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Council elections held

Despite little competition for many offices, the Student Council elections were held to elect class officers and executive officers for next year.

Candidates who had competition gave speeches over the Channel One system. The speeches were concise and to the point. This system of televised speeches worked smoother than in previous assemblies in Bonnell Gym.

Sophomore officers include: Keri Dover, President; Stephanie Rister, Vice President; Kristin Banks, Secretary; Amie Halverson, Treasurer; Aaron Bailey, Boy Representative; and Mena Blair, Girl Representative.

Junior officers are: Amit Mehta, President; Chris Moore, Vice President; Ashley Gott, Treasurer; leather Winters, Secretary; Matt Wilson, Boy Representative; and Sherry Wetzel, Girl Representative.

Senior officers include: Josh Bradley, President; Tricia Richerson, Vice President; Allison Fodoriski, Secretary; Stephanie Simpson, Treasurer; Marc Devar, Boy Representative; and Aimee Irvin, Girl Representative.

The executive officers for the 1991-92 school year will be: Beth Jones, President; Amy Bittle, Vice President; Heather Howton, Secretary; and Beth Cluck, Treasurer.



Leslie Ewell's award-winning picture featured Elizabeth Stafford.

Publications wins big at annual spring contests

Members of the Publications class took home seven awards, second only to Sparta, at the fourth annual Eastern Illinois High School Press Association On-Site Contest.

The contest, held in Charleston on April 12, attracted participants from throughout Illinois. Contestants took part in contests in all fields of publication, from headline writing to graphics.

HHS won three first place awards. Leslie Ewell won in the photography division, Tina McIlrath won the editing contest, and in the design category, Melinda Ewert had the best double-page yearbook spread.

Amanda Carter and Leslie Hearn came in second and third respectively in the yearbook theme development category. Melinda Ewert was third in outline writing, and Diana Grisham was third in headline writing.

Clarion and Keystone staffers also did very well and the Southern Illinois School Press Association newspaper and yearbook contest. The SISPA conference attracted over forty schools from southern Illinois, western Kentucky, and southeastern Missouri. The Keystone was named a "Golden Dozen" yearbook. The honor is given to the twelve

best yearbooks produced by SISPA members. The Keystone was also first in copy writing and mini-mag. It won second in layouts and theme. It earned third place honors for photography and coverage of the year.

Publications members also won many individual awards at SISPA. Tina McIlrath won first in on-site newswriting. Clint Popetz was first in reviews; he also earned an honorable mention in the same category. Tina McIlrath won first for best in-depth story. Leslie Ewell was first in yearbook photography I.

The staff also earned four seconds, two thirds, and four honorable mentions. Clint Popetz had the second place original cartoon, Meg Overstreet won second for best photograph with caption, Clay Crawford was second in yearbook sports copy, and Meg Overstreet was second in yearbook photography II. Brent Walker was third place in best editorial column, and earned third place in the on-site editorial writing contest.

Honorable mention awards were given to Leslie Hearn, cub division; Meg Overstreet, photography I; Leslie Ewell, photography II, and Clint Popetz for best review.

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Walker's Word:

What is prom?

by Brent Walker

I have a question, as you may or may not have already noticed. What is prom? Wait, I have a better question. Why is prom?

I looked "prom" up in the dictionary. It said, "A dance held by a high school or college class." Duh. What is its origin? Why do we have to go through it? I have a theory or two...

THEORY ONE: Prom, from the word "promante," was an ancient Celtic rain ritual. The Celts would dress their priests in ridiculous clothing that represented humility, they would then dance wildly with a virgin before sacrificing her to Dwight, the rain god. When the Romans and the later Anglo-Saxons settled in what is now England, they adopted this pagan custom. Its use spread throughout the world and is still in wide use, though in a slightly watered down version, in high schools across the nation. This theory explains the inevitability of rain on prom day.

THEORY TWO: Prom is derived from an Aztec fertility rite. Single Aztec women tied parrot feathers and other gaudy apparel to their bodies in the belief that the men would find them attractive. Many of the women found themselves so attractive that they completely forgot the purpose of the ceremony. If a prospective suitor approached the woman she would have probably snapped, "Axcti piquixite tctemnx," which is Aztec for, "Hands off, bud. You're wrinkling my feathers."

THEORY THREE: Prom is derived from the Japanese word "promiki," which means "death march." It originated in the 1940's on the Bataan Islands. The Japanese dressed their prisoners in very hot clothing and made them walk until they died. It was an honorable tradition that continues to this day.

Student participation at an all-time low point

One can remember a time when the students of HHS would gather in Bonnell Gym every spring. It was a sign of the season. First the snow melted, then red breasted robins appeared, and the final wondrous harbinger of spring arrived... Student Council elections. Okay, so most did math when they weren't yelling at candidates, but you get the point.

Year after year candidates, usually more than one, worked up the nerve to give a speech to the entire student body discussing why they should be elected. Now the speeches are broadcast to homerooms via the Channel One system, and the speeches, minus boos and catcalls, are still the same. "Hello, my name is _____ and I'm running for the Student Council post of _____. I feel that I'm the most qualified candidate for the position. I have been on Student Council since kindergarten, I have a 6.0 grade average, I participate in athletics, I have a dog, I've been voted Brownest Nose In The Class Of '9- for three years running, my teachers love me, and I have a better car than you." The only thing that has really, really changed about S.C. elections is that nobody runs for anything anymore.

This year only nine people actually had to compete for an office, and no non-incumbent ran for a presidential position. If nobody runs for the main posts, then why have elections? On the whole, the Student Council election is a mere formality. This year thirteen people ran unopposed for positions in the Council.

Student Council members have done their best to inject some vitality into high school life, but to no avail. Nobody pays any attention. Few people chose to participate in the two Spirit Weeks (the week of Homecoming, and the week before Christmas

break). Even fewer participated in the Christmas carnival.

The week of April 8-12 was dubbed Student Awareness Week by the Student Council. Monday was Ecology Day. For some reason, the council asked students to wear cans and other types of trash to school. Nobody did. On Tuesday, in an attempt to make students more aware of drugs and alcohol addiction, the Council distributed fact sheets to student's lockers. Most of the sheets either died a cruel death in a trash can, or found new life as a paper airplane. Wednesday was Club Awareness Day. The student body convened in Bonnell Gym to hear presentations by club presidents explaining what their particular club was useful for. It was probably the most successful day, because students only had to sit and listen. Thursday was International Day. The Student Council, for obvious reasons, scrapped its plans to ask students to dress like people from other countries. Instead, posters picturing foreign countries and facts about them were posted in the hallways. Friday was Red, White, and Blue Day. Students were to wear red, white, and blue (of course). Did they? Take a guess.

Reasons for the catatonic state of student activity at HHS could stem from the same reasons why nobody cheers at pep rallies or attends wrestling meets and basketball games. For much of the student body, high school is just a pit stop on the way to college or a job. For others, going to school is more of an unwanted pastime than an obligation.

Why should anybody care? High school only covers four years of a student's life. The average age for a human being hovers somewhere around eighty years. Spending 5% of an entire lifetime in a self-inflicted coma is a waste. By the time you're eighty, you'll wish you had these four years back.

Crawford wins third in interview contest

Clay Crawford won third place in the senior interview contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists at SIU during the SISPA conference.

The interview subject was Adel Wogayan, a Kuwaiti citizen living in Carbondale. Wogayan talked about life in his home country during the occupation of Iraq. After hearing Wogayan's presentation, the twenty area seniors who participated had the opportunity to ask questions. They were then given time to write their stories.

Award certificates were presented to the top three finishers at the same time as the SISPA awards (see page 1).



Smoking used to have flair, too.

Clarion Staff:

Editors: Tina McIlrath and Brent Walker

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Reporters: Cheryl Brown, Diana Grisham, Angie Stallings, Chris Lucas, Clay Crawford, Leslie Hearn, Zihna Gordon, Marc Popetz, Tina McIlrath, Brent Walker, Clint Popetz, and Melinda Ewert

Program helps students kick tobacco habit

Recently, Harrisburg High School agreed to take part in a smokeless tobacco cessation program sponsored by the University of Illinois and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The purpose of this program and control group is to help students quit using snuff and smokeless tobacco. Twenty-three students, with parental consent, attended a meeting held in late March during clubs period. They filled out a questionnaire about their tobacco habits. Another meeting was held on April 24.

Later in the program, students will receive a month's supply of a quitting aid containing nicotine mint. It is the same kind of mint currently sold in stores as a smoking cessation aid.

"They even gave us an eight-hundred number to call in case we ever need help," said sophomore Jacob Everard.

Participation in the program is completely voluntary, and participants are free to withdraw at any time.

April Fool's Clarion dupes thousands

Were you fooled by the last issue of the Purple Clarion? The first page, with false articles on a driving age of 18 and the discontinuation of semester exams, fooled many people.

Mr. Gordon said that he was fooled, but only slightly. "At first, I thought there was a huge misunderstanding, but that only lasted for a few moments."


Mrs. Allen, referring to herself in the third person, said, "That was a low down, dirty, rotten trick. You know Mrs. Allen believes everything she reads."

Some, either lying or lacking a sense of humor, said that they were not fooled. Freshman Benjy "Wild Thang" Phipps insisted, "I knew it was a bunch of baloney right from the start."

Both the fooled and the unfoolable said that they enjoyed the issue. It was one of the most talked about issue in Purple Clarion history.

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Quiz Bowl wins first at SIC, second at Sectionals

For the third time in four years the HHS Quiz Bowl team won first place in the annual SIC Invitational Tournament.

Led by Brent Walker, who answered 30 questions, followed by Josh Bradley with 17, the Bowlers defeated their opponents by an average of 150-65.

The Dogs scored a total of 1,095 points in the tournament. Teams attending the tourney were Pope County, Hardin County, Crab Orchard, Gallatin County, and Carrier Mills.

SIC, just for practice, competed against tourney participants. Scores in matches against SIC did not count on teams' records. Harrisburg beat the college team 120-40.

"I think that this victory says something about the quality of our program," said Walker.

"When you beat college teams, you're a force to reckon with."

--Brent Walker

One week later, the team traveled to Carbondale Community High School to participate in the IHSA sectional meet. The champion won the right to go to the state finals in Bloomington.

Harrisburg received a bye in the first round. They defeated Pope County, Albion, and Carbondale for the chance to meet Herrin in the sectional finals.

The Tigers of Herrin, led by the outstanding play by Sophomore Emily Priddy, got by the quiz bowl Dogs by just one question.

The team, led by Brent Walker with 104 questions, finished with a 27-5 record, the second best in school history.



At Club Day's assembly, Act IV members Jennifer Kerley, Marcia Tomichek, and Marti Stephens enact trees while sponsor Mrs. Ewert is the sap running through them.

Student Council makes students more aware

In an effort to inform students of school, local, and international events, the Student Council implemented a Student Awareness Week with each class sponsoring a different day.

The sophomore class kicked off the week with Ecology Day. Recyclable posters made of paper bags printed with facts about the environment were displayed throughout the halls. Due to a lack of organization, however, this was the only activity of the day.

Tuesday brought students into the hallways wearing paper bags symbolizing drug and alcohol use at HHS. A survey was taken to determine the extent of drug and alcohol abuse at the high school, and the Council announced the results on the paper bags that they wore.

Fliers with drug and alcohol facts and figures were distributed in students' lockers and on the windshields of their vehicles. Overall, the day was a success, as many classes discussed the topic.

On Wednesday, the junior class sponsored Club Awareness Day, which was intended to inform students of the various clubs and activities at school. To achieve this, an assembly was held in Bonnell Gym and club representatives spoke about their clubs' purposes and activities.

International Awareness Day was held on Thursday to keep students aware of world events. Posters displaying parts of the world and various facts about different countries tried to increase knowledge of these places.

Friday was Red, White, and Blue Day. Students were asked to wear those colors in order to increase patriotism in school. To kick off the day, the choir sang the National Anthem and recited the Pledge of Allegiance during televised announcements.

Student Council member Clay Crawford was pleased with the week. "It seems that Friday was the most successful day. I was sorry to miss it!"

Band performs for appreciative crowd of a hundred

by Zihna Gordon
The spring band concert was a success, as close to one hundred supporters attended the performance.

The concert, held on March 25, was enjoyed by audience and band members alike. "I felt happy to be a part of the fellowship band offers," said Diana Grisham. She also said that she was "pleased with the turnout. I think we were well received."

All who attended thought that the band performed well. "I thought the concert was very good," commented Mrs. Clemmons. "I commend the improvement of this year's band."

The band did sound better; partly because of the many freshmen who joined this year, but mostly because of the return of a full brass section. Many brass players, especially the cornets, joined band this year. Numbers were up in other sections as well.

Popetz honored for opinionated article

Senior Clint Popetz has been declared a National Winner in Quill and Scroll's 1991 Writing Photo Contest.



Quill and Scroll is an international honorary society for high school journalists. As a Gold Key winner, Popetz is eligible to apply for a scholarship in journalism.

Adviser Lynda Clemmons submitted Clint's winning entry titled "Gulf Crisis: Just Another Double Standard," which was published in the December issue of *The Purple Clarion*.

Clint was one of 12 national winners among 563 entries in the editorials category.



Senior Tina Ward sits first chair in the flute section.

Senior Melinda Ewert joined the clarinet section for the first time since she was a freshman. "For the first year back, it was a decent concert," she said.

The band played many selections, including an Irish lullaby, a modern march, and a symphony.

One of the most popular pieces was the culminating "Brandenburg Jubilee." The overture, by Calvin Custer, was a symphony made up of sections from Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto" and Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." It was written to honor the destruction of the Berlin Wall.

Speech II quartet wins with "Couch Potato"

Completing an assignment for Speech II class proved rewarding for four individuals who received third place in the annual Illinois Media Festival.

Elizabeth Collett, Carren Jackson, Jamie Orr, and Amanda Questelle placed in the grades 9-12 division for a video they created about television habits.

The state-wide festival required that videos be student written and produced. Winners were invited to an awards ceremony April 27 in Peoria.

The win, first for speech teacher Sue Ewert, came as a shock to the four individuals. "We didn't really expect to win, so it was a big surprise," commented junior Amanda Questelle.

The idea for this video came from Jamie Orr, after everyone in the class was assigned to develop an idea for Ewert's TV values unit.

The third place video featured a "Couch Potato" who watched so much television that he turned into a skeleton.

East Side and West Side also received video awards in the elementary school categories.



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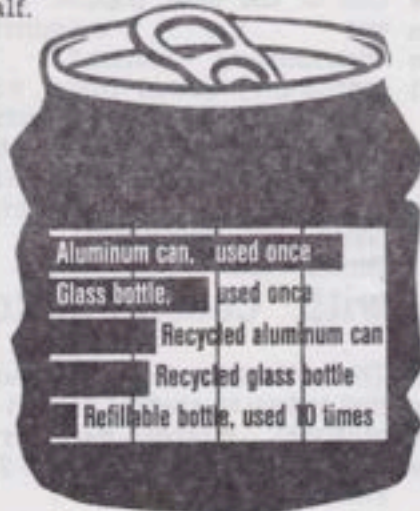
You Can Help Clean Up The Earth

SAVE OUR PLANET

New Wal-Mart helps community by recycling

What's that? That's the question many of you have asked about the large green bin in Wal-Mart's parking lot.

The employees of Walmart refer to it as the "Big Green Monster." In actuality, it's a recycling bin. Wal-Mart recently received this bin, although they have been in the recycling program for a year and a half.



In the program, Wal-Mart recycles newspaper, plastics, and aluminum. All of these materials are brought in by the community. The bin is emptied about once every week, although it is almost always full because of the tremendous public response.

After the "Monster" is emptied the recyclables are sent to a plant in Marion. According to Randy Hickman, Wal-Mart manager, all proceeds are going to the United Way.



DRIVE LESS

"Cars are multiplying faster than people. They're outbreathing us, too. They're using up our land area. They're using up our economic strength."—Ernest Callenbach, author of Ecotopia.

SIMPLE THINGS TO DO

For starters, we could try using an alternative means of transportation—buses, subways, trains, bicycle, or walking—just one day a week. Even that may be tough—but it's worth the effort.

RESULTS

If only 1% of the car owners in America left their cars idle for one day a week, it would save an estimated 96 million gallons of gas a year. Destructive emissions would be cut down commensurately; we'd keep some 2 billion pounds of CO₂ out of the atmosphere, for instance.

A little recycled paper goes a long, long, way

Each year, Americans use over 67 million tons of paper, or 600 pounds per person. The U.S. is the largest consumer of paper in the world, and most of our paper goes directly to landfills. There is a lot to be said of the benefits of recycling paper.

It takes 17 trees to make one ton of paper. The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries estimates that over 200 million trees are saved each year due to current recycling efforts.

The energy required to produce a ton of paper from virgin wood pulp is 16,320 KWH compared to 5,919 KWH for producing a ton of paper from waste paper. That's an energy savings of 64%.

Seventy-four percent less air pollution is produced from the manufacturing of recycled paper compared to paper from virgin

wood pulp.

Thirty five percent less water pollution is produced. Recycled paper production uses 58% less water compared to virgin paper production. Considering the amount of paper we use, these differences really add up.

The American Paper Institute, the U.S. Environmental Agency, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries all cite lack of consumer demand as the main factor limiting the recycling of paper. In other words, more recycled paper would be produced if the public demanded it.

If you are concerned about reducing waste, saving energy, and protecting forest resources, you can help by buying products made from recycled paper.

Households can save money battling carbon dioxide use

by Diana Grisham

Global Warming, commonly known as the Greenhouse Effect, is becoming both a bigger problem and a large subject of debate. Everyone seems to be contributing more and more to the problem by using large amounts of electricity.

The four gases primarily responsible for the warm up are carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and chloroflourocarbons.

Coal burning, the main source of carbon dioxide, is a large problem in itself. Twenty-five percent more carbon dioxide inhabits our atmosphere now than 200 years in the past, scientists estimate, and they predict that by 2050 the present level will double.

To reduce harmful emissions and understand how to burn less, one must calculate how much coal is burned per person. Electric Companies bill for kilowatts (1,000-watt units of electrical power). Leaving a 100 watt light bulb on for ten hours uses one kilowatt hour (KWH) of electricity. Leaving a 100-watt bulb on for eight hours a day, 365 days a year consumes 292 kilowatt hours.

The energy trouble probably results from coal burning, while electric power, hydro and nuclear, supply about a quarter of all electricity.

Each and every KWH used requires burning an average of 1.28 pounds of coal. If 1,000 KWH a month are used, 28,062 pounds of carbon monoxide are added to the atmosphere annually.

The possibilities of using oil or natural gas are cut short because they too release carbon dioxide and other pollutants, though in smaller amounts. Nuclear power plants do not pollute the air with carbon dioxide, but they cost more, release more waste heat, and pose several other environmental risks.

By replacing a 100-watt night light with a small screw-in fluorescent tube requiring only 13 watts of power, 254 KWH are saved. The difference isn't noticeable in the amount of coal burned, and with that the carbon dioxide will be reduced by 87 percent. In addition, a household can save \$20 a year.

Improved insulation and efficient major appliances can also save more energy and money. This method of saving money results in a decrease in the carbon dioxide burned for energy. Less carbon dioxide means less depletion of the ozone layer and a longer life for our planet.

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Toaster Oven	per hour	12.80
Ceiling Fan	per day	4.00
Refrigerator, frostless	per day	12.80
Waterbed Heater with thermostat	per day	24.00
Clothes Dryer	per load	10.00
Dishwasher	per load	2.60
Toaster	per use	.12
Microwave Oven	per 5-min use	.25
Coffeemaker	per brew	.50

*At room temperature and sea level, every pound of carbon dioxide occupies 8.75 cubic feet, about half the size of a refrigerator.

Checklist to make sure your home's conserving energy and saving money

1. *Have an energy audit:* Your local utility will make suggestions for lowering energy loss.
2. *Test windows and doors for leaks:* If every gas-heated home were properly sealed, the nation would save enough natural gas each year to heat almost 4 million more homes.
3. *Insulate windows with thick curtains or blinds:*
4. *Install storm windows and doors:*
5. *Add insulation to roofs, walls and floors over unheated spaces:* You can reduce energy needs by 20-30% through proper insulation.
6. *Lower your thermostat:* at certain times of the day when it is warmest. If every household lowered the temperature, we would save 570,000 barrels of oil per day in the United States.
7. *Shade you house naturally:* to deal with warmer weather.
8. *Use fluorescent bulbs:* One 18-watt fluorescent bulb provides the light of a 75-watt incandescent bulb and lasts ten times longer.
9. *Use fewer, higher-watt bulbs:* You can save more money by replacing two lower-watt bulbs with one.
10. *Buy an energy-efficient air conditioner and furnace:*

Facts and charts adapted from *National Wildlife*

Bulldog thinclads go for all the gold during this season

The boys' track team, led by senior Brandon Shelton, who is a consistent point earner in the high jump, triple jump, and both hurdle events, has met with new-found success this year since being allowed to compete in Class A.

"An estimated record for the season is 25-4, but it is hard to be exact with all of the multiple team meets," said Coach Tony Holler.

The team placed second out of the eleven teams that competed in the Benton Relays. That is the best performance that HHS has ever turned in at that meet.

Mother Nature hindered the Bulldogs from a possible first place finish at the Massac Invitational. The meet was called off due to heavy rain and lightning while the Dogs were in the lead of the eighteen-team meet.



Casey Teckenbrock paces himself during the 800 meter.

Coach Holler stated with enthusiasm, "This is potentially the best track season we have had since 1981, and we hope to finish in the top three in the South Seven Conference. Because this is our first year in Class A, we have an excellent opportunity to win sectionals and excel at the state meet."

"Feelings among the tracksters are running high and they are dreaming of taking the long trip to the state finals meet."

--Coach Tony Holler

The team has placed first in three quadrangular meets so far this season.

Sophomore Amit Mehta commented, "This year's track team should be a great one. With very few exceptions, we have all of the events covered by good athletes."

Lady Dogs have depth: *Enough to get them to regionals?*

The Lady Bulldog tracksters continue to roll through their season by winning their own invitational. They hosted Carbondale, Meridian, Eldorado, and Carmi.

The Dogs beat second place Carbondale by 22 points. Meridian, Eldorado, and Carmi were third, fourth, and fifth places respectively.

Controversy was raised when Carbondale asked the officials to recalculate the scores. Apparently, they couldn't believe that Harrisburg could have won the meet with only five first place finishes. Carbondale had ten firsts. However, the Lady Bulldogs came through with eleven seconds and seven third place finishes.

Mona Neal placed first in both the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Jodi Wilson won the discus competition,



Mona Neal runs the 100 meter lows while Deedria Newsome warms up.

while Amy Taborn won shotput. Amy Phillips won the 800 meter run. The 400, 800, 1600, and 3200 meter relay teams each earned second place finishes.

Individual efforts worthy of second place were: Melanie Nook in the 300 meter hurdles, Jaci Prather in the 400 meter dash, Roni King in the 3200 meter run, Melissa Butler in the 100 meter

hurdles, Amy Davidson in the high jump, and Heather Redwine in both discus and shotput.

Coach Chuck Ingram, commenting on the season, said, "I feel we're running pretty well. We lost a couple of good girls due to grades, but the younger kids are coming through. Everyone's giving a solid effort. We have a lot of depth. Hopefully that depth can help us the regionals."

Dogs start season with loss but quickly recover as conference threat

The 1991 edition of the Bulldog baseball team has been successful thus far. The team posts a record of 14-4 overall and 6-2 in South Seven conference play.

The big surprise for the team has been the success of its young pitching staff. Coming into the season, Coach Thompson knew that his team would produce offensively.

But the pitching staff was a big question mark. So far, the team has combined consistent hitting and outstanding pitching to account for its success.

The team's first loss was against Gallatin County.

The Dogs were leading the game 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth, when Greg Doyle hit a two run homer to insure the Gallatin victory. Doyle's fateful homer was an interesting one. There is no fence



Senior Brian Banks makes it to first on an infield hit.

at Gallatin County's field. Doyle's ball sailed into the road and into a neighboring yard's shrubbery. Fielder Shannon Rider dove into the bushes, but couldn't retrieve the ball in time.

Chris Healy currently leads the team with a .459 batting average. Chris Lucas is batting .423 with twelve RBI's. Josh Banks is hitting .364 and Jon Davis is batting .333.

The Bulldogs were able to avenge their season opening loss to

Gallatin County on April 23. The hard-fought contest showed once again that these two teams are close rivals.

With strong pitching by senior Chris Lucas, in his first outing due to a muscle injury that has kept him off the mound, the Dogs triumphed 5-4. To round out their day, the Dogs beat Johnston City that same evening.

As of press time, the Dogs' record stands at fourteen wins and four losses.

Weather is Lady Dogs toughest foe

The HHS Lady Bulldogs have faced some tough opposition this year, but their worst opponent seems to be the weather.

So far, the season record of the team is 6-6, but many games were cancelled due to rain or wet fields, including Benton, which was cancelled and rescheduled three times.

Despite the weather barrier, the Lady Bulldogs have played some very competitive games, including the April 24 game against Carbondale, which was finally won 5-1 in 13 innings.

There are few definite boundaries between the Varsity and JV teams. Unlike some teams, the Lady Dogs play their athletes on a basis of recent performance, instead of by age group or previous experience. The teams overlap, but everyone gets a fair chance.

One of the team's real strengths lies in its pitcher, Christi Jones, according to coach April Horning. Coach Horning is assisted by Randy Jones, Christi's father.

Senior Amy Cavender leads the Lady Bulldogs in runs with 12. Sophomore Steph Padgett follows right behind, with a total of 11.



Senior Leslee Absher nails one to help the Lady Dogs achieve a win over Gallatin County.

Dr. Tinder turns in his resignation

Dr. Randolph Tinder, Unit 3 superintendent for the past two years, has turned in his resignation. It will take effect at the end of June.

He stated that the Unit 3 School Board is the best board that he had ever worked with. "I think that it's been a good two years here," said Tinder. "I feel that the school district has benefited. I've seen many positives. My time in Harrisburg has been a good professional experience."

Tinder will take over as superintendent of the Carlinsville school district. With 1,800 students, it is smaller than Unit 3.

"I've heard many good things about the Carlinsville district," Tinder said, discussing reasons for the move. "It will be a good move for myself and my family, and I'll be making more money."



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Collett to read poetry

Senior Elizabeth Collett has been invited to read a poem in downtown Evansville on May 12.

The poetry readings are one event of the Ohio River Arts Festival.

According to Joyce Warzel, poetry contest chairperson, 3879 entries were received this year. The winners will be published in a booklet, as well as being publicly read at the festival.

"I was very surprised to be chosen. I didn't know very much about the contest but then I got a letter in the mail. It was very exciting," commented Collett.

Elizabeth's poem is a ballad entitled "The Tricky Golf game." It is based upon a true experience of her father's.

Precipitation abbreviates Agriculture Day organized by FFA

Due to heavy rain, Agriculture Day was short-lived for both grade schools and the FFA members who were running it.

Members of the FFA had time only to show livestock and machinery to kindergarten and first grade students on March 22.

Preparations for the day began early, despite the forecast that called for rain. Between 6:00 and 6:30 AM, Future Farmers loaded animals into trucks and moved them onto the pens that had been set up the day before.

The animals, which came from agriculture students' projects and farmer Joe Phillips, included a horse, a ferret, turkeys, and goats. High schoolers explained to the youngsters what the animals ate, and let the students pet some of them. The grade school children also looked at the machinery present, which included tractors and smaller equipment.



Julie Feazel shows her horse to West Siders.

Dana Hawkins, a sophomore, brought a goat to show. She said that most of the young students wanted to pet the goat. "It turned out okay even though it rained," she said.

Agriculture teacher Ray Nease, who has been participating in Ag Day for about ten years, would like for more students to begin to consider a future in one of over

two-hundred agriculture related careers. "What I hope is that the grade school kids get a feel for what agriculture is about. Maybe they'll remember Ag Day in the future and consider agriculture as a field."

Next month

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