



THE GROVE GAZETTE

Selinsgrove Area High School Student Newspaper

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Student Council Stays Busy

Markie Reiland

Throughout the month of October, Selinsgrove Area High School's Student Council, led by Mr. Harvey Edwards, held the naming contest for our new seal mascot and promoted Celebrate My Drive, a contest dedicated to helping people drive safely.

Ending on October 24th, the students of Selinsgrove Area School District and members of the Selins-

Grove community participated in State Farm's contest entitled, "Celebrate My Drive" to win a grant and a concert from a famous band. Student Council members of the Selinsgrove Area High School spread the word about the contest.

Students and community members could go onto www.celebratemydrive.com and use their email address to pledge to be a safe driver. The website also featured a two question quiz so that the pledges could see how much they knew about driver's safety.

Through the quizzes, sophomore Ashley Blair "learned that your hands are supposed to be at 9 and 3, not 10 and 2 like I thought."

The top 100 schools with the most pledges were eligible to win grants between \$25,000 to \$100,000, with the 1st and 2nd place Grand Prize winners receiving a concert by The Band Perry.

Selinsgrove ended up in 131st place out of the 500 schools that participated in the large high school category. Students typically used their lunch period to make a visit to the website and pledge. However, many students have clubs during this period or didn't want to have to take a break from their social time, therefore some of our students did not pledge.

Interesting, freshman Hannah Swineford realized that, "kids should



commit to driving safely even without this program, but I like that it was for a good cause."

Not only were the Council members busy with the pledge drive, they were also caught up running a "Name the Mascot" contest for our new Seal mascot. Children from all grades levels within the district could fill out a form stating what name they believed was a good fit for our school's seal.

Many students participated and came up with creative names which incorporated alliteration or rhyme. Some of the names included Sammy, Neil and Sully. Out of nearly 100 entries, Student Council had to choose five they thought were best to earn a \$10 gift card. The top overall name was then given to the mascot.

Sophomore Paige Hepner and Mrs. Folio's 6th grade class submitted the winning name, **Grover**. Paige explained her name rationale: "I decided that Grover would be a good name because it is the Selins-GROVE School District!"

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The Susquehanna Experience

Nathan Moyer

Located few blocks from a prestigious institution of higher learning has enabled some of our students to get a head start to their college careers even before they graduate.

Susquehanna University gives both juniors and seniors the opportunity of enrolling in college classes while still being in high school. According to Guidance Counselor, Mr. Chris Lupolt, "passing current courses with an 80% or better OR having an overall grade point average of 85% are required (to enrolled at SU). Students must also be meeting both grade level course requirements and district attendance requirements."

After speaking with students who take SU classes now, the student body can better understand what the experience is like. Senior Aaron Dues, who is taking one says, "I would recommend taking a class if you have the opportunity. The work is hard but it's worth it."

Senior Thomas Lemons adds of his experience taking Introduction to Diversity at SU, "I enjoy (it) because it allows me and other high school students to see what a college course is like and it will help them be better prepared in the future. I would definitely recommend taking a class you're interested in."

Along with getting the college experience, the students also receive a break. Since college classes only meet every other day, they have a free period on their off days. They still have to be in our building during that time; however, they can take advantage of the time.

Many of these students spend their time in media center studying or socializing. Most use the time to do the advanced work that comes naturally with a college course.

While the college experience may be hard work and adds time to the busy high school life, it opens opportunities for high school students to advance in their future education.



Seniors Anne Coyne, Sam Bailey and Thomas Lemons study for their SU classes in the Library.

Where Did All of Our Farmers Go?

Nathan Moyer

You may have noticed that many of our best Agricultural students have been missing from the hallways since Wednesday.

From October 29 to November 1, 2014, the Selinsgrove FFA (Future Farmers of America) Chapter is attending the 87th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Juniors Kevin Dressler, Kyle Sassaman, and Erin Beaver, along with Sophomores Michael Hugins, Alyssa Landis, and Kayla Shaffer are the six students traveling with Agricultural Advisor, Mrs. Valerie Fry to the convention.

The National FFA Convention is held each October with nearly 55,000 FFA members and guests from across the country in attendance. Members participate in general sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, a

career show and expo, volunteer activities and much more. It is one of the largest annual student conventions in the country.

The Selinsgrove FFA Chapter will keep themselves busy with all the activities the convention offers. Some of the activities include the career show and expo which consists of more than four hundred and fifty exhibitors specializing in agri-business and leadership.



The travelers will also attend the opening and second sessions of the convention and are excited to listen to the keynote speaker, Nick Vujcic, a motivational speaker who has tetra-amelia syndrome (a rare disorder characterized by the absence of arms and legs).

The convention attendees hope to learn a lot that they can bring back to Selinsgrove to make our FFA a better and more effective organization.

Are you Sick or Worried of Ebola?

By Savanna Foor

The latest medical epidemic rampaging the world is Ebola, but due to conflicting rumors and reports, very few students seem to know what it actually is or how to contract it.

According to WebMD, Ebola is a “rare but deadly virus that causes bleeding inside and outside the body. It damages the immune system and organs...leading to severe, uncontrollable bleeding. (It) kills up to 90% of people who are infected.”

Ebola has been the most popular topic on almost every news/ talk show in the past month, and yes some people are “sick” of hearing about the deadly disease that originates from western Africa, and “no” it does not turn people into zombies like you may have heard or seen on twitter.

The popular television show *The Walking Dead*, which characterizes a zombie apocalypse caused by a deadly disease outbreak, will not become real life anytime soon.

Ebola is non-infectious until the symptoms, including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, red eyes, coughing, and abnormal bleeding, appear. To sum it up, the disease attacks the organs and white blood cells. It also has a poor effect of the immune system. It is only spread through direct, liquid contact, not the air as some assume.

As of publication time, there have been a total of 4,921 people who have died from Ebola this year in western Africa. If the disease wasn't as deadly and contagious as it is, the United States and other supporting countries could put a stop to it or at least prevent this situation from spreading.



Ebola virus at the microscopic level

Many opinions have been shared about Ebola, from newscasters saying that this disease will spread and precautions need to be taken more seriously, to people saying that this will pass, we are doing the best that we can do, and in a few years we will have this cured and it will seem like the everyday flu.

Blog sites and groups have also said that the Ebola outbreak is a government conspiracy and isn't even a “real thing”. Sophomore Olivia Fravel commented on the issue by saying, “I personally think that it is going to gradually fade out and won't be as big as an issue as some medical officials are predicting.”

Election Time in the Commonwealth

Dan Napsha

Voters in central Pennsylvania will go to the polls on November 4th to elect the state's next governor and a congressman who will serve in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Governor Tom Corbett, 65, a Republican from the Pittsburgh area, is running for his second term against Tom Wolf, 65, a Democrat from York County.

Corbett, a former state Attorney General and U.S. Attorney for Western Pennsylvania, became governor in January 2011. Wolf, who owns a cabinet-making business in York, served as Secretary of Revenue under former Gov. Ed Rendell.

Although many high school students are too young to vote in the election, the Corbett campaign said they should be interested in the election.

“Many of the issues discussed on the campaign trail affect them. I think it is also important to remember that whether or not they are able to vote they are still able to make a difference in an election. They can knock on doors, make phone calls, and help volunteer on campaigns.”

The Wolf campaign has criticized Gov. Corbett for what it has said were \$1 billion in cuts to education in Pennsylvania, while Corbett's campaign has countered by saying that education spending has increased by \$1.5 billion since its administration took office in 2011.



Campaign photos of Gov. Corbett and Mr. Wolf

Introducing the New Faces in the 'Grove

By: Maggie Frymoyer & Emily Johnson

Five new teachers have joined the Selinsgrove Area High School staff, please allow us to introduce them to you:

Miss Benner

The English Department gained a new teacher this year in Miss Benner, who previously was a long-term substitute at the middle school. Miss Benner graduated from Susquehanna University and is now studying to earn her masters degree from Bloomsburg University.

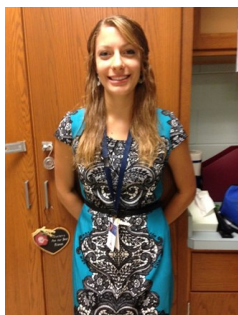


Her favorite thing about the high school is the students, as she explains, "I really like teaching this age group," she told the *Grove Gazette*. Her favorite part of being a teacher is "the connection with the kids and being able to make a difference in their lives everyday."

Asked what advice she has for her students, she said, "be your own person." Outside the classroom, she enjoys family and friends, going to the movies, and reading.

Ms. Huber

Ms. Huber is the new WAHG teacher. She graduated from Bloomsburg University. Her favorite thing about Selinsgrove Area High School is the atmosphere, and "how everyone seems like they love it here." She's also a fan of the block schedule.



Her favorite part of being a teacher is that she gets to discuss history all day. "I love history and I love watching kids learn about history," she said.

Her advice to students is, "find what you're interested in and pursue it. Find what you like and go for it!"

When she is away from school, she likes to run, read and travel. Her dream vacation would be traveling to New Zealand, because she loves the outdoors. "I really like to take in the culture of places," Ms. Huber said

Mrs. Scruggs

Mrs. Scruggs is the new Life Skills teacher in her fifth year in our district. She previously worked at the elementary and intermediate school in special education. Before joining the Selinsgrove Area School District, she taught reading



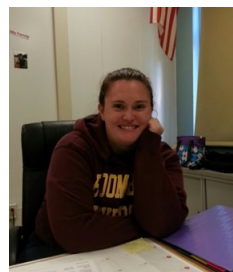
special education for six years in Virginia. She graduated from Mansfield University.

Mrs. Scruggs said the favorite aspect about teaching high school students is the interaction she has with them. "It takes more work to get to know your students, since they are older. Little kids will tell you everything about themselves, but older kids are more reserved and shy. So, when you get to know your students here, it is more rewarding," she said.

Outside of school, she has a photography business. Taking photos is one of her favorite pastimes, and she can be inspired anywhere. "I see everything as a possible photograph," Mrs. Scruggs told the *Grove Gazette*. She also loves going to the beach, "or basically anywhere that's warm and near water." However, if she had the chance to go anywhere, it would be Ireland.

Miss Switzer

Miss Switzer is a new English teacher at the high school. She graduated from Bloomsburg University, was a student teacher at in the Danville School District and was a substitute teacher at Berwick. She also taught at the American International School of Budapest, Hungary.



Her favorite thing about Selinsgrove Area High School is the size – big, but not too big, as she explains, "Everyone knows each other," but the school is not so small.

The best part about being a teacher is "the students" according to Miss Switzer.

Mr. Tyler

Mr. Tyler replaced retiree Mr. Difrancesco in the Learning Support Department this year. In addition to working at Selinsgrove High School, Mr. Tyler has taught at Northwest Academy and in the Harrisburg Area at Wordsworth Academy, along with at Commonwealth Cyber School.



His favorite aspect of the high school is the friendliness of the students and staff. His favorite part of teaching is getting to work with kids and being able to give knowledge. He left us with the following advice: "Do your homework; it's that simple."

When he is not teaching, he enjoys two of his favorite hobbies, weightlifting and hunting. His favorite place to visit is Miami, Fla.

SPORTS

Seals Football Looking Ahead for Win

By: David Klinger

Offensive leaders junior Juvon Batts and senior Zach Adams, as well as key senior defensive leaders Isaiah Rapp, Dylan Beaver, and Brandon Hoover, have all led the Selinsgrove Seals football team to an impressive 7-2 record thus far.

After a great start to the season, the Selinsgrove football team has shown their ability to be a top competitor. The team hopes to become District IV champions; however, they will have to defeat the Jersey Shore Bulldogs to do that. In their first meeting of the season, the Seals lost a heartbreaking game 16-10 to the Bulldogs.

Besides the Jersey Shore game, the Seals have dominated their opponents, with crushing wins against Mifflinburg (42-7), Montoursville (35-0), and Milton (42-12). Adams, the main offensive leader thus far in the season, had an impressive seven touchdowns in these three games, combining both rushing and receiving scores. Defensively, Isaiah Rapp has shown outstanding skills at safety, catching five interceptions for the team and effectively keeping opponents out of the end zone.

Last week's game against Milton was senior night; a depressing night as the team realized that it was the seniors' last regular season game to be played at the Harrold L. Bolig Memorial Stadium.

"Senior night just makes me realize that this is one of my last high school football games ever; it will certainly be heartbreaking when the season is over. I've been playing with these guys since I was eight years old, and I'm definitely gonna miss them," were Isaiah Rapp's thoughts prior to the game.

Senior Nathan Bingaman led the Seals with a breakout run to open the game. On the first offensive play of the game, Bingaman ran for a 68 yard touchdown to spark the 42-12 win.



Senior Zach Adams returns a kickoff for the Seals

The Selinsgrove Seals will be facing the Southern Columbia Tigers in the last game of the regular season tonight. Southern Columbia currently has a 9-0. It will be a tough battle for the Seals, but will definitely prepare them well for their run in the playoffs.

Championship Year for the XC Team

By Lindsey Trusal

Led by sophomore Ashley Blair and junior Brody Beiler, both the Girl's and Boy's Cross-Country teams ended their seasons with a 15-4 record; however, the Boy's Team earned the PHAC Division I Championship.

Beiler's PR was a 16:20 in a 5K (3.1 mile) course, breaking the previous junior record by one second, and claimed 9th place overall at the District Meet. He is also the first runner from Selinsgrove to be undefeated during the regular season.

Senior Ethan Fadale was out for most of the season due to a break in his foot, but returned just in time to run at the District Meet for his team. Joining him and Beiler were seniors Johnny Cope and Garrett Wolf, junior Quinton Swank and sophomores Brice Harro and Chuck Walters. Despite a hard fought race, the Seals lost to Mount Carmel, who claimed the District IV title.

"I truly think we were the most talented team with running, but with the

injuries, like Fadale being out the whole season until districts, and other minor injuries we couldn't quite make it to states," said Brody Beiler

While the girl's cross-country team didn't make it to the District Meet, the girls still had a successful season led by sophomore Ashley Blair, who broke the school record for girls in a 5K race with a time of 19:05.

Ashley also qualified for the PIAA state meet which is being held today in Hershey, PA.

Other key female runners were freshman Skylar Maurer, who now holds the freshman record for a 5k, and sophomore Brittany Carnathan.



Ashley Blair heads to the finish

The Golf Team Didn't Putter Around

By Angelo Martin

Led by head coach Mr. Lonnie Turk and junior Logan Sears, the Seals captured League and District titles to finish off one of the best seasons in Selinsgrove golf history.

The Seals won their last match of the season and clinched a Heartland Conference title, something the team couldn't accomplish last year. Perhaps the most impressive team performance in Selinsgrove golf history came at the District IV Championships when the Seals took first place by a whopping 35 strokes.

"It was absolutely unbelievable. We played the best golf at just the right time. I couldn't have been more proud of my fellow teammates. We accomplished something I'll never forget," said captain Logan Sears.

Sears led the way for the Seals all year. In the individual competition at Districts, Sears shot an 80. He then went into a playoff to determine who would qualify to go to the regional competition; however, he came up just short.

The Seals also got tremendous per-

formances from underclassmen at Districts as well. In particular, sophomore Kyle Mertz shot an impressive 88, which was a huge contribution.

"Mertz was huge for us all year. We only lose two seniors heading into next year, so all we can really go from here is even further up," commented Sears.

As a team, the Seals moved onto regionals where their season ended at the hands of perennial power Scranton Prep.

"This year will definitely go down as one of the best in Selinsgrove golf history. I can't wait til next year to see how we progress. Seals golf made a major statement this year," concluded Sears.



The team pauses with the District IV medals

Another District Title for Field Hockey

By Angelo Martin

After a hot start in the beginning of the season, the Selinsgrove field hockey team wrapped up an impressive regular season, finishing 15-2-1 and won a huge victory over Bloomsburg High School last night to continue their quest for a State Title.

In the District IV Class AA Championship match, the Lady Seals had to take on the top-seeded Bloomsburg Panthers at Bucknell University last night. Thanks to junior Lexi Horst's three goals, the Seals brought home the 10th District Championship trophy under Coach Cathy Keiser's tenure.

Fighting through more penalty minutes than they would have liked, the Lady Seals played solid defense for the entire game and really poured on the pressure in the second half, keeping Bloomsburg from firing off a single shot.

Senior standout, goalie Courtney McCartney, has been the backbone of the Seals—only allowing nine goals in the entire regular season, which also including an incredible 11 shutouts. Senior standout Megan Wetzel and rising junior Carleigh Charles have led a Selinsgrove back that has been highly credited all season for their stout and tenacious defense.

The Seals have received strong mid play all season as well. Led by senior captain Nora Aucker, the Selinsgrove mid field has enjoyed great play from junior Tesa Hoffman and sophomore Megan Kahn. Together, this group has set up many scoring opportunities for the Seals and has also been great contributors to an incredible Seals defense.

Perhaps the biggest statement win during the regular season came when the Seals defeated non-conference arch-rival Wyoming Seminary 4-1. Wyoming Seminary, you will recall knocked the Seals out of the state playoffs last year.

Now that the District title is in hand, the girls are not taking their eyes off of the prize: a state championship trophy. With all the pieces of the puzzle in place, Selinsgrove field hockey has the potential to have a historic finish to this amazing season.



The Seals defense has been unstoppable and their offense very productive all year.

Boy's Soccer Ends in District Quarterfinals

By: Jonah Markle

The Selinsgrove Boy's Soccer season came to an end over the past weekend with a district-playoff loss to the Midd-West Mustangs. The Seals finished the season with a record of 10-7-2.

The 2014 season showed much improvement from the previous one with the team qualifying for Districts and finishing in second place in the HAC-League II. Unfortunately, the team will graduate one of the most talented senior classes to go through the program.

When asked about his Selinsgrove Soccer experience, Senior Thomas Lemons, was nothing but positive, "This was a very fun year. I cannot believe that it is over. I wish we could have won a couple

more games, but this season was really special." said Lemons.

The Seals will graduate 12 seniors this year. However, with a solid group of underclassmen, the Seals hope to bounce back even stronger next year.



Photo by Mary Markle
A senior -loaded soccer team stands proud

Lady Seals Tennis Aces the Competition

By Katie Pauling

The Selinsgrove Girl's Tennis Team finished a strong season by earning the title of Co-Champions of their league, a title they will share with the Williamsport High School.

At the beginning of the season, the team instantly made an impression on their competition with several big opening wins. "As the season went on, we continued to break our personal goals. Even though the season is over, I'm so glad I had the chance to play with my best friends," said senior Laura Long when questioned about the season overview.

When the team advanced to the District playoffs, they faced Bloomsburg in the first round. Sadly they did not move on past that round, as they lost 0-5.

"Bloomsburg just played way stronger than we did, but I'm glad we even had the chance to come this far," remarked senior Jess Kerstetter.

Senior Liza Smith was the only girl who qualified to compete in the Singles District Competition; unfortunately she hurt her wrist in a previous match and was unable to play at full strength.

This year's team sent seniors Laura Long and Jess Kerstetter as well as seniors Brittany Auker and Liza Smith to the District Double Competition. Smith and Auker won their first and second round matches which is a huge accomplishment before finally bowing out in the third round.

Lady Seals Soccer Season Comes to a Close

By: Grace O'Malley

The Lady Seals finished the season with a record of 11-8 and lost in the first round of the District Championships to Midd-West High School.

"We worked really hard this year to adjust to a new formation and coaching staff. We were able to continue to get better and improve as the year went on, which was a huge accomplishment. I couldn't be more proud of my team," said senior Nicki Krebs..

"This year was a great building year for us. The girls were getting used to a completely new style of play and coaching, and performed better than we could have asked for. I'm certainly looking forward to our underclassmen to step up and fill the positions left by our seniors," commented Assistant Coach Tracy Hepner

Due to injuries early in preseason and a new formation, several freshmen were looked upon to contribute. In goal, freshman Hannah Swineford took control



Photo by Michael Wendt
Hannah Swineford makes another spectacular save

and led the Seals to several shut outs, while Alyssa Kratzer and Courtney Hamm both contributed to the defense. Caitlin Findlay, another freshman, was one of nine girls to score this season.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tricks and Treats...History of Halloween

By: Anne Coyne

As high school students, we tend to think of Halloween as a cheery holiday reserved for small children. Doing so, however, discounts the rich history of Halloween.

Halloween, like many modern-day holidays, originated as a Celtic festival. Known as Samhain, the festival was one of the four major celebrations of the year and marked the beginning of a new cycle. Crops were harvested, bonfires lit, and animals sacrificed.

It was believed that the spirits of the dead mingled with the living on Samhain. As Christianity spread, missionaries attempted to replace Samhain with All Souls Day, in accordance with Pope Gregory I's decree that pagan holidays should be replaced with Christian ones. Unfortunately for Pope Gregory, Samhain wouldn't go away.



Pumpkin carved by 6th grader Madison Switala

It took some time for Halloween to evolve into the family-friendly holiday it is today, though. Superstitions about roaming spirits prevailed, and many people stayed indoors on Halloween. Gradually, "mumming," or trick-or-treating transformed Halloween into a holiday more concerned with the living than the dead. Still, however, Halloween had its dark side.

In the early to mid-20th century in America, Halloween was a holiday fraught with tension. Social tensions and anarchist urges were expressed on Halloween, as vandalism and hooliganism became rampant. Churches, schools, and other establishments worked to make Halloween less of a threat. As costumes became more popular in America, vandalism decreased, and Halloween became the holiday we know today.

The idea of spirits roaming the earth on one night seemed to resonate, and people continued to celebrate Samhain. The Church created All Hallows Eve in order to subvert the pagan beliefs and change them into Christian practices. This time, it worked, and Halloween came into being.

In addition to eating enough candy to build several witches' cottages, try honoring Halloween's history by testing out these old Halloween traditions: walk backwards into a basement, holding a mirror in front of your face. The person whose face you see when you reach the bottom of the stairs is your true love. If you're feeling less romantic, try carving a turnip instead of a pumpkin.

Spooktacular Season for Cinema

By: Jacob Hilbalt

With Halloween upon us, one constant that can always be counted on for a good fright is a dark and torturous horror movie.

For nearly one hundred years, horror films have been dedicated to frightening and grossing out millions of viewers. Whether it's Dracula, a haunted doll, or your next door neighbor, horror films continue to captivate us in new ways.

A generation ago, *The Blair Witch Project* simultaneously captivated and terrified audiences with its realistic found-footage style. Sometimes, such an atmospheric quality can make us dread every waking moment without ever seeing the lurking terror.

As we progress into a more technological age, computer generated graphics are showing us a new world where the fantastic, the gruesome, and the inexplicable now become an audience's reality like never before.

This Halloween, I recommend not only seeing one of the many new releases

(*Annabelle*, *VHS: Viral*, and *Ouija*, to name a few) but also taking a look back on some older films to appreciate the things that frightened your parents, and if you're feeling daring, even your grandparents. One might be surprised at the horrors that are still consistently frightening to the modern viewer.

If you are into blood, try *Dawn of the Dead*. If satanic demons are more your thing, *The Exorcist* is always a sure fright. Classic black and white can still be frightening—check out Boris Karloff in the 1931 classic, *Frankenstein*.



Image courtesy of <http://wall.alphacoders.com>

ENTERTAINMENT

Student Profiles

Caleb Miller: Senior, Male

What is your most memorable moment from high school? *The rap battle between Juicy James and Juicy Joe.*

What is your dream vacation? *To see the Moon*

What is your biggest fear? *Torture*

Give one word to describe yourself. *Wackadoo*

What is your favorite thing to wear? *My Pig Mask*

What was your favorite costume as a child? *A toilet with a skull in the bowl*

What was your scariest moment? *I was on the internet doing a look close to find Waldo and a scary face popped up.*

Nettie Martin: Junior, Female

What is your most memorable moment from high school? *Any moment with Elizabeth Mosey, Alexis Martina and Matt Stugart.*

What is your dream vacation? *To travel through Europe particularly Italy.*

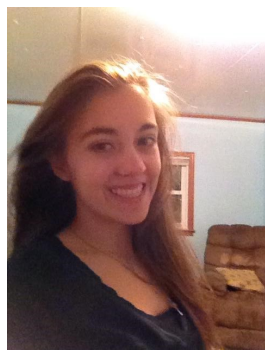
What is your biggest fear? *Dying in a painful manner*

Give one word to describe yourself. *Friendly*

What is your favorite thing to wear? *Jeans, sweaters, and flats or boots*

What was your favorite costume? *I never went trick or treating as a kid.*

What was your scariest moment? *Watching Jaws as a kid.*



Drew Nickler: Sophomore, Male

What is your most memorable moment in the high school? *During marching band at a football game the entire band sang Happy Birthday to me.*

What is your dream vacation? *Jamaica!*

What is your biggest fear? *Trevor Hoke.*

What is one word you would use to describe yourself? *Narcissistic.*

What is your favorite thing to wear? *Socks, shoes, pants, and shirt!*

What was your favorite Halloween costume as a child? *Batman.*

What was your scariest moment? *Hiking with the Boy Scouts.*



Meredith Lemons: Freshmen, Female

What is your most memorable moment from the high school? *- Eating on the floor at lunch.*

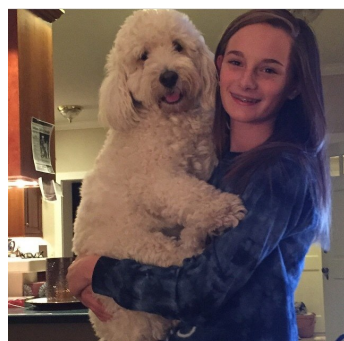
What is your dream vacation? *Istanbul!*

Give one word to describe yourself. *Weird...*

What is your favorite thing to wear? *Light-wash jeans.*

What is your biggest fear? *Gollum from Lord of the Rings!*

What has been your scariest moment? *I was in a haunted house, and I tripped over and over again because I was dressed up like a porter potty for Halloween and was in a huge box!*



Good News...Bad News

Good News: The Forensics team competed in their first tournament of the year on October 25th at Midd-West High School. Congratulations to the novice duo, Amelia Fouts and Lauren Rowe, who earned a first place in their category.

Good News: The Girls Basketball team has started preparing for their upcoming season with open gym opportunities throughout the week.

Good News: Principal Krause and Vice Principal Parise have started a program that gives a select few classes the opportunity to get cookies and water during their block if everyone is on-time and participating in activities.

Good News: The Selinsgrove Scholastic scrimmage team made it to the WVIA CSIU Semi-finals last week by defeating Berwick

Bad News: The Selinsgrove Scholastic Scrimmage team lost in the Semi-Finals to Lewisburg.

Bad News: Boys (2-0) and Girls (3-1) soccer both lost their first district game to Midd West. The goal from the girls was scored by Lexi Willard with an assist from Sam Rodkey.



The Scholastic Scrimmage team: Cathy Lucchi, Adam Ruby, Anne Coyne, Thomas Lemons, Maria Lucchi, and Sam Bailey

Annie's Answers

If you have questions or problems that you would like "Annie" to answer, just email them to anniesanswers@seal-pa.org or put them in one of the boxes located in the library or main office.

Dear Annie, I am only attracted to jerks...world-class tools. Nice guys just don't seem to do it for me. Is there something wrong with me? Sincerely, Frustrated and Confused

Dear Frustrated and Confused,

First of all: there's nothing wrong with you. You've just got a thing for the classic bad boy. While we can't help who we're attracted to, we can try to analyze why the attraction is there. In your case, it seems like "nice guys" bore you. This could be for a variety of reasons. Are they afraid to challenge you? Are the conversations lackluster? Or are you genuinely turned off by a guy who cares about you? If you answered "yes" to the latter, you need to do some serious self-evaluation.

If you like bad boys because you feel as if you aren't deserving of somebody who is nice to

you, then it's time to step out of the dating game. Yes, guys are shiny and tempting, but you come first. Do activities you enjoy until you find that you're happy being with yourself. Talk to friends. Read a book. Figure yourself out first, before you add another person into the mixture.

Now, if you're attracted to bad boys because nice guys actually bore you, you've got some evaluating to do. My first piece of advice seems a bit like a cop-out: wait. Of course the nice guys here bore you. You've grown up with them. Bad boys are more appealing to you because they aren't open books. But in college, or overseas, or wherever you're going after high school, things will be different. You can find a guy who is nice, funny, interesting, and feisty. In the meantime, think potential relationships through.

Don't get too serious, and always make sure that you're being safe and making smart decisions. If all else fails, ditch the bad boys and get a leather jacket and a motorcycle for yourself.

Stay Golden, Annie



My Turn by Isabel Bailey

In the year of 1964 the great song "Can't Buy me Love" by the Beatles was released into the ears of millions. This song spoke to listeners, and made many realize that you can't, put simply, buy love.

However, that is one of the few things you can't buy. Of course that goes along with not being able to buy personality, humor, and in some cases, happiness, but when it comes down to it, money can buy more than one might think.

I've always been a firm believer that money cannot buy someone the most meaningful things in life like love and happiness, and I still do, but during our debate in English class the other day (generated by our reading of *The Great Gatsby*)

I began to think of the assortment of treasures money *could* buy someone. For one, a house, everyone needs a shelter, and not to mention insurance, health care, and the ability to pay for things like college. But is this happiness?

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That's a question people have had to gamble with for years. Does being able to pay for insurance and have the welcoming thought that you're not going to have to worry about financial aid in college bring people reassurance or true happiness?

I suppose it depends where their values are. If someone values education, and being able to pay for that can lead to happiness, well then maybe money can buy happiness.

There is also the notion that money is attractive; some people are physically and mentally attracted to money. Some gravitate to money because it gives power, and while one may not think that power is something one can buy, maybe to some people it is, and power can most definitely make people happy.

But why do some people need power to achieve happiness? Well, I guess that's another topic for another day. So I assume money can buy happiness for some, however humans are never the same, that's the tricky aspect about our species, so we have to take an alternate look.

If not power or money that can buy someone love and happiness, then what does? A good grade on a test, being passionate about a career or activity, loving the people around you? Certainly!

Forever, books and movies have romanticized the way poor people live. It is more often than not the scene of a young couple living in a squalid little apartment with a sink for a bathtub but all love prevails, and while this story has come true, it doesn't always work like Disney would want it to.

So many times money has come between love, countless numbers of couples

fight over paying the bills, which can sometimes lead to so much stress that love doesn't get to fit itself into the puzzle. Is poor and in love possible? Of course! But it isn't always easy, just as on the other hand being wealthy and in love isn't always possible.

While the wealthy may not have trouble paying the bills, they seem to have another cliché story among them. That is the story of the wealthy man or woman living in

a rich world, but unbearably trapped and desperate to get out to face the challenges of not having it come so easy to them.

Not that every wealthy person is looking for a way out of their lifestyle, but some wealthy people may feel that they are missing out on these challenges and want the experience.

While money can't buy some things, it can buy peace of mind. Having the bills paid, knowing the next time there is an emergency that insurance is ready to cover it, being

able to easily afford cars and houses leaves many people stress free.

Simply put, money can't buy *everything*, but it can buy more than one would initially think. Love is tricky, and the Beatles seem to have it right. Happiness is a whole other trial, and in that case it really does depend on a person's values.

Money has put a twisted effect on the world that sometimes leaves people with skewed views of what really matters, but at the end of the day it comes down to what people really want in life, and that is the circumference of it all.



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