

THE CHIEF GAZETTE

Friday, March 19, 2010



Music in Our Schools



Did you know that March is Music in Our Schools month? Since 1985, March has been filled with sound as music in our schools is celebrated around the nation. It focuses the nation's attention on the need for and benefits of quality music education program. Schools and community groups celebrate with creative activities and concerts, based on designated themes. This year's theme is "Music! Just Imagine..." The goal is to appreciate and value the music in our schools. On Tuesday night, the choir and the band performed a concert called, Music in Our Schools, in the high school gym.

The high school choir performed a variety of music at the concert. First, the choir started off with a Hebrew song called, *Bashana Haba'ah*, then a Latin song, *Domine Fili a 3*. The English paraphrase for *Bashana Haba'ah* is, "Next year when peace will come, we shall return to the simple pleasures of life so long denied us. You will see, you will see, O how good it will be next year." After that, the girls performed *I'm Going to Sing*, which is an African American Spiritual song. The Choir ended with *There Will Be a New Day*, which is a gospel song. The soloists for *I'm Going to Sing* were Ellie Seidl and Brianna Ernst, seniors, and Krista Meyers, junior and the soloists for *A New Day* were Raven Wagner, senior, and Mitch Meisenhelder, junior. Congratulations to the choir and the soloists on their outstanding performances!

As you all know, Jazz band is new this year and once again they started with really cool performances. Jazz band started with *Birdland* and *Superstition*. They were amazing and very entertaining that it made some choir members want to dance and break a move to their performances. Raven Wagner and Melissa Abel for instance, really enjoyed Jazz Band performances, just ask them yourselves. The high school band played "Olympic Fanfare" and "Theme," "Cajun Folk Songs," and "Prairie Dances." Congratulations are in order to the band for their incredible, entertaining performances!

Many thanks to the parents of the music students, community members, and the teachers for coming to see the band and choir performances. We hope to see you all again at the High School Showcase on Friday, May 14. Thank you very much for your support.

Ilene Sanchez



BREAKING NEWS

Want To Go To Hawaii?

Would you like to spend some time surrounded by beautiful tropical flowers? Would you rather go play some blackjack and bingo in a Hawaiian casino? No, I am not giving away tickets to Hawaii, but I am offering you the next best thing. On Saturday, April 17, 2010, you can come to the Casino Hawaiian themed Post-Prom.

Post-Prom is organized by Mrs. Uelmen and the Shiocton Student Council. However, if anybody's parents would like to take over and organize next year's Post-Prom, please contact Mrs. Uelmen. Post-Prom was designed to provide something really fun for students to attend after prom, instead of drinking and possibly endangering themselves and others. Many students go to Post-Prom and have a lot of fun doing so. Jacob Riehl has gone to Post-Prom two times, and has had a lot of fun doing so. "Last year was really fun, and I won some cool golf stuff! People should really go and have a good time."

Post-Prom extends from midnight until 3:00 a.m. Doors will open at 11:30 p.m. There will be many fun things to do including: bingo, volleyball tournament, and blackjack. There is a \$2.00 entry fee, unless you go to prom, in which you are free. You can earn fake money doing any of these activities, and at the end of the night, trade in your money for tickets. These tickets in turn, can get you great prizes. Great food, including subs, cookies, and other goodies, will also be there and totally free.

However, Post-Prom will have some changes this year. Various prizes will be piled up on five tables with one bucket on each table, instead of individually. You can put your tickets in one or all of these buckets. If you win, you get to pick one thing that is still on the table from which your name was called. Some prizes this year include: I-pod shuffle, Victoria's Secret coupons, and Country USA tickets.

Please come and join your fellow students for a night filled with fun and prizes.

Rogena Warner



Lock-In

Last Thursday, the S.W.A.T team members held their annual middle school lock-in. It was a great success with a huge turnout. The lock in started out with the middle school students, who signed up for the lock-in and paid their \$2 in advance, gathering in the gym. After we got their attention, we had them sign up for an event. The participants could choose from: basketball, volleyball or a scavenger hunt. Half of the gym was split into three basketball courts and the other half was a single volleyball court. After about an hour of these events, it was time for the tug of war competition, where the S.W.A.T. team and the 8th grade were out-pulled by the 7th and 6th grade. Once that was all done, it was time for dodge ball. This pitted the middle school against the S.W.A.T. team member and a few weight lifters that stopped in to have a little fun. It was no contest; the S.W.A.T. team won easily, each and every time. Human ABC's followed to see who would be first in line to get pizza. The 8th grade won, followed by the 7th grade, and lastly 6th grade. After pizza and soda came the dance; it was a blast, and everyone there was having fun. If this sounds fun to you, you should think about joining S.W.A.T.

By: Zach Snortum

St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patty's Day



Are you looking for something to do for Saint Patrick's Day weekend? New London, also known as New Dublin, will be holding the 26th An-

nual Saint Patrick's Day parade again this year. This Saturday, March 20, New Dublin parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. The parade will be held in downtown New Dublin. This is Wisconsin's largest parade which includes marching bands, and bagpipe bands, clown performers, specialty entertainment, multiple musicians, and clan and business floats. There will be over 100 units, and prizes will be awarded for the best entries. There is absolutely no cost. People of all ages are welcome to come. You can even bring grandpa and grandma, too!

New Dublin will also be holding an Irish Fest that will begin at 11 a.m. and go to 6:00 p.m. the same day as the parade. It will be held under the big top by Festival Foods parking lot, which is located in downtown New Dublin. There will be a HUGE heated tent that will have Irish food, beverages, entertainment, and market booths. Switchback, from last year, will be returning again and will appear from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. People of all ages are invited to come and enjoy this fun day. The entrance to Irish Fest is \$5 for the day.

All events are sponsored by the Shamrock Club of New Dublin with the help of businesses and individuals from New Dublin and the surrounding area. To find out more information, please visit www.newdublin.com.

Ilene Sanchez



As many of you know on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the high school held a clover contest; it was a success. Some of the guys just gave up their clovers to their girlfriends right away. Rogena Warner stated, "Some of the boys were not fair." When I asked Rogena why they weren't fair, she answered, "They didn't give up their clover when they talked to a girl." Well that isn't fair, what is the fun in the game if people

don't play it right? Well one of the guys who kept his clover all day was Brock Pallow, and when I asked him how he managed to keep it he replied, "Well, when I wanted girls to hear what I was saying, I would just talk to a guy instead so that I would be able to keep my clover." Mrs. Sixel exclaimed, "Brock is a cheater!" At the end of the day, the clovers were counted, and the Queen of the Clovers was Samantha Wendt with 15 clovers.

By: Stacey Krull

St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, 2010, St. Patrick's Day was here. A day where people wear green to celebrate the end of the 5th century because Irish's saint, Saint Patrick died on this day. The Irish have been celebrating this religious holiday for thousands of years. Kaitlyn Schroth says, "I don't really celebrate St. Patrick's Day, I'm not old enough for it yet." This holiday is mostly spent by 21 years olds going to bars and drinking green beer. Kaitlyn states, "Maybe when I'm 21, I will go and celebrate." Cassie Scott has always liked St. Patrick's Day. "I like it because it's all about green, and green is my favorite color," explains Cassie. Different people have different opinions on this holiday. My opinion is that it is not really that great of a holiday. It is just a day for people to get dressed up and go to the parades, which is not that bad. This holiday is celebrated all over the world, but the question is did you celebrate it on Wednesday? If not, there is always next year to give some Irish spirit to others.

By: Amber Rietveld

SPORTS

Coaches Corner Head Coach Michelle Sixel

Mrs. Sixel is a ('01) graduate of Southern Door High School. She played basketball there all four years of high school. After high school, Mrs. Sixel went on to college to pursue her education at St. Norbert her freshman year, U.W. Eau Claire her sophomore year, then U.W. Green Bay her junior and senior year. There she got her degree in English with a secondary education minor. She graduated from college in 2005. Mrs. Sixel started teaching at Shiocton in the '05-06 school year. She was the JV basketball coach for the '05-06 season. The next year she became the varsity basketball coach. Mrs. Sixel will graduate from UW-Green Bay this May with a Masters Degree in Applied Leadership in Teaching. She is married to Eric Sixel. They have two dogs named Mack and Duke. Mrs. Sixel is a SUPER COOL teacher and never has to curl her hair in the morning! Do me a favor...don't ask her about her opinion on tanning, it's a never ending story!

By: Jared Lee Besch

Weight Training Tip of the Week

By Brock Pahlow

Want to create a chest as big as Josh Knorr's? "YES!!" exclaimed every man in our newspaper class. Well according to the article "Get a Grip," courtesy of Muscle and Fitness, the way to bigger pectorals is all in the way you hold the bar. The traditional way of working your chest was doing incline presses and incline flies, with some bench as well. Research shows that the incline bench press is not as good for you as people believe. A study by Australian scientist shows that the inclined bench showed only 5% more upper-chest action than the flat-back bench. So how do you get your flabby chest to disappear? Well a Canadian team of scientist discovered that if you use a reverse-grip bench, you use 30% more upper-chest muscle than the regular bench press. And in a previous article, they also mentioned that varying the width of your grip would also work more muscles, so use these methods to create a massive chest of muscle.

Fishing

Many of us from Shiocton are getting pumped up for spring fishing. The river ice is cleared out right now, but you probably won't be able to catch much on our side of the river yet. For best fishing results on the Wolf River, your best shot at catching fish is to put your boat in at New London or Northport. I would expect the walleye run to be in Shiocton around spring break or shortly after. I recently acquired a boat from my uncle and also passed my boater exam, so I will definitely be out on the water as soon as possible. Early spring fishing normally consists of jig fishing with a minnow, but this, in my opinion, is the most boring way of fishing. Casting for walleye is much more fun, but it is smartest to wait until the water temperature goes up before you do that. I will continue writing about spring fishing updates throughout the rest of the year.

By Thomas Dahlke

Milwaukee Bucks

The Bucks are currently 5th in the playoff picture, and the top eight make it to the post season. I didn't have very high hopes for the team this season. They had many of young players with minimal talent, until they made some recent trades for some quality players. The Bucks started off the NBA draft by selecting Brandon Jennings in the first round. This pick would later show to be a very good one, and Jennings is now the starting point guard and a major piece to a so far solid season. The Bucks were a pretty average team up until the half way point of the season which is the All-star break. Brandon Jennings was the lone Buck who got to play in the All-star weekend; he played in the freshman and sophomore challenge. Andrew Bogut, who is one of the top centers in the league, didn't get invited to the game, and that is a joke. After the break, the team really stepped it up after acquiring a couple of very good players in John Salmons and Jerry Stackhouse. Both players are averaging over ten points a game. I recently watched the Bucks take on the Boston Celtics who are a very talented team, and I was very impressed with the team. The Bucks weren't hitting all of their shots, but they kept fighting and showed no give. They also played some very good defense, which you don't see often in the NBA which kept them in the game. They eventually caught up in the fourth quarter and won the game 86 to 84. So after all of the terrible seasons by the Bucks in the past few years, it is great to finally have a good team. Go Bucks!!!!!!!!!!

By Thomas Dahlke

Milwaukee Brewers

The Milwaukee Brewers are looking to have a promising season this year. With the additions of Randy Wolfe, Doug Davis, and Chris Capuano to the pitching rotation, the pitching staff looks to be much stronger than last season. Those pitchers will be a big help, but the pitchers we already have are going to have to do their part also. Manny Parra, in my opinion, is a big question mark for the team; he started off the season last year strong but fell apart towards the end of the season. I've heard numerous talk shows say that he is a head case. We will need him to step it up in the pitching rotation. With an improved pitching staff mixed with a solid batting line up with Braun and Fielder leading the charge, there should be no reason why this team shouldn't make the postseason. This is going to be a very exciting team to watch throughout the season because of all the power hitting they have throughout the lineup. Prince Fielder led the team with 46 home runs and also won the home run derby. So if the Brewers don't get bit by the injury bug, look for a fantastic season. Go Brewers!!!!!!

By Thomas Dahlke

SWAT Game Changed

As most of you know, SWAT was going to attend a Green Bay Gamblers ice-hockey game on February 27, 2010. Well, there were not enough people signed-up in order to get in for a group rate, so the game was re-scheduled. We hope that there will be enough people interested to go this time.

There are two games that we could possibly attend: Friday April 2, 2010, or Saturday April 3, 2010. For both games, we will leave school at 5:00 p.m. and game time is at 7:05 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 and the sign-up sheets are located outside of Mrs. Grubic's room. Anyone can go and have a great time.

Please sign-up and pay in plenty of time for your ticket to be ordered. This is a great opportunity to get out and have wholesome fun with your friends!

EDITORIALS

How Well Do You Know Your Teacher?



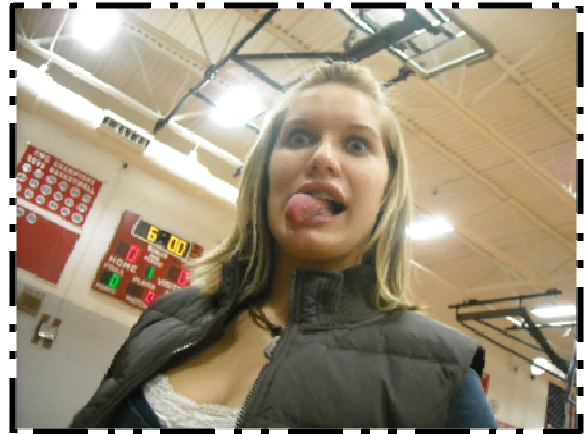
Hopefully you guessed last week's featured teacher correctly. Although I think it was a little too easy. This week's featured teacher will hopefully

stump you. Good luck.

Here are some interesting facts about me. I am 48 years old. I am married and have three children. I went to school at UW-Stout and Marion University. I love sports and lying in the sun. Not many people know that I am from a family of twelve. I have never jumped out of a moving airplane, and probably never will because I am afraid of falling from very high heights. I hope to have lots of grandkids before I die. My favorite movie is Animal House. I never leave my house without someone knowing where I am going. If I won the lottery, the first thing I would do is make sure my family is taken care of. Students think of me as laid-back. I became a teacher because I wanted to do what I enjoyed most in school. The best thing about my job is the kids!

Rogena Warner

Dana Scheller



As many of you may know, Dana Scheller is a senior here at Shiocton High School. I recently sat down with Dana to ask her a few questions about school, and after school plans. When I asked Dana how her senior year has been coming along, she said, "It's been...okay, I can't wait till graduation day!" I thought maybe she would have said something about going on the trip. So, I asked, well what about the senior trip? She laughed and replied, "Oh yea! I am super duper excited about the senior trip, not only because we are going to New York and D.C., but because I turn 18 when we're on the trip!" With her senior year coming to an end, I wondered what she would be up to after school. Dana plans to attend Marian University. She is undecided with her major, but she plans to play volleyball and possibly softball. Meeting new people, making new friends, and not having to live at home are things that Dana really looks forward to in college. Even though she is looking forward to making new friends, she won't forget the ones she made through high school.

By: Laura Gomm

Greatest Man Alive

Lately, I have been getting lectured about how great Freddy Fielding is. This man wins student of the week on a consistent basis. Let's just save time for everyone who is involved in making the student of the week decision and just make him student of the generation. Academically, no one in this school is even close to him, intelligence wise. He works extremely hard and gives his best on everything he does which shows because he succeeds in everything. I can't remember the last time I didn't see him on the A honor roll. He's not only a genius, but a fantastic athlete. Fielding was a starting linebacker for the football team as a sophomore, a sectional qualifier in wrestling, and I've seen him run in practice, so I'm sure he is very successful in track. Freddy is number one for everything he does, from sprints in sports practice to getting straight A's. If I was to make a movie about Freddy Fielding I would call it Perfection. I think I'm speaking for everyone when I say he is the greatest man alive.

By Thomas Dahlke

Under God

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Is it right to have "under God" in our pledge of allegiance? I asked Thomas Dahlke, and he said, "Yes it should be because I am for the majority, and the majority believes in God. " I personally believe that it shouldn't be in the pledge, because we should have the right to believe in whatever we want to. So why should we make people that don't believe in God say they believe in him. Then they are just lying to themselves and our country. Brock Pahlow commented and said, "I don't believe it should." He believes that America has more than one religion and why should we have to say under god if you don't believe in him. So the big question is will it ever be changed in the near future? Only you can decide.

By Austin Hooyman

Most Addicting Computer Game Ever?

I've seen many people playing a certain computer game when they're supposed to be working on either homework or supposed to be following the teacher's instructions on the computer. What game could I be talking about? The game is called bubble shooter. It's a simple game; the object is to match three or more of the same color bubbles in a row and the computer pops the bubbles for you. For each bubble you pop, you get points, and the more points the better. After so many shots, the computer adds another row of bubbles to the top of the screen. You can click on the setting button and change the color of the board and the experience level. But why is it so addicting? I asked Laura Gomm, as she was playing bubble shooter, why she thought it is just so darn addicting. "It's just fun to play." I asked if that was all, and her response was, "Yep." I think she was a little too into the game to give me a real in depth response. It's a fun, addicting game and a good way to waste some free time when you're supposed to be doing homework or other school work.

By: Zach Snortum

EDITORIALS

The End Could Be Near

Are you prepared for the end of the world? Many believed and have predicted that the world is going to end on December 21, 2012. There is even a movie out there about this, but it's more or less of an example on how the world may end. Do you believe this is true or not? It's your choice to believe this or not. There are some religions that have said this to be true and are preparing for the end of humanity.

According to Bible prophecy, increased destruction on the earth from earthquakes, famine, floods, disease are only the first signs of something more terrible. In the world this year, there have been earthquakes in Haiti, Chile, and Turkey. It's up to you if you want to take the Bible prophecy seriously or not. Here's one example why you may just want to take it seriously: At the birth of Christ, around 300 prophecies were fulfilled. When the Bible speaks of something more terrifying than catastrophic disasters like earthquakes and floods that kill thousands of people, and even giant meteors, it is important to take note on this. But it depends in your beliefs and how you stand with God.

According to the Mayan calendar, December 21, 2012, marks the end of what is called a Long Count, a cycle of 5,126 years. It is also believed that the new age will come after December 21st. The Mayan Calendar does not predict that the atmosphere will also be destroyed. The atmosphere will not be destroyed. There will be some changes on the earth's crust and very severe volcanic eruption throughout the world. It will lead to loss of lives. The calendar predicts that nobody will be left. The year of 2012 will mark the beginning of the apocalypse.

These are some facts, predictions, and beliefs that the end is near. Nobody really knows the exact day that the world will end. You may disagree or agree with the bible prophecies and/or predictions, but one day the world will end. It may be today, tomorrow, next week, or this very instant, just be prepared for the end.

Ilene Sanchez



Fun Fact from Bio

Ever think that it is weird that we have two nostrils instead of one? No, people don't think that because it is what we grew up to know. In the middle of your nose, you have a septum. That septum is what separates your nose into the two nostrils. Inside that septum you have septate. Without the septate in your nose, you would only have one nostril. Imagine the world of humans with just the one nostril, trying to blow your nose or getting a bloody nose (you probably would bleed to death from the one big nostril bleed instead of two little nostril bleeds), it would seem insane for it to happen. Septate is where the walls are crossed. That is why you have the wall in the middle of your nose instead of not having that wall. So next time you look at your nose, remember that you could always be odd and have only one nostril instead of two.

By: Amber Rietveld

Recipe of the Week

Dirt Cups

This week's recipe is Dirt Cups. I asked the Newspaper class what I should make this week for a treat. I immediately got a response from Austin Hooyman saying that I should make dirt cups. He said that they are the best treat ever! And it's true. No matter what age you are, you can enjoy a dirt cup every now and then. They're also very simple to make. So, if you're in a rush and need something to make, that's quick and will please anyone, bring dirt cups!

Ingredients

By: Laura Gomm

2 cups cold milk
1 pkg. (4 serving size) JELL-O Chocolate or Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
1 (8 ounce) tub COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed
15 OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, finely crushed, divided
10 paper or plastic cups (6 to 7 oz.) or dessert dishes
10 worm-shaped chewy fruit snacks

Directions

1. Pour milk into large bowl. Add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes. Gently stir in whipped topping and 1/2 cup of the crumbs.
2. Spoon pudding mixture into cups; top with remaining crumbs.
3. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with fruit snacks.

You Know What Really Grinds My Gears...

By Brock Pahlow

THAT EVERYTHING IN TEXAS IS NOT BIGGER!!!



The size difference between myself and most Texans...

I recently went to Texas, and while there I made an observation, that the quote "everything in Texas is bigger," must be referring to waste line instead of height. Every place that I went, my head was colliding with the ceiling, archways, and even shower heads.

When we first got to the room, I decided to take a shower. In order to turn around in the shower, I had to raise one arm above my head so that I could spin around without getting wedged by my shoulders. The shower head also was at the same height as my chest, so I had to clean my hair in the sink because there wasn't enough room for me to crouch down. Unfortunately, the other shower that I ended up using was even smaller, and it had a curtain rod that ended up being the biggest nuisance. The first attempt at the petite shower, I got under the curtain rod but brought my head straight up into the shower head. So on the way out, I was more concerned about the shower head when BAM, I smashed my four head into the curtain rod, which flew off of the wall that it was attached to. I wedged it back into place so that there was no way of knowing it came off, the perfect crime! Other than the shower, there were several restaurants and bars that did some damage to my cabeza. One I recall was when I ducked under one archway, and smashed my head into the next one. It left a decent sized bump to say the least. All in all the point is that everything in Texas is not bigger, for if it was I wouldn't be mildly concussed right now.

FEATURES

Bored on Spring Break?



Do you ever find yourself bored on spring break? Well, by asking around I have found that many people like different things. Some people enjoy the outdoors, while others like to hang out with their friends. I got ideas from both areas, which would you prefer?



If you would rather be outside or be active, here are some suggestions. Even though it is still cool outside, you could go swimming in an indoor pool. There are many places to go; you could go to a YMCA. You could also go to the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. Another thing you would be able to do is go four-wheeling if you have a four-wheeler. Four-wheeling is fun; there are different places you could go, like a park with four-wheeling trails. If you go to these parks, they are fun. The trails take you up hills, through the woods where you can see some nature, and you also might be able to find a spot with mud, so you can go through it. If you cannot go to a four-wheeling park, there's always your backyard or your friends. Playing sports is also an activity that could help you get rid of your boredom, and you are outside in the sun. By playing sports, like volleyball, basketball, baseball, or even kickball, you could have fun with your friends or family, and you will also get a nice tan. So, here are some ideas for you students who love the outdoors.

For those of you who may rather be inside and might not like playing sports, there are many other activities that might be interesting to you. One thing that you could do is go to the movies with your friends or your family. There are many movies in the theaters right now, so this would be a fun thing to do, and maybe after seeing the movie you and your friends or family could go to a nice restaurant and eat together. Another activity that many females and some males enjoy would be shopping. This is nice because you are able to get out of the house and have some fun.

Don't be one of those bored people at home! Get up, get out, and go do something. Remember being bored isn't about not having anything to do; it's about doing something with the time you have!

By: Stacey Krull

The Featured Teacher is:

Mr. Louis!



Favorite Movies

As many of you know there are many movies in the theaters right now. I am trying to find out what the most popular movies are. The top ten movies being played near the Shiocton area are...

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| 1. Alice in Wonderland | 6. Our Family Wedding |
| 2. Green Zone | 7. Avatar |
| 3. She's out of my League | 8. Brooklyn's Finest |
| 4. Shutter Island | 9. Cop Out |
| 5. Remember Me | 10. The Crazies |

As you can see Alice in Wonderland is number one with \$62.7 million sold in tickets. This beats the next best, Green Zone, by \$48.4 million. In order to figure out the most popular in Shiocton High School, I interviewed a couple of students from each grade to see what they thought is the most popular. After asking some of the students, there were two movies mentioned. These were Alice in Wonderland and The Crazies. Many of the students said that the movies they want to see or that they have seen is Alice in Wonderland and The Crazies. In Alice in Wonderland, Alice returns to her childhood memories and meets all of her old friends. Everyone who has watched Alice in Wonderland has said it was a great movie and it was worth seeing, Amber Rietveld stated, "It was a good, but with a weird twist to the original." In The Crazies, a town in Iowa has been plagued by insanity and death after the water became toxic. Many people told me that the previews looked good for this movie, so they wanted to go see it. So, with the most comments, the winner is Alice in Wonderland.

By: Stacey Krull

Dear Peggy!

Dear Peggy, I have this problem. I am not that socially comfortable and I have very little friends. The friends I do have are not really friends and they often make fun of the way I look and the way I talk. I don't know what to do. I need your help! From, the loner.

Dear Loner, you shouldn't be friends with them if they are hurting you intentionally and trying to make you feel bad. You should tell them that it upsets you, because maybe they don't realize they are hurting you. I myself have picked on a friend and hurt them and I didn't even realize it till they wouldn't talk to me or even acknowledge that I was there. Or if they are hurting you then just go out there and be yourself and try to make new friends just don't be shy to talk to new people.

By Peggy

Senior Trip



Every year the seniors at Shiocton High School get the chance to go to New York and Washington D.C. Last year's seniors did not have enough people to go, but the lucky seniors this year get that chance to go on the trip. There are thirty students from the class of 2010 that are taking this wonderful opportunity. The trip takes place from March 24th to March 30th. The whole first day is driving to Washington D.C. It is an eighteen hour drive to get to our nation's capital. When they get there, they will head to the hotel to freshen up. Then they head to the Smithsonian Museum and get a choice of which mall they would like to go to, either Air and Space or Natural History Museum. On all of the days, including this one they get to eat on their own, which could save money for these

lucky students. Next, they depart for the capitol, where they will get a tour. After getting a tour, they will head to the Old Post Office and get a panoramic view of the city. When the day is all done, the group heads back to the hotel and sleeps off the first exciting day.

On day two of the trip, they will arrive at Arlington National Cemetery and may be able to do a wreath laying ceremony of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. To cheer the group from Arlington, they head to the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, which is a four level mall of specialty stores, restaurants, and much more. When 2:00 hits, the bus leaves to the National Archives, a place where the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the 1297 Magna Carta are held. After witnessing our country's history they will maneuver to Union Station to get a full tour of Washington D.C. The tour consists of Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, National WWII Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. With that long day wrapped up, the group heads to the hotel to end another exciting day.

On day three, the group gets a congressional tour of the public areas of the White House. The tour of the president's home is the last stop in Washington D.C. Next stop is New York City at Times Square. After site seeing Time Square they head to the Majestic Theatre to watch "The Phantom of the Opera" for the night.

On day four of the trip includes Central Park and shopping on Fifth Avenue. Also, they get a tour of the NBC Studios where the "Today Show", "Saturday Night Live", and "Dateline NBC" are produced. They will end the day with seeing scenery at the Top of the Rock.

On day five, they will depart for Liberty Park, hop on a ferry, and head to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. They then re-board the ferry and see Battery Park and St. Paul's Chapel. They also get a drive/view of the World Trade Center Site. After island hopping, they will depart for Chinatown and Little Italy. After this, they will get on the bus and depart for home, where on March 30, at 2:30 pm, the group will be home. It will be a once in a life time opportunity for the students, and if any of you would like to see pictures or hear some stories, don't be afraid to ask these kids. Maybe when you're a senior, you will be one of the lucky classes that get to experience this amazing trip.

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