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Student Government

by Katie Coy

Saydel High School's Student Government has been up to some amazing things! Student government is a student-led council consisting of freshmen through seniors. Mrs. Brenda Brown is the current student government sponsor. Mrs. Brown helps the students organize the fundraisers and supports them. Student government meets at least once a month to discuss projects that give back to Saydel's community and other communities.

One of the most recent projects that student government was involved in took place at Woodside Middle School. A few weeks ago, Saydel lost an amazing woman, friend, and community member. Student government planted a sugar maple tree in honor of Sherry Hornbacher. A dedication plaque was also planted in front of the tree in Sher-

ry's memory. To extend their work outside of Saydel's community, over the last month student government has been holding a Jeans for Teens drive at the school where students and adults can donate jeans of good quality. These jeans are then given to those in need and those who cannot afford new jeans each winter.

"I enjoy being a part of student government because I am able to know and have a say on things that are going on around the school," junior Kendall Walker says.

"I also enjoy being able to have the opportunity to go to leadership conferences and take what I learn there and implement it into my daily life."

Student government is a great club for students who want to become leaders. Make sure you thank Saydel High School's Student Government members for all that they do, and remember anyone can join student government if they wish to! If you're interested in becoming a member of this amazing group, contact Mrs. Brown!

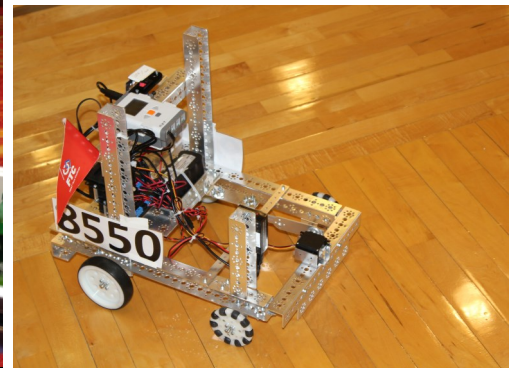


Student government members help plant a sugar maple tree in memory of Sherry Hornbacher.

FTC Makes it to State

It was a historic year of Saydel robotics

by Nick Dolan



Photos courtesy Emily Roepsch

When it comes to extracurriculars, there aren't a lot of options for people who are competitive, but aren't interested in sports. Robotics is one of those few.

At Saydel there are two kinds of robotics: FTC (First Tech Challenge), and Hyperstream. Hyperstream robotics is just one component of several Hyperstream venues, whereas FTC is all robotics.

This year's FTC competition theme was "Cascade Effect." Cascade Effect consists of transporting balls of various sizes to plastic tubes, and then moving those tubes to different locations on the playing field as quickly as possible. For the first 30 seconds, the robot is autonomous, meaning it moves itself and there is no remote control. After that, a team member takes the remote control for two more minutes, and the challenge is complete.

FTC requires dedication and hard work. Senior Justin Roepsch says, "for the most of the season, I did programming—all the way up until the last couple competitions." One of these competitions, in January, was hosted by Saydel High School.

Roepsch and his teammates use a program called RobotC, which sophomore Daniel Way likes for its nuance. He says, "it's more complex than LEGO Mindstorm," the program used in the middle school's LEGO League programs.

The hard work put into FTC paid off: in March the FTC robotics team participated in the state competition held in Iowa City. While the team didn't place there, it marks the first time Saydel has sent a robotics team to a statewide event, and is a noteworthy accomplishment.

Daniel Way recommends FTC robotics for "creative, ambitious people [...] who like working alone. It lets me exercise my creativity [and] explore my interests."

Congrats to the robotics team, and if you're interested in joining next year, find a robotics member and ask away!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

by Sam Bullock

Every year students in tenth grade and up get an email about NHS or National Honor Society. If one is interested, they must fill out the application located in the email and submit it to the committee. This committee then reads through all of the applications and picks out a select few who they think would make good members for NHS. If one is picked to become a member, they will be notified by the NHS committee and will be inducted during the month of February. This process takes place every year. Breck Briley was inducted this year, and she told me what she felt when she got her acceptance letter. "I can't begin to explain the amount of excitement I had when I received the letter in the mail saying I was accepted. My parents and I went out to eat that night to celebrate

my acceptance." Ten people including Breck Briley were inducted this year into NHS, as shown in the picture below.



This year, NHS members planned a lock-in on April 24, where they played games, ate food, and had lots of fun from 7 pm to 7am. "The lock-in was lots of fun! We played sardines, Risk, and tons of other games!" said senior

Sydney Samples.

Every year students partner with Polk County Conservation to participate in a service project. This year the service project took them to clean up the Trestle to Trestle Trail. Students also cleaned the Beavertdale Little League parks.

Finally, NHS members are teaming up on May 22 to put on a pancake breakfast. Last year, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) hosted a pancake breakfast before finals. Since FCA is no longer a club, NHS is going to host it this year. On Friday from 7:15 to 7:45 students can come into the lunchroom and get fresh pancakes before they take their finals, free of charge.

Class of 2015



Large Group Contest

by Megan Schmidt

Many people like to sing or play an instrument, but do they want to be scored on how well they did? On May 8, the band and choir went to Gilbert for contest. Every year Saydel takes four groups to contest:



The bass choir sings during their pre-contest concert on April 28.

Band, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, and Bass Choir. Each of these groups have been working hard for months to make their pieces the best possible. Junior Caitie Fagen says, "I am taking my music home every night to look at it." The students have been using many tools to help make them contest ready which can be anywhere from sectionals to Smart-Music.

This is the second year the large group contest has been held at Gilbert. Freshman Trent Guy talked about how it was nice to go to Gilbert because, "it allowed some time to relax before contest."

Once they arrive at the high school, they are given two classrooms as a sort of 'home base' for their school. From then on they listen to other schools perform, eat food at the concession stand, and wait for their turn to come around. Freshman Trent Guy says, "If you weren't [performing] you just did whatever."

When it is finally time to perform, everyone has nerves. After all the hard work students put in, they want the judges to enjoy their performance. Right before they go on stage, everyone can see their nervous smiles and see them think over their notes. Once they have performed, there are many relieved faces and all the performers have to do now is wait for their scores.

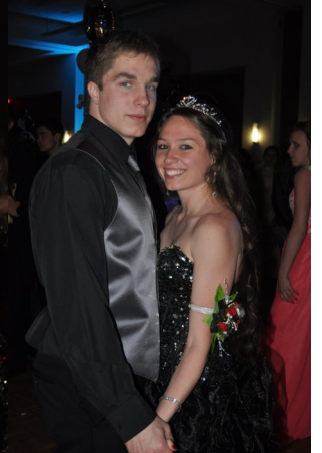
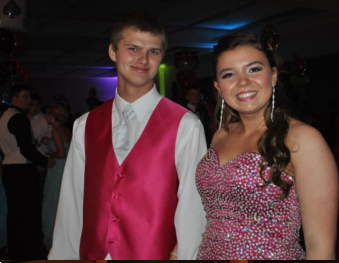
At contest the best score a group can receive is a number one rating (I). Schools can get a rating as low as a 5 (V) but this rarely happens. The overall ratings for each group were: Band I, Mixed Choir I, Treble Choir I, and Bass Choir II. Great job to everyone who was involved!



Band plays their song during their pre-contest concert that was on April 28.

PROM

by Courtney Hill



Weird Colleges

by Sam Bullock



Are you unsure of what you want to go to college for? I'm sure many of you are. One thing that can be difficult in your college search is to find something that fits you. Who knew colleges had courses and programs for nearly everything?

If you enjoy older music, then you have probably heard of The Beatles. Even if one thinks they know everything about them, there is more to learn about the Beatles. At Liverpool Hope University, one can get a masters degree in The Beatles.

If The Beatles don't interest you, there are many other options. Nowadays, many people don't just sit around and listen to the radio; instead, most people enjoy watching TV. There are many college courses on TV. At Montclair State you can take a course on how to properly watch TV; at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital one can take a course on the psychology of *Seinfeld*. In this course your homework will include watching *Seinfeld*. One could even go to college to learn about *Star Trek*. At Georgetown University, students can take a course to study the philosophy of *Star Trek*.



Maybe you would rather read a book than watch TV. If that is true, you probably have read the famous Harry Potter books. If one is reading this, they probably didn't get their acceptance letter to Hogwarts when they were 11. Despite this, one could still go to a wizardry school. In the UK, the Grey School of Wizardry is meant for 11 to 18 year olds, but anyone can attend even if they are older than 18.



One doesn't need to be a Harry Potter fan to know different types of weird creatures. At many colleges around the world one can take a course about zombies. Several universities, including Michigan State University, offer a course on how to survive a zombie apocalypse. Do you think you need tips on how to survive an apocalypse?

Speaking of weird creatures, do you enjoy the Muppets? If one is artistic and enjoys puppets, the University of California may be right for you. At the University of California one can get a Bachelors of Fine Arts and a Masters of Fine Arts in the field of puppetry. Throughout this course, you will learn lighting, scenery, costumes and much more.



Finally, my search revealed that Cornell College offers a vigorous course on how to climb trees. For many, as a young child you probably enjoyed climbing trees, but this course goes beyond the basic tree in your back yard. During this course at Cornell College, one will learn how to get up into any type of tree, and how to jump from one tree to another.



There are many things one can go to college for and these are just a few. So take a look on the internet and find out if college has something right for you. I'm sure you can find something that suits you. From the Beatles to tree climbing, college has nearly everything.

The Ultimate Summer Bucket List

by Hannah Van Houten

As the end of May is near, all thoughts are on what comes next. Once the last final is taken and turned in, students are officially free to enjoy their summer break. But what is there to do in Iowa in the summer? When “there’s nothing to do” and you are “so bored,” feel free to refer to this bucket list of things to do and places to visit this summer.

Visit the Capital downtown	Go go-karting @ MB2 Raceway Grimes	Go to summer camp	Visit the historical center downtown	Rock climb @ Climb Iowa in Grimes	Get a summer job	Check out the farmer’s market on Saturday morning	Jump on trampolines @ Skyzone
Take photos in the sculpture park	Ride bikes around Gray’s Lake	Hit up the water rides at Lost Island Water Park	Ride roller-coasters at Adventureland	Check out a book from the library	Hang out at the Ankeny or Altoona Pool	Go bowling	Visit the Botanical Center
Tour the Des Moines Art Center	Check out Living History Farms	Attend the Iowa State Fair	Visit the Amana Colonies	Head to Lake Okoboji and Arnold’s Park	Go hiking at the Ledges	Stop for a picture at the High Trestle Trail	Go shopping at the mall
Go see the Field of Dreams	Check out the National Balloon Classic in Indianola	Watch 4th of July fireworks	Watch a movie at the Newton Drive-in Theater	Watch an I-Cubs baseball game	Have a movie marathon night with friends	Go see the animals at the Blank Park Zoo	Eat supper while enjoying a movie at Flix Brewhouse
Run a Race for a Cure	Go to the beach at Big Creek or Saylorville Lake	Go disc golfing or mini golfing	Cheer on Saydel Softball or Baseball	Check out the Science Center & the IMAX theater	Go roller skating	Check out Granny’s Malt Shop or make your own homemade ice cream	Have a technology free day
Camp out, have a bonfire & make s’mores	Go swimming or boating	Have a water balloon fight	Visit Jester Park	Check out some local restaurants (Smokey D’s)	Learn how to water ski, go tubing	Have a garage sale or go shopping at a garage sale	Play messy paint Twister
Tie dye something	Go kayaking or canoeing	Fly a kite	Go horseback riding	Put glow sticks in a swimming pool	Spend time with family and friends	Volunteer at the Animal Rescue League	Release floating paper lanterns
Send a message in a bottle	Go on a road trip or on vacation	Go zip lining	Play on a slip n slide or in a sprinkler	Play laser tag	Grill out and have a picnic at the park	Watch a rodeo	Watch the races at the Newton Speedway

Take lots of pictures/ remake old photos	Play sports and be active	Eat at a fancy restaurant	Attend Summerfest In Ankeny	Learn to swing dance	Babysit for extra money	Write a letter to a pen pal
See a shooting star	Perform random acts of kindness	Buy sweet corn from a stand	Bake cookies and cakes	Complete the Blazing Hot Challenge @ Buffalo Wild Wings	Rope swing into a lake	Take underwater pictures
Light dandelions on fire	Find a four leaf clover	Tell scary or funny stories by a bonfire	Try a weird, new food	Have a photo scavenger hunt	Go camping or sleep outside in a tent	Get a manicure or pedicure
Learn to cook	Donate old clothes and toys	Make a time capsule	Write and mail a letter	Go thrift shopping	Dye your hair/donate your hair to Locks of Love	Write a song
Play in a creek or in the mud	Go fishing	Go paintballing	Redo your bedroom	Climb a tree	Wear a "free hugs" shirt in public	Make new friends
Visit a car show	Stay up late and sleep in	Try out a paddleboat	Buy a snack from an ice cream/taco truck	Make funny YouTube videos/Vines	Watch a parade	Help with chores
Take a nap in a hammock	Hang out with your classmates	Work out	Learn to do something new	Dress fancy for a fast food restaurant	Learn to play an instrument	Start a blog
Host a board/card game night	Watch a meteor shower	Watch the sunset/sunrise	Catch lightning bugs	Take pictures in a photo booth	Take an art class	Start your own business
Create a memory jar of everything you do	Get shakes from Zombie Burger	Collect shells on the beach	Enter a contest at the fair	Break a world record	Make homemade facials	Participate in the color run
"Move out, go to college." -Senior Jose Carrera	"Visit Irish Fest in Waverly." -Freshman Jacob Kuehl	"Slide the city." -Sophomore Carly Woods	"Go on a picnic." -Junior Curtis Fields	"See my favorite band." -Senior Nicole Fleenor	"Play baseball." -Junior Joe Seuferer	"Go to Chicago." -Freshman Sarah Stocker

Whether it's indoor, outdoor, by yourself, or with friends and family, be sure to make the best of this summer and get as much fun in as you can!



Barksdale Concessions

Is permanently located at the Iowa State Fairgrounds

In the Varied Industries Building

This is a list of the Dates, Times, and Positions available. If you are interested in a job please

Contact: Kathryn Barksdale-Cornwell, General Manager

1-515-229-9515

barksdalecookies@yahoo.com

Dates for Fair August 13 – 23

Training Dates August 10 – 12

Prep Days for Fair August 3 – 9 We will need 4 – 5 individuals 8 AM to 4 PM

We have a total of 40+ positions available for the Iowa State Fair, Ages 14 -18 and above

We have 3 stand alone trailers on the grounds with 2 shifts 8 AM to 4 Pm and 4 PM to 12 AM

We have 3 stands in the Varied Industries Building with 8 – 15 hour shifts (these 15 hours shifts can be split between 2 individuals into 7.5 hours each) If you are under 16 years old you will not work past 8:55 PM

Shift Supervisor 1 Position 8 AM to 4PM must be over 20 of age or older

Cash Register Total of 23 positions, individuals must be 16 or older Shifts run 8 to 12 hours: We have shifts available from 8 AM to 12 AM hours depending on where you are placed

Grill/Fryer Cook 1 position Must be 17 or older Shift is 8 AM to 10 PM **We are looking to fill this position by June 1 for our events in the Varied Industries Building before and after the fair**

Sandwich Maker 1 position Must be 16 or older Shift 8 AM to 10 PM **We are looking to fill this position by June 1 for our events in the Varied Industries Building before and after the fair**

Pop Pourers Total of 3 positions Ages 14 and up, if you are under 16 of age your shift will end at 8:55 PM
Shifts are 9 AM to 9:30 PM.

Cookie Dippers Total of 3 – 6 positions Ages 14 and up
Shifts are 9 AM to 9:30 PM (if you are under 16 of age your shift will end at 8:55 PM)

Bakers 2 positions Ages 18 and up
Shifts are 6 AM to 2:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 11 PM

Baker Helpers 2 positions Ages 18 and up
Shifts are 6 AM to 2:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 11 PM

Dough Droppers & Dough Makers Total of 11 positions Ages 18 and up
Shifts available from 6 AM to 12 AM depending on where you are placed

Ice Cream Dippers 3-4 positions Age 14 and up
Shifts are 9 AM to 10 PM (if you are under 16 years of age your shift will end at 8:55 AM)

Milk Shake Maker 1 Position Must be age 17 and up Shift 9 AM to 10 PM

Kathy's Helper 1 Position available Must be 18 years of age Shift 4 Pm to 12:30 AM