

The Skyhawk View



The East Mall is now called the Dillon Mall.

Name Change for East Mall

By Saul Juarez
Sauk news writer

Some students at Sauk probably don't know this yet, but there has been a name change for the East mall. The new name for the East mall is now called the Dillon mall.

President David Hellmich said that during a meeting with the board of trustees, they wanted to find a way to honor Pete Dillon. Pete Dillon was an original trustee for the college, and has also been a big contributor to the Sauk Valley area. Hellmich met with Dillon and said that he wanted to

recognize him. At first, Dillon was not excited about it because he perceived it as in the recognition should not go to him, but to his family. Dillion also thought that it should go to all the other people who got the college started.

Hellmich and the board members thought that it was important to recognize Dillon and the founders. That's when Hellmich and his board members thought of the idea to change the name of the East mall to the Dillon mall. Their plan is to create a monument for all the founders. The monu-

ment will be on a wall, and on that wall, there will be a list for all the founders. Dillon then accepted to having the name change after hearing that the founders will be recognized as well.

When asked about the West mall, Hellmich said that the West will maintain the name that is currently has for now. Hellmich also said that he can see in the near future that there could be a name change for the West mall, but there haven't been any names that have been brought up at the moment, but maybe in the near future.

Skyhawks fall one game short of championship

By Matthew Handel
Sports writer

The Skyhawks' post-season would only last two games. The most recent, and final, game was an 80-71 loss to Kennedy-King College. Karson Arrenholz and Sean Chislom would lead the way, scoring 16 and 22 points respectively.

The Skyhawks would end the season with a record of 17-15 overall and 6-4 in conference. Arrenholz would earn 2017 All-Re-

gion First Team, which is only given to the five best players in the region, and Chislom would earn 2017 All-Region Second Team. Malcolm Mabry would tie for the final spot on the 2017 All-Region Second Team, joining Chislom.

Four of the Skyhawks' top five scorers are Sophomores, which means that there will be plenty of need for guys to step up next year. On the current roster there are eight Freshmen

and seven Sophomores. This means two things; the Skyhawks are losing a lot of experienced players, but they are also retaining a lot of the current team.

Head coach, Russ Damhoff, who has been the head coach at Sauk for more than 30 seasons will expect an even better season next year and it will take a total team effort. Plenty of minutes for guys who didn't play much this season as Freshmen will be available.

Sauk Budget Crisis Leads to Rise in Tuition at SVCC

By Saul Juarez

Because of the debt that the state of Illinois is in, Sauk Valley Community college is also in a debt as well. And the debt is pretty big.

During pizza with the prez, where students are invited to eat free pizza and also provided with beverages, with president David Hellmich, the students get informed on the budget issue at Sauk and what the school is doing to try and get out of debt.

One of the ideas that Hellmich and the board have come up with to try and get Sauk at of its budget issue is to create an AG (agriculture) program with the hopes that the program will draw more students to enroll at Sauk. With more students enrolled, Sauk has a better chance getting out of its debt. One of the solutions that the school did come up with that will affect every students is to



President David Hellmich discusses the school's budget issue with students.

raise the price of tuition. Starting next year, the school will raise the tuition price by 12 dollars. It may not sound like much, but by raising it by 12 dollars will bring Sauk out of its debt a bit.

Hellmich said, "for every dollar we raise tuition, it generates approximately 32,000 dollars". So hope-

fully with this tuition raise, the school will be able to get more out of debt. When asked what the students can do to help with the budget issue, the answer was simply to do good in school. As broad as that may seem, it's really the only thing that students can do to help out with budget issue.

Low turnout for private college event held at SVCC

by James Hutchison

Many representatives from Illinois private colleges recently held an event at Sauk Valley Community College. The event lasted from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the

east mall of the facility, a time when most classes are out for lunch. However, despite this, very few students took the opportunity to stop by.

Reasons for not participating in the event vary

widely, but the consensus seems to mostly point toward students not having the time and/or feeling that the increased tuition is simply too much for them to pay



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Bureau Valley Education Board discusses changes, annexation

By Josh Taylor
local news writer

The Bureau Valley District #340 Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the district office in Manlius, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Rick Cernovich. Don Dewaele conducted roll call with Kent Stillman being present by phone. Eric Lawson, interim superintendent, reported that the Bureau Valley High School would be celebrating FFA Week to continue the tradition at BVHS. Several students were dressed up for the celebration and will continue to participate in several activities that lasted until February 24 concluding with “drive your tractor to school day.”

Lawson had also addressed the board on behalf of the transportation director, who was unable to attend the meeting due to the Varsity boys’ basketball team playing in the semi-finals in Kewanee. Lawson stated, “there are some bus issues, but they are being cared for to ensure the

busses are able to continue to run.” He had also stated that do to the issues there may be some cost increases in maintenance to resolve the issues to get the buses up and running. Another issue that was addressed to the board was the shortage in bus drivers, however the maintenance director was conducting interviews to fill the vacancies.

Josh Bell, Technology Director, addressed the board about updates on the facility Chromebook keyboards that the district had purchased from Lenovo. Some manufacturing issues have caused many students’ Chromebooks to be down while waiting on replacement keyboards. Mr. Bell is working with Lenovo to resolve the issues. Dewaele raised concerns regarding the time that several students have had to go without the Chromebooks.

During public comment, Laura Rose and Connie Stetson addressed the board regarding their desire to detach from the Kewanee School District and annex into the Bureau Valley School District. They represented nineteen landowners, consisting of 2,010 acres, who have filed a petition of detachment. The board was informed that the process has been long and strenuous, but both Rose and Stetson were determined to achieve their goal. They began the annexation process in October of 2015. In order to achieve their goal, they have had to attend several hearings. One of which lasted eight hours. After the eight hour argument, the board approved their annexations. However, the Kewanee School District has appealed the Regional Board of Education’s ruling. Rose and Stetson also informed the board members that oral arguments will be given before a judge at the Henry County Courthouse in Cambridge on February 28 at 10 a.m. They invited any board members to attend in support of this annexation.

They completed their comments by stating that if the annexation were to happen it would benefit the school district by bringing in additional tax income for the school district.



Save your teeth, and your money

by Mary Frymire

College students have experience with snacking, caffeinated beverages, and poor hygiene habits. Many college students tend to put off any dental needs because they don’t have dental insurance or extra money. Students often find out that dental appointments cost more than they thought.

The Sauk Valley Community College Science Club recently conducted an experiment on the effects of different substances on teeth. The teeth for the experiment were donated by Dr Robert Whitaker, DMD., MD., oral surgeon CGH Medical Center. The teeth were submerged in various sugary drinks including apple juice, Mountain Dew, and Gatorade, for two weeks. Unexpectedly, the tooth that formed a cavity was submerged in Gatorade, which had the highest pH level. The other teeth demonstrated enamel changes, as well.

Acidic foods such as sour candies, citric food and drinks, etc., excite the cavity-causing bacteria. This acid stimulates bacteria growth, reproduction, and wastes. These microorgan-

isms harbor in the gums and between the teeth where they cannot be reached without mechanical help from home care aids or a dental hygienist.

Oral health might contribute to various diseases, including heart problems, early and low birth weight, diabetes, and more, so the Sauk Science Club has several recommendations to maintain healthy teeth. First recognize your mouth is a cesspool of bacteria, both good and bad. Bacteria are communicable, so don’t share drinks and be selective about whom you are kissing.

Brush teeth and gums two or three times daily. Ultrasonic technology is a better choice than a hand brush because it uses energy and your saliva to produce oxygen. Bad bacteria that hang out by the gums do not need oxygen to live, however this technique breaks up their colonies and implodes the ones it can reach. Time is also important, so be sure to brush for at least two minutes.

Remember bad bacteria hates oxygen, so look for whitening products with peroxide, like Colgate baking soda and peroxide

whitening or Listerine 2n1 rinse. Brown bottle peroxide is not the same: this will hurt your tissues and good bacteria in your mouth. Be sure these products have fluoride as well, because these crystals strengthen the exposed enamel of the tooth and prevent cavities. Remember, do not swallow fluoride.

There is a product called Humming Bird by Waterpik for \$7. It is a handheld device with a little soft tip on the end. This vibrates and can gently be placed between the teeth and gum line, moving from space to space. Of course everyone has heard of Waterpik that uses water or rinses that flow between the space of teeth and gums. They are hand held and no bigger than a hairspray bottle. With any technique, there is a concern of bacteria and debris being pushed down further into the gums, which can cause inflammation associated with gum disease.

Sauk’s Science Club would like to thank Dr. Whittaker for providing the teeth, and advisors Lori Anton (Biology), & Dr. James Chisholm (Physics).



Science club includes Dakota Walker, Jakob McCormick, Kristian Shipley, Lauren Shaw, Jakob Oelrichs, Ryan Rod, Mary Frymire, Jennifer Shank, Drake Wolf, Katie Sauer, Lizzie Doll, Bailey McClain, Arabella Chamberlain, Christian Olivo, Anna Coil, AnnaMarie Bartlett, Tyler Tichler, Chloe Heal, Lindsey Dewey (some members not pictured above).

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Long-awaited Sterling Pizza Ranch does not disappoint pizza lovers



by Owen Casson

The new Pizza Ranch in Sterling, which opened on February 13th, provides another great option for anyone in the area who loves pizza.

Just like the Pizza Ranch in Clinton, this one offers an all day buffet. This is a plus because most other restaurants in Sterling do not offer this. The buffet allows customers to eat as much as they can, and cuts

out the waiting time after being seated. The buffet is available everyday from 11am to 8pm.

As for the food itself, Pizza Ranch has plenty of delicious choices. The pizza may not stack up to that of other area restaurants, but it is quite enjoyable in its own right. The cheese and sauce are tasty, and a wide variety of toppings are available. The buffalo chicken pizza in particular is a must-try for anyone attending the restaurant for the first time.

But Pizza Ranch has more than just delicious pizza. It also offers some crispy fried chicken, unlike other pizza restaurants in

the area. Largely because of the chicken, the diversity of choices is one of the biggest strengths of Pizza Ranch. Like any other buffet, the one at Pizza Ranch also contains a salad bar and some delicious desserts, including some amazing dessert pizza.

The prices may not be remarkably low, but they are at still very reasonable. The buffet costs \$9.75 per person at lunch time, and \$11.45 for evening and weekends. Meanwhile, pizzas ordered from the menu range from \$6.99 (small) to \$12.99 (large).

Another positive aspect of the new Pizza Ranch

is the service. The staff is friendly, and you will never find yourself waiting longer than you should. At least for now, being seated does take a good deal of time. This is due to the excitement surrounding the restaurant's recent opening.

The Sterling Pizza Ranch is a great addition, and gives everyone in the area another option when it comes to deciding where to eat. The food is delicious, the service is friendly, and eating from the buffet ensures that you will get your money's worth. Anyone who has not yet tried Pizza Ranch should definitely give it a shot.

MOVIE REVIEW

Logan slashes tired superhero narrative

By Samantha Rhodes

Moviegoers are taking to theaters to see Marvel's latest installment in the Wolverine saga. Logan, directed by James Mangold, draws the X-Men spin-off to a close, at least in terms of its star actor. Hugh Jackman has concluded his role as everyone's favorite clawed mutant. However, Logan passes the torch to a new protagonist and turns the classic superhero formula on its head, inviting both veterans of the genre and newcomers.

The movie's plot sees Wolverine struggling with his newfound mortality. The chore of taking care of himself, along with a sickly Professor X, becomes more challenging when he meets a young girl with powers startlingly similar to his own. What ensues is a journey vastly different than that of other movies in the superhero subgenre.

Unlike with most other movies featuring superheroes, Logan boasts no



flashy costumes, no outlandishly devious villain, and no larger than life plot to save the world. Instead, Mangold's film is a story about three people - who happen to have superhuman abilities - on a trouble-laden road trip to safety. Where other hero movies have emphasized the glory of superheroism, Logan has shifted its focus to the characters' relationships and who they are as people.

Logan is rated R, and for good reason. It doesn't make the cuts its predecessors have when it comes to violence, gore, and profanity. This profound change in tone is tangible from the get-go; the film's opening scene may come as a shock to some, and the new, grittier level of action is prevalent to the end. Viewers so far have had mixed feelings regarding this shift. Either way, the movie certainly

showcases the full extent of Wolverine's ability to stab and slash.

With that said, Logan's intense action does not detract from the new narrative style the film brings to its genre. The movie presents a fresh take on the traditional hero formula, blending the classic comic book style with a more deep-seated exploration of character. While it is a satisfying end to Wolverine's timeline, it also paves the way for a new protagonist worth rooting for.

Logan closes the curtains on Jackson's run as Wolverine while setting the stage for a promising new hero and, hopefully, a new twist on the model for the modern superhero flick.

SVCC Theatre Department to put on "Agnes of God" by John Pielmeier

By Samantha Rhodes

Fans of the stage, or simply anyone looking to enjoy a relaxing evening of live theater, need not look any further for their next drama fix. SVCC's theater department will soon be holding its next performance, a production of Agnes of God by John Pielmeier.

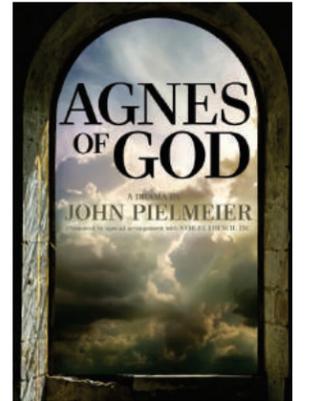
The play, starring Donal Wolber, Suzie Branch, and Kelsey Heslop, tells the tale of a psychiatrist who visits a convent to assess the sanity of a nun. The nun has been accused of the murder of her newborn baby and must now be examined to determine whether or not she is fit for the resulting trial.

Cast and crew of Agnes of God are currently hard at work on the production. Monique Elmendorf, the production's director, says she is excited, not only for the end product, but for the opportunities the show will bring to other departments around SVCC.

"I really am hoping to incorporate the Criminal Justice Department, Psychology Department, and English Department and use it as an educational point with the college," Elmendorf explains. "The production offers a great line to inter-weave the 'educational' part of the college with the 'arts' portion of the college."

Students and staff especially are invited to attend

the show, not just because of academic ties, but because of the nature of the plot itself.



She believes the show to be an insight into the human concept of right and wrong and the gray areas of morality.

"It pulls on the mind and really and makes you think and dig into what you believe as a person," says Elmendorf about the play's dramatic nature. "The topic, I think, is intriguing."

Anyone who is interested in this dramatic story is encouraged to attend SVCC's upcoming production.

Showtimes for Agnes of God are April 28 and 29 at 7pm in Sauk's Mathis Theatre. Tickets can be reserved or purchased at the door one hour before curtain and cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$2 for students with ID. Contact svcctheatre@gmail.com to reserve tickets or request more information.

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Phidian Art Club offers opportunities for Sauk students

by James Hutchison, arts writer

One of several outlets available to the artist in the Sauk Valley area is the Phidian Art Club literary competition. The club has a long history with Sauk Valley Community College, as some of its current members were once proud students. In fact, many of the submissions for the literary competition come from SVCC students. The competition is open to “any writer, professional or non-professional, 17 years old or older... who resides within a 35-mile radius of Dixon,” and has three entry categories: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Submissions are judged anonymously with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards and winners will have an opportunity to read their entries in April at an event hosted by the club at the Dixon Library.

The club has hosted literary art competitions since 1991, but its history extends much farther back to a time before TV. Started in 1890 by Dorothy Law, the Phidian Art Club has

paid homage to the arts for over 125 years. Founded in Dixon Illinois, the club was named after a Greek sculptor named Phidias and was dedicated to visual art in its early days. In 1947, the club hosted its very first art show and artists from the area were allowed to showcase their talent. This local aspect of the club remains today as a way to both encourage aspiring artists that live far from the big city, as well as provide an outlet for those artists to easily display their work to without the need to search far and wide for big name competitions.

The Phidian Art Club has been meeting together at the Loveland Community House since a few years after its opening in 1940. According to Lynn Roe, a member of the club for about the last two years, said the “club members have been meeting in the same room of the Loveland building since 1947,” to discuss things related to the club’s history, future, and of course, submissions.



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Northwestern joins the madness for the first time

by Owen Casson

For the first time ever, the Northwestern Wildcats have qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Although there was not much doubt that the Wildcats would make the cut, it was still a thrilling moment for the school, and especially the players and coaches, when it was announced on Sunday that they had qualified.

The Wildcats head into the tournament with a record of 23-11 overall,

and 10-8 in the Big Ten. Coach Chris Collins, who is currently in his fourth season with the Wildcats, always had faith in his team. “When I came here four years ago, it was a belief in a day like today” Collins said of the opportunity to play in the tournament.

This is the first time that the Wildcats will be involved in the time of year known as March Madness, and it is quite clear that the players, as well as oth-

er students, are proud of the accomplishment. All of the hugs and selfies that took place on Selection Sunday help show exactly what this accomplishment means to everyone at Northwestern.

The Wildcats are slotted as the 8th seed in the western region of the bracket, and will take on the 9th-seeded Vanderbilt Commodores (19-15) in the first round. The game will take place on March 16th at 3:30 p.m.

Satire: Governor Rauner spotted in Chicago wearing pink boy shorts

by James Hutchison

Governor of Illinois, Bruce Rauner, was seen by no less than thirty people running around the streets of Chicago wearing nothing but a neon pink pair of women’s boy shorts. A large group of people was attending a birthday at an outdoor bar in downtown Chicago, when one of them, a woman named Mildred Ball, spotted the governor sprinting from an alleyway about half a block away.

“I was really quite shocked,” explained Mildred, an 87-year-old ex-exotic dancer. “I wasn’t sure at first, but I shouted at Francine to look and she knew it

was him immediately.”

It seems that Mildred’s friend, Francine Dugout recognized Rauner from many recent nights spent with the governor since the Illinois budget crisis began.

“Oh, I’d recognize that tight butt anywhere,” informs Francine. “He has a thing for those little shorts things that the younger girls wear nowadays. Makes him feel younger.”

When asked how she knew the governor so intimately, she simply smiled and said, “We’re all adults, honey. We’ve been around and he’s a stressed man, what with losing so much money to taxes.”

Other guests of the birthday party also gathered around to watch the spectacle unfold and Bob John, who was catering the party, had this to say:

“Oh, yeah, like, he was all running around and like, getting to the shadows or whatever. It was kinda hard to tell it was him, but the old ladies seemed to be convinced. They started hooting at him and waving ones in the air.”

Contact with the Governor’s office has yet to reveal any information or confirmation, that it was indeed the Illinois State Governor.



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Sauk Valley Community College Magic Club

By Luke Cessna

Sauk’s Magic Club is one of the easiest clubs to participate in as meetings can be attended by non-members, including those who are just curious about the game or club.

The SVCC Magic Club is named after the trading card game Magic: The Gathering; however, the SVCC Magic Club is a place for enthusiasts of any card game or board game to

gather together each week for a night of fun.

Magic: The Gathering is a strategic, deck-building card game that has been in continuous production since 1993. The Magic Club at Sauk has been around for years, bringing people from all backgrounds together to partake in friendly competition.

Joining a club at Sauk is a way to make friends, discover a new hobby, or fur-

ther your experience in an area of interest.

If you are interested in joining the SVCC Magic Club, stop by and see it for yourself. Their official meeting times are every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Visitors who wish to join the club should contact the faculty advisor, Kristian Shipley with their name and email address. Membership is not required to attend meetings.