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# The 2009-2010 Sidney Buzz Newspaper Staff



The Sidney High School Journalism class, an elective for sophomores, juniors, and seniors, is working hard to create the school issues and the Sidney Daily News issues of The Sidney Buzz. The class meets every morning during 3rd period from 9:15 – 9:56 and is taught by Mrs. Croft.

This year the journalism class will be creating a quarterly school paper and the weekly half page for the Sidney Daily News. The quarterly school newspaper will be available to students in print form, and to students and the public online via the Sidney High School web page.

Students use the time in class to determine stories, coverage, conduct interviews, gather pictures, edit, design and put the paper together. The stories from the quarterly issue will then be featured throughout the year on Thursdays in the Sidney Daily News.

Students involved in the 2009 - 2010 Journalism class, pictured from left to right are (front row) senior Bailey Carter, daughter of Sherry Carter and Stanley and Sherrie Carter, sophomore Jon Hoelscher, son of Julie and Robert Henry, senior Brittany Teegarden, daughter of Rick and Brenda Teegarden, senior Kelli DeForde, daughter of Rich DeForde and Eric and Paula Bell, Justin Cayton, junior, son of



Darren and Candy Young, junior Maria Anderson, daughter of Ron and Diane Anderson, (back row) senior Doug Clay, son of Angie Crim and Doug Clay Sr., senior Phillip Cook, son of Warren and Melanie Cook, senior Hayley Swiger, daughter of Anne White-side and Leroy Swiger, senior Katlyn Crim, daughter of John Crim and Kathryn Ferguson, junior Aysha Metz, daughter of Bruce and Kimberly Grice and Randy and Jodi Metz, junior Olivia Kimbler, daughter of Sheila and Aaron Kimbler, and Jessica Lewis, senior, daughter of Craig and Kim Lewis.

**Rally on the Square**  
**Thursday, October 22nd**  
**6:30PM**  
**Courthouse Square**  
**Downtown Sidney**



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## Remembering our “Night in the Caribbean”

BY MARIA ANDERSON

The 2009 homecoming events started off with the homecoming parade on September 23rd. The juniors won the competition with their pirate-themed float complete with students disguised as pirates. Friday, September 25th, brought an end-of-the-day pep rally to get pumped for the homecoming game later that night. The pep rally was complete with activities such as a scavenger hunt, which involved the homecoming court finding items from the crowd, and finished up with court members dueling in a plastic sword fighting dance off contest.

Game night began with the crowning of the 2009 King, Aric Eppely, and Queen, Chelsea Mables, and was followed by an exciting game against Springboro. On Saturday, September 26th the much anticipated homecoming dance took place. The theme was “A Night in the Caribbean.”

The homecoming dance was different from previous homecoming dances because the dance was held in the gym, which was definitely an improvement. The dances were previously held in the cafeteria. The gym provided much more space for students, and, although the majority of the students were dancing, there were still tables and chairs set up to relax and take a break.

The annual powder puff game brought our homecoming events to a close on Monday, September 28th. The sophomores ended up winning against the freshman, and the seniors beat the juniors in a very close game. In the championship game, the sophomores faced off against the seniors, and the sophomores won! The sophomore girls are now the 2009-2010 Powder Puff Champs.



A special thanks to the yearbook staff, Mrs. Olding, and Mrs. McKenzie for the parade, homecoming, and Powder Puff pictures.



The seniors pose for a picture before their final Powder Puff appearance. Although they won their first game against the juniors, they were defeated by the sophomores in a double-overtime championship game.

## New school year, new schedules and policies

BY KELLI DEFORDE

When the students arrived this year, they found changes to their lunch schedule and dress code that were detrimental to a teen's life. Instead of having three periods of lunches, the administration had to cut them back to two periods with three lunches in those two periods. This may be confusing and outrageous to some, but there is a reasonable reason for the change. To start off with the lunch periods were too long, and it was felt that students could spend more time in the classroom doing more productive things. In addition to the time management issues, it was also found that almost every school in Ohio has thirty minute lunches. Finally, there was also an increase in disciplinary issues with the extra time at lunch.

They decided to change the lunches last year in a staff and administration meeting that the school has every year in the

middle of the year. From what has been seen so far, the lunches are very effective, and the administration does not plan on changing it, but there will be a meeting in the middle of this year to discuss if there should be any changes to the lunch.

The dress code, as we know, has been changed slightly. There was a rule at the beginning of the year that there was a no 'tear' policy, meaning that no jeans with holes in them were allowed to be worn at the school. Recently, the administration decided to allow the holes in the jeans as long as they were in areas that were not inappropriate or above the mid-thigh due to the fact that there was not an enforced no tear policy last year, and the students had already gone school shopping for this year. They also have cracked down on the short shorts and tank tops that were ignored at the beginning of the year. So beware of what you wear.

## Luebke named Teacher of the Year

BY PHILLIP COOK

This past school year Mrs. Luebke was elected Teacher of the Year by her coworkers. At the end of every year during the last faculty meeting, the teachers vote for the SHS Teacher of the Year. This nomination highlights Luebke and shows that she has proven to be an excellent teacher with her teaching style and her interaction with students and her fellow coworkers. To find out how it feels to be elected Teacher of the Year, we have asked Mrs. Luebke a few questions.

**Q. How long have you been teaching at Sidney High School?**

A. This is my 26th year at Sidney High School.

**Q. What is most memorable of your career?**

A. There are so many good memories that it's impossible to choose just one... The years I had Mrs. Gessler, Mr. Bickel, Mrs. Spade, and Mr. Golden in my class were exceptionally memorable, especially the year with Mr. Bickel.

**Q. How have students changed over the years?**

A. Students haven't changed, but the challenges they face have changed.

**Q. What is one challenge that you think teachers face?**

A. Teachers rarely see the impact they have on their students' lives. We can teach a lesson, give a test, and measure the growth in a student's progress, but we cannot measure the long term results of those "extra" lessons like accountability, perseverance, and self-confidence. Therefore, we must have faith in our students and trust that they'll make good choices and experience success in life. Another challenge that I face daily is working across the hall from Herr Keiser.

**Q. What advice would you give to other teachers?**

A. No advice really... Just continue to give the students of SHS

your best every day. You're all fantastic teachers, and I am blessed to work with such talented people.

**Q. What advice would you give to your students of Sidney High?**

A. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

**Q. What are your plans for the future?**

A. I'll be at Sidney High School for a few more years. When I retire I'd like to teach at an area college or open a book store/coffee shop.

**Q. Where did you think you would be now?**

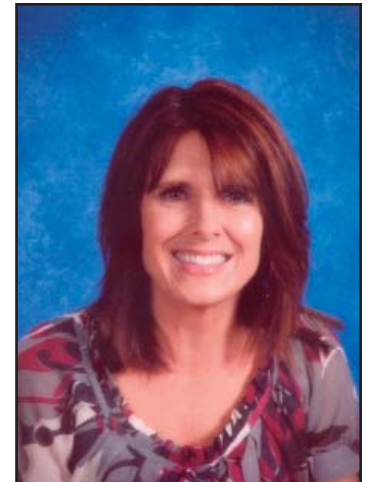
A. I always wanted to be a teacher! I had phenomenal teachers including Steve Weadock, Don Stephen, Shearl Edler, Karen Montgomery, and Ralph Wolfe. They were great role models who helped lead me to this profession.

**Q. What has teaching taught you?**

A. Teaching has taught me the importance of a positive attitude, a good sense of humor, understanding, and patience.

**Q. How did it feel to be awarded Teacher of the Year?**

A. Amazing! Being chosen Teacher of the Year by my colleagues is truly an honor.



If you would like to see your artwork or writing published in the Sidney Buzz, see Mrs. Croft in room E114 or visit <http://www.classwithcroft.com/forms.cfm>

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### MR. GOODING, Principal

**When did you start your profession?**

I became a principal in 2003.

**How long have you been in the educational field?**

I have been in education for eleven years (five as a teacher and six as a principal).

**What made you decide to join the education field?**

I enjoy studying history and wanted to teach it even when I was young. I also knew that I wanted to work with kids and help them love history as much as I do.

**What activities were you a part of in high school?**

I played baseball, basketball, and ran cross country. I was also in choir and on the academia team.

**Where are you originally from?**

I was born in Sidney, but I grew up in Jackson Center.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I am looking forward to attending as many of the SHS extracurricular events as I can. I really enjoy watching our students succeed as artists, musicians, athletes, and more.

**Whats your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

I enjoy traveling with my family. I also enjoy playing and watching sports and reading about American History.

**Favorite Movie?**

Rio Bravo- It's an old John Wayne western

**Favorite Food?**

Spanish Hotdogs from the BK Rootbeer Stand

**Favorite Music?**

I like music from the 60's and 80's. Tom Petty is my favorite.

**Do you have a favorite quote? If so, what is it?**

"The secret in education lies in respecting the student." Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Students and sta

BY HAYLEY SWIGER

This past summer, from June 15th- June 26th, Sidney High School students and staff took a trip to France. There they learned about French culture, art, architecture, food, and so much more! In France they visited many different historical places including the cities of Versailles and Normandy. They also spent a whole day in Paris doing sightseeing and many other things. Those who went on the trip said some of their favorite sites to see were the towns of Nice and St. Malo. Some of their favorite foods they ate on the trip were cactus flavored ice cream, breads, and pastries.

The cost to go on the trip was \$3,700, not including spending money of course, and "it was worth every penny," says Ms. Kerr who chaperoned the trip. It didn't cost that much though because the students and staff that went held many fundraisers last year, such as the "Kiss the Pig" contest and the collection of any old, broken, or used electronic devices or parts. Students also held a plant and cheese-cake sale to earn more money.



## One-on-one interviews with Warner Huskey, Mrs. Pirics, and Ms. Kerr about their journey to France.

**Q: What was your favorite food you ate while in France?**

Warner Huskey: Cactus Flavored ice-cream, because I've never had it before.

Mrs. Pirics: The breads and pastries because they just melt in your mouth.

Ms. Kerr: French Baguettes and cheeses because they are something that you've never had before.

**Q: What was your favorite place to visit in France and why?**

Warner Huskey: St. Malo because it was surrounded by the ocean.

Mrs. Pirics: This town called Nice because the water was so blue it was just gorgeous.

Ms. Kerr: The Eifel Tower because the lights on it twinkle once every hour.

**Q: How is France different from America and how is it the same?**

Warner Huskey: It's different because everyone pays with coins, and it's the same because France has a lot of farm land like we do.

Mrs. Pirics: Very diverse, different by language and just thinking of how far you are.

Ms. Kerr: The country is so much older and so very different by their history and arts, and very diverse as well.

**Q: Is there a major difference in the clothes and the pricing of them in France compared to America?**

Warner Huskey: The only way it's different is there is no tax on clothes, and clothes there were either really plain or really out there.

Mrs. Pirics: Same style, wasn't very outrageous price wise.

Ms. Kerr: The town of Paris would be compared to NYC here, but other than that the clothes weren't too expensive.

# ff travel to France



Above pictures provided by Warner Huskey

**Q: What was the weather like while you were there?**

Warner Huskey: Sunny, like summer here.

Mrs. Pirics: Perfect! Cool in the morning- warm during the day.

Ms. Kerr: Gorgeous! -Perfect for sight seeing.

**Q: Were the Europeans nice or rude while you were there?**

Warner Huskey: I think they were nice because no one tried to rob me or anything.

Mrs. Pirics: They were nice- Liked how we would try to speak French.

Ms. Kerr: No, they were just like us- how you treated them is how you got treated.

**Q: Did you see the movie "Taken" before your trip? If so did it scare you?**

Warner Huskey: I saw it after, and it wasn't that scary because I'm a guy.

Mrs. Pirics: Oh no! Madam Smith advised us not to; I'm going to now though.

Ms. Kerr: No, it scared me just thinking about it.

**Q: If you got the chance to, would you want to live in France? Why or why not?**

Warner Huskey: Probably not because I would get really fat, and I wouldn't be understood there, Oh and I'd go broke too.

Mrs. Pirics: Yes, if my family could go too.

Ms. Kerr: Yes, temporarily, maybe a few months at a time.

**Q: What was the hardest thing to overcome or get used to? Why?**

Warner Huskey: Probably ordering food.

Mrs. Pirics: The fast pace- just to keep going, climbing, walking, and having to live out of a suitcase.

Ms. Kerr: Just the language.

**Q: Was there anything at all that you didn't like about the trip? Why?**

Warner Huskey: I didn't like riding overnight on the train because I couldn't sleep, and the flight home was really long. There was also the teachers being robbed.

Mrs. Pirics: The robbery, and the situation

Ms. Kerr: The robbery and the flight was delayed so we missed a whole day in France.

Ms. Kerr's note: I would encourage people to go visit a different country because it's an unforgettable experience.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### MR. GEUY, Assistant Principal

**When did you start your profession?**

I started my profession in 1985.

**How long have you been in the educational field?**

I have been in the educational field for 24 years.

**What made you decide to join the education field?**

My teachers from high school and friends from college made me decide to go into the educational field.

**What activities were you a part of in high school?**

I participated in football, basketball, wrestling, choir, chamber choir, and student council.

**Where are you originally from?**

Sidney

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I am looking forward to learning my new job and getting to know more students.

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

My favorite things to do outside of school is attending sporting events, working construction, traveling, hunting, and fishing.

**Favorite Movie?**

The Last of the Mohicans

The Patriot

Anything with Clint Eastwood

**Favorite Food?**

Given my chisled physique, anything but liver and onions.

All Food!!!

**Favorite Music?**

Country, classic rock, blue grass.

**Do you have a favorite quote? If so, what is it?**

"Do what's right, do your best, treat others the way you want to be treated".

Carpe Diem

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**MR. LOVELACE, TEACHER**

**When did you start your profession?**

January of 2009.

**How long have you been in the educational field?**

I have been in the educational field for 9 months.

**What made you decide to join the education field?**

I realized that kids were not caring about their education. I wanted to help them be more active in their education and in government.

**What activities were you a part of in high school?**

I participated in N.H.S, football, baseball, basketball, and my fair share of trouble.

**Where are you originally from?**

Ithaca, New York.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I want to have a successful football season. I want to see if I have what it takes to be a good teacher, and to meet new people.

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

I like to be spontaneous, and I like to travel.

**Favorite Movie?**

Comedy- Dumb and Dumber.  
Overall, I love John Wayne movies.

**Favorite Food?**

New York Style pizza.

**Favorite Music?**

Rap

**Do you have a favorite quote? If so, what is it?**

"A man's mind changes against his will, of the same opinion still".

# The AP Physics Coaster in Mr. Tenney's class

BY PHILLIP COOK

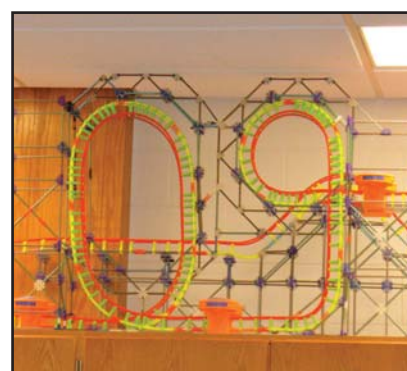
This year's AP class looks forward to spending time on the famous Physics Coaster and has begun by planning how to refine the structure of the coaster and then add on to it with their own ideas.

The K'nex coaster has become quite the spectacle for high school students and teachers to enjoy. The original coaster construction began in the 06-07 school year, when AP physics students brought in their own K'nex parts into class.

The Coaster has grown into a massive structure from the efforts of multiple years of AP classes. The purpose of the project was to apply the laws of physics in a real and entertaining way. The first class would try ideas at home and bring working structures in for testing. The large paddle loop in the center of the coaster is the biggest contribution of this technique.

During the completion of the original coaster, the students calculated how the car of the coaster would act around the various curves and loops of the coaster. The second year of the coaster's existence was monumental in that it would still run after an entire year of not being touched. Even though the AP class of '08 was not permitted to change the coaster, it was still enjoyed and discussed on a regular basis.

The only addition to the coaster occurred last year when the AP class of '09 added the numerals "09" on the left side of the classroom. The '09 addition has some serious flaws that the '10 class has planned to fix. The packaging tape holding the double loop is not holding anymore, and a new design that will still keep the idea of last year's class in place has been created and will be implemented the second quarter when Mr. Tenney allows the building of the coaster to begin.



# FCCLA 09-10

BY KATLYN CRIM

## Schedule of Representative MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 7th

During 1st period

Wednesday, November 11th

During 3rd period

Wednesday, December 9th

During 4th period

Wednesday, January 13th

During 8th period

## 2009-2010

### FCCLA OFFICERS

President- Nikki Subler  
Vice President- Mara Siegal  
Secretary- Shea Redmon  
Treasurer- Megan Nice  
Historian-Rebecca Honaker  
Reporter- Justin Subler



FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. FCCLA is an organization which engages in leadership activities to help better the community, and it is open to all students. Becoming a member is rather simple. Just visit one of three teachers, Mrs. C. Breinich, Mrs. T. Werntz, or Mrs. K. Jackson. Those teachers will give you the information you need to get started.

FCCLA does a variety of different projects each year. Some of those projects include "Power of One" district rally, a yearly scrapbook, and a memorial video of events that occurred that year. Recently, members created blankets, pillows, goodie bags, and a wreath to send along with the WWII Veterans on their trip to Washington D.C. The wreath will be put on the WWII Memorial.

## SAY CHEESE!

Senior Pictures, Group Pictures  
and Picture Retakes

November 20th

All seniors need to take a senior picture for the yearbook. No purchase is required. Seniors should report to the gym BEFORE 7:30AM on Nov. 20th. If you are late you will not be in the senior group shot. Senior pictures will begin immediately following the group shot, starting with JVS students.

Seniors should dress-up for their picture. Males should be in a dress shirt, tie and dress pants, and females in a dress-up blouse or top and dress pants or skirts. No bare shoulders or tiny straps, no hoodies or t-shirts will be allowed.

If you are retaking make sure to bring your picture package that you do not want.

## SURVEY BY KELLI DEFORDE

Top five reasons it is  
great to be a  
freshman...

1. Everything is new
2. Nothing
3. Closer to being out of school
4. Lunch
5. More privileges

Top five reasons it's  
great to be a  
senior...

1. Last year
2. Teachers like us more
3. Driving
4. The right to vote
5. Senior skip day

## The Main Office Buzz

BY JESSICA LEWIS

This year Mr. Gooding has replaced Dr. Sherry, Mr. Geuy has replaced Mr. Combs, and Mr. Dillon has moved to the middle school. There will be no student phone anymore; any student that needs to call home will now need to use the attendance office phone. Tardy passes no longer exist, so if you are late to a class, your teacher will handle it. You also won't be able to go out to your car as frequently as you did last year, and if you do need to go out to your car, you must go to the office first.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MRS. SHAFFER, TEACHER

**When did you start your profession?**

I started teaching full time this year.

**How long have you been in the educational field?**

5 years

**What made you decide to join the education field?**

I wanted to help kids with their education! I also wanted to help with the special education kids because my sister Leslie influenced me because she has Down Syndrome.

**What activities were you a part of in high school?**

I participated in fastpitch softball, volleyball, and basketball.

**Where are you originally from?**

Sidney!

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I am looking forward to expanding the curriculum in order to fit the personal needs of the special education students.

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

I'm very busy with getting my 2nd master's degree. My husband and I attend all the home OSU games, and we are preparing for the arrival of our little girl in February.

**Favorite Movie?**

Girly- The Notebook  
Overall- Dirty Dancing

**Favorite Food?**

What isn't? If I had to choose, pizza is my favorite.

**Favorite Music?**

Country and pop.

**Do you have a favorite quote? If so, what is it?**

"Live for today, as if it were your last".

Carpe Diem.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**MR. CORBIN, TEACHER**

**When did you start your profession?**

I started my profession in 1983.

**How long have you been in the educational field?**

I have been teaching for 26 years.

**What made you decide to join the education field?**

I enjoy teaching kids and helping them learn.

**What activities were you apart of in high school?**

I participated in football, basketball, and track.

**Where are you originally from?**

Lima

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I'm looking forward to getting back into the high school environment.

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

I like to go to all the sporting events.

**Favorite Movie?**

My Sister's Keeper

**Favorite Food?**

Steak

**Favorite Music?**

Country

**Do you have a favorite quote? If so, what is it?**

"Some people don't know, what they don't know, because they've never been."

## JACKET SPORTS

### YELLOW JACKET SPORTS

**Tennis, Golf, and Varsity Volleyball, and Boys Soccer**

**BY JUSTIN CAYTON**

**Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Football, and JV Volleyball**

**BY AYSHA METZ**

#### SHS TENNIS

As the tennis players finish up the season trying to uphold their record of 3-14 with two more dual matches before GWOC and sectionals, they have come out strong despite the difficulties with participation this year due to the pay to play fees.

Last year the tennis team had 21 girls out for tennis, but with the \$450 participation fee, the number of players dropped dramatically. The fundraisers have helped out, but they were not able to provide \$450 for each girl to participate, hurting the recruitment for tennis. There are no freshmen in tennis this year. However, there have been two new girls who joined, giving the tennis team a total of nine players. There was little to no varsity experience this year, but they still came out.

We asked the coach of the tennis team, Tony Brown, what would be their goal be for the season. He said, "My goals for this year were to try to get at least three games each set, try not to give the opponent the match by your mistakes, do your strokes correctly, don't hold back on your shots swing all the way through. I told them we may not win at all, but learn as you go! And maybe later in the season at tournament we may have something. I am very proud if these girls for not giving up!" Their biggest opponents this year were Troy, Trotwood, Piqua, and Butler.

Coach Brown is also looking for more players to join the team and added, "I hope that our program picks up. Tennis is a great sport that you can play for a long time. There are women and men who play in their 70's, and you can't say that for a lot of sports. If there is anyone out there that wants to play tennis, girls or boys, I'm willing to work with them as long as they try! That's all I can ask."

#### SHS GOLF

The golf team has been practicing all summer to prepare for this season's GWOC north competition. Their toughest matchups included the league tournament and sectionals, and for Zach Yinger, districts.

Although participation this year in golf was down in numbers due to participation costs and no JV team, there were still 7 strong Jacket players this year.

Their biggest opponent this year in the GWOC North would probably be Vandalia Butler. Going into the post-season tournament, the Sidney golf team gained an advantage by having a lead over them. Facing them in the GWOC North would be their biggest challenge this season.

New Golf Records:

Team	143	1 under par vs. Piqua
Zach Yinger	31	5 under par vs. Wayne

#### SHS VOLLEYBALL

In April 2008 the volleyball team started preparing for the season; they have already reached their goal, which is improving their passing abilities. Their record so far this year is 1-15.

Thankfully their number of participation in players didn't decrease since last year, but their team is still very young; half of their team are sophomores. The volleyball team has one junior and two seniors.

The player highlight of this year is Jenna Alexander; she is in the top 30 in GWOC. Their goals for the season were to improve on freshman setter abilities, and to watch out for injuries. Their biggest opponent to face this year would be Wayne.

#### SHS BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer teams started preparing for this year's season last winter by participating in futsal games at the YMCA in Sidney and weightlifting. They then conditioned throughout the spring and summer. This year the boys varsity team finished 10-4-2 before the varsity tournaments and the JV team finished 7-6-3.

Questions by OLIVIA KIMBLER

### SHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Sidney Girls Soccer team has started their year off with a 4-2-2 record. The senior players this season are Katie Steenrod who is a three year letter winner and runs the defense, and Tarah Heath who is a four year letter winner, a two time first team GWOC and 2nd team all Dayton area. She had 21 goals last season.

There are many strong players on the team this year including Brittney Koester who is a two time first team GWOC winner and first team all Dayton area. She led the team with 24 goals last season. Abigail Eppley, another key Lady Jacket player, is a defense specialist and always takes on the other teams strongest player. The team has a great set of sophomores including Morgan Headings, Taylor Rickert, Crystal Davis, Kelli Echemann, Kaitlyn Wolfe, Megan Mitchell, Carolyn VanMatre, and Haylie Fogt. They have prepared themselves by lifting in the weight room starting in June, conditioning 3 days a week all summer, and participating in four tournaments over the summer.

The team's motto is "The key to success is seeing opportunity where others only see difficulty." The team's biggest opponent this year will be Butler so they can stay in the running for GWOC. They have lost a few players due to the pay to play but they received 10 new freshmen so the numbers are strong!

### SHS CROSS COUNTRY

The Sidney High School Cross Country team got off to strong start this season. They Placed 6th of 8 in West Milton, 8th of 8 at Shelby County preview, 17th of 22 at the Greenville City Treaty Invite, 7th of 13 at the Fairborn Invite, and 9th of 15 at the Fort Loramie Invite.

The girls and boys team together have 6 seniors this year, Aaron Dinzeo, Gavin Spangler, Phil Cook, Courtney Morris, Allison Blair, Alexandra Ordway, and Valerie Cook who will be graduating early this year. Aaron Dinzeo has won 4 of the 5 invites so far this year and has tied his school record. Alex Bowman, who is a freshman this year, is running as a top 5 varsity runner because of his hard work and efforts. Grant Evans and Wes Jones have also moved up to the top 7 varsity runners. The whole team is working hard this season on "pack running" and their split times. Their team quote this year is, "I have found my hero, and he is me," originally said by George Sheehan.

Their greatest opponent this year will come from the GWOC North division, Butler and Centerville are always strong schools, and within the county, Russia will be there strongest competitor. The team size has decreased a bit this year due to pay-to-play; however, they still have 20 strong, dedicated members!

### SHS FOOTBALL

The Sidney High School Football team have 26 seniors this year including Brian Applegate, Kasey Beaucamp, Logan Brown, Brandon Crumes, Aric Eppley, Ben Ernst, Jack Foy, Zach Goffena, Keoni Gredvig, Ethan Heading, Corbin Henson, Grady Hoellrich, Zach Johnson, Brad Jones, Matt Kennedy, Austin Kleinhans, Jacob Lambdin, Shane Lambert, Keenan Lewis, Alex Lochard, Dylan McCrary, Zach Michael, Wes Parfait, Devon Rickert, Devin Stewart, and Antwon Thomas.

The team's goal for this year is to win league and to make the playoffs. They worked the entire winter, spring, and summer lifting and conditioning. When asked about what their biggest game this year would be, Coach Cairns responded, "When you play 10 games and you don't make the post season automatically...they are all big!" The team's numbers are down due to pay to play. They have lost about 60 players compared to last year.

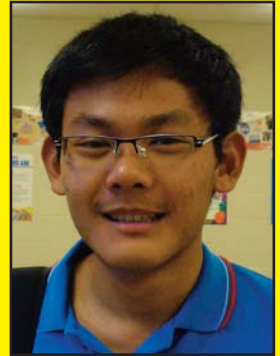
### SHS JV VOLLEYBALL

The Yellow Jackets JV Volleyball Team has flown through their season with a record of 3-11. They have many skilled players including Kelsey Rossman who is a defensive specialist and loves a little floor burn to get her adrenaline rushing. Karey Lindsey who is a setter for the JV team and a defensive specialist on the Varsity team loves to dive to save the ball. Taylor Oldiges, currently the safety player, can fill in for anyone on the team at anytime. Ashley Doak, who is the outside hitter, loves to make perfect passes that turn into great things. Audrey Snavley, who is a middle hitter, middle back defensive player, loves to get as many aces as possible. Other players include Kamesha Vondenhuevel, an outside right hitter; Priya Thakker, a right side hitter and a defensive specialist; Kaitlin Whitt, a setter; Shelbie Anderson, a middle hitter; and Paxten McDonald, a defensive specialist. The team's goals for this season are to work as hard as possible and to learn a lot in the process. Their team motto for this year is "Trust and be scrappy."

**What's your name?**  
Saittawut Yuttha-worakool (Machine)

**What language do you speak?** Thai

**What grade were you in when you were back home?**  
Grade 12



**What is different about the classes?**  
School in Thailand starts at 8:30am, and finishes at 4:30pm. We don't have to go to next class when the bell rings, teacher will come to class. School is very strict in student's hair style and we have uniform. All of high school boys have to study military subject.

**Do you like American food?** Yes

**What is different about the food?**  
Thai food is very very spicy. We have rice with anything that is spicy everyday, and noodle is also famous food.

**Where are you from?**  
Bangkok, Thailand

**How old are you?** 16 years old

**What's different about the way we live?**  
American people are very serious in the (punctual) and Thai teenagers are interested in news (politic, economic) more than American teenagers.

**Do you speak good English?**  
It is not fluent but I know a lot of conversation and vocabulary.

**Do you have any brother(s) or sister(s)?**  
1 younger brother.

**Do you like America?**  
Sure. America is the interesting country. Here has something that I have never seen before. People are friendly.

**What made you want to come to America?**  
To exchange culture between Thai and America. To study and improve my English skill.

**Have you ever been anywhere else throughout the world?**  
No. America is my first trip overseas.

**Who are you staying with?**  
Redy Galang, Beth Galang, Abril Galang (S.H.S. senior)

# SHS MUSIC

Orchestra News BY JUSTIN CAYTON  
 Band News BY PHILLIP COOK  
 Chorus News BY BRITTANY TEEGARDEN

The SHS orchestra will be competing in the Evening of Strings 2009 concert. This will be the 41st annual concert for strings players from the greater Miami Valley. The SHS orchestra has participated in every single event in the Evening of Strings since 1987. The pieces that they will take to contest will be

- Rondino* by: Kreisler/Gazda
- Appalachian Reflections* by: Percy Hall
- Dance of the Tumblers* by: Rimsky-Korsakov/Dackow
- Dark Adventure* by: Richard Meyer
- In Jerusalem, at Rest* by: Mark Grauer

## Upcoming Orchestra Events

### October 27th

SHS will travel to Centerville HS to perform in EOS (Evening of Strings) at 7pm.

### December 7th

SHS will have a combined performance with SMS and NW schools for the winter concert that will be held in the SHS auditorium at 7 pm



In fond memory of Mr. John Wildman, pictured above on the right with Mark Grauer, the piece *In Jerusalem, at Rest* will be performed in the upcoming orchestra concert. The piece is written by Mark Grauer, who also will be attending and conducting the piece in honor of Mr. John Wildman. The piece was put in dedication to Mr. John Wildman, who was an inspiration for Mr. Grauer to write the piece. Mr. Wildman was one of the original co-founders of the Evening of Strings in 1968. The first EOS was held at the Troy High School where Mr. Wildman was the conductor for many years. The John Wildman family will also be present in the audience at the upcoming orchestra concert.

## Sidney High School Band Events

12/14	SMS Bands	7:00 pm	SHS Auditorium
12/15	SHS Bands	7:00 pm	SHS Auditorium
3/9	SHS Bands	7:00 pm	SHS Auditorium
5/10	SMS Bands	7:00 pm	SHS Auditorium
5/11	SHS Bands	7:00 pm	SHS Auditorium
5/31	Memorial Day Parade		Downtown Sidney

\* 2009-2010 Calendar Dates include concerts and/or performances, but do not include OMEA Events, Football and Basketball Game performances. Those dates are TBD.

## Sidney High School Choir Events

We will be looking forward to seeing you at our first concert on October 19, 2009. We will be singing a variety of different music and will be having a whole new sound. The choirs that will perform include the Symphonic Choir, Girls Glee, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir, and Men's Choir. Come and support your S.H.S choirs.

# A work of Art

## SHS STUDENT ARTWORK

BY DOUG CLAY



Sara Karas (Painting II) Untitled (India Ink Project)



Larissa Hickman; Drawing 1; Gesture Drawing



Karlee Cole; Drawing 1; Gesture Drawing



Taylor Oldiges; Drawing 1; Gesture Drawing



Kailee Weigandt, Drawing 1; Gesture Drawing



Kan Chiyoda; Drawing 1; Gesture Drawing

Kaitlyn Heckaman (Drawing I) Untitled (Architecture Project)



Katherine Biegel (Drawing III) Title-Adventurer



Alex Biegel (Drawing I) Self-Portrait



Maggi Meyers (Painting I) Untitled



# Bits, Bytes, and Books

## SHS Literature Corner and More!

BY JESSICA LEWIS

### AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT - JOHN GREEN

John Green wanted to be an earthworm scientist when he was younger, but he soon realized his inability to care for his pets would more than likely get in the way of that career. So John wrote a list of things he thought he was good at. He came up with two things: lying and sitting. And that's how he became a writer. John has written three novels: *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of Katherines*, and *Paper Towns*. I just recently read *Looking for Alaska*, and it was beyond amazing. I could not put the book down. *Looking for Alaska* is about a boy named Miles, who is obsessed with last words. He has no friends, and no life. He decides to move to a boarding school called Culver Creek, with hopes of making new friends and having some fun. Little does Miles know, not everything is always fun and games. *Looking for Alaska* is humorous, witty, and very relatable. It took John three years to finish his unbelievable book *Looking for Alaska*.



<http://www.sparksflyup.com/bio.php>

### BOOK SPOTLIGHT - HUNGER GAMES

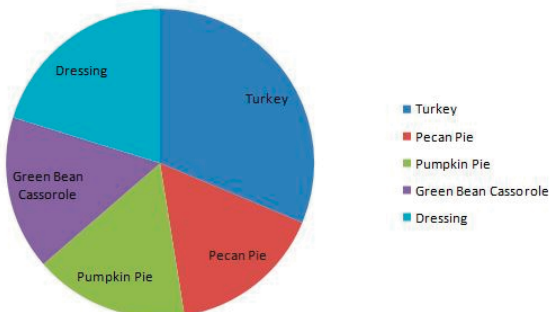
*Hunger Games* is the new obsession. Say goodbye to the *Twilight* series, and hello to the new series by Suzanne Collins. Suzanne has a history with fun and adventurous things, considering she's worked with the staff of several Nickelodeon shows, a few being *Little Bear*, *Oswald*, and *Clarissa Explains it All*. So having an imagination is not new to Suzanne Collins. It's something she's had for a while. Suzanne lives in Connecticut with her family, and not only has she written *Hunger Games*, she also has written *When Charlie McButton Lost Power*, *The Gregor Series*, and just recently came out with the sequel to *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*. Stephenie Meyer said, "I was so obsessed with this book I had to take it with me out to dinner and hide it under the edge of the table so I wouldn't have to stop reading. The story kept me up for several nights in a row, because even after I was finished I just lay in bed wide awake thinking about it...*Hunger Games* is amazing."



Books I highly recommend:

1. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
2. *Gingerbread* by Rachel Cohn
3. *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
4. *Get Well Soon* by Julie Halpern
5. *Vibes* by Amy Kathleen Ryan

### Thanksgiving Poll



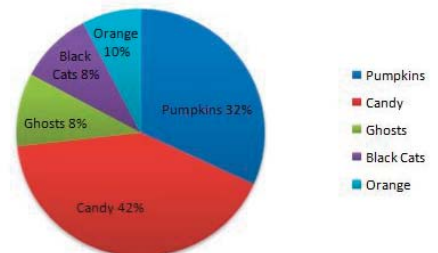
The votes are in!  
Here are some SHS favorites!

BY HAYLEY SWIGER

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

What is your favorite thing about Halloween?

### Halloween Poll



## BUZZING THROUGH TIME!

### Journalism Classes past and present!

BY BAILEY CARTER

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JACKETEER STAFF—LEFT TO RIGHT: P. McGee, N. Maurer, B. Roach, K. Downen, M. Green, J. Yoho, P. Harris, P. Shaw, E. Raediger, C. Rousseau, M. Laiss, R. Fergus, Mr. R. Miller—Advisor. Absent was C. Moloney.

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First Row: J. R. Clark, A. Roberts, I. Smith, T. O'Hara, K. Turner, S. Quinn, B. Hark, D. Radloff, A. Adams, L. Richardson, C. Handy, R. Wick, D. Hirt, R. Hill, M. Varnhove, E. Paulino, K. Lee, D. Langhorne, T. McKnight, N. Wisniewski, C. Moring



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# The history of the Magic 8-Ball

BY DOUG CLAY

The history of the Magic 8-Ball began with two men from Cincinnati, Ohio. The big fortune telling pool ball was invented in 1946 by Abe Bookman, but the idea came first from Albert Carter's mom, who, ironically, was a psychic and fortune teller. However, it is still uncertain about who invented the Magic 8-Ball because Carter gave Bookman the patent rights. Carter was inspired by his mom's Psycho-Slate device that used a chalkboard in a closed box that could give messages in a few minutes, so he made a cylinder called the Syco-Seer, or the "Miracle Home Fortune Teller."



This device had two suspended die in a dark blue murky fluid, the same liquid used in today's Magic 8-Ball. Carter would take this device to a local store owner, Max Levinson. Levinson liked Carter's invention so much that he wanted to mass produce the product. Bookman, Levinson's brother, was asked to help make the novelty.

In 1946, Bookman and Carter founded the Alabe Crafts Company to make and put the device on the market. However, before the patent was assigned, Carter died, so Bookman was on his own from there. To make the Syco-Seer less expensive to make, Carter made the Syco-Slate, which failed miserably, mainly because the device had one die instead of two. He would then put the cylinder inside of a ball which resembled a fortune teller's crystal ball.

The billiards company, Brunswick Billiards, found this device interesting and hired Alabe Crafts to make some fortune telling balls that looked like an oversized 8-ball as part of a promotional campaign. Alabe Crafts put the cylinder inside an oversized 8-ball sphere, and the Magic 8-Ball was born in 1950. Later on, a company called Tyco acquired the Magic 8-Ball, but later on, Mattel Toys bought out Tyco, so the Magic 8-Ball went to Mattel.

# Ask the Magic 8-Ball

BY DOUG CLAY



**Will Michigan beat Ohio State this year?**

Answer: "Ask again later"

**Will the levy be passed this year?**

Answer: "You may rely on it"

**Will American Idol be successful with Ellen?**

Answer: "Don't count on it"

**Will the world end in 2012?**

Answer: "Outlook not so good"

**Will the NFL's Detroit Lions win again this year?**

Answer: "Reply hazy, try again"

**Will I, Doug Clay, be able to get a PS3/PSP before a new Playstation product is made and goes out on the market?**

Answer: "Better not tell you now"

**Will Barack Obama still be reelected?**

Answer: "Reply hazy, try again"

**Will the U.S. win the War on Terror?**

Answer: "Outlook good"

**Will the Sidney football team make the playoffs this year?**

Answer: "It's decidedly so"

**Will there ever be a female President of the U.S.?**

Answer: "My reply is no"

**Do you have a question for the Magic 8-Ball?**

Send your questions to [croftm@sidney.k12.oh.us](mailto:croftm@sidney.k12.oh.us)

# Jon's Food Corner THE BUZZ ON LUNCH!

Jon rates the lunch menu in this quarter's issue! What are your favorites? Lunches are ranked 5 Bees for the best through 1 bee, which is still ok, but not a favorite

<b>Sausage/Egg/Cheese</b>	
<b>Taco Pizza</b>	
<b>Double Decker</b>	
<b>BBQ Rib sandwich</b>	
<b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b>	
<b>Galaxy Pizza</b>	
<b>French Bread Pizza</b>	
<b>Meatball Sub</b>	
<b>Turkey/Ham Sub</b>	
<b>Tony's Pizza</b>	
<b>Grilled Cheese</b>	
<b>Big Red Sausages</b>	
<b>Spicy Chicken Tenders</b>	
<b>Turkey &amp; Gravy</b>	
<b>Chicken Fries</b>	
<b>Cocktail sausages</b>	
<b>Breaded Chicken</b>	

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Saturday, October 24 from 7:30 - 1:00 ACT

Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 30 OGT's for Juniors and Seniors

Monday, November 2 - Wednesday, November 4 - OGT Make-up testing  
Wednesday, November 18 during periods 1 - 4 PLAN test in the cafeteria for sophomores.

Tuesday, December 1 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Financial Aid Night for Junior and Seniors and their parents in the cafeteria

Wednesday, December 2 from 12:00 - 2:30 - Explore Careers Day at the JVS for all Sophomores at the JVS.

Saturday, December 12 from 7:30 - 1:00 ACT