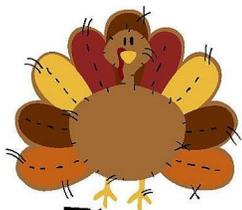


Thanksgiving

By: Austin Wiskus

Thanksgiving is a very important time of the year for many families. It is a time for people to get together and bond. Some families have a big feast. After they eat, they socialize and play poker with each other. When interviewed, many students stated they went somewhere to eat, and then returned home to watch football. Others watch the Macy's parade. One student even remarked that his family watches the dog show before eating with his family.

Many students celebrate Thanksgiving, each with their own unique way of bonding. Some stay home, others go on vacation. What's most important is that they are with loved ones, spending time with them.



Happy Thanksgiving

Army Insight

By: Cade Carstens

On Wednesday, November 9th, the United States Army came to SCC, and the student body got a look at the army's smaller version of their obstacle course. There were eight obstacles you had to conquer as a team of about five or six.

One obstacle made it seem as though you were crawling under barbed wire in mud, but it was made of string for demonstration purposes. Another obstacle counted on you to communicate with others as a team to try to walk on wooden planks. The hardest obstacle was trying to flip a tarp while your entire team is standing on it.

After everybody finished, you moved to a four way tug of war, which was possibly the best obstacle of the day. This competition required the teams to work together to pull the other three teams towards you and past a cone. Once completed, students were able to ask the recruiter questions.

State Cheerleading

By: Myk Schoop

On Saturday, November 5th, the SCC cheerleaders traveled to Des Moines and competed at the 2016 state cheer competition. Schools from all over the state of Iowa came to compete.

This year's team is made up of four seniors, two juniors, and five freshman. All of the cheerleaders performed in a time-out cheer, which received first place out of seventeen teams. SCC also brought a small group stunt, which took home fourth place out of thirteen teams.

The team worked very hard this year. They couldn't have done it without their three coaches, Brittanie Dusenberry, and Mackenzie and Karen Gorden. Congratulations on a successful season!



Upcoming Events . . .

- 11-28 JVR BBALL VS KUEMPER @ LC 5:00 PM
- 11-28 JV BBALL VS NEWELL FONDA @ LC 6:30 PM
- 11-29 BOYS SWIMMING @ CARROLL 5:30 PM
- 11-29 BBALL VS AUDUBON @ RC 6:00
- 11-29 WRESTLING @ LAKE VIEW @ 6:00 PM
- 12-1 JV GIRLS / JVR BOYS BBALL VS GULDEN @ LC 6:00 PM
- 12-1 & 12-2 STATE DANCE COMPETITION
- 12-2 BBALL VS ESC @ RC 6:00 PM
- 12-3 JAZZ BAND CONTEST @ FORT DODGE
- 12-3 JV WRESTLING @ AUDUBON @ 10:00 AM
- 12-3 WRESTLING @ MANSON 10:00 AM
- 12-3 BOYS SWIMMING @ BOONE @ 10:00 AM
- 12-5 JV BBALL @ MANSON 4:00 PM
- 12-5 BBALL @ MANSON 6:00 PM
- 12-6 JV BBALL @ WEBSTER CITY 4:30 PM
- 12-6 BBALL @ WEBSTER CITY 6:00 PM
- 12-6 BPLUS SWIMMING @ SPENCER 5:30 PM
- 12-6 WRESTLING @ RC 6:00 PM
- 12-8 WRESTLING @ POCHONTAS 6:00 PM
- 12-8 JVR BOYS & JV BBALL @ POIKY ELEMENTARY 5:00 PM
- 12-9 BBALL VS GTRA @ LC 6:00 PM





Sydnie Schultz

By: Anastasia Sackfield

Sydnie Schultz is a senior at South Central Calhoun High School and is always busy with softball, wrestling managing, 4-H, and serving as secretary for National Honor Society. With what little free time she has, Sydnie usually spends it with her friends and family, working at the Kid's

Spot, and playing sports.

Since Sydnie spends so much time with her friends, it's no surprise that she'll miss them the most. She'll also miss the help from her family while she's in college. Her plans for college are to go to the University of Iowa to become a nurse practitioner and special-

ize in pediatrics. In 10 years, she hopes to still be living in Iowa City working at the University of Iowa children's hospital.

After four years of high school, the advice she gives to underclassmen is, "Be involved as much as possible, make friends, and make memories."

State Solo

By: Aspen Ellis

On Saturday, November 5th, the top six of the SCC dance team participated in the 2016 State Solo competition. This was held in Newton, Iowa. This year's soloists included seniors Myk Schoop and Aspen Ellis, junior Tiffany Poen, and freshman Kenadie Dowling, Raegan Welandner, and Payton Ellis.

The six dancers practiced and performed their routines to a panel of three judges throughout the afternoon. Each routine is videotaped and each judge gives an audio critique through the whole song. Each dancer is then given their feedback, critiques,

scores, and video recording at the award ceremony that evening. This year, every dancer from SCC got called and received a division 1 rating. A division 1 rating is achieved by reaching an average of sixty points or above.

The girls were against seventy three others from all across the state. Aspen placed in the top twelve with a 5th place trophy. Most of the girls performed with a lyrical solo. Schoop had a solo dedicated to the fallen officer, Jamie Buenting. Congratulations to these dancers and their achievements.

Academic Decathlon

By: Jordan Ludwig

SCC's AD team is gearing up for another successful year. This year, the topic is World War II. The team is reading

through and studying seven areas of academics. All of the materials relate to the war. Some of the areas are math, science, art, and music. In addition to these subjects, competitors prepare a speech, write a prompted essay, and are interviewed. To help ready themselves for the regional competition, the majority of the team members attended a study day at the University of Northern Iowa.

At this study day, the team listened to two lectures by guest speakers. One lecture was focused on the science portion of this year's material and adventurously titled, "How to Build an Atomic Bomb." This lecture was given by the university's physics professor, who elaborated on the technicalities of how and why an atomic bomb works. The other lecture focused on art. It gave techniques to propaganda as well as military tactics used to disguise ships. Overall, the information helped to expand the material that the team had been learning in the classroom.



From the Eye of the Student

The Horror

By: Ryan Brown

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving when many retail stores open at obscene hours and offer “bargain” sales. Historically, Black Friday was a day in California when the stores sold items cheaper than the rest of the year. The term “Black Friday” was coined by the L.A. police department, because they used black ink to write tickets during this time for excessive accidents.

Today, the day begins right after the Thanksgiving meal. Many sales begin at 6:00 that Thursday. The night is spent with people forgetting what they were thankful for, instead fighting over the latest toys.

The student body at SCC seems split on whether or not this is an okay trend. Some say as long as it doesn't start on Thanksgiving, then it is okay. Others say they like to get sneak peeks at their upcoming Christmas gifts. If done right, Black Friday is an enjoyable event, and people, myself included, cannot wait to experience it this year.

The Thin Blue Line

By: Makayla Patterson

Police officers do so much for our communities every day. They put their lives in danger to protect us. They go to the call no matter if it's a dangerous situation or not. If we are

lost and can't find our way home, they will help. If we are broken down with a flat tire, they are there to help. Speeding? Don't worry; they will write you a ticket to teach you a life lesson. Everything they do is to protect their community.

The past few weeks, I've never seen our community come together before like ours after our recent loss. I watched a community so small, yet so big come together to support one of our own families. Blue ribbons all around the town, blue lights at so many doors, and officers entering our town to support one of our own; I've never been so inspired.

I asked some people how police officers have affected our lives, and I received many different responses. Ms. Morten, our new choir teacher, said, “Seeing police officers present in communities I've lived in gives me comfort and security in my personal safety and in the safety of those around me.”

Ms. Linn expressed, “police officers make me feel safe, they were there for me when I was in trouble and was unable to unlock my car. Their presence in life makes us have a safer community, and I am so thankful and grateful for everything they do.”

We, as a student body, just want to thank you officers for everything you do, and it is greatly appreciated!

Food

By: Anastasia Sackfield

Thanksgiving has become a national symbol of friendships and family, ever since the first one between the Native Americans and pilgrims. Many people would consider family as the most important quality of this fantastic holiday, but I beg to differ. People come together over this holiday of thanks over one thing: food.

Many families eat the traditional things: turkey, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes. As Americans and individuals; however, we like to put our own spin on things, from wacky food choices to dinner roll fights at the table. Junior Keely Hammen, for example, eats cheesy green bean casserole every Thanksgiving. Senior Ryan Brown says, “Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving unless we have mac and cheese corn casserole at the dinner table.” Some people tend to focus more on desserts, though, and senior Kali Babcock says one of her favorite desserts is raisin cream pie.

No matter what the tradition or food, Thanksgiving is a time of family and friends. So on this Thanksgiving, instead of waiting in line for the latest craze, or avoiding your family in the closet, go out there and socialize, and always remember to eat the most food.

