive

Who is your biggest rival?

West Branch

Who is your favorite athlete?

Troy Polamalu

Do you play any other sports?

No



Chris Ellis – Golf

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Gonna Make You Sweat" by C&C

Music Factory

Who is your biggest rival?

The elements

Who is your favorite athlete?

Sam Hank (A.K.A Slammy)

Do you play any other sports?

No, but Mitch Hendricks and I make a heck of a corn hole squad.



Kaity Culp – Swimming

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Super Bass"

What is your favorite memory?

Learning how to "make a sandwich" in sign language

Who is your favorite athlete?

Micheal Phelps

Do you play any other sports?

Cheerleading



Scott Lodge – Wrestling

What is your favorite memory?

Placing first at the Brian Davidson Memorial

Who is your biggest rival?

West Branch

Who is your favorite athlete?

Chad Ochocinco

Do you play any other sports?

Track



Tyler Schrader – Softball

What is your favorite pump up song?

Nelly – "Shake Ya Tail Feather"

Who is your biggest rival?

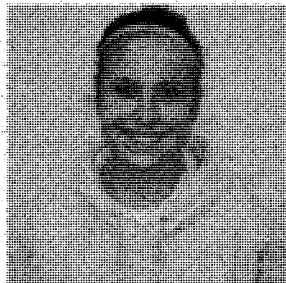
The team in the other dugout, it doesn't matter who it is.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Katie Cochran from Arizona State

Do you play any other sports?

Soccer and travel softball



Kaitlyn Kelm – Soccer

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Act the Nation" by Lil Jon

What is your favorite memory?

Going to camp and blaming the toilet seat on Miss Annie.

Who is your biggest rival?

West Branch

Who is your favorite athlete?

Mia Hamm



Cassie Davidson -Volleyball

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Don't Stop Believing" by Journey

What is your favorite memory?

Every weird thing Don Con said or did

Who is your biggest rival?

Canfield

Who is your favorite athlete?

Misty Mae Treanor and Kerri Walsh



Jared Tacey-Swimming

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Dance" by Big Sean

What is your favorite memory?

Teaching the swim team to "make me a sandwich"

Who is your biggest rival?

Poland, Mooney, Canfield

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Phelps

Why be dry?

By Brent Bosworth

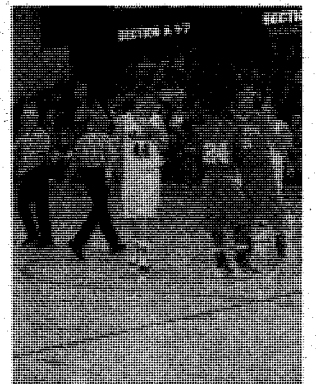
On Saturday, January 7 there was a large swim invitational held at the Salem Community Center. This year there were over 220 that came to participate from 24 different schools. That is really good compared to last year when there were only 131 swimmers competing. There were two different sessions of the meet this year because of the excellent turnout. The first session began at 8:00 a.m. and lasted until 11:00 a.m. The second one began at 11:15 a.m., and it lasted until 1:30 p.m. Salem was in the second session and was led by Coach Caroline McDermott, a Salem graduate.



These are candid shots from the swim invitational held January 7. Photos courtesy of Mrs. Frederick.



Candid shots of the boys' basketball game against Canton South



Good luck to all winter athletes

LOVE THOSE QUAKERS



Quaker Board

Salem's new gown shop

By Reegan Barnett



The new gown shop in Salem offers reasonable choices to any female looking for just the right prom or wedding gown. Some girls have already purchased their prom gowns from Elizabeth Renea's new shop.



A beautiful blue sequin gown currently in Elizabeth Renea's window.

Is any one out there shopping at the bit to get a dress from? Well, don't worry about long hours and hours to find one use you can practically walk your back door to find one. Yes, it's a store filled with dresses of all sorts and even tuxedos for those out there who can't seem to find one. It's called Elizabeth Renea's, and it's located in downtown Salem next to BB Rooners.

Gowns of all sorts and colors line the racks just waiting for every little teenager to zip on. From straight, mermaid, to ball gowns can be found at Renea's. The gowns range from 0-24, giving everyone a chance to find that special dress they're looking for. There are also some short dresses for winter coming in the store. Elizabeth Renea's hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays through Thursday and Friday and Saturdays 10 to 4 p.m. However, it's closed Sundays and Mondays. Accessories are also available inside, all different kinds. You can reach the store for even more info at 234-567-4416.

The entire inside is filled with Victorian décor to make it look

classy and pretty. Music sets the mood inside, soft and not too loud. Astonishing enough, these dresses start at \$99 and peak at \$525. To some, that still sounds pretty pricey. But to the quality of the dress, you truly can't beat those prices. At other stores, some dresses you can find close to \$1000, and that's when your parents eyes start to pop. Let's try not to have that happen this year ladies by stopping into Elizabeth Renea's and just trying the new store on for size. The store's owner Kim Shipbaugh would like to say to everyone out there, "We are here to make your special occasion truly special." All I have left to say to all of you is... happy dress hunting!



Community service ideas

By Reegan Barnett

Yes, I know, for most high school teenagers it's nearly impossible to get in community service hours, what with all the clubs, sports, and other hoo hah everyone has going on. In most cases though, for some reason or other, you're going to need community service credit hours. And honestly, don't we all want to help out just a little? Here's your chance, for whatever your motive, to give back just a tad to the community.

For one thing, join a club. You're being a part of something great, while also gaining your community service. Be a part of Key Club, Interact, Spanish Club, or German Club. Key Club and Interact are service based groups that do things for our community along with other things. You can rack up community hours by joining these groups, even just by going out and trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Halloween night. German Club gives service hours when you sign up to help out with their recycling jobs, and really, how's that hard? Each year Spanish Club does different things to provide community service, sometimes as simple as ringing bells for a couple of hours around Christmas.

If you're an animal lover, go visit your local shelter. There are always tons of jobs to be done there, and you get to hang out and play with furry, little friends. From dog walking, to kitty feeding, to even the dreaded dirty work, you have your choice of help. Most teachers around the school know of different future opportunities that they may need help with and are offering community service hours. Sometimes even the different clubs running the concession stands will offer hours if they are low on people. You can also go to the Salem Community Hospital to gather hours. This may be wise if you are looking into some field at a hospital for your later life career choice. Tutoring is always a smart choice. Literally, you're helping children become smarter. Volunteering for the Red Cross will get you community hours, and there are lots of things to do.

So, as you can see, it's easy to get your hours in. All you have to do is look in the right places and be willing to get your hands dirty. Have fun with your hard work, and get out there and do service!



ANGELS
FOR ANIMALS

College Checklist

By DeAnna Walker



University of Walsh, here we come!

COLLEGE NAME: Walsh University

LOCATION: North Canton, Ohio

MASCOT: Cavaliers

TUITION: Full time (commuter) - \$11,250, Part time (commuter) - \$750, Living on campus entitles another \$2,800 - \$4,000 in addition to the tuition.

POPULATION: 2,982 as of fall 2011

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 12 to 1

AVERAGE ACT/SAT: 22.2

OPEN HOUSE DATES: There are no open house dates currently posted, but you can schedule campus tours and visits by calling 800.362.9846

January/February Calendar

By Katelyn Rhodes



January 28- Youth Chorus spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria 3:00pm to 6:00pm
February 2- Track & Field officials meeting in the library 7:00pm to 8:30pm
February 4- Salem High School Band spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria 5:00pm to 8:30pm
February 6- First aid class in the cafeteria 5:00pm to 8:00pm
February 14- Valentines Day <3
February 20- Presidents' Day No School
February 22- Student Alumni meeting in the auditorium 1:45pm to 4:45pm



Cartoon Corner

By Meg Bell

I was going to do a comic about bagels, but then I remembered that some people don't like bagels and some people don't believe in bagels and some do and some people have had a

traumatic experience related to bagels and I didn't want to offend anyone and our minds are young and



and impressionable and I didn't want to offend anyone so no comic.

sorry.

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Quaker Clips

