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Dunham attends Comic Con By Katelyn Rhodes



Kaitlynn Dunham, a junhere at Salem High School, atded Comic Con as a guest artist Monroeville, Pennsylvania, on ril 20-22. She was drawing contion characters and trading card tches by request. She also made work available for sale during convention.

Kaitlyn was asked what actly is Comic Con. She explained, comicon? It's an amazing nerdt! With nerds from all over the ion buying comic books & acsories, playing video game conts and dressing up as their faite comic book heroes!" She was o asked how it was that she knew but the Comic Con event. "My ner told me at first. And it's on all ds need-to-know basis. Only a select few Comic-cons are by Ohio, so if one comes up news spreads fast," Kaitlynn replied.

So, how exactly did Kaitlynn become interested in the type of artwork she does. She explained, "I've always been doodling since I was very little, but I think it truly started when I met my best friend Lynn Rudder. She taught me to find my own style and always strive for improvements." Kaitlynn also informs us that she is taking art classes currently at the high school. "I'm taking drawing class with Ms. Yereb. She definitely helps and is a very wise teacher," comments Kaitlynn.

When asked if she would simply like to share anything else she said, "Yeah, I just want to say thanks to my family and friends. And if anyone wants to order a drawing, I will happily do it for them." Kaitlynn appears to be a dedicated artist, and we wish her luck in her artistic pursuits.



A walk to remember By Reegan Barnett

Most in the Salem area can nember Mrs. Mowery. Whether was your teacher at one point, ar track coach, family member, or t your friend, we remember the man well. This June her niece, ng with others, is creating a team Relay for Life in her name. The m is In Loving Memory of Janie wery. Anyone is invited to join, d you can do so at http:// in.acsevents.org/goto/jmowery. The event will take place June 15 at Waterworth Park. To p raise money for the team, there t-shirts available to anyone who nts one, and on Friday May 25 y would like everyone to wear m in memory of Mrs. Mowery! e shirts will cost ten dollars and purchase one you can see Mrs. im in the library. Also there are y wristbands that read "Janie?" two dollars, and you can also Mrs. Crum to purchase those well.

by spreading the word, joining the team, or wearing the shirt or wrist-

Salem Senior High School Shelter Box

Project .

By Donna Paparodis

The Interact Club has put together a fund raiser to help people in need acquire supplies to help their living conditions in places such as Japan, where they have experienced devastating earthquakes and are in need of shelter. The supplies are collected in what is called a Shelter Box. The supplies include a ten-person tent that withstands extreme temperatures, thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets, and water purification equipment. Each of them costs \$1,000.

The president of Interact Club, senior Stephanie Wood, brought this idea to light while she was attending an Interact conference, and the idea was introduced there. She took the idea from there and ran with it to the Interact Club advisor, Mr. Viencek. They began the fundraiser. They need you to help collect as much money as possible to buy just one of these pack-ages. Stephanie says, "Interact would like to make a large amount of money in a short amount of time." There are people who need help and these shelter boxes will provide it for them. Not only could you help others, but the class who collects the most money will win a pizza party! Who wouldn't want that?

So, give up any loose change you can bear to part with and help areas of the world who are facing some sort of disaster. They need all the help they can get, and these packages aren't cheap. The fundraiser ends on May 1, so dig deep into your pockets and make sure to help the cause.

Senior jeans 2012 By Jeff Dyke

The senior jeans are something very special. All of the seniors from the school sign the jeans and then they are raffled off to raise funds for some person or organization. Anyone is able to win the jeans; all you have to do is buy a raffle ticket, and put it in the bag and hope that your ticket gets pulled.

'The senior jeans tradition has been going on for a long time, and the person in charge is Mr. Viencek. It really is a special activity, and it is a great honor to win. In addition to the signatures of the seniors, the jeans also have a varsity letter stitched to them and some very attractive artwork created by some of the more artistic members of the senior class. They are really cool, and the best part is you can be in any grade and win them. Sales are going on through all lunches, and anyone has a chance. There are also other prizes you can win.

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So, good luck to anyone who puts their name on a ticket and tries for a chance to win the senior jeans. It might just be you!



Members of the second period A.P. Literature class recently had fun signing the senior jeans. Mrs. Dye tried them on and the group took the opportunity to get this shot. Yes, you can actually wear the senior jeans if you win them!



A.P. Psychology coming to Salem? By Sierra Cannon

So support the memory of s. Mowery in any way you can

band. Anything you can do to help is appreciated. Keep her memory alive, and honor Mrs. Mowery! Many of you can reme mber her as your teacher or coach, so help remind people of who Janie Mowery was.



Junior Reegan Barnett displays a wristband which was created to honor the late Janie Mowery, a former elementary teacher in the Salem schools. Sociology and psychology were new classes that were introduced last year and taught by Mr. Motz. Students were excited about the new classes and the chance to learn a little something about themselves. The number of students taking the courses only increased when first semester students passed on favorable reviews for the new classes. There were no requirements, although it was originally intended for juniors and seniors. The class lists filled up quickly with students of all grade levels that were eager to experience something new.

As of next year, Mr. Motz will be offering an A.P Psychology class for students who want a broader and deeper understanding of the human mind. Mr. Motz reports that AP Psych will be open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and that the general psych class will not be a prerequisite. He recommends that students wishing to take the AP class have a "B" average in both socials studies and English courses because of how self-directed and heavy the material is planned to be. He states that two classes of fifteen students each would be ideal because of how challenging the class is going to be.

Mr. Motz then comments, "AP courses are the best option for preparing for college. Think about AP Psychology as an introduction to college level coursework."



Pictured above is Mr. Motz (and his kitty). He is the current teacher of Sociology, Psychology, US History, and A.P. History here at S.H.S.

Opinion

Cheap things to do this summer

By Donna Paparodis



Summer is quickly approaching, and you're all itching to get out of here. And once you're out, what is there to do? I know I have found myself bored many times over past summers, and it seems like there isn't much to do if you don't have much money to spend, especially around here. So here are some ideas that might help if you find yourself in a rut.

-Exercise! Going for a jog or a walk in the park is free.

-Go see a local concert.

-Take a trip to the movies; as long as you sneak in your own snacks, it isn't too pricey.

-Play board games with your friends. -Create artwork or crafts.

-Play basketball, tennis, or volleyball at the park.

- -Go swimming or roller skating; ride
- a scooter or a bike.
- -Go to a play at a local theater.

-Go fishing or go on a picnic.

- -Go camping.
- -Visit a zoo.
- -Read a good book.
- -Draw with chalk on your driveway or sidewalk.
- -Visit a county or state fair.
- -Start a scrapbook.
- -Bake cookies, a cake, etc. -Play in your sprinkler!
- -Play pranks on your friends.
- -Have a bonfire. -Have water balloon fights.
- -Get your tan on and lay out.

There are many other

more discoveries are being made. things you can do this summer, especially ones that require a bit of cation. Kids, even in our own commoney. But if you're a little strapped munity, are beginning to use iPads for cash I hope these can relieve you of your boredom at least a little. Maybe they will even help you think of other things to do. Have a good summer and try to stay entertained.

Point Counter Point: Technology Against

For

By Donna Paparodis

would want a drink, they would have According to Wikipedia to point out letters individually on technology is "the making, usage, a piece of paper, but now they can and knowledge of tools, machines, use the iPad which can quickly and techniques, crafts, systems or metheasily translate what they want to ods of organization in order to solve their parents or whoever is caring a problem or perform a specific funcfor them. This is a breakthrough for parents who have been struggling tion." We live in a world where we can't live without our smart phones, with talking to their own children, computers, iPads, or whatever else and it's only going to get better. you can think of. There are definitely I'm sure only a small handpros and cons that come with that, but I'd like to focus on the pros of

ful of the world would be able to handle being without some of the things we use every day. Almost every industry uses some form of technology. Offices of all sorts use computers, printers, scanners, etc. Farmers use many kinds of machinery to take care of their fields. Policemen use speed guns to detect who is going over the speed limit. We can even use a GPS in our car, and it will take us wherever we want to go.

I'd like to touch on one more subject - communication. We have phones, computers, radios, iPads and (if anyone still uses them) fax machines. All of these things are used to contact each other. Other than traditional calling and e-mail, we have additional ways of communicating. On some smart phones, computers, tablets and even gaming systems we can video chat with one another. Microsoft, which created the Xbox 360, has come out with the Kinect that connects with the Xbox, enabling it to be used for video chat.

There are so many things we use I can't even mention them all. There are so many reasons for technology to be used and there are many more current developments that will be made into a reality in the future. Our progress and present feats are helping the world every day and will continue to improve it.

By Katelyn Rhodes

Technology is increasing every day in our lives. We are capable of always being connected whether it is through a cell phone, computer, or television set. Technology is even becoming accessible in our vehicles with blue tooth and GP.S capabilities. But when is it going to stop? Are we, as a society, going to the point of no return? Will every-thing one day be totally automated? Will more and more people lose their jobs because tasks can now be completed by droids and robots?

Cell phones are a huge part of our generation. Some of us feel as if we could not survive without them. Texting and game applications are taking up a majority of our hours and days. Some would say, however, that it is completely unhealthy to be so attached to something that it becomes the only thing we want to do..... constantly be on a cell phone. Furthermore, cell phones are causing a huge controversy in what is known as "Sexting." A girl or boy's reputation can be at stake because of it. And the person who solicited the photos could be facing serious charges such as jail time.

Computers are also a huge influence on teenage lives. It is where we connect to sites like YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. But some of these sites are becoming an outlet for personal information that could potentially affect you in the long run when you apply for colleges or jobs. If you would post your personal cell phone number, it could lead to cyber bullying toward you or a stalker to be able to contact you. If you post your e-mail address, it can be a way for someone to hack your account and post falsified information about you, or make it possible for a virus a movie because you are not old enough, that does not stop a parent from taking a child to see it. Now kids are even able to access and purchase R-rated films on television or on Netflix. I recently attended Carnation Cinema to see an R-rated film because I am of age to see it. When I was there, I came across a sign at the ticket booth that said no one under six years old may be permitted into R-rated films. First of all, anyone under the age of seventeen should not be allowed into the theater. That is why it is rated R, because it is not meant for any one under that age to see it. That sign was broadcasting our society's stupidity of what it is starting to make acceptable. Recently in Mr. Spack's

to be sent to your computer un-

knowingly. The last thing that is

causing controversy in our culture

is television and motion pictures.

Are these things beginning to cor-

rupt our children's and teens'

minds? Even if you cannot get into

history of government class, we studied the subject of whether or not we are becoming too coarse? I think the answer to that is yes. There doesn't seem to be any sense of morality today as to what is the right and wrong thing for kids to be exposed to. I honestly believe that our society will never go back to the way it was with monitoring television and movies. But then again it was the generation before us which created all of the social networks and media that we have today. So who is to blame? Who invented it? Or who is allowing it to be out there for anyone to see?



in the classroom. They're used for autistic kids to help with communication through certain apps. Now kids don't have to get so frustrated when trying to communicate one small thing that they want. If they

our ever growing field of technol-ogy and how it has helped many

believe it or not, when people didn't

even have lights. I know it's a scary

thought. But we have come such a long way since then. If somebody

had told the people in the nineteenth

century that one day there would

be a tablet that you could hold in

your hand and at the touch of your

finger you could write notes on a

screen or video chat with someone

miles away, they'd probably would

have reported you to the local au-

thorities. But here we are with the

third generation of the iPad. There

are so many good things that you

can do with technology. Let's consider the entire medical field, for example. We have

the ability to look at an unborn child

to determine its sex or whether it will

have any medical problems when it's

born. We can replace almost any

body part with a synthetic part.

There are many diseases that can

be cured that people died from years

ago. I'm not sure why it would be

needed, but we even have the abil-

ity to clone. X-rays can be used to tell you if you've broken a bone.

People can live so much longer, and

you can spend more time with your

loved ones with the technology we

have. There are so many things that

can be cured or fixed, and more and

We can also look at edu-

There used to be a time,

things in our world.



War of Words

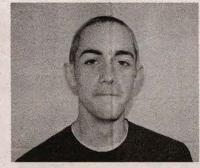
By Kayla Mills

If you could choose ANYONE to be the President of the United States, who would you choose and why?



Freshman Shonte Pipkin: Nicki Minaj. She is colorful, hot, and she has a nice figure.

Sophomore Michael Edgerton: Ummm, I guess Pillsbury Doughboy because he makes the best breakfast food.



Junior Jake Carner: Jay Gatsby because he worked for his money (I'm reading the book).



Senior Sierra Cannon: Barack Obama because he is already in office and is doing a great job.

Entertainment

By Ian Chandler

Theme: The best of the best Throughout this column, we have strived to bring you the best possible music in all of the land in an effort to bring pleasure to your eartrums. Many different columnists have made their attempt to do this; nowever, I am just better at it. In the following playlist, I have compiled some of the best music gracing my Pod. It is my hope that you will thoroughly enjoy it. It's going to have everything: zebras, fly fishing, a zar wearing a sombrero, a deadbeat tad, an ostrich that looks like Robin Williams, and a Fobbit (a French 10bbit). The list below is like a buffet: There's something for everyone.

Hands Like Houses – "Lion Skin" This is the first song I heard by HLH, and it is a good introduction to hem. Their instrumentation is origiial and flawless, and the vocals are pristine especially considering this song features ex-Woe Is Me singer Tyler Carter and Dance Gavin Dance/Emarosa legend Jonny Craig. Kids, buy this album. Go out to the nearest record store, purhase the physical CD, and enjoy it intil it stops working. It's worth every penny and is quite possibly ny Album of the Year. Of Machines – "Reset, Reflect"

Of Machines – "Reset, Reflect" OM sadly only released one album, but they left behind a legacy unmatched by any other band. Alhough, like FILH, every song on heir album is worth several listens, his song embodies the band's style quite well and features oddly ambient guitars pitched against mahine-like effects and skyscraping vocals. Memphis May Fire - "The Sinner" MMF is headlining this year's Warped Tour, so I felt inclined to include their most popular song and with good reason. Matty Mullins's vocals are very unique, and he rivals such singing stalwarts as the aforementioned Tyler and Jonny. "The Redeemed" is also a class A listen. City & Colour - "Save Your Scissors' Ex-Alexisonfire singer/guitarist Dallas Green has had his solo project City & Colour for quite a while, and he does some of his best work here. It's a plain acoustic act, but his downto-earth vocals and gripping lines deliver a very poignant message to listeners.

Circa Survive – "The Difference Between Medicine and Poison Is in the Dose"

Perhaps their most popular song, this otherworldly track is a great example of what a song should sound like. Words don't really do this tune justice, so clamp on a pair of headphones and enjoy Anthony Green's chilling falsetto and the band's solid, ethereal background.

Coheed & Cambria – "In Keeping Secrets of Silent Earth: 3"

This song and identically titled album are one of Coheed's greatest works. This magnum opus of a tune spans eight epic minutes traversing from a pulsating 6/8 groove to a slow guitar interlude. It's not one of their more popular songs but definitely one of their best.

Here Comes Treble

Scale the Summit – "Whales" STS is at the forefront of a new, more technical genre, and although they are instrumental, vocals would only take away from the string-strumming, drum-pounding awesomeness going on here. They know how to craft a song better than everyone, and this one is perfect to listen to while watching *Finding Nemo*. The solo section is sublime.

Sleeping With Sirens – "If You Can't Hang"

The other headliner of Warped 2012, SWS is increasing in popularity, and not just because of singing sensation Kellin Quinn – their music's pretty good, too. If you've given these guys a pass, I dare you to revisit them and not move to the offbeat intro of this fine selection.

Secrets – "Somewhere In Hiding" Secrets is another band which has also been gaining more of a following. While some may overlook them and think they're just another posthardcore band, their formula seems to work. "Somewhere in Hiding" has both a demo version and an acoustic version, and all are fairly good for a newer band.

Dream On, Dreamer – "Ambitions" Like their Australian fellowmen HLH, DO,D seem to specialize in creating original music. Their use of instruments is unlike any other modern post-hardcore act, and while they're no stranger to breakdowns, they also manage to make use of effects very well.

Through These Trials

By Sierra Cannon

Salem students have a history of banding together and creating, well... bands. There have been a number of bands that have come and gone with the students over the years. Kids have swapped in and out of different groups and some have been lead singer one day then a bass player the next.

Through These Trials is a (ready for this?) post-hardcore/ metalcore/djent/experimental/progressive (not Geico) band. They have been playing music together for about two years (since 2010) and are the combination of two older bands. Through These Trials is made up of six members with Brent Bosworth as a clean and "unclean" vocalist, Joseph Smith as an unclean vocalist, Ian Chandler as guitarist and backup vocalist, David Carroll on guitar, Jeremy Morris on bass and backup vocals and Max Kasten on drums. The band comments, "We play guitar and scream like "RAWR!" They add that all of their original songs are based off of Based God, Mister Rogers, and Thomas Jefferson. **Through These Trials will** be making their first appearance in May at Jupiter Studios. Their show will be a benefit show for a child in the community who has brain cancer. They also plan to play throughout the summer.

I've been waiting the entire year to create this playlist. When it finally came time, I scrolled through my iTunes and easily found twenty-one songs that fit right into the summer theme. As usual you can listen to these songs on my Youtube channel, youtube.com/ blackinkwhitesky.

"Pachuca Sunrise" – Minus the Bear When I think of summer, I automatically think of this song. As soon as the temperatures start to creep into the lower fifties, it's usually on repeat on my iPod.

"Young Blood" – The Naked and Famous

"Kings & Queens" – 30 Seconds to Mars

"Fireworks" – Animal Collective "Circles" – As Tall as Lions

I know this song has been on a previous playlist, but it fits this one too. "Ghost" – Gregory and the Hawk "Summer is the Champion" – Laura Veirs

"Passing Afternoon" – Iron & Wine "Blue Skies" Noah and the Whale "Aqueous Transmission" – Incubus "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" – The Beatles

"Loser"-Beck



By Meg Bell JJ

- I Set My Friends on Fire "Don't Stop Me Now" - Queen "Paper Planes" - M.I.A.

"Paper Planes" – M.I.A. "The Boys of Summer" – The Ataris I prefer the original Don Henley version of this song, but The Ataris made a good cover that's a little more

fast-pared. "Swagga"-Excision, Datsik Even though dubstep has been ruined and I sometimes think it's not even real music, it's still a fun song to blast in the car and annoy fellow drivers with the ridiculous amounts of bass.

of bass. "The Waiting Room" – We Are The Ocean

"The Outer Banks" – The Album Leaf

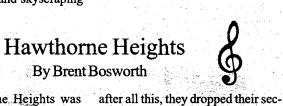
"Loft Music" – The Weeknd "Strawberry Wine" – Deana Carter I know it's a fad to hate country music, and honestly I believe it, especially today's when it's more pop than country. However, I'm a firm believer in nineties country music, so give it a chance before you just assume it's a terrible song. I promise, no deer shooting or beer drinking mentioned at all.



Hot summer concerts By Katelyn Rhodes

There will be plenty of concerts and tours coming to Ohio this year. Performances will be coming to the Covelli Centre in Youngstown, Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls, and Value City Arena in Columbus. Tickets can be

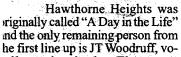
Flatts, Little Big Town, and Eli Young Band play. Rock icons REO Speedwagon, Styx, and Ted Nugent appear on June 30 at 7:00 PM. Country star Toby Keith is performing on July 13, Rock artists Nickelback, Bush, Seether, and My Darkest Day will play July 19 at 6:30 PM. Nickelodeon pop sensations Big Time Rush will play August 1 at 7:00 PM. On September 7, country artist Jason Aldean will play. Finally, on September 12 at 7:00 PM, rock legends KISS and Motley Crue will end the 2012 schedule at Blossom. The Value City Arena musical performances for 2012 present yet another group of artists. Rock artists Red Hot Chilli Peppers will play on June 4 at 7:30 PM. On June 9, the Michael Jack-son "THE IMMORTAL" tour will perform at 8:00 PM. It will also continue on June 10 at 4:00 PM. Again, for those who are interested, tickets can be purchased online at StubHub and ticketworks. Get your tickets soon before your favorite performer is all sold out. They will only be in town for one night.



ond album on February 28, 2006.

That album was at number 3 on the

Billboard charts. That happiness



alist and guitarist. They were ormed in Dayton, Ohio, in 2001. The band changed their name to Hawthorne Heights" after JT got tew bandmates consisting of dicah Carli on lead guitar and voals, Matt Ridenour who plays bass nd does backup vocals, and their frummer Eron Bucciarelli. They also tad Casey Calvert who played guiar and screamed, but sadly he assed away on November 24, 2007 of accidental causes.

The name "Hawthorne leights" was derived from the fanous author Nathaniel Hawthorne. t took them only four weeks to ecord their first album which was *The Silence in Black and White*, nd it was released in 2004. At first here was not an immediate reaction o their album; however, MTV tarted airing the video of the song Ohio Is for Lovers." After that the vand got some serious recognition, nd their album shot up to 56 on he Billboard charts. Just two years wasn't around for too long, however. On November 24, 2007, the band found their lead guitarist and screamer, Casey Calvert, dead on their tour bus. His case was extremely rare. The cause was was a combination of the medications he had been prescribed, such as antidepressants and antianxiety meds mixed with vicodin that he received for a root canal he had just recently had.

The band was now just a

four piece group and vowed that they would never replace their lost friend, and on all their albums they would still put Casey Calvert on guitar/vocals. After his death they are still making music. In 2010 they released their third album tilled *Fragile Future*. Then they also put out an EP called *Cardboard Empire* in 2011. They are still saddened by the death of their friend, and they have written a few tribute songs for him. The important thing is his spirit still lives on through their music. purchased online at StubHub and ticketwork.

The 2012 summer mucic. performaces at the Covelli Centre are as follows. On May 5 country musician Eric Church will play at 7:30PM. Also, the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and seventies stars Earth Wind and Fire will perform on June 6 at 7:30 PM.

Blossom Music Center acts are as follows. On May 28 R&B artists Drake, J. Cole, and Wocka Flocka Flame are performing at 7:00 PM. On June 1, country music sensation Lady Antebellum is performing at 7:00 PM. Indie rock. group Dave Mathews Band will be at Blossom on June 3 at 7:00 PM. Rock icon Radiohead will perform on June 6 at 7:30 PM. The pop surfrock group the Beach Boys perform June 13 at 7:30 PM. Country music stars Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, and Scotty McCreery perform on June 15 at 7:30 PM. On June 29, country artists Rascal

Feature

Student of the Month: Eva Jackman By Ian Chandler

As some of you may know, as the next issue of *The Quaker* is the senior issue, this issue will be the last to feature all of the signature columns including Here Comes Treble, Point Counterpoint, and this very column. Looking back upon this school year, I realize I did not make it as fun as I could have, but I believe that the students selected are of the absolute highest quality. The final Student of the Month is Miss Eva Jackman.

Eva grew up in rural Germany with her grandparents in the rustic countryside of Bavaria. Picking grapes one day with Oma Liesel, she realized that her ambition was to be SOMeone. Seizing her favorite treat – chocolate covered bacon – she migrated like a coconut to the great state of Amurica. Today she shared with me some of her likes and traits, and I would like to inform you, the masses, to educate you of her awesomeness.

Eva's favorite time of day is 3:33 P.M. - that stands for Prime Minister, kids - and she can imitate any voice. The latter talent often helps in times of captivity including the one instance where she impersonated Owen Wilson to escape from a Red Army camp. In her travels, she decided that if she was forced to become a hobo, she would take a "worst case scenario book and a sock puppet." Even though this list doesn't include her favorite book, The Scarlet Letter, it allows for her to entertain while on the move.

She describes her typical summer day as "drinking iced coffee and reading a good book or spending time with friends and family." This is a look straight back into the good old days of the sixties, where iced coffee cows ran rampant and were milked at the farmer's whim. Her imagery reminds one of the local Friends Roastery, which ally a nirvana remotely sophisticated. Eva's special talents include drawing and 'balancing things on my nose.' One could conjecture she has balanced an iced coffee on the tip of her nose Her favorite word is the behemoth German word which is hinterasiatischeshångerbauchscwein. Apparently it's some type of pig. If she faced Vladimir Putin, she

would ask him: "Do you think you can beat Ralph Macchio at karate?" I would assume that he would only say yes at 3:33. Her amazing facets seem to never run dry, as revealed in this column. I would like us all to take a breath and just bathe in the awesomeness for a little bit. Not for too long, though. That would be strange.

As a Student of the Month, she spews wisdom gratuitously, remarking, "When life gives you lemons, make orange juice." Ironically, she plans to become an engineer. As Eva Jackman said as Ian Chandler said, "An optimist says the glass is half full. A pessimist says the glass is half empty. But an engineer knows the glass is actually twice as big as it needs to be." We tip our hats to Sir Kibler.

When asked to describe herself, she says, "I'm much too modest to describe all of my amazing qualities such as great hair, pure genius, wonderful sense of humor, and the face of a goddess. I'll just say I'm a pretty nice person." I think this nicely sums up who Eva Jackman truly is. She is truly deserving of the Student of the Month award and earned it with persistence at parties, nominations on Facebook, and the charm of a siren. I congratulate you, Eva. You have joined the highest echelon of students possible in the entire nation we like to call the "United States."] personally vouch for Eva's awesomeness. Perhaps it is fitting that she will graduate this year - awesomeness cannot stay in a school for too long or it spoils. Like the rotten milk carton during my freshman locker cleanout.

It's been a good run, kids. I'd like to resign my post quietly and offer the following advice: Be literate. I won't leave you wich the typical "stay in school" or "don't do drugs" – although those are both sound pieces of advice – but simply the wish for competence in grammar. To the person taking over the SOM post next year: Make yourself known to me. You must be awesome.

Brent Says

By Brent Bosworth



This month I would like to bore you all with showing how our country fabricates the place that we live in today. The thing is, and has been for years, the media chooses what the youth of our nation should and should not see. For example, a black man kills a black man in the ghetto, and the story is only covered in local news, if that. It's funny how we can pretend that we are respectable people, talking about America's intellectuality on the news and avoiding the talk of rape and murder in our societies. The argument could be made that we don't want our young ones to worry, but the truth of our society is no worse than watching a scary movie.

For years our country has been running this system in a man-ner in which they seem like they want us to know how important all people are. We should help all the countries around the world with poor little starving children and get rid of foreign leaders who abuse their powers. This is where the comedy comes back into play. If we want to show people how much we care, why don't we take care of starving kids in America? Or better vet, why don't we put an end to our corrupt, fake politicians? I'm in no way whatsoever trying to trash talk America, believe me. I absolutely am in love with the fact that I have the right to be an ignorant, worthless piece of life. The main problem with us is that we are so arrogant to the rest of the world, and even though they are clearly more intelligent than we are we still think we're superior. That's ridiculous. The main point that I'm trying to get at is this – the only thing we really have going for us is our military, and until we become better in other aspects of life maybe we should chill out on the bragging about America thing. We can't fix every problem and neither can any other country. I don't think I have the power to change anybody's mind, and I know I can't change how ignorant they are on this topic, but I felt like it needed to be said. Bye.

Clubs and Classes By Sierra Cannon

Family Living: The students in Mrs. Johnson's family living class were given the "Sugar Baby" project as a part of the assignments for the third nine weeks. Students were paired up as couples and then "married," as they learned together the responsibilities of heing with another person and raising a family. The couples were then given a baby (or two) of their own to take care of... sugar babies, of course. The babies' bodies were made out of a bag of sugar, and then a head and limbs were attached using various methods. Some students even went out and bought baby dolls as a substitute, giving their child a much cuter appearance. Each person in a married couple was supposed to take turns taking care of the baby for an entire week. In regard to this project, Mrs. Johnson said, "I don't want anything to happen to your baby that might be mistaken for child abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment." She then gave quite a lengthy list of examples, "Throwing, shaking, tossing in air, holding by head, leaving with an unreliable babysitter, leaving in locker, car, or at home."



Choir: Students in choir are taking a trip to Chicago April 26-April 28. The trip to Chicago was open to choir students of all grades. The cost was \$440 per person but was mostly taken care of through individual fundraising. The buses taking the students to Chicago left the high school at 6am April 26. The choir members then stopped in Indiana for a tour at the University of Notre Dame and made it to Chicago in time to see *Million Dollar Quartet*, the musical. Students then returned to their hotel and spent Friday afternoon busy with quite a few attractions. They visited Willis Tower, the Museum of Science and Industry and Lincoln Park Zoo. The choir then gathered at Navy Pier and sang a few musical selections. Saturday afternoon, students and chaperones visited Shedd's Aquarium and Millenium Park and then were headed home.

The Poets' Society: To honor National Poetry Month, members of The Poets' Society are sponsoring "Poem in Your Pocket Day" when members will give out poems to students as they enter the building. A select number of poems will be marked and winners will then be announced and rewarded a gift card to Wal-Mart. The Poets' Society also sponsored the poetry contest which was open to grades 9-12. The winner of the contest was then announced.

All that being said, I congratulate Eva and all of the other Students of the Month(s). You all deserve it. Thank you for reading this column throughout the year, and I hope you got at least a modicum of enjoyment from it. I've had a great time writing it. Stay classy, San Diego.





Library: Our high school librarian, Mrs. Crum, offered a spring deal that ran from March 26 through April 13. Yellow fliers were handed out for the special and students were to bring the paper with them and could then have their fees reduced or waived.



The Hunger Games experience By Kayla Mills



On Saturday, March 24, I drug myself away from an extremely exciting night of lying on my couch and cuddling with my cat to go see a movie with a group of friends. We arrived at the theater at 7:30 pm to see the 7:44 pm showing of The Hunger Games. As we walked in, we saw a sea of people with anxious faces. We too began to feel the excitement until our eyes came across a sign saying, "sold out" in bold, black letters. Our lives were ruined. Okay, so it wasn't that dramatic. But we were upset. There were still tickets available for the 10:00 pm showing of the movie. We came to see The Hunger Games, and nothing was going to stand in our way, especially not a soldout movie theater. We purchased our tickets and waited. Looking back, it was a very good decision.

The Hunger Games starring Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, and Josh Hutcherson takes place in a futuristic society where the human population is divided into twelve different districts. The Capitol is in control of everything and everyone, and because of a rebellion against the Capitol, the Hunger Games were created. All of the children from the twelve districts had their names placed into "The Reaping." One boy's and one girl's name would be drawn from each district, and they would represent their district in a battle to the death against the other tribunes. Only one could emerge victorious. Katniss Everdeen, the main character, steps in for her sister Prim when her name is chosen and pre-

pares for the battle of her life.

As my friends and I walked into the theater, we saw a series of children with braided hair and pins on their clothing. We saw Katniss's everywhere, but to my dismay, not nearly enough Gale's. It was very crowded, so our seats weren't the best. We sat in front of a group of teeny-tiny Hunger Game junkies whose "oohs" and "ahs" were significantly louder than everyone else's. We also sat beside a mother and daughter couple, and the daughter made it crystal clear that she DID NOT want to be there. They insisted on taking fifteen restroom breaks, stepping on our toes as they passed every single time. But none of that mattered. When the theater grew dark, every mouth shut, and no one paid any attention to their surroundings. They were locked on the big screen and reality had disappeared.

The movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time. There was no looking away from the screen or taking a restroom break because if you did, you would miss something of uttermost importance. By the end of the movie, I was furious that I had to leave the theater, for there was so much more that I wanted to see. The girls behind me were practically in the fetal position, and mouths were open across the theater. It soared above my expectations, and I can definitely say that it was the best five dollars I've ever spent.

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come alive. While I was reading the book, I pictured what the characters looked like in my mind. In the movie, the characters come extremely close to what I envisioned The cast did an amazing job in bringing the characters to life.

What many Hunger Game fans feared was that the movie was not going to do the book justice. In many cases, movies will fall short of the book on which they are based. The Twilight Series is a prime example of this theory. But every doubt these fans had was laid to rest after seeing this movie. Despite a few minor details being left out, the transition from book to movie was phenomenal. The setting and characters were everything I envisioned, and very few details from the book were left out in the movie

For those of you who haven't made it out to see this excellent movie, get out from underneath your rock and get going. As we were leaving the theater, I heard a young girl say, "This movie changed my life." Now, I wouldn't say that the movie changed my life, but it could change yours! This movie will draw you in and make you forget about what's going on around you. You can tell that by the end of the movie; the last thing on your mind is leaving the theater. You won't think about the awful traffic you're going to be faced with. You won't think about the ten year olds bawling their eyes out behind you. You won't even think about your greasy popcorn hands. You will be nothing but focused on the best movie you have ever seen in your life.



Some advice to all By Meg Bell

I know nothing about the real world. However, I have been through high school, and, seeing as I'm about to graduate, I'd like to share some hard-earned tips from a student's perspective and tricks to making it through these four years. Repeat after me: "I'm not

that special." You don't get special privileges just because you're a girl or you're in sports or you're a senior. No one cares. It doesn't matter that you turned eighteen - again, no one cares. You're treated the same as everyone else, mistrusted the same as everyone else, and you don't get to walk around with a shiny crown perched on your head like you're Mother Nature's gift to humanity. Next time you decide to look down your nose at others, think again. You live in the same town as the rest of us and go through the same classes as everyone else. This is Salem, not Silicon Valley. Just because Daddy gave you a shiny new car doesn't mean you get to drive eighty through the parking lot and put others in danger because you're that important. We all have places to go, and chances are you're going home to sit on your couch and watch Jersey Shore reruns until you fall asleep at midnight.

Think again before you wear that short pair of shorts that doesn't leave much to the imagination. Those high heels you think will make you look twenty? Hobbling through the hallway isn't attractive nor is it practical. Unless it is required, there is no point to dressing like you're about to receive an Academy Award. Remember that when it's spring time, it's usually cold in the mornings. Dressing like it's spring break in Ocean City isn't wise. You're going to shiver and look silly. Comfort is key. That doesn't mean that you come to school looking like you just rolled out of bed, but jeans or a skirt and a top will suffice. You'll thank yourself at the end of the day because your ankles aren't broken. I'm all for "expressing yourself," but when you wear apparel that is certain to draw attention don't get upset when you get made fun of. I'm not advocating bullying; I'm just speaking the truth. Kids will be kids, and until we all get it through our skulls that picking on people is a waste of time, it's going to happen. It's just reality. Just tone it down a little.

Before you decide to load up your schedule with every extracurricular activity offered, take a step back and think about it. Who is going to pay for all this? Cut your parents some slack. Pick a couple clubs or sports and... give them your all! With all of these activities, I doubt you'll have time for an after school job. Also factor in the gas money it takes to drive back and forth constantly. It's corny, and I'm sure your parents scream it at you, but save some money. You don't need Taco Bell every day for dinner. Nor do you need to go see the same movie three times. I highly recommend getting an after school job. Not only does it look good, but you do gain a little real world experience and realize what it's like to work with other people and not have your parents pay for every-thing. "But I don't want to work at McDonald's! I'm too good to work at such a place." Well, aren't you special? It's more noble to have your parents pay for everything or to beg your friends for money all the time. Working hard for your money isn't dignified in the least bit? Face facts.

Up and coming seniors, I'm saying this from experience don't wait until next year to get your GPA up. It's difficult and stressful. Fill out as many scholar-ships as you can. That private school you just HAVE to go to because you're too good for Kent Salem isn't going to pay for itself. Realize the world doesn't owe you anything, especially not money so you can go get your degree.

You're in class, and you think of something REALLY funny to say? Close your mouth. It's probably not that funny, and you're wasting everyone's time with your joke. You won't look cool to the teacher, and your peers will start to resent your existence in the class. A little humor here and there is fine, but "class idiot" isn't a righteous position.

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movie screamed perfection. Each character really got into their role and made the "book characters"



Put a little spring into your feet By Reegan Barnett

Attention all freshman and sophomores. It is your chance to dance! Traditionally each spring there are three big dances: freshman formal, sophomore social, and prom. Too bad for you youngins' that you have to wait until junior year to actually attend prom! But some witty people created some dances to keep you on your feet until you are allowed.

The day after the BIG dance, yes I mean prom, comes the freshman's taste at it. On May 5, you frosh should get all dolled up

and ready to dance the night away. This year the theme is plain and simple, just Freshman Formal. No big elaborate themes to fret about. Your dresses can be all different sorts, simple to way out there! And guys, if you don't want to go all out there and get the suits, just buy those t-shirts with the suit already on it and call it a day! So when the lights turn off, all you kids better be out there dancing the night away! The freshman formal will be held in the school cafeteria under the direction of the freshman class

advisor, Mrs. Heineman.

Sophomore Social is the fun, laid back dance of all your years. No big poofy dresses or tight little tuxes, just dancing in some crazy get up. This year's theme is to get some glow going. "Glow the Night Away" should be a big hit on May 11! So come out with all your glow sticks and get ready to move! The sophomore social will be held in the school cafeteria under the direction of the sophomore class advisors, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Zacharias.

I'm not saying I'm perfect. so don't give me that nonsense. I'm just speaking from experience and observation. As the end of the year draws near, just keep these few things in mind. Slow down; think before you speak; and just relax. Don't overload yourself with work, but don't lose sight of your goals. Oh, and put some clothes on.

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Saturday, May 12 6 PM

Southeast Field

T-shirts for sale \$10

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Poets' Corner Are you afraid? By Meg Bell

Trace your steps

Matted down grass

Through dirt roads and

Clocks By Ludwig von Ian

If only I could freeze those mechanical hands documenting our every move, and pull you from the squares that keep you in. We'd taunt every statue and monument, we'd hold time captive. A moment suspended by just our fingers. The chill of age would never haunt us, the silence would be our song. We'd be king and queen of all that's unseen. Dreamers, we've walked along invisible bridges and soared from the tallest skyscraper. If only there was a way for this to exist outside our memories. Our thoughts would never run dry, we'd climb ladders into the sky, and find what's above, to call it their own, if only we could find a way. If only, if only. We sigh like woodpeckers, dream like children, if only, if only.

Vegetation dripping with rain... Your umbrella traces the sky Shielding and protecting From everything real. Peel your coat off-Are you afraid? Of what air conditioning and Window blinds can't keep you. Carpeting and sun screen. Let your skin peel! Raw and blistered red and new How you were made, born from blood Not plastic wrap or cotton jumpsuits That keep you artificial. Perfectly packaged and shipped Wherever you need to go, To be sold marked down - half price -For all those with greedy eyes and Solid weight hearts, choking On their neck ties and fear of

Untitled III By Brent Bosworth

The uncharted.

Does corruption begin at birth? Or does it come from environment? We all have made sins, But was it inevitable?

We changed the expectations, They will never be quite the same. Our society is becoming more coarse, How we flaunt tales of intercourse.

I disagree that the media is to blame, The parents are the ones who should be ashamed. Freedom is the word that everyone claims, But these lifestyles are driving me insane.

If we went back long ago we would not act this way. Do it now, think about it later, seize the day? Excuses, excuses they're adorable at best. You show off your imperfections claiming you're better than the rest.

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Give a cheer for Salem By DeAnna Walker

Rah, rah! The time is here! Time for girls to learn to cheer. They'll work hard to achieve their dream and hopefully secure a spot on the team. That's right. Cheerleading tryouts were recently held for all girls currently in grades 8-11.

For the tryouts, the girls had to learn a dance, a cheer, two chants, jumps, a double jump or stunt, and create their own cheer showing their school spirit. The clinic to teach the cheerleading requirements was led by Seniors Katelyn Rhodes, Cristie Carlisle, and DeAnna Walker. The clinic was held on March 21 and 22 from 5–8 PM. Many girls attended clinic to prepare. Katelyn taught the dance portion, while Cristie and DeAnna taught the cheer and chants. The seniors, as a group, also reviewed jumps, gave tips, and delivered encouraging speeches to help calm the girls' nerves. The aspiring cheerleaders were excited and working tremendously hard for tryouts.

Tryouts were held on March 24 at Southeast Elementary at 9 AM. Three ladies from the Universal Cheer Association served as judges. Not only were the girls judged on their cheering abilities but also on GPA's, appearance, and teacher evaluations. All these elements were factored into each individual score. Congratulations to all the girls who will be cheering loud and proud for Salem next year!

Varsity Cheerleading - Football 2012

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Varsity Cheerleading – Basketball 2012-2013

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Freshman Cheerleading – Football 2012

Samantha Calhoun Olivia Eshelman Sadie Green Paige Johnson Nicole Nolan Hailey Thomas

Freshman Cheerleading – Basketball 2012-2013 Samantha Calhoun Olivia Eshelman Emily Fitch Paige Johnson Nicole Nolan Hailey Thomas

Cartoon Corner

By DeAnna Walker

Weird student talents

Everyone is capable of doing something weird. Ever since we were little, we've experimented with things to see what we could do. Many people learned how to do armpit noises, folding tongue tricks, and burping songs like the ABC's. In some cases, people discover a talent that no one else has. Let's face it, we're all a little weird, some much more than others.

Senior Johnny McKee has been known to do something that has become known as "The Archangel." He is able to stick his shoulder blades out so incredibly far, it resembles wings. Hence how his talent received the title of "The Archangel." I have yet to meet another person who is able to do exactly what Johnny does. Good luck trying because I'm sure this talent is definitely a one of a kind talent. Have you ever been walk-

ing through the halls and heard the

sweet tweet of a bird? If you have, it wasn't a bird, Senior Zach Myers has perfected his bird calls. His whistles beat out any store bought bird call. Zach's talent is the closest thing to birds singing as one can get. These bird calls sound as if there are birds tweeting and chirping right where Zach is standing. It's as if Zach is part bird himself.

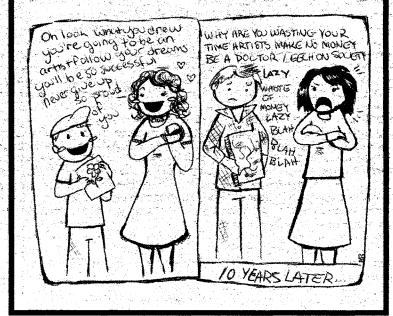
Everyone knows of Dumbo, the elephant who could flap his ears and fly. Now Senior Jocelynne Samu may not be able to fly, but she is able to flap and wiggle her ears. And she doesn't even need to use her hands.

If you want some entertainment, go to YouTube and watch videos of people attempting the cinnamon challenge. The cinnamon challenge is when people attempt to eat or swallow a whole tablespoon of pure cinnamon. The videos usually end with people coughing and puffing a cloud of cinnamon in front of their face. Junior Zack Taylor is actually able to complete the cinnamon challenge successfully. "Well, I only did it once, and it was pretty tough," quoted Zack, "but I'm stoaked that I at least did it, even if it was only one time."

It's no secret many of our students can bust a move, but have you ever seen one belly dance? That's right, one of our students can belly dance. You're expecting a girl, right? Guess again. Freshman Luke Secrest can belly dance just as good as any girl around.

There are weird and odd talents everywhere, even at Salem High School. It might be doing the worm with your finger. It may be singing like a bird. It may even be sucking your toes. Everyone has a talent, no matter how small, strange, or stupid. What's yours?

By Meg Bell



The final word on prom By Kayla Mills



the Gateway Clipper has been a popur attraction for many high school oms and afterproms in the area.

Prom is right around the rner, so we have decided to write e final prom article to answer any estions you might have. Keep in nd that the junior class adviser is r. D'Angelo, and he is the one to provided the information for s article. For those of you who ow Mr. D'Angelo, you know that has a unique sense of humor, and me information isn't 100% accu-

This year's prom will be ld on May 4 from 8:00 to 11:00 1. The prom will take place on the teway Clipper in Pittsburgh, Pennlvania. Those attending prom will ard busses at the high school bund 6:15 pm. The bus ride is apoximately one hour and fifteen nutes long.

nutes long. The theme for the prom is originally supposed to be "Cato Night." Unfortunately, due to high price for the boat itself, the nior class was unable to purchase t machines to go along with this eme. Instead, the theme for the 12 prom is "Night Out in the Big

Upon arriving at the Gatey Clipper, everyone will be seated dinner. When asked what was ing to be on the menu, Mr. Angelo replied with, "liver and ions, spam, tapioca pudding, anchovies, squid, sushi, crackers, and fruit roll ups." A part of me feels like this answer could be part of his unique sense of humor. But it's definitely a diverse selection. Who doesn't love a good fruit roll up?

The boat staff supplies the caterer as well as the DJ for the event.

One rumor that has been circulating concerning the boat is that people under the age of eighteen are not allowed on the deck of the boat. This is certainly not the case. When asked about whether or not students under the age of eighteen are allowed on the deck or not, Mr. D'Angelo replied, "Not without a life jacket." I suppose we'll have to see if this is accurate.

At the evening's end, everyone will be boarding the bus to go home at 11:15 pm. As far as an after prom is concerned, some ideas have been discussed, but nothing has been decided upon. Ideas such as Kennywood and the Salem Community Center have been tossed around as options.

This year's prom is definitely going to be one to remember. Eighty-eight tickets have already been sold through early-bird sales. The goal is to sell a total of 168 tickets. Before prom, there will be a prom parade from 4:15-5:15 pm in the high school auditorium. If you want pictures, you have to get them taken before or after prom parade. All pictures must be taken before leaving for Pittsburgh. The 2012 prom is going to be a night to remember!

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Salem Public Library reading challenge

By Jeff Dyke

The Salem Public Library began a reading challenge that started on April 1, and will continue through April 30. The winning class will receive a pizza party.

The object of the challenge is simple. Read the most total pages as a class, and the class will win the pizza party. It's a fun challenge that is not just for the high school and the middle school; it is for the entire Salem City Schools. It is a great thing in my

It is a great thing in my eyes because it gives everyone a chance to win and not just the high school students. Students from Salem will be attempting to win the pizza party. Last year's winners were students in Mr. Viencek's English class.

Everyone has the whole month of April to read the most pages. It will be an interesting race to see who wins. Good luck to all involved.



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College Checklist By DeAnna Walker



COLLEGE NAME: Cleveland State University

LOCATION: Cleveland, Ohio

MASCOT: The most recent is Magnus the Viking who was introduced in August 2007.

TUTUION: \$24,182 is the cost per year while living on campus. That includes other fees as well as room and board.

POPULATION: There are about 17,204 students who attend CSU. **STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO:** 12:1

AVERGACE ACT: The average ACT score ranges from 18-24 INTERESTING FACT: Cleveland is home to many nationally recognized museums like The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Great Lakes Science Center, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and The Cleveland Natural History Museum. Also in Cleveland is the Cleveland Orchestra, which is considered to be one of the finest orchestras in the world.

OPEN HOUSE DATES: There are no upcoming open house dates, but you could call 216.523.7416 to set up a tour.

The Vow...vow not to see it? By Kayla Mills

The Vow, starring Channing Tatum and Rachael McAdams, is about a young, married couple named Paige and Leo who have a special kind of relation-ship. They both love each other with everything they have, and nothing could stand in their way. One night the couple got into a car accident, and Paige is hurt severely. She lasped into a coma and has severe memory loss. Eventually she wakes up but with the realization that she per anything sn't remem about her marriage. Throughout the rest of the movie, Leo is forced to make his wife fall in love with him all over again. We all love a good romantic drama. They're so predictable, and the life that the characters lead is completely unattainable in real life. But something about the storyline draws us in, and being the hopeless romantics we are, we continue to throw our money away on these unrealistic love stories. The Vow is no different. We see a woman who has forgotten about the love she shares for her husband because of an epic twist of fate. Also we see the husband who is so desperately trying to put the pieces together again because he doesn't want to give up on what they have together. We, as an audience, root for the couple to make it past this life-altering obstacle. The result of this is the first reason I wasn't impressed by this "heart-wrenching" movie. Throughout the movie,

Leo is attempting to jog Paige's memory by getting her back into her old routine, hoping that everything will come flooding back to her. She strays off to her ex-fiancé to find some answers which brings about a heated argument between him and Leo. Paige finally tells Leo that she just can't remember, and boom... she gives up. Toward the end, they reconnect and go on a date. That's it. End of movie. I think what disap pointed me was that when going into the theatre, I was expecting a "love conquers all" kind of theme. I really thought that in the end, Paige's memory would some how magically come back, and she and Leo would live happily ever after. I suppose this is one story that really is relatable, explaining to the audience that you don't always get the perfect happily ever after. When I first saw the commercials for this romantic drama, the first thought that popped into my mind was, "Channing Tatum is one gorgeous hunk of man." The second thought that raced through my mind was, "This movie looks better than *The Notebook*." This is where I think we all went wrong. *The Note*book is classic. It's timeless, and it will always be remembered as one of the best on-screen love stories in history. When The Vow appeared in theatres, many thought, "This is it.

Finally, a movie that can compare to *The Notebook*." But this was not the case at all. I feel like everyone had such high expectations for the movie that when it finally came out, everyone was let down.

I'll admit, it's a good date movie, but that's about it. Aside from Channing Tatum, the movie just didn't leave me at the edge of my seat in suspense. You don't feel the need to watch it over and over again. You don't have to constantly wipe away the tears. You certainly don't have to nag your boyfriend about being more like Channing Tatum because in reality, his character wasn't that amazing. Overall, *The Vow* is a good movie; it just didn't live up to everyone's expectations.

April Calendar By Katelyn Rhodes

May 4- Prom Parade 4:30-5:30, auditorium/ Prom May 5- Freshman formal in the cafeteria, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm May 7- Spring choir concert, 7:00pm May 11- Sophomore social in the cafeteria, 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm May 14- Awards assembly in the auditorium, 7:00 pm May 15- Spring band concert in the auditorium, 7:00pm May 18- John Callahan Banquet- Invitation only, high school library May 22- Senior picnic at the Salem Country Club, periods 4-7 May 23- Senior locker clean out and senior exams periods 4-7 May 24- Senior exams periods 1-7 and baccalaureate at 7:00 pm May 25- Senior exams periods 1-3 and graduation practice 10:30 am May 26- Alumni banquet invitation only May 27- Commencement at 2:00 pm, John Cabas gymnasium une 1- Last day of school





