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Page 8: Dr. Al Eckert poses with his cake. Dr. Eckert is retiring as SC principal after five years.

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Senior Farewell Graduation Set for June 4th

by Maddie Tanner

Graduation, an event held to pass students from high school to adulthood. Some of this year's seniors share their thoughts on how graduation will affect them and their lives moving forward. Graduation will be held in the main gym on Sunday, June 4th at 4pm.

Graduation shows all the past achievements the students have made and sums all of it up in one ceremony.

Olivia Thomas, senior, said, "Graduation shows the accomplishments of my high school career." Olivia also said, "Graduating will allow me to move on to better things."

Graduation can be an ending to their high school career for some and a way to explore new things.

Nathan Austin, senior, said, "I think graduation will open my schedule and give me more opportunities to pursue." Nathan also said, "I plan to work full time at my current job, while pursuing my music career I have started around four years ago. I hope to grow my music career to the point I can make that my full time job, growing my community and friends along the way. I've had a blast making music so far, even performing in front of everyone twice in my high school career. I can't wait to

see where I'll go next."

Graduation can be an important day for some people. Nathan Austin said, "I feel the graduation ceremony is a very important day, not just for us seniors, but to the seniors' families as well. I believe it's a day that marks the beginning of our full release into the world, setting us off to do great things."

Briley Nichols, senior, said, "Graduation is important to me because it will make moving on with my life and going to college feel real."

There are two senior class sponsors, Mrs. Elene Harris and Mrs. Amanda Ahlbrand. The senior class sponsors help plan all of the events that happen for the seniors through their last year of high school leading up to graduation. They also plan out graduation, which is a year long process according to Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Harris said, "When you look at graduation it is a tremendous celebration, recognizing the accomplishments of students opening opportunities to adulthood." Mrs. Harris continued, "Graduation is a milestone that deserves recognition and celebration."



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New Albany student Jasmine O'Neal, and SC seniors Lydia Pitcher and Carver Hoffman pose for a photo before going into the Prom.

Silver Creek Prom 2023 "Old Hollywood" Comes to The Grand

by Aubree White

The Silver Creek High School Prom was held on May 13th at The Grand in New Albany. The doors opened at 6:45pm, and the Prom hours were 7:00 pm-11:00 pm. The theme for this year's prom was "Old Hollywood" and the colors were black and gold. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks were provided, as well as music by a Silver Creek alum, Spin around Sound.

The After Prom was held from 11:30 pm-2:00 am, and the theme was "Carnival." The After Prom was held in the Silver Creek High School gym and it included games, inflatables, a photo booth, prizes, and food.

Senior Elliot Hammond claimed that their most anticipated moment would be

to dance and hang out with friends. "I love all the aspects of Prom. I think it's really fun to get all fancy and have a nice dinner beforehand. I also super enjoy dancing and chilling out with my friends and just having as much fun as possible."

Senior Rileigh Brewer claimed, "Making memories with my senior class," is her most anticipated moment for the Prom. Senior Isabella Sad said, "Getting to make memories," is what she was most eager for.

Many people were excited for the Prom, and most of them said they were just happy to dance and be with friends for the night, but for the After Prom, many were excited for the fun and

games. Junior Robert Stotts said that his most anticipated moment would probably be, "Trying to win that 43 inch TV prize."

Senior Alexis Saylor said that she was most excited for, "Getting out of my heels and into a bouncy house."

Junior Levi Collins said, "I'm excited to see Reagan Needler's face light up when she gets a goodie bag."

Another junior, Kyle Roberts, said he was simply excited for, "Being able to relax and talk about how Prom was."

The winners of the Prom titles were: Prince Lucas Campbell, Princess Marianna Ayala, jr., and King Wyatt Hoffman, and Queen McKayla McAninch, srs.



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Raven Newsome and Rileigh Brewer, srs., show off their formal attire. The Prom and After Prom was held on May 13.



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Elliot Hammond, sr., Averie Thornton, soph., and Nathan Potts, jr. smile for a picture outside The Grand theater.

Flex Arrangements

Students Opinions on Possible Flex Adjustments

by Emma Fosse



At Silver Creek High School, FLEX is a time which is provided to students as an opportunity to make up for missed assignments or assessments, and is used primarily as a study hall. FLEX is introduced during middle school, and continues throughout a student's high school career. FLEX is also used by teachers during this time to get grading, or any work, completed.

Ariana Bernard, sophomore, said, "For many students the only time they get to do homework is during FLEX, or super late at night, which then makes students stay up later and get less sleep."

Junior Maison Davis said, "Despite the fact that, for the majority, it is spent as a free period, some, including myself, actually use this time

to catch up on assignments."

Liam Wells, freshman, said, "I enjoy the current FLEX because of all the options we have while there." Liam commented on a possible removal of FLEX. Liam said, "The student body would be very upset. People would probably start petitioning the school to let us have it back."

Senior Austin Jewell said, "I would remove FLEX and make every other school day shorter. On FLEX days we could start school at 9am. This would also help with the lack of sleep that students get."

Freshman Kayden Johnson said, "My opinion on current FLEX arrangements is that we should be able to pick our FLEX, or at least request a teacher. Having FLEX with multiple grade levels could be beneficial for each other because there are students who are in advanced classes with people from other grade levels that could find it easier to have someone from the same class together."

Parker Druin, senior, said, "It would be bad if they removed FLEX because it gives us a short break from

work, and it gives us more time to catch up on homework because some people don't have time to do it after school."

Damian McCarty, junior, said, "I would change the way Block A and Block B work. Maybe allow Block A to be purely working, while Block B could be a time to relax or work depending on what the student or teacher wants."

Sophomore Jenyth Wilcoxson said, "I don't think the school would benefit from removing FLEX because that would force kids to take another class where they would be getting more homework, which the whole point of flex is to have time to do your homework or catch up."

Emma's opinion: I believe that our current FLEX arrangements are helpful to not just students, but teachers as well. FLEX gives students time to work on missing assignments, but also gives teachers an opportunity to grade and prepare for future classes. These reasons make me believe that keeping FLEX at SC will be beneficial.

Columns

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New Year, New Classes

Students Take on Different Courses

by Lydia Fleming



said, "I wish to get into a career dealing with digital design and dealing with film and video editing in particular and this class would help greatly with that."

Although there are no more new courses being offered at Silver Creek next year, some students are still hoping that there will be more in the future.

Madeline Rhodes, freshman, mentioned, "I think a class that focuses on photography would be cool."

If students happen to be interested in photography, yearbook and journalism classes could be a good option for them. In both the classes, students go to different events and take photos for either the newspaper or the yearbook.

Libby Kochert, freshman, noted, "I can't think of any classes I'd like to be added to Silver Creek because they have classes for my career path."

Silver Creek High School has many different classes, even without Prosser included, that will help and direct students to their chosen career path.

Lydia's opinion: I think that the radio television class would be a good opportunity for students that are interested in that type of thing. For me, I do think that it would be beneficial for students to have more decisions on what classes to take, but Silver Creek High School has a range of classes that meet almost every need.

Every new school year comes with new adjustments. New teachers, and new students are a big part, but new classes can really change up each school year. This is because certain classes can make or break a school year.

So far, there is only one class that is set to be starting its first year at Silver Creek High School next year.

Mrs. Amy Compton, counselor, mentioned, "The radio television class will be accessible to students who have previously taken Intro to Communications."

This means that any sophomore, junior, or senior that took into the Intro to Communications class before can now take a follow up class.

Morgan Schuetz, freshman, stated, "I personally do not care for this new class, but I know that many of my friends do. I don't have any interest in it because broadcasting has never been something that intrigued me or caught my interest. I do think that it is beneficial for the school though, so that students can explore new hobbies."

Colt Mayden, freshman,

Flex Classes



Kessa Kemmer, sophomore, studies in Mrs. Valerie Anderson's class.

Elizabeth Leech, sophomore, completes a project in Mr. Aaron Boggs's class.



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TikTok Pros and Cons

Popular App Causes Some Controversy

by Sherron Jenkins



Social media has become a huge part of people's everyday lives and is that bad or is it okay to have so much time put into social media? Social media can be fun, interesting, and outgoing. But it can be the opposite of that too. There are pros and cons to TikTok, one of the most controversial social media apps out today. Some people use the app in a positive way, but then some use it in a negative way.

TikTok can be a fun way to escape and have a laugh, students can learn, find new hobbies, make new friends, and much more. But it can do some harm as well. As fun and interesting as the app can get, it can do the same amount of harm. It can be addictive, lead to cyberbullying, can allow invasion of privacy, and also expose users to content that the user might not want to see.

"You can find a lot of useful information on there. There are funny videos to lift up your mood, and it connects people," said Katelynn Sinclair, freshman.

Teenage attention span is not as good today because students have so much information and things to do

in a day. TikTok is scrolling through short videos for as long as the user is on the app. Short clips which may not be interesting can be skipped through. According to an article in *The Independent*, a British online newspaper, those who use the app for over 90 minutes can narrow their collective attention span over time.

Another negative thing about TikTok is the negativity and bullying. Cyberbullying is still a problem and on TikTok commenting or even making a whole video bullying another person can be undertaken. Since TikTok is such a huge platform, information can be spread easier and faster.

Asher McLendon, soph., said, "For all the positives that can be spread, there's a lot of negatives, too. TikTok, like all other social media platforms, can be a place full of toxicity. It can help perpetuate harmful ideals, unhealthy standards, misinformation, etc. etc. There's also how it could be detrimental to people's attention spans, but I have ADHD so mine's not all that great in the first place."

TikTok has so many ideas and creative ways to put information out there by having the ideas of so many people in a 30 second video. That is how creativity is spread throughout the social media platform. As there are negatives there has to be positives. Some people have ideas they do not want to share because

of embarrassment, but they can do that anonymously on TikTok. People share their creative videos and it sparks creativity in other people's minds.

"TikTok allows for fast spread of news, entertainment, and stimulates creativity," said Nathan Potts, junior.

TikTok is an app where people can share anything they want and it will spread fast, so that is how and why everything gets shared so quickly. Many people will even share the video to different platforms and social media apps, spreading the information even more.

"TikTok is very time consuming and can pull people into a rabbit hole. A lot of people can become easily addicted to it," said Austin Jewell, senior.

Sherron's opinion: I think that TikTok can be a 50/50 when it comes to the negatives and positives. I feel as if the way the user views it, is the way TikTok will be for them. If a person only thinks it is negative then it will appear negative to that person and positive to others. TikTok has helped me in many different ways, but it has affected me negatively in multiple ways as well. TikTok is like any other social media app and should not be treated any differently, users can limit how long they are on the app and that might be better for the attention span. I think the app can be both positive and negative. Again, depending on the users of the app.

Later Start Time

Proposed SC Hours Change

by Lydia Fleming



At the May 9th school board meeting, the changing of any start times was tabled for the time being. Altering the times was something that had been discussed amongst students and staff.

The school board was working on deciding whether it would be better to move the hours of each school in the Silver Creek school corporation. Students, parents, and staff of Silver Creek all have differing opinions on what the most beneficial option would be.

For some background information, the school starting times, as of right now, are 7:40 am to 2:25 pm for the high and middle school, 8:10 am to 3 pm for the elementary, and 8:10 to 3:15 pm for the primary. Each school also lets out 15 minutes early on Wednesdays, which would be changed as well. If changing the times are agreed upon, the high and middle school hours would be from 8 am to 2:45 pm, and the elementary and primary school would be from 8:50 am to 3:30 pm.

Most students are happy with the current hours.

Shellby Boggess, senior, stated, "It's alright, the benefit of that time is that you get out around an early time."

Bernard Garing, junior, mentioned, "I like it, it is early, but I do get out of school before rush hour."

Most students have grown accustomed to the scheduling, and want them to stay the same.

Olivia Kouray, freshman, said, "I wouldn't like it because, yes, it's only a 20 minute difference but for starters it would throw my schedule off, sports would then have to run later into the night and it would take away from the little free time I have at all."

But others, like Austin Jewell senior, have some issues with the current schedule and think it can be improved.

Austin said, "I think that our school hours are unnecessary and inconsiderate. Most kids have work or extracurricular activities that keep them out late."

If the times do get changed, this would cause major changes for all students, parents, and staff members at Silver Creek schools. Not only would students have to get used to a different schedule, but also waking up at different times on different days.

Colt Mayden, freshman, stated, "I feel it would be pointless. There is barely any difference in the times and it might just throw me off a little or make it harder to find someone to take me to school."

Cami Daniel, junior, noted, "I would like the school times to stay the same. Due to non-school sports and activities and for some kids that have jobs, this time change could affect the hours that they get to work that job and how much money that they make at that job."

Currently, since Silver Creek schools start at the same time every morning, students are used to waking up at a set time. If the times are changed, high school students, for example, would have to get used to waking up at a certain time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and 20 minutes earlier on Wednesdays.

Current SCHS Hours:

M, T, Th, F
7:40-2:25
W
7:40-2:10

Proposed Change

M, T, Th, F
8:00-2:45
W
TBD

Seniors' Post Graduation Plans

by Haley Stinson and Aubree White

Austin, Nathan: Workforce
 Baker, Chandler: UK
 Barrios, Kimberly: Gap year then study in Mexico
 Bernard, Javier: Workforce for a year then study at JCTC
 Boggess, Shellby: Indiana State University
 Brawner, Lydia: Workforce
 Brown, Danielle: WKU
 Cannon, Jana (Reese): IUS
 Clampitt, Taylor: Jefferson Community Technical College
 Cochran, Macy: Bellarmine University
 Coffman, Mallory: IUS
 Coval, Emily: IUS
 Dablow, Caroline: IU
 Delbridge, Emily: Ivy Tech
 DeWees, Dane: Southwestern Illinois
 Dixon, Landon: Eastern Kentucky University
 Durick, Greyson: Indiana University Purdue University at Columbus
 Eger, Kelsey: Workforce
 Fehr, Mattilyn: IU Bloomington
 Fernandez, Miguel: IUS
 Ferrell, Macy: IU Bloomington
 Foucault, Alix: Undecided
 Garcia, Eyania: Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
 Hammond, Elliot: University of Purdue Fort Wayne
 Hobbs, Jack: University of Cumberland
 Hooe, Seth: Wabash College
 Hughes, David: Undecided
 Hurst, Kendall: Purdue University
 Jayne, Kameron: IUS
 Jewell, Austin: Wabash College
 Johansen, Elmer Leo: Norwegian Military
 Jones, Juliana: Purdue University

Lamberti, Francesca: Medical School
 Law, Zachary: Ivy Tech
 Litch, Katelyn: IUS
 Mattingly, Jacob: Trade School
 Massengale, Aubri: Gap Year
 Mayer, Riley: University of Cumberland
 McDaniel, Skyler: Ball State
 Miles, Dyson: IUS
 Mosley, Donovan: Wilmington College
 Nichols, Briley: University of Cincinnati
 O'Hara, Patrick: Uof L- J.B. Speed School of Engineering
 Preston, Ella: IU Bloomington
 Ramsey, Harper: WKU
 Renn, Katelyn: Ivy Tech
 Redden, London: University of Cincinnati
 Rodeghiero-Thurman, Nya: Ball State
 Sad, Izzy: IUS/Sullivan
 Saylor, Alexis: IUS
 Scheirmann, Brooklyn: IU Bloomington
 Shepherd, Ethan: Purdue Fort Wayne Mechanical Engineering
 Shorter, Madison: Ivy Tech/ Indiana State
 Smith, Ian: Workforce
 Stahl, Darya: Ivy Tech/ IUS
 Stefansson, Christopher: IUS
 Steinberg, Madisyn: Loyola University Chicago
 Stinson, Haley: Uof L
 Tackett, Abby: IUS
 Thacker, Andrew: Ivy Tech
 Thomas, Olivia: IUS
 Troutman, Carley: Campbellsville University
 Whelan, Bella: Firefighter
 Wickens, Riley: IU Bloomington - Kelley School of Business



Congratulations Class of 2023

SENIORS DRESSED IN THEIR COLLEGE SHIRTS

Class of 2023 Sent off to College



Senior Harper Ramsey



Senior Dane DeWees



Senior Chandler Baker



Senior Mattilyn Fehr



Seniors Alysa Young and Chandler Baker



Seniors Rylie Biggs , Izzy Sad, and Riley Wickens

Serving up Dubs

Boys' Volleyball at SC

by Cammy Sears

The boys' volleyball team has only been at Silver Creek for six years. The sport has also yet to become sanctioned by the IHSAA according to Coach Jeff Zimmerman. He also said, "Unfortunately there was no boys' volleyball when I was in high school in Indiana. We started playing pick up in college and that's how I got involved in volleyball."

Freshman Kayden Johnson said, "Before joining the boys' volleyball team, I had no prior experience except gym class."

The team has a lot of new players but that does not stop them from working hard. Coach Zimmerman said, "We have a lot of new kids that have been playing volleyball for just a little over a month. They get better every day. We have been competitive with everyone we have played this season."

Junior Alexander Whalen said, "A normal day at practice is intense, we always go over our mistakes from the last game and drill whatever we are weak at."

Junior Zachary Nance said, "A normal day of practice is going, setting up the

net and all that. Jog a lap or two and do warm-up drills. Then we practice what we lack whether it's hitting or receiving, along with other small things."

Kayden Johnson said, "A typical day of volleyball practice involves warm-up exercises, followed by self-toss drills focused on spiking, team blocking drills, and serving. The team may also practice game situations, such as offensive and defensive strategies on rotations, and play scrimmage matches to improve teamwork and communication. Conditioning may also be included in the practice, through exercises such as running drills. The length of each practice may vary depending on the coach and team's goals."

As a new team, there are some challenges this season.

Coach Zimmerman said, "Jeff, Floyd Central, and New Albany are all very good teams this year. We have been in every match with them and we are hoping to keep improving and get some more victories as the year progresses."

Kayden Johnson said, "Our biggest threat is Trinity."

Girls' Tennis at SC

by Jeremiah Coleman

The girls' tennis team ended its season with a loss to Borden in the sectional. They finished the year 9-5 overall with a 6-2 record in the Mid-Southern conference.

Coach Ben Ahlbrand said, "Each player has improved and made tremendous strides in their tennis games over the course of the season."

Sophomore Alleigh Leezer said, "The thing that helps me most before a match is making sure I am mentally prepared. I usually know who I am playing, so I will try to strategize how I want to play, based on my opponent. I also want to make sure the team environment is positive and ready to play. Our team does a good job preparing ourselves for matches and supporting each other. Alleigh also said, "A habit I have before a game is doing

handshakes with some of my teammates. Also, before every match the team gets together to talk and pray about the match."

Sophomore Ella Dreyer said, "What helps me the most before tennis matches is making sure I drink a lot of water throughout the day before a match and making sure I eat something sugary before I play, so my blood sugar doesn't drop mid-match. I also try to clear everything that happened that day from my mind so I am more focused while on the court."

Sophomore Zoe Mangels said, "Before every match we all pray together. After we pray, the coaches leave and we all hype each other up for the game. Another thing I do is, I eat a Gatorade bar before every match and I think it helps me gain more energy before the match."



photo by: Lucy Jones

Senior Elmer Johansen serves the ball towards Madison at a boys' home volleyball game.

Reaching the Finish Line

Track and Field Athletes Compete in Regional

by Cammy Sears

The girls' track team finished fourth in sectional on May 16, 2023 at Madison High School. The 1600 relay team of Bella Scott soph., Raegan Cook fr., Lucy Jones soph., and Rosey Keller, jr. made the girls regional which was held May 23, 2023 at Bloomington North High School. The 3200 relay team of Libby Kochert, fr., Rosey Keller, jr., Keegan Caudill, fr. and Bella Scott, soph. also qualified for regional.

Individual qualifiers for the girls for regional were: Raegan Cook, fr., in the 200; Bella Scott, soph., in the 800; Lydia Brawner, sr., in the 100 hurdles and Carley Troutman, sr., in the shot put.

The Dragon boys' also finished fourth in their sectional meet on May 18 at Jeffersonville High School. Jeremiah Coleman fr., Jaxson Serna, soph., Chase Calhoun, sr., and Donovan Mosley, sr., all advanced to boys' regional in the 4 x 100 relay. Regional was held on May 25th at Bloomington North High School. Also advancing in were the 1600 Relay team of Donovan Mosley, sr., Kelo Lee, fr., Mac Rhodes, sr., and Ryan Graham, fr.

The 3200 relay team: Aus-

tin Jewell, sr., Boston Just, soph., Brady Day, fr. and Ryan Graham, fr. also advanced to regional.

Individually for the boys were: Jaxson Serna, soph., in the 100 and Ryan Graham, fr., in the 800 and 1600.

Coach Chuck Crowley commented about this season, "Survive without a track. Improve on last year's conference and sectional team finishes. Number of kids who came out and stayed out. Boys 4/100 and how good and competitive the boys and girls freshmen are. We have improved a lot and will do much better next year when we have a new track."

Coach Trevin Bender said, "Our main goals for this year were to establish a solid foundation of athletic training, team work, and individual goal-setting that would propel our program into the future. I have been surprised at the willingness of athletes to work for the team and do things they may not have envisioned themselves doing when they began. What has made this team the best I have coached is this team's willingness to work and sacrifice for one another."

Freshman Raegan Cook

said, "I like to motivate myself, say encouraging things to help not be so nervous."

Freshman Logan James said, "I talk to my friends and get in a good mood before I run. If I am in a bad mood I will not do as well."

Freshman Zella Trindeitmar said, "I have to pop my knuckles and my back before every meet."

Madison Batchelor said, "Listening to music and being alone."

Sophomore Lucy Jones said, "Listening to music and getting hyped up with my friends definitely helps me before a meet. Some rituals I have before a meet are probably listening to hype up music, stretching well, or eating a light snack."

Senior Austin Jewell said, "I usually try to eat a big dinner the night before a meet and get good sleep. Also I like to be hydrated by drinking lots of water leading up to the meet. Before every race I do a mile warmup then static and dynamic stretching. This gets me prepared to race."

Freshman Keegan Caudill said, "Something that helps is listening to music and thinking about how I am going to run my race."



photo by: Mrs. Debbie Sappenfield

Senior Seth Hooe lines up a putt at Champions Pointe golf course.

Swing for the Score

Boys' Golf at Silver Creek

by Cammy Sears

The boys' golf team has high expectations for this season after finishing fourth in state last season. Sectional for this season is Monday, June 5th at Covered Bridge.

Coach Matt Graston said, "We have some high expectations this year as we did last year. We expect to be back at the state finals again and hopefully in the running for a state title."

The team also sets personal goals for themselves.

Senior Seth Hooe said, "My personal goal is to have fun and enjoy this last season of high school while performing well. I personally hope to contribute to this amazing team as much as I can while hopefully ending the season with a state championship title."

According to what their coach said, the team is serious about their practice. Coach Graston said, "A typical day at the course for the varsity consists of them being there anywhere from 2-5 plus hours a day. Most of the time the guys want to stay until dark either out on the course

or working on something on the range. Usually we work on putting for 45 minutes or so, range time working on swings for a couple hours then they either work on short game chipping or go out on the course to play."

Seth Hooe noted, "To prepare for a golf match, I like to get a consistent swing going on the range and putting green while envisioning myself hitting them on the course. Music and prayer are also very huge aspects of getting prepared to play for me because it calms my nerves and brings me confidence and faith."

Coach Graston said, "Practice makes permanent, not perfect. You have to practice the right things as perfectly as you can in order to be a better player on the course and a better person off the course. Things can be taken from the course and golf in general and applied to reality off the course and vice versa. The guys will learn life lessons, as well as golf, and will understand how to apply both to get a beneficial result."

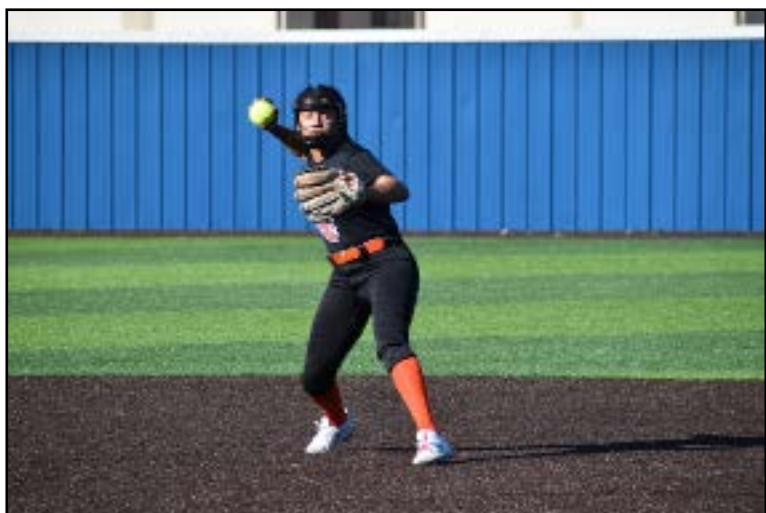


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Lily Allen, sophomore, aims the ball from her shortstop position to throw out the runner at first in a conference game against Charlestown.

Dragon Baseball Wins Sectional

SC Advances to Regional Against Connersville

by Maxx Stolberg

The Silver Creek boys' baseball team captured the sectional title, beating Scottsburg, 9-5, in the Madison Sectional. The team advances to play this Saturday, June 3 at Floyd Central in the regional. The 6th ranked Dragons will take on Connersville at 3 p.m.

The Silver Creek baseball team has a culture of winning. The Dragons baseball team has not had a losing season since the 2008-2009 season. One of the Dragons' key players is senior Dane DeWees. Dane had this to say about his goals for the 2023 season.

"My team goal is for us to at least get to semi-state and then hopefully make it to state and win the whole thing."

Dane also spoke more on

this.

"I feel like this year's team has really not reached the potential that we could reach, but I feel like previous teams have had a lot better pitching but I believe we have better hitters."

Another big contributor on the Dragons is junior Ryan Campisano.

"I would say some of our goals would be to win the state championship this year and to come together as a team. The baseball team is really good and we all have fun playing with each other every day."

The starting first baseman is junior Tyler Bach and he had this to say about the season.

"My goal for this year's team is to win a state title." Tyler also said, "This year's

team has taken a lot longer to prove themselves, but I believe we're finally getting there and have a chance to go further than last year's team."

The 2023 varsity started off against Maine West and won 9-5 to lead off their year. The Dragons then headed to Tennessee for a three game stretch. They started off against Clarksville with sophomore Preston Burton on the bump which ended in a 2-0 loss. In game two of the away stretch, Silver Creek played Blackman and lost on a walkoff. Silver Creek tried to end the Tennessee stretch with a win. They played McCallie and left with a walk-off hit from sophomore Mikey Williamson.

Silver Creek finished 8-0 in conference play and is currently 22-7 overall.



photo by: Taylor Goodsell

Nate Davidson prepares to field a ground ball against Henryville. Silver Creek beat the Hornets, 14-0.

Softball Takes Regional Crown

by Sherron Jenkins

The Silver Creek softball team brought home the regional trophy beating Connersville, 10-7. The 9th ranked Dragons have a current record of 27-9. They play in the Jasper Semistate this Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m. against 2nd ranked Gibson Southern.

Coach Nate Gibson said, "Our team goals this season were a little different from years past. This year I thought we would have the best team on the field in every game we played. We usually tried to save some players for postseason play, but this year we didn't and went right at everyone, we played a brutal schedule and competed in every game. Our main goal this year has been to win state, it's a dream of every team, but

this has been the season we have been looking forward to for years. If we play our type of ball, we could be playing at Purdue June 9th," said Coach Gibson.

"The highlight of this season would be going 7-0 in Tennessee against some very good competition from the South. But, hopefully, the main highlight is walking off of Purdue's field with a win," said, Coach Gibson.

Players listed some team and individual goals for this season. Most of the team goals are postseason success this year. "An individual goal for myself this season is to have a batting average above a .500," said Isabella Sad, senior. "A team goal would be making it past sectionals this year, beating Floyd Central,

and making it to state possibly," said Isabella.

"Some of my own individual goals for this season is just to get better as the season progresses," said Tessa Gibson, sophomore. "For the team's goals would be to make a deep run, possibly to make it to state and win it all," said Tessa.

"My individual goal for the season is to try my best to get the job that needs to be done, completed. That goal is just to help my team as best as possible," said Reese Decker, jr. "The team goal is to make it to the state championship. We know there are some very difficult teams we have to face, but we have worked and believe we can make it to the final and win," said Reese.

Memories in Bloom Looking Back at School Year

by Kileigh Rojas

SCHS students were asked about their favorite high school memories whether they are new to the high school or in their last year of high school.

Sophomore Bailey Wilson said, "Meeting new people and hanging out with my friends"

Junior Kyle Roberts said, "Playing basketball with and in front of my friends I've known since primary."

Freshman Kayden Johnson also shared a high school memory about sports and said, "My favorite high school memory is joining a sport without knowing anyone. Now I speak with them every day."

Sophomore Derek Baerenklau said, "Definitely going to the band/choir Holiday World trip. It was really fun and it was nice to hang out with my friends."

Junior Landon Hadley said, "My favorite high school memories are probably of me and my best friend driving to school listening to music and stopping at the park to go for a walk and talk."

Senior Elliot Hammond said, "One of my favorite high school memories is when this year the seniors in Mr. Sheffield's class put together a secret Santa for the class. It

was so much fun and we had a great time. Another one of my favorite high school memories was when the theater went to regionals. It was a tiring day but we worked really hard and did amazing."

Senior Riley Wickens said, "I think my favorite high school memory was Senior Retreat. I feel like everyone bonded during that trip and it was very enjoyable."

Senior Sybil Hughes said, "Asking my friend to Prom during band class and having Mr. Smith walk out of his office to see what was going on then profusely apologizing because he walked right through where I was standing."

Senior Darya Stahl said, "Getting to meet so many good friends and make memories with them and also getting to know really great teachers."

Senior Aubri Massengale said, "My favorite high school memories would have to be with the band program. Most of these memories include marching band where I had made lots of friends and had grown close to most people in the band program. A main memory I have is when we went to a contest at Evansville Reitz, where we had won best color guard and best drum major in our group."



photo by Taylor Goodsell

Seniors Sean Vardeman and Briley Nichols participate in the 2023 ALS Color Run. The Color Run raised money for ALS and was on May 20.



photo by Mrs. Hannah Oliver

Dr. Al Eckert announces his retirement after five years leading at Silver Creek High School as principal.

by Kileigh Rojas

Q : What made you want to retire?

A : I'd like to have more time to spend with my grandkids, to travel, and to pursue other interests.

Q : What are your future plans?

A : I'm going to teach geometry at Oldham County High School.

Q : How long have you worked for the Silver Creek School Corporation?

A : 33 years

Q : How long have you been principal at SCHS? What were the other positions you have held?

A : Five years. Principal SCMS, Assistant Principal SCMS, Math Teacher SCHS and SCMS. Varsity Cross Country, Track, and Baseball Coach. Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach.

Q: How do you think retirement life is going to be?

A : I hope to accomplish further career goals and to have more time for my family.

Occupying the Summertime Job Opportunities for the School Break

by Haley Stinson

According to Indiana Gov website, "Effective 7/1/2021, Indiana will no longer require work permits for minor employees. Employers will no longer be required to complete the "Intent to Employ" form, and schools will no longer issue work permits. Employers will be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all minor employees."

There are restrictions on how many and what hours a teenager can work according to their age.

Fourteen and 15 year olds students can not work more than three hours per school day, eight hours per school week, 40 hours per school week, 40 hours per non school week. They may not work before 7:00 a.m. or

after 7:00 p.m. but may work until 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through Labor Day, except on a night followed by a school day. They may not work during school hours.

For 16 and 17 year olds, students can not work more than nine hours per school day, 40 hours per school week, 48 hours per-non school week, no more than six consecutive work days, no start time between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Students can work until 10:00 p.m. on nights followed by a school day. With parental permission, 16 and 17 year olds minors may work until 11:00 p.m. on nights followed by a school day. There are no restricted end times on nights not followed by a school day.

Some local job opportu-

nities are listed below:

Sherilli's Pizza. Must be 14+, Pay range can range from \$7.25-\$12.00 depending on student's age and position. If interested in applying go to 496 N Indiana Ave, Sellersburg, IN 47172 to get an application.

Hardee's. Must be 16+, Pay can range from \$10.00-\$11.00. If interested, apply at Star, corp.u.s.

Arby's. Must be 16+, Pay depends on experience. If interested, apply at arby's.com.facts/careers.

Dairy Queen. Must be 15+, Pay can range from \$12.00-\$13.00. If interested, apply at 14 foods website.

McDonalds. Must be 16+, Pay starts at \$13.00. If interested text Iamso to 38000.