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STL softball recognized academically

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The girls' varsity softball team received first for Academic All-State in Division 3 as a team. This team is all about their school work along with being on the field. They were tied for first with another D3 team and had to go into the thousands place in the GPA number to see who was higher.

Coach Hanline said, "I am very proud of them all. Ever since I have been a



The STL softball team has shown that they work hard both on and off the field as they obtained the highest GPA in Div. 3 (photo by Carrie Beeson).

varsity coach, St. Louis has always been All-State Academic, but to have the

highest GPA in Division 3 is outstanding! They should be very proud of

themselves!" She also commented that the girls are a great group of kids, and hopefully they can put everything they've learned this season together and walk away with a district title.

Laurel Hrabal, Brittney Roberson, and Kaylee Rodriguez also earn Individual Academic All-State. The softball team will be announced at the Central Michigan University All-Star softball game Wednesday, July 18, in Mt. Pleasant.

SLHS students sign to pursue futures at Alma

By **Mackenzie Strong**
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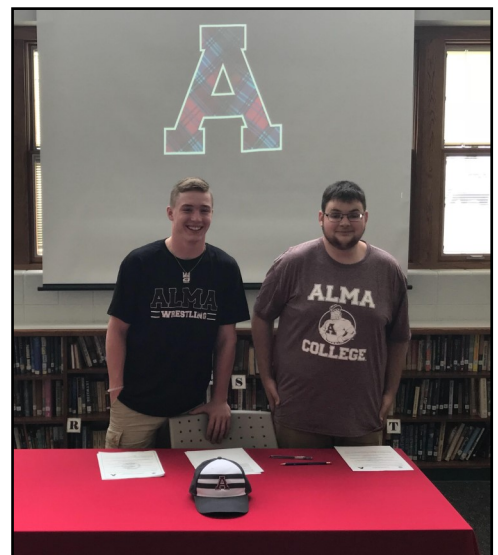
Jayce Kuehnlein signed to wrestle at Alma College May 10. He has been wrestling for 11 years and has improved every year. Kuehnlein's biggest goal while growing up wrestling was becoming a state champ. As a senior, he finally achieved his goal!

Kuehnlein was also awarded the Alma Community Engagement Scholarship in the winter. "It is going to be fun continuing my favorite

sport, wrestling, and being recognized," said Kuehnlein. He would like to thank everybody that helped him along the way to get to this point.

Craig Lancaster also signed to Alma College to be an assistant to the head coach of the varsity football team May 10. He has enjoyed playing football with his teammates and being on the side lines.

Jayce and Craig (right) stand together as newly signed Scots (photo by Michael Munderloh).



It's time to get the job done

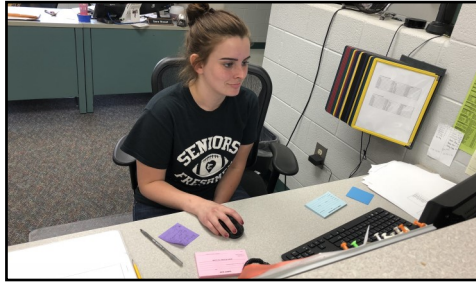
By Faith Best

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We all know that summer jobs are beneficial. The jobs look good on your resume, you get a paycheck, and it gives you something to do so you're not just sitting around all summer.

Jobs that are actually beneficial are the jobs that you learn from and you don't just slack off on the job and not try. A job that is beneficial to you is going to be different than a job that is the right fit for other people. For example, if you're into cooking, maybe a bakery would be a good summer job for you, but that doesn't mean that it's a good job for other people. We all know that we all can't have the same interests.

Mrs. Biehl says, "Any work exper-



Caity Shriver gets a summer intern job at SLHS (Photo by Lillian Wndsor).

rience is beneficial! Whether it is babysitting or mowing lawns, it is valuable to have when a student starts to put together a resume. I worked at the St. Louis Pool as a lifeguard for many summers and would encourage students to give it a try. You get to work with kids and be outside by the pool all summer!"

You can learn a lot of valuable lessons by doing any summer job. You learn little things that can help you become a better worker in the future.

It doesn't just have to be summer jobs either, during the fall you can rake peoples leaves. In the winter, you can shovel and salt sidewalks and driveways, and in the spring maybe you could help people plant their flowers and vegetables. Willow Fuentes says, "I feel that as a summer job mowing lawns is beneficial. It teaches kids the importance of work, and they can make money, and people also get their lawn mowed." Overall, the summer jobs that are going to be beneficial for you are the things that you like doing and will teach you skills to be better and work better in your future job.

Community killer or a social pillar

By Joseph Davis

Shark Scene Staff Writer

Drugs are a fairly common thing in St. Louis, mostly weed (Marijuana) and cocaine, but nobody really addresses the situation. Though, cocaine is far less common than weed in St. Louis, it is the second most common drug found here.

Cocaine can be found in multiple parts of St. Louis, from the low income regions in the South side, to the higher income homes.

In my opinion, cocaine is far worse than marijuana and has much more

negative effects on the human body and mind. It is also the much more troubling vice that has enveloped our small, quaint community.

Cocaine causes a short, but intense high that is followed by a crash resulting in intense depression, edginess and a desire for more of the substance. It is highly addictive and can cause effects such as increased heart rate, muscle spasms and convulsions; it can also cause paranoia, hostility and anxiety—even when not intoxicated.

No matter how frequent the use is, cocaine can cause problems for the

human body such as; strokes, respiratory failure, heart attacks, seizures, and severe weight loss any of which may cause immediate death. This is only a small part of possible side effects of cocaine. And to think, this drug has found its way into our shark loving community.

It's a shame that a drug this destructive has had any effect on our neck of the woods and continues to have this effect with every passing minute.

Due to the controversy of marijuana, be it legal or recreational, I will keep this as brief as possible. Rather than a burden on

our community, I see marijuana as a potential boost for our town's economy. It can be used for medicinal uses, recreation, and make fabrics. Medical marijuana can be used for multiple sclerosis, HIV, nerve pain, seizure, Crohn's disease, eating disorders and even cancer. The more negative effects are sleepiness or drowsiness, paranoia, and slower reaction time.

Though, there is a somewhat obvious problem with drugs in St. Louis, I believe it is a small problem, and is not large enough for everyone to make it a top priority to help.

Sharks track team preforms well at Alma

Girls track and field have a hay-day at the Scotty Classic

By Ernie Diaz
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The St. Louis boys and girls track and field teams competed at the Scotty Classic during the weekend. This meet was located at Alma College, between the Hogan Center and the Rec Center. The meet started 10:00 a.m. and ended around 5 p.m.

There were four different divisions for the guys

and girls' groups. The divisions went 1-4, where St. Louis competed in division three.

The boys team did not perform their best, but was able to work hard to place sixth out of eight teams! Sophomore Eli Abbott had a good day throwing where he threw 28 feet, allowing him to place eighth out of 12 throwers. Fellow teammate senior Cologio Alighire put on an outstanding performance in the 3200M race. Alighire ran a time of 10:49 allowing him to place fourth out of eleven runners.

The girls' team had a fantastic day Saturday, they tallied up 97 points placing third overall in D3. Freshman Makaila

Borie had another great race as she was able to set a new personal record. Fellow teammate Jazmine Milks threw outstanding as she was able to throw 31 feet. Milks' long throw enabled her to place third out of 13.

Sophomore Maddie Greenup said, "I didn't get to compete on Saturday due to an injury. The girls still did great though. They placed third!" Abbott communicated, "I felt like I threw all right, but I know I could throw a lot farther. The next meet we compete in, I'm going to do a lot better."

The track and field teams will be competing again Monday May 14, at MLS. Please take some

time out of your day to support your fellow Sharks!



Senior Dakota Courter blasts off from the start and leaves his opponents in the dust (photo by Rob-in Walkington).

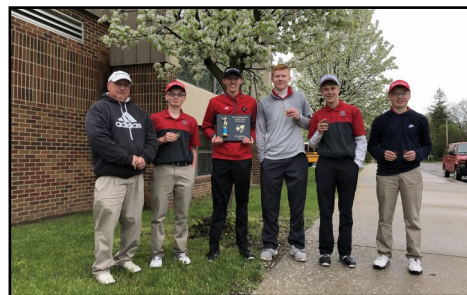
St. Louis varsity golf takes home the championship

By Laurel Hrabal
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The varsity boys' golf team took off in the morning of Friday, May 11, to head to Ithaca to golf 18 holes.

The boys were given the challenge of having to deal with the cold temperatures and rain throughout the day. But the team was able to overcome this and take home the championship trophy.

"It was great to take the trophy home because I know for me and my coach, this was the first varsity first place trophy that St. Louis has gotten. My favorite part was when he came over to me and gave me a



SLHS golf team holds a plaque for first place at Ithaca invitation (photo by Mr. Hemker).

giant hug," stated Patrick Hawley.

Leading the day for the Sharks was Grant Mills shooting a 77. Behind him was Noah Harry who

shot an 84, Hawley shot an 86, Luke Harry shot a 90, and Maverick Giles a 93.

The most exciting part of the day was that the Sharks beat the second place team (Pinconning) by three strokes.

"It was great to finally bring home a trophy and have another memory of our senior year. I think that there will continue to be more improvement each match. It is crazy how fast our season is winding down, and I am hoping that we can make a postseason run," stated Giles.

The Sharks will be back in action at Ithaca Monday, May 14, starting at 1:00 p.m.

The 90's alternative era never died

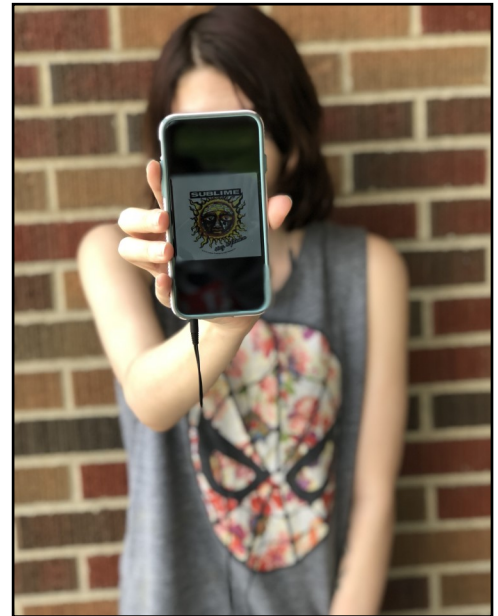
By Lillian Windsor
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It's 2018 and Eddie Vedder is still touring around with *Pearl Jam* like it's 1995. They still have huge following of fans to this day, despite the fact that many of these artists haven't put out great music in more than 20 years. Whether it's *Soundgarden* going on a tribute tour to Chris Cornell, or *Weezer* still trying to recapture the magic of their 1994 debut, '90s rock is just as relevant today as it was then. Just tune to a rock station for proof. "I don't like *Weezer*, except for one of their songs, they just sound gross. I like *Nirvana*, I grew up on them," stated senior Tori Morgan.

By the 1990s, alternative rock was what most labels actively looked for when they wanted success in business. By the end of the decade, alternative rock's main-

stream prominence declined in a huge way because of the death of Kurt Cobain and *Pearl Jam's* lawsuit against Ticketmaster. However, in the recent decade, many bands have been influenced by the past bands. "I don't listen to alternative rock a lot, but when I do I enjoy it. I find myself definitely jamming to some *Rage Against the Machine*," shared senior Gavin Keon.

As the years go by, the '90s influenced music has been growing as well as the popularity of the original '90s bands. There is a famous quote that says "History tends to repeat itself," as shown with Alternative music, it just keeps coming back. Alternative rock is just one of those genres that people listen to without having it be their absolute favorite. There are many people that even more love to exclaim that it is their personal favorite genre. However, the fact that it is enough



Student shows off their favorite '90s album (Photo by Lillian Windsor).

to be loved by people everywhere, it just shows that it will never die.

Stop and smell the dandelions

By Cologio Alighire
Shark Scene Staff Writer

SLHS is extremely fortunate to have such a beautiful and nice park right across the road from the school. This synergizes well with the ability to leave, get food for lunch, and eat wherever the students like. Although, many students have their spot they like to eat and go there exclusively, anyone can go walk though the park during lunch, or just eat at a bench.

There is also a philo-



After a long walk in the park, senior Tori Morgan lays in the dandelions (photo by Lillian Windsor).

sophical aspect to being in the park. Junior Zoey Gurnee said, "Life is like a walk in the park; there is always the beautiful start,

there's things to stumble on, and eventually an end."

Not only is there the parks near us, there is also

many all across Michigan and the United States. Austyn Rhines said, "I would love to see the Grand Canyon again... It's one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen." National parks like the Grand Canyon are a testament to necessity of parks all around the U.S.

To conclude, parks are important to SLHS students and should be enjoyed by all of us. Hopefully this article will encourage you to go out and enjoy our parks.

Cool creative caps for grads

By Deborah Tuzas
Shark Scene Staff Writer

For the class of 2018, graduation is just around the corner. Many of the seniors have been deciding if they want to decorate their caps.

Some will use what college they are going to for their cap, or something meaningful to them. It can be a quote or a picture. This allows seniors to be able to express themselves and be able to show it off to the community.

Caitlyn Shriver commented, "I am doing partner caps with Rachael

Lovejoy and they're definitely going to be unique. This is the last chance we have to leave a mark on this school, so we might as well make it count."

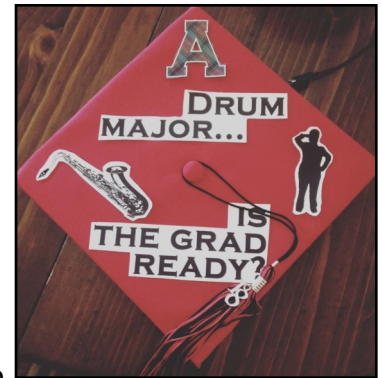
Some people may choose to do a design with their friend so their caps will be the same or very similar. It will be the last time the class of 2018 will be able to show off their style to their friends, families, and classmates.

This has been happening for a few years where the senior class is able to design their caps. But before they can, the idea must be approved by Ms.

McKittrick.

Ms. McKittrick said, "The requirements for graduation caps are they need to be school appropriate, and only positive words, pictures, and sayings. No items are permitted to hang off the top/side of the cap, and items must be secured to the cap (so they do not fall off)."

Most seniors are beginning to decorate their caps this week. The seniors must show an image of the design or the actual cap to administration so they can approve it; the design must be approved by the end of this week.



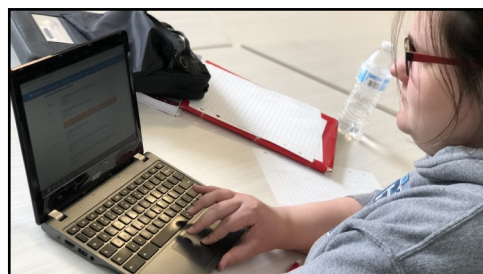
Lillian Windsor shows her love for band and her future college by decorating her graduation cap (photo by Lillian Windsor).

The Gary Stanglewicz scholarship

By Joseph Castellon
Shark Scene Staff Writer

Saint Louis High School has had many different scholarship opportunities that have been made available on the school website and many other places for the students to get a head start in life by paying for part of their college tuition. At SLHS, students Michael Munderloh and Laurel Hrabal have been awarded the Gary Stanglewicz Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to one male one female athlete who are nominated by the coaches and must be four-year athletes. Getting the scholarship shows that these individuals were great leaders for their team and also a great addition to the team for them to stay together



Alyx Everitt applies for scholarships online (photo by Lillian Windsor).

er throughout the seasons. Receiving this scholarship also earns them \$500.00, which is a great start to their college funds.

Munderloh, the male winner of the scholarship, said, "It was great to be recognized both athletically and academically for this scholarship;

this scholarship will help fund my education up at Michigan Tech."

Hrabal, the female winner of the scholarship, said, "It was an honor to receive the Gary Stanglewicz four-year athlete award. Coach Stanglewicz is an incredible coach and to be recognized for all my hard work and dedication the past four years was a great feeling."

Along with these two special student athletes, many other SLHS students have been awarded scholarships, showing any student can achieve great things.

As the year comes to an end and the seniors leave, SLHS wishes them well in the future. Next year, if you are not a senior right now, put in the work to get the scholarship and be a great team leader.

If you have any questions about anything or wanting to seek advice, email Holli or Shelby at rivardho@slsharks.net, dossonsh@slsharks.net or write a letter and give it to Mr. Kuhn. We are going to try our best to give you the advice you need. Feel free to ask us anything at all!

Dear Holli and Shelby,
Final exams are going to be coming around the corner very soon. I have to finish my school year with good grades or my parents are going to make my summer one that I don't want to remember. As I count down the days of school left, I get more and more anxious about the exams. What should I do?

- Fellow Student

Dear Fellow student,
Start bringing stuff home every night and slowly go over material that you know is going to be on your end-of-the-year exams. If you start now, you won't have to cram it all in at the very last second.

- Holli and Shelby

Dear Holli and Shelby,
We recently lost a really special person in our family. I've been really tired lately even though I've been sleeping a lot. My grades are also slipping a little. Any advice on what to do?



Lexi Beeson helps Megan Greenup study for her final exams as the school year comes to an end (photo by Holli Rivard).

- Fellow Student

Dear Fellow Student,
Hang in there, losing a family member is always hard and I am very sorry for your loss. I get what you mean about being tired all the time. As time goes on, things will get easier. As for your grades, try to focus on them more. It'll be something to get your mind off the loss. Also, it is good to stay around people you love because there are they for you

and, I'm sure they understand what you are going through. Staying around family and talking to them about how you feel will help you get through it. I hope this helps a little, and again I am very sorry.

- Holli and Shelby

Dear Holli and Shelby,

I am 40 years old and about to have a nervous breakdown. All of my friends suggest I see a counselor and get prescribed some heavy medications. I don't want to become an addict. We have enough of those around here.

- Thanks, Mr. Caszatt

Dear Mr. Caszatt,
I would listen to your friends. They are worried about your emotional state and just want what is best for you. If you do get addicted, there are steps to helping that problem. For example, rehab centers have helped multiple people get over their addictions. I am sure your friends will also support

and help you if an addiction grows. Get the help you need to have a happier life.

- Holli and Shelby

Dear Holli and Shelby,

I am usually a very laid back type of person. Lately, however, I have found myself becoming very angry about meaningless things. I become so enraged that a vein in my neck has started to pop out and people avoid me. I feel very lonely, what should I do?

- Mr. Kuhn

Dear Mr. Kuhn,
If you are so enraged, maybe it's something in your life that hasn't been making you happy. So start doing more things that you really enjoy and take someone you are happy to be around so you don't feel so lonely. Take a couple days off of work because that could be a part of the stress that is rising. Try to take on everyday like it's a Friday!

- Holli and Shelby

What do you have to say?

By Brianna Fry and

Joseph Smith

Shark Scene Staff Writer

Dear Diamond Neph,

I really like how you took the time to write back to Joe Erickson on what he thought on the movie, *Avenger: Infinity War*. I like when they write back something good.

Sincerely, Unknown

Dear Unknown,

Thank you for noticing the letters to the editors page. Also, I would like to clarify that the person writing back to Joe Erickson was me, Joseph Smith. I took the time to hand pick his letter, and actually took the time to write a thoughtful response. Additionally, at the bottom of the letter is a name with "sincerely" in front of it. Should have noticed that honestly.

Sincerely, Joseph Smith

Dear Ernie Diaz,

Your article on the track team was good. I liked the way you talked about the team, and personal records. It's good to point out the good things even though they didn't perform well.

Sincerely, Trae Garcia

Dear Trae Garcia,

Ernie's article was another good one like always. Additionally, like

you said, he did point out the positives of the meet rather than making it seem like it was terrible. Also, Trae, since you don't listen to me in person I need to tell you something. You a square, I'm a pyramid.

Sincerely, Joseph Smith

Dear Cologio,

I feel like you did a good job writing about the album. I agree with what J. Lowe had to say. I feel like in the second quote you could have done better.

-Nobody

Dear Nobody,

I cannot stress this enough; put your freaking name on the letter. What is the problem with you people? You seriously can't take five seconds out of your day to write your name? It's so annoying having to respond back to these people who nobody even knows. It ruins the fun of the page. Yes, I could easily find one with a name, but all of those letters are basically saying the same exact thing. "Good job on your story; you did great even though I didn't even read it, lol." I continue to use people with no names only if their letter has something in it that I think is wrong. I specifically wanted to respond to this letter regarding Cologio's second quote. How was Cologio supposed to do better with a quote? A quote is just something another person says.

Sincerely, Bri Fry

Dear Faith Best,

I think that there definitely should be a dress code. I agree with Mrs. March's statement that it prepares you for the work force. Other than that, I enjoyed the article.

Sincerely, Luke

Dear Luke,

I don't know if it's just me, but this letter makes no sense. You need to lay out your thoughts in a more organized way for the second sentence to make sense. The first two sentences go right together, then all of a sudden you say, "other than that." Other than what, Luke? I'm very confused at this point. I thought you were talking about how you agreed, and then all of a sudden you don't agree? Was the statement Mrs. March made not something you would agree with?

My thoughts on the dress code is I think we should have it. No, I don't agree with certain rules, but I agree that any and every school should have a dress code. Whether it's a full school uniform or just the classic handbook rules. The problem is, everyone has a different body and certain clothes look more provocative on thicker girls than they probably would on a thinner girl. This causes confusion and also chaos. How? Because lets say a very thin freshman girl wears a pair of the exact same shorts I have and I get in trouble because although they were the same length on us both, I have to change mine because those shorts are much tighter on me.

Sincerely, Bri Fry