

# The Pony Express

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4/14/17 Spring Break! 4/18/17 Middle school Band and vocal concert in middle school commons @7



## We Did It!

By: Riley Hunter

In our effort to gather money for a prize of the students choice, we were able to campaign and collect enough money to buy a Hydration Machine. In order to collect this money, students would put their money into jars in their homeroom. However, there was a competition inside of the competition. Later in the penny war, student council members placed a second jar into your homeroom. If your homeroom had the most money in the second jar, your homeroom teacher would get slimed. The winner of this was Mrs. Johnson's homeroom. They won the chance to slime and egg their teacher and one other student. The other student turned out to be Dezi Jordan. When interviewed, Mrs. Johnson said that the experience was fun for her, and that she was thankful that she had goggles and a head cap. Overall, it was a very fun experience for everyone involved and so far, the hydration machine that was installed has saved 1,249 disposable bottles.



## The Next Big Scientist Might Come from Shenandoah!

By: Reed Finnegan

On april 21st Stemfest is coming to town. Kindergarten through 6th grade are allowed to participate in this great event. There will be businesses from all over southwest Iowa coming to participate in this event.

Every grade will have a different shift through the day. K-2 will go in one shift, 3-4 will go together in another shift, 5-6 will go on the last shift. This event will take place in the elementary and middle school gyms. Currently there are over 20 vendors that will be coming to present to the students. Earl May, Miller Building Supply, Browns, Pella, Eatons corporation, the Shenandoah Police Department, Fareway, HyVee, etc have agreed to come in and present.

Be ready to experience science, technology, engineering, and math, all in one day. On this big day of S.T.E.M have fun.

# SPORTS ROUND-UP



## We're Back and Sports are too!



By: Maddie Silvestre

Welcome back Shenandoah Middle School readers. Over the time the Pony Express had taken a break, track season for Shenandoah Middle School has started. The 7th and 8th grade girls' coaches are Coach Kettwick and Coach Comstock. Their first track meet is Thursday, April 13th. The coaches for the 7th and 8th grade boys are Coach Roberts and Coach Ehlers. Their first track meet is Tuesday, April 11th at Atlantic. Good Luck runners!



## STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

### Emma Sickman

Student Council has not had a meeting recently. On Tuesday they were supposed to have a meeting, but Mrs. Perry was gone. The hydration machine is now installed. The new officers for 17-18 are Ava Godfread, Jessica Sun, Grace Johnson, Riley Hunter, and Reese Spiegel.

This week's comic strip:



By: Wyatt Stevensen



Aleigha Gomez was the answer for the last Pony Express!

### Mystery Person

By: Jillan Buzzard



The first Mystery Person likes Science. One thing she likes is the people she is surrounded by here at Shenandoah Middle School. This Mystery Person loves social media but her favorite by far is Instagram. One thing she loves about going to school is getting to see her best friend is Mya Johnson.

The second Mystery Person is very important in our school. He has been working here for 5 years. He also was the High School Boys Basketball coach for four years and eighth grade one year. His favorite Pro team is the Dallas Cowboys. For college he loves to root on Big Red. Although he may like Dallas and Big Red you will see him at every high school sporting event, rooting for the Mustangs and Fillies. His favorite color is Maroon.

## SUPER STAR

By: Maddie Silvestre

Mya Hammans received a silver medal in her FCCLA star event that took place March 23 through the 29th. She made her own Art Smock out of used jeans and socks. She tried her best not to buy anything for it. She wanted to reuse things she found throughout her home. Her budget was \$3.00 and she had spent \$2.32. The judges seemed to really like what she had done! Her FCCLA sponsor was Mrs. Moran who works here at SMS as the FCS teacher. If you see Mya in the halls, make sure to congratulate her!



# How Fast Can You Solve It?

By: Reed Finnegan



Can you solve a magic cube? In the old days, a Rubik's Cube was called a magic cube. The Rubik's Cube is a very strange toy.

The Rubik's Cube was made in 1974 by Ernő Rubik. The Rubik's Cube is a bunch of algorithms and different algorithm for each piece. If you want help with the Rubik's Cube you can buy a New York's best seller, You Can Do the Cube, which was written in 1981 by 12 year old Patrick Bossert. People have done lots cool things with the rubik's cube. In 2003, a dude jumped out of a plain at 12,000 feet, giving him about 45 seconds of freefall time to solve the Cube before he would have to open the parachute. You have someone right in your school who can solve the Rubik's Cube

fast. Seventh grader Jacob Nelson (unable to reach for comment) can solve the Rubik's Cube fast, according to his classmates.

With all the good things about the Rubik's Cube there has also seen some bad times. A while ago, the Rubik's Cube had high amount of lead. The Rubik's Cube had 26,250 ppm and the amount allowed was 2500 ppm That is a lot more than allowed. The Rubik's Cube sales were down until it was featured in the movie *The Pursuit of Happiness* which helped out the sales a lot.

The Rubik's Cube has had it ups and downs but the Rubik's Cube is still a great toy. The only question is, can you solve it?



## Who Said It?

By: Baylee Richardson

Answers in the next edition.

Grade/Person/Homeroom

5th- Maci Slater/Holste

6th- Sophie Maxine/Roberts

7th- Reese Spiegel/Bounds

8th- Joselyn Dominguez/Ehlers



Question-

What is something unique about yourself?

Answer-

5th- I like to play basketball

6th- I'm good at tumbling

7th- I'm short

8th- I speak Spanish

Upcoming events:

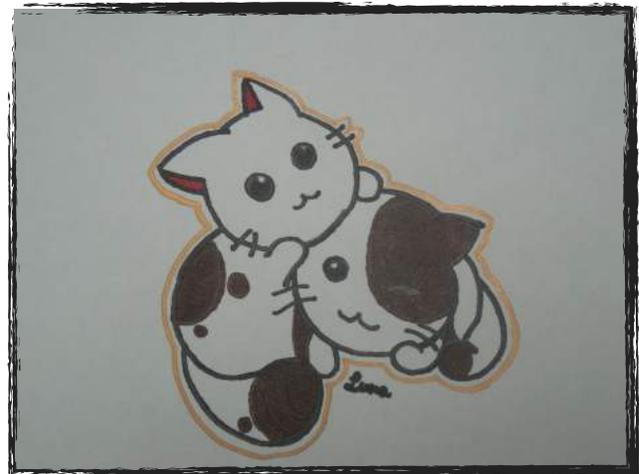
4/11/17 - MS B TR @ Atlantic - 4:00 pm

4/13/17 - MS G TR @ Red Oak - 4:00 pm

4/18/17 - MS G TR @ Clarinda - 4:00 pm

4/20/17 - MS B TR @ Glenwood - 4:00 pm

## Siblings



By: Niamh Palmer



## Jack and Jill: What It Really Means

By: Riley Hunter

Since we are celebrating siblings day, here is something that connects with that. This nursery rhyme is commonly mistaken for a poem about siblings, however, there is a bigger picture hiding behind it. The origin of the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill began in France.

In the story, Jack represents King Louis XVI and Jill represents Queen Marie Antoinette. In 1793 in France, King Louis the XVI was beheaded for the act of treason. Soon after, Queen Mary was beheaded as well for the same crime.

In the years following this event, the words were changed so as to make it more child friendly, and the poem was published in 1795. The title "Jack and Jill" used to be "Jack and Gill". The misspelling occurred because these stories were usually passed down through the generations by mouth, so no one ever saw the title in writing.

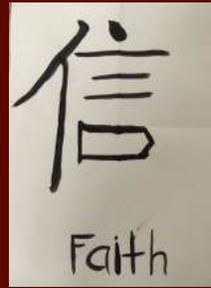
So not only is the story totally wrong, but the original Jack and Jill weren't even children.



## Meet: Tayler Bartles

By: Jillian Buzzard

Tayler Bartles is a seventh grader here at SMS. Although she has only been here since January she is getting used to the staff and students. Tayler has 4 siblings and only one of them are in middle school. She has not participated in any extracurricular activities yet, but she is interested in participating for years to come. One interesting fact about Tayler is she does not have any sisters. If you see Tayler in the halls, make sure to say hi!



## Chinese Calligraphy

By: Baylee Richardson



The 7th grade students in Mrs. Bounds' social studies classes have been studying Chinese culture and on Tuesday March 23 they started a project and learned how to write Chinese calligraphy. Their work was displayed in the hallway where the 7th and 8th grade lockers come together.



## We Are Back!

By: Dryden Thompson

It's been awhile since you've heard from us! The Pony Express had to be put on hold while we finished up the 2016/2017 yearbook. There are currently 38 copies left of the yearbook, and we have sold over 90! You should bring your \$22 to the office and make checks payable to SMS Yearbook. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. One cool thing at the end of the year is that you can even have people sign your yearbook. I had the privilege of working on the band pages, Jillian Buzzard and Mr. Daoust were both a really big help! We took a while off from the Pony Express to make a great yearbook that you will enjoy for a lifetime! We hope to distribute the new books during the last week of school. We will be coming around to your homerooms and showing you what the old yearbooks look like.



## National Siblings Day

By: Niamh Palmer

Give your brothers and sisters a hug on National Siblings Day to let them know you care! Every year on April 10th, this day honors the bond between siblings. Siblings Day follows the tradition of Mother's Day and Father's Day, celebrating the family bond. This day isn't a national calendar holiday but the Siblings Day Foundation is actively petitioning the White House to issue a presidential proclamation. To show appreciation to your brother or sister you could mail them a letter or give them a gift. Most kids or teens love getting mail, and I should know! I hope that everybody, whether you have a sibling or not, should appreciate your family and have a good day!



Front: Ethan Teague,  
Grayce Teague  
Middle: Josh  
Schuster, Eli  
Schuster  
Back: Kiah Head  
Kirsten Head