

# Titan Chronicle

Twin River High School

The news you need to stay informed!

September 24, 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 September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Genoa Site.

Five Board Members, three administrators, and nine visitors were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting a Budget Hearing was conducted at 7:00 PM and a Tax Request Hearing was held at 7:20 PM.

The Agenda, Minutes of the Meeting, Treasurer and Financial Reports were approved. August General Fund claims: \$199,233.09

Administration Reports: (1) Student numbers in all grades were presented; (2) Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 16-17<sup>th</sup>; (3) Silver Creek Administration Schedule presented; (4) Homecoming is the Week of Sept. 22-26; (5) Landscaping, painting, and gutters to be installed at the Silver Creek site; (6) Promethean Boards are operating and popular with students and staff; and (7) A para has been hired for the Pre-K.

Eight Letters of Interest for the Board vacancy were received. Eight interviews will be scheduled

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and questions developed.

Motion and second to approve BOE Policies 212 (Policy Development) and 213 (Real Estate Authority) with no changes. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the Budget as presented. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the Property Tax Request Resolution. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to move BOE Policy 214 (Powers and Duties) to second reading. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the State Dept. of Education certified Technology Plan. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the Bus Resolution. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve the Wrestling Co-op Application with Columbus for 2009-2011. Five ayes, carried.

Motion and second to approve credit hours for Mrs. Shanle and Mr. Stalder. Five ayes, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM after motion and second. Five ayes, carried.

The next regular meeting will be October 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Fitness Center Conference Room in Genoa.

## BENEFIT HELD FOR OSANTOWSKI FAMILY

A community benefit was held on Sunday, September 14, 2008 in the Twin River cafeteria for the Osantowski family.

14 year old Ricardo "Ricky" Osantowski and 47 year old Tracy Holmstedt died as the result of a house fire. Ricky was a freshman at Twin River High School and Tracy attended Genoa High School.



*Ricky Osantowski*

The fire destroyed all of the family's property.

Over 300 people were served a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs. This benefit was hugely successful as the result of all the generous people from the Genoa, Monroe and Silver Creek communities.

Mindy Swanson and Lori Swantek organized the event. Both are members of the Genoa Rescue Squad and are employees of Twin River Public Schools. They decided to put together a benefit as a way to give back to a family that had lost so much.

With only a few meetings, people started showing up in large numbers to volunteer wherever needed. All the food and supplies were donated, so the entire proceeds will go to the Osantowski family.

Those businesses and individuals that donated were: Genoa National Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Farmer's State Bank, Central Valley Ag, Genoa Lions Club, AJ's, Heritage Tractor Association, Don Kiser, and Dan & Chris Parry. The Twin River FBLA, Twin River FCCLA, Twin River Freshman Class, Genoa Lions and over 30 volunteers joined together to help raise over \$3,000. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!



*A large crowd attended the Osantowski family benefit held in the high school cafeteria.*

## NEW PROMETHEAN BOARDS IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

By Taylor Hellbusch

This is the third year Twin River Public School has purchased new Promethean boards. Mr. Graff was impressed by Promethean Technology while at a superintendent's meeting at ESU.

"I believed that they would enhance our schools curriculum," he said. "All reports show that this indeed is the case. They are a great investment."

There are new promethean boards in Miss Rogers 6th grade, Mrs. Wattiers and also Mrs. Kuntz classroom. Mrs. Shanle has a "Smart Board" in her classroom. There are also 8 other promethean boards, one in classrooms of Mr. Andreasen, Mr. Sidwell, Mr. Stalder, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Strain, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Linden and Miss Peter.

Mrs. Wattier said the Promethean boards are effective in her classroom. "The board keeps things in the class exciting, yet prosperous."

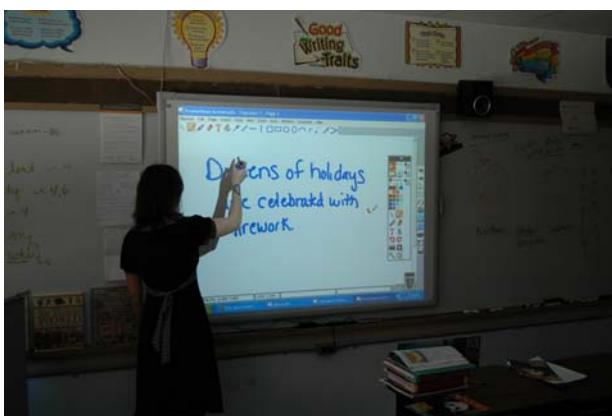
Miss Rogers agreed. She said she was able to scan written work to her computer and show it on the promethean board. "We examined the piece studying the six traits of writing, made corrections on the board together. I didn't have time to make copies for everyone so it worked out very well and we were still able to do the project as a class."

Mrs. Shanle has a Smart board in her room and she said you can use it with your hands instead of a special pen. "I got my Smart board with grant money from business consortium."

The Promethean boards and Smart boards are improving education at Twin River.



*Mrs. Shanle, top photo, stands beside her new Smart Board, acquired through a grant.*



*Miss Rogers, bottom photo, uses her Promethean Board with her sixth grade class.*

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## HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES BRING OUT THE SCHOOL SPIRIT IN TWIN RIVER STUDENTS

Although press time for the Chronicle came before we could publish photos from each days activity, the staff did manage to snap a few photos.

On Monday, students were asked to dress in their class color. Seniors were black, juniors dressed in white, sophomores wore blue, freshman were red, eighth grade was orange, 7th grade was green. Grade school all wore yellow.

On Tuesday, it was 1970's-80's dress up day. The school was suddently transformed into tie-dye and the set of Flashdance.

On Wednesday, students were asked to fake an injury.

On Thursday, it was "dress like your favorite character" day.

Friday was simply Titan Spirit Day. School will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. and there will a community Pep Rally at 1:00 in the high school gym.

The Homecoming Royalty will be crowned Friday night following the Twin River and David City football game in Silver Creek.

Candidates are Casey Olson, Kayla Mohr, Courtney Cave, Cortney Czapl and Taylor Anderson. Boys candidates are Tyler Gray, Dustin Graham, Blake Cruise, Mitch Reed and Logan Morris.

The Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday night in the small gym at the Genoa Site.



### ADVICE COLUMN: *Three Blind Mice*

Do you have any relationship problems?  
How about school scandals?  
Do you have a problem that you need advice on?  
The 3 Blind Mice are to the rescue.

We are here to help you with your everyday problems.

All you need to do is leave a slip of paper with your dilemma in one of the boxes located in the high school media center, the downstairs office, or the upstairs office.

A panel of self-proclaimed specialists will break down the problem and help you find the solution.

The questions and answers will be featured in the Titan Chronicle and left anonymous.

We hope to receive your questions and help out as much as we can.

### HOW SOME TWIN RIVER STUDENTS AND STAFF SPENT THEIR SUMMER

By Brandi Ray

Summer is finally over and we are starting school!

I was curious about what people did over the summer. I interviewed four seniors, four juniors, one sophomore, two freshmen, and one teacher over what they did this summer.

Senior Courtney Cave had a busy summer that made the time pass quickly. "I played a lot of softball and basketball and went to Girls State, went on a mission trip, and went to Chicago on the band trip."

Denni Mitchell did some traveling this past summer, saying she "...went to Chicago with the band, and went to D.C. for Close Up."

Lorna Boyd spent her summer working. "I worked at the café but I really didn't do anything exciting."

Senior Tabatha Ronnfeldt was packing and unpacking. "I moved from Kentucky back to Genoa, why I don't know."

Taylor Hellbusch said his summer was really pretty uneventful. "I worked at the café and I hung out with people."

James Noecker found employment, at least for part of the summer. "I didn't do much. I worked at a pig farm and then quit."

Taylor Eggli said he spent the summer in Omaha.

Spencer Morris said he went to Utah on a Christian youth group trip, got a job mowing, and spent a lot of time playing baseball, basketball and lifting weights for football. "I showed animals at the fair, too."

Paige Pacsoza said sports took a lot of her time this summer. "I played softball, basketball and lifted weights."

Evan Fowler said the highlight of his summer was a trip to Las Vegas.

Kammie Kelly worked at the nursing home and babysat for a couple of families and hung out with her boyfriend.

Mr. Morris said his summer was "basketball, basketball and more basketball with baseball thrown in for good measure."

So what did you do last summer?

#### OF SUMMER, IT'S BEEN SAID...

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart. ~Celia Thaxter

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. ~John Lubbock

*When I was on my way to the podium a gentleman stopped me and said I was as good a politician as I was an actor. What a cheap shot. - Arnold Schwarzenegger*

*Dance as though no one is watching you; love as though you have never been hurt before, sing as though no one can hear you, live as though heaven is on earth. - Alfred Souza*

## LOOKING FOR A GREAT BOOK TO READ?

By Denni Mitchell

Looking for a good book to read? These are the top five books for children and teens according to Time Magazine and the American Library Association respectively.

### Top 5 Children's Books:

1. *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything* by Elise Broach, illustrated by David Small

No child likes being stuck with Mom as she runs boring errands around town, but when the stores are giving out a free dinosaur with every purchase, what starts out as a boring chore soon becomes a young boy's most incredible dream come true.

2. *Today I will Fly!* by Mo Willems

This early reader features two lovable and funny characters: an optimistic (and sometimes reckless) pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant. In *Today I will Fly!* Piggie wants to fly, but Gerald knows that she cannot...or can she?

3. *Motherbridge of Love* illustrated by Josee Masse

This beautiful poem celebrates the bond between parent and child in a special way. Through the exchanges between a little Chinese girl and her mother, *Motherbridge of Love* offers a poignant and inspiring message to parents and children all over the world.

4. *Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts

Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials. But hey! What's wrong with a tower built of diapers?

5. *Great Joy* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

It is just before Christmas when an organ grinder and monkey appear on the street corner outside Frances's apartment. Frances can see them from her window and, sometimes, when it's quiet, she can hear their music. In fact, Frances can't stop thinking about them, especially after she sees the man and his monkey sleeping outside on the cold street at midnight. When the day of the Christmas pageant arrives, and it's Frances's turn to speak, everyone waits silently. But all Frances can think about is the organ grinder's sad eyes—until, just in time, she finds the perfect words to share.

### Top books for teens:

1. *Eclipse* by Stephanie Meyer

In the third installment of "The Twilight Saga," Bella continues her struggle in determining what life direction to take and with whom. She is pulled romantically in one direction by vampire Edward and in the other direction toward her long time friend Jake who is a werewolf. Decisions must be made as Bella prepares to graduate from high school and move forward in her life as an immortal. Tension is high and charged with emotion as Bella grapples with choices that will result in decisions that will affect her into eternity.

2. *Before I Die* by Jenny Downham

Tessa, who has terminal cancer, creates a list of then things she wants to do in the months she has left to live. This fierce and devastating novel explores end-of-life realities with honesty and grace.

3. *The Sweet Far Thing* by Libba Bray

The third and final book in the Gemma Doyle trilogy wraps up all the loose ends. Gemma is continuing to both grow in power and come under attack in "the Realms," the magical world she and her friends visit. While the late 1800's finishing school she attends with her friends is attempting to shape them into proper ladies, forces far more strong are shaping Gemma in the Realms. Gemma also continues her relationship with Kartik. Some will die, while others change their destiny.

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4. *Tamar* by Mal Peet

If your name was on a box given to you after your secretive grandfather's death, would you open it immediately? Or would you be afraid of what it might hold? Tamar waits a bit to open her box, then is plunged into her grandfather's world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland during WWII. She and her cousin must delve deeply into the clues left by her grandfather to find the truth of what happened years ago. Love, passion, mystery, and tragedy all play out masterfully against the backdrop of WWII.

5. *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

In the future, being a troubled teen means something worse than being sent to a boot camp to get straightened out. Abortion is illegal, but when a child is between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, a parent may choose to retroactively "abort" the child through "unwinding," in which their body parts are harvested for use by other people. Connor, Risa, and Lev, who are all scheduled to be unwound, are literally running for their lives: if they can evade capture and survive until the age of 18, they will be spared a terrible fate.

## TWIN RIVER CLOSE-UP STUDENTS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C.

By Paige Eaton

Eight Twin River students traveled to Washington D.C. for Close Up 2008 on June 22 through June 28.

Close up is when a group of students go to Washington D.C. and learn about the interworkings of the government and about politics. The students learned about laws and how bills are passed.

The students were Denni Mitchell, Tiffany Hagerbaumer, Grant Engel, Aaron Rohde, Taylor Eggli, Blake Kruse, Ryan Clausen, Zack Czarnick and Mr. Rohde. Students traveled to the capital and the outlying buildings. They went to the war and presidential memorials in Washington D.C. They also visited the Holocaust Museum. The most interesting thing Denni Mitchell went to was the Newseum. The Newseum is dedicated to news and media stories. "It was awesome!"

The money for the trip wasn't difficult to raise with all the opportunities the students had. The students got some donations but most of the money was raised through fundraisers. The fundraiser were things such as concession stands and selling food and other products through a company. If the students sold the products and helped with concessions there wasn't much at the end that they had to pay.

Denni also said that Close Up was a lot of fun and would encourage other students to participate as well. "You get to meet a lot of people and experience things that you wouldn't otherwise."

## FCCLA AT TWIN RIVER TEACHES SKILLS NEEDED BY SOCIETY

By Lorna Boyd & James Noecker

According to the literature provided by the group, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and deal with important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

At Twin River, FCCLA is a 7-12th grade organization and currently has 41 total members, 14 of which are new.

Mrs. Konwinski is the sponsor of FCCLA, Sadie Rosno-President, Tiana Krance-Vice President, Amanda Sutton-Secretary, and Alannah Melcher-Historian.

Mrs. Konwinski explained that, "FCCLA is an organization where our focus is helping the community, the school, and the individual students."

Students can compete at District and State levels if they participate in Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) events. Last year two groups from the Twin River FCCLA competed at State level, held in Lincoln, in STAR events.

Activities FCCLA have done in the past for the school include providing mugs for staff, making Christmas treats for teachers and sponsoring a Junior High dance every year.

During FCCLA week, students can participate in contests and win prizes. The FCCLA also delivers the secret admirer Valentine carnations on Valentine's Day.

The next organizational meeting will be on September 22, 2008 in the cafeteria. The meeting will thoroughly explain all of the upcoming activities FCCLA will be participating in including a break-fast fund raiser for the Osantowski family, working concession stands and competing in STAR events.

In regards to the meeting, Mrs. Konwinski said, "FCCLA will be organizing for the District Fall Leadership Conference that will be held on October 15, 2008 in Albion."

Just recently, Amanda Sutton and Sadie Rosno attended a Fall Leadership Conference in Aurora on September 7th and 8th. This conference was held to give area officers new ideas to use at the District and Local levels.



Past FCCLA members give presentation.



Close-up students pictured with Senator Chuck Hagel include (backrow, left to right) Ryan Clausen, Aaron Rohde, Blake Cruise and Grant Engel. (Front row, left to right) Zach Czarnick, Tiffany Hagerbaumer, Senator Hagel, Denni Mitchell, Taylor Eggli and sponsor, Mr. Rohde.

## CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

By Tabatha Ronnfeldt  
& Kammie Kelly

At the beginning of the year each class nominates and then elects class officers. Elections are held on the first day of school.

Class officers will help organize fundraisers and help make decisions regarding class projects, and other things that involve the class as a whole.

This year the class officers are:

**7th Grade:** Preston Nelson, Kaedon Hastreiter, and Dylan Preister.

**8th Grade:** Brent Parry, Carter Cuba, and Amber Preister.

**Freshman:** Taylor Kirby, Zach Czapla, Shelbi Oberhauser, and Ben Cromwell.

**Sophomores:** Rachael Clausen, Zach Lewis, and Blaine Konwinski.

**Juniors:** Nathan Gay, Tyler Kaup, Kirsten Wilcox, and Courtney Gottsch.

**Seniors:** Cory Pilakowski, Casey Olson, and Morgan Tassler.

## THE ULTIMATE LIST OF CLASSIC MOVIES

By Denni Mitchell

There have been a lot of great movies over the years. The next time you are bored, try to find a classic movie on television, or rent one.

Here are the top 25 movies of all time, according to the American Film Institute.

1. "Citizen Kane" 1941. Starring Joseph Cotten, Dorothy Comingore, Agnes Moorehead.
2. "The Godfather" 1972. Starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan.
3. "Casablanca" 1942. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid.
4. "Raging Bull" 1980. Starring Robert De Niro, Cathy Moriarty, Joe Pesci.
5. "Singin' in the Rain" 1952. Starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds.
6. "Gone with the Wind" 1939. Starring Clark Gable, Thomas Mitchell, Barbara O'Neil, Vivien Leigh.
7. "Lawrence of Arabia" 1962. Starring Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Omar Sharif, David Lean.
8. "Schindler's List" 1993. Starring Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes.
9. "Vertigo" 1958. Starring James Stewart and Kim Novak.
10. "The Wizard of Oz" 1939. Starring Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger.
11. "City Lights" 1931. Starring Virginia Cherrill, Florence Lee, Harry Myers.
12. "The Searchers" 1956. Starring John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter, Vera Miles.
13. "Star Wars" 1977. Starring Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher.
14. "Psycho" 1960. Starring Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles.
15. "2001: A Space Odyssey" 1968. Starring Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, William Sylvester.
16. "Sunset Boulevard" 1950. Starring William Holden, Gloria Swanson, Erich von Stroheim.
17. "The Graduate" 1967. Starring Anne Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman, Katharine Ross.
18. "The General" 1927. Starring Marion Mack, Glen Cavender, Jim Farley.
19. "On the Waterfront" 1954. Starring Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb.
20. "It's a Wonderful Life" 1946. Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore.
21. "Chinatown" 1974. Starring Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston.
22. "Some Like it Hot" 1959. Starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon.
23. "The Grapes of Wrath" 1940. Starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine.
24. "E.T.—The Extra Terrestrial" 1982. Starring Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace, Robert MacNaughton.
25. "To Kill a Mockingbird" 1962. Starring Gregory Peck, John Megna, Frank Overton.

The next time you start craving a good movie, look for one of these classics to entertain you. As you make up your mind about the movies keep this quote by Roger Ebert in mind, "Every great film should seem new every time you see it."

## MEET THE 2008-09 CHAOS DANCE TEAM

By Casey Olson

Jumping, turning, kicking, smiling, and having fun are what Chaos is all about.

The Chaos dance team is at it again: practicing, performing, and entertaining the crowd at home games.

Team members are Senior-Casey Olson; Juniors -Alyse Andreasen, Rebecca Johnson, Courtney Gottsch, Paola Arizmendi; Sophomore-Kelsey Cherry; Freshman-Maria Murillo.

Chaos is coached by Roxanne Olson. She said the girls fundraised this summer to purchase new dance bags, jackets to perform in, and camouflage shorts.

Chaos started practicing in late July to prepare routines for the fall home games. Practice takes place about two times a week which is difficult to schedule around seven busy high school girls.

The Chaos dance team hopes to perform at every home football and basketball game this year. They would like to perform for the residents at the

CVCV and compete at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition.

Coach Rox said that Chaos has a lot of hip hop routines this year to perform, which the girls love. They also hope to perform a kick line dance.

In conclusion Coach Rox said, "They are a lot of fun to be around and great girls to work with!"



Members of the Chaos Dance team pictured above include (back row, left to right) Kelsey Cherry, Maria Murillo, Paola Arizmendi and Courtney Gottsch. Middle row (left to right) Alyse Andreasen and Rebecca Johnson, and front row, Casey Olson.

## THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Submitted by Mr. Dan Koziol  
Twin River Guidance Counselor

The senior year is a very exciting, busy time in the life of students and parents.

There are many activities which involve deadlines and solid organization on the part of the senior so as to avoid unnecessary stress and frustration.

One step in being organized is to maintain a senior calendar with important deadlines and dates.

The information to be placed on the calendar will be available at various points during the year, allowing the calendar to be a current usable tool for seniors and parents.

Another important part of successfully mastering senior year tasks is the completion of numerous forms and applications.

It is very important for the paperwork to be done thoroughly and neatly so that the final copy is a very positive, accurate representation of the student.

It is equally important for seniors to be able to deal with distractions that accompany the senior year and focus on the most immediate goal of successfully graduating from Twin River Public School.

Being organized and meeting deadlines will help pave the way to a successful, satisfying year for seniors and parents.

Below is a checklist you can use to make sure deadlines and goals are met in a timely fashion.

### COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR FALL (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_ Schedule a conference with your counselor. This may include some general plans or an outline for your senior year. Make sure you are taking the right courses to get into college. Consider taking a course at a local college for college and high school credit. If you are an athlete who plans on playing a sport or receiving an athletic scholarship at a Division I or II college, make sure you have registered with the NCAA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Keep up your studies. Colleges will request grades from your entire senior year so don't slack off.

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue to be involved in activities and to develop leadership skills. Share your time and

energy with volunteer community organizations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take appropriate college entrance tests (specifically ACT). This should be your final time for taking the ACT. Keep in mind that some select colleges request an achievement test. Get study guide materials from your counselor, library, or on the internet. Definitely take time to practice for these entrance tests.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review scholarship options in the current scholarship file and complete applications that have fall due dates.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visit colleges you might wish to attend. Set up an appointment for a campus visit. If possible, select days when high school is not in session; then you will not have to miss your classes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with college representatives who visit Twin River High School.

\_\_\_\_\_ Obtain and fill out college applications. Applications for many public Nebraska colleges are available from the Guidance Office or on their websites. If you apply online, make certain you inform your counselor so he/she can send an official transcript. If you can't locate an application, ask your counselor for assistance. It is highly recommended that all college applications be sent in prior to Christmas vacation!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Think about which teachers you will select to write your college and scholarship recommendations. Always be considerate of teacher's time. Try to provide teachers and counselors ten days to two weeks lead time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assemble your personal resume. Make sure your resume stresses your strengths, activities, recognition, interests, and goals. This resume will help your recommenders and it will help you fill out applications.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend the Financial Aid Meeting which will be Monday, November 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Genoa, in the Twin River cafeteria. Bring your parents with you.

In each edition of the Chronicle, we will try to keep you up to date on scholarships and other things of importance to ensure that you are able to meet deadlines with plenty of notice.

## SIXTH GRADE CLASS WILL VISIT ZOO'S IMAX THEATER

By Taylor Hellbusch

Through the administration, a private sponsor is paying for the 6th grade classes to go on a field trip and they will be viewing an IMAX film at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

"To participate we had to be a classified school wide Title I," said Miss Rogers. The sponsor is also providing an \$85 gas voucher.

The Genoa & Silver Creek classes are attending the IMAX film 3D Sea Monsters. "It's always a lot of fun, and for some of us it's the first time going. Students are always well behaved," said Miss Rogers.

October 22nd will be the day they will be going to Omaha.

## KEEPING SCHOOL SPIRIT ALIVE AT TRHS!

By Casey Olson, Brandi Ray  
& Tabatha Ronnfeldt

In one word they are described as dynamite by their coach. They are seen on the sidelines at every football and basketball game. Smiling, jumping, and most of all cheering is what they do best. The cheerleaders at Twin River High School are full of spirit, and are ready for the 2008-2009 sport seasons.

The Twin River cheerleading squad consists of Senior—Casey Olson; Juniors—Alyse Andreasen, Rebecca Johnson, Courtney Gottsch, Kirsten Wilcox; Sophmores—Kelsey Cherry, Jessica Anderson, Alannah Melcher; Freshmen—Abbi Nelson, Maria Murillo.

Coach Roxanne Olson is excited about the squad because the girls are enthusiastic and are fun to be around. There are five veterans and five newbies. The cheerleaders are paired up into “Cheer buddies” where the veterans teach the newbies the ropes.

Mrs. Olson is known as Coach Rox by her cheerleaders. Expectations she has for the cheerleaders are, “To promote school spirit and be positive ambassadors for our school.” They also hope to compete at the State Cheer Competition in Grand Island at the end of February.

During the summer the Titan Cheerleaders hosted a NCA Cheer Camp conducted by the captain of the UNL cheer squad. The girls did team bonding activities, learned jumps, chants, and cheers. Team unity was also formed during their fundraising they did throughout the summer.

Cheer practices are usually one to one and a half hours long. At practice the cheerleaders work on jumps, sideline cheers, crowd cheers, the school song dance, pep rally planning, and spirit dances. Coach Rox said, “No two practices are the same, but we always try to mix in a little fun too!”

To improve school spirit the Titan cheerleaders have many new plans. They held a community pep rally at the beginning of school for coaches to introduce their teams and talk about the upcoming seasons. During basketball, the cheerleaders will name a “fan of the game” and honor them with a poster in the lobby. “You’ll have to come to the games and listen to announcements to see what else is in store,” said Coach Rox.

Coach Rox said she tries to push her cheerleaders to be the best they can be. She reminds them that, “...somewhere in the stands there is a little girl who wants to be just like you. Don’t let her down.”



2008-09 Titan Cheerleaders pictured above, back row left to right, Maria Murillo, Abbi Nelson, Rebecca Johnson, Kelsey Cherry, and Jessica Anderson. Front row, from left to right, Alyse Andreasen, Casey Olson, Courtney Gottsch, Kirsten Wilcox and Alannah Melcher.

## ANIMAL CRUELTY

By Brandi Ray

It can and does happen everywhere...animal abuse. It can happen in homes with pets, in zoos, at circuses and even to wild animals.

20% of all intentional animal cruelty crimes are committed by teenagers. Some think it’s fun to torture animals. Other kids, 25% of teens according to statistics, abuse animals because they are abused or neglected themselves.

75% of serial killers had earlier records of animal cruelty. Children who purposely torture animals need help.

85% of homes where there is human abuse, there is also animal abuse.

If you witness animal cruelty, call the police or the Humane Society and help the animal.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## Attention Seniors and Senior Parents:

We want to include ALL seniors in this section...but the staff cannot write stories unless the information sheets are filled out and returned to us. That is YOUR responsibility. If the spotlight questionnaires and a senior picture are not turned into our staff, the story will not be written.

**Bottomline:** Get the questionnaire and a picture to us if you want to be featured in the Senior Spotlight. (We can scan and return the picture.)

## KATIE THE KID STAROSTKA

By Kelsey Cherry

It’s the last day on earth, what does Katie Starostka do? “Ride her horse because there’s no tomorrow.”

Katie Christine Starostka is the daughter of Charles and Chris. She has two sisters, Jenny and Kelsey, and one brother, Jesse. She has three dogs, Champ, Roo, and Sadie Jo, and three horses, Kate, Chance, and Stormy. She says her most annoying habit is, “I have to have everything even. Like strings on a sweatshirt and I only like even numbers.”

Katie names her best high school memory as, “animal science class my sophomore year. Somehow we ended up putting my saddle on Ethan Kershaw and then Patric Euse got on the saddle. It was pretty funny.”

Katie says that the one thing she will miss the most about high school is seeing her friends everyday.

In ten years Katie sees herself owning a ranch and settling down with a hot cowboy.

Katie names Lane Frost as one person that she would want to meet because he made rodeo history.

She also says that if she could for back or forward in time that she would go to the old west because she loves to ride horses and that’s all they did. “I think it would be really neat.”

Katie also says that one thing she cannot live without is horses and if stranded on an island three things she would bring are her horse, water, and her dog.



Senior Katie Starostka loves riding her horses...

### KATIE’S ODDS & ENDS

Rich or Famous: Famous

First Crush: Justin McBride

Weirdest thing eaten: Snails

Food: Pierogies

Drink: Sunkist

Color: Pink

TV Show: Wildfire

Movie: Flicka

Song: Heading to the Rodeo by Colby Yates

Restaurant: Bubba Gump

Store: Cheyenne Home in Wyoming

*There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.*

~Winston Churchill

## NEW TWIN RIVER FBLA DISCOUNT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Submitted by Rebecca Johnson  
Twin River FBLA Reporter

Purchase your new Twin River FBLA discount card today and start saving money. The cards become effective September 1 and offer savings from 25 surrounding businesses.

These cards can be used over and over from September 1, 2008 through September 1, 2009.

The funds raised from the sale of discount cards are used to support Twin River FBLA members, as well as community and district projects throughout the school year.

Twin River FBLA appreciates the support of the following businesses who offered coupon offerings on our 2008-2009 discount card:

Genoa: Val Smith, Mary Kay Consultant; Connelly’s Floral and Gifts; AJ’s of Genoa; Genoa Pizza Parlor; Sharon’s Tanning; Genoa Florist; Carol’s Cutting Creations; Hillside Photography by Karen Whitlow; and Pump and Pantry.

Monroe: Photographic Memories  
Silver Creek: Town Mart and Vine Street Café  
Columbus: Long John Silvers; Godfather’s Pizza; HyVee; Westbrook Lanes; Pizza Hut; Valentino’s; A & W; McDonald’s; Subway; Sapp Brothers Travel Center; Taco John’s; Goc’s Photography; and Nebraska Sports of Columbus.

Please support the Twin River FBLA members by purchasing a discount card. You can contact our

advisers, Mrs. Jacobi or Mrs. Shanle, at Twin River High School at 993-2911 or purchase one from any FBLA member.

Each card only sells for \$8, and it will not take you long to earn your money back with all of the great coupon offerings.

Get you card today and start saving. The cards will go in a hurry and when they are sold there will be no additional printings of the card.

## ART STUDENTS MAY HAVE WORK POSTED ONLINE

By Tabatha Ronnfeldt  
& Kammie Kelly

Coming soon...Twin River artists online.

That’s one of the goals of Twin River art instructor, Miss McIntosh, to post some students art work on her class webpage so the public is able to view student work.

“Having the artwork online would give a lot of different people a chance to see what talented kids we have here at Twin River.” she said. Students seem to agree it’s a good idea posting the work on the internet.

Lorna Boyd says she thinks it would be a great idea. “Normally we hang our art work in the cafeteria or in the classroom, not a lot of people get to see them.” Boyd said. “This would allow a lot more people to see our work, like relatives who live a long ways away and don’t get to our school.”

## 2008-2009 FBLA LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Submitted by Rebecca Johnson  
Twin River FBLA Reporter

The Twin River FBLA Chapter has nominated and voted in the Leadership Teams for the 2008-09 school year.

Co-Presidents—Meshelle Urban and Alyse Andreasen

Co-Vice Presidents—Brittany Preister and Nathan Gay

Recording Secretary—Tiffany Hagerbaumer  
Corresponding Secretary—Amanda Sutton  
Treasurers—Brandon Drozd and Jonathan Anson

Reporter/Public Relations—Rebecca Johnson  
Co-Historians—Ashley Kelly, Casey Olson, and Alyssa Stankoski

Newsletter Chairs—Taeler Gee, Nikki Blaser, and Rachel Clausen

Parliamentarians and Winner's Circle Chairs—Kristen Wilcox and Kirstin Cromwell

Community Service Chairs—Courtney Cave and Cortney Czaplá

Partnership With Business Chairs—Stephanie Seely and Jackie Engstrom

Web Site Chairs—Steven Thiem and Matthew Nissen

Program of Work Chairs—Curtis Wyman and Kelsey Cherry

Advisers—Mrs. Jacobi and Mrs. Shanle

## PUTTING LEADERSHIP INTO ACTION

Submitted by Rebecca Johnson  
Twin River FBLA Reporter

Abraham Lincoln knew that “a goal properly set is halfway reached,” and the beginning of the school year is a perfect time to set your goals.

The Twin River FBLA Leadership team has taken the time to devise an action plan and comprehensive program of work for the 2008-2009 school year.

As officers met on August 6, an active program of work was planned that will be our chapter's guide to achieving many goals throughout the year.

Because strong membership is needed to be successful, our first goal is recruitment. Work has been done with the officers and our advisers to develop ways to promote FBLA throughout our school and communities.

FBLA has lots to offer: leadership development, networking connections, amazing conferences, challenging competitive events, as well as scholarship opportunities.

FBLA can also help students transition into high school by offering them the ability to get involved and make new friends.

It is also an excellent way to get involved with numerous school and community projects which provide another avenue of learning.

Networking with local and area businesses in the development of rewarding partnerships is also another very important part of our chapter's activities.

FBLA has many opportunities for students. Take action now and get involved by becoming a FBLA member. Through FBLA and your active involvement, you can letter just like an athlete or band member can at Twin River High School.

Plan your activities to involve school and community service, fundraising, as well as leadership and professional development activities, and you will be well on your way to making a difference in your communities.

FBLA is an organization that has so much to offer not only on the local level but also on the state and national levels. There are leadership awards available to apply for on both the state and national levels.

Make it your goal to achieve an award this year and to receive state and national recognition. The active program of work established by the Twin River FBLA officers and advisers will allow you to “Get the Edge” through FBLA.

Now it is up to you to get involved. Remember, with FBLA, the future is yours to create.

## TWIN RIVER FBLA MEMBERS PUT THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ACTION AT NATIONAL FBLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BY WINNING 11 NATIONAL AWARDS

What an experience representing the state of Nebraska and competing at a National Future Business Leaders of America Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 25-June 30. The national and state theme for the year was “FBLA: Leadership in Action.” Twin River national FBLA competitors at the 2008 National Leadership Conference were:

Alyse Andreasen—daughter of Scotty and Jolene Andreasen; Nathan Gay—son of Todd Gay and Judy Conley; Rebecca Johnson—daughter of Dan and Tammy Johnson; Melissa Kietzke—daughter of Kirk and Jane Kietzke; Rachael Longtin—daughter of Kathy Renken; Courtney Mahoney—daughter of Marc and Bobbi Mahoney; Casey Olson—daughter of Bruce and Roxanne Olson; Breana Prosocki—daughter of Randy and Seena Prosocki; Kevin Shanle—son of Dan and Betty Shanle; Kelsey Swantek—daughter of Brad and Lori Swantek; Lauren Swertzig—daughter of Tim and Lori Swertzig; and Meshelle Urban—daughter of Peggy Urban and Richard Urban.

Kevin Shanle served as the March of Dimes Coordinator for Twin River FBLA this past year. The March of Dimes is a FBLA national project. Our chapter works hard to support the March of Dimes Mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Monthly activities are implemented along with a chapter commitment of raising money to support the important work of the March of Dimes. Twin River FBLA was the top FBLA fundraiser chapter from the Mountain Plains region and received third place as the top FBLA fundraising chapter in the nation. A special thank you to the Twin River elementary students for their participation in the March of Dimes WonderWalk as well as individuals who supported Twin River's March of Dimes activities.

Kevin Shanle, Kelsey Swantek, and Meshelle Urban prepared Twin River's Local Annual Report for competition and were awarded the 2008 Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Award of Merit Award. This award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and developed a program of work identified with the goals of FBLA. Active local chapters must be nominated by the state FBLA chairman for this national program of work award.

Kimberly Johnson, Melissa Kietzke, Rachael Longtin, Courtney Mahoney, Breanna Prosocki, Lauren Swertzig, and Meshelle Urban received the highest national leadership award—the America Award. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have focused on the total FBLA program of leadership, business and academic skills, professional development, and school and community involvement. It required presentation of portfolio submission, which included a FBLA resume and verifying documentation of service, education, and progress activities completed. The hard work of these young people paid off in achieving the national America leadership award. Kimberly Johnson was unable to travel with the Twin River delegation to Atlanta, but our chapter proudly brought home her high honor award.

Courtney Mahoney competed in Word Processing II. Knowledge of computers and word processing concepts is vital to one's future both personally and professionally. This event provides recognition of FBLA members who can most effectively demonstrate formatting, document preparation, proofreading, and decision making. A timed skills production test along with an objective test was required for this event.

Alyse Andreasen competed in FBLA Principles and Procedures. This competition involved an objective test which contained knowledge and information about the FBLA association, the goals, creed, bylaws, and other facts found in the National Chapter Management Handbook, including competitive event information.

Rebecca Johnson and Casey Olson competed in the Partnership with Business Event. Rebecca and Casey prepared a report about the Twin River FBLA partnership with Genoa Florist. The purpose of this project is to learn about a business through communication and interaction with the business community. Ms. Tammy Johnson provided an excellent learning environment for all Twin River

FBLA members. Along with the written report, Rebecca and Casey gave an oral presentation and were involved in a question and answer session about the partnership.

Twin River FBLA was selected to give a March of Dimes presentation at the 2008 National Leadership Conference. Nathan Gay, Kevin Shanle, Lauren Swertzig, and Meshelle Urban presented to over 140 people. Their presentation was entitled, “It is In Giving That We Receive.” Their presentation helped FBLA members understand that volunteerism is all about giving. Twin River FBLA has been actively involved with the March of Dimes over the past several years as a state and national project. Twin River FBLA members have made their mark not only on the state level but also on the national level. The four presenters received excellent reviews.

The Twin River FBLA Chapter also received the prestigious Outstanding Chapter Award. Chapters are evaluated on their annual program of work. All of the projects that a chapter has planned and implemented are evaluated. This award encourages chapters to get involved in all aspects of the FBLA program. Not only does a chapter need to become actively involved in planning activities to reach state goals but also to organize activities to match national goals.

Areas of involvement include: leadership activities involving the chapter, state, and nation; community service projects; public visibility programs; membership recruitment; and projects originated by the chapter recognizing FBLA goals. Major project areas are then evaluated and the top chapters across the nation are awarded the Outstanding Chapter Award.

Another competitive event Twin River competed in this year was the Community Service Campaign event. This competition required chapters to submit a log of their community service hours for the past year. Twin River members work monthly with school and community projects and members are proud to be contributing and productive citizens within their communities. This past year Twin River FBLA volunteered over 18,000 hours of service. Twin River FBLA was the proud first place recipient of the 2008 FBLA Community Service Award for the Mountain Plains region. This was the second year for this competition and Twin River FBLA received first place both years. This can only happen through the active membership of our members as well as the networking connection our chapter has with school and community organizations as well as area businesses.

Twin River FBLA was also awarded the 2008 largest Local Chapter Professional Division Membership Award in the Mountain Plains region. Professional division members are made up of parents, school, community, and business leaders who support FBLA activities and projects. The support of these individuals to the Twin River Chapter is very important.

Our chapter would like to invite anyone to become a Professional Member and show their support to the youth of our organization. The cost is only \$23 for a one year membership which goes toward supporting the many projects that are available to FBLA members.

These outstanding awards could not have been attained without the active involvement of the entire membership of the Twin River FBLA Chapter.

The chapter would also like to thank the Genoa, Monroe, and Silver creek communities for the opportunity to form partnerships in working together on important projects that provide an educational learning experience for members that supplement classroom learning.

Thanks to the Twin River FBLA Chapter, Twin River School, and our communities for helping sponsor the Twin River competitors so that they were able to experience first hand a national competition.

Our chapter, school, community, and state can be proud of Twin River national competitor's accomplishments and their representation of our chapter and school.

The National FBLA Convention offered many workshops to help individuals grow into better business leaders. During the convention, participants were given the opportunity to tour many interesting and fun sites in Atlanta.

Mrs. Jacobi and Mrs. Shanle sponsored the competitors to the 2008 National FBLA Leadership Conference.

It was nice to have Judy Conley and Peggy Urban attend the convention and help oversee student activities.

# SPORTS

## TWIN RIVER FOOTBALL OFF TO GOOD START

### Titans get wins over Milford and Fullerton

The first three opponents the Twin River High School football team faced this season have a combined win-loss record of 6-3.

Pierce is the defending state champion and was ranked number one in C1 when their bus rolled into Silver Creek. They played like the defending state champions that night.

Pierce brought a tough defense with them and held the Titans to 108 yards rushing and 98 yard passing.

Dustin Graham and Zach Czarnick led the Titan Defense with 5 and 4 tackles respectively. The Pierce offense is potent, led by Division I prospect Eric Kohlmoos, as Pierce took the win 55-14.

Coach Linden knew Pierce would be one of the toughest team they would face. "We learned a lot from that game and it was good for the kids to see where they have to be to play at that level."

#### TITANS SHOW CHARACTER

The Titans would bounce back and win the next two games on the road. Twin River came from behind, trailing at half 14-10, to beat Milford 37-21.

Twin River amassed over 300 yards, with 240 of those yards coming on the ground, at Milford. It was a cold rainy night, the ball was slick and made the passing game difficult.

Mitch Reed carried the ball 18 times for 143 yards. Dustin Graham rushed 9 times for 98 yards. Graham also had 4 catches for 49 yards to lead the attack.

Defensively, Grant Engel had 8 tackles, including one sack. Graham also had a great defensive game, picking off 3 passes.

"Beating Milford was big for this program. They are young, but they are a good team. It is a step in the right direction and we showed we can run the ball effectively when we have to." Coach Linden said.

#### NANCE COUNTY CHAMPS

The Titans played rival Fullerton for the first time in many years and earned the bragging rights for Nance County with a 33-27 win.

Fullerton has a fast, explosive team and getting the win was not easy. It was Homecoming for the Warriors and despite falling behind late in the game, they refused to concede.

"Beating Fullerton and owning Nance County is a great feeling." Coach Linden said. "The players really stepped it up in the second half to take control of the game."

The Titans had a balanced attack, gaining 279 yards on the ground and another 217 in the air.

Mitch Reed again carried the load for the Titans, rushing 17 times for 140 yards. Tyler Sock carried the ball 4 times for 85 yards, including a long run in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Dustin Graham caught 9 passes for 135 yards and Cory Pilakowski caught 3 other balls for 65 yards.

Defensively, Graham had 14 tackles, 8 unassisted. Grant Engel turned in a good performance as well, with 8 tackles and 3 sacks. Tyler Sock had 8 tackles, also.

"It was just a good all around game for us." Coach Linden said. "We are getting better every game, and that was important because our district is very good."

Speaking of district play, the Titans open district play with a Homecoming game against an undefeated David City High School team. The Scouts have been impressive so far this season. Like the Titans, they have shown the ability to both pass and run the ball. Defensively, they have been tough to score on.

"David City is a good football team." Coach Linden said. "We have had a good week of practice, it's Homecoming...I think the boys will be ready to play."

## LADY TITANS GET BIG WIN OVER LAKEVIEW

### Team plays their best game of the year, avenging an earlier loss to the Viqueens

The Titan volleyball team improved their record to 8-5 with two wins at the Madison Triangular Thursday night.

The Titans defeated Madison in two sets, and then beat Lakeview 2-1.

The win over Lakeview was gratifying for the Titans, as the Viqueens defeated Twin River earlier in the season at the Scotus Invite.

Twin River Coach Julie Strain told the Telegram said the team's effort defensively impressed her. "I was really excited that our team played well defensively." She said. "We were down in all three sets in the Lakeview match and fought back hard for the wins."

Kirstin Cromwell led the Titans with 12 kills against Lakeview. Cortney Czaplá had 11 kills. Alyssa Stankoski had a good night as the setter, recording 26 assists.

Against the Dragons, Czaplá and Cromwell each had 10 kills. Stankoski had 22 setting assists, and Casey Olson's serve were hard to handle as she was had 10 aces, serving up 18 straight points.

## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAMS WINS OPENER

The Twin River Junior High Football team delivered a dominating defensive performance in a 20-6 win over arch-rival Fullerton Monday, September 22 in a game played at Fullerton.

The stingy Titan defense limited Fullerton to sweeps as the interior line and inside linebackers gave up little between the tackles. Fullerton's fast half back did score on a sweep late in the game on a play in which Twin River's Safety had a chance to make the play but was blocked inadvertently by the official. "Gus Cromwell was in a position to make a play but he got tangled up with the official. It happened...just one of those things." Coach Jeff Morris said. "We did a good job containing that back to that point...he is a good back, good speed. He got away from us that time."

Offensively, the Titans consistently moved the ball but were turned away from adding another score late in the game when they ran out of downs inside the 5 yard line.

"It was a good late game drive, we ate up a lot of clock." Coach Dan Koziol said. "We were hoping to pound the ball in but they blitzed and we were held for no gain."

Winds in excess of 35 miles per hour were blowing throughout the game, which made passing risky. "We pretty much kept it on the ground. We threw a couple of screens but that was about it." Coach Koziol said. "We stayed with the running game and really did well."

Brent Parry, Devon Korth and Izak Wilcynski each scored for the Titans.

34 boys comprise the Junior High team and all 34 saw action in the victory. "We have three offensive units and four defensive units and we play all of them." Coach Morris said. "We have a lot of confidence in the kids."

## 8TH GRADERS FINISH OFF SHELBY IN 3 SETS

By Casey Olson

Nerves kept the Titans from getting a good start, but they came out on top winning 25-8, 20-25, and 15-9. Sydnee Brandenburger got the lady Titans going in the first set with 5 straight serves. The score was 14-6 after Nichole Andreasen served 5, followed by Carter Cuba keeping the lead with 7 serves. Amber Preister's 2 serves ended the set at

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## SOFTBALL CONTINUES TO ROLL WITH SHUT-OUT WINS OVER HIGH PLAINS, O'NEILL

The first Two innings were scoreless, but the Titans would explode for 10 runs in the third and fourth innings, rolling over High Plains in a game played September 18 at Silver Creek.

Chelsea Jones was the winning pitching, allowing just three hits. She also helped her own cause by going 2 for 3 with a double and 4 RBI's.

Alyse Andreasen and Tanya Snyder each went 2 for 2 in the batter's box, with Snyder knocking in one run.

Courtney Cave and Kirsten Wilcox were each 2-3 hitting. Kayla Mohr was 1 for 2 at the plate, with a triple.

#### TITANS POP O'NEILL

The Titans traveled to O'Neill a few days later and the results were much the same...as the Titans earned a 8-0 shut out win.

This time, the Titans came out swinging and scored 4 runs in the first inning to lay the ground work.

Chelsea Jones gave up just two hits in the contest, continuing to be a dominate pitcher on the mound.

Batting, the Titans were led by Kayla Mohr's 2-3 performance with a double. Tanya Snyder also recorded a double.

## 7TH GRADE FALLS SHORT TO SHELBY

By Kelsey Cherry

The 7th grade volleyball team lost their opener to Shelby on September 10 at Shelby.

The Titans lost the first set 8-25, as it took 16 points before the girls started talking and moving their feet to get in front of the ball, Coach Pint said., "The first set was an eye opener for the girls."

The Titans fought back in the second set to win 25-17.

Sam Wattier served when the second rotation came around and gave the Titans the lead with four straight aces. Coach Pint also stated, "From there on we never looked back. There was better movement and communication."

The third set showed the continued improvement in movement.

Serve receive proved to be the culprit as the Titans failed to handle the Shelby serve with any consistency, falling 8-15.

Sam Wattier was 12 of 14 serving for the night and 8 of 13 in serve receive.

## ATTENTION COACHES

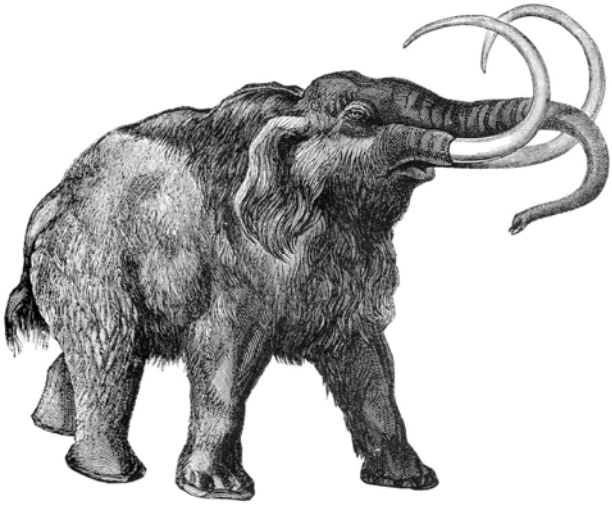
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25-8.

Both teams struggled with serve receive in the second set. Serving was a strength for the Titans going 17/20, but the Huskies won the set 20-25.

Coach Stankoski said, "The third set continued to improve the confidence the girls had built up during the first set." The Titans took the lead at 4-2 with Libby Wilcox having 4 strong serves. Poor serve receive on the Titan's side of the court brought Shelby closer at 13-9, but the Titans finished the game at 15-9 with 2 serves from Carter Cuba.

In conclusion Coach Stankoski said, "It was a good start. We have improved since last season."



## MAMMOTH JOKES

By Tabatha Ronnfeldt  
And Taylor Hellbusch

Q: Why did the great woolly mammoth cross the road?

A: Because they didn't have chickens in the ice age.

Q: What time is it when a great woolly mammoth sits on your igloo?

A: Time to build another igloo.

Q: What is huge, shaggy, has 16 feet and sounds terrible?

A: A mammoth barbershop quartet.

Q: What is huge and shaggy with tusks and horns?

A: The woolly mammoth marching band.

Q: What would you give to a mammoth that is having an anxiety attack?

A: Trunkquilizers!!!!

Q: What is shaggy, has a wand, huge wings, flies at night, and gives money to woolly mammoths?

A: The tusk fairy!!

Q: What do you call a squall hoot under a great woolly mammoth?

A: Flat!!

Q: What weighs 4 tons and has 16 wheels?

A: A mammoth on roller skates!!

Q: How do you know when a Mammoth is under your bed?

A: Your nose gets cold because it's squished against the top of your igloo.

Q: Why do Woolly Mammoths have trunks?

A: Because they'd look pretty silly with glove compartments.

Q: What is HUGE, has tusks, a long woolly coat, and is made of concrete?

A: I don't know.

Q: A Great Woolly Mammoth!

A: What about the concrete?

Q: We just threw that in to make the riddle hard!

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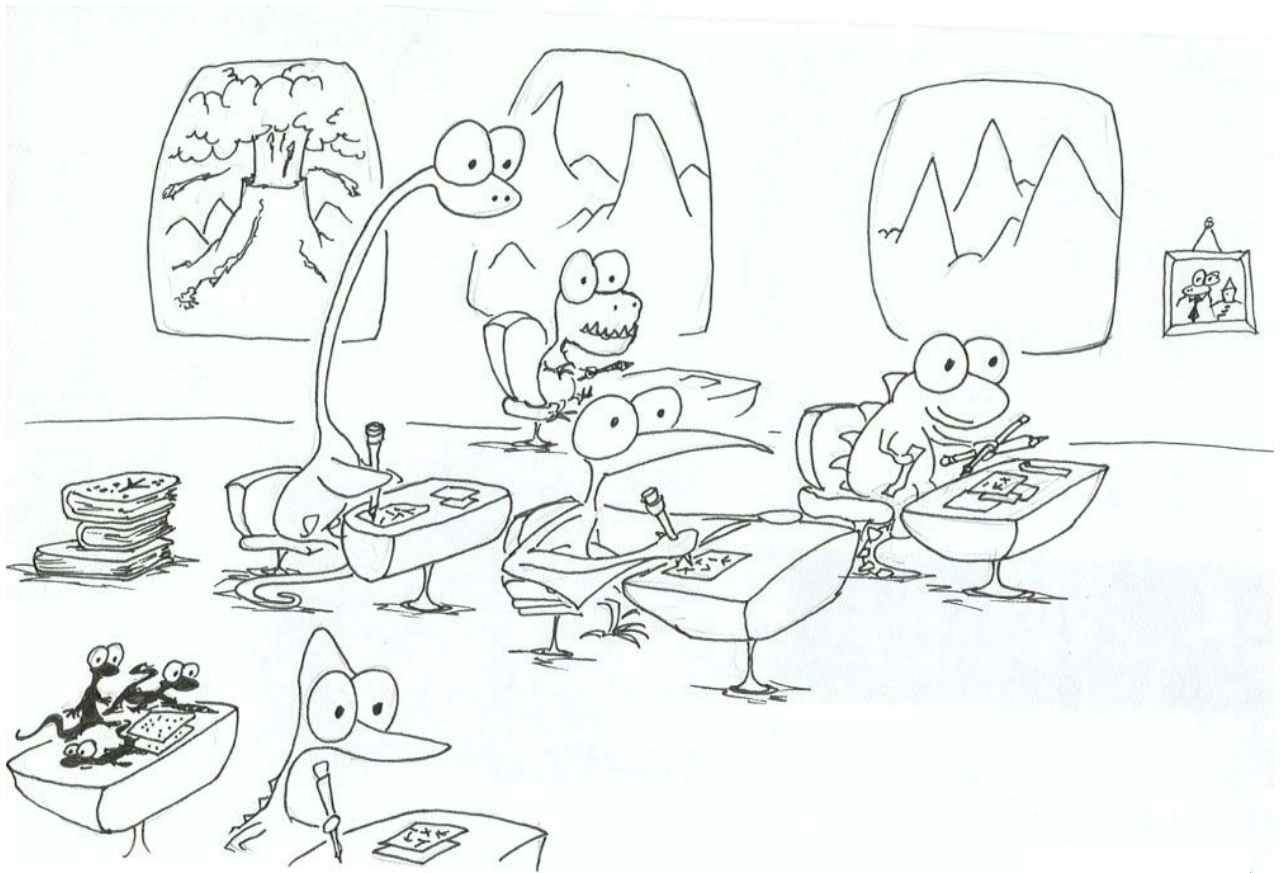
Who's there?

Mammoth!

Mammoth who?

Mammoth is sthuck 'cause I'th been eatin' peanuth buther!

# COLOR THE DINOSAURS



## DID YOU KNOW...

Compiled by Tabatha Ronnfeldt  
And Taylor Hellbusch

Here's this weeks all true, strange and bizarre assortment of facts...

Columbia was one of the three countries that emerged from the collapse of Gran Columbia in 1830, their was a 40 year conflict between the government and anti-government both were funded by the drug trade and now two-thirds of kidnappings world-wide occur in Columbia.

People might eat when they're hungry, but people from Hungary don't eat oats.

Women make up more than 10% of the prison population in only six countries: Thailand, Qatar, Paraguay, Costa Rica, and Singapore.

The average person in the United Kingdom drinks as much tea as 23 Italians.

Americans consume 10 times as many soft drinks as the Japanese

Got a parking ticket in Finland? Better just pay up-it is the least corrupt nation in the world.

Anytime you think life is rough here in the United States of America...remember that there are worse places to live.

*Imagination is more important than knowledge. For while knowledge defines all we currently know and understand, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.*

- Albert Einstein

## BLACK AGGIE

By Paige Eaton

When General Felix Agnus wanted to put a statue in front of his family burial plot he had no idea what he was getting into. The black, marble statue of a weeping angel was soon nicknamed Black Aggie.

Felix Agnus purchased a copy of a statue named Greif, Black Aggie's twin, in 1905. He placed it in the cemetery in Pikesville, Maryland that same year.

Rumors spread quickly in Pikesville. It is said that her eyes glow red right at midnight. If you are looking into her gaze you will go blind. Grass supposedly won't grow at her base or in her shadow. It is rumored that if a pregnant woman passes by Black Aggie she will have a miscarriage. Another rumor is that if you sleep in Black Aggie's lap she will crush you with her marble arms at night. If someone would sleep at her feet with their back to her they would never again wake up.

A college fraternity wanted to use Black Aggie in their initiations. A candidate would spend the night at her feet and if they made it the whole night they passed the initiation. This lasted until one candidate was found in the morning, dead at Black Aggie's feet. He apparently died of fright. The college students had different ideas about his death.

People got so crazy with the rumors that once Black Aggie's arm was cut off with the person claiming she gave it to them. The family was so tired of the rumors that they finally removed the statue and donated it to the Smithsonian Institute. The Smithsonian claimed they never received Black Aggie. It seems they gave her to the National Museum of American Art. She now sits at the Federal Courts Building in Washington by a rear courtyard of the Dolly Madison House. I bet her eyes still glow red at midnight.



## FBLA: GET THE EDGE!

Submitted by Rebecca Johnson  
Twin River FBLA Reporter

Every organization needs goals around which to build a successful program of work.

The Twin River FBLA Leadership Team has organized their active program of work around the 2008-2009 State FBLA goals.

The theme for 2008-2009 is "FBLA: Get the Edge." The word EDGE stands for Education, Drive, Greatness, and Effort.

All projects of our chapter will emphasize these words through chapter communication, news releases, leadership activities, as well as in state and national projects.

The 2008-2009 State goals include:

### Education

Develop State Officer vidcasts

Provide a recruitment PowerPoint

Inform chapters about the Nebraska FBLA Foundation

Promote Nebraska Money Smart Week, November 10-16

### Drive

Create Pledge articles

Encourage joint FBLA and PBL activities

Increase membership by 2 members per chapter (26)

Charter or reactivate 8 chapters

### Greatness

Gain 50 Business Achievement Award Future Level recipients

Submit chapter articles to regional newsletters

Achieve 35,000 Tally It Up Hours

### Effort

Designate NE Community Service Month in October

Encourage chapters to submit Get the Edge video clip for Nebraska FBLA web site

Raise \$15,000 for the March of Dimes

Raise \$10,000 for the Nebraska FBLA Foundation