

Titan Chronicle

Twin River High School

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October 29, 2008

TWIN RIVER SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Submitted by Darlene Whitlow
Administrative Assistant

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on October 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Genoa Site. Six Board Members, two administrators, and six visitors were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting a hearing was conducted at 7:20 PM concerning the District's Student Fee Policy and a hearing on the District's Wellness Policy was held at 7:25 PM.

President Stec administered the Oath of Office to Joe Beck.

The Agenda, Minutes of the Meeting, Treasurer and Financial Reports were approved. October General Fund claims: \$166,661.28

Administration Reports: 1) Reported on attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences and that end of First Quarter is October 22nd with report cards to go out next week; (2) Request for an elementary in-service on November 26th; (3) Twin River had the first place team at the Area Land Judging and will be attending the State competition in Scottsbluff; (4) Silver Creek grounds looking good; (5)

Thanked Dan Cuba for volunteer work on the lot southeast of school; (6) Administrators are working on evaluations of certified staff; and (7) Sick days are being donated to a staff member in need.

Motion and second to approve BOE Policy 214 (POWERS AND DUTIES). Six ayes, carried.

Motion and second to waive the first reading and to adopt BOE Policy 108 (NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY-504 PLANS). Six ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the Student Fee Policy 732 with changes to the cost of seconds, remove shakes, and add slushes. Six ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the School Wellness Policy with no changes. Six ayes, carried.

Motion to move and second to approve the purchase of Lot 10, Block 6, Willard's 1st Addition for the purpose of parking. Six ayes, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM after motion and second. Six ayes, carried.

The next regular meeting will be November 17, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Fitness Center Conference Room in Genoa.

TWIN RIVER SCHOOL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Twin River Public Schools is seeking members of the Genoa, Monroe and Silver Creek communities to share their expertise with the school's High Ability Learners (HAL).

The HAL Program is comprised of students who scored exceptionally high on standardized testing in the areas of reading, math, language, science and/or at the request of a teacher who believes the child is gifted.

There are currently 41 students in the Twin River school district (grade school, junior high and high school) who are members of the HAL program.

According to Mr. Tod Heier, Principal at Twin River, the school is consistently seeking new and better ways to educate students as a whole, particularly HAL students.

"We are looking for anybody who would like to share their experiences, skills and expertise with students." Mr. Heier said. "It could be about skills it takes to do certain types of work, hobbies like astronomy or wood carving...just about anything."

Anybody interested in speaking to students should contact Mr. Heier at Twin River Public School at (402) 993-2911.

ELK FOUND NEAR STAROSTKA FARM

You never know what you might see when you step outside at the Starostka farm south of Silver Creek.

About a week ago, a full grown Elk was photographed about one hundred yards behind the home of Katie Starostka and her family. The Starostkas live near the Platte River.

The Elk was photographed by a man who hunts on their land. He had set up a wildlife camera behind Katie's home. He was shocked to discover the photo of the elk.

So were the Starostkas, according to Katie. "When the guy called my mom he said you're never going to believe what picture I got. My mom immediately thought that it was a Mountain Lion, but it was a bull Elk."

Katie, a senior at Twin River, said she has seen what she believes was a Mountain Lion. "On our levee road, just west of our place that runs a long the river, we saw one go into the wooded area...you could tell by the really long tale." She says they

have also heard a Mountain Lion and have seen tracks.

It is extremely rare to see a wild Elk in Nebraska. It apparently followed the Platte River, and ended up near the Starostka farm.



Above photo of a bull Elk was taken near the Starostka farm near Silver Creek.



A picture of a batty boxtop collected by elementary students at Genoa and Silver Creek sites of Twin River School.

BATTY FOR BOXTOPS

Submitted by Darlene Whitlow

The Twin River Elementary at both sites have been turning in Boxtops for Education on forms with Bats for Halloween fun. Because of the attached boxtops, each form is worth \$1.00. All boxtops have to be turned by October 29th to receive a check in December. At the time of this article, the following students participated: Mrs. Rohde's Kindergarten: Connor Benson, Addy Esquivel, and Nick Euse. Mrs. Kietzke's First and Second Grades: Tony Cruz, Jamison Urkoski, and Marissa Morris. Mrs. Mohr's Kindergarten: Caleb Preis-

ter, Jayden Pelster, Jaixen Jones and Demi Daniels. Mrs. Bosak's Second Grade: Angel McCoy, Halle Konz, Andrew Nelson, Ashlynn Brestel, Cody Turpitt, Trey Fehringer, Kelsey Swantek, and Monae Flowers. Mrs. Cave's Third Grade: Adrian Flowers, Skyler Logan, Michael Re, Preston Rice, Alexis Borowiak, Kennedy Jones, Ryan Range, Megan Morton (3), Shyla Oberhauser (3), and Calista Shanle. (One was received without a name.)

Thank you to all who save the boxtops for us. Each boxtop is worth 10 cents for the school. Please continue to save them as there is a time in the spring to turn them in again.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY

Nebraska State Patrol's Sex Offender Registry:
<http://www.nsp.state.ne.us/sor/find.cfm>

Nebraska Department of Corrections inmate locator
http://dcs-inmatesearch.ne.gov/Corrections/COR_input.html

The National Sex Offender Public Registration
www.nsopr.gov

The Nebraska State Patrol has provided the websites listed to the left as a way for citizens to keep up to date on convicted sex offenders who may be living in their communities.

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It is the intent of Twin River Public Schools to comply with both this letter and spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in the policies, regulations and operations of our District.

Complaints can also be filed with the Office of Civil Rights, as follows: Region VII Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, 10220 No. Executive Blvd., 8th floor Kansas City, MO. 64153 (Phone 810-891-8026)

It Matters: Responsibility

Submitted by Mary Linden, Title I

When children make a mistake, they often think poorly of themselves. They might make excuses or blame others. None of these responses will help your child learn to be responsible for his decisions. They won't help him learn from his failures or improve his grades. To help your child learn from mistakes:

Tell your child. No one is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes, and everyone can learn from them. Ideally, we don't make the same mistakes twice." **Brainstorm the reasons** people make mistakes. These include being too tired, careless, or bored. Being distracted. Not double-checking school work. **Help your child write a story** about a mistake he made that caused a problem. How did the mistake happen? If the problem was solved, how? What did he learn from the mistake? How might he avoid making such a mistake in the future?

Children are born with a desire to be helpful and responsible. But that desire may lessen as your child grows older. To nurture these traits: **Discuss with your child** how she can contribute to the household. Ask what she likes to do. Avoid calling her responsibilities "chores." Just say you really need her help. Show her how to do certain tasks. Then make a schedule with deadlines.

See if she can tutor another child at school. Or assist the teacher with tasks before or after school. **Research** what kind of community service programs your child can get involved in. If she likes pets, visit an animal shelter. Of she likes going to the park, perhaps she can take part in clean-up day. **Decide together** what charities to support—through volunteer work or donations of clothing. **Model** how to be a contributing member of the community. Vote in elections. Donate blood. Recycle. **Praise your child** when she takes on new responsibilities and helps others.

COMMONLY MISPELLED WORDS BY STUDENTS

By Kammie Kelly
and Tabby Ronnfeldt

In recent studies, research has shown that these words are misspelled the most by High School students.

Financially, foreign, generally, government, grammar, grateful, guarantee, immediate, independent, intelligence, jewelry, knowledge, leisure, library, lightning, and lose.

When asked, Mrs. Evans, Junior High reading teacher at Twin River High School, said she sees foreign, grateful, and guarantee often misspelled. "Government is consistently abbreviated instead of spelled out and lose is used in the wrong tense."

According to Mrs. Cook, English teacher at Twin River high school, spelling is becoming a lost art because of the internet and text messaging.

"Computer spell checking programs are also contributing to our spelling woes. While spell checkers look for spelling errors, they do not take usage into consideration. Therefore, the spell checker believes that words like 'there, their, and they're' are always spelled correctly, no matter the context of their use in the sentence. Unfortunately, spelling and other correct writing conventions such as grammar and punctuation are associated with overall intelligence. Of course, our ideas and logical thinking skills are important, but nobody will even know we possess those skills unless our spelling is accurate." She said.

SCARY STORY

By Denni Mitchell

One dark, cold night a young boy slept fitfully in his bed. Everything was quiet except for a slight tapping noise coming from downstairs. Suddenly, the boy screamed. He jumped out of bed and headed for his parent's room. Unfortunately for the boy, the room was clear downstairs.

He ran down the steep creaking steps. Half-way down a loud bang caught his attention. He stopped, unsure of what it could be. Several moments passed before he continued, slowly this time, until he reached the door of his parent's

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE THEIR ACCELERATED READER GOALS REWARDED

Students who met their first quarter Accelerated Reader goals were rewarded with a fun day of white pumpkin painting and a hay rack ride on October 17.

The kids took turns riding in the hayrack pulled by Susan Nelson's pick-up truck and painting the pumpkins in the school cafeteria.

"It's a great way to say thank you to the kids for

working so hard the first semester." Mrs. Strain said.

Fourth grade student Paige Sutton said she enjoyed the AR party. "It is something different that we don't get to do very often."

Larissa Boyd, a sixth grader, said the hayrack ride was fun but a little scary. "There was no wall behind us on the side and I was afraid I was going to fall off."



room.

He could hear a noise like twigs cracking. Startled by the odd sound, the boy cautiously knocked on the door for he knew there were no trees near by. He waited, but no answer came. He turned the handle and slowly swung the door open. The sound disappeared and he saw his parents sleeping soundly.

Relieved, the little boy sighed and began to crawl in the bed. When he reached the top he realized his parents were sleeping strangely. Their necks were bent at odd angles and the boy knew it wasn't natural.

Cautiously, he reached to move his mother's limp head and with a single touch it rolled the

other direction. They boy screamed and tried to get off the bed, but the blankets and bodies slowed his escape.

Finally, he came to the edge of the bed, just to be faced with a dark figure in front of him. It began to laugh mercilessly at the boy's terror. A piercing laugh that sounded like nails on a chalkboard. With a swift movement the figure snapped the little boy's neck as if it were a twig and threw him back between his parents. Just as it appeared, it vanished...

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Alexis Cherry

Name: **Alexis Cherry**
 Parents: **Michael and Darlene**
 Birthday: **July 9th**
 Favorite food: **Pizza, tacos**
 Favorite color: **Yellow**
 Favorite subject in school: **Recess**
 Hobbies: **Ride bike, swinging, kickball**
 What is a cool talent that you can do? **Ride bike without training wheels**
 Do you have any pets? **Dog—Molly; 3 Turkeys—no names, Whitie**
 What is a game you are good at? **Rat a tat Cat, Skip bo**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **Elephant**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Because he was afraid**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Do your homework**
 If you were a king/queen, what would your crown be made of? **Gold and sparkles**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy a bike and keep it**



Demi Daniels

Name: **Demi Daniels**
 Parents: **Leroy and Joan Leth**
 Birthday: **August 12th**
 Favorite food: **Pepperoni Pizza**
 Favorite color: **Pink**
 Favorite subject in school: **Math**
 Hobbies: **Ride horses**
 What is a cool talent that you can do? **Ride sheep**
 Do you have any pets? **Kitties-Spot, Smokey; Horse-Daisy; Dog-Tracker**
 What is a game you are good at? **Hide and Seek**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **A bear wearing a hat**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Cause he was wiggling**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Chores**
 If you were a king/queen, what would your crown be made of? **Metal**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy purple and pink bucking chutes**



Emilee Spitz

Name: **Emilee Spitz**
 Parents: **Dan and Casey**
 Birthday: **August 19th**
 Favorite food: **Fruit**
 Favorite color: **Purple**
 Favorite subject in school: **Art**
 Hobbies: **Play on the computer and ride bike**
 What is a cool talent that you can do? **Ride with no hands on bike**
 Do you have any pets? **No**
 What is a game you are good at? **T-ball**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **Kangaroo**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Because he lost his balance**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Listen**
 If you were a king/queen, what would your crown be made of? **Candy**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy a Barbie Jeep, computer games, and give money to schools for art**



Ethan Engstrom

Name: **Ethan Engstrom**
 Parents: **Rick and Joanna**
 Birthday: **October 8th**
 Favorite food: **Hamburger with ketchup and pickles**
 Favorite color: **Red**
 Favorite subject in school: **P.E.**
 Hobbies: **Riding bike, swimming, playing catch with dad, 4 wheeling, watching TV, playing Guitar Hero**
 What is a cool talent that you can do? **Whistle with tongue out**
 Do you have any pets? **Cat—T-gray; 8 fish in my fish tank**
 What is a game you are good at? **Football**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **Bunny**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Because he lost his balance**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Empty the dishwasher**
 If you were a king/queen, what would your crown be made of? **Blue rubber**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy something big**



Hannah Shemek

Name: **Hannah Shemek**
 Parents: **Jason and Michelle**
 Birthday: **October 23rd**
 Favorite food: **Pancakes**
 Favorite color: **Pink**
 Favorite subject in school: **Like to learn and work on alphabet**
 Hobbies: **Play outside, take bike rides, draw pictures, swim**
 What is a cool talent that you can do? **Roll her R's and roll tongue and fold like a spoon**
 Do you have any pets? **None**
 What is a game you are good at? **T-ball/Coach pitch baseball**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **Hippopotamus**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Somebody pushed him**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Pick up my room because it's always a mess**
 If you were a king/queen, what would your crown be made of? **Yellow metal**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy a toy truck (remote control), save it**



Kyle McCoy

Name: **Kyle McCoy**
 Parent: **Barb Engebretson**
 Birthday: **January 3rd**
 Favorite food: **Pizza rolls, French fries**
 Favorite color: **Black**
 Favorite subject in school: **Recess**
 Hobbies: **Collecting hot wheels**
 Do you have any pets? **No**
 What is a game you are good at? **Tag**
 What is the funniest looking animal? **Monkeys**
 Why did Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall? **Because he was oval**
 What is something your parents always tell you to do? **Pick up your toys**
 What would you do with \$1 million? **Buy McDonalds, and buy a Harley!**



When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that last blow that did it, but all that had gone before.

- Jacob A. Riis

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

The Class of 2009

Jordan Ann Lincoln

By Kammie Kelly

You may just find Jordan pointing her finger at people, or even sitting around eating a delicious snickers candy bar.

Jordan Ann Lincoln is the daughter of Bobby Lincoln, and Sue Maurer, and step mom Janelle Lincoln. Jordan has two sister's Daniyll, and Samantha.

You will more than likely find Jordan out riding her horses, or even shopping around in the Buckle.

When asked what are the three things you cant live without she said "her phone, her car, and hot guys."

One celebrity Jordan would like to meet is Sean Ferris because he is extremely gorgeous.

Jordan listed Cookies and Cream Ice Cream, Snickers Candy Bar, 2008 Yellow Corvette Z06 Hardtop, and Agribusiness class as her favorites in life.

Jordan's most embarrassing moment is last year at Husker Harvest Days she was pointing at the Chevy tent to show Katie and Chelsie where they should go next, and there was a big group of guys walking towards them, and they were looking at her funny thinking that she was pointing at them.

Jordan's plans after graduation are to attend Northeast for two years and major in vet tech, and than transfer to UNL or out of state to major in veterinary medicine.



Jordan Lincoln

Kayla Marie Mohr

By Lorna Boyd

She runs down the court, makes diving catches and leaps into the sandpits. This girl is one impressive athlete!

Kayla Marie Mohr is the daughter of Jerry and Marilyn Mohr. She has three older brothers, Andy, Kurt and Mitch. She also has one dog named Charlie.

Kayla marked her worst habit as eating other peoples' food.

When asked what three things she could not live without Kayla said, "Friends, food and sports." If it was the last day on earth she would spend it with her family and friends and would eat everything.

Kayla decided that her two favorite school subjects are Science with Mrs. Kuntz and History with Mr. Stalder. She also stated that Mr. Stalder is her favorite teacher because, "I like to set the lotion trap!"

She has had many memorable moments throughout high school, but said that her sophomore year, going to state in softball and basketball and also going to state in softball her senior year were her top few.

When asked what her most embarrassing moment was, Kayla stated, "I have so many and I

don't want to tell some of them, but one time I was dreaming I was going to the bathroom and I wet my bed."

Ms. Mohr said that she will miss high school very much. She plans to go to a four year college and play softball, marry a hot guy and live in an awesome house.

KAYLA'S ODDS AND ENDS

- **Favorite animal:** Dog
- **Favorite car:** Duh! Mustang
- **Favorite candy:** Whatcha-macallit
- **Favorite quote:** "Yeah, Whatever!"



Kayla Mohr

Josh Michael Czarnick

By Lorna Boyd

If you notice someone speeding, it's most likely Josh Czarnick.

Joshua Michael Czarnick is the son of Mike and Amy Czarnick. He has two siblings, a sister named Sara and a brother named Lucas.

His favorite store to shop at is Cabelas and the celebrity he wants to meet is Larry the Cable Guy.

Josh has one dog name Tux and a million cats.

When asked what three things he could not live without, Josh responded by saying, "Friends, Driving pick ups and work." Josh said that if it were his last day on earth he would do crazy things with his friends.

Josh named Welding and Shop as two of his favorite school subjects. Also Josh named Mr. Sempek as his favorite teacher, "because he teaches shop."

When Josh was asked his most embarrassing moment he simply said, "I don't know." He did say that his most memorable moment was, "Being in Animal Science watching Ethan Kershaw get a saddle put on him."

Josh said that he would miss high school a little, but plans on going to college somewhere.

JOSH'S ODDS AND ENDS

- **Favorites car:** 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS
- **Favorite animal:** white tail deer
- **Favorite ice cream flavor:** vanilla
- **Favorite candy bar:** Almond Joy
- **Favorite quote:** "Get-R-Done"



Josh Czarnick

HAUNTED NEBRASKA

Places near here said to be haunted by ghosts

By Lorna Boyd & Kammie Kelly

If you are bored this Halloween, here are a few places within driving distance that you can check out and see if the stories are true.

GLOWING GRAVEYARD

There is a graveyard located north of Columbus. Supposedly on a full moon the headstones in the cemetery are said to glow. Some believe that this is just the limestone in the rock of the stones being reflected on the moon.

Near the graveyard is a bridge that is claimed to have paranormal activity. The story behind this is that a bus full of kids wrecked and rolled off the bridge and died.

If you are curious about this, some say if you put powder on the windows of your car and drive over the bridge, there will be handprints of little children on your windows. Also, if you turn your car off in the middle of the bridge, it won't start up again.

KRAKOW CHURCH

Do you go to church in Krakow by Genoa? Well here is a bone chilling story for you.

The story goes that there used to be an old convent there. The convent was torn down many years ago, but if you drive out there on a full moon going south past the church, it is said that the convent will appear.

Some have even claimed to have seen a figure hanging and swaying.

SCOTUS HAUNTINGS

Scotus Central Catholic High School has been around for over one hundred years. Over these years, there have been disturbances that have led people to believe it is haunted by several spirits. A nun, a small boy and a former student, are said to roam the halls.

There are tunnels under the school that ghost hunters were brought in to investigate in 1980. They found several paranormal presences. Some teachers have even quit because of strange disturbances.

Mr. Morris said, "When I coached at Scotus, we would have late practices. When practice would get over and I would be getting ready to leave, you would hear things. I can't say it was a ghost, but there were strange noises."

OLD SHOCKEY/PENFIELD HOUSE IN COLUMBUS

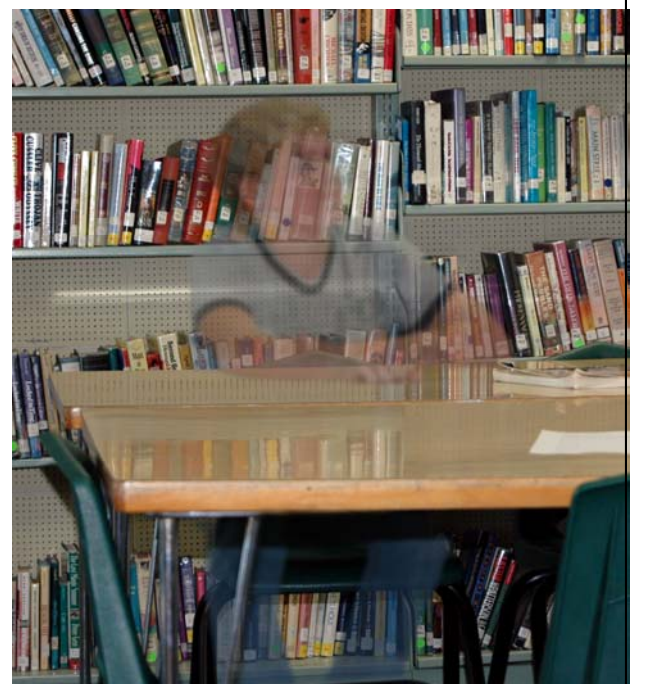
The Old Shockey/Penfield house is located in Columbus, Nebraska.

People say that in the upstairs of the house, doors will open when they are locked shut. The lights will also dim and flicker on and off.

The house is said to be haunted by the late Ken Penfield, who unexpectedly died there one morning.

The basement gives off many unusual sounds and it feels like someone is watching you while you sleep.

TWIN RIVER MEDIA CENTER GHOST



The photo above was taken in the Twin River High School Media Center. See story on page 9 for details about this strange entity...

SCARIEST PLACES IN THE WORLD

By Paige Eaton and Denni Mitchell

It's almost Halloween, that means candy, costumes and crying for your mommy! Whether you want to just read about these or someday visit them we compiled a list of the top 10 scariest places in the world according to moonslipper.com and paranormal.com. So sit back relax and get ready to pee your pants.

10. Winchester Mystery House

Sarah Pardee married William Winchester, but soon disaster struck. Sarah had a daughter who died at six months and about a year later her husband died. William Winchester invented the Winchester rifle which killed many people. A very distraught Sarah inherited William's millions. She went to a psychic who told her that if she kept adding on to her house the spirits of those who were killed by the rifle would never catch up to her. That is exactly what Sarah did until the day she died. One of the reasons the house is so scary is because of how easy it is to get lost. There are about 160 rooms, some are unfinished. There are stairs leading to ceilings and doors leading to brick walls. Sarah was also obsessed with the number thirteen. All the staircases except for one have thirteen steps. The windows have thirteen panes, the thirteenth bathroom has thirteen windows and there is a modified chandelier that holds thirteen lights.

9. Dracula's Castle

Actually named Bran Castle, Dracula's Castle is a terrifying sight. Towering over the cliffs and forest it is a well visited place in the Carpathian mountains. The castle used to be a residence of Prince Vlad Tepes otherwise known as Vlad the Impaler. If you aren't up to date on your history he put his enemies and some of his own subjects on spikes around the borders of the kingdom. Vlad learned other ways to "perfect" his methods by making the spikes less sharp so the victim dies more slowly.

8. Venice, Italy

When you think of Venice you think of beautiful canals and buildings. This isn't the Venice where tourists go to see. The scary parts of Venice are the backstreets that only locals know of. Some can hear footsteps and talking in the shadows. An exceptionally scary place is the Venetian island Poveglia. This island housed bodies of those who had died of the Black Plague or those who were still alive, but dying. Years later a hospital was built on the site, where mental patients were housed and supposedly experimented on.

7. Borley Rectory

Built in 1863 for Reverend Henry Bull, the Borley Rectory was put on the site of an ancient monastery. An old story claims that a nun from the

nunnery had fallen in love with a monk at the monastery. The two had tried to elope together but were quickly tracked down. The monk was executed. The nun was bricked up in the cellars of the buildings, still alive.

6. Catacombs, Paris

Just looking at the pictures could give you the creeps. Created at the end of the 18th century, the city had scarce room for the dead. The biggest cemetery, *Cimetière des Innocents*, had six centuries of graves, but it was attracting vermin and deadly diseases like the plague. One of the only things the city could do was to move the bodies. The catacombs are a series of tunnels with walls made out of bones. Five to six millions people are in the small 300 km tunnels.

5. Tower of London

In the 1080's William the Conqueror started building a massive stone structure in the center of his fortress. The tower is the site that now holds the crown jewels, but once was the site where three English queens were beheaded. One famous queen who was beheaded was Anne Boleyn. There were torture chambers where unlucky prisoners were held. With so many people going in and never coming out it is no wonder that many people experience an overwhelming sadness when touring the building.

4. Chillingham Castle

This castle in England is overflowing with horror. It is rumored that 90% of the people who went in never came back out. Most famous are the dungeons where bodies were piled high after being tortured and dropped the 20 feet to the floor of the dungeon. The floor had spikes on it. Most of the prisoners had their arms and legs broken before being dropped. The torture chambers were on a slanted floor so the blood could drain. Several torture devices were found including a tool to gouge out eyes and cut off fingers.

3. Waverly Hills Sanatorium

Waverly Hills Sanatorium was opened in 1926 to help people with tuberculosis. Some of the treatments were worse than the disease. One "treatment" involved having balloons placed in the patients lungs and filled with air to expand them. This procedure often ended with disastrous results. Most patients left through the "body chute", an enclosed tunnel from the hospital to the railroad tracks. The feeling in the hospital is so unpleasant that two nurses committed suicide. They both were working in the same room at the time they killed themselves. The room was number 502. People have claimed to feel extremely depressed after entering this room.

2. Auschwitz-Birkenau

During WWII, one of the scariest places in the world was Auschwitz-Birkenau and to this day it still is. Also known as "The Death Factory", it had from 2.1 to 2.5 million victims. This death count is strictly a minimum, the number of deaths is un-

known but probably much higher. There were up to seven gas chambers and five crematoriums. The people in the concentration camp were experimented on by one of the most infamous doctors, Dr. Josef Mengele. One of the experiments was when Dr. Mengele injected chemicals into children's eyes to try to change their eye color. He eyed his "experiments" when they came in on the rail cars, death to the left and life to the right. Four hundred thousand people including babies, small children, young girls, mothers, fathers and grandparents were casually waved to the left.

1. Whitechapel

Between 1888 and 1891 eleven murders were committed in the area of London known as Whitechapel. Five of them are officially linked to the infamous Jack the Ripper. Whitechapel was known for being where the "vermin" of London was. Most women in Whitechapel turned to prostitution to survive. The murder of prostitutes was not necessarily a unique occurrence, the thing that drew the attention was the savagery of the killings. The victims throats were slit deeply, most had intestines removed and victims were stabbed several times. Jack the Ripper didn't just want to kill his victims, he wanted or needed to mutilate them. This mutilation made it almost impossible to identify the victims. The police never found out who Jack was and he was never caught. To this day rumors and accusations about who Jack was are still flying but no one can know for sure. All we know for sure is the self-named Jack the Ripper had an extreme hatred toward women and that he enjoyed what he did.

Most of these places have tours going for visitors, but no matter how commercialized these places get you can never erase the history that makes these places as scary as they are. Sure you can joke about it with friends but you wouldn't be joking around if you had to go alone. The only question is do you have the guts to go?

TWIN RIVER HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL BURGER BASH

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

Along with Columbus Hy-Vee, the Twin River Future Business Leaders of America sponsored a Burger Bash on October 17 for the Twin River vs. Columbus Scotus football game.

Hamburgers were grilled throughout the evening and were served through halftime. A meal deal consisted of a hamburger, chips, cookie, and beverage for \$4. An additional hamburger was available for \$2.

From the Burger Bash, all proceeds will be donated to the March of Dimes.

A special thank you to the individuals who supported the Burger Bash. It was greatly appreciated.

During half time, over \$71 was collected from a blanket toss. The money raised proves that by working together we CAN make a difference in babies' lives.

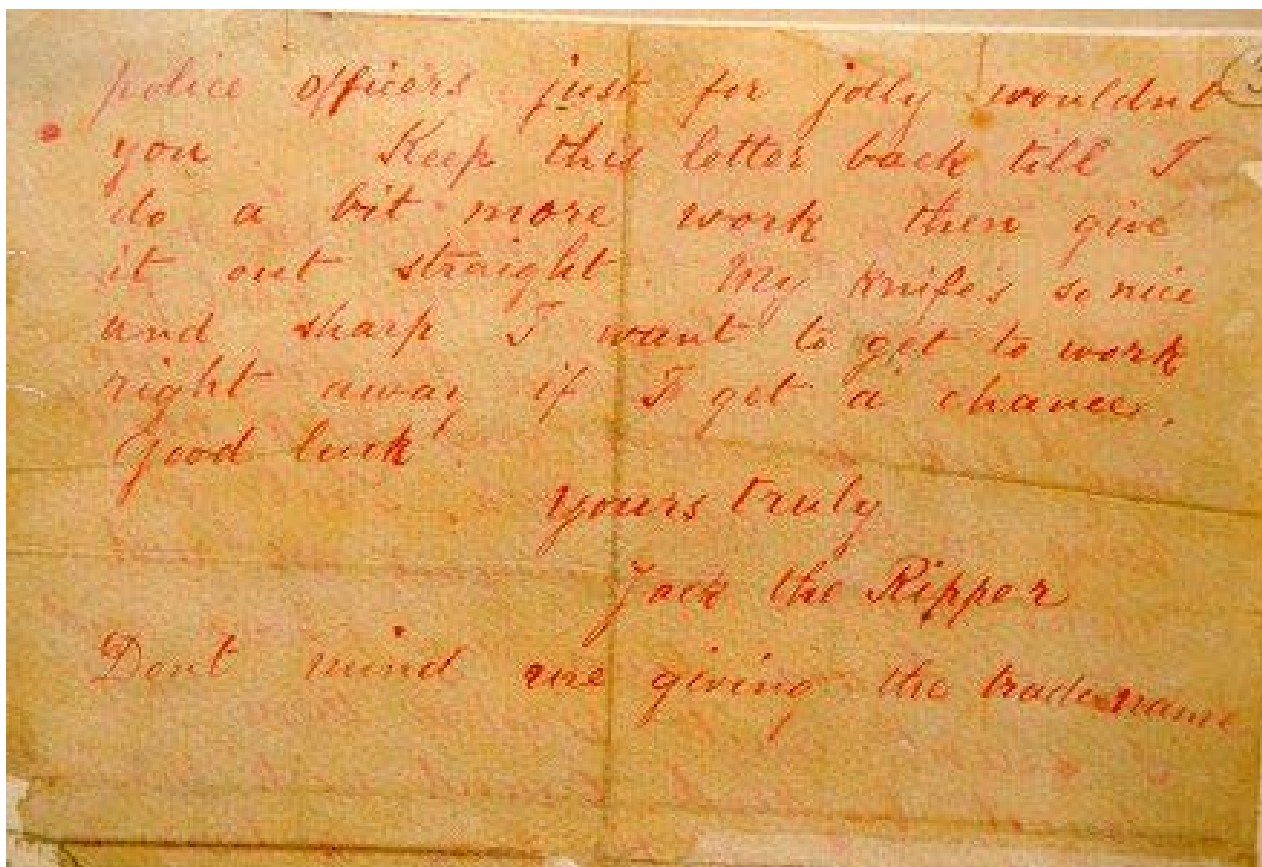
Twin River FBLA actively supports the state and national FBLA projects of working with the March of Dime each year. For the past three years, Twin River FBLA has raised over \$15,500 for the March of Dimes through activities such as the elementary WonderWalk, breakfast for babies for K-12 students and staff, burger bashes, blanket tosses, and donation bottles.

Premature births are a serious and growing problem than can happen to any woman, often for unknown reasons. The March of Dimes is continually working to find answers through research. March of Dimes medical advances and research, along with regionalized neonatal care units, have helped save millions of babies from death and disability.

The March of Dimes and Twin River FBLA would like to thank you for helping us give the most fragile of babies a fighting chance.

November 12 will be recognized across the nation as Prematurity Awareness Day. The March of Dimes is about all babies. Those born healthy, and those that need our help to survive. More babies die from premature birth than any other cause.

Part of the goal of Twin River FBLA is to educate the public about the mission of the March of Dimes which is to improve the health of babies by preventing infant mortality and birth defects.



A letter allegedly written by the notorious murderer Jack the Ripper. He was never caught.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Submitted by Mr. Dan Koziol
Twin River Guidance Counselor

As we enter the 2nd Quarter of the 2008-2009 school year at Twin River, I found that one of the major problems with our students is organization and time management skills. This is common for even adults, but there are ways to become more organized, and have better time management knowledge.

Developing time management skills is a developed routine that begins with practice and other guidance along the way.

One goal is to help yourself become aware of how you use your time as one resource in organizing, prioritizing, and succeeding in your studies in the context of competing lessons in school, and also work at home.

Here are some useful time-management use you can put into use immediately.

Develop blocks of study time—about 50 minutes? How long does it take for you to become restless?

Some learners need more frequent breaks for a variety of reasons. More difficult material may also require more frequent breaks

Schedule weekly reviews and updates.

Prioritize assignments. When studying, get in the habit of beginning with the most difficult subject or task since they can be the most draining.

Develop alternative study places free from distractions to maximize concentration.

Use your time wisely. Think of times when you

can study "bits" as when walking, riding the bus, etc.

Review studies and readings just before class.

Review lecture material immediately after class or during homeroom (Forgetting is greatest within 24 hours without review)

Schedule time for critical course events.

Papers, presentations, tests, etc.

Use the Twin River Assignment Notebook !!

Develop criteria for adjusting your schedule to meet both your academic and non-academic needs.

Also, here are a few tips for becoming more organized. This will go along way toward making sure you are getting things done on time.

Create a simple "To Do" list. This simple program will help you identify a few items, the reason for doing them, a timeline for getting them done, and then printing this simple list and posting it for reminders.

Daily/Weekly Planner. Write down classes, homework, and test dates on a chronological log book or chart. If you are more visual, sketch out your schedule

First thing in the morning, check what's ahead for the day always go to sleep knowing you're prepared for tomorrow. During homeroom, make sure you have your study material that you need to for the next day!!

Long term planner. Use a monthly chart so that you can plan ahead. Long term planners will also serve as a reminder to constructively plan time for yourself

Feel free to stop by my office with questions.

FBLA "GO GREEN" PROJECT

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

National FBLA is sponsoring a "Go Green" project this year. Local chapters from across the national must complete ten activities plus a local project to compete in the "Go Green" project. One chapter from each Region will receive national recognition at the 2009 National FBLA Leadership Conference. The ten activities are organized around the areas of Service, Education and Progress. These three areas are the focal point of the FBLA emblem. Twin River FBLA is busy planning activities for the "Go Green" project. Under the area of education, weekly articles will be submitted to local newspapers and well as to the school newspaper, Titan Chronicle, educating students and the public on ways individuals can "Go Green."

Green Living. Want to put more "green" in your life by saving money and reducing waste? Learn about environmentally friendly food, drink, fashions, cars and cleaning products, to name a few. Make eco-friendly lifestyle choices and buying decisions that will help sustain the environment rather than deplete it. If you're interested in living a more eco-friendly lifestyle, here's something you can do that will help protect the environment *and* preserve your sanity: reduce the amount of junk mail you receive by 90 percent.

According to information from sources such as the [Center for a New American Dream](#) (CNAD)—a Maryland-based nonprofit organization that helps people consume responsibly to protect the environment, enhance quality of life, and promote social justice—reducing the amount of junk mail you receive will save energy, natural resources, landfill space, tax dollars, and a lot of your personal time.

5.6 million tons of catalogs and other direct mail advertisements end up in U.S. landfills annually.

The average American household receives unsolicited junk mail equal to **1.5 trees** every year—more than **100 million trees** for all U.S. households combined.

44 percent of junk mail is thrown away unopened, but only half that much junk mail (22 percent) is recycled.

Americans pay **\$370 million annually** to dispose of junk mail that doesn't get recycled.

On average, Americans spend **8 months open-junk mail** in the course of their lives.

Register Your Name. OK, now that you've

decided to reduce the volume of junk mail you receive, how do you go about it? Start by registering with the [Mail Preference Service](#) of the Direct Marketing Association (DMA). It won't guarantee you a life free of junk mail, but it can help. DMA will list you in its database in the "Do Not Mail" category. Direct marketers are not required to check the database, but most companies that send large volumes of bulk mail do use the DMA service.

They realize there is no percentage in routinely sending mail to people who don't want it and have taken action to prevent it.

Get Off the Lists. You can also go to [OptOut-PreScreen.com](#), which can enable you to remove your name from lists that mortgage, credit card and insurance companies use to mail you offers and solicitations. It's a centralized website run by the four major credit bureaus in the United States: Equifax, Experian, Innovis and TransUnion.

Most businesses check with one or more of these companies before accepting your credit card or granting you credit for a long-term purchase. They are also a huge source of names and addresses for credit card, mortgage and insurance companies that routinely send junk mail to attract new customers and solicit new business. But there's a way to fight back. The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires credit bureaus to delete your name from their rented lists if you make the request.

Contact Companies That Send You Mail If you're serious about ridding your life of as much junk mail as possible, then simply registering with these services may not leave enough space in your mailbox. In addition, you should ask all of the companies you patronize to place your name on their "do not promote" or "in-house suppress" lists.

If you do business with a company by mail, it should be on your contact list. That includes magazine publishers, any companies that send you catalogs, credit card companies, etc. It's best to make this request the first time you do business with a company, because it will prevent them from selling your name to other organizations, but you can make the request at any time.

Keep Track of Your Name. As an extra precaution, some organizations recommend that you track where companies are getting your name by using a slightly different name whenever you subscribe to a magazine or begin a new mail relationship with a company. One strategy is to give yourself fictional middle initials that match the name of the company. If your name is Jennifer Jones and you subscribe to Vanity Fair, simply give your name as Jennifer V.F. Jones, and ask the magazine not to rent your name. If you ever receive a piece

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CREDIT CARD DEBT

by Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

All over the United States people are losing money. This could be for several reasons but one of the main reasons is because people are in debt. When people have their credit card they feel secure and they tend to overspend more than if they had cash.

Here are some interesting facts you may not know...

The average American household's credit card debt in 2007 was \$9,840.

United States households will receive approximately 5.3 billion offers for new credit cards in 2007.

43% of freshmen in college own a credit card
74% of 4th and 5th year college students own a credit card.

Approximately 25% of college card holders used their credit card to pay for tuition

Consumers' total credit card debt exceeds \$880 billion.

More than four out of ten young consumers between the ages of 18 and 21 own a credit card

The overall number of credit cards per consumer is four.

Approximately half of all credit card holders do not pay the full amount of credit card charges each month.

40% of American families spend more than they earn.

Only one household in 50 carry more than \$20,000 in credit card debt, which equals out to more than 2 million American homes.

With Money Smart Week coming up November 10-16th, we advise you to be smart and safe with your money.

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of junk mail from other companies addressed to Jennifer V.F. Jones, you'll know where they got your name.

If this all still seems a bit daunting, there are resources to help you get through it.

One option is to use the [Stop the Junk Mail Kit](#) developed by the Consumer Research Institute. The website [JunkBusters.com](#) provides further guidelines for reducing junk mail and other intrusions, from unwanted e-mail (Spam) to telemarketing.

So do yourself and the environment a favor. Keep the junk mail out of your mailbox and out of the landfill.

TWIN RIVER FBLA RECOGNIZES MARCH OF DIMES PREMATURETY AWARENESS DAY

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

On November 12 the annual Prematurity Awareness Day will be held. Everyone can participate by visiting [clicktosavebabie.org](#) during November and a petition can be signed to support increased funding for research related to prematurity. The Nebraska State Capitol will be highlighted with pink and blue lights in recognition of Prematurity Awareness Day.

One out of every eight babies is born prematurely. Some do not survive; others face serious lifelong health problems. Prematurity takes an enormous toll on families and costs society billions of dollars. The rate of premature births has increased 29 percent over the past two decades, with no sign of letting up. Yet polls show that the public doesn't even know that prematurity is a problem. Much less that it can happen to any family because the causes of nearly half of all premature births are unknown. That is why the March of Dimes created Prematurity Awareness Day—to let America know that premature birth is a crisis in our country, and to bring people together to fight back. Get involved to help the March of Dimes—and America's babies—win the fight against prematurity.

FBLA has helped save babies for over 30 years through our partnership with the March of Dimes. Our efforts have been successful in raising over \$15 million for the March of Dimes.

OCTOBER LUNCHES

Monday October 20, 2008

Chicken Patti on Bun, French Fries, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, Or Vegetable Soup

Tuesday October 21, 2008

Goulash, Garlic Bread, Corn, Fruit, Milk, Or Potato With Bacon Soup

Wednesday October 22, 2008

Chicken Nuggets, Bread and Margarine, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, Or Chef Salad

Thursday October 23, 2008

Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Sticks, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Milk, No Soup Line

Friday October 24, 2008

Breaded Pork Patti on a Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, Or Beef Noodle Soup

Monday October 27, 2008

Chicken and Noodles, Bread and Butter/Corn Bread, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk, Or Vegetable Beef Soup

Tuesday October 28, 2008

Turkey Gravy Over Bread, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, Or Chicken Noodle Soup

Wednesday October 29, 2008

Hotdog on Bun, Chili/Sauerkraut, Tator Wedge, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, Or Taco Salad

Thursday October 30, 2008

Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Milk, No Soup Line

Friday October 31, 2008

No Classes-Fall Break

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

By Denni Mitchell and Paige Eaton

“Bel giorno Principessa!”

Life is Beautiful was released in 1997 and took the world by storm. It was nominated for and won numerous awards for its touching story and outstanding acting. Roberto Benigni not only starred in, but also directed this wonderful tale.

The movie begins in pre-World War II Italy when Guido first meets Dora. After many chance meetings, it's clear the two have fallen in love, but there's one obstacle in their way. Dora is set to marry another man.

Of course, the ever funny and loving Guido sweeps his love off her feet and rides away on a horse into the sunset. For five years they lived happily with their young son, Joshua.

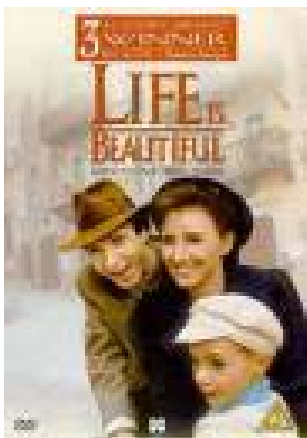
Then tragedy strikes. Guido, Joshua, and Guido's aging uncle are taken away to a Nazi concentration camp. To protect his son from the horror of reality, Guido insists that the whole thing is a game and the person with the most points at the end will win a real tank.

Life is Beautiful is a magnificent movie that proves that with a little laughter and hope, all obstacles can be overcome. It also shows that life actually is beautiful.

“La vita e bella; la vita e amore.” Life is beautiful; life is love.

Paige and Denni's rating of Life is Beautiful:

☺☺☺☺



NUTRITIONAL FACTS ABOUT SHAKES, SLUSHIES, AND MILK SERVED AT TWIN RIVER SCHOOLS

Nutrition Facts	Vanilla Shake (4 oz.)	Juice Alive Fruit Slushes (4 oz.)	2% Milk (4 oz.)
Calories	130	120	130
Total Fat	4 g	0 g	2.5 g
Saturated Fat	2.5 g	0 g	1.5 g
Trans Fat	0 g	0 g	0 g
Cholesterol	15 mg	0 g	10 mg
Sodium	60 mg	7.5 mg	62.5 mg
Total Carbohydrates	19 g	14 g	6.5 g
Dietary Fiber	0 g	>1 g	0 g
Sugars	15 g	13.5 g	6 g
Protein	3 g	1 g	4 g
Vitamin A	6%	100%	5%
Vitamin C	0%	100%	4%
Calcium	10%	12.5%	12.5%
Iron	0%	1%	0 g



ADVICE COLUMN: *Three Blind Mice*

Drop off your questions in one of the Three Blind Mice boxes to have the wise ones help you.

Q: Is it more important to be popular in high school or to achieve a lot, like good grades?

A: You need to first focus on getting good grades. Once you have achieved academic success, you can worry about being popular. Also, being popular doesn't mean being in the "in crowd", it simply means that you have a lot of good friends. Being popular doesn't necessarily mean that you don't worry about your grades either. In conclusion grades should come first, but you should keep a good balance between grades and your social life because friends are important too.

THE STORY OF THE MARCH OF DIMES AND FBLA

38 Years of Commitment, Hard Work, and Service

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

It was 38 years ago, when FBLA-PBL was housed in downtown Washington, DC, that a relationship was forged between our student organization and the national March of Dimes. Little did the powers of the day know what a successful relationship they had forged.

The two organizations developed Project HELP (Help Education Lead to Progress) which, over the years, dominated the scene as a vehicle to bring the March of Dimes to our chapters, and in many ways it was successful. It brought ideas for fundraising, education and birth defects and how the March of Dimes was working toward preventing them, and tips for successfully bringing the March of Dimes program to local chapters and, in turn, to

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collaboration between FBLA and the March of Dimes for over 20 years.

Then, in 1998, the March of Dimes recognized the need to bring FBLA-PBL a fresh new look to the partnership. Mission LIFT (Leading Into the Future, Together) became the new face of a long-standing collaboration between the March of Dimes and FBLA-PBL.

Mission LIFT took all the goals of Project HELP and expanded upon them. With the new program came a service learning curriculum that made it possible to teach successful community service programs in the classroom.

When applied to the March of Dimes, now students could develop viable leadership skills through volunteering and event planning, enhance the visibility of FBLA-PBL in the community, gain networking opportunities with community and corporate leaders, serve as role models for fellow students, and participate in volunteer activities that would benefit their communities.

The curriculum also gave a fresh look to the WalkAmerica. FBLA-PBL members have a long history of participating in WalkAmerica, raising money, and recruiting other students for decades. Many chapters have built their programs to raise money for the March of Dimes each year. With the new ideas in the curriculum, chapters are able to polish their events to improve their results, which was the desired outcome.

Then, in January 2003, Prematurity Awareness took the spotlight as premature births were cited as the number one obstetric problem in the country and the leading cause of neonatal death within the first month of life in the United States. So the March of Dimes lodged a \$75 million, five-year campaign to raise public awareness, reduce rates of preterm birth, and increase research to find the cause. FBLA-PBL national officers jumped on the bandwagon, writing articles and spreading the word about premature births. In the fall of 2004, members were urged to mark November 16 as Prematurity Awareness Day.

Ever since, the partnership between FBLA-PBL and the March of Dimes has grown stronger. This successful partnership has proven to Twin River FBLA members that they can make a difference in others lives. National and state projects are valuable learning experiences where FBLA members can show that **BY WORKING TOGETHER STUDENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



MARCH OF DIMES PREMATURITY AWARENESS DAY NOVEMBER 12

470,000 babies are born pre-maturely each year, that's 1 out of every 8 babies born in the U.S.

The number of premature births has risen 29% over the past two decades.

It's not a problem...it's a crisis!

Take part in Prematurity Awareness Day!

Visit www.clicktosavebabies.org

This ad sponsored by the Twin River FBLA Chapter.

TITANS TAKE DISTRICTS

By Kelsey Cherry

The Titan Softball Team went 3-0 at districts to take first place.

The Titans started off on Thursday against Cross County after a first round bye. The Titans won in six innings 8-0. Courtney Cave led the offense for the Titans going 3-4.

The Titans next opponent, Centennial, proved to be a tougher match up. The Titans didn't score until the top of the sixth inning, but held on to win 2-0. Kayla Mohr and Tanya Snyder both went 1-3 with triples.

The Titans came back on Friday for the championship game, and again they had to face Centennial. The Titans got the job done and won 2-1, securing them a spot at the state tournament. Tanya Snyder was a perfect 2-2 in the final game. Coach Van Driel said, "I knew the girls could do it. They worked hard and never gave up." Senior Courtney Cave stated, "Our strong defense is what helped us win the games." Chelsea Jones took all three wins on the mound with a combined total of 33 strikeouts.

7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SPLITS

By Taylor Hellbusch

They battled hard, but the Twin River 7th grade A team lost in 3 games to Boone Central.

In the first game the cardinals came out on top 25 to 16. The Second game Twin River won 25-23 but fell short the next game 15-7.

"We had stressed the need for more team movement and talk during practice—the girls did a very good job of moving to the base positions and talking during play..... unfortunately they forgot about some of the other fundamentals of the game," Coach Pint said.

McKenzie Cuba was 7 of 10 serve receiving. Alissa Pascoza was 8 of 11 in serve receive. Cassie Arlt was 7 of 9 in serving and Amy Mohr was 7 of 8 serving.

"Again we did a good job doing the things we had stressed in practice but forgot about the other areas of the game," Coach Pint said.

Twin River won two straight games to beat Boone Central B.

"Serving was the key during this game," Mr. Pint said. Serve receive was very good at 77% (17 of 22).

They won their first game by 25-7 and their second game they won by 25-20.

"Cassie Arlt was 'top dog' in the serving area during this match. Cassie served 14 straight to give TR control—only 3 people served in this game," Mr. Pint said. And others who turned in good performances include Sam Wattier and Tori Sliva.

"The Second game was much closer but the serving once again proved to be the difference for us," Mr. Pint said.

Same Wattier Served 5 of 6 and serve receive was 5 of 5. Cassie Arlt Served 17 of 17 and serve receive was 3 of 5. Tori Sliva served 8 of 9 and serve receive was 2 of 2.

Sports do not build character, they reveal it.

- Haywood Hale Broun

Players win games, teams win championships.

- Bill Taylor



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE

By Courtney Cave

The Twin River Cross Country runners competed in the D-2 District meet on Thursday, October 16 at the Branched Oak Lake Recreation Area in Malcolm.

Logan Morris followed by Aaron Rohde, Steven Thiem, and Zach Czaplá led the boys team. "I sure enjoyed coaching the three senior boys (Logan, Aaron, and Steven). They worked hard all year and will be missed," said head coach Mr. Rohde.

The girls made Titan history by finishing 3rd as a team (top 3 teams qualify for state). They become the first Titan team to make consecutive trips to the state championships. They will run on Friday, October 24 at the Kearney Country Club. Starting time is 12:00 p.m. The girls will take their top 10 ranking into the meet, and look to improve on their previous efforts on the course. "It was a team effort, and a very thin margin of one point over the 4th place team. This was probably the toughest district in the state, having 4 of the top 9 teams competing. We are excited and look forward to representing Twin River at state," is what Mr. Rohde had to say about the girls team.

Jessica Anderson was an automatic qualifier with her 12th place finish (top 15 qualify). Megan Stenzel just missed out on being automatic qualifier as well, as she was 4/10th of a second from placing 15th. Both Jessica and Megan will be making their second state appearance, while Courtney Gottsch, Sheena Kopejka, and Megan Rosno are making their first. Taylor Anderson will be competing in the state championships for the third time.



Pictured above from left to right, Coach Rohde, Jessica Anderson, Courtney Gottsch, Megan Stenzel, Megan Rosno and Taylor Anderson.

8TH GRADE TAKES LOSS TO SCOTUS

By Kelsey Cherry

The 8th Grade A and B teams both took tough losses to Scotus in two sets.

The B team kept it close losing 22-25 and 21-25. The Titans were 79% on serving and 68% on serve receive. Setting was 90% and attacks were 71%.

The A team lost 8-25 and 9-25. Coach Stankoski said, "Serve receive was only 58%, ouch!" The Titans were however 92% on setting and 70% on attacks. Coach Stankoski also stated, "The girls did a great job on serving with 88%."

LAKEVIEW DEFEATS TWIN RIVER

By Taylor Hellbusch

They played hard but Lakeview came out on top. "Lakeview was at the top of their game. Everything we hit - they returned," said Mr. Pint.

They served the ball 17 times in 3 games, and returned Lakeview's serve only 19 of 45 times they served the ball.

"No stats were kept but we did well in the passing department when we did get behind the ball as

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL SUFFERS LOSS TO FULLERTON

By James Noecker

The junior high girls volleyball team played well against Fullerton, but still came away with another loss.

"We have to keep our heads up and be positive." says Coach Stankoski.

In the first set, Fullerton came away with the win 17-25. Fullerton won the second set with a score of 14-25. "We need to work at consistent serves, and accurate passes." Coach Stankoski said. In these two games, together their serve percentage was a 75%. Together the serve receiving had a percentage of 69%.

TITANS GIVE GALLANT EFFORT IN LOSS

The Twin River Titans lost the game, but showed they are a play-off caliber team.

Two touchdowns off turnovers were the difference in the game - a blocked punt and an interception - as the Shamrocks managed to beat the Titans 41-28.

"It was a hard-fought game." Coach Linden said. "We made a few too many mistakes that cost us."

Dustin Graham had a tremendous performance for the Titans, amassing 401 yards of total offense including a kick-off return for a score. He rushed for two more touchdowns and hit a wide-open Tyler Sock after play action for a passing touchdown.

"Dustin faked a hand off and rolled out...they bit hard since he had been so effective running the ball." Coach Linden explained. "There was Tyler, wide open and he outran everybody to the end zone."

On the night, Graham was 10-23 passing for 146 yards. He also ran the ball 18 times for 87 yards.

Mitch Reed carried the ball 13 times for 63 yards.

Zach Czarnick and Jeremy Liss led the Titans defensively with 10 tackles each. Mitch Reed and Blake Kruse each had 9 tackles a piece, while Cory Pilakowski and Trevor Stec had 7 stops.

The Titan coaching staff were pleased with the defensive performance. "Scotus is a big play team." Coach Linden said. "They have a great line, fast backs, they execute well. We limited the big plays and we were in the game. It just didn't work out for us this time."

The Titans have one more regular season game left against the district leading Madison Dragons. The Dragons have one of the best running backs in the state who has gone over the 200 yard mark in several games this year. "He is a durable back...he set the state record this year against Scotus for most carries in a game, 59." Coach Linden said. "We know what they are going to do...same thing they have done all year...run Weggener. We'll be ready."

At the time of this writing, the Titans are sitting at number 24 in Wild Card points. A victory over Madison would guarantee a state play-off birth, but there is a chance even with a loss due to the caliber of teams the Titans have played.

"With a win, we would definitely be in the play-offs and might even have the chance to host a first round game." Activities Director Terry Gray said. "With a loss, we still have a decent chance to make the play-offs."

we had 18 set attempts," said Mr. Pint.

McKenzie Cuba was 6 of 6 serving.



TITAN HARRIERS SHINE AT HOME MEET

It was a good day for the Titans at the Twin River Invite at the Pawnee Hills Golf Club on October 6. The Titan girls' team took the team title and had five girls medal. Megan Stenzel paced the girls team with a 2nd place finish with a time of 17:45. Jessica Anderson, Courtney Gottsch, Taylor Anderson, and Sheena Kopejtka also placed in the top 15 at the meet.

The Titan boys also had a good day finishing with two medals. Logan Morris placed 4th with a time of 19:57 and Aaron Rohde took 10th place with a time of 20:33.

"We had a great day for our home meet, and the Harriers responded in kind", is what Coach Rohde said about the meet.

TITAN JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAMS WINS SEASON FINAL

The Twin River Junior High football team ended the season by playing their best game, defeating rival Cross County 28-6 in Silver Creek.

The Titans scored quickly, leading 28-0 by half, coasting for the win.

"We forced some turnovers, Jacob Wilcynski recovered a loose ball on a kick-off, and we had really short fields the first possessions." Coach Morris said. "The offense executed well and we were out in front by a couple of touchdowns right away."

Defensively, the Titans didn't give up much.

"I thought we tackled pretty well...the kids had practiced well and were ready to play. Cross County had some good athletic kids, but the defense was pretty tough."

The option game worked well for the Titans as the Cougars didn't give up much inside.

"Running between the tackles was tough early in the game. We were able to move the ball on the outside with sweeps, bubble screens and the option." Coach Koziol said. "Devon Korth did a great job at quarterback. He made good decisions as to when to pitch and when to keep. Brent Parry ran really tough...and so did Forest Fuerher."

Everybody got to play a lot and that was the best part of the game, according to Morris.

"We wanted to get the kids a lot of time in the game since this was the last game of the season and we were able to do that."

The Titans ended the season 2-2 with the other win coming against another rival, Fullerton. The Titans lost to David City Aquinas and to David City High.

"We were in both of those games...the David City high game was a mud bath. Really cold and really wet." Mr. Koziol said. "We would love to play them on a dry field. But that's the way it goes."

American Enterprise: A Great Liberty

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

Just like the freedoms of speech and religion, one of the greatest liberties of living in the United States of America is the free enterprise system. Through free enterprise, those who take the initiative and dedicate themselves to growing their own business benefit from their hard work and determination. American Enterprise Day, held on November 15 every year, celebrates both the opportunities that our economic system provides us, and the individuals who become entrepreneurs.

Nebraska FBLA encourages FBLA members to observe American Enterprise Day this year by wearing red and blue, because the U.S.A. holds the strong belief that citizens should be allowed to reach the highest level of accomplishment that we are capable of achieving. Chapters are also encouraged to recognize local entrepreneurs for the progressive development of their businesses and their support of free enterprise. We are fortunate to be able to make our living based on our decisions and effort; let's show it through the celebration of American Enterprise Day! Bring out your red and blue on November 15.

TIPS FOR USING ATM'S WISELY

By Rebecca Johnson,
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With all the advancements being made in society, people need to be safe about the technology they are using. When using electronic banking, such as an Automatic Teller Machine, ATM, it is wise to know how to use it safely so that your personal and private information is always secure. If you aren't aware of how to use an ATM safely, your information may be at risk when you use an ATM.

Always pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings before and during the entire transaction.

Do not select an ATM at the corner of a building. Corners create a blind spot.

Do not use an ATM that appears unusual looking or offers options with which you are not familiar or comfortable.

Use an ATM in a well-lighted location.

Do not allow people to look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN.

Memorize your PIN. Never write it on the back of your card.

Do not re-enter your PIN if the ATM eats your card. Contact a bank official.

Never count cash at the machine or in public. Wait until you are in your car or another secure place.

Closely monitor your bank statements, as well as your balances, and immediately report any problems to your bank.

Money Smart Week is coming up during the week of November 10-16. Everyone should be aware of how to safely use ATMs and should monitor your money. Be safe and smart with your money!

PETITION FOR BABIES

By Rebecca Johnson
Twin River FBLA Reporter

The solutions are within our grasp.

More newborns die from premature birth than from any other cause. Help moms have healthy, full-term babies.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health.

With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

A petition has been set up on the March of Dimes web site (<http://www.MarchofDimes.com>) that people can click on to show support for Preemies. All you need to do is click on the box labeled Sign the Petition for Preemies.

The only information you need to place on the petition is to give your first and last name, e-mail address, and zip code.

Help us urge the new President and Congress to make progress for preemies.

We urge the federal government to increase support for prematurity-related research and data collection as recommended by the Institute of Medicine and the Surgeon General's Conference on the Prevention of Preterm Birth, to identify the causes of premature births, to test strategies for prevention, to improve the care, treatment and outcomes of preterm infants, and better define and track the problem of premature births.

We urge federal and state policymakers to expand access to health coverage for women of childbearing age and to support smoking cessation programs as part of maternity care.

We call on hospitals and health care professionals to voluntarily assess c-sections and inductions that occur prior to 39 weeks gestation to ensure consistency with professional guidelines.

We call on businesses to create workplaces that support maternal and infant health. Your signature support will help make reducing premature birth a national priority.

Visit the March of Dimes web site again on Prematurity Awareness Day – November 12, 2008 – when the March of Dimes will issue a National Report card on premature birth. Find out how our state did and what we can do to help.

TWIN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER GHOST - IS IT REAL?

The Advanced Media class meets in the High School Media Center. While editing her video in the back room, Samantha Bishop said she heard someone walk up beside her. From the corner of her eye, she could see the figure and assumed it was one of her project partners.

"I asked for the tape dispenser, the tape dispenser was set down beside me. When I looked up to thank whoever set it down...there was no one there."

James Noecker is in the journalism class, which also meets in the Media Center. He said he was assigned the same seat as shown in the ghost photo. One day when he went to sit down, he could feel somebody under him. "I was reading over my article for journalism and wasn't paying attention, I thought I was sitting on someone...I jumped up ready to apologize and looked and no one was there. No one was within 20 feet of me."

Before you panic and think that the school is haunted, you must be told the truth. The photo is a fake. We took two pictures, one with a student sitting in that seat, one without, and blended them.

The stories were made up also. The things described did not happen to Samantha or James, nor did they say these things.

The point is that what you often see on internet websites, in books and magazines are not real, either. It takes a little time and talent, but anybody can fake a photograph and with programs like Adobe Photoshop on the market, it takes an expert to tell a fake, depending on the quality of work.

Be skeptical of anything you see or read that has to do with the paranormal. Anybody can say anything, and they do, especially when monetary gain is in play (selling books, more magazines, etc.)

BOOK REVIEW: SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS

By Paige Eaton

"Once there were a pair of pants. Just an ordinary pair of jeans. But these pants, the Traveling Pants, went on to do great things."

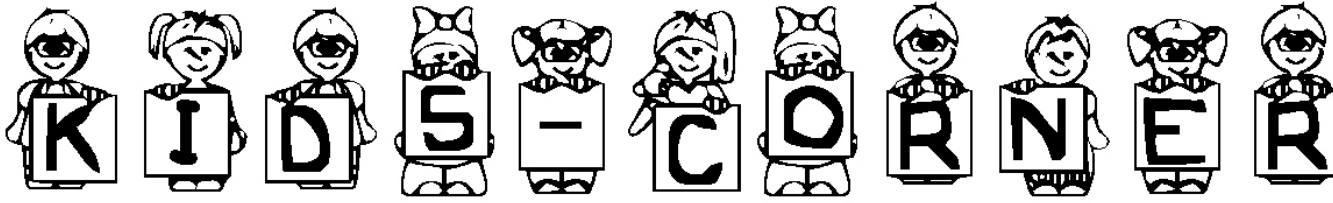
This book is about four friends—Lena, Tibby, Bridget, and Carmen. They have been best friends since their birth. Each of them are completely different but they don't recognize where one begins and the other ends. This summer is the first summer in their lives that they will be apart. Lena is going to Greece, Bridget is going to soccer camp in Baja, Calif., Carmen is going to South Carolina to visit her father and Tibby is stuck alone at home.

By accident they stumble on a pair of pants. This magical pair of pants somehow fits all of them, which logically, is impossible. They consider the pants to be a good omen, something that connects them all. They start the Sisterhood and plan to send the pants to one another through the summer. Not everything goes as planned. Some find love, some make mistakes and some find heartbreak, but it is the pants and the love that follows that keeps them together.



The most important success principle of all - whether it's a student, an athlete or a businessman - was stated by Thomas Huxley many years ago. He said, 'Do what you should do, when you should do it, whether you feel like it or not.' That's the key to success in any endeavor...self-discipline.

- Kop Koppmeier



FUN PAGE

By Tabatha Ronnfeldt
and Taylor Hellbusch

1528 POUND PUMPKIN SQUASHES COMPETITION

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — Thad Starr's giant pumpkin really began putting on weight in August — a lot of weight. The pumpkin gained about 30 pounds a day on its way to victory Monday at the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-off in Half Moon Bay. Starr's pumpkin finished at a record 1,528 pounds.

Starr won last year with a pumpkin that that was four pounds lighter and also set a record.

Starr, of Pleasant Hill, Ore., bought a trailer to transport the pumpkin. It has a circumference of 15 feet.

He says his secret to growing big pumpkins is good soil: "We really pamper them."



KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

By Tabatha Ronnfeldt
& Taylor Hellbusch

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

Flame Resistant Costumes: When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.

To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Costume Designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights.

Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.

To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.

Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.

Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.

Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision.

If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.

Have a fun, but safe Halloween!



10 BEST HALLOWEEN JOKES EVER TOLD

1. Why Didn't the skeleton cross the road?
A. He didn't have guts.
2. What do Skeletons say before they begin dining?
A. Bone Appétit!
3. What do ghost serve for dessert?
A. Ice scream.
4. Why do witches fly on brooms?
A. Vacuum cleaner cords aren't long enough.
5. When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?
A. When you're a mouse.
6. What was the witch's favorite subject in school?
A. Spelling.
7. What do you call a friendly dead Egyptian?
A. a chummy mummy.
8. What do you call a fat pumpkin?
A. a Plumpkin.
9. What do witches put on their hair?
A. Scare Spray.
10. Who did Frankenstein take to prom?
A. His ghoul friend.

HALLOWEEN SUPERSTITIONS

By Denni Mitchell

Halloween is one of the oldest celebrations in the world. It dates back over 2000 years to the Celts who lived in the British Isles.

The correct spelling of Halloween is Hallowe'en. About 99 percent of pumpkins sold are used as Jack O'Lanterns at Halloween.

A pumpkin is really a squash and is in the same family as the cucumber.

When Christianity came to England and the rest of Europe, November 1 became known as All Saints Day. They performed a mass called All Hallows Mass and the night before became known as All Hallows E'en and eventually Halloween or Hallowe'en.

The very first Jack O'Lantern was made out of hollowed out turnips.

Jerry Ayers is the fastest pumpkin carver in the world. He carved a pumpkin in 37 seconds.

Ring a bell scares evil spirits away. If you see a spider on Halloween night, legend has it, it may be a dead loved one watching over you.

All journeys on Halloween, must be finished before sunset. Travelers carried a piece of bread crossed with salt to keep them safe.

At Halloween, nuts were used as magic charms.