

THE CHIEF GAZETTE

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ACT Test Preparation



The ACT test should be very important to students who are going to attend school beyond high school. This test assesses a high school student's general development and their ability to complete college level work. Once a student has taken the ACT test, their scores can be sent to any college and are usually required for college admission. This test must be taken seriously because colleges are getting much more competitive.

Shiocton ACT test scores are below the state average right now. Students just don't care and won't take this test seriously. Taking upper-level classes is the best way to prepare for the ACT test. Mrs. Uelmen is also graciously going to schedule a practice test within the next two weeks for any students interested.

Mrs. Uelmen is going to help prepare students for every aspect of this test. This includes: what to expect on test day, what to bring on test day, test preparation in the four different areas, a mock test, and the scoring of that test. Teachers will also be there to help in any area that a student did not score so well in. This is a great opportunity to prepare for and concentrate on the ACT test.

If any student is interested, please see Mrs. Uelmen. Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

Rogena Warner

School Newspaper Online!

The Chief Gazette is now officially online everyone. So now when you're on the computer, you can just simply go to the Shiocton School website, which is www.shiocton.k12.wi.us, then look on the left side of the website and go under High School, the Chief Gazette will be one of your options on the left. Thanks to Mrs. Hartman we were able to put the Chief Gazette online. So go ahead and take a peek.

By Jared Lee Besch

BREAKING NEWS

Read Across America



Most of you know that Read Across America is a holiday celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2. On this day, all the elementary students get to get out of class and do fun activities to celebrate. They get to eat green eggs and ham, read Dr. Seuss books, visit Fang (the Timber Rattlers mascot), and watch presentations from the middle school students. I asked

some of my fellow classmates if they miss celebrating this holiday. Lacey Paulus, Jenni Zahradka, and Ilene Sanchez all agreed and said they didn't miss celebrating this holiday. "It is really more for the little kids, maybe if I was younger I would like it again," explained Ilene. The only fond memory any of the students had was our 6th grade play, where most of us dressed up as cats. "The play was hilarious, and really fun to put on," states Jenni. Lacey's fondest memory was reading Dr. Seuss books, "I don't really remember Read Across America that well," says Lacey. This holiday was exciting and fun in elementary, but now that we are older and in high school, Dr. Seuss' birthday really doesn't mean a lot anymore. Even if it doesn't mean a whole lot we can still celebrate by reading Dr. Seuss books to younger kids. So what are you waiting for? Grab a book and an elementary student and read one today!

By: Amber Rietveld

Softball Season

Kick-Off

As most of you know the high school softball team is heading to Florida for spring training. The team has been doing fundraisers to raise money so that they can go to Florida. One of our last ways to get money and to kick-off the softball season is our spaghetti dinner. This dinner will be held on Friday, March 12th and also on Sunday, March 14th, in the cafeteria from 11:30-1:30. The dinner on Friday is for the teachers who have chosen not to go to the NWEA Convention. Sunday the dinner is open to the public. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, refreshments, and dessert. It is \$7 for a full meal and \$5 for a half meal. So, come out and support your high school softball team make their way to a better season.

By: Laura Gomm



Attention Juniors

Juniors have you wondered what paying your dues actually does for you? Well, there are many advantages to paying your dues. One advantage is if you pay your dues for all the three years so far of your high school career you will be able to be on prom court. The dues do not just affect you in your junior year, for prom, but they affect you for your senior year also. You will not be able to graduate your senior year if they are not paid. The money that is brought in by the dues being paid goes to our prom; this will help us be able to have a better prom. Then after prom is done and paid for, the rest of the money will go towards our graduation and help us pay for that. If after graduation there is still money left, the remaining money will be put towards our reunions in the future.

In case you didn't know, the dues for freshman year were \$10, for sophomore year the dues were \$15, and for junior year the dues are \$15. In order to pay your dues, you have to bring your money to the office and pay your money to Mrs. Warner. Then Mrs. Warner will give a list of names to Clarissa Louis, our treasure, and then Clarissa will give you a receipt that says you paid your dues for that certain year or years. As you can see, paying your dues is very important to our class.

Stacey Krull



State Wrestling

During the 2010 State Wrestling Tournament, Shiocton High School sent down three great athletes. Thomas Dahlke who took 5th last year at state, but wrestled his worst matches of the season down at state. He didn't place this year. But Charlie Van Straten also returning to state after last year, placed 4th, after losing a very close match to a man that he beat at regional's 3 to 4. The lone senior, Josh Knorr, returned for his last year but could not get things going and fell just short of placing. All these wrestlers did very well at state, and even if they didn't take first, they are still winners in Brock Pahlow's eyes. He said, "I have the utmost respect for these wrestlers." Good luck to the wrestlers in the upcoming seasons.

By: Austin Hooyman and Thomas Dahlke

SPORTS

Chiefs Couldn't Come Out Ahead

Monday night, the Chiefs play the Marion Mustangs at Marion. This was the last non-conference game for the girls. The girls put up a tough fight against the Mustangs but just couldn't come out ahead. Marion took a lead right away in the beginning of the game and left the team a little unsure of what they could do. They played great defense and offense, but it just wasn't enough to catch up. The score at the end of the first half was 10-26 Mustangs. During half-time, Coach Sixel commented on how well we were playing even though the score didn't say so. They had some things they needed to fix to play even better. But she was not upset at the way they played that night. The Chiefs came out in the third quarter to play a great second half. They continued to play good defense and run the offense as much as they could. In the fourth quarter, the Mustangs only outscored the Chiefs by 3 points. Although they played a tough game, it wasn't enough. Leaving the final score 22-55 Mustangs. The Chiefs have their regional game on Tuesday, March 9th, against the Brillion Lions at Brillion.

Laura Gomm



Regional



On Tuesday, the boys' basketball team played their last game of the year. The game was played against the Roncalli Jets at Roncalli. It was not a very fun last game for the Chiefs. Being out-scored in every quarter didn't help the Chiefs in their loss. In the first quarter, the Jets jumped out to a 17-7 lead over the Chiefs. The scoring deficit got much larger in the second quarter with the Chiefs only scoring 5 points to the Jets 23. Going into half time with the score of 12-40 the Chiefs had much to come back from to try to make it a close game. In the locker room, the main points coach hit on were defense and finding your man and not letting them shoot a wide open 3 pointer. Coming out of the locker room the Chiefs were pumped and ready for the second half. In the third, the Chiefs kept the Jets 3 point shots in check and only allowed 15 points. The offense was still not there for the Chiefs as they only scored 5 points. The last quarter was the closest yet for the Chiefs..... mainly because the Jets pulled out all of their starters and we kept in all of the seniors. The Jets only scored 5 in the quarter to the chiefs 9. With the final score of 60-26, the Shiocton boys' basketball season was over.

By: Zach Snortum

Track Season is Approaching

With the end of winter here, spring sports are getting ready to kick off. Track is going to start very soon, and a meeting has been scheduled for any interested students to attend. There is one meeting for interested students and another for the parents. The student meeting is at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the cafeteria. The parent meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the cafeteria. Please attend if you are interested.

One interested student is junior Jennifer Van Asten. Jen has been in track all of her high school career. This year she hopes to compete in the shot, discus, 400 meter dash, and the 400 meter relay. Jen thinks the track team will have a good season with hopefully a decent sized team. When asked if Jen had any advice to give to newcomers, she replied, "Make sure you do the drills and listen to the coaches because they actually do help." Many people are really looking forward to a new sport. "I am just really excited for a new challenge!" exclaimed Jen.

Rogena Warner



Shiocton 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Tournament

This weekend there will be a 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball tournament. There will be over a dozen teams here, and each team had to pay \$145 to enter. The players of the 1st and 2nd place teams will get a medal for their prize. There will be games being played in both the elementary and high school gyms Saturday and Sunday. So stop on down and watch some 7th and 8th grade basketball.

By Jared Lee Besch

Chiefs Win

On Thursday, February 25, the High School Boys Basketball Team defeated the Bonduel Bears 55 to 35. It was their first win of the season! The game was full of excitement and was parent's night. It was a great game!

By Jared Lee Besch

EDITORIALS

American Idol

Imagine yourself auditioning for American Idol in front of the judges. You start singing and you see Simon's face, you think to yourself, "Is he going to let me go on to Hollywood?" Simon raises his hand to stop you when you are not even done with your song. What is he going to say? He says, "That was completely awful. Whoever told you that you had a great voice? They lied to you." You thought that he was going to like you, but you were wrong. Simon says, "You will not be going to Hollywood, you may leave now." He points the way out, and you leave unhappily. Paula Abdul looks at Simon, and he smiles back at her and drinks from his coke.

There are some of you that don't know that Simon Cowell (Fuller) will be leaving after the 9th season of American Idol. He is leaving for his very own show, but before he leaves, he would like to see one female pop star join them. Simon told reporters, "I think we should have Lady Gaga because she is the most relevant pop artist in the world at this moment, and I've met her and she is very smart. I like her." We don't know who will be replacing him, but what we do know is that Ellen DeGeneres will be back as a judge. Would the show be the same without harsh judge Simon, and sweet judge Paula? Will it affect the fans of the show?

I took the time to interview high school students on their opinion of the show, on Simon leaving, and on replacement, Ellen DeGeneres becoming a judge on American Idol. When I asked Issie Sanchez, a freshman, he replied, "It will not be the same without him. It is going to be different." He also mentioned, "Simon is always drinking Coca Cola, and always putting people down by making fun of him or her, and that's what makes the show funny." Emily Adams thinks that Simon is a strict person. When I asked her, she replied, "I don't think it would be the same at all. It's his show! I bet half of the people who watch the show do because of him." She also commented, "Ellen DeGeneres will not be a good judge because she is not in the music business, and she believes the show needs someone that knows about music." With or without Simon, both Issie Sanchez and Emily Adams will continue to watch American Idol. At least Randy Jackson and Kara GioGuardi will be back. I recommend watching this show while Simon is still on, and find out who will be the next American Idol.

By: Ilene Sanchez

Spring Fever

Most of you are excited to see spring coming, you see flowers, get to be outdoors, and do all your favorite activities. But for Jennifer Zahradka spring isn't all the great. "I'm not excited for spring because I don't like how our yard thaws out and gets muddy," explains Jenni. When I asked Jenni if she liked spring or winter better she said, "Winter because I love snow!" While Jenni loves winter, she doesn't hate the spring. She is glad that she gets to start jogging and enjoy the warmer weather. Spring is a time for all to enjoy the environment, and get the vitamin D. Going outside lets us have more freedom from being in school every day. We can actually get outside and do what we want to do. So don't let that spring fever make you insane, just relax and spring will be right around the corner.

By: Amber Rietveld

Being a Teen Mom Is OK?

One of the shows that is gaining popularity on MTV is 16 and Pregnant. This show is about sixteen year old girls struggling to take care of the child that they had. Most of the girls are raising the child alone or the father doesn't help much in the raising of the baby. I asked Laura Gomm what she thought of the show, and she said, "That it's a good show; however, I don't think it's teaching people to have safe sex."

I personally believe that it does show kids the troubles of having a kid at a young age, and also if you are going to have sex that you should have sex with a partner that is responsible and that will take care of the child.

MTV is on their second season of 16 and Pregnant, and they added ten new moms. The ones that have turned 17 are on a new show called Teen Mom. But there are a few that quit the show or got kicked off of it. This show is on every day, and there is one new episode a week.

By: Austin Hooyman

Shutter Island

Recently I went and saw Shutter Island. A movie about two U.S marshals, Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo), who go to Shutter Island to investigate a report of a missing patient. Shutter Island is a hospital for the criminally insane people. They only have the worst of patients on the island. While on the island, a massive hurricane cuts off all communication with any one off the island, and patients escape their cells. The marshals go through tons of questioning, arguing, and sneaking around to find out what exactly is happening on the island and what really happened to the missing patient. Teddy starts to put puzzle pieces together and begins to doubt everything, his memory, his partner, and his sanity. Find out what happens to Teddy and the others in this mind boggling movie.

By: Amber Rietveld

Canada Wins Gold and Attention

During women's hockey in the Olympics Canada has been holding the gold for the past 8 years. But this year, Canada got some unexpected publicity after they won the gold. The team was out celebrating on the ice after everyone left the stadium. But their celebration wasn't in good clean fun; it was with cigars and beer. This to me doesn't seem bad except one of the women (Marie Philip Poulin) on the team was underage. But even if she is under age, I feel that it is ok if she drinks, because she just won a gold medal in the Olympics. Which is a huge deal and a great honor, and if you can win a gold medal in the Olympics, you are grown up enough to drink in my eyes. But I asked Jared Besch how he felt about the celebration, and he said, "It's not that big of a deal. They should be able to celebrate over a great win, and besides it's Canada, give them a break." Then I asked Mrs. Sixel how she felt about the player drinking underage, she said, "It is unacceptable and wrong because she is a role model and sending the wrong message out to people who are looking up to her, and besides, it's illegal for her to be drinking." As of right now there has been nothing done legally to Marie Poulin, but the IOC is investigating the photos taken at the ice Party.

By Austin Hooyman

EDITORIALS

You Know What Really Grinds My Gears...

By Brock Pahlow

Teenage Drama Shows!!!



I often want to cut off my ear than listen to these conversations

Seriously, what are these people thinking? The 90210 and Gossip Girl shows are implying that the only important thing in life is to be “hot and sexy,” well what happens when your metabolism slows down and you not the size 4 you were in high school? Newsflash! The world doesn’t need all the stupid drama they create. I watched both shows and saw identical conversations at school with it ending in a cat fight or someone crying or a freak out. Regardless how it ends, it doesn’t end well. “OMG she is cheating on him with him! I heard that he was with her...” SHUT UP! There is no such thing as “good gossip.” It’s always rumors that degrade people and insult them. Or how about the show Desperate Housewives? I saw a whole season of this show and got the impression that everyone you know is a terrible person somehow. There is no lessons learned by these shows, and now there are shows like 16 and Pregnant and Teenage Mom...WHAT THE FRENCH, TOAST?! Why would someone want to exploit these girls who have clearly made a mistake and put them on national television? “Oh, but it’s a good show,” says some people I will not list because I don’t want the school to know who has no soul within themselves. Can we please just stop all the drama? Besides, there is enough drama in the world already, so why add to it with these terrible shows. I hope they crash and burn...their careers of course.

Swimming

Swimming has been a fun activity for many years for students at Shiocton High School. Students usually get together and plan one day a week where a group of their friends will go to New London’s public swimming pool. Last year, the seniors organized when and where to go swimming. Most of the time it was at New London’s public swimming pool when they had open swim times. I asked Laura Gomm what she thought of the whole swimming idea, “I really like the idea; Josh and I were actually thinking about starting to do that again this year.” But New London pool is not the only place to go swimming, Clintonville also has pool time open to the public. The YMCA and the Seymour pool are also two more great options for some swimming fun. So no need to sit inside on cold winter days; round up a few friends and go for a dip.

By: Zach Snortum

Access Denied



Have you ever tried to open up a window on the internet or tried to go into a website, but your access was denied? This is a very upsetting thing to many people like me because we often need certain information for

school reports. I understand that the school is trying to prevent us from playing arcade games and seeing information that teens shouldn't be reading. In my opinion, arcade games should be opened up to student use. I have a few reasons for that opinion: 1) if kids are wasting their class time to play games, that should be their choice because if they're playing games they will probably pay for it on their next test. 2) It would also be good for kids who are done with their work and have nothing else to do, so they don't disturb any other kids in the class. 3) Games also give a person a sense of accomplishment, when he or she defeats the game and are crowned champion. So when someone is having a down day and is unwilling to learn, it would help that person if they would play a game, which would put him or her in a better mood.

I also understand why they do block certain websites. It protects us from certain websites that teens should just not see. Some websites can also be used for cheating purposes like sparknotes.com. So for the most part I can say that I want the arcade game websites opened up and the other ones I can live without!!!!!!

By: Thomas Dahlke

The Buried Life

For those of you who have not heard of or watch the MTV show The Buried Life, it is of four college grads named, Duncan, Ben, Jonnie, and Dave who set out with a list of 100 things they want to do before they die, from climbing Mount Olympus to getting in the Guinness Book of World Records. All of them made promises to themselves and that promise was, for everything that they complete on the list, they will help a stranger achieve his or her goal. Most know it as a bucket list.

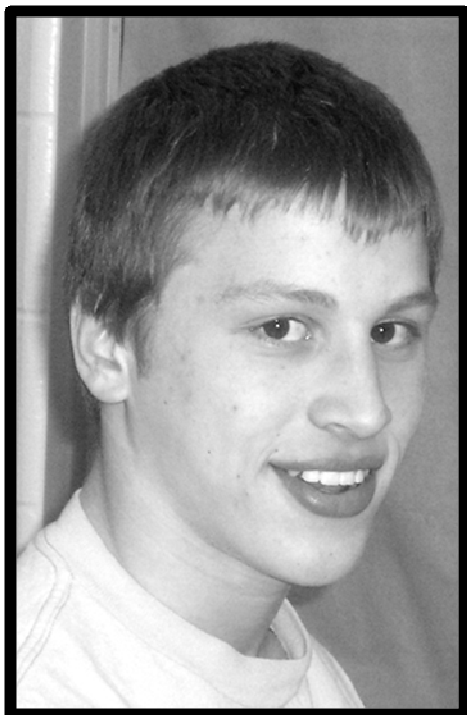
Everyone has something he or she want to do before they die, so I went around and asked students here at Shiocton what he or she wants to do before they die. When I asked Eric Miller, a senior, he replied, "Before I die, I would like to rob a bank." He told me that robbing a bank would be really cool, but that is not the only thing he would like to accomplish. He would like to get his dream car, which is a 67' Shelby Mustang. He commented, "I would like to get my dream car because it is very cool, fast, and awesome!" Alex Mohn replied, "I agree with Eric, I would like to rob a bank to experience how a robber would do it, and have money to spend on everything I want." He also said, "But I would also like to learn and find a way to pause time." Alex wishes that he can go back in time so he can experience his childhood all over again, and then pause it. When I asked Miranda Walenski what she thinks of having a bucket list, she responded, "It is not foolish to have one because it's a great way to share with family and friends what you have accomplished in life." It's never too late to create a bucket list, so I recommend doing one. Don't you want to die knowing that you have done as much as you possibly can?

By: Ilene Sanchez

FEATURES

Thomas “The Cannon” Dahlke

By Brock Pahlow



**Thomas Dahlke shows off
his pearly whites**

The athlete himself, Thomas Dahlke, was kind enough to let me interview him for an article in the paper. Soon after talking with Mr. Dahlke, I noticed that he is very humble and doesn't like to show off. "Why would you want to do an article on me?" he asked. Well most people don't go to state wrestling. I figured it was quite an accomplishment and his record of 43-6 is also very impressive. I named Dahlke "The Cannon" because he has a very good throwing arm, which helps him in football and baseball. Tommy has also been a good asset to the baseball team, but when asked if he wanted to continue his pursuit in baseball he stated, "I am undecided what I'm going to do." Regardless, he plans to work hard for next year's football season. "We should have a good season, granted our size isn't the greatest," Thomas said. I wondered if anything bothered Thomas, and he said that he doesn't like people calling him Tom. "Tom just sounds like an old man's name," Dahlke stated, "Thomas is better, and Tommy is fine I guess." So make sure to remember that last bit of information when you're cheering for him at his sporting events. I have high expectations for this young man and hope for the best.

How Well Do You Really Know Your Teacher?

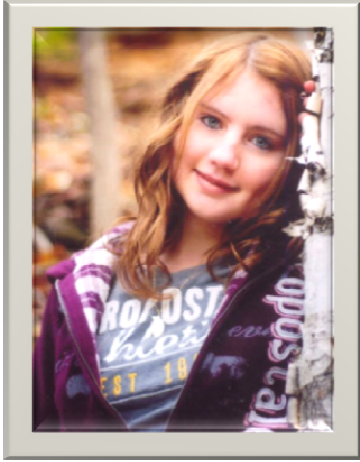
Sometimes students think they know everything about their teachers. In reality, our teachers are more of a mystery to us than we think. Below is a description about one high school teacher. See if you can guess who it is before it is revealed later in this issue. No cheating!

Here are some interesting facts about me. I am 53 years old. I attended Cambridge High School and UW-Whitewater. I grew up in a family of 7 kids. I am married and have a couple step-children. I love to read, make photo collections for people, and watch dirt-track races. I have a stuffed Devil named Caleb. Students may think of me as a pushover and/or approachable. I have never smoked a cigarette or killed anybody. Before leaving my house I will always make sure I have my keys and some money. If I won the lottery, the first thing I would do is retire. My favorite movie is The Big Chill. I am afraid of snakes and the dark.

Good luck!

Rogena Warner

Miranda “Mirdock” Walenski



You may have seen her in the classes or walking to her next class in the hallway, but do you truly know she is. Miranda is a senior at Shiocton High School. When I asked her if she has been going to Shiocton all her life, she replied, “No, I moved from Appleton to Shiocton in the middle of 3rd grade.” Miranda loves going up north because she loves being outdoors. When I asked her what she does when she goes up north, Miranda replied, “I like going to Lake Michigan to do some fishing.” Besides fishing, her favorite activities are riding her dirt bike, going cross country four wheeling, and hiking in the woods. “You can really say that I am an outdoors person, and I like doing hands on activities,” Miranda added. With her friends and family she likes shooting some hoops and playing soccer. She said, “At my old school, there was a soccer team that I really loved, but when I moved to Shiocton, this school didn’t have one.” If there was a soccer team at this school, Miranda would join, because she loves soccer. Soccer is one of her favorite sports. Miranda likes to watch the movie *Red*

Line because she loves racing. “In the movie there are cool cars, and there are hot actors,” she mentioned. Her high school life is close to the end. “I’m going to miss being young, and I am for sure going to miss my friend, Miranda said. When she graduates she plans on going to a two year technical college where she can study a health career. So if you see Miranda in the hallways, don’t be afraid to say hi!

By: Ilene Sanchez

Student of the Week

The lucky winner for student of the week is Freddy Fielding. Freddy was chosen by Mrs. Eisch for the 10th grade Biology classes. Mrs. Eisch stated, “The first words that come to my mind to describe Mr. Fielding include: intellectually curious, emotionally mature, determined, and honest.” Mrs. Eisch is proud of what Freddy has done in her class.

Mrs. Eisch says, “He is an independent thinker, and when he is working on new difficult material, he will not give up. Freddy commits the time necessary for him to master the new concepts or skills.” Mrs. Eisch told me she had a chance to talk to Freddy and asked him why his grades were so high in Bio, and he responded, “Because I always give it my all in my studies.” She also asked him what he likes best about Biology, and he replied, “Bio is my first class of the day, and it gets my day going.” Freddy also commented, “Pay attention in class and do your homework because you can’t fail if you do,” and Mrs. Eisch was amazed at Freddy for saying this because it is true, all you have to do is invest time into your work. “Freddy is also a leader with his skills in labs,” stated Mrs. Eisch.

Mrs. Eisch is very proud of all her students, but Freddy just stands out, and she appreciates all his hard work and wants him to keep it up.

Stacey Krull

Recipe of the Week

Do you ever have to bring some dish to pass or dessert to serve at a pot luck or any kind of event? I have, and I never know what to bring that's easy to make. My mom, however, is like a master of dishes to pass and desserts to make. One of my favorite desserts to make is Warm Nutty Caramel Brownies from the Season's Best Recipe Collection (Fall/Winter 2007) from Pampered Chef. You won't go wrong bringing these anywhere, everyone will be pleased.

Tip: If you don't like nuts or you are allergic to nuts just don't use them. They still taste Fantastic!

What you will need:

1 teaspoon vegetable oil

1 12oz package of semi-sweet chocolate chip morsels, divided

1 18-21oz package of brownies (plus the ingredients to make cake-like brownies)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed brown sugar, divided

1 cup salted mixed nuts, divided

5 rolls of any milk chocolate covered chewy caramels (40 pieces total)

Directions:

1 Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly brush a large jellyroll pan with oil. Cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the chocolate morsels into smaller pieces. In a large bowl combine brownie mix, water, oil, eggs, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the brown sugar; mix well. Fold in small pieces of chocolate; pour batter into the pan and spread evenly.

2 Chop the nuts. Combine half of the nuts and the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of brown sugar; sprinkle evenly over brownie batter. Bake 20-22 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

3 Meanwhile, cut 16 of the chocolate covered caramels into quarters. Place remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of chocolate morsels in a microwaveable bowl; microwave on high for 1 minute or until melted, stirring after each 20-sec interval. Spoon the melted chocolate into a resealable plastic bag or zippy bag and set aside.

4 Remove pan from oven to a cooling rack. Immediately press remaining 24 caramels evenly into brownie in four rows of six caramels each. Sprinkle quartered caramels and remaining nuts over brownies. Trim corner of chocolate-filled bag with a kitchen scissors; drizzle chocolate evenly over brownies. Cut into squares; serve warm. Serve with ice cream if desired.

If there are any other recipes you would like to see let my know and I'll get them to you in the next edition.

The Featured Teacher Is:

Mrs. Van Lanen!

