

Colonel Roger Donlon is an iconic figure of history in Saugerties and the world at large. You may recognize him from the 2013 Veteran's Conference at Saugerties High School, JPI TV, the Donlon Auditorium or even his books. Either way, he is a role model for all.

December marks the fiftieth anniversary of his Congressional Medal of Honor and Saugerties' historic Roger Donlon Day. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on December 4, 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson and Roger Donlon Day was celebrated on December 28, 1964.

Donlon retired from the US Army after 32 years and six months while achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He started in the Air Force and then moved to the Army and was commissioned for 29 years after achieving the rank of officer. He attained the rank of Colonel during the last eight years of service.

After seeing his older brothers serve the country in the military, he enlisted at the age of 19, dreaming of becoming a jet pilot. His dreams were crushed when he was denied because of his

50 Years of Pride

By Clinton Stutzman and Alex Mooers



Morse Principal, Mr. Dieckmann shakes the hand of Lt. Col. Donlon, Saugerties' Hometown Hero.

vision. "I had a medical examination and was disqualified because of an eye problem," said Donlon in a phone interview. Although he never flew a jet, he jumped out of quite a few. He indicated another door opened when the opportunity to be a jet pilot was interrupted. He quickly moved to another division of the Air Force.

The military saw leadership qualities in Roger. He was soon put into training to become a platoon leader. He trained vigorously under battle savvy generals. They had a special mission for Donlon. In 1964, He and a group of specially trained soldiers were given the mission of controlling a highly hostile command post in Vietnam.

Two days after the United States celebrated their Independence in July 1964, Donlon and his troops were awakened by a loud explosion. The Viet Cong, who had been watching the command post closely, had attacked at 2:30 in the morning. The battle, which is detailed in his books *Beyond Nam Dong* and *Outpost of Freedom* as well as on personal account video clips available on Youtube, resulted in the Congressional Medal of Honor getting bestowed on Donlon, and various prestigious medals and citations given to the Americans battling beside him.

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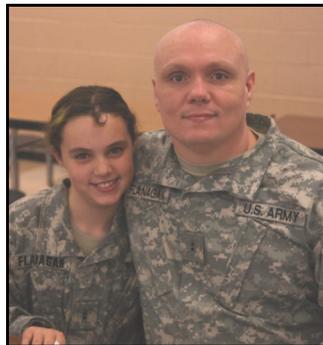
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Morse Students Celebrate Veterans

By Madilin Green and Samantha Tubby

Grant D. Morse celebrated Veterans' Day on Monday, November 10, in the gymnasium. Each year students invited veterans from their family to tell them "thank you for serving our country".

Spencer Lynn Flanagan is a 5th grade student whose dad served in the Iraq war. "My dad has been coming to the Veterans Day assembly for 4 years" said Spencer, who is in Mr. Reynolds' class. Spencer's dad Thomas Flanagan is in the National Guard and is a chief warrant officer. He has been to Iraq many times and expects to go back to serve again.



Spencer Flanagan and her dad.

Spencer has 2 other veterans in her family. Their names are Margret Flanagan and Richard Flanagan. "I felt a little sad because Richard Flanagan was not there because he passed away," said Spencer about her great-grand father. "He came last year. He looked a lot like my dad. It was better last year because my great grandpa was there." Spencer feels it is important to recognize all who have served in the military. "We honor veterans because they have knowledge and are awesome."

Mackenzie Sullivan is a fourth grader in Mrs. Dudzic's class "I have a veteran but he was not there, he had meetings to go to. He was in the Air Force and is no longer doing it." His name is Richard. "I have more than one veteran in my family, his name is Willy. He was in World War II." He passed away before she got to meet him. "The assembly made me feel happy but sad at the same time," she said.

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Col. Donlon looks back at his upbringing in Saugerties as being important in his later success. "Saugerties is near and dear to my heart," he said. "I am proud of my family and the people of Saugerties. It has always been a source of pride." He credits his schooling at St. Mary of the Snow and Saugerties High School, his family and his scout masters as being responsible for his ability to lead and think on behalf of others. Sports played a big role in his preparation for later life, as well. "The lessons you learn in sports are the lessons you learn for life. You find out you can work together as a team. You learn how to handle victory and defeat," he remarked. "It also taught me you can shine, but not at the expense of your team."

Donlon played football and ran track for SHS and while at the United States Military Academy in West Point, he played lacrosse.

50 years after Donlon's bravery earned him the highest military honor, Saugerties mayor William Murphy led the effort to refurbish the Donlon Auditorium which was dedicated and named in his honor in 1964. The mayor of Saugerties at the time was Neil Cox and he spearheaded Roger Donlon Day, as well as the dedication of the municipal gym. In the 50 year span, the Auditorium has been the focal point of community programs such as basketball, music

and theater. Just a few weeks ago Murphy completed the plan of installing new windows and a new gym floor in the Saugerties

landmark. Donlon was humbled by the attention and the honor. "The refurbishing demonstrates a rededication to rejuvenate, rebuild and redirect ourselves to keep going. It is an honor. That is where they had the Welcome Home Ceremony fifty years ago," he said. "It is an unbelievable feeling of pride and joy. It makes me reflect on my upbringing in Saugerties."

His upbringing in Saugerties centered on his family of ten brothers and sisters and his mother and father. Two of his siblings died shortly after childbirth.

Though his father died at a young age in 1947, he had introduced Roger to the Boy Scouts and instructed the scoutmasters to take special care of Roger after he passed. Scouting was important to shaping his future and allowing him to set and achieve goals. "My daddy died when I was thirteen," he said. "He is always in my heart."

His mother was an extremely faith-filled woman who taught Roger the value of one's soul. She and her family attended daily mass at St. Mary of the Snow and she taught him the value of prayer. "I have to credit my mother's influence on all of this," he said, My mother always said, 'The fam-



Saugerties' artist, Joe Sinnott, honored Donlon with this drawing on Roger Donlon Day in 1964.

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Mrs. Bishop is one of the teachers in our school. Mr. Bishop, Kevin P., John, Robert, Brother Ed, Charles, and Ed Gardner are all related to her, they were in the service. Ed Gardner was in the Navy, Mr. Bishop was in the Air Force and the rest were in the Army and they were all in World War 2. They all did it 3-4 years.

Morse students and staff are thankful for the sacrifices made by so many men and women who served in the armed forces. It is most important to remember those who gave their lives to protect us and for our ability to enjoy freedom, as well.



Maddy Dodig and her "Uncle Bob" Howe.



News Department

Edited by Kierstin Benson
Ginger Defino

ily that prays together stays together.' I found great solace and great strength in daily prayer," he said.

Community roots have allowed him to see beyond himself. Decades after the bloody battle at Nam Dong changed the lives of all involved, Col. Donlon helped build a Children's learning Library on the exact site of the command post in honor of his friends who were killed there and for future generations to use this site as a way to build knowledge and understanding. Donlon lives each day with a full understanding of the responsibility of his survival in battle.

Donlon asked us all to consider the words inscribed on the inside of his wedding ring, given by his wife Norma who had lost her first husband to the Vietnam War, "What we are is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God."

Saugerties is a better place for the gift of Col. Roger Donlon.



Publisher's Note:

Since 1991, students have created this newspaper. Each year the paper takes on the personality of the class that runs it. Students take great pride in this endeavor and we are proud to share our work with you.

Students perform all the tasks associated with the creation of this publication. As the publisher of the paper, I feel that its unique and indelible value lies in student ownership of the publication. This is a student paper run by students and read by students. Students are involved in all areas of decision making, content selection, writing, editing, proofreading and layout. Sometimes mistakes are made, but it is these mistakes that many valuable lessons are learned. My role as publisher is facilitator, coach and mentor.

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Sixth Grade Life-Savers

By Justine Lenz

Abby Merritt is a sixth grader in Mrs. Kraft's class. "I loved the CPR class," she said. Abby worked with Alexis Phelan. The firefighters that worked with them were Brian Ellsworth and Scott. "The best part was using the AED's on the dummies," said Abby.



Alexis Phelan and Abby named their dummy George. "For lunch we had pizza and delicious iced tea," Abby explained. She said that the test was very easy. I would love to do the CPR class again. And I also loved the video," Abby said.

Social Gone Wild

By John Turk

The first social of the year was November 8 and it was the first social for the fifth grade class. Bob Moon and RJ Paff were at the social. Besides dancing, Bob and RJ spent time doing other activities. RJ and Bob spent time at the snack bar, Benson Kraft was there, too. They spent their time dancing, hanging out and playing board games.



Remembering Our Veterans



The Christmas Carol shows were the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of December. The Christmas Carol is a ballet performed by the Ulster Ballet Company. The 5th and 6th graders enjoyed themselves on the school show on December 4th. Some kids in Morse school performed in this show. Here are their feelings.

Sydney Henson, Caroline Johanson, and Eva Cohan all performed in the Christmas Carol. Sydney has now been doing it for four years, Caroline for three years, and Eva for two years. Sydney was a poor child and Want from Ignorance and Want. Caroline was a bankers daughter and a Fezziwig daughter. Eva was a Fezziwig daughter also.

So may this Christmas Carol "haunt your houses pleasantly."

The Christmas Carol Ballet

By Gillian Henderson & Dylan Norton

Early freeze for NY 2014

By Cole Carey

On Nov. 18 a lake effect storm happened in Buffalo, N.Y. and got 7 feet. Four people died during the storm mostly vehicle related. Some places received 90 inches of snow that is equivalent of snow a year!



The cause of all the snow in Buffalo is from Lake Erie. The way lake effect is when all the warm air from the lake evaporates it causes all the precipitation. The snow was so bad it canceled a football game. Strangely it got warm one day on November 24th it was 64 degrees! The only warm day in a long time.

Right before Thanksgiving Saugerties got three inches of snow. This has been the strange weather that we been having over November.

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Roger Donlon lives in Kansas, and does not get back to his hometown of Saugerties, NY very often. Last year, Donlon returned for a dedication of the Village Hall and a Veteran's conference sponsored by the Ulster County Veterans' Association.

Saugerties Central Schools hosted an assembly of these distinguished veterans and involved many of the district's students in the activity.

Roger Donlon called the Saugerties event, "Another unbelievable experience in my life. It was the finest Veteran's event I have ever attended. It filled my heart with pride. I have been to thousands of them around the world and this was by far the most moving."

Making it extra special for Donlon was the fact that his brothers Paul and Jack, veterans themselves, were together for the first time in Saugerties since December 28, 1964.

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JPI –Saugerties

On December 16, 2014, Oliver Menon, a sixth grader from Mrs. Kraft's class delivered on a bet with his math teacher. Mr. Defino, who occasionally teaches meaningful math, heard about a running hook shot Oliver had made on the playground from about 25 feet from the basket and challenged Menon to do it again. Citing physics, probability, weather variables and the scientific process, Mr. Defino felt this was a prime teachable moment of applicable Science Technology and Mathematics.

Menon accepted the challenge, but wanted to bet \$100 and then dropped down to \$10. Mr. Defino would not accept the cash challenge but offered Klondike Ice Cream Bars instead. Mr. Defino said it was unlikely for Oliver to be able to make the shot once more in 100 tries. Menon scoffed and said he could easily recreate the feat.

Isaac Rice said the whole thing was crazy. Rice, and classmates Jenna Peters, Bobby English, Tristan Mawyin and Dylan Norton helped with the experiment. Isaac was the lone witness to the original shot during lunch recess and carefully mapped out the shot to be recreated. He retraced the steps and the angle of the shot, while the other classmates set themselves up to assist in the experiment. Oliver had to run with the ball in a horizontal angle to the basket for about 8

Menon Recreates Masterful Hoop

steps and release the running right handed hook shot 25- feet. Dylan Norton made sure the

same ball was part of the experiment, as well. The classmates set themselves up to rebound and deliver the ball to Oliver for each shot.

Menon started off slow missing the first 96 shots. He never gave up and never let his confidence wane despite the physical torture of shooting such a high quantity of shots. "I feel insanely painful and amazing.

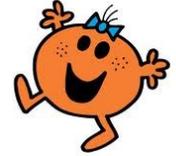
Throwing 100 shots made my arm hurt. After the first ten shots I was getting sore," said Oliver. "I knew that I could make the shot. I never doubted myself while I was shooting the hoops."

"I didn't think he was going to make it after he missed the first eighty," said classmate Bobby English. "I was blown away. It was incredible luck," said Bobby upon witnessing the 97th shot bank in the basket.

Isaac agreed, "I can't believe he made it again. I was cheering for him to give him luck."

Mr. Defino will be purchasing the Klondike bars for Oliver and his math mates. Oliver Menon has been able to answer the call and provide a rare glimpse to their effectiveness. "You see shots like that go in about 1% of the time," said Mr. Defino. For

Show You Care Raffle LITTLE MISS FUN



The Show You Care Raffle took place on December 19, 2014. A chocolate snowman, created by Krause's Candy, was raffled off to the students at Grant D. Morse.

by *Ginger Defino*

Students were allowed to buy tickets or donate canned goods to get free tickets. Each person was given a free ticket and could buy one and give some away to their friends or someone else in the school. All the tickets were put in a box and at the raffle one student was picked to win. In past years, people have donated lots of great prizes like laptops, toys, tablets, sleds, bikes and of course the chocolate snowman.



The Show You Care Raffle Committee decided to go back to the basics. This is not about the prizes. It is about how every dime goes to people who need it



Sierra Woolsey won the Snowman and earned the distinction of Ambassador of Goodwill.

The raffle was started by Matthew Judge, a former Morse student, who wanted to make a difference. He bought a Krause's chocolate snowman and raffled it off. Ever since, G.D.M. has continued it with Matt.

It makes our school extraordinary.

A Very Daggett Christmas

By *Lara Roe*

Sixth grader Molly Daggett loves Christmas. She loves Christmas because she gets to spend time with her family, eat lots of delicious food, and give her cat a big morning hug.

On Christmas, Molly opens presents, enjoys homemade cookies with her mom and two little brothers, Leo and Artie. Molly hopes to get new basketball shoes, a super bouncy trampoline, and fuzzy slippers.

Molly is excited for Christmas because she enjoys having time off from school and trying to catch Santa Claus. Molly loves to sing "Jingle Bells."

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Sports Department

Edited By Jaden Whittaker



Managing Time

By Dylan Norton and Isaac Rice

AAU basketball is hot in Saugerties. Many student from Morse School play in this highly competitive travel basketball program organized by Coach Tiano and Coach Melville, the boys and girls SHS

coaches.

Many students also play in the SAA biddy Basketball league organized by Mr. Mooers and Mayor Murphy. This creates a difficult choice for students because they need to make decisions about homework and basketball.

Tristan Mawyin, a sixth grader plays both. "I love it. It's a fun sport to play. My coach, Jim Spiers is the best," said Mawyin. Tristan's favorite team is the Knicks.

He enjoys playing with his teammates Dior, JI, Dan, Alex and Dominic. The name of the team is the Saugerties Sonics. "Practices are fun sometimes when we scrimmage at the end of practice," responded Tristan.

As far as homework is concerned, if he has six pages of work, he will do three before practice and three after he gets home. Tristan is finding a way to balance basketball and school because he wants to get good grades.



2014 MLB Awards

By Jaden Whittaker

This year's winners for the MLB were very interesting selections.

This year's MVP winners are the following for the American League is Mike Trout from the Los Angeles Angels of Ana-

heim, Mike Trout claimed his first MVP award in unanimous fashion after finishing second to Miguel Cabrera each of the past two seasons. Also, he batted .287 slug. .561 HR 36 111 runs.

The National League winner was Clayton Kershaw from the Los Angeles Dodgers, Clayton Kershaw was the first NL pitcher since Bob Gibson in 1968 to win the Cy Young and MVP in the same season also 21 wins 3 losses 1.77 ERA 239 strikeouts.

The AL Cy Young award winners was Cleveland Indians' pitcher Corey Kluber. The righty broke out with 18 wins 9 losses ,a 2.44 ERA and 269 strikeouts. He was the Tribe's first Cy Young winner since 2008.

The National League winner was Clayton Kershaw, the Dodgers ace. Clayton Kershaw was a unanimous winner after going 21-3 with a career-best 1.77 ERA.

The Rookie of the Year award winner for the AL was Jose Abreu. The White Sox slugger Jose Abreu was a unanimous winner after hitting .317, SLG Pct. .581, while slugging 36 homers and driving in 107 runs.

The NL winner was Jacob DeGrom from the New York Mets. The right-handed pitcher finished with a 2.69 ERA, 9 wins 6 losses and 144 strikeouts.

The manager of the year award is for the American League was Buck Showalter from the Baltimore Orioles having 25 out of 30 1st place votes and 96 wins and 66 losses being 1st in AL East.

The NL winner was Matt Williams from the Washington Nationals having 18 out of 30 1st place votes and going 96 wins and 66 loses finishing 1st in NL East.

Saugerties Youth Football Sawyers

By Tristan Mawyin

Six graders Aiden Kelly and Devon Dickson play on the SYFL league and they are two of the best players on the team. Aiden plays the position of defensive end and he is really good at it. He had ten sacks.

Devon also plays defense. Devon had 15 sacks.

The players get stickers for making good plays. The stickers are skulls, for defensive plays; touchdown stickers are for touchdowns and victory stickers are for wins.

Aiden earned 17 skulls and Devon earned 23.

The Sawyers, the name of the team, ended the season with a 5-2 record. That is good con-



sidering some of the teams we played. Some teams had players as large as Mr. Dieckmann. The team from Ravena was very tough. They were huge. We lost the first game to them 27-7. In the second game against them we lost 20-7.

The Sawyers will be back with a purpose next year!



The newly renovated floor of the Roger Donlon Auditorium is getting a lot of action from boys and girls in Saugerties.

Pittsburgh: Men of Steelers

by Clinton Stutzman and Laurel Burch

Football has been officially played since November 6th, 1869, but has been played in schoolyards for much longer. Here in New York popular teams are the N.Y. Jets and N.Y. Giants, but teams across the nation have become popular with some families in this area as well. Sitting down and watching their favorite team play has become a second religion for some.

The men of the Stutzman and Burch families are "die-hard" Steelers fans and have been for as long as they can remember. David Stutzman became a Steelers fan because he grew up in Western Pennsylvania (Steelers Country). He thinks the Steelers are "showing promise" midway through the season. Dave doesn't have a current player that really stands out, but he likes the team as a whole, however his favorite all-time player is Robert "Rocky" Blier because he was a good all-around player. He doesn't think the Steelers would have made it deep into the playoffs last year even if the Chargers lost the last game of the 2013 season because "they didn't have the team for it". Dave thought that the Andrew Luck Safety in week 8 took a big chance away from the Colts coming back.



Mr. Burch became a Steelers fan because he comes from a long line of metal workers and that's where the Pittsburgh Steelers got their name. They are known for being a hard playing team that knows football with a hard defense and running game. He thinks the Steelers are doing well because Ben Roethlisberger has been playing his best this year. Mr. Burch's favorite current player is Heath Miller because he is reliable. His favorite all-time player is Jerome "The Bus" Bettis because he was an unstoppable running back and he has a likable personality. Mr. Burch doesn't think the Steelers would have made it deep into the playoffs even if the Chargers lost the last game in the 2013 regular season because they weren't playing very well and they had too many injuries. He thought the Andrew Luck safety in week 8 helped the Steelers and safeties are exciting and rare.

These men just might be watching their team in Super Bowl XLIX with the way the Steelers quarterback is playing with being ranked 5th in Completion Pct. (66.7%), 4th in Passing Yards (3705), 6th in Touchdown Passes (26), 19th in Interceptions, and 6th in overall Quarterback Rating (101.7)

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The Voice of the Morse Student Body

Biddy Basketball Takes Center Court

By Molly Daggett

Biddy League is a program in Saugerties for young people ages 8-15. There is a 9-10 league, an 11-12 league and 13-15 year old league.

Sixth grade student Alex Mooers has been playing Biddy league for five years, since he was 8 years old. This year his dad is going to be coaching him. He is excited and nervous at the same time. He says he will be hard on him because he is his dad. Alex says he has never won a championship but he has come close 3 years in a row. He hopes he wins this year.

6th grade student Leah Podmayersky in Mrs. Tucker's 6th grade class has decided to play Biddy League for her first time this year. Leah says she is excited because this is her first time playing on a team, but she is also nervous. She says she is going to mess up and get kicked out of the game. Leah



has never played on a real basketball team before but, she has played at home and at school just for fun. Leah is hoping to be on her dad's team or Bobby Mooers's team but she says she doesn't really care.

Christie Collins is a 6th grade student in Mrs. Kraft's class. This is her second year playing Biddy League. She thinks she will do better this year because she will have more experience. She is also excited to be playing on a new team with new people. Christie is hoping to be on Bobby Mooers's team and for him to be her coach. Christie says her team will win the championship because she can tell the future.

Biddy League is a great way to try and see if you like basketball because there is not that much pressure and it is just for fun.

The newly refurbished Roger Donlon Auditorium floor.



Meet the Morse Student Body



RJ Paff, Morse Fifth Grader By Tyler Hommel

RJ Paff is proud of his first name. He just learned that he shares the same first name as one of the most famous people from Saugerties, Roger Donlon. He also shares the same name as a famous professional football player from Saugerties, Roger Praetorius.

He is off to a good start in school this year, but he is ready for winter. He likes winter because he likes snow days. RJ likes to play in the snow and go sleigh riding. He is hoping for at least two feet of snow this winter. Drinking hot chocolate on cold days make the winter perfect for him.

RJ Paff has an older brother named Anthony. Roger and Anthony play in the snow together.

RJ is in Mrs. Fanelli's class.



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Mrs. Fong Returns from DL

By Gillian Henderson
& Dylan Norton



In June of 2014 Mrs. Fong an assistant at Morse school broke her leg. It was due to not stepping on the last step of the stairs and she is still recovering. Here is some more information.

Mrs.Fong hurt a bone in her leg on the last day of school. She says that it hurts going up and down the stairs but, other than that she is fully recovered. She missed Morse very much and if she had to stay away from it any longer she would retire.

Mrs. Fong missed all her students and teachers. She returned to work in early November and the school is very glad to have her back in action!

Just Print It is looking for students to write news stories about events going on in and around Morse School. Feel free to submit a story to our editorial department and we will be happy to consider it for publication. Don't forget to include your name and teacher!



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Clinton Stutzman**



Winter Concert 2014



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Gillian Henderson is an exceptionally talented student. Obviously, we all know about her acting, singing and modeling skills. She has graced countless stages around the region sharing her talents with adoring crowds.

Very few people know Gillian's other amazing talent. Gillian can understand 17 different languages. Though she is unable to speak most of them, she has the uncanny ability to translate the world's most popular language into her native language, English.

This is truly a wonderful gift for Gillian as she is able to understand conversations that may take place around the world.

Gillian first noticed this talent when flipping through the TV channels and stopped at a Chinese Cable Network and found herself engrossed in the story being presented. Although noticed the language being a little different, she understood every word. Her brother Ryan was puzzled at her interest, but just figured she was being weird.

Be careful what you say around Gillian, as she understands more than you know.

This simple fact proves that those who read "Just Print It" are 10% smarter than those who don't read.



Entertainment Department
Edited by Caleb Judware



The Snowmobile Ride
By Maddy Dodig

When Wednesday came the snow started to fall. I was so excited to play in it. Me and my neighbor Owen Gallagher met outside and started to play in the snow. Later on that day I asked “Can we go snowmobiling” my dad said not enough snow. Thursday (Thanksgiving) came and there was still not enough snow.

Finally on Friday my dad said there’s enough snow. Owen said sure so, the ride began. We started in the yard so we could test them out. When we figured out that they were running good we went to the dirt bike track. On Saturday I went outside to ride snowmobiles after my hockey game. Owen came out and we went to our neighbors.

I got tired and went back in. About twenty minutes later my cousin Christie Collins called me. She ended up coming over and riding snowmobiles too!

Last week was so much fun snowmobiling and I can’t wait till it snows again!



Nature Trail

By Phoebe Coons

One day Mrs. Mulford’s class went on our school’s Nature Trail. It was beautiful.

We saw caterpillars, a leaf bug, a couple bright orange mushrooms, mushrooms on top of trees, and more!

We heard birds chirping, too. There was even a bridge.

When we walked back we saw moss, ferns and water patches.

When we finished the trail, we were sad. It did not last long because we saw all our friends having a good time on the trail.

Show You Care 2014



My Minecraft Interview

By Bob Moon

I asked Tyler and John about Minecraft. I asked John what he would add, and he said bed rock armor and the only way to get it is in dungeons and villages. I also asked John if he likes water or lava John said water for elevators.

I asked Tyler what new tnt he would add he said laser tnt, it destroys all blocks except ores. I also asked Tyler what new mob he would add he said lava hulk. I asked Tyler what new ore he would add he said silver. I also asked Tyler what is safer water or lava Tyler said water. I asked Tyler what new armor he would add he said silver armor. I asked what new dimension he would add he said forest. I asked Tyler what he would do if he got he said a mansion.



That Girl

By Lillian Dwyer

I am known as crazy. People have heard me say I saw something and when they look they see nothing. I know I saw something real, and I'm going to prove it! Recently I saw this beautiful girl that nobody can see. I've tried to talk to her but she'd always run. What's the matter with her? Now I fell like its best I don't talk about her. Sometimes I even feel bad for her. If no one can see her and I don't see anyone like her she's probably

lonely. I think about how I can see what's up with her without scaring her. I can tell she is special and I need to know why! Friday, after school I'm going to follow her! I know that sounds like spying but I think of it as helping. Ok, ok it is sort of spying but I'm still helping her, right?

It is Friday and I just got home. It was show time! I once again found that girl and followed her. I followed her for 20 minutes. Soon I was at a small cottage. I slipped inside. She was crying. She looked miserable. I knocked on the door. She looked like she thought I didn't see her. I told her "I can see you". She looked surprised. She said "Then...Then come in". I nodded and said "sure". She smiled. It was not surprising that she was happy. She opened the door. There was not much in there. We talked for a bit. What I found the most interesting was why no one can see her. She said somebody cursed her and made no one see her until one special person came. A person who can see her. She said we have to join hands and repeat the words be free 3 times. We joined hand and said "Be free, be free, be free". Then the girl disappeared.

The next day at school I saw her. From then on, we were best friends with one problem. We didn't know each other's names!

Book Review: Maggie Brooklyn Mystery Series

By Author Leslie Margolils

By Kayleigh Dolan

Do you enjoy a book with adventure and clues just around the corner? If so, then check out the Maggie Brooklyn series!

These books are about a girl names Maggie Brooklyn who lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, and solves mysteries. Different people come and go and so do the mysteries. The books are each worth about six or seven points on Accelerated Reader. There are three books in all, but I recommend that you start with the first book and go from there; otherwise the books won't make sense. The books are Girls Best Friend, Vanishing Acts, and Secrets at the Chocolate Mansion.



Just Print It Needs You!

All students are invited to submit stories to be considered for publication. Our next edition will come out on February 14.

If you think you have a good story that related to the larger Morse Community, we would love to have you on our staff!

There are no requirements to submit a story other than it must be a newsworthy story containing factual accounts of events concerning our school. Don't forget to answer the essential reporters questions: Who?, What?, Where?, When?, Why? and How?

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Congressional Medal of Honor
Lt. Col. Roger Donlon
*We Remain Ever Thankful and Proud!***

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Morse Continues to Show Care

By Jenna Peters and Laurel Burch

The Show You Care raffle is a very important event at our school. It was started before Mr. Dieckmann was our principal. Mr. Dieckmann thinks the Show You Care Raffle has a large impact on the Morse students. He said, "It's not just about winning cool prizes. It is about learning the true meaning of the holidays, which is giving and being thankful."

When someone donates food for the Show You Care Raffle, they earn a free ticket. The Judge family is a huge part of the event because they donate the one and only Chocolate Snowman made by one of the best chocolate shops: Krause's. A special thank you is extended to the Judge family for caring for our school dearly.

Mr. Dieckmann would not change anything about Show You Care. He said, "This year we are taking a different approach. Instead of many students winning prizes, there will be one lucky winner who will take home the Chocolate Snowman!" In addition, the whole school is being rewarded with a Pajama Dance Party. So students should remember to wear their pajamas to school on Friday December 19th. Unfortunately, there is no plan to continue Mr. Greco's tradition of wearing a costume. But we will still have an awesome time at the Pajama Dance Party!

Be sure to look for our interview with the lucky winner of the Chocolate Snowman in future edition of JPI.



Did You Know?

- Joe Sinnott, Peter Zmiyarch, Roger Donlon and Jimmy Fallon attended St. Mary of the Snow Catholic School before transferring to Saugerties High School.
- Steven Freer, the all-time leading basketball scorer in SHS history with 1,435 points also attended St. Mary of the Snow school.
- Freer's record was set before the advent of the three-point shot.
- Bill Murphy, current mayor of Saugerties, attended St. Mary of the Snow School.
- Joe Sinnott was one of Bing Crosby's favorite artists.
- Joe created the album art for a few of Bing's best-selling albums.
- Bing Crosby recorded the number one Christmas album and song of all-time, "White Christmas."
- Joe remains great friends with Roger Donlon's older brother, fellow veteran, Paul Donlon.
- Joe drew the poster for Roger Donlon Day on the morning of December 28, 1964.
- Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Peter Zmiyarch was a frequent visitor of the Roger Donlon auditorium located above the fire house on Partition Street.
- Saugerties is one of the few small towns that can boast of such significant global contributions in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
- **Bob and Larry Siracusano, owners of the Sawyer Auto Group, have been friends of the Sinnott, Zmiyarch, Donlon and Fallon families for years.**
- **The Siracusanos are responsible for some of the most memorable events in Saugerties, most notably, Christmas in the Village and the Sawyer Motors Car show.**
- Morse staff member, Mrs. Freer, did not attend St. Mary of the Snow, but is married to the all-time SHS leading scorer. (No threes back then.)

Right: Roger Donlon, an Army Captain at the time, is pictured with his mother, Mrs. Marion Donlon, United States President Lyndon Johnson and General Earl Wheeler. This photo was taken at the time of his official Congressional Medal of Honor presentation at the White House.

Donlon's family was in attendance, as well as some of the soldiers with whom he served, and his Saugerties High School teacher, Miss Agnes Lente.



A proud day for a Saugerties hero.



Merry
Christmas

Saugerties Celebrates Christmas in the Village

By Ashley Widener

Christmas in the Village is all about celebrating the spirit of Christmas in our village of Saugerties. It's about making special memories for families. Children are treated to prizes such as bicycles and televisions, and parents can visit the shops. There is also an old-fashioned hay ride on a wagon.

Families are able to make little cute ornaments for the Christmas tree and sample holiday treats at many of the stores.

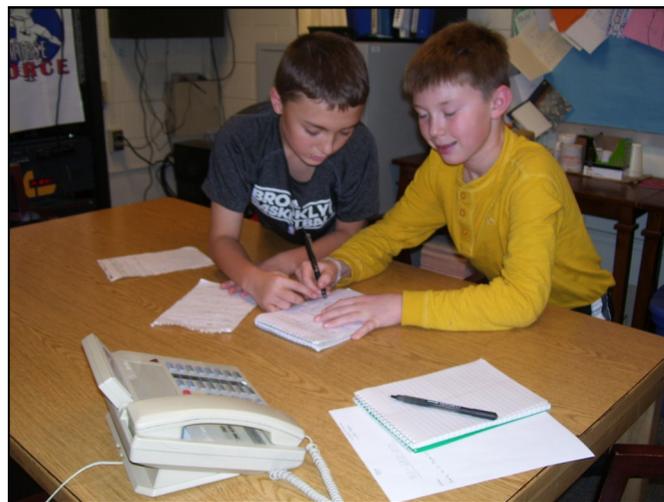
Fifth grader Jenna Peters wanted to go to Christmas in the village with her family. Jenna might make ornaments with her sisters and brother John.

Jenna likes to walk around town. She gets slice of pizza with her family and rides on the hayride around the village.

Holiday in the Village is largely sponsored by Sawyer Motors, but has assistance from many volunteers and businesses in Saugerties. It is a fantastic community event.



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Just Print It reporters interview Lt. Col. Roger Donlon for their exclusive story celebrating the 50th anniversary of his historic recognition. Donlon, from Leavenworth, Kansas, spoke with Alex Mooers, left, and Clinton Stutzman, right, for 33 minutes over the phone for their story. (p.1)

Ebola Scare Grips the Globe

By Bobby English and Tristan Mawyin

Ebola is an old virus making a return from Africa.

"Ebola comes from the west side of Africa," Caleb Judware says. He also says that you get it by eating bad food off the ground. He said that over 8000 people have passed away from this horrible virus. Caleb thinks that no one is going to make a vaccine for Ebola.

Caleb hopes that the virus doesn't spread to any continents like ours when Caleb heard of Ebola he was scared that it was going to spread to the U.S.A. and now somebody is coming from Africa they check him for a disease.



Elf on the Shelf

By Maddy Dodig

Do you have an elf on the shelf? Well if you don't here's why you should get one. Elves on the shelf are fun because they hide each day in a different place. Sometimes they will be eating candy or something that relates to Christmas. Some people think that elves on the shelf are creepy because they stalk you. Elves on the shelf don't stalk you but, each night after you name them they fly back to the

North Pole to report to Santa. If you have an elf on the shelf then you would know that it's so much fun to have one: When you've had an elf for a little while you can show him/her your Christmas list, ask him/her who his three best friends are, what his three favorite foods are or anything you want to ask him/her.

My elf's name is Hockey because we found him after we got home from a hockey tournament. Hockey has tried to ride a horse while eating white chocolate covered pretzels! My favorite place Hockey hid was between me and my cousin's gingerbread houses with super tiny marshmallows that were hard as a rock! **Never touch your elf on the shelf!** If you touch your elf it will lose all its magical Christmas power. Once you get an elf you should read the book and watch the movie. I finally watched the movie the other night! It's so much fun to have an extra family member that comes around December 1st.

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