

THE CHIEF GAZETTE

Friday, March 11, 2010

Want to Save a Life?

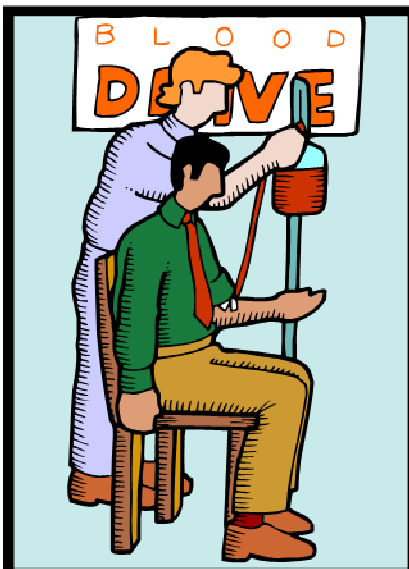
Giving blood helps save lives. On Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., you can give blood to save a life. The Shiocton High School Blood Drive will take place in the High School Gym. If you are 17 or older, or 16 with parent consent, please give blood during this great opportunity.

Donating blood is easy, and any student or staff with the proper qualifications can give blood. You must be at least 17 years old, or 16 with a parent permission form. You must also weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good overall health. You can only give blood during your study hall or lunch time. If you are eligible, please give blood and save somebody's life. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Uelmen or the Community Blood Center at (920)-280-4102.

The Shiocton Student Council helps host this blood drive and really wants this to be our best drive yet. If you are a student council member and have not completed your 10 points for the quarter, please consider helping out with this drive. To get points you can: put up posters, give blood, or recruit people to give blood.

Please show some school spirit and donate blood! Now is the time to sign up in the High School Office to reserve your spot.

Rogena Warner



BREAKING NEWS

Are You Ready For College?

Have you even thought about college yet? Well, if you haven't, you should start now. You are supposed to start looking at requirements for college your freshman year, so you can figure what you need to take for courses during high school. If you're worried about the cost of college, there are things out there to help you out.

First, there is financial aid to help out if there is a need for it. Financial aid is there to help families, who may not be as wealthy as some, put their children through college. Everyone can apply for financial aid, even if you don't think that you would qualify for it, still apply because there is always a chance you will get some money.

Within financial aid, there are loans and grants. Grants are free money from the colleges via the government. Loans are money given to you, but you have to pay them back within a certain amount of time. The grants are need based; meaning that if you need them to go to college then you will be given them. Each college gives out different amounts of money for the grants. Another thing the colleges look for is the competitiveness of the student, and that also helps determine whether or not you will receive a grant. It is easier to get loans than it is to get grants. Loans are more for the non-need based; loans will help anyone out.

There are also scholarships available for high school students going on to college. There are two kinds of scholarships, one is local scholarships, and these are only for Shiocton students. Then there are some state scholarships, and anyone is able to get these. You are able to look at these scholarships online at the Shiocton website: click on high school and go to the counselor's corner, and there it shows you all the scholarships. The scholarships are given to the people who are competitive and who are original in their paragraph for the application. In the morning, they announce the different scholarships the school receives, so listen! If you miss the morning announcements then you can look on the bulletin board in the hall by the senior lounge.

Stacey Krull

Senior Privileges

Do you know how Mrs. Zeinert determines if the seniors receive senior privileges or not? Well, in August, Mrs. Zeinert gets a print off of all the seniors' grades from fourth quarter of the previous year. Then Mrs. Zeinert will look at that and see who had a 3.0 G.P.A. or above. Then with that list of students with a 3.0 or better, she will look back to last year and see who had any disciplinary problems also within the fourth quarter. During the fourth quarter of your junior year, you also cannot have any tardiness or skipping because then you will not be able to have these privileges.

When seniors have privileges, the seniors don't have to report to their assigned study hall. They also are able to leave the school grounds for their study hall only if they sign out in the high school office. When I asked Alissa Collar what the best thing about senior privileges is, she replied, "Getting to do whatever you want." I would think that the best part would be, being able to come to school late if you have a first hour study hall. "Having senior privileges give those seniors who earn them, more freedom," says Mrs. Zeinert. In the CWC conference, we are one of the three schools who still offer them. When I asked Mrs. Zeinert how she likes senior privileges, she replied, "I love it, and so do the seniors." I'm sure they do, because when I get them I'm sure I will love them.

StaceyKrull

How Well Do You Really Know Your Teacher?

So how did you do last week? Was it as easy as you thought it would be? Well, hopefully this week's featured teacher will be a little harder. The answer will be located somewhere in this issue. Good luck!

Here are some facts about me: I am 30 years old. I went to school at Oshkosh West High School. I love to hang out with friends and am involved in my church. I love the Morning Dove. I am not married and do not have any children. Students think of me as a geek. I have never gone skydiving before. I would love to see a huge waterfall before I die. I never leave my house without my glasses/contacts, keys, or wallet. If I could be anyone in the world, I would still be me. If I won the lottery, the first thing I would do is call my financial planner. My favorite movie is Uncle Buck. I am afraid of snakes. I became a teacher because someone asked me to. The best thing about my job is the impact that I make in my students' lives.

Rogena Warner

Senior Song

As all of you know, during your senior year you have to pick a class flower, song, and quote. The senior class of 2010 had everything picked except for the song, but last week they all voted on a song. Their official class song is "Live Like you're Dying" by Kris Allen. Most people thought this song was really good. Kaitlyn Schroth, senior treasurer, thought of this song to put on the ballet. "Live Like you're Dying" went up against 3 other songs which were, "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, "Time for me to Fly" by REO Speedwagon, and "I Will Be There For You" (The Friends theme song). For some, the song wasn't that great. They don't think it has any relevance to graduation at all. They wanted "Don't stop Believing" by Journey, which is a great song, but with an alcohol reference the seniors were not able to even put that song on the ballet. For this vote, which is our 4th ballet, "Live like you're Dying" is informally the seniors' class song!

By: Amber Rietveld

Open Gym

Next week Monday and Wednesday, there will be open gym after school until 4:30. Mrs. Sixel says, "Those who are not in a spring sport should come to open gym if they want to improve and keep physically activity in their weekly routines. Those who are not in basketball are welcome to join in on a game of basketball and get some exercise." I don't know about you, but I will probably be stopping in a few days for open gym to show off my basketball skills. Open gym will continue in April and May on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:30. There will also be a few morning opportunities during the week as well. Listen to the announcements for those times. Talk to Mr. Schmidt or Mrs. Sixel if you have any questions.

By: Jared Lee Besch

SPORTS

Girls Regional Game

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Chiefs played the Brillion Lions for their first round of regional play. Shiocton was seeded 8th and Brillion was seeded 1st. The Chiefs started out extremely well with a 3 point lead well into the first quarter. They had a few turnovers and started to hang their heads, but they didn't give in just yet. In the second quarter, the Lions outscored the Chiefs by 18 points. At half, the girls were down 7-34. In the locker room, Coach Sixel talked about how they played the first five minutes of the game. All season the girls have had a great first quarter until they have a few turnovers and then they hang their heads. Sixel wanted her girls to leave whatever they had out on the floor and finish the game the way they played the first five minutes. They went out there and gave what they had left, but it just wasn't enough. The Chiefs ended their season with a 17-62 score. Though it was a tough loss, the girls had nothing to lose, and they didn't hang their heads about it.

For you freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, the off-season is important. You need to be getting into the gym whenever you can if you don't want another season like this year. There will be open gyms, leagues, and summer school. For more info ask Coach Sixel and listen in the announcements for gym time.

Laura Gomm

Baseball Preview

By Austin Hooyman and Brock Pahlow



Pitcher Derek Van Straten will be returning this year as well.

With the 2010 baseball season coming up, we wanted to know who and what to look for during the season. We figured we would ask short-stop Jon Van Geffen for his input. "Last year we were in the middle of the conference. We didn't do as

well in it but made a little run in the playoffs," Jonathan said. As for this year, Van Geffen said, "I'd like to finish in the top three of the conference." He also thought that Bonduel, Weyauwega, Pacelli, and [Shiocton] will be fighting for conference. Austin and I then wondered what he thought of the gains and losses. "We didn't lose anyone from last year, so everyone is a year older and more experienced. As for gains, we have picked up Logan Majerus, Brandon Smith, and hopefully Cody Leitermen's left arm will be recovered in time." Then we continued on our in depth discussion with Charlie Van Straten, who seems very eager for the upcoming season. "We're in it to win it! We're expecting great things. We're not losing to anyone. We're only winning!" Charlie stated. Charlie then went onto say, "Last year, we should have gone further, but we did well seeing as we didn't have any seniors." But that will change this year because the Shiocton Baseball program has gained several seniors including; Jon Van Geffen, Dylan Van Straten, Derek Van Straten, Cody Ahrens, Steven Slater, Tyler Bradwell, and Brock Pahlow. We also expect great things for this group and hope for a great season.

Golf Preview

The 2009-2010 golf season will be here soon. Anyone can join, male or female, freshman-senior. The only requirement is that you have your own clubs and golf balls. Golf practices are held after school every day at 3:15, rain or shine. In the beginning of the season, they will be held at school wherever it is dry enough to hit a golf ball. Sometimes this means actually in school on any carpeted surface, which act as putting greens, and cups or random objects are used for the hole. When it becomes warmer and dryer outside, the golf courses start opening for the season, and the team actually starts to have practice on mowed grass. The course that our golf team practices at is Eagle Creek Golf Course on Market Road. Practices usually consist of either the driving range, for about an hour, or 9 holes of golf, which usually takes anywhere from an hour to two hours in duration, depending on the number of members in your group and your group's speed. After a few weeks of practice, the athletes will be split up into a varsity team, junior varsity team, and alternates that would sub in for junior varsity athletes, who for some reason could not participate in that week's match. If you make it on junior varsity or varsity, you will travel to matches at many different courses during the golf season. For any questions about golf, ask the golf coach, Mr. Schwaller, and he'll be happy to answer any and all of your questions.

By: Zach Snortum

Softball Season Is Just Around The Corner!

The winter seasons are over, and spring fever is here. It won't be long and the softballs and gloves will be busted out. With the softball season rapidly approaching, I took the time to interview a couple of our players to see what they are expecting out of this year. When I asked Megan DeWall, a senior, she said "I'm looking forward to a good team with a hopeful season, less drama and a great trip to Florida." I also asked Dana Scheller, a senior, and she said, "I hope that there is no drama and that we can all get along! Especially while we are in Florida." I also asked Dana what she is most looking forward to. She replied, "To get to play again! I can't wait; hopefully the sun keeps shining so we can get on the diamonds." As most of you know, we are traveling to Florida for training. This is going to be a great experience for the girls, and hopefully it will show in the outcome of their season. It is yet to be determined when practice will start. So, those of you who want to get a jump on the season, get out your gloves and a ball and play catch with someone. It will only help you. The Chiefs are looking forward to a great season! Come out and support the girls and take a look at what you were supporting when you were helping them raise money for Florida!

By: Laura Gomm

April 6th @ Amherst

April 15th vs. Weyauwega-Fremont

April 16th vs. Wrightstown

April 19th @ Wittenberg-Birnamwood

April 20th @ Bonduel

April 22nd vs. Iola-Scandinavia

April 26th @ Manawa

April 27th vs. Pacelli

April 29th vs. Amherst

May 1st Triangular @ Wild Rose with Algoma

May 3rd @ Pacelli

May 6th vs. Bonduel

May 10th @ Weyauwega-Fremont

May 13th vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood

May 17th vs. Manawa

May 20th @ Iola

SPORTS

Coaches Corner

Head Coach Chad Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt is a ('92) graduate of Whitehall High School in Whitehall, WI. He went on to college to pursue his education and basketball career at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was part of a basketball team there that won a district title. The next year, Mr. Schmidt transferred to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where he played baseball and graduated in 1998, with a Bachelor Science Degree in Kinesiology; Emphasis Teaching. While he was at Eau Claire, Chad was a volunteer assistant coach for the Eau Claire Memorial High School basketball team for three years. He was a part of a WIAA Division 1 State Tournament team in 1996. He also coached middle school football in Eau Claire and Barron for two years and was the head baseball coach for Blair-Taylor High School for two years. In 1997, Coach Schmidt led the Blair-Taylor wildcats to two straight WIAA sectional final games and their very first WIAA state Tournament appearance in school history. In 1998, Mr. Schmidt came to Shiocton to teach physical education and coach. In his years here, Coach Schmidt has led the Shiocton Boys Basketball Program to CWC Conference Championships in 2002, which was Shiocton's 4th conference title in 85 years. And another conference title in 2004. The Chiefs were Regional Champions in 2002. Mr. Schmidt led the Chiefs to a 10-0 start in 2006, which then resulted in being ranked 8th in the state. They finished the 2006 season with a 16-5 record. He earned his Masters Degree in Education at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay ('04). This is his 11th year teaching and coaching at Shiocton. Mr. Schmidt and his wife, Nancy, have four boys: Nathan 11, Caden 7, Dawson 5, and Bennett 3.

By: Jared Lee Besch

Match of the Year

Over the past couple of weeks, there has been a big rivalry in Shiocton High School, between Isaac Guyette and Hunter Young. They both try to be better than the other one at almost everything and anything. But last week, they found a way to find out who the better man is. They will have a wrestling match at the Shawano Old timers' Wrestling Tournament held this Friday at Shawano starting at 6 p.m. This is a wrestling tournament between any high school kids from any school or people out of high school, but they keep them separate. You don't even have to be in wrestling to go and wrestle at it. There will be four-man brackets, which means you will be placed with the four closest people to your weight, and because Hunter and Isaac weigh the same, they are for sure going to be wrestling each other.

When I asked Ike what he thought about how Hunter will do against him, he said very casually that, "Hunter is weak, and it will be an easy win." When I asked Hunter the same thing, he replied, "Isaac is a cupcake." So if you and your friends have nothing to do this Friday, come to Shawano High School to watch the Match of the Year.

By Austin Hooyman

EDITORIALS

Alice in Wonderland

Thursday, February 25th, I went and saw Alice in Wonderland at the midnight premier. As I arrived at Marcus Theater in Appleton, there was a man dressed as the Mad Hatter, who is played by Johnny Depp in the movie. It was very impressive since he looked just like the character in the movie. The whole costume was a bit corny but still really cool. After my sister and I got to the theater, we didn't expect many people to show up that night, but we were wrong. We got there about 11:30, and the place was packed. Who knew there would be so many people wanting to see Tim Burton's side of Alice in Wonderland? The movie was in 3D and was very interesting. All the old characters from the original were in the movie, but this wasn't based on the Disney cartoon they made from the book. This movie is about Alice getting proposed to, but runs away and returns to Wonderland. All the creatures in Wonderland think that the White Rabbit brought the wrong Alice, and they need the right one or they will not be able to defeat the Queen of Hearts to get back the throne for the White Queen. Alice goes through many challenges and difficulties, but is she the right Alice? Will she be able to defeat the Queens creatures to get back the throne for the White Queen? Watch the movie and find out what happens.

By: Amber Rietveld

Winning the Lottery

Imagine going to the gas station and buying a Powerball ticket for only one dollar. That same night, you're sitting at home waiting for the news to announce the numbers for the Powerball. At the bottom of the screen, it's showing the Megabucks, Badger 5, and then comes the Powerball. You're seeing if the numbers on the screen match the numbers on your ticket. It turns out that the numbers on your Powerball ticket match the numbers on the screen. You jump off your couch, and yell, "I won! I won! I just won 100 million dollars!"

What would a person do with any amount of money; it can range from 20 million to 100 million dollars? Every person, teenagers to adults, will do and buy different things with a lot of money. To find out what a teenager would do, I asked my senior classmates. When I asked Alex Mohn, he replied, "I would buy an island or two around the world." He told me that he wants to be on an island, so he can stay away from some people that he does not like. "If I had any money left over when I'm dying, I would do a will, and split the money amongst my family," Alex commented. He also said, "Why would anyone save so much money in the bank? I would just go ahead, and spend as much as I can." Tyler James agreed with not putting money in the bank to invest. He replied, "I would spend some of it, and use some to fix a vehicle of mine." If Tyler had lots of money, he would not change his lifestyle. "Money wouldn't change me one bit; I'd still be who I am," he mentioned. Juliana Ortigosa and Wai would both travel if they won the lottery. Wai would like to travel to England, and Juliana would travel around the world. Juliana said, "I would give some to charity and save some in the bank." When I asked Brianna, she replied, "Buy a new car because the car I have now is not dependable. I want a car that is dependable." Brianna would take herself on a shopping spree, and would buy a laptop for school/college. These are some things the seniors would do if they won, but remember you have to be 18 or older to buy lottery tickets.

By: Ilene Sanchez

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You Know What Really Grinds My Gears...

By Brock Pahlow

THE SENIOR WALK-OUT SONG!!!



So the senior class is supposed to walk out to a song everyone can enjoy; well this year, very few enjoy the decision of “Live Like You Were Dying.” There were two other choices that I doubt anyone would argue are good songs besides Mrs. Zienert and Mr. Doro. “Don’t Stop Believing” by Journey is an amazing song in my opinion, but according to Mrs. Zienert it is not appropriate. “A singer in a smoky room, the smell of wine and cheap perfume!” is the verse that is the killer of the song. To me I see a singer in a bad situation who wants to get out of there and share a few smiles with the “city boy” and the “small town girl.” The other song, “It’s My Life” by Bon Jovi, isn’t appropriate either because it doesn’t pertain to growing up and stuff. How is the verses “I ain’t gonna live forever!” and “live like you were dying” any different from each other? The only thing I see is that Bon Jovi is a little more upbeat and talks about staying strong through life. But all in all, this is just my opinion which doesn’t have authority over the faculty...although it is the senior song, isn’t it? RIDDLE ME THAT!!!

The Featured Teacher Is:

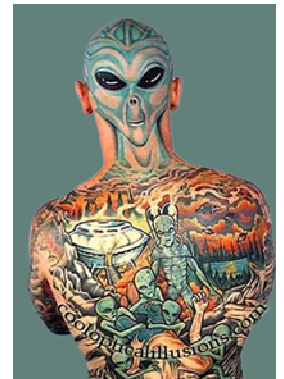
Mr. Yenor!



Tattoos

In recent years, more and more people in high school and in general have been getting tattoos. I have no problem with this and have even thought about getting one myself, but can you have too many? My answer to this is yes. I can see having a few tattoos that can’t be seen by other people, that your everyday T-shirt can cover up and you can still look professional. The location of these tattoos can be numerous places such as: your back, shoulders, chest, foot, and other places where no one can see them unless you purposely show them yourself. But on your face, neck, hands, lower arms, lower legs that might be pushing it. I can see having a tattoo if it means something to you; such as remembering a loved one or of an important moment in your life. If you are planning on getting a tattoo, here are a couple of things you should know. Never get a tattoo if you’re unsure about the design or the tattoo artist that is doing your tattoo. Always make sure the needles they’re using are new and sterile.

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