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Somers 12-U Football Rolls Over Competition



By Logan Ruby
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The Somers 12U football team has had a tremendous season and is in 1st place in the TYFC, scoring 128 points and allowing only 12.

On Sunday, October 20th, Somers played Yorktown for the last game of the regular season. The Tuskers had very high hopes for this game with all their starters healthy and ready for this rivalry game. But Somers knew they had to play as physical and focused as they ever had.

In the 1st quarter, Somers was already up 24-0 with one passing touchdown from Miguel Iglesias, no. 7, to Aiden Coolican, no. 27, one rushing touchdown by Mason Kelly, no. 25 and one defensive touchdown by Mi-

guel Iglesias, no. 7. In addition, Somers hit every two-point conversion.

In the 2nd quarter Somers had an interception by Coolican, and another passing touchdown from Iglesias to Andrew Milani, no. 84. Somers had hit the score limit by half time, 30-0.

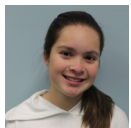
In the 3rd quarter, Yorktown got on the board making it 30-6 but Somers struck back with a run by Coolican to make it 36-6. That was set up by a quick pass from Will Marcus, no. 23 to Logan Ruby, no. 9 on a 4th and 5 deep in Yorktown territory.

Somers took the victory 36-6 and remains undefeated. Somers will host 4th seeded Wappingers Falls on Sunday for the TYFC semifinal game and the winner of that will move on to Michie Stadium against New Rochelle or Carmel.

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Facts About Henna



By Natalia Tellez
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A lot of people have heard about Henna, what it's made of, and how you get one, but a lot of them have been misinformed and learned wrong information.

Due to the fact that Henna Tattoos have rapidly been getting popular in ages from kids to teens, I wanted to clear up facts and details about Henna.

First of all, Henna is a natural dye produced from the leaves of the Henna plant, a small flowering shrub found in hot and dry areas from North Africa throughout Southern Asia. The leaves contain a dye molecule that stains skin and, when left out to dry, crushed, and mixed with a liquid source (either water or lemon juice) it produces a thick paste that's used to make Henna art. After being used to make a design, the Henna's color will be in between a light brown/orange or reddish-brown color.

One of the top reasons why Henna is very



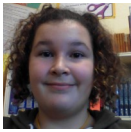
popular is because it is seen as a "fake tattoo" referring to the fact that Hennas look like a real-life tattoo but only last a few weeks and not a lifetime. And even though that can be a pretty good advantage, Henna is not only that but so much more. It's a difficult but beautiful art form that has been used for millions of years, in millions of different civilizations and different cultures.

There is a small difference between Henna and body ornamentation in Hindu cultures.

Usage of Henna and its substances date back to about 3400 BC. Findings have shown that some cultures apply Henna to the body after death. Henna tattoos have also been used as a way to create the appearance of youthfulness, celebrate festivals/holidays and to seal the promise of marriage. Not only that, but births, victories, birthdays, religious rituals and other passage ceremonies have traditionally used Henna. This goes to show that Henna and Henna Tattoos has been seen as special and unique for a long time and not only just used for fun but so much more.

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Halloween: A New Start at the Weekend



By Anna Hagen
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Year after year, Halloween has been on weekdays. However, change is taking place. A petition has started to make Halloween on the weekend. Radio.com says the facts:

- There are over 3,800 Halloween-based injuries a year
- Kids are twice as likely to get hit by a car on Halloween
- 63% of people don't bring a flashlight while trick-or-treating

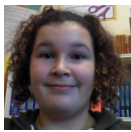


Not is it only about safety issues, there's too much fun to fit into one school night! 51% of people say that Halloween is their favorite holiday. There's a bunch of Halloween parties, events, and trick-or-treating to do in just three hours. Not only that, but we sometimes have homework to complete!

If we had a weekend Halloween this year, it would be October 26th.

As of last Friday, the petition had 69,000 signatures. When it reaches 75,000, it will be sent to the president. Have fun and be safe!

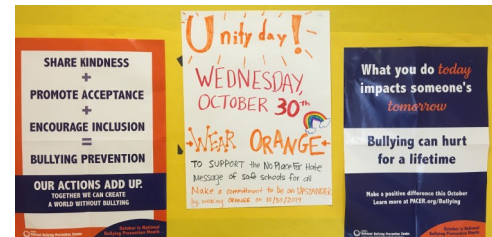
Day 3 of Spirit Week is Unity Day!!!



By Anna Hagen
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This month, millions of people are wearing orange and acting against bullying. Our school is celebrating Unity Day on Wednesday, October 30th.

Unity Day is all about showing kindness, acceptance, and inclusiveness everywhere. Orange is the color of Unity Day because October is National Bullying Prevention month, and orange is an October color. More will be posted in the next issue, but for now wear orange next Wednesday to show that we are a No Place For Hate School Against Bullying!



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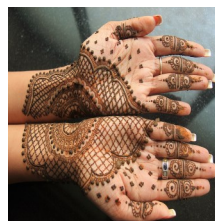
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Even though Henna Tattoos can be very interesting and enjoyable to have, make sure to watch out for any **Black Hennas**. This is because there is in fact no natural Black Henna. A completely natural one does not exist. If you are ever offered the chance to receive one, don't get it. The product called Black Henna usually contains PPD (a dangerous chemical) that is harmful to



your skin and can cause blisters, scars, burns, and worse. If the artist willing to give you a Black Henna is not able to tell you that it's 100 percent natural, or you don't think you can believe them, please do not let them.

Overall, Hennas are an amazing art with magnificent, endless designs that can be given and fun to have but make sure to watch out for anyone selling you Black Hennas. In my opinion, I think getting and having a Henna Tattoo is a wonderful experience that everyone must have at least once or twice in their life.

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Veterans' Day Parade Honors Those Who Serve



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Each year, Somers holds its annual Veterans' Day Parade. It's a huge event. Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, Cub Scout packs are among the groups that participate. On November 11, everyone gathers at the Elephant Hotel to march in the Veterans' Day parade. In addition to scouts, there are Somers fire trucks and people from lots of different organizations.

All the roads are closed off, so all the participants can walk from the Elephant Hotel to Ivandale Cemetery.

The event starts at 11:00. All of the town gathers and different people give speeches. We sing the National Anthem and representatives from the town board give remarks, along with veterans from here in this town.



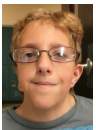
The reason the town does this is to honor the people who keep our town and country safe. Afterwards, everyone goes to the Lincolnale Fire Station where they serve hot dogs and drinks. Donuts and other food are also given out at The Elephant Hotel.

Plus, along the way, there are usually people giving out coffee, cookies, donuts, apple juice and apple cider. The Somers Lions Club also hands out water and all this food is free. The whole event is the town's way of saying "Thank you" to the veterans.

Everyone has a good time including the veterans. The Elephant Hotel is opened to the public so they can go inside and look around and see all the cool artifacts and see what the Barnum and Bailey circus looked like before it was retired.

Make plans to go to this year's Veterans' Day parade!

Three Notable Events Of 1969



**By Michael Abrams
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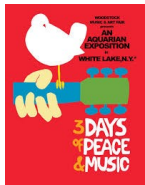
There were many major events this year 50 years ago. The year was 1969. It was a time where youth was powerful and freedom was the biggest goal for everybody. Let's look at a few of those events.

The Moon Landing

On July 20th, 1969 Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins took off from Nasa Space Station in Florida.



Woodstock



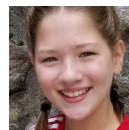
Woodstock was a legendary event for hippies in the 1960's. It was from August 15-18 and it brought hippies from all over America together.

The release of Abbey Road

It was the last album The Beatles released as a band.



Spirit Week Events



**By Allison O'Connor
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Next week, the week of October 28th – November 1st, is Spirit Week.

On October 28 everyone can wear their favorite pajamas. On October 29 wear your grade colors:

6th grade is **purple**,
7th grade is **green**, and
8th grade is **blue**.

The grade with the most people wearing their color wins.

On October 30, join the No Place for Hate club and wear orange. Wear orange to express the hate against bullying.

One October 31, express yourself by wearing your Halloween costume.

On Friday November 1st, it's your pep rally. Sixth graders will go to the auditorium and the 7th and 8th graders will go to the gym. You can sign up for the pep rally games during your lunches.

The 6th grade will be doing banana pass with your feet, a pie eating contest, and a mummy wrap.

The 7th and 8th grade will have to carry a heavy backpack full of textbooks through an obstacle course, a team volleyball, and tug of war which is 7th grade vs 8th grade.



It's an NBA New Year! NBA Opening Night is Here!



**By Benji Cutler
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The 2019-20 NBA Season is here! Opening Night began Tuesday, October 22, and there have been 13 NBA games played these first two days. The Toronto Raptors got their championship rings, the LA teams went up against each other, Kyrie scored 50 in his Nets debut, and much more.

Today, I will go over and review the best and most impressive performances from all the NBA games played on the first 2 Opening Nights.

On Tuesday, the Toronto Raptors and the New Orleans Pelicans faced off, and the two teams from Los Angeles, the Lakers and Clippers, battled it out as well.

First, I'll talk about the Raptors vs. Peli-



cans game. It was a tight game for most of it, with the Pelicans taking strong leads and then the Raptors coming back every time. The game went into overtime, and along with the Raptors' championship rings and the championship banner in the arena, they take the game 130-122. Pascal Siakam put up 34 points and 18 rebounds, along with Kyle Lowry's 22 points and Fred VanVleet's 34 points and 7 assists.

Next, we have the LA Lakers vs the



LA Clippers. It was a pretty close game through-

out, but when the 4th quarter came, Kawhi Leonard and Lou Williams took over for the Clippers to seal the ten-point win, 112-102. In Kawhi's Clippers debut, he dropped 30 points, along with Lou Williams' 21 points and Montrezl Harrell's 17 points.

On Wednesday, there were 11 games played, but I'll only talk about the main ones, and then tell you the scores of the other ones and tell you the best performer from each team.

The Brooklyn Nets faced off against the Minnesota Timberwolves, with Kyrie Irving mak-



ing his debut in Brooklyn. The game was a back and forth game that went into overtime. Even though Kyrie scored 50 points for Brooklyn, Karl-Anthony Towns and the Timberwolves pulled away with a 1-point win, 127-126. Towns had 36 points and 14 rebounds, along with Andrew Wiggins with 21 points.

The Philadelphia 76ers and the Boston Celtics faced off as well on Wednesday. It was



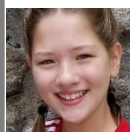
close at the beginning, but for the rest of the game, Ben Simmons, Joel Embiid and Al Horford was too much for the Celtics to handle, giving the 76ers a 14-point win, 107-93. Ben Simmons had 24 points, 8 rebounds and 9 assists, along with Joel Embiid's 15 points and 13 rebounds.

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Scenes from the Tuskers' Undefeated Season

Spirit Week Combines With Red Ribbon Week



By Allison O'Connor
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Red Ribbon week is a product of the Family Partnership, or National Federation of Parents (NFP) Drug Free Youth.



**Red
Ribbon
Week**

Drug-Free America

This was established as a nonprofit organization in 1980 by a group of concerned and determined parents who wanted drug prevention. Former First Lady Nancy Reagan was an Honorary Chair of NFP.

The mission of the National Family Partnership is nurturing full potential. They want healthy drug free

youth. This message will be one of the main themes of Spirit Week next week.

NBA

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Those were the main and most exciting games from the first two days of the 2019-20 NBA season. Now I'm going to show you the scores from the rest of Wednesday's games and the best performer from each team. See you next time!

Charlotte Hornets VS Chicago Bulls: 126-125, Hornets win
Hornets: PJ Washington: 27 points
Bulls: Lauri Markkanen: 35 points, 17 rebounds

Detroit Pistons VS Indiana Pacers: 119-110, Pistons win
Pistons: Andre Drummond: 32 points, 23 rebounds, 4 blocks
Pacers: Domantas Sabonis: 27 points, 13 rebounds

Cleveland Cavaliers VS Orlando Magic: 94-85, Magic win
Magic: Nikola Vucevic: 21 points, 9 rebounds
Cavaliers: Tristan Thompson: 16 points, 11 rebounds

Memphis Grizzlies VS Miami Heat: 120-101, Heat win
Heat: Justice Winslow: 27 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists
Grizzlies: Jaren Jackson Jr.: 17 points

Washington Wizards VS Dallas Mavericks: 108-100, Mavericks win
Mavericks: Luka Doncic: 34 points, 9 rebounds
Wizards: Bradley Beal: 19 points, 6 rebounds, 9 assists

New York Knicks VS San Antonio Spurs: 120-111, Spurs win
Spurs: LaMarcus Aldridge: 22 points, 8 rebounds
Knicks: RJ Barrett: 21 points
Oklahoma City Thunder VS Utah Jazz: 100-95, Jazz win
Jazz: Donovan Mitchell: 32 points, 12 rebounds
Thunder: Shai Gilgeous-Alexander: 26 points
Sacramento Kings VS Phoenix Suns: 124-95, Suns win
Suns: Devin Booker: 22 points, 10 assists
Kings: Buddy Hield: 28 points



Denver Nuggets VS Portland Trail Blazers: 108-100, Nuggets win
Nuggets: Nikola Jokic: 20 points, 13 rebounds
Blazers: Damian Lillard: 32 points, 8 assists.