



# Seal Sightings

Selinsgrove Area High School's quarterly newsletter

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## AP math classes ace tests

Last year's AP Calculus class did a great job on the AP exam. The class *averaged* 4.526 out of a perfect five. 13 out of the 19 students got the top grade possible on the exam. It was the fourth highest average ever achieved. The students who earned fives were Adam Catherman, Chris Desantis, Lindsay Folio, Brian Fox, Mike Habbeger, Andy Hawk, Christen Heinly, Alex Klyavlin, Jarred Molitoris, Anne Ritter, Lenny Rubin, Arjun Srivastava, and Jordan Teisher.

The AP Stats class also did a very nice job on their AP exam. The students who earned top honors on the AP Statistics exam were Brian Fox, Jay Pagana, Brian Smith, and Arjun Srivastava.

## Troupe performers start up before school does!

The Tolerance Troupe began the year with a performance before school opened August 27 at Warrior Run High School. The Troupe performed for the entire 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades on the topics of reducing bullying and appropriate behavior in school.

Future performances are being settled for the Loysville Youth Detention Center and the state conference of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America at the Lancaster Host Resort.

## Council already immersed in projects and plans

The Student Council has already been very busy this year.

Led by Meredith Bognar, and with the help of social studies teacher Bill Switala, the Council has encouraged seniors to register for the November election. The effort is part of the national program Freedom's Answer, a non-partisan campaign to get people 18 and older to register and exercise their civic duty.

During the Market Street Festival, the Council assisted with outlining the vendor slots and facilitating set-up by merchants. The students also provided a golf putting game and sold helium balloons.

The Council will again assist with the registration and

## *From the Principal –*

I would like to thank everyone for a successful start to the new school year. Just like last year we are crowded, but everything is going well so far.

As usual, our sports teams are doing well, the band is performing well, and our other activities are gearing up. The cast for the fall play has been assembled, while other students are preparing for our exchange program with Japan. In addition, we have had a number of field trips already.

At the end of October, 12<sup>th</sup> grade math, reading, and writing PSSA retests will be held. A remediation schedule has been announced. We will have more information for you when we decide on exact dates.

Our Open House for the first semester will be October 6 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Parent involvement is important to us. This year we will have refreshments in the cafeteria and child care available. Clearly, your child's chances for success improve when you and the school work together. If you would like to schedule a conference at any time with any teacher or with guidance or the administration, please call us to do so.

I hope to see you at Open House.

Reed Messmore  
Principal

facilitation of the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, 2005, the high school Student Council will serve as host for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils District 7 Conference. The middle school Council will assist with the two-day event that will bring over 450 student delegates and 50 advisors from the central region of the state. The student councils will be looking for help from the community in housing the students for one night during the conference and for donations to the conference. Selinsgrove last hosted the conference in 2000.

## Guidance News

Welcome back to students! The Guidance Department has finished with student changes in scheduling for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. If students need to change a course in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule please stop by the Guidance Office to see Mr. Whyne before the end of October to make changes.

Registration for the upcoming PSATs are currently going on in the Guidance Office. Students in grade 11 will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and grade 10 is scheduled for Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The test will be given in the cafeteria beginning at 8:15 a.m. The cost per student is \$11.00 payable the day of the test. Please make checks payable to the "Selinsgrove Area School District." Students must register in the Guidance Office in order to take the PSATs.

Those students interested in taking the SATs should stop by our office to pick up a registration packet. The next test date is scheduled for Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with application deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The next test date schedule for Selinsgrove Area High School is Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with application deadline of October 29<sup>th</sup>. You may also apply online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). SAT'S are payable by check or money order, according to their website, if you would not prefer to use your credit card. Visit their website with information regarding the new SAT test to be administered beginning in January. Practice test and other information is also available through this site.

The ASVAB (*Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery*) Career Exploration Program will also be testing any student in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the auditorium. This test is designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, to identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize your goals. As you explore occupations in line with your interests and skills, you will develop career exploration and planning skills that will last a lifetime. If your student is interested in this test, registration is available in the Guidance Office, there is no fee for this test.

Students who are applying to colleges for the 2005-06 year should bring their completed college applications to the Guidance Office. If the student applies on-line, please print off the *Transcript Request Form* from the application website and bring to the Guidance Office. If no form is available, contact the Guidance Office to mail your transcripts. Colleges will not notify us if your transcripts are missing. Please make sure to include your check for processing fee (if applicable) and teacher recommendations before submitting to the Guidance Office. It is the student's responsibility to approach teachers for recommendations.

If any parent/guardian would like to request weekly or bi-weekly progress reports, please contact the office at the number listed below.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact the Guidance Office at 372-2219.



*Missy Long is presented with her award for the Grand Champion Rabbit Pair at the Beaver Fair.*

## FFA members had a busy summer and fall

The agriculture education program and FFA club were once again busy competing and attending conferences.

Eight Selinsgrove Area High School students were awarded medals at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania FFA Summer Conference held June 8-10, 2004 at the Pennsylvania State University. Gold medalists were Valerie Hoover, Conservation Public Speaking; and Katrina Moyer, Delegate. Silver Medals were awarded to Raquel Hauck, Soil Judging; Matthew Heimbach, Small Engines; and Eric Sassaman, Tractor Driving. Bronze medalists were Amanda Bauman and Elisa Graybill, Soil Judging. Other members from Selinsgrove that attended the three-day conference were Robin Shaffer, Bonnie Page, Jill Walter, and Kahla Wilt.

The Selinsgrove Chapter was awarded a gold medal in National Chapter Award competition. Local chapters must complete a twelve-page application that includes documentation and supporting photos. The National Chapter Award recognizes local chapters for their achievements in the areas of member, chapter and community development activities conducted during the school year. The Selinsgrove National Chapter award application placed thirteenth out of 170 chapters from across the state and qualified for national competition. National rankings will be released in August, and awards will be presented in October at the National FFA convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Amanda Bauman was the 2004 North Central proficiency award winner in the area of specialty animal production. She received a silver medal at the state level and twenty-five dollars.

The Selinsgrove chapter was awarded a silver medal for their scrapbook at states that was assembled

by Reporter Raquel Hauck, Secretary Elisa Graybill, and President Amanda Bauman.

FFA chapter president Raquel Hauck and vice president Valerie Hoover attended the National FFA Leadership Training Conference held July 8-12 in Washington D.C. The five-day conference included numerous leadership workshops conducted by national FFA offices and staff, visits with federal legislators, and tours of various sites in the nation's capital.

Four members placed first in a Farm Safety Quiz Bowl Qualifying Competition at Penn State Ag Progress Days held August 18. Team members were Raquel Hauck, Valerie Hoover, Scott Hoover, and Andrew Shaffer. The state finals will be held in January at the Farm Show complex in Harrisburg.

In competitions held September 19-25 at the Beaver Fair the following students placed: Matthew Heimbach, first place, skid steer rodeo; Missy Long, grand champion market rabbit pair and reserve grand champion, market rabbit single; Bonnie Page, third place, livestock judging; Eric Sassaman, first place, safe tractor driving and equipment operation; Gwen Graybill, Scott Hoover, Valerie Hoover, and Andrew Shaffer, first place, Ag Eco Quiz Bowl Competition; Matthew Heimbach and Darren Snyder, first place, two man crosscut sawing; Eric Sassaman, second place, crosscut sawing; Matthew Heimbach and Darren Snyder, first place, log rolling; Katrina Moyer, fourth place; Scott Hoover, fifth; and Kyle Fry, seventh, dairy judging.

Fourteen members will be attending the 2004 national convention October 26-30 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Selinsgrove chapter will receive a National Two Star Chapter Award for placing in the top ten percent of the nation's best and most active chapters. Erin Curtis, Jesse Graybill, and Matthew Moyer, 2003 graduates, will be receiving the American FFA Degree.



## **SAHS Open House October 6, 2004**

***Three good reasons to come  
to our fall Open House:***

- \* Meet and chat with your student's teachers and principals--share our kids' accomplishments***
- \* Refreshments and coffee in the cafeteria***
- \* Child Care provided for children aged 3-5***

**The Selinsgrove Children's Center can accommodate 20 children. Early Childhood class students are the caregivers under the supervision of the Child Development teacher. Pick up an information form in the cafeteria at the refreshment table and bring the form with your child to room 2 on the lower level below the gym.  
Enjoy Open House!**

## **Time's running out to order 2005 yearbooks!**

Parental Pride forms need to be returned by October 15<sup>th</sup>. No late forms will be accepted!

Yearbook orders have been distributed. Orders are due back by October 22nd. The cost is \$50. We will do another order later, but the cost will increase to \$55 then.

To order, complete the form below and submit to Mr. Myers in room 110.

### **2004-2005 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Books Ordered (@ \$50) \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders are due by October 8, 2004.**