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# Pink Out game raises over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society

By Jensen Falker

The biggest fundraising event of the school year had Herrin High School's gym filled with pink. On Feb. 4, a Pink Out was held at the boys' basketball game to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Student Government and Student Chamber teamed up and produced a very successful fundraiser.

The organizers for the event were senior Emily Lind of Student Government and junior Rebecca Palmer of Student Chamber. After seeing a similar event done by another school, both girls believed it was time for Herrin to get involved. "I had recently seen that another school had done a Pink Out at their football game and I wondered, 'Why doesn't Herrin do anything like that?'" Palmer said.

"The funny thing is that Emily and I had the same idea, but went to two different sponsors on the same day. So we ended up just joining together," Palmer said. Lind and Palmer worked together to raise money for Student Government and Student Chamber's Relay for Life team.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society held at the football field in June. "Last year was the first year we fundraised for Relay for Life, and I wanted to make more of an impact," Lind said. Lind hopes to be a Bronze fundraiser team this year by raising \$2,000 throughout the year and on site.

To reach this goal, the news of the Pink Out was spread throughout the community. Announcements of the event were placed in the Southern Illinoian, Spokesman, and The Little Paper, and

Lind and Palmer spoke of the Pink Out on radio broadcasts on Magic 95.1 and Z100. Lind and Palmer also appeared on WSIL TV3 for an interview. "We were very nervous at first trying to think about what they would ask us, but once we got on camera it seemed a lot easier," Lind said. Herrin Domino's contributed to the publicity by placing flyers for the game on every pizza box sold during the week of the game. Also, many businesses sponsored the event to help with expenses.

The game was preceded by a Pink Out day at school. Every student and faculty member was encouraged to wear pink in support of the cause. A pep rally was also held to increase enthusiasm for the game. Activities at the pep rally included a 3-point contest, a dunk contest, a dance off between members of the basketball team and dance team, an obstacle course, and a contest for the best Pink Out outfits.

"We really enjoyed seeing everyone dress up in their best pink outfits! I had a lot of fun doing it and I hope people had fun participating!" Lind said.

Everyone attending the game was encouraged to wear pink. The boys basketball team wore Pink Out shirts during warm ups and pink socks for the game. The dance team and cheerleaders also wore Pink Out shirts.

The night was full of activities and many opportunities to support the cause. A dollar of every ticket sold was donated to the Relay for Life team. Pink Out t-shirts were presold and available for purchase at the game for \$10 with a \$2 profit for the team. Student Government and Student Chamber also worked the concession stand for the evening, raising



Senior Emily Lind (left) and junior Rebecca Palmer were the main organizers of the Pink Out event.

\$250.

Tickets were also sold for raffle baskets. One basket included a pink basketball signed by the players, and another was donated by River Radio which included t-shirts and various tickets. Donations were also accepted at the game.

The main purpose of the event was not only to fundraise for the American Cancer Society, but to also raise awareness and honor survivors, the memories of loved ones, and support those who are fighting the disease. Lind hoped the event would be a positive way to talk about cancer.

Ribbons were available to be filled out with the names of can-

cer patients and placed on the Honoring Banner. Throughout the night, announcements were made about the various activities and the honoring ceremony at half time. Survivors and current patients were asked to the floor to be recognized and each was given a pink rose.

The total profit from the event was over \$3,000. The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society for cancer research.

"I hope people had fun, and I'm glad that we got to fight back in an exciting way," Lind said.

The Pink Out game was a great way to raise awareness about cancer and honor and give support to those who are affected by cancer.



Students dressed in pink for the Pink Out game on Feb. 4. The event raised over \$3,000 for cancer research. - Emily Lind photo.

# 29 students place at FBLA regionals

By **Spencer Gualdoni**

Nearly 30 students from Herrin High School's FBLA placed in the regional conference at SIU on Jan. 13.

FBLA is Future Business Leaders of America and is sponsored by Melissa Frankel. There are over 40 events students can compete in, including banking, global business, marketing, and word processing. Fifty-seven HHS students competed at the regional competition, and 29 placed.

The first place winners were Maci Starkwether, Elizabeth Gillespie, Joe Gallatin, Nick Gregory, Craig Bartelsmeyer, Nicole Gharbawi, Karissa Yoast, Ben Wayer, Patrick McNeill, Brendan Huggett, Charsi Kane, Rachel Young, Lindsey Craig, Matthew Bowling, and Emilie Sgutt.

The second place winners were Nicole Staples, Taylor Eisenhauer, Mary Kate Herman, Chais Schumacher, and Chris Horn.

The third place winners were Marlo Hughes, Rebecca Herman, Danielle Smith, Liz Calero, Ben

Siefert, Abby Horn, and Shauna Bayles.

Herrin also competed for the first time this year in The Battle of the Chapters, an event that features questions about the facts and history of the FBLA organization. Herrin competed against seven other schools and took second place with the team of Trevor Bolen, Nicole Staples, and Brandon Ryker.

Congrats to the Herrin FBLA team! The students are preparing for the state conference, which is coming up in March in Decatur.



Pictured above is the Herrin FBLA team at the regional competition at SIU, where 57 students competed and 29 placed. The state competition is coming up in March. - Submitted photo.

## WYSE Regional Competition Results

- Team- 1st and advancing to sectionals on March 15
- Craig Bartelsmeyer- 1st in Chemistry and Math
- Rachel Young- 1st in English and Computer Science
- Nicole Staples- 1st in Physics, 3rd in Math
- Hannah Snider- 2nd in Engineering Graphics
- Cassie Meadows- 2nd in Engineering Graphics
- Nick Gregory- 2nd in Computer Science
- Alyssa Bayles- 2nd in English
- Brianna Bartelsmeyer- 3rd in English
- Elizabeth Gillespie- 3rd in English



Highest individual scores in the division:  
Craig Bartelsmeyer and Rachel Young

# Art students take 12 Scholastic Art Awards

The art department submitted works for the Scholastic Art Awards of Southern Illinois for 2011. This year, Herrin took 12 awards in the competition.

Receiving Certificates of Achievement are Amber Adams, Taylor Beltz, Jensen Falker, Jasmina-Christine Gonzales, Molly McNeill, Megan Stanley, and Nina Williams. Silver Keys

went to Megan Stanley and Sierra Stone.

Emily Lind submitted eight pieces for her Senior Portfolio, all winning Gold Keys and won the John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell Foundation Scholarship based on her Best of Show Portfolio.

The competition also nominated five pieces for the American Visions Award. Of these five,

Herrin received two of the nominations. Stanley's altered book *My Life is a Circus* and Falker's painting *Reflections* will be submitted for judging in New York for the regional winner. Stanley, Falker, and Lind's work are being judged by national jurors in New York and could go on to be exhibited in Carnegie Hall in New York City.



Seniors Jensen Falker (left) and Megan Stanley received two of the five nominations for the American Vision Award. - Submitted photo.



From left: Jensen Falker, Emily Lind, Megan Stanley, and Mrs. Jan Southard, art teacher.



Senior Emily Lind stands with her senior portfolio, made up eight pen and ink drawings that all received Gold Keys. Lind also received the John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell Foundation Scholarship based on her Best of Show Portfolio. - Submitted photo.

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**This Way Up**  
 Assistant Editor Rebecca Weber

**A crime lab experience**

A few weeks ago, my youth group went to a crime laboratory in Carbondale. Everything they do there is really amazing. They examine everything from drug content to heavy weaponry.

When we went to the crime lab, we were escorted by a friend of mine, Joel Gray, who works with identifying what kind of drugs are in whatever sample he is given to examine. He took us to a few rooms he works in where there are chromatography machines.

The lab needs these machines to separate different substances found in drugs since some criminals will mix various drugs together. Criminals may also try to mix them with a substance such as sugar because they think it will go undetected.

Once we were finished with the drugs section of the crime lab, we went to see where they match up bullets from the suspected weapon to a bullet that may have been used in a crime. I wish we could have seen how they do this in action, but since accidents happen, we couldn't.

After that, Joel took us downstairs where professionals work with matching materials such as ropes. When they find a type of rope, they can tell what kind of rope it is and what it was probably used for in a crime. Using this information, they can usually tell where it was bought or who is most likely to have that kind of rope or material.

At the end of our tour we went to see how fingerprints are matched. There were several photos on the walls of fingerprints and how they differ from one another. An interesting thing Joel told us is that some people will try to erase their fingerprints. One man tried to erase his fingerprints by dipping his fingers into acid. Another guy tried to sew his fingers until his skin grafted together! Crazy! Needless to say, those methods didn't work.

So, going to this crime lab really makes me consider going into a forensic science field. It's all really very neat. Well, whatever I decide, I certainly always plan to be drug free.



**Devan's Moment**  
 Staff Writer Devan Meeks

**You don't know what you've got till it's gone**

Dear Herrin,

I've decided that in this piece, I need to open my heart out to you. Normally, I write about something that I want to give my opinion on, but not this time. This time, I'm speaking from the heart.

Have you ever heard that cliché, "You don't know what you have until it's gone?" Well, I have been going through a similar situation. At times (especially in your teen years), it can be very difficult to express your emotions and just tell someone how you really feel. I am the kind of person who does not show too much "emotion".

For some time now, there has been a missing existence in my life and I did not know what it was until some weeks ago. You know when you are young and you would say, "I wish you would go away?" Well, what happens when that person does go away? I have never thought about how I or anyone else would feel when it eventually happens, because who really swallows the fact that a person who you love and care about actually leaves you.

My sister, Tera, and I literally fought on a daily basis when we were younger. What siblings don't fight, though? That's just common sibling rivalry. It is just a common thing for young kids to do.

Late last year she decided to move to California with our mother, and I miss her dearly. Just recently, prior to her departure we became closer than ever before. There were a few times when she and I went to the movies and/or had dinner; we even had pictures taken with just the two of us. My dad said that the house is a little quieter without her there. For all of you who know her, let's face it, she can be a little loud. Being loud is something that they share because I am not loud at all (with laughter). I have always said that I would like being an only child, which I'm sure does have its perks. Since I am not one, I know what it feels like to have a sibling to share and do things with.

I wouldn't say that I have gotten over her departure, though

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**Math Team places 1st at regionals**

The HHS Math Team placed 1st out of 8 teams at the ICTM Regional Math Contest last Saturday at Carbondale High School and advanced to the state math contest for the 16th year in a row. The state competition will be April 29-30 at University of Illinois. The team is coached by Jeanie Nagrodski, assisted by Kyle Harlow and Jennifer Taitt.

**TEAM AWARDS**

**Freshmen:** 3rd  
**Sophomores:** 1st  
**Juniors:** 1st  
**Seniors:** 1st

**Fr/So 8 person team:** 1st  
**Jr/Sr 8 person team:** 1st

**Oral Presentation:** 1st  
**Calculator team:** 1st

**Fr/So 2 person team:** 1st  
**Jr/Sr 2 person team:** 2nd

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**Freshmen:**  
 Brock Tolbert - 2nd

**Sophomores:**  
 Maddie Kramer - 1st  
 Emilie Sgutt - 1st  
 Taylor Eisenhower - 3rd

**Juniors:**  
 Cassie Meadows - 2nd  
 Brooke Crisler - 2nd

**Seniors:**  
 Craig Bartelsmeyer - 1st  
 Nicole Staples - 2nd  
 Rachel Young - 2nd  
 Hannah Snider - 4th



Senior Math Team members. Back, left to right: Abby Eaton, Victoria Gwaltney, Craig Bartelsmeyer, Josh Loyd, Katie Guebert, and Ben Wayer. Front, left to right: Cody Ward, Nicole Staples, Hannah Snider, Rachel Young, and coach Jeanie Nagrodski. - Olivia Caldwell photo.

# Sarah Panzau shares her story for Operation Teen Safe Driving week

By Rachel Young

Herrin High School students had the opportunity to see the importance of safe driving, among other things, when Sarah Panzau visited the school and shared her story on Feb. 15.

Sarah was in a near-fatal car accident in 2003 because she got behind the wheel with a blood alcohol level of .308, almost four times the legal limit in Illinois. She was given a 0% chance of survival after the accident, yet today she travels the country telling her story.

Sarah discussed drinking and driving, making good decisions, being a good friend, and the importance of parents and family. She says that if her story “can affect just one person, I will have considered my life a success.”

The reaction to Sarah’s story was very positive among the students.

“Sarah Panzau’s story was amazing,” junior Alyssa McKinney said. “She got people to listen and was very inspiring. I’m very glad she came to our school. A lot of people needed to hear her story. I think it changed a lot of

people in our school.”

“Sarah was really amazing,” freshman Brianna LaFond said. “She spoke out to everyone and we had a great time watching her. She was really true and wasn’t afraid to show who she was.”

Junior Cassie Meadows said, “I liked Sarah because she was funny while staying firm in her belief that drinking and driving can and will change your life.”

The entire school attended Sarah’s presentation as part of OTSD week. OTSD (Operation Teen Safe Driving) is a program to help encourage safe teen driving that gives each school a \$2,000 grant to promote safe driving. This is only the second year HHS has had this program.

The week of Feb. 14-18 was proclaimed OTSD week by Mayor Vic Ritter at the assembly on Tuesday, and there were several other activities throughout the week to help promote safe driving.

The OTSD group gave out keychains that remind students, “Don’t test f8, that txt can w8” and passed out candy to students who wore their seatbelts when leaving the parking lot after

school on Valentine’s Day.

Also, Officer Sneed came to demonstrate the importance of seatbelts by using the seatbelt simulator. Students were able to experience how important seatbelts are by means of a 5-7 mph crash in the simulator.

Thursday was Grim Reaper day. Several students dressed in all black and were not supposed to talk all day. This represented a car accident that killed several students and showed the impact a reckless driver can have.

OTSD also hosted a Valentine’s Dance on Friday after the Senior Night game and passed out key chains, rally towels, and t-shirts at the game.

Mrs. Cornelius, the school’s social worker, heads up the program at HHS. She contacted Sarah Panzau and Officer Sneed earlier in the year and booked them for the week. The students in OTSD worked together to make the week a success. Each had jobs to do, such as helping with media and publicity for the week, passing out keychains, and working the dance.



Sarah Panzau, after being in a near-fatal accident due to drinking and driving, travels the country to share her story with junior high and high school students. Sarah came to HHS on Feb. 15 as part of OTSD week. - Photos on page by Emily Lind.



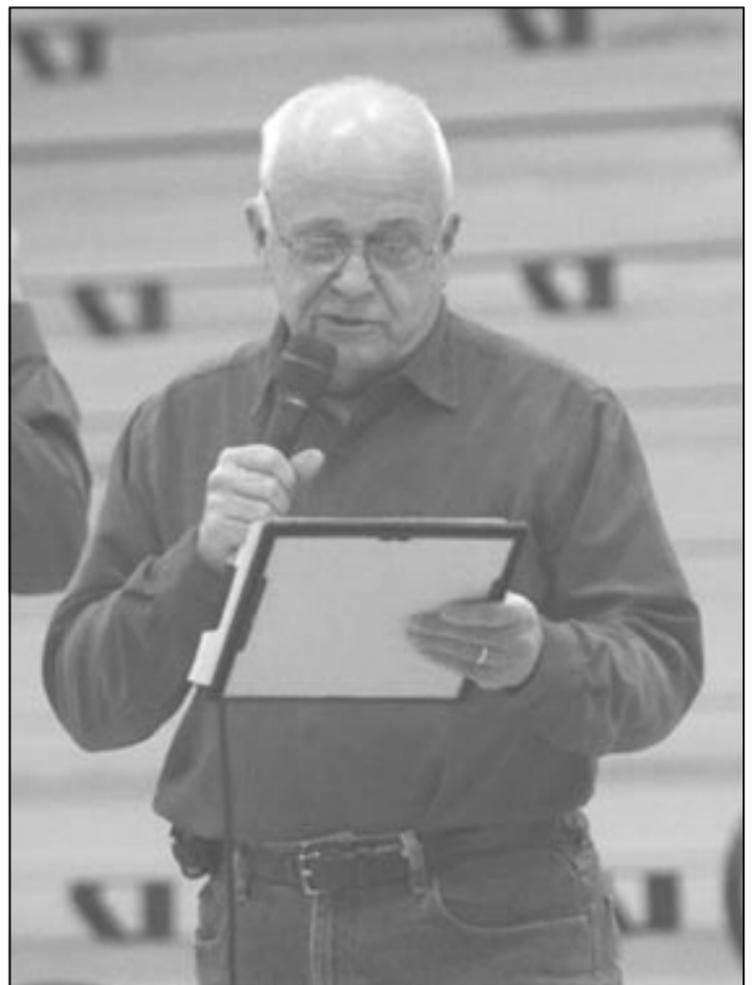
Sarah Panzau offered junior Paul Sims a sip of her drink. She said he was only the second person in six years to take her up on it.



OTSD week stressed the importance of safe driving and good decisions.



Juniors Elizabeth Gillespie (left) and Brooke Crisler sell tickets to the Valentine’s Dance.



Mayor Vic Ritter recognized the week of Feb. 14, 2011 as OTSD week.

## Butler and Adams place 15th in DDA at state

By Sarah Rash

Ending one of the Speech Team's most successful seasons, juniors Katie Butler and Amber Adams traveled to state and placed 15th in their event.

They placed 2nd in Dramatic Duet Acting (DDA) in both regionals and sectionals to secure a spot at the state competition in Peoria. They were also the highest placing two-girl DDA team in the state.

Their piece focused on a girl helping her friend cope with the death of her boyfriend. They practiced "at least once a week for about a half an hour, but as we got into regionals, sectionals, and state we definitely [practiced] a lot more," Butler said.

"It's hard to be two girls in DDA," Adams said. "Considering that we went in with a completely different sort of piece and still did well makes me exceptionally happy."

Juniors Courtney Brown and Skylar Drummond and freshmen Katelyn Fix and Abigail Craig made up the Performance in the Round team. They placed 4th

and qualified for Sectionals, but were unable to attend.

The team also received two 2nd place trophies in the Small Schools category for the total number of points scored during the regular season.

Coach Amanda Wheaton was very pleased with the team, calling the season "very successful." She commended their work ethic and said, "It was a big improvement over last season."

Not only is Speech Team an academic competition, but tournaments also allow for students from all around the region to interact with each other.

"I think my favorite part is how you end up becoming so close to everyone you compete against. After the first few meets, you start to feel like it's less of a competition and more of a family reunion," Adams said.

Mrs. Wheaton and the members of the team are already looking forward to the next season. She encourages interested students to audition for the 2011-12 Speech Team. "Don't be afraid to try out," she said. "We'll audition for it next September."



Juniors Amber Adams (left) and Katie Butler perform their Dramatic Duo Acting piece for Speech Team. The girls placed 2nd at regionals and sectionals and 15th at state, making them the highest scoring two-girl DDA team in the state. - Submitted photo.

## Scholarships important as tuition costs rise

By Sarah Rash

Ask any senior what the most difficult part of the college application process is and you would likely get similar answers. Scholarship applications are infamous for being tedious to complete, but the benefits far outweigh the amount of time spent filling them out.

"Tuition costs have tripled in the last several years," Guidance Counselor Linda Lutz said. "There was a student on the internet news at Christmas time who graduated from college with a \$200,000 debt. That's what we need to try to avoid. You don't want such a debt that you can't get out and pay your average expenses."

Seniors usually begin filling out scholarship applications in the beginning of January after receiving college acceptance letters. While most colleges provide students with some money based on participation in academics, athletics, and organizations, it is usually only a small percentage of the total cost of attendance.

"[Scholarships take] a lot of time," Lutz said. "They're not difficult to fill out but the more you fill out the better your chances are of getting something."

Thousands of scholarship applications are available for students to complete. While some have certain prerequisites and requirements, many are not as selective.

Scholarship applications can be found in the HHS Guidance Office, with new ones occasionally coming in. Many organizations and businesses offer scholarships to those involved in them.

Mrs. Lutz recommends Fast Web ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)) and College Zone ([www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com)) for free online scholarship opportunities.

On February 27, the John A. Logan College Office of Financial Aid held a program to assist any student wishing to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. The free financial aid workshop was open to any student wishing to attend and provided help in any FAFSA area.

## You don't know...

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since she is gone I have kind of made her being across the country a little fun. One may think that in this situation we would speak on the phone everyday, but I choose not to. If we did, she and I would have nothing to discuss. That is why I have narrowed it down to every other day or once a week. An aunt of ours came up with a good idea. She suggested

we send letters along with some photos of myself or whatever it is that is going on with me, and vice-versa.

I hope you all have enjoyed this little heart-to-heart. In hopes that you (Herrin High) also get to know my intimate side, not just my everyday goofy and vibrant self...

This has been your Devan Moment.

## Cripps to join Rend Lake softball team

By Lindsey Craig

Next year, Rend Lake College's softball team will have a new member from Herrin High School.

Senior Emily Cripps has been signed as a third baseman to the Warriors' softball team. Cripps received this scholarship also based on her academic skills.

The scholarship will cover all of Cripps's books, tuition, etc.

"I'm ecstatic. I always hoped I could sign to play softball before my senior season, but to see it actually happen is just amazing. It's good to know that all those years of hard work finally paid off," Cripps said.

Cripps has been playing softball since she was five years old. After nearly 13 years of playing and being awarded a scholarship for her ability, it's still not herself

that Cripps is focused on.

"It's not my success I am worried about, but my team's success. Softball is a total team effort and I wouldn't have this success without the support of my teammates and coaches," Cripps said.

After Rend Lake, Cripps is unsure if she'll continue playing because of a shoulder injury. However, while there she hopes to have a season like her junior year season.

Cripps said, "I think that since all the pressure of impressing a college coach is off, I will be able to just go out there and have fun, and that's when I play my best. If I can do just a little bit better than last year, I will be happy."

Cripps will be majoring in physical therapy/athletic training in addition to playing for Rend Lake's Warriors.



Senior Emily Cripps signs to play for the Rend Lake Warriors softball team next year.

**A review**

## Gone series keeps you turning page after page

By Liz Calero

Over Christmas break I read a variety of books but my favorite by far is the *Gone* series. This series, created by the talented Michael Grant, starts out in a small town on the California coast, where parents and anyone over the age of 15 suddenly disappears.

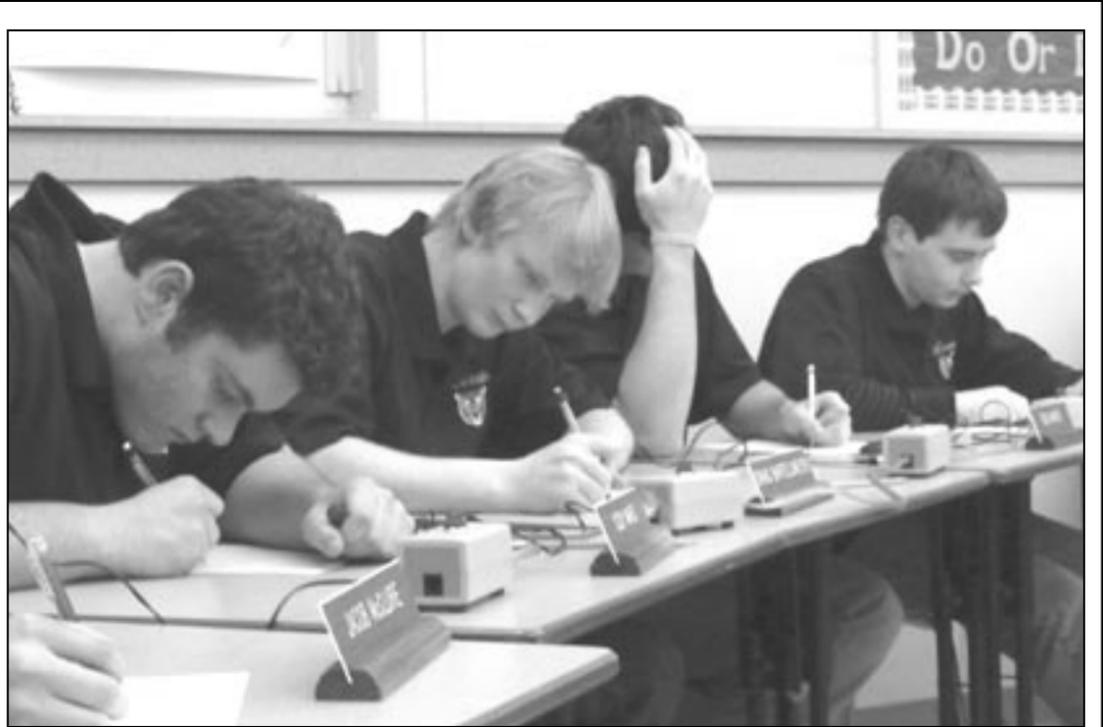
An impenetrable barrier surrounds the town in a 20-mile radius. The teenagers and toddlers suddenly have to provide for themselves when their world is thrown into chaos.

The story centers on young Sam, an ordinary beach bum surfer boy. The children in the town begin to look up to him, and Sam is suddenly responsible for running the town.

If you have ever read *Lord of the Flies*, this story line may sound similar, but fortunately it has a few twists that will keep you from wanting to punch yourself in the face.

The children and animals in the area begin to develop weird mutations as a result of nuclear radiation from a nearby power plant. Suddenly kids like Sam have unexplainable powers, and the plot hits a high point when Caine, Sam's rival, attempts to take control of the town with the use of his powers.

The story will keep you "on the edge of your seat" and will keep you turning page after page. Michael Grant creates a world of wonder that you won't want to leave.



From left, Cody Ward, Craig Bartelsmeyer, Ben Wayer, and Joshua Heath compete in a recent Scholar Bowl meet. The varsity team is the SIRR Ohio and overall conference champs this year and has hopes to advance to the state tournament.

**A review**

## Unknown almost as good as Taken

By Andy Siefert

Herrin High, I have a confession to make. I got my review in a little late this month. My original plan was to review the documentary/ concert/ (where applicable) 3D experience of the year. Unfortunately, my plans to see *Justin Bieber: Never Say Never* fell through, so you guys are stuck with my review of *Unknown*.

*Unknown* begins with Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) and his wife arriving in Berlin for a biotechnology conference where he will present some of his work. They arrive safely, but shortly after getting to their hotel he real-

izes he has left the briefcase with his work in it at the airport. On the way to retrieve them, however, his taxi crashes into a river and he is knocked unconscious. He wakes up four days later only to find that someone has taken his place, and not even his wife recognizes him.

Let's start my review section by saying this: I really enjoyed this movie. It's a little like *Taken* with a little less action and more suspense.

If you couldn't piece it together by the last thing I said, however, *Unknown* doesn't do many new things. It has your fancy hotel scene, your European nightclub

scene, and who could forget the classic suspicious meeting in a parking garage with a man in an overcoat.

That being said, it does do most of these things well and will keep you interested and wanting to see more. I will also say for it that I thought I had it figured out, but I honestly did not see the twist at the end coming.

As a said before, I enjoyed *Unknown*. Although it's not quite as good as *Taken*, it's pretty darn close and I would recommend any fans of that movie seeing this one. *Unknown* gets an A-. Stay tuned for my review of *Never Say Never* in the future.

## Spring play approaches

By Spencer Gualdoni

"Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair and let's begin the spring play for Herrin High School."

The spring play, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, is underway with performances to be held at the Herrin Civic Center March 24-25. The play is a parody of some of your famous classic fairy tales including Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel. You will also learn about some new tales that aren't as well known.

The play consists of 43 different characters, so many cast members have the honor of playing more than one role. The play

is being directed by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Pullum.

Cast members include seniors Megan Stanley and Liz Calero, juniors Courtney Brown, Skylar Drummond, Baker Wiggs, Erin Wilson, Amelia Hicks and Kasey Paris, and sophomores Zach Gilio and Sierra Kincheloe.



## March Inventions

**March 6, 1899** Felix Hoffman patented Aspirin.

**March 7, 1876** Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for the telephone.

**March 13, 1877** Chester Greenwood received a patent for earmuffs.

**March 14, 1794** Eli Whitney was granted a patent for the Cotton Gin.

**March 14, 1879** Albert Einstein was born.

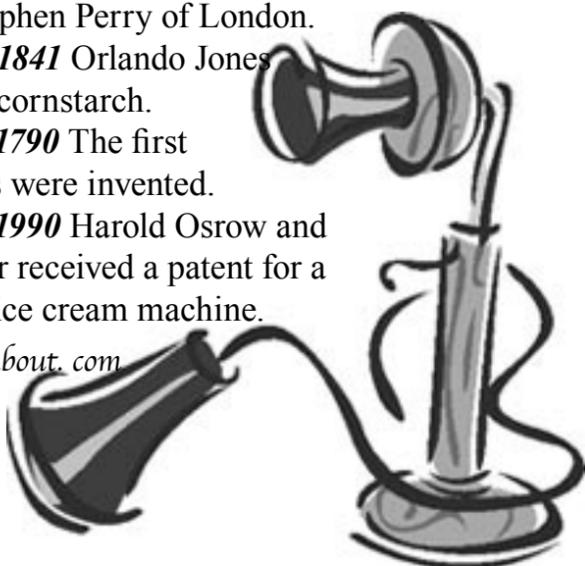
**March 17, 1845** The first rubber band was patented by Stephen Perry of London.

**March 22, 1841** Orlando Jones patented cornstarch.

**March 27, 1790** The first shoelaces were invented.

**March 27, 1990** Harold Osrow and Zvi Bleier received a patent for a portable ice cream machine.

Thanks to About.com



## What is your favorite invention?

By Hannah Snider

The year 1880 is one of the most important years in history, the year that Thomas Edison patented the electric light bulb. But Edison is not the only inventor in the world and the light bulb is not the only invention. Every minute of every day, no matter where you go or what you do, you are surrounded by a multitude of inventions, both new and old.

So what do people actually know about the many different apparatuses that exist today and what do they think about them? How about the students and teachers at Herrin High School? What are their favorite inventions and who are their favorite inventors?

"My favorite invention is the book-light," senior Taylor Beltz said, and her favorite inventor is "[w]hoever invented the microwave...because I use it every day."

Sophomore Josh Russell said that his favorite invention is the shotgun because he loves to hunt,

and his favorite inventor is his dad. Math teacher David Loucks said that his favorite invention is "refrigeration and everything it has led to". As for his favorite inventor, he said it would have to be "the guy who invented the shotgun and fancy rod and reels."

When asked who created their favorite inventions, however, no one knew. The students and teachers could, however, give the names of some of the most important and famous inventors known today, such as Thomas Edison, William Caxton (who invented moveable type in England), Steven Jobs (the Apple guy), Eli Whitney (invented the cotton gin), Henry Ford (the assembly line), Leonardo da Vinci, and more. Each of these famous inventors made huge contributions to the science era that they lived in, and they are well known because of it.

Other important inventors, however, still remain unknown to many people. English teacher Jetta Chiaventone pointed out the

best example. She said the dishwasher would probably have to be her favorite invention but that she had no clue who invented it. When she looked up the answer she discovered that the dishwasher was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1886. Cochrane lived only about two and half hours from Herrin in a town called Shelbyville. This further shows that not only have inventors come from the local area, but anyone can become an inventor and make ideas reality.

Emily Lind, a senior, said that if she could invent anything she would invent "a car that you don't have to put gas in and you don't have to charge, it just goes." Beltz, on the other hand, would invent "a flying chocolate factory" so that she "could travel the world and deliver sweets." Inventions of any sort contribute not only to the community of science, but also to the individuals who can learn from the inventors and their inventions.

# Tigerettes qualify for state

By Rebecca Weber

Herrin High School's own Tigerettes dance team has qualified for state in both Hip Hop and Pom Dance, after competing in several local competitions.

The dance team placed first in Hip Hop and second in Pom Dance at a competition in Belleville East on January 8. In Pom Dance, they also scored high enough to qualify for state.

At Marion, the Tigerettes placed 1st in Pom and Hip Hop and qualified for state in both. The team also placed in competitions at Althoff, Triad, and Benton.

To do well in competitions, the Tigerettes practice very diligently. Every week on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, they are

practicing hard from 6 to 9 p.m. Practices are conducted by coach Lindsey Snider.

Junior Karsen Burgrabe said, "It takes every bit of that time to prepare for state! To win it isn't easy. It takes dedication, hard work, and definitely passion."

Drill team performances are scored with a very particular criteria based primarily on precision. Drill routines typically involve precise symmetry spacing in dance formations and near-perfect synchronization of bodily movements. Along with this precision, the transitions from one movement to another must flow together. Music selection is also important.

For future competitions, team members want to eliminate any stray movements or problems

causing them to lose points on their performance. The team must have excellent precision, choreography, technique, and showmanship. They really hope to win first place this year as they only lost by tenths of a point in Hip Hop last year.

"We're just going to change things that bring down scores and keep practicing hard to try to win state this year," junior Jordan Preston said.

The Tigerettes also note that the more support they have, the better they perform. It's always good to have a familiar audience to support them.

Burgrabe said, "We have been working hard, changing, and bettering our routine, so all that can should come and see what it's become!"



Jensen Falker (left) and Jamie Paris perform with the Tigerettes at a recent basketball game. - Emily Lind photo.

# Girls' bowling team 4th in state

By Hannah Snider

Saturday, Feb. 12 was a day of tears and rejoicing for the Herrin Tiger girls' bowling team. Four of the five varsity bowlers are seniors this year and they celebrated an amazing season.

One week prior, the girls competed in the sectional tournament at SI Bowl in Carterville, needing to place first or second to qualify for state. After five of the six games, the team was in third place, needing to beat Mascoutah by 40 pins to qualify. Both teams fought hard that last game, each shooting more than a thousand pins, but the Lady Tigers came out the victors by four pins.

"The feeling I had after sectionals was just the most intense excitement because we really came together as a team and made it happen" said Lindsey Craig, a senior on the team.

The state tournament was held in Rockford on Feb. 11-12. The first day, 24 teams and 30 individuals competed in six games. The top 12 teams and the top 30 individuals would move on to day two, which consists of six more games.

After a rocky start, a first game of 851 pins, the Lady Tigers were in 19th. But that did not stop the team. The girls fought hard and kept each other going. If one bowler had an off game, the others were there to pick her up and keep the team going. As well as fellow teammates cheering each other on, the team had a great fan section in the stands staying loud and pumped, helping the girls stay on their game.

At the end of day one the Ti-

gers had shot a 5,742 pin series, landing them in eighth place and advancing them to day two. On day two of the state tournament, the girls kept it up and battled it out with the 11 other teams. After six more games, the Lady Tigers had shot a 6,031 for a total pinfall of 11,773.

After waiting for the results, the team found out that they had placed fourth out of the 221 teams in the state of Illinois. Individually, Taylor Chaney placed 17th with a 2,508 series, averaging 209, Kristy Gualdoni placed 23rd with a 2,461 series, averaging 205, Julia Jamison placed 45th with a 2,357 series, averaging 196, Hannah Snider placed 60th with a 2,283 series, averaging 190, and Lindsey Craig placed 79th with a 2,164 series, averaging 180.

The Tigers had a 15-0 record this season and broke some of the high school's bowling records. During their season, the girls shot two 3,000 three-game series and a 6,000 six-game series, which had never been done before by the girls' team, and they placed higher at the state tournament than any other bowling team from Herrin High School.

"I'm so proud of everyone. I couldn't ask for better teammates. I've been bowling with Hannah, Julia and Kristy for four years and they've been the best seasons I could have. I'm definitely going to miss what we all had," Craig said.

The Lady Tigers Bowling Team had an amazing season this year and will hopefully bring it back to the table next year with some new varsity bowlers.



Members of the girls' bowling team climb on a mound of snow while in Rockford for the state tournament. - Submitted photo.



The girls' bowling team on the way to the state tournament. - Submitted photo.

# Elders breaks 1000 in points and rebounds

By Ben Wayer

At the start of her senior year, Haley Elders won the honor of Homecoming Queen. During her final high school basketball season, she accomplished something even more impressive. While she was the captain of the team, which tied for first in conference and made it to the second round of the regional tournament, that wasn't the most impressive thing about her season.

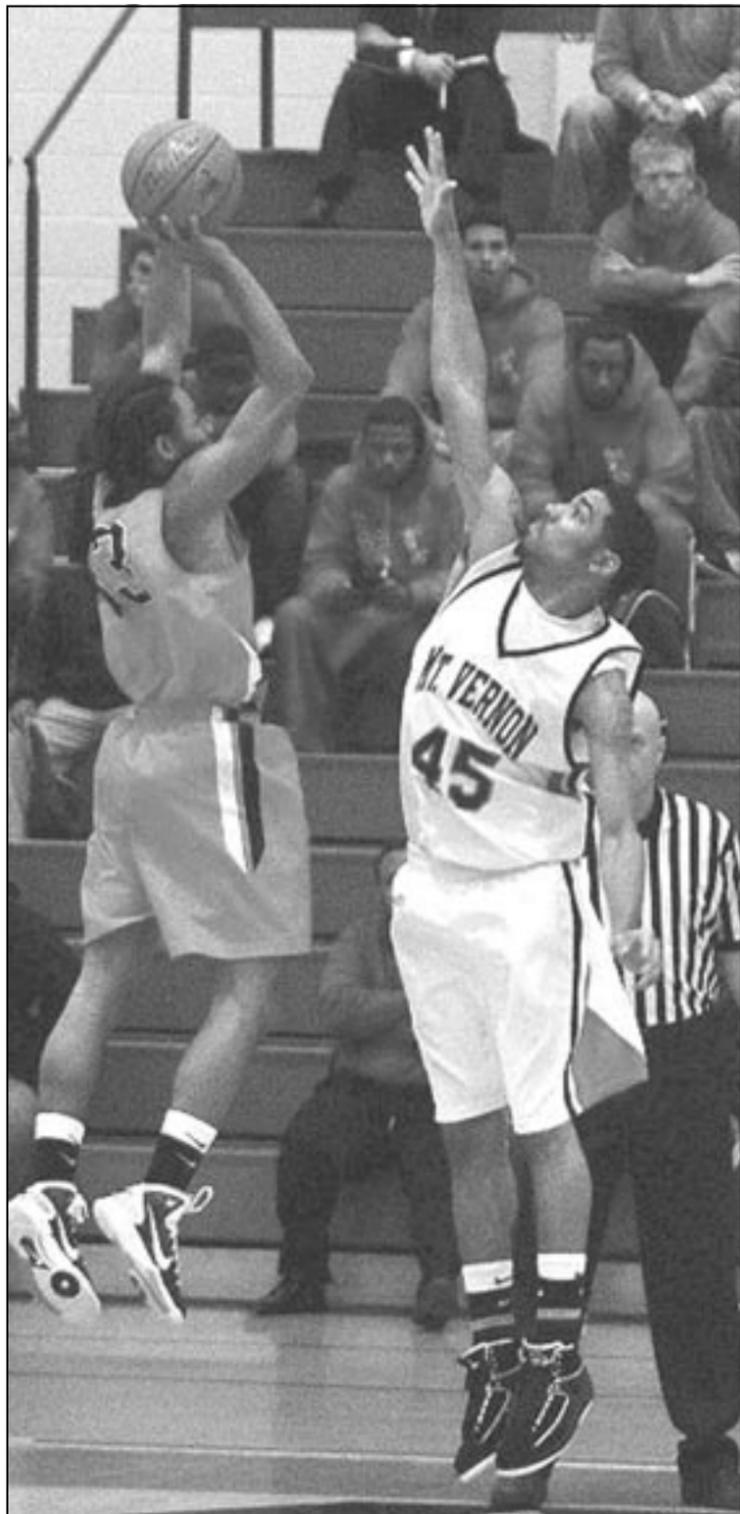
No, Elders also joined a very prestigious club of basketball players with 1000 career points and 1000 career rebounds. This was the labor of four years of high school basketball that Elders was glad to have finally made it to.

The first milestone to fall was her 1000th point, which she scored on Dec. 29 against Duquoin; she finished the season with 1,253 points. The second milestone was her 1000th rebound, which she achieved on Jan. 22 against West Frankfort; she would finish the season with 1081, a new school record.



"I'm more proud of the 1000 rebounds; only two other people have done it, but 14 have gotten 1000 points," Elders said. "It's about hard work . . . and not a lot of people are willing to do that."

As the center for the Lady Tigers, these were quite impressive numbers, so impressive that Elders's basketball career is not over yet. She plans to play basketball at Missouri Baptist University, only changing her position to forward instead of center.



Bobby Mannie at a recent game. - Emily Lind photo.

# Tiger basketball teams have success

By Craig Bartelsmeyer

Is there anything better than spending a cold, wintry Friday night with hundreds of your best friends, raucously cheering on the Orange and Black? Whether you're one who boos, or one who cheers for everyone, no one can leave a Tiger basketball game completely unhappy.

After a slightly bumpy start to the winter season, the men of Herrin stepped up the level of play. An 0-5 start in the Pyramid Plus tournament was supposed to be a sign of the season

to come, but instead, the boys decided that it was not to be a lost season.

The team is currently sitting at 18-12 after a big win against Benton on Senior Night. Their season included big wins over Benton and at the West Frankfort Mid-Winter Classic. They also performed admirably at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament, placing third.

The Lady Tigers, coming into the season, were looking to continue the pattern of excellence exhibited over the past couple of years. With very few excep-

tions, the Lady Tigers played great basketball, placing third in the Herrin Holiday Hoops Tournament and ending the women's side of the Mid-Winter Classic in second place. Both outcomes came down to free throw percentage.

Big wins have been had against all major rivals, even West Frankfort. Although a new coach usually means at least a slight step backwards, the team tied with Massac for first in the conference with a record of 9-1 and was 22-9 in the regular season.



Senior Jamie Jones starts the Senior Night game. - Emily Lind photo.