# The Tusker Tribune

The Student Newspaper of Somers Middle School



**Issue Number 33** 

https://www.somersschools.org/Page/11489

Spring 2019

# **DeCicco and Sons Finally Opens Near SMS!**



By Natalia Tellez Tusker Tribune Staff

Have you ever been to supermarket

DeCicco's and Sons? I haven't until recently when the official opening of DeCicco's and Sons in Somers occurred on May

Yep, the town of Somers and its residents now have a delicious and convenient place close to them to buy last minute groceries or go for food. According to John DeCicco Jr., the chain's CEO, the store has been made specifically so



it isn't just a place to shop but more. I think that they have definitely achieved this because the new store, located on Route 202, has a bar upstairs, small outdoor balcony seating, good catering space, along with a clean kitchen and food to buy. The groceries are all hormone free and germ-free with a large variety from fresh fruit, lettuce, and vegetables to pasta and more.

The store has the regular DeCicco's and Sons groceries including prepared food, baked goods, fresh juice and

much more more.

Continued on Page 2

## West Point Trip Challenging and Memorable



By Luke Hopper Tusker Tribune Staff

The 57th Annual West Point camporee is a campout where the Boy Scout troops have to be invited.

The troops sign up but only a certain amount are actually invited. Troop 228 Somers was invited for the first time in four years. I was one of the scouts who went on the campout. We had to wake up at 5:45 and be ready for Physical training at six.

PT included some running and lots of strength activities in a muddy field. There are events that involve army and scout skills to compete in. One of these events is the Ranger's Challenge where the scouts have to work in a team to drag one of their team mates in a sled around a track, then they have to run to a wall that is ten feet tall and they have to get



their whole team over the wall. On the other side of the wall, there are jugs of water that you have to run with to another wall that is five feet tall and you have to place the jugs on the other side on the wall and get your team over the wall and run back to the start to stop the timer.

Some of my friends and I were assigned that challenge. The downfall was that it had rained all the previous day and some of the night, so the field that the challenge was on was really muddy. The event was run by some 250 cadets from West Point

Military Academy.

After we were done with our events we went around asking cadets for brass. Brass are pins that have different colors signifying what year the cadet was. To earn the brass you had to work for it. I got one piece of brass, while some of

my friends got the mane tags off their uniforms of the U.S. military patch.

That night there was a bonfire. The pile of wood that they light on fire was about 20 feet tall with a diameter of about 15 feet. The cafes had to use hay and gas to light the fire. The fire was extremely hot we were standing 25 feet away from the ring and I could still feel the intense heat on my face. The troop with the most points in the end wins a five foot long sward to keep at their meeting place. Sadly, our troop did not win. If we get invited to the camporee next year we will have another chance to win in The 58th Annual West Point Camporee.



#### Smarties are for Eating!



By Allison O'Connor Tusker Tribune Staff

"We have experienced an unsafe new trend among our middle school students, smoking or snorting the candy... Smarties."

This quote is from https://www.latimes.com/food/ dailydish/la-dd-snorting-

smarties-nasal-maggots-20140121-story.html.

Snorting Smarties Candy May Lead to Death, Sugar High Affects Nasal Passages, Lungs, and Allergies. Kids have adopted a new extracurricular activity: crushing up and snorting the chalky, round candies to mimic the effects of getting high. Also, it can affect how you breathe through your nose.

Snorting smarties can lead to the infection and scarring of the nasal cavity. So, be 'smart" ies and don't snort



#### $\mathbf{DeCicco}$ From Page 1

Not only is it delicious and a wonderful place to go but it also is very earth-friendly. The store is heated by recycled heat, uses special lighting to eliminate long usage of electricity and has eliminated plastic bags.

Even though Somers will be the eighth location from DeCicco's and Sons, it has by far not disappointed! Look for it while your driving and maybe even visit it and try some amazing food the store, DeCicco's and Sons, sells!

# **NFL Draft Update**

By Andrew Violante Tusker Tribune Staff

People have been waiting for this moment for a long time. This is a

moment where players get to experience their life-long dream. Families all here with the players. It all comes down to this.

#### Here is the draft order:

1) Arizona Cardinals, 2) San Francisco 49'rs, 3) New York jets, 4) Okland Raiders, 5) Tam-pa Bay Buccaneers, 6) New York Giants, 7) Jacksonville Jaguars,

8) Detroit Lions, 9) Buffalo bills, 10) Pittsburg Steelers, 11) Cincinati Bengal's, 12) Green Bay Packers, 13) Miami Dolphins, 14) Atlanta Falcons, 15) Washington Redskins, 16) Carolina Pan-

thers, 17) New York Giants, 18) Minnesota Vikings, 19) Tennessee Taints, 20) Denver Broncos, 21) Seattle Seahawks, 22) Baltimore Ravens, 23) Houston Texans, 24) Okland Raiders, 25)
Philadelphia Eagles, 26) Indianapolis colts, 27) Okland Raiders, 28) Los Angeles Chargers, 29)
Seattle Seahawks, 30) Green
Bay Packers, 31) Los Angeles
Bayra 28) New England Patri Rams, 32) New England Patriots.

#### **Draft Picks**

1) Arizona Cardinals: QB Kyler Murray

2) San Francisco 49ers: DE Nick **B**osa

3) New York Jets: DT Quinnen Williams

4) Okland Raiders: DT Clelin Ferell

5) Tampa Bay Buccaneers: LB Devin White

6) New York Giants: QB Daniel

Jones 7) Jacksonville Jaguars: LB Josh Állen

8) Detroit Lions: TE T.J. Hock-

9) Buffalo Bills: DT Ed Oliver 10) Pittsburg Steelers: LB Devin

11) Cincinnati Bengals: OT Johan Williams

12) Green Bay Packers: DE

Rashan Gary 13) Miami Dolphins: DT Christián Wilkins

14) Atlanta Falcons: G Chris Lindstrom

15) Washington Redskins: QB

Dwayne Hasǩins 16) Carolina Panthers: LB Brian Burns 17) New York Giants: DT Dexter Lawrence 18) Minnesota Vikings: C Garret Bradbury 19) Tennesse Titans: DT Jeffery Sim-

mons 20) Denver Broncos: TE Noah Fant

21) Green Bay Packers: DB Darnell Savage 22) Philadelphia Eagles: OT An-

dre Dillard

23) Houston Texans: OT Tytus Howard 24) Okland Raiders: RB Josh

Jacobs

25) Baltimore Ravens: WR Marquise Brown 26) Wahington Redskins: Mon-

tez Sweat

27) Okland Raiders: S Jonathan Abram

28) Los Angeles Chargers: DT Jerry Tillery

29) Šeattle Šeahawks: DE L.J. Collier

30) New York Giants: CB Deandre Baker

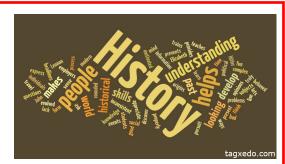
31) Atlanta Hawks: OT Kaleb Mcgary

32) New England Patriots: WR N'Keal Harry

# This Week In History

By Kaeleigh Picco Tusker Tribune Staff

Have you ever wondered what happened today ten years ago? Twenty years ago? Fifty? In *This Week in History*, I will tell you about the events that happened that particular week that could have impacted our everyday lives or are just really interesting to learn about.



May 10th, 1869

On this date, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Central Pacific Railroad were first connected in Promontory Point, Utah. Leland Stanford, President of the Central Pacific, drove in a golden spike into the meeting point to celebrate the victory of completing the first cross-country railroad. There is rumor that the first time Stanford went to swing the spike, he missed. This brought roars of laughter from the onlooking laborers, who had driven in thousands of spikes themselves while working on the railroad.



May 11th, 1893

Celebrated dancer Martha Graham was born on this date in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. At 22 she began her career and is known for being a pioneer for modern dance in America. During her career, she created over 180 works in 70 years. She performed up until the age of 75.

May 12th, 1820

Florence Nightingale, British Nurse and Public Health Activist, was born in Florence, Italy, on this date. While British Troops were in Turkey, she volunteered to aid the soldiers. While she was there, she greatly improved hospital sanitary conditions, and reduced the death rate for wounded and sick men. She is recognized on an international scale as a contributor to the development of modern nursing procedures, emphasizing the dignity of nursing as a profession for women. and having unselfish devotion to nursing.





May 13th, 1846

Congress declared war on Mexico after the order of President James K. Polk. The conflict that divided the nation caused over 11,300 soldiers to lose their lives, but resulted in the annexation of lands that are now parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican-American war in 1848.

The Tusker Tribune is the online Somers Middle School Student Newspaper. It is published weekly (except during school vacations) on the Somers Middle School Website. It is entirely student-written by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from:

Somers Middle School

250 Route 202
Somers, NY, USA.
Any SMS student is eligible to write stories. If interested, please e-mail Advisor Dean Pappas at DPappas@somersschools.org

<u>Sports Editor</u> Jesse Manginelli

Co-Editors

Noah Volkman

Joseph Melillo

<u>Feature Editor</u>

Samuel Sanz

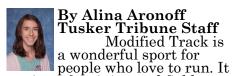
Photography Editor Allison O'Connor

<u>Copy Editors</u> William Underkoffler Michael Aiello



Reporters
Natalia Tellez
Luke Hopper
Andrew Fasone
Kaeleigh Picco
Jesse Manginelli
Luke Cukaj
Allison O'Connor
Andrew Violante
Jordan Della Vecchia
Alina Aronoff
Sara Elconin

# Hit Your Stride with Modified Track!



consists of training and field events such as: Long Jump, Hurdles, and High Jump. You can choose the field event that you would like to do, then you practice for the "meet"! It is required that you do 3 events for the meet. You may also choose the number of meters you want to do. The

choices are mainly: 100m, 200m, 400, 800m, and 1,600m. You don't even have to do any field events

if you feel more comfortable running.

Running is a big part of track. It is encouraged that you run and exercise every day, so why not do it with your friends at track? The coach will out a form. You can't join during the season, but ask you to do many drills and strides. If you're lucky, the coach will let you do relays, where you stand at each 100m and wait to be handed a baton. You go in groups of 4, then run as fast as you can to the next 100m. This is also practice for the 100m that you may choose to do for the meet.

A meet is where the track team competes

against other schools. You also must purchase a track uniform before you start going to meets. We aren't judged, in fact, many parents come to support their kids, and the whole team. Our time is the most important thing during the meets. Your coach will start a stopwatch, and when you cross the finish line, they write your time of your card that you attach to your track uniform with a safety pin.

Sometimes, we have "Fun Friday"! Our



coach asks us to do our usual 2-3 laps around the track, then we'll do our strides. The coach may ask you which interactive game you would like to play! Popular ones are Infected and Capture the Flag! You play that certain game until the end of track, which end at 5:00 pm. When the bell rings for the

end of the day, you go down to the cafeteria and wait for the bus. There, you may chat with

friends, have a healthy snack, or get some extra work done! I would suggest always bringing a water bottle, and a sweatshirt just in case it becomes

If you want to join track, then you can fill you can wait till the next one. The running sports are; Cross Country, Winter Track, and Spring

Track. You can join all of them if you want, since Cross Country is in the Fall, and Winter track and Spring track happen during their said seasons.

If you aren't going to be at track for a specific reason (not just because you don't feel like it), then you can email the coach through the "Team App." The Team App. is the app that you'very par App". The Team App is the app that you/your parents can download so you can get all the latest updates on what's happening. For example, there is a schedule for the meets that is posted by the coach(s).

Anyone can join Track/Cross Country! I would suggest becoming a part of the team next year! Remember this sport is not open to 6th graders, but 7/8th graders are welcome to join!

## Fortnite Continues to Gain Popularity

By Jordan Della Vecchia Tusker\_Tribune Staff

Fortnite is a free battle royal player vs player game. Fortnite has over

250 million players and still counting. Fortnite is an online video game developed by Epic Games and released in 2017. There have been tons of updates in fortine releasing new game modes, weapons, seasons, items, and more. When you first load into

the game, you have the option to play Battle Royale or Save the World. We will be talking about Battle Royale. When you chose Battle Royale, you go into the main screen and have the option to play Battle Royale or "duo's", "squads", or a lim-

ited time game mode. "Duos are a mode in Battle

Royale where you can play with an online friend. It is 1-2 players. Squads is another game mode where you can play 1-4 players. You can also check out a battle pass. A battle pass is a unlockable feature were you can unlock several items.

Once you press "start" in whatever game mode you play, you load into a "battle

bus" were you chose where to land at the island. Locations that you can land at are "Tilted Towers", "Lucky Landing", and more. To survive you must find weapons like the scar, pump shotgun, or rocket launcher. Hope you enjoyed.

# Bellinger's Great Season Continues

By Jesse Manginelli Tusker Tribune Staff Cody Bellinger has the Na-tional League leading batting average. Not only is he leading in the

National League he also has the highest batting average in the MLB with a batting average of .409.

Bellinger is also leading the National League in RBIs with 41 RBIs and even has 15 homeruns which puts him in second place for homeruns in the National League

Now Bellinger is having a breakout season and who knows what else will come from him. Now I'll tell you about himself and his MLB career. Bellinger is only 23 years old. He bats and throws left-handed

and plays first base and outfield.

Bellinger already has 61 hits this season. Bellinger has won the Rookie of the Year and is a 1x All Star. Bellinger's father, Clay, played in the majors. He played for the Angels and the Yankees. Cody's brother Cole was drafted by the Padres in the 2017 MLB Draft.

#### Amateur Career

Cody played in the 2007 Little League World Series for the Chandler, Arizona team. Bellinger also played baseball for Hamilton High School and was a 2013 Rawlings-Perfect Game 2nd Team All-American. Bellinger also pitched for his high school and threw a complete-game shutout with 10 strikeouts in a national tournament.

#### **Fun Fact**

He became the first Dodger player to hit two home runs in back-to-back games since 2004 when Adrian Beltre did the





#### /ideo Game Review:

### Clash of Clans

By Andrew Fasone Tusker Tribune Staff

The mobile free to play game Clash of Clans has been around since 2012. Over the course of history, the game has changed a lot but most for the better.

Let's start from the beginning, shall we? In the beginning, the max town hall (or as I'm going to refer to it: "th") was only th 8, and for the ones who don't know this, yeah, it used to be that low.

One more major thing to players in the game was the walls. They are the most time-consuming defense in the game, costing millions and millions of coins and elixir to upgrade. You used to have to wait for them to upgrade.



I know this isn't important to the review, but there used to be a waterfall in the background. The graphics were also decent for a game played on an iPod. On October 27, 2012, they released th 9 and it came with some new features to balance out the game. With the release of th 9, there came x-bows. But supercell needed a way to even the game, so they added a jump spell. This allowed players troops to jump over walls without having to break them down. This was a really useful feature that made the game more popular and more fun to play. Unfortunately, though, they released the option to sell buildings. November 19, 2012 was the first winter update. There were no permanent features added but they did have some cool effects that lasted throughout the winter season.

Continued on Page 6

## Playoff Momentum Seems to Be with Warriors

By Luke Cukaj Tusker Tribune Staff I believe that the Golden State Warriors are the best team in the NBA playoffs. I believe this because it is now



the semifinals and the Warriors already have a 2-0 lead against the Portland Trailland blazers. The

star player of the Warriors is Stephan Curry, who averages 27 points a game with five rebounds and six assists. Some also might say that he is the best three -point shooter in the league.

Besides Curry's

amazing talent, they also have Kevin Durant, who averages 27 points, six rebounds and six assists.

But unfortunately, the Warriors don't have him for the next few games because of an injury. Overall, I believe that the Golden State Warriors are the best team in the 2019 NBA playoffs. They have the handles, three point talent, and much more. What else could a team want?



There was the Snow Effect, which is usual now, but this was the first-time supercell release. There was the Santa Spell, which again is usual now, but it was the first time

back then.

On January 10, 2013, heroes were added into the game. but the Grand Warden was not included in this update. We'll get to him later. We got the king and the queen in this update along with the new add-in of another resource. We got dark elixir, which is required to upgrade the heroes.

On the 5th of February, we got two new traps—the Air Mine and the Seeking Air Mine. The only big difference between the two is that the Seeking Air Mine does about four times the amount of damage.

On March 12th, 2013, we got the introduction of Dark Elixir Troops, not including the Go-lem Witch and Bowler. They came later along

with the Dark Barracks.

On May  $23^{rd}$ , th 10 was released along with the new Inferno Tower which with the upgrade of th 12. You get the third one which is a good advantage for when you are away. It really helps defend your base, but we'll get to that later. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, there was a Freeze

Spell added to the game. It was nothing major, but I thought I would include it.

September 30th featured the Village Edit mode, which meant that making a new base wouldn't take a literal hour to make.
On April 9th, when Clan Wars was added,

the game Clash of Clans finally lived up to its name. With this update, you could battle other clans. The more you battle, the more rewards you can get, but you have to attack one of the opponents' bases to win that loot bonus. The higher level base you went for, the more rewards you got.
At the end of the third day, the game sees who
won more stars and everyone who

participated in the war gets what they won. The losing team gets

nothing. On April 30th, 2015 a new defense was added—the Air Sweeper. This defense pushed back Flying Troops so that way, it couldn't hit any-

thing or anyone.

July 1st, the Dark Spell factory was added which introduced the Poison Spell Earthquake Spell and the Haste Spell. On December 10th they added th 11 and this changed a lot. You got the Eagle Artillery and you got the Third Hero, the Grand Warden, along with some extra defenses. They also added 30

seconds to battle time because th 11 was such a

big base to try and attack.

When 2016 came around, they added the Loot Cart, which was kind of broken, but they fixed it. On March 21st, we got the new addition of some more troop changes. We got the Bowler, higher troop levels, different war changes and new defenses. On May 24th, we got Friendly Challenges because why not? We also got the addition of the Minor and the Baby Dragon. We also got the Clone Spell and the Skeleton Spell. Now from this point on, there were no major updates to the game other that the 12. This included a third Inferno Tower, and the Giga Tesla, which you could upgrade up to five times. There's also a new level of walls along with the Electro Dragon.



# Las Mananitas Great for Summer Dining



By Gemma Carr Tusker Tribune Staff

A few weeks ago, I went to a Mexican food restaurant called Las

Mananitas. A lot of people go there for birthdays or small events.

When I went, it was for a birthday party with some of my friends. Since I had never been there before, I didn't know what it was like or what it looked like. I heard from other people that

had been there that it was very nice, and the food was good.

When we got there, I ordered chicken quesadillas. We all wanted to take pictures so, we went outside to this outdoor area where there were pretty flowers, lights hanging up, and there was a beautiful view of trees and the sunset.



If you go there for dinner, and the weather is nice, I would recommend sitting outside since it's so pretty.

When they brought the food out, there were bowls of chips and guacamole, which was homemade and very good. Then, we all got out entrees. Each person ordered something different, and they had many interesting choices. But, I have to say the quesadillas were my favorite

of all of the food.

The service was great and the decoration inside was very nice.

Las Mananitas is located at 1250 Route 22 in Brewster. http://

www.lasmananitasrestaurant.com/

## Tusker Tribune Poetry



### **Darkness**

By Sarah Elconin Tusker Tribune Staff

Dark is a thing It cannot be felt or loved: But it can be seen and heard

It is the steady in and out of breath that

sounds of the four winds from the world.

It is the sound of your footsteps echoing around the earth and back; It is the noise of a steady heartbeat that sends life through the universe.

But the thing about noise is that it can't be taken away; So, the darkness makes noise for itself.

At the expense of the boom of your thoughts echoing in your skull; But the dark isn't just whole yet empty noise.

It can also be seen;

It's a fluid chill that runs up your spine and touches your soul.

The noise of darkness is the noise of yourself It is to light as day is to night; It courses through the world as a motion.

And those who see are unchanged; just fazed But the darkness will adjust its gaze.

And when it stares you in the eye, you just see a reflection of thought.

But when you stare the light in the eye, it's time to say goodbye. For darkness isn't evil.

It simply just sits there waiting for you to come by;

All it wants is to catch a thought as you wander near it.

The dark isn't scary; It's lonely. And the light made it so.