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Knowledge Bowl takes 3A State Championship

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Editor-in-Chief

After months of practice and tournaments, Salida High Knowledge Bowl has won the 3A state championships.

Seniors Hayden Anderson, Brandon Smith, and Travis Clark, plus juniors Jay Peterson and Thane Smith competed in the tournament. These boys are the Varsity team, though only four can play at a time. Clark and Smith rotated in playing an equal amount. Anderson is captain, and has been for the last two years.

Social Studies teacher John Archambeau sponsors the team, and has been involved with Knowledge Bowl for 27 years, said Anderson. Archambeau also serves as the President of Colorado Knowledge Bowl.

The competition was held April 19-20 at Colorado College in Colorado Springs

The competition consisted of two written rounds, seven oral rounds, and one Championship round, said Peterson. Each written round has 60 questions and each oral round has 50. The team works through the written round together, then plays the oral rounds. Three teams play at a time, and the first one to buzz in with the correct answer to the question gets the point.

Teams with the closest scores play each other in the oral rounds. Usually, the lower teams are downstairs and with higher levels comes higher scores. Anderson was incredibly proud because this was "Archambeau's first team to ever make it to [compete in] a top room," on the competition's first day.

At the end of day one, SHS Knowledge Bowl sat in first in the 3A division, 11 points ahead of the nearest competition. They played one written round and five oral rounds. Their score of 109 also put them in 7th for the entire state.

The team even played top

dogs Palisade and Grand Junction in the third oral round.

Day two started out with a great written round, Archambeau said. They went into the championship round with a massive 14-point lead and ended the competition with a score of 184, beating Alamosa by seven points. Bayfield came in third place for 3A.

184 points also put SHS Knowledge Bowl in 5th place for the entire state. Peterson thought 51 teams competed.

Winning State qualified the team to attend Nationals in Washington DC, which will be held June 1-3.

The team is still undecided on whether they will go, mostly due to all the money that will have to be raised to fund travel and lodging. Team members must also check their schedules and see who would be able to attend.

Winning also earned the boys a "shiny, new trophy" and another banner that will be hung in the new school. "We better get an assembly," Anderson said. "We're State champs!"

Archambeau thinks the team has a fair shot of winning next year as well, becoming back to back champs. Peterson and Smith will be four year State veterans, hopefully easing the blow from losing Smith, Anderson, and Clark.

Anderson said his favorite question was in the "very, very final round," with the top three over-all teams. Fruita, Palisade, and Fossil Ridge (the over-all winner) faced off while Salida watched.

The man who writes the questions has known Archambeau for a long time, so it is only fitting his question was: "Little Johnny Archambeau likes to go skinny dipping after work. When he goes skinny dipping, what river will he go skinny dipping in?"

Answer: The Arkansas River, which cuts right through the home of the new Knowledge Bowl state champs.

Excitement builds for new school



Photo by: McKinnley Witty

FACING SOUTH, the construction of the new high school is captured on April 19. Pictured here is the wing that will contain the library, distinguishable by its large glass windows.



Photos by: McKinnley Witty

AFTER A WALK in the rain, kids from Head Start listen to instructions from a DSI employee on how to sign the gym floor of the new school on April 19. Early Head Start teachers Lanie Brood and Jennifer Spiller supervised the kids, who wrote their names or doodled small pictures on the concrete.

Salida High School Students have also signed the floors of the new building, and were able to sign the floor and walls of the Andreas Field House before they were torn down. If construction stays on schedule, the new school will be open for the Fall 2012 semester, just a mere four months from now.



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Letter to Hoopsters from junior project

Dear Hoopsters,
When I first started my ethnography project for English 11, I wasn't exactly familiar with every single one of you and I wasn't sure what to think, but I knew I wanted to study you for my subculture. I really didn't know if you would even want me to do the project at all.

Needless to say, I had assumptions and made misjudgments based on what others have said and things I've heard.

Every single one of you surprised and impressed me from the very first practice I attended. I just could not believe how many drills you had, how much vocabulary you had to know, and how much effort you had to give.

On top of that, you moved so quickly between drills and knew what to do even when you weren't told. You made me definitely have a whole new level of respect for basketball players and an incredible amount of respect for you all in particular.

In my interviews that I had with some of you, a common question I asked was, "How do you think other people perceive the Hoopsters?" The only answer I got was that people often think of you ladies as stuck up, rude, self centered, etc. As I continued my project, this answer started to bug me more and more.

Throughout the course of three months, I have been "all up in your business" as some would say. When you knew it and sometimes when you didn't, I was observing you, taking notes, and seeing how you interact among yourselves and others.

But what I found wasn't a group of snobby and rude girls. I found a group of girls who laughed, told me stories, and welcomed me on the first day I observed.

I found a group of ladies who are helpful, encouraged each other, and have lots of good fun. And I found a group of athletes who knew their game, knew their jobs, and worked as a team to put on some great performances.

Above all, you ladies proved to me that you love basketball and you're all pretty darn good at it! You're more than deserving of respect for that no matter what happens outside of basketball.

You know as well as I do that with high school comes silly drama and pointless problems, but you girls really knew when to deal with it and when it didn't matter. I never saw you bring an outside problem onto the court or have an issue from practice leave the court.

One of my favorite quotes is: "no matter what you do, there will be critics." So even though people misjudge you at times, never stop believing in yourselves.

You are incredible athletes with all of high school left ahead of you. Show everyone that you're more than a silly stereotype.

I'll leave you with this quote: "Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, you are stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." -- Winnie the Pooh.

Thanks for a wonderful project!

~ Reh Vanatta

A spoonful of cinnamon challenge



Michaela Weber
Advertising Manager

Just a spoonful of cinnamon, that's all it is, but the reactions from this "humorous" test of ability is causing more than just laughs; it's causing teens to be hospitalized and treated for serious cardiac problems.

The cinnamon challenge began ten years ago and consists of a dare (or sometimes even a double dog dare) to swallow a spoonful of the

spice in one minute without taking a drink of water.

The reaction is a burning sensation that happens in the back of the throat, and majority of the time the person swallowing the cinnamon begins to gag and often times throws up.

I personally have never done the challenge, but I have witnessed others attempting the daring deed. Also, over 10,000 YouTube videos on the topic can be found. In the previous season of Tosh.0, he had a segment on the challenge that displayed the stupidity of girls attempting this dare. They all failed and it didn't look good to be broadcasted on national television in that demeaning light.

Dangers that result from doing the challenge consist of choking, lung problems, and even unconsciousness due to lack of flow to the airways.

I personally find the cinnamon challenge somewhat entertaining. There is something about daring someone to do something that has a well known reputation of making you sick to your stomach that causes me to laugh.

Maybe it's the stupidity or maybe it's the reaction from the burn but whatever the reason is, it causes me to not be able to take my eyes away.

The entertainment value may also come from all the hype that is received from the challenge. The fact that it has been broadcasted on TV shines a certain glamorous light to the less than attractiveness of the gagging, throwing up, and coughing attacks that follow.

I'm not encouraging anyone reading to try the cinnamon challenge; it's unpleasant and can cause serious health issues.

So long, until next school year



Isaac Stackonis
Staff Reporter

The school year is coming towards an end once again leaving some students happy, some mad, and most indifferent. For me it was Junior year, meaning lots and lots of coffee, homework, school, and homework. Leaving short amounts of time for activities such as

mountain biking.

The end of the 2011-2012 school year is nice for the given ability of work and fun various activities. Now everyone can enjoy their hearts greatest desires at almost any given moment for the oncoming three months. Exciting right?

But there's the sad part. Many of us will not see each other for quite some time, and the seniors are off to college, sad part. For us juniors it has been particularly disheartening with the knowledge of the absence of the seniors.

Those kids were the ones we played with on the playground in pre-school, the ones we had relationships with, and hung out with.

There was a keen estab-

lishment, and now, it is going to vanish for a short amount of time.

There are students in the halls of Salida High that we see and take for granted every day. The kids who you probably share goofy high fives with, but don't on average hang out with. For a short time though these students are going to be missed until next year.

The major group for us juniors that will be missed will be the seniors. The seniors who taught us how to handle high school, what classes to go to, who to hang out with and not to hang out with and so forth.

So thank you seniors for everything you have given us. For everyone else, you will be dearly missed until next year.

Yay

- To Prom!
- To all the parents and chaperones who made Prom and after-Prom possible!
- To Yearbook's end-of-school countdown pages!
- To registering for next year's classes!
- To Lex discovering her photography skills!
- To summer concerts!
- To our printer working again (thanks Jeff)!

Nay

- To being too busy.
- To Prom-a Drama.
- To spring school cleaning.
- To uncertainty about next year.
- To running out of Smarties.
- To doing school work instead of being outside.
- To taking the ACT after Prom weekend.
- To doing anything after Prom weekend.

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Add adventure to inconveniences



Brooke Love
Staff Reporter

Over Spring Break, I'm sure everyone would love to hear of my awesome adventures of going on vacation (which I didn't), getting a great tan (which I didn't), or even about how I procrastinated all my homework until the last two days of spring break (this, unfortunately, I did do).

But, nothing exciting happened exactly. Instead, the best part of my spring break was the last day, working as a lifeguard. I know, this makes no sense whatsoever. But, I learned a valuable lesson while watching the pool (which had exactly seven people in it) and talking to a fellow guard.

We were talking about the

glass being half full/empty when a woman came over to us and informed us that her husband had dropped his ring at the bottom of the pool and could not retrieve it.

We got the big net, and tried to fish it out of the bottom of the pool with no avail. So we asked a patron swimming laps to dive down and get it for us. We gave the ring back to the woman and her husband, and returned to our post.

All was silent for a little bit, but then the guard next to me said something about adventures and inconveniences. Interested, I inquired about this, and he turned to me and said:

"You know, a lot of people would have seen that ring being at the bottom of the pool as an inconvenience. They would have grumbled and complained. But me? I saw it as an adventure. It got me doing something."

I realized that he was right. Many of my inconveniences are really adventures that I look at in a negative way. I started thinking of all the inconveniences in my life: homework, cleaning, annoying people, disagreements, boredom, and

sometimes going to work.

I decided I would try and make these things more of an adventure than an inconvenience. How? Enthusiasm. I just happened to be listening to the radio, and "A Spoonful of Sugar", from Mary Poppins came on. If you don't know, it's about how a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down in a "most delightful way."

Now this may be sounding childish, talking about Mary Poppins and all, but I believe that it's an important lesson to learn that not many people learn till they're too set in their ways to change.

So, how does sugar, medicine, inconveniences and adventures tie together? Well, as you can imagine, by taking a gross medicine (cough syrup) with a spoonful of sugar, it might not be that bad, maybe even enjoyable.

So, the lesson is to add some adventure to your inconveniences. By thinking more enthusiastically about things, I can be less of a pessimist, and spend my time being happier, not thinking of life as an inconvenience, but more of as an adventure!

More fear with growing older



Claire Zwaan
Staff Reporter

Rewind my life four years back. Now pause, I'm 12 years old, not a care in the world, utterly fearless. It's a bright Saturday afternoon in the South of France; I snatch my backpack and shoot out the front door. I'm impatient and wound up as I urge my parents to hurry because I'm late.

A short drive later, I join my friends gathered as always, ready for the steep hike through the pine forest that brings us to our favorite place. It's 92 degrees and beads of sweat trickle down my neck.

As I emerge from the trees, I'm blinded by the glistening ocean. A windy path through dense and scented bush brings us to towering cliffs. I kick my shoes off and stand on the edge, enjoying every second under the burning sun. I gaze into the clear blue water, captivated by its intensity.

The sharp rock stings my bare feet, and I open my arms to feel the breeze caress my skin, listening as the waves crash below me. I take a deep breath, filling my lungs with fresh humid air.

50 feet below, a welcoming sea is waiting for me to join its depths. My heart is pumping, my smile widening as I push off the edge with force. As I fly through the air, I feel myself falling until "SPLASH", the cool water engulfs me.

I'm completely submerged in salty paradise. I swim up for air, tilt my head back and twirl around before watching the others join one at a time. As the afternoon melts away, I

execute many jumps, a natural feel I have been familiar with since the age of four.

Fast forward to present day. I'm 16, standing on the edge of my familiar cliff, just like every Saturday. As I stare down below, my legs are shaking, I'm off balance, uncomfortable, almost light-headed. I crouch down to steady myself and move back. What is happening? Why won't I budge? I have jumped off this cliff hundreds of times, why am I afraid?

The answer did not strike me as obvious until now. It is simply a matter of change.

Transformations occur in the brain as we move towards adulthood. We become more aware of surroundings and potential dangers.

Fear is determined by the release of stress hormones which increase with age. Our actions become less spontaneous because of survival instinct. I wonder what other involuntary changes will come about...

Drama club teaches life lessons

Michael Ricci
Assistant Photo Editor

Life is a collection of experiences and choices. The choices I make shape who I am, but more importantly, the experiences I share shape the way I make decisions.

Joining drama club was a choice I made at the beginning of the year. Now, drama club is an experience I will never forget. My favorite stage experience would be seen through the eyes of a man named Jonathan Harker, in Dracula.

Opening night, my nerves light up like neon on the Las Vegas strip. The lights come on, the blue curtain opens, to me, standing on the black slanted platform in the center of the stage with a straight razor and mirror in my hands, pretending to shave.

The play has started and the audience dedicates full attention. After the first act is over, and I am left to wait. The anticipation, to get back on the stage, now seeps into the pores of my skin. I should have waited and enjoyed every sec-

ond before it went by too fast.

No matter what I am doing, I always try and put my full attention towards it. If it is the decision to join drama club, or reminiscing the thoughts I had about associating myself with the Tenderfoot Times staff almost a year ago, the experiences I make today will affect the choices I make tomorrow.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." - Walt Disney.

Why bother writing?



Ashley Potts
Staff Reporter

Once every month, this lovely newspaper comes out. Paper day is one of my favorite days, and I look forward to it every time. Not just because it means I'm done with my stories, or we get to have a food day in class. I'm excited for everyone else to see what I wrote.

When I first started writing for the paper, I was naive enough to think that everyone else shared my excitement. I somehow got it into my head that everyone else reads every article printed on these pages, just like I do. After a while, I came to realize just how wrong I was. Now I joke that my mom is the only one who reads anything I write.

I'm kind of appalled that the kids in this class can work as hard as we do, and no one bothers to pay our work much attention. I don't understand how people can sit and scroll through hundreds of Facebook statuses-- "such a great night," or "omg I just ate a sandwich hahaha sooo funny."--and be entertained, yet newspaper stories about

what's going on around them puts them to sleep.

On multiple occasions lately, I've found myself in a conversation with someone where I stop and think, "Did you read the paper?!"

My column about how different being a goalkeeper is, was completely ignored. I still have people, teammates even, make jokes about how I don't do anything. I've heard plenty of them say "Wow, I could be a goalie too," just because they touched the ball with their hands one time. Mr. Bright even managed to use it against me to make me work harder.

My column from the last issue, about my being shy didn't receive anything either. Although I made specific points to disliking going through drive-thru's, I was forced to do so the very day that paper came out.

I know it's not just my articles that get ignored, in fact the only time I ever hear someone talk about the paper, it's got something to do with the drama sparked by whatever our favorite columnist said in her last column. (And that alone might get you to talk about this article if you're reading this.)

To me, it's no wonder that journalists are a dying breed. When Facebook becomes more entertaining than life outside your social life, hope is lost. As much as I want to major in Journalism, it seems stupid at this point. It's highly unlikely I'd be able to find a stable job because no one seems to care anymore.

To the Students, I am not a mean girl



Savanah Lee-Sobal
Staff Reporter

I apologize if your feelings were hurt by any of my past articles.

Writing this I feel like I'm in the movie 'Mean Girls'. But in all honesty, I'm not a mean girl. I don't like to hate people and unless someone gives me a reason to dislike them, I won't.

I know many people have been upset by the things I've written that have been published in the TFT but please grow up. It's a high school newspaper.

High school is supposed to prepare you for the real world, and in the real world you cannot get upset every time you

think someone dislikes you. Obviously there are times where many people dislike me, but I move on with my life.

I have not personally attacked anyone in any article I've written in this paper. In the February issue my column was about no one in particular and everyone in general. It was not aimed at anyone, nor was my Tool column.

I have better things to do with my time than write columns about individual people in this school. I obviously write about high school students, just not specific people. Who I will probably never see after May of 2014.

In conclusion, stop taking the things I write so seriously. Have a little thicker skin and stop getting your feelings hurt about everything. It doesn't affect me if you don't like the things I write. You can post on Facebook, yell things in the hallways, and 'honk' all you want; it isn't going to stop me from writing. Finally, if you don't like the things I write, don't read them.



Catie Wilken
Staff Reporter

High school halls and Facebook walls are full of them -- quotes like "smart people are safe, but dumb people have stories," "live today like it's your last," "you only live once," "be stupid while you're young; have stories when you're old."

I get the message. Make the most of life; be sure that you're present; don't hold back; take advantage of opportunities. However, I feel like a lot of teenagers take these directions all too seriously.

While I think it's important to take advantage of all the opportunities offered presently, it's also necessary to live your life in a way that will set the foundation for a good future.

It's difficult. It's boring, stressful, requires self-control and motivation, and sometimes spending what would be free time doing work. However, I'd rather spend four years working hard instead of peaking in my high school years, and having less than mediocre chances at a good career and quality of life.

As teenagers, we have over double the time we've already lived ahead of us. We should make the most of being young, but not to the point where stupid decisions will affect the quality of the rest of our lives.

Many students have an attitude that they're going to go to college, a specific college, but they're not taking any action to get there. Their focus is not on school and passing classes to get into said college, but instead "livin' it up," "having fun," and "living life to the fullest." In other words, choosing partying over passing classes.

Ask teens and they'll tell you they want to get out of Salida. Great, but what are you doing about it? Getting drunk and high to make it more bearable may seem enticing, but could destine you to a life doing just that in the same place.

Oftentimes quotes and justifications like those are used in an attempt to vindicate their actions. No. Fun is for a night; a bad record will affect the rest of your life. "You only live once" isn't a valid excuse for making mistakes. In fact, it should motivate to do the opposite. You only live once, so you should do your best now to make it as good of a life as you possibly can.

Don't injure yourself for the big game by over-exerting yourself in practice. Live each day to the fullest, but it's not going to be your last, so prepare for the future. Efforts now will pay off later.



Cartoon by: Riley Donavan

Jersey Shore fans shouldn't look up to cast



Lexi Trujillo
Staff Reporter

Although it's really trashy, I love MTV's Jersey Shore. It's a guilty pleasure of mine aside from shopping.

No, I do not find the cast of Jersey Shore resembling anything close to role models; actually, I find them as models to what I don't want to become. It's unfathomable how anyone

would want to spend all of their weekends -- and even time -- getting drunk and having sex with random people. But what's even more unfathomable about Jersey Shore is the fact that people -- like me -- even watch this show.

Between the alcohol, slang and crude language, sex, and skimpy clothes, there's nothing left to the mind to wonder what really is tasteful about Jersey Shore. Perhaps their Sunday dinners, Ron-Ron juice, maybe even the bonds created over the past five seasons that prove people can find commonalities even when from different backgrounds... or did it really prove that?

The cast of Jersey Shore truly gave themselves and New Jersey the stereotype of being tan, buff, partying,

angry, dramatic, Italian alcoholics. Because this show is being aired internationally, is this what we really want other countries to see Americans as? Also putting into consideration the Jersey Shore cast visited Italy to film an overseas season, as if they needed to be in another country to prove American stupidity.

Sure it's all in good fun, profiling a life out of the reality of our own lives, but it is considered REALITY TV; how humiliating for us, and especially for those whose lives are broadcasted on the show.

The girls who must certainly be longing for their fifteen minutes of fame must feel very proud of themselves watching them drunkenly "smush" one of the Shore cast members.

If being called a "grenade"

(something only Shore fans would understand) is a compliment, I don't know what an insult is, ladies.

So then again, why is this show a hit among American viewers? Maybe it gives those who wonder what class they might have, hope. Maybe it makes those wild ones' own party and sex lives look half-way decent.

Maybe it brings out our own inner meatball, gorilla-juice-head, and swagger. Maybe it's just something intriguing to watch on boring Thursday nights.

Whatever the reason us Shore fans give ourselves for watching it, to each their own. Because at the end of the day G.T.L (gym, tan, laundry) are the words subconsciously Jersey Shore fans live by.

The Artist who renewed my faith in film



Avery Martinez
Staff Reporter

Every once in awhile, only so often, (so rare that miracles are as common as this), you stumble upon something incredible. A walk in the park can lead to inspirations for paintings, and funny smells can inspire a normal man to be a professional chef. Even rarer than this however, is something that makes you dream, and wonder about your life.

For me, this has always been movies. Things that make me think, well, they're mainly movies. Now I have a very eclectic taste in movies, ranging from Chinatown to Key Largo, but only some movies stick in my head, and none of them have been of the last twenty-five years.

Until now.

Recently I watched a movie, not just a classic, not just a multiple Oscar awarded film, that has changed my life. I saw the Michael Hazanavicius film, The Artist. Now the artist

certainly is a rarity, silent, musically narrated, and French, but it's the first of the greatest films of the last few years.

The Artist is not your average movie, and definitely not your average story! Now I won't tell you about the movie itself, (you need to see it), but I will tell you it's effect on me.

When I first saw the trailer for this movie, it blew my mind. Just from the trailer I knew it had everything I loved. First, it was all in black and white. Second, it had a dog. And third, it had love at first sight.

I walked into the theatre and, let me tell you, I fought to stay awake through twenty-one previews. Twenty-one. Then the opening credits began, the title flashed on the screen, and my jaw dropped to the floor.

When I say my mouth dropped, I mean I couldn't have even closed it if I wanted to. My eyes were glued to the screen, my tongue was dry, and I was hooked.

For an entire one hour and forty-five minutes I sat blank eyed, and enthralled with a movie that changed my life. For the first time ever I began to cry, I laughed hysterically, and even felt moved. From goose bumps, to belly laughs, to tears forming down at the bottom of my eyes.

To me it wasn't a film, it was an inspiration.

Get me through finals



Ashlyn Stewart
Editor-in-Chief

Our binders are as full as our spring schedules, our erasers as dead as our excitement for another day, and our paper supply as dwindling as our desire to learn. With four weeks of school left, many are already "so done" with the 2011-2012 school year.

But about this time of the semester, I start thinking about finals. Not studying for them, but wondering which teachers will lower my stress level and assign a (still incredibly time-consuming) project, and which tests I will freak out about until graded.

If everything I learned stuck, finals would be a breeze. But it doesn't.

I can do my Chemistry work and do fine on the test, but how much do I actually remember? The checklist on my CALM page shows I have completed almost fifteen chapters worth of material, but have I really learned it?

To answer my question, I tried to learn the meaning of

the word learn. "To acquire knowledge of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience," said one. "To memorize" was definition three, implying I would have my knowledge for a lifetime.

After some thought, I decided my learning would be information I acquire, understand, and retain. For me, the easiest is the meaning of words, or the material in science or math I use everyday. Some (lucky) people won't ever forget math strategies, probably because that's just how their brains are wired, and they understand them.

I study information for a test, but it leaves my life as quickly as the hours I spent studying. I once heard the analogy of school being like filling a cup of water too quickly: the water (knowledge) is in there for a while, but it splashes out if the faucet is on too high. When the water is turned off, not much is left in the cup.

Really, how much of this do I need to remember forever? I can refer to my Chemistry notebook, and honestly look a lot up online. If I am able to solve the problems, the rest probably shouldn't crowd my mind. It's natural to filter out rarely used information.

If only my brain realized this semester's Chemistry material is useful, at least until the final is finished.

Packing starts early for SHS staff

Lexi Trujillo
Staff Reporter

With only one month left of school, the excitement and chaos students have in anticipation for finals and summer circulates through the halls of Salida High School and is overwhelming, to say the least. At the end of the school year it's the teachers, though, who have a lot more work than they have ever had at the end of the school year.

By May 28, Salida High School teachers are expected to have their present classrooms and items boxed and ready to be moved into their classrooms at the new high school for Aug. 6. In the meantime teachers will not have access to their packed items.

All classroom items that teachers want to bring to their new classrooms are to be packed in color coded and labeled boxes; other items not wanted brought to the new school are to be thrown away or donated for the salvage operations from May 29 through June 1. So how do teachers feel about the move and what are they packing?

Librarian, Susan Matthews, has to pack 7,000 books by herself within the time given to pack and that "will take a long time." Right now, Matthews is currently packing and cataloguing the English department's book room, but still has other textbooks to catalogue because starting next year, textbooks will be kept in and checked out through the library.

Despite the long moving process, Matthews is looking forward to the perks of "[having] some natural light and [getting] away from the musty smell from flooding [in the library]."

Art teacher, Janine Frazee, who has been part of the new school's design team (the DAG committee) since Jan. 2011 is "super-excited about the new move." New storage units and cabinets are some of the things that Frazee is excited about.

Due to the nature and variety of items in her classroom and supplies room, though, packing has been tedious, but she came up with a strategy to help.

"I made the decision that if I hadn't used an item in more than a year that I would either find a new home for it or trash it which made the process go much quicker," Frazee said.

Auto shop teacher, Kevin Thonhoff, uses a similar strategy by "running everything through a filter." Thonhoff noted how some auto parts "are rare, one of a kind ... irreplaceable ... [or] junk" and each are still great teaching devices.

Thonhoff also added that



KATHY TESSITORE, CONSUMER Family Sciences teacher, packs up some of the kitchen equipment in her classroom, which has everything from stoves to sewing machines.



Photos by: Lexi Trujillo

SCIENCE TEACHER CHRISTI Delaney pauses for a picture while packing science equipment from her office. The science department is donating materials to SMS.

packing "falls under the category of 'the work equals the reward' and ... it will be a shop and class that our students, school and community will be proud of." Even though the new high school's auto shop will be smaller than the one now, it will have the most modern technology.

On the other side of our high school, FACS teacher, Kathy Tessitore, is busy packing, too. Tessitore explained that she has spent "countless hours" packing, even over spring break due to teaching a variety of classes with different curriculum and supplies for each.

Items that she has particularly found useful in the past are the sewing machine cabinets which are "very convenient" but she must leave them behind, and instead, they'll be using tables for the sewing machines. Tessitore has donated a conglomeration of supplies to the middle school, including magazines and other materials.

Aside from the packing being rough, Tessitore describes

the move as "a fun change."

Also excited for the change that moving into the new school will bring is biology teacher, Christi Delaney. Delaney said that it will be "interesting to see if we are healthier next year," when referring to the morale boost that may definitely be brought along with the new school.

Nonetheless, what Delaney isn't too excited about is leaving behind her favorite teacher chair and classroom pet goldfish, and packing all the things in both her classroom and lab rooms, especially those things like skeletons that are more difficult to pack.

Overall, there are many books, curriculum, and supplies being packed between each teacher's packing and the excitement of both summer and moving into the new school is felt mutually. By the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, everyone should be settled and ready to start another wonderful year at (the new!) Salida High School.

Clubs and sports: financial support debate

Catie Wilken
Staff Reporter

Grand slams or poetry slams, playing songs or playing games -- arts and athletics have long been compared, whether it's regarding merit, budget, or support.

While many students are involved in both, there often seems to be an attitude of competition between the two regarding support. Complaints have been circling about extravagant sports facilities in comparison to an inadequate auditorium and other arts' rooms.

Blaze Perri, junior, said the district puts more emphasis on athletics, and that's something that needs to change.

"I say it's important to put more focus on arts because not many people go into athletics after high school; it's just something to pass the time... Arts benefit students because it lets them get out creativity, and there's kids who really need it. Like me, I couldn't get through the day without art."

Jane Johnson, coach and physical education teacher, said that athletics seem to be the key draw, not just in Salida, but in many communities.

"I think more school participation goes towards the athletics than it does through the arts because of the fact athletics seem to take more of a prominence because more people are into going to a football game or a basketball game versus going to a band concert or an art show...I think it's society. I think our society is more athletic-minded than artsy-minded."

However administrative assistant, Brandy Coscarella, said it's like comparing apples to oranges. "They're so different in the way you show support for them...I don't see it as arts versus athletics; I see it as activities."

Less than 1% of the district budget goes to activities, includes sports, band, knowledge bowl, and choir. That amount is determined by the school board. In sports, money not used in a season can roll over to be used for other sports teams or groups.

Within the activities budget, a fixed amount also determined by the school board is required to go to band and choir. Clubs not included in the activities' budget run on

fundraised money that stays in their account from year to year.

"[Arts and athletics] both provide a service and give students the opportunity to engage and grow, and I think across the board, they're all equal in that sense...The main difference is that it costs more to run the athletic part of it, and it's the one part of the activities that generates a lot of economy and funds into our city...The economic impact that the community feels is tremendous in my opinion," said Jim Coscarella, activities' director.

Do they fund it? Yes. Is it always as much as needed? No.

- Rebecca Gillespie, Band teacher

"I think the arts are really supported, but sometimes, whether they can afford it or not, I don't think it's funded as adequately as it needs to be...Do they fund it? Yes. Is it always as much as needed? No," said Rebecca Gillespie, band teacher.

Gillespie said that although the community and district are advocates for music program, she'd like to see more in the way of advertising and concert turnout.

Janine Frazee has taught art at Salida High School for ten years and coached many sports teams. She says that the district has been very supportive of her art program, but there is more of a concentration on athletics.

"I think that in any given school you're always going to see a bigger push for athletics than you do for the performing and visual arts," said Frazee.

"It's the history of how it goes; it's always been that way. I think until there's a better understanding between everybody that there should be a balance with all of that and that there should be an equal distribution, it's going to continue that way."

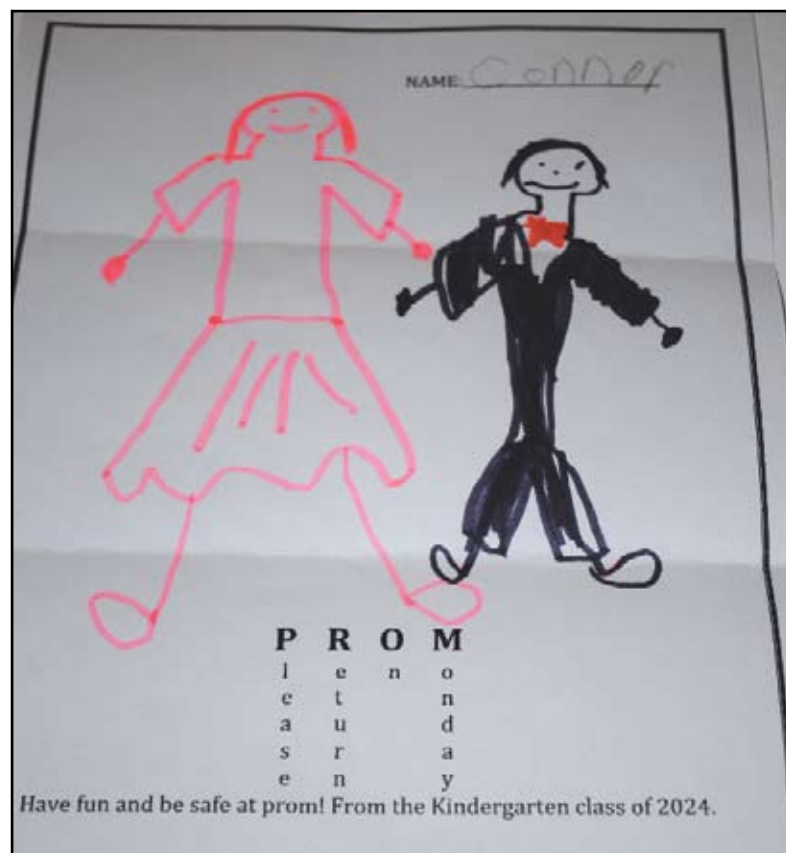
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Prom 2012: Masquerade Ball

"PLEASE RETURN ON MONDAY" read messages SHS seniors received from Longfellow Elementary School Kindergartners during Advisory on April 19. The saying is an acronym for "Prom," and tries to encourage students to be safe on Prom night. JKB organized the messages, hoping to deter drinking and driving, among other unsafe behavior.



BELOW, THE CAFETERIA is decorated for after-Prom and filled with students participating in the card games offered. Larimer Gym was also used, set up with games ranging from Just Dance on Wii to old fashioned Bingo. Participating in games earns tickets, which can then be put in a drawing for an array of prizes. Parents, mainly of the Junior class, put on after-Prom.

Photo by: McKinnley Witty



Photo by: Riley Donovan



Photo by: Savannah Lee-Sobal

PROM KING AND QUEEN Seniors Garrett Lundberg and McKinnley Witty head to the dance floor after being crowned. By tradition, the elected King and Queen share a dance after the announcement is made with about an hour of Prom remaining. Student body attendees voted by writing the names of one boy and one girl on the back of their tickets. Every boy was up for King, but only girls who hadn't served on the Homecoming or Winterfest Courts could be voted Queen.



Photo by: Ashlyn Stewart



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ABOVE, JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT Jacob Adamson hangs the main masquerade mask off the mezzanine of the SteamPlant Event Center's ballroom on April 20. Left, Junior Class Representative Julaine Graves dusts the gate set piece used for a photo backdrop. Couple photos were taken by Brandy Coscarella Junior Class student council members Ashlyn Stewart (Vice President), Daniel McFarland (Representative) decorated the SteamPlant Friday morning with the help of junior advisors Rob Gilchrist and Kevin Thonhoff, plus staff from the SteamPlant.

Is Salida High School's Prom a place for underclassmen?

Savanah Lee-Sobal
Staff Reporter

Boys in tuxedos, girls in formal dresses, boutonnieres, corsages, fancy dinners, good music, dancing, countless pictures, finding the perfect heels, spending hours on hair, and finding your prince charming for the night.

Prom is easily one of the biggest events in high school. Most girls look forward to it all year, that is, unless they're underclassmen.

Unlike Homecoming and Winterfest, Prom is not open to all Salida High students. Underclassmen can only attend if they are asked by juniors or seniors. For a freshman or sophomore hoping to attend prom, this is a big deal, and an obstacle.

Sophomore Mellissa Rodriguez, who attended prom last year after being invited by a junior said, "It's fun just to hang out with upperclassmen, but it might be good to wait to go until you're an upperclassman,

just so it's more exciting."

Taking this into account, is there a reason for it being strictly upperclassmen dance? It's undeniable that in comparison to freshmen and sophomores juniors and seniors are, in most cases, more mature. Upperclassmen might want lowerclassmen to not attend to keep it not only special for the older grades, but more grown-up attendees.

Isn't that the point of Prom? A more mature, classier night. Filled with long dresses instead of short, tuxedos instead of slacks, for example

However in a school with only 272 students, is it impossible to have a strictly upperclassmen dance? Is it inevitable that underclassmen be invited, due to, lack of a better phrase, a small pool of choices?

Most students at Salida High have been with their classmates since elementary school, so many want to hang out with younger or older kids they aren't as tired of.

Also, let's take into account the different class couples, for example, junior Blaze Perri and his girlfriend freshman Madi-

son Leinster, junior Caitlin Batty and sophomore Ethan Coit.

Sophomore Madisan Giorno and senior Richard Mancuso attended this year's Prom.

After knowing your classmates since you were learning to walk, would you be sick of them once the time came to transition from walking to dancing?

Or is it better to stay with the same people you've known since Kindergarten in order to keep it more mature?

It's your decision, and luckily there's an entire year for you to make it.

Prom Dresses should be what makes the girl happy, not what everyone else is wearing

Bailee Gardunio
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year again: Prom season. I suppose it's only one night, but prom really starts weeks before that Saturday, and the stories from Prom seem to never die.

And what's the most important thing about Prom? Most girls going would say the dresses. The coveted Prom

dress, ranking right below the wedding dress in importance. I'll bet that even those movie stars who walk the red carpet in Prada, Dior, and Michael Kors still remember their first Prom dress.

Why is it that this particular dress is so important to girls? Maybe Prom is considered a

right of passage, and when you put on your first Prom dress you are no longer a girl, but a woman. Or maybe it's just a normal girl thing like shopping or pink. "A dress is just a dress, I don't think it's very important," Kendra Burnt, junior, said.

The real reason probably is because in modern times girls don't just dress up anymore. So when they have a chance to go to a real formal event they don't

waste it on just any dress, they have to find the dress.

"If you don't feel like a princess on Prom night, something is wrong," sophomore McKenzie Everett said.

The Prom dress isn't just an article of clothing. If what you wear is a statement, then the prom dress is a shout from the top of the empire state building. It may only be one night, but you'll remember it as the night

If you don't feel like a princess on Prom night, something is wrong."

- McKenzie Everett

you wore your perfect dress, or the night you were matched with three other girls because that's what's in style.

"My perfect dress would have to be sparkly, long, and original," Everett said. Hopefully most girls will base their decision on what they like, not what's on the cover seventeen magazine.

Whether you go long, or short, poofy, or sleek, Armani,

or JC. Penney, the dress you wear is supposed to say something about yourself.

In my opinion, most people don't care where you got the dress, or if it's the latest trend. As long as you like it, it doesn't matter what everyone else is wearing.

Photos below by Bailee Gardunio

The dresses of Prom 2012



SENIOR MARISSA BELMONTE smiles with fellow senior Sarah Simko before going into the dance. Belmonte borrowed the dress from her friend senior Lexi Trujillo, largely because she wasn't sure she was going far enough in advance to buy a dress.

SENIOR SARAH SIMKO, poses with Belmonte and shows her masquerade mask. Simko's mom got her the dress at a "JCPenney in Houston last July." She said she got it because "it was 70 percent off, and my size, and beautiful."



JUNIOR MICHAELA MEDRANO, models a mermaid style halter dress on the left. Medrano got her dress at Dillard's, and picked it because she said it made her feel good about herself. Medrano went with freshman Nathan Lowe.

SENIOR REBECCA MASSEY, right, shows her high-low hem dress before entering the dance. Massey found her dress in Denver. She loved "sparkles, the flowiness of it, and pink." She added, "plus it's off the beaten path, too!" Massey went to Prom with sophomore Michael Procko



JUNIOR SAMMI LEEWAY, left, poses in her strapless black and white floral dress with a full skirt. Leeway found her dress at JCPenney. "It was the best one that I found," she said. Leeway went with freshman Jacob Schoenfeld.

SENIOR KEALY WEBER, right, models her sequined dress and masquerade mask. Weber doesn't remember at which store in the mall she bought it, but "saw it and fell in love with it and had to try it on and get it!" Weber went with junior Caleb Lowe.

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Juniors take CO State ACT today

Peonie Wong
Staff Reporter

High schoolers hear this phrase "college entrance exams" at some point during their secondary education.

The most common college entrance exam for students at Salida High and across the west is the ACT. Originally known as an abbreviation for the phrase American College Testing, the ACT is now simply a standardized, nationwide test.

The test consists of five sections: reading, English (rhetorical skills and usage mechanics), math, science, and writing. In total the test is five hours.

Students can opt out of taking the writing section. By making this change, the test time is reduced to four hours and fifteen minutes. The SHS juniors to not take the writing portion of the test.

Since early March, many upperclassmen have been prepping for the ACT. In addition

to this classroom prep, some students have been prepping by themselves. Many students have been given prep books by their parents and flipped through those.

Then there are those whose idea of preparation for the ACT is practically nonexistent. These students have essentially decided to "wing it" on the ACT.

Students don't have a huge choice about taking the exam because all juniors are required to take the ACT today, but they can control how they feel about it.

For most Salida High students, the ACT is not something to jump up and down with joy about. In fact, if they could, they wouldn't take the ACT at all.

Take junior Michaela Medrano who dislikes the ACT because "it lasts forever and takes up most of your day."

On the other hand, some

students see the ACT objectively as a necessity for college admission.

Junior Daniel McFarland said, "I don't dislike it or like it. Colleges think it's a good meter of your intelligence or academic skills."

Math teacher Rob Gilchrist asked, "How else are you going to differentiate between a student with a 4.0 [GPA] from Boston and student with a 4.0 [GPA] from Salida?"

So, the next time you feel like saying, "Screw the ACT, I'm going to backpack through Europe!" think about this: although college entrance exams seem unpleasant and are loaded with stress, they are indeed needed. For instance, the State of Colorado uses the scores as their data for Colorado juniors, much like they do for younger grades with TCAPs.

Therefore, keep in mind that if two students were both competing to be accepted to the same college, how else could one beat that kid from Boston with the same GPA?

To see the matrix with GPA and ACT scores colleges use in the admissions process, visit:

http://secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/Getting_Ready_for_College/Index_Score_Calculator.aspx

Hunger Games worth seeing?

Isaac Stackonis & Riley Donovan
Staff Reporters

Production of the movie cost a whopping 78 million dollars, and it made about 248.6 million dollars in ten days. It attracted teens and parents alike and is based from the bestselling novel of the same name... The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.

The movie received both good and bad reviews from an assortment of audience members: those who read both the book and saw the movie and those who just attended the movie.

Much speculation about the film was made during the course of the marketing campaigns as to whether it would follow along with the book, would be appropriate for all ages and whether or not it would receive an R-rating because of the violence.

Salida was no exception, many students and other community members went to see it. Many of them had their own opinions as to what The Hunger Games movie should be.

Most movie-goers were fans of the book. A lot of these people believed the movie did not do the book justice including Jesse Koenig, a junior at Salida High School. "Too much of the back-story was left out, so there wasn't as big of a climax." He thought the movie was good but believed that people who hadn't read the book would be more interested in the movie.

Over the course of a few

months, book fans were curious if The Hunger Games would receive an R rating so as to exemplify the violence in all of its gruesome glory. The violence, to many fans, helped them grasp the real emotions of children having to kill each other. The film did not receive an R rating, in order to gain a more broad audience. It has been speculated that the director of The Hunger Games, Gary Ross, used a handheld camera to cause a shaky like effect to still imply the violence but steer away from the brutality in order to keep a PG-13 rating.

Also, some fans found various actors to be inappropriate for their roles. Unfortunately these came from many particularly racist fans who found some characters to be played as black as wrong. There were hundreds of Twitter posts showcasing "fans" saying they believed the characters to be different in their mind although the author quotes them as being "dark skinned" in the book.

Adults found the movie to be interesting as well, like parent and SMS Speech Therapist Mary Roberts who believed it was "the best movie she has seen this year" and thought it was great to have a strong heroine instead of a hero.

Micaela Lowe, a junior at Salida High School, watched the film but did not read any of the books. She found the movie to be better than The

Twilight series.

She said even though she enjoyed the film, it was confusing to understand what was going on because much of the background information was missing.

This lack of information could have been from the fact that a book can be as long as the writer likes. Yet a movie has to stay within the confines of 3 hours, tops, in order to keep the audience enthralled.

Also, in a novel such as The Hunger Games where the reader is inside the thoughts of the main character more backstory can be revealed. In book form being in the character's head is interesting but for movies it's hard to stay interested and eventually becomes boring.

The Hunger Games is most likely one of the biggest movies that will come out in 2012 and since the books are a trilogy, the movie series will also be a trilogy. However, the second movie is facing some scheduling issues. The star Jennifer Lawrence is already in a contract to begin shooting the sequel to X-Men. This means that the script for Catching Fire would have to be finished, and they would have to start shooting in August so she can start shooting X-Men in January.

Recent information has also been revealed that original director will not be returning for sequels because he felt too rushed.

Until then we'll have to read the books and watch the movie five more times.



Photo by: Riley Donovan

TIRED OF PAYING FOR GAS? Or riding your junky old uncool bike, or just straight up walking everywhere?

The mountain bike team is having a raffle for the NIRVE Paul Frank cruiser bike to raise money for next fall's season. Raffle tickets are \$2 for one ticket or \$5 dollars for three tickets. The winner will be drawn on May 14 at Moonlight Pizza. Sophomore racer Cody Johnstone is pictured with the bike because Coach Fred Maxwell was busy teaching a class.

Held tribute April 28

Robin Petersen
Staff Reporter

Most people in Salida have been to a concert or play at the John Held Auditorium at some point in their lives.

Just like Andrea's Fieldhouse, the auditorium will have to come down with the old school building. Bands, choirs, Calliope!, and the drama clubs have used the auditorium many times over the years.

Every year, it is the host of many pep rallies and assemblies for high school students.

The auditorium was named after John E. Held, who taught at Salida High from 1939 to 1975. Susan Beilharz, long-term sub at SHS, had Held as a teacher for a few years during her school career.

She said that he taught a music class in her sixth grade year, which helped them to learn the names of composers and their compositions. He taught cool facts and anecdotes to help the kids learn the material. She said that she can still remember a lot of what he taught.

He was also the choir teacher for the junior and senior high schools. He was very involved with the drama club

and produced many plays, such as Spartan Sparkles.

According to a book on Salida history, The Spartan Sparkles was a tradition to the high school. The band, choir, and drama students all participated along with any other students who wanted to. In 1970, over 200 kids participated in the show. People of the community loved it.

There wasn't an empty seat in the house for three years in a row. There were 25 acts in 1970, which consisted of singing and a dramatized version, The Musician.


Beilharz said, "It left an impact, it's something you won't forget." In 1968, the music department had more students than any other department.

He also started and directed the Living Christmas Tree. Both boys and girls participated every year. For many years, it was televised on the KOAA TV station in Pueblo. This was another one of the beloved traditions at Salida High.

It was fitting to name the auditorium after Held, because he was a great and well-liked music instructor.

On April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. there will be the John Held Tribute Variety Show. Tickets are \$10.

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Three compete at state FCCLA



Courtesy Photo

JUNIOR KENDRA BERNDT, Senior Lexi Trujillo, sophomore Bailee Gardunio, and FCCLA advisor Kathy Tessitore smile during a dinner at the FCCLA state competition, April 12.

Three girls from Salida High attended the FCCLA State Conference April 12 - 14 after qualifying during the district competition. The conference was held at the Marriott Tech Center in Denver.

Senior Lexi Trujillo, SHS FCCLA president and district representative, served on the judging panel for next year's state officers.

This involved her going to business meetings, discussing resumes, and conducting interviews and group projects. "It was to decide who was the best fit for what, and if they [the applicants] were a best fit to be a FCCLA state officer."

Junior, Kendra Berndt, went for her career investigation project on firefighters. "It went really well. . .and

I'm very happy I competed," said Berndt.

Sophomore Bailee Gardunio competed in the recycle and redesign event. She created a dress made from trash bags and receipts.

Her project was in the senior division, going against 16 other girls. She earned a silver medal with a score of 83 out of one hundred points.

Who will Obama face this fall?

Orion Gamber & Avery Martinez
Staff Reporters



Graphic by: Isaac Stackonis

The Republican party has several candidates up to be their GOP Presidential nominee: Ron Paul, U.S. House Representative from Texas, Mitt Romney, former Massachusetts Senator, and Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House. All are going for the presidential race against President Obama, Romney being the most likely candidate to win the GOP race.

Prior to April 10, Rick Santorum was the fourth contender for the GOP nominee. He and Romney were the top two contenders for the GOP voucher, almost equal state approval and both have been fully supported by the Republican party.

Romney, practically from the beginning, has been the first choice, and Santorum was in a close or equal second. Gingrich, and Paul, however, have been in a far third and fourth respectively.

After Santorum dropped out of the race he left Romney, Paul, and Gingrich to fight for the nomination.

Gingrich's approval rating was almost as high as Santorum's until he stated, "...and by the end of my first term as President, we will have a colony on the moon!" This bizarre statement dropped his approval rating by more than fifty percent.

Whether it's been Saturday Night Live, or the normal press, Gingrich has been the laughing stock of the political community, and his approval rating rests around 7%

Paul has never had that high of an approval rating. Based on the last few speeches given by Paul, the approval rating hasn't been so promising, sitting at 5% as of April 11.

The GOP candidate will be chosen at the Republican National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida Aug. 27-30 if the contenders stay in the race.

For a Republican candidate to actually become the GOP Candidate in the election, he must amass a total of 1,144 votes from delegates at the convention.

It's unlikely, however, that Gingrich and Paul will be selection for GOP in 2012.

Romney is obviously on top, but are Gingrich and Paul even in the running? Gingrich is still wavering in popularity, and the public knows next to nothing about Paul.

The topic of discussion at the convention will be who will be the GOP running mate for the 2012 election.

Speculations are that Romney could choose such Vice Presidential candidates as: Chris Christie, governor of New Jersey; Mark Rubio, a Latino senator from Florida; or Rob Portman, a representative from Ohio.

Low snow = low rivers

Avery Martinez
Staff Reporter

Due to a lack of snow, the Monarch Ski Area was forced to close earlier than it had predicted. During the dry winter, the snowfall was only 193.5 inches. Most years it has exceeded 350 inches. Snow was scarce, and the temperatures this winter were some of the highest on record.

According to the Monarch Mountain website, "Due to snow conditions that are out of our control, we've had to make the tough decision to close a week early. Our closing date for the 2011-2012 season was April 8. The lack of Spring moisture coupled with relentless heat, has caused our snowpack to rapidly melt and force closure of several runs already."

Also according to their website, Monarch reported the snowpack melted rapidly, and that this is their sixth driest year in the ski area's seventy year history. It was also the first time in at least ten years that the area was forced to close early.

"As a whole, we're down in both revenue and skier visits, which affects all of the resort, employees and all," said Eric Ramsey, the Marketing & Events Coordinator at Monarch.

Not only were they forced to close early, but the annual fireworks to usher in the New Year, were canceled due to technical difficulties. Also the Kayak's on Snow, was canceled because of the lack of snow and ceaseless wind.

The Pole Pedal Paddle, which was scheduled for April 22, was also cancelled due to conditions. The Pole Paddle website said, "the course has deteriorated to the point where we cannot safely run the ski portion of the race."

The race has been running since 1999 and benefits the Arkansas River Trust.

This lack of snow did not just hurt winter sports, but summer as well. It is expected that the river will be lower than usual (due to the loss of snowpack) and, as a result, the river rafting companies may suffer.

The heat reports are pointing to a heated summer. The snowcaps have already melted, and as a result there will not be that much of a surge in the river in the coming year. A big question is what will happen at FIBark?

As for the coming year Ramsey had this to say, "Well, hopefully this lean snow year will make people hungry for skiing/riding next year. I know I am."

Classes aid Salida Pool

Peonie Wong
Staff Reporter

framework of one.

For the most part, this plan will consist of how to inexpensively advertise the pool and suggest ways to make the center more appealing to certain markets. Kapushion also added, "We're working on defining the swimming pool because it's got a 'hot springs,' but it's not the same as, say, Mount Princeton."

Students working on the project have positive things to say. For example, AP Stats senior Rebecca Massey said, "It's cool because the students are getting involved and learning about real world applications [from what's learned in the classroom]."

Junior Jenn Wentz from the Entrepreneurship class added, "It's...really interesting to see how it applies [to real life]."

A final presentation of the two classes' findings will be presented by the students to the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council around mid-May.

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My soccer obsession



Peonie Wong
Staff Reporter

Dressing nicely, Chemistry, English rhetorical journal, Pre-Calc, thinking that I don't need sleep, and every new song I find and listen to on repeat for five days straight. A weird combination, but the one thing they all have in common is that I've been obsessed with them at one point or another.

And by obsessed I mean I became fixated with that thing. Sometimes that meant putting forth all of my effort into that project or subject and sometimes it just means putting that thing on repeat. I keep doing this until I burn out and find something new to become obsessed about.

For the past few weeks I have kept wondering out loud when my passion for soccer will fizzle out. Since mid-August I've been playing soccer and, according to my normal timeline, time should have ran out ages ago.

And yet somehow it hasn't and I'm not sure why.

Maybe it's those big reasons that keep me from quitting soccer (and even as I type those words I can't help but shudder at the idea): scoring a goal, winning a game, or the overall fun that ensues from playing soccer.

On the other hand, it could be the small things: count down for the first day of practice (six hours and thirty-six minutes, Reh!) and inside jokes that you can see in the middle of a conversation and your teammates will get it.

Either way, I highly doubt I'll be letting go of my obsession for soccer anytime soon.

Doubleheaders slash baseball team's record

Savanah Lee-Sobal
Staff Reporter

The Spartans have been hitting it out of the park this season. They tend to split their doubleheaders, leaving them with a close to tied record for wins and losses.

March 22 the SHS boys' baseball team played Alamosa at home leaving the game with a win.

They played again at home on March 31 against Florence. It was a doubleheader and the Spartans came away with one win and one loss.

The boys traveled to Manitou to face off against the Mustangs in another doubleheader on April 7. They came home with a split, winning one game and losing one game.

The SHS baseball team headed to TCA on April 14 where they played another doubleheader against the Titans. This time they lost both

games.

April 17 the Spartans were scheduled to play Monte Vista at home, but sadly the game was cancelled.

April 21 the boys played two games at home against Colorado Springs Christian School Lions. They won their first game and lost their second.

Coach Jim LaCroix described the game saying "We split. We did not play great... but we got a split."

This Friday the Spartans take on the Buena Vista Demons, away. Go support your school when they play a doubleheader against their rivals.

With many seniors on the team, they would like as much support as they can get in their last game, and sporting event, against Buena Vista.



Photo by: Ashlyn Stewart

THE OPPOSING CATCHER, of Colorado Springs Christian School, attempts to tag sophomore Alec Coscarella as he slides into home on April 21. Coscarella plays catcher for the Salida Spartan Varsity baseball team. The boys played a double header at home, winning one game and losing one. The next baseball game will be away on Friday against the Buena Vista Demons.

Soccer team hopeful for post-season play

Justin Giorno
Staff Reporter

Lady Spartan Soccer took a week off during break and kicked back their season with a game against the Lamar Savages at a neutral field in Pueblo on April 7.

The ladies stopped the Savage attack through the whole game, putting in three goals. Also the Savages managed to score three on themselves, making the final score 6-0.

The ladies then faced the CSCS Lions on April 10 hoping to extend their record for the season. They didn't seem to have any problems with the Lions, caging them 3-2. Spartans picked up goals from freshman Melia Golin (1) and senior, captain McKinnley Witty (2).

The game against the Lions was the first league game, and with this win they were on the right track to playoffs.

"The goal itself was really was good, but that didn't seem to matter to me because I was so psyched that our team got a win in league, and I actually played a really good game," said Golin.

The next match up was against the reigning champions the TCA Titans. On April 12, the Spartans lost the game 1-6. Witty was the lone scorer. Witty is chasing the record of 24 goals in season and stands at 16.

Next, April 13, the ladies faced the undefeated Bayfield Wolverines. Lady Wolverines held their title winning the game 7-0.

The junior varsity girls have been playing many away games over the last two weeks and fairing about as well as the varsity team.

In an away game on April 20, the Spartans lost to Manitou 1-9 with a goal from Witty.



Photo by: Brooke Love

SOPHOMORE ANDREA YESUPATHAM dribbles up the field during the JV Manitou game on April 20. JV tied the game 1-1, freshman Kelsay Lundberg scoring the goal. Varsity lost to the Mustangs 1-9. Today the team will face ECA at home at 4 p.m. Come out and support your girls' soccer team.

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Cheer try-outs will be held early to allow for summer practices

As spring sports get closer to adjourning, Salida High cheerleading tryouts are coming up. Tryouts are scheduled for May 9-11 in Larimer Gym. "It doesn't matter if you've never cheered before, as long as you're ready to work hard and have fun," said coach, Sandy Gardunio.

Athletic attire should be worn to tryouts every day: shorts, a t-shirt, and tennis shoes. Jewelry must be taken off before practice and hair must be out of your face. Don't forget water and a snack.

This tryout is for both the fall and competitive cheer squads and is open to girls and guys. The squad has been co-ed for two years now.

The competition season is from May through December. Practices will be held throughout the summer, with conditioning days, weight lifting, flexibility training, stunting sessions, and basic skills training. The team will also be attending camps and clinics.

Athletes will be judged on jumps, dance, cheers, chants, kicks, volume, and of course spirit. Tumbling ability isn't required, but appreciated.

The initial competition lineup is based on tryout scores. A maximum of twenty will be able to compete. Although this has been the number for the past three years, Gardunio is considering competing with less based on effort, skill level,

and dedication seen throughout the summer.

Gardunio plans on spending the summer getting the team back into shape and working on skills and stunts and getting their state routine at the end of summer.

"After this past season, we've seen the worst case scenario in every aspect possible, so I know there's nothing our squad can't handle," said Emily Dewberry, who will be a senior on the squad next year.

Any students interested in being apart of the squad need to be at these tryouts. "Anyone wanting to try out I encourage. It's such a rewarding sport in the end and it's so much fun," said Dewberry.

Speedy sprints of girls' track pushes them through season



Photo by: Michael Ricci

JUNIOR JACOB ADAMSON finishes a sprint at the John Tate Track Meet, his first run since an ankle injury he sustained early in the spring season from an incident during baseball practice.



Photo by: Michael Ricci

SENIOR KAITI DAVIS completes her two-mile race at the John Tate Meet. Davis broke the school record on the event.

Ashley Potts
Staff Reporter

The Salida High School Track team started their season April 6 at the Sangre de Cristo meet.

The girls ran strong to a second place finish. The boys' team struggled at the meet due to a lack of participants.

The team's second meet, the John Tate Challenge, was held on April 14 in Pueblo.

The lady runners took second. Senior Kaiti Davis broke the school's two mile record. The boys' continued to fight.

The Gunnison Invitational was held on April 21. Results were not available at press time.

The High Altitude Track meet will be held at Adams State College in Alamosa on April 28.

New track will be Olympic grade

Michael Ricci
Assistant Photo Editor

As boxes are being packed and siding being installed, the layout for the track at the new Salida High School is being placed. Sales representatives from Beynon Sports Surfaces (BSS) and Jeff Chamberlain, owner's representative, have decided on a track surface for the future Salida High.

In recent interviews, Sales Representative, Dennis Shawn, explained the New Salida High School's all-weather running track. Working for Beynon Sports Surfaces, Shawn expects the BSS 100 to be the track of choice for the new school.

The BSS 100 is easy to maintain and water permeable. Rubber granules are paved in place by high strength polyurethane to form the shock absorbing base layer. The surface is structurally sprayed mul-

tipled times with pigmented polyurethane for texture and traction.

Beynon's BSS 2000 track, is state of the art high level track that differs only by a little bit to the BSS 100 planned to be at the future Salida High. The BSS 2000 track was used at the 2008 U.S. Olympic trials, and planned for this year's 2012 U.S. Olympic trials as well. The BSS 2000 track uses materials that give the runner a bounce back when their feet push against it. The BSS 100 planned at Salida High has a similar polyurethane bounce back.

Giving future Salida Spartan athletes a little edge.

"Throughout the history of Beynon our track surfaces have been selected for numerous Olympic Trials," said Shawn.

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- Dennis Shawn

Both tracks are environmentally friendly. The BSS 100 planned at the new Salida High School will fit perfectly because of its low cost and it will fit in with the schools LEED gold standards needed to be environmentally friendly.



Photo by: Lexi Trujillo

FRUSTRATED AFTER A RALLY, freshman Jessica Adamson flashes a look of disappointment while walking back to serve. Adamson plays third singles for the Varsity tennis team, and holds one of the best records for the team. Tennis has a home match today at 4 p.m. at the courts across from the middle school.

Girls' golf will be home Thursday

Justin Giorno
Staff Reporter

The Spartan girls' golf team swung into action with the first golf tournament right after spring break. The ladies took four Varsity players to Canon City, including senior Shelby Carothers, juniors Brianna Rose and Sammi Leeway, and freshman Kelsey Peter.

Rose led the Spartans with

a 109, Peter trailed with a 124. Carothers shot a 129 and Leeway shot a 130.

The Spartans next tournament, April 10, was a League tournament in Colorado City at Hollydot. Spartans placed 6th overall in the tournament, Rose leading them with a 108. Peter shot a 122, Carothers a 128 and Leeway a 130.

The next tournament was in Monte Vista on April 17 and

four Spartans attended. Rose shot a consistent 109, Peter followed with a 123, Carothers shot a 132, and freshman Pixie Oversole shot a 125.

The Salida Invitational will be held on April 26 at the Salida Golf Course at 10 a.m.

Regionals will be May 8 at Hollydot and the State Tournament will be at Boomerang Golf Course in Greeley May 21 and 22.

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Lamont returns to finish school year after maternity leave

Isaac Stackonis
Staff Reporter

Over nine months ago a lady walked around the halls of Salida High with a little bun in the oven. Emily Lamont, Salida High School English teacher was pregnant for quite a few months at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. She had her baby on Dec. 20 and had to take a leave of absence to take care of the baby until April 17.

Lamont is happy to be back and being involved with her school and students although is disheartened about being away from her baby, Holcomb Sawyer.

Before Lamont had the baby she "had no idea what it was going to be like... it was very exciting."

On the first day back, she said she cried from being away from her son but was glad to have some "adult conversation instead of baby talk."

The classes that Lamont taught had been empty of the classic Lamont charm. Two substitutes have filled in since: Carol Slaughter, a well known Salida School System sub and past English teacher and Susan Beilharz, a new sub who stayed for most of leave.

Beilharz took care of English 10 and 12 and the yearbook, Le Resume class. As for AP Lit,

which is one of Lamont's main classes, Deb Bass took the reigns because of the intense schedule the AP students were on and Bass already knew what was going on.

Beilharz grew up in Salida but lived in Germany for over twenty years. She made a decision to move back to the United States to re-group with culture. She taught at SHS for about three months and she "enjoyed it very much."

Her last day was on April 16, and she said she was sad to leave, because "You get to know the whole system and the students...you feel like you're really getting revved up and getting a couple of

projects going."

Her adjustments to Salida High School happened quickly, but she said the students accepting the "atmosphere" created by a new teacher took a while.

Her parting words were that she found the Salida High Faculty and Staff to be amazing and said that no student should take for granted the wonderful school system they have here in Salida.

This summer she is bringing 11 German students to Salida for the summer to prepare them for their last year of high school and to work on their English.

The students of Salida High

Susan Beilharz is seeking community members to host her 11 German students for several weeks this summer. Also, she is looking for volunteer work for the students to complete while in Salida.

are happy to have Lamont back but are sad to see Beilharz leave. "I'm really glad to have her [Lamont] back," said junior Emily Dewberry, "but she misses Holcomb, so I feel bad for her."



Photo by: Michael Ricci

SOPHOMORE KELLY CANNON charges for a goal while playing Lacrosse in P.E. Jane Johnson, P.E. teacher, likes to get the students outside when the weather is nice, but has been forced to use the SMS field because of the new school construction site. The field, shown here, has also had soccer goals, bleachers, and jumping and throwing pits installed for track.

Quinto new Food Service Director

Brooke Love
Staff Reporter

Salida High School has hired a new food service director, Danny Quinto. He has food experience, and hopes to make a good impression on the food system inside Salida School District.

Quinto was qualified for the job because of how much experience he has with managing and dealing with customers. Before being hired, Quinto was retired, but has owned Mama D's and has worked as a chef in hotels.

This along with his enthusiasm to improve the food services that the schools offer to students for breakfast, in between classes, and at lunch make him a great addition to the food staff in the district.

"I love the job. There's still a lot to learn, but it's...fun," Quinto said.

Quinto has several goals he wishes to accomplish by becoming food service director. He wants to survey students and parents to ask their opinions on the current food, and how to make it better. Also he wants to have less frozen food and more food from scratch.


"I want to bring the level of food up to a higher standard with the goal of making eighty to ninety percent of the food served to be made from scratch," Quinto said.

Quinto decided to try for the job because it would be a "fun transition with food," and he wants to learn how to incorporate more nutrition into the food system and bring more ideas into the school that will hopefully make improve-

ments to the school's "hot lunches."

"I am looking forward to the interaction with the students, and hopefully improve the standard of food here at Salida High School."

Quinto started March 19, and plans to create healthier, improved, more nutritious, and better lunches for the students who eat lunch daily, weekly, or just once in awhile in the cafeteria.



1 in 4 people who begin using tobacco or alcohol before age 18 become addicted, compared to 1 in 25 who start using at age 21 and older.

In other words, the later in life people start drinking, the less likely they are to have addiction problems as adults.

Smith wins Boettcher

Lexi Trujillo
Staff Reporter

After months of applications, interviews, and waiting, senior Brandon Smith has received the Boettcher Scholarship.

According to the Boettcher website, the scholarship covers tuition, fees and books for eight semesters at approved Colorado four-year universities or colleges.

A \$2,800 living stipend is also supplied to help defray the cost of room and board.

The total amount of the Scholarship depends on a number of factors, and can range from approximately \$50,000 to \$160,000.

To qualify for the Boettcher, the applicant must be in the top 5% of their class. Smith sent in his application November 1.

In December, Smith had passed the second-elimination round and continued into the round where he submitted letters of recommendation.

Once Smith cleared that round, he was onto the last elimination round. There, the last 72 finalists were interviewed by a judging panel in Denver. Smith noted that to interview all 72 finalists the



Photo by: Lexi Trujillo

process lasted three days, with fifteen minutes per interview.

Two weeks after the interview process, the finalists were notified whether or not they received the Boettcher. "...waiting to find out was really stressful," Smith said. But once he found out that he received it, he was ecstatic and "it felt great."

In August, Smith will attend the Boettcher banquet to officially be honored. A teacher of his choice will get to accompany him, and receive a \$1000 grant to use as s/he sees fit for her/his classroom.

Smith will use the Boettcher Scholarship toward his college education at Colorado School of Mines, with a degree in the field of engineering.

Congrats, Brandon!

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