

Royal Review

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Timeline of the Year

By Jasmine Connolly

September, 2015- Beginning of the school year, Ms. Shippert and Ms. Clevenger join.

December, 2015- The Little Mermaid.

January, 2016- Spelling Bee, Stupor BOWL

March, 2016

ISGMA

May, 2016-

Mr. Brouliette Passed away, Springfield Trip, Eighth Grade Graduation



Global Project by Elsie Gordon

This year, we centered our attention on Burundi. Burundi has been struggling to feed its people and it has been wrecked by war. We have raised money through pop, button, and t-shirt sales. There

have been donations of money, time, and resources to make this happen. We were able to raised over \$1000 and a major part will go to our organization, Action Against Hunger. The other portion

will be going to the Dixon Food Pantry. Our overall goal was to raise awareness in our school about global hunger and to help as many people in Burundi as we can. Thanks to our leaders, Ashely

Crawford and Taylor Harrison, we have accomplished our goal and have made a difference in our community and the world.

Game Ratings—Follow up By Aidan Flanagan

By Aidan Flannigan

Last issue we explained the ESRB's rating guidelines. However, just because they rate something one way doesn't mean that it's always the right rating. It all depends on the perspective of the parent in charge and the maturity of the kid in question. I'm not saying that any 7-year old can play Grand Theft Auto but just because M means 17 and up doesn't mean a mature 14-year old can't play the game. It really just depends on the

parent's views. If a parent doesn't care what their kids play and let's them play pretty much anything is a bad parent. That concludes my last article for the 2015-16 school year.

Talent Show By Ellenor

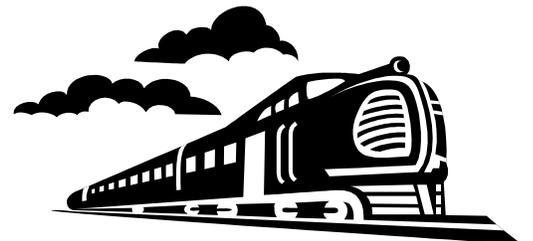
This year's talent show was a big success. All the proceeds went to the Greer Bond who is a girl with cancer this year. This event raised about \$400. There was 10 acts in this year's talent show. There were acts from gymnastics to flute playing. The judges gave out a first and a second place. Second place went to Madison wetter and Samantha Tourtil-

lott who received a \$20 gift card and candy. Their act was gymnastics. First place was awarded to Rachel Rumph who sang and received a \$40 gift card and candy. It was a great show and thank you to all that participated.

Softball by Ellenor

It's that time a year again, softball season! Softball is a fun game for girls similar to baseball. This sport teaches kids to be a team player and that everybody counts. All the games are at night and practices are at Ballou Park in Dixon. This game is not for everyone though. If you are afraid of catching balls or having balls thrown at you I would not suggest this sport for

you. This sport takes a lot of equipment and time to learn everything. I hope you consider playing next year.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Dodgeball Tournament By Elsie Gordon

The gym was completely packed during the dodge ball tournament. Snacks and drinks were available to purchase, but after and small entry fee, the enjoyment was free. Teams were losing and winning, but everyone was having a great time. The night went on, until the end.

Everyone was holding their breath. It was the finales, the last game of the tournament. Time to back up. The last game was between the Heroes and the Teachers. After losing either one or no games, both teams were ready to dominate the other. The full volleyball court was being used,

with the Teachers on left and the Heroes on the right. On the side of the Teachers, Mr. Rosenthal had made a return, and was fighting for victory. Each side slowly eliminated players from the opposing team until it was one on one. Mr. Rosenthal against one final student. The ball was thrown, and Mr. Rosenthal caught the ball. The Teachers had won the dodge ball tournament. After that final game in the actual tournament, the Teachers went on to battle last year's winning team. The Teachers again reigned victorious.

Summertime By Ellenor

As you know, summer vacation is almost here. People like to do all sorts of things in the summer. I can't wait for summer so I did a pole on what people like to do. They could vote



for hanging out with friends, going on vacation, reading, gaming, and other. I found that 40% like to hang out with friends, 30% like to go on

vacation, 10% like to read, 0% like to game, and 20% do other activities. Everybody is different that's why people vote for different things and like to do specific things that others don't. That's just part of life, but I hope you have a great summer.

Butterfly Gardens

By Elsie Gordon

Its spring and summer is on its way. Caterpillars are ready to burst from their cocoons and take flight as full-fledged butterflies. If you are looking into planting perennials, here are some great choices:

- *Russian Sage*
- *Asters*

- *Chrysanthemum*
- *Joe-Pye Weeds*
- *Black-Eyed Susan*
- *Bee Balm*
- *Purple Cone Flowers*
- *Goldenrod*

If you are looking into annuals:

- *Cosmos*
- *Zinnias*
- *Petunias*
- *Sunflowers*
- *Marigolds*
- *Dahlias*
- *Ageratums*
- *Bidens*

Remember not to use pesticides in your garden and to plant your butterfly garden in a relatively sunny area.

Eighth Grade Graduation By Jasmine Connolly

On the twenty-third of June, our eighth grade class will be spreading their wings and taking flight into a new stage of their lives. Okay, it's not that poetic in reality, we're just graduating. Some eighth graders will miss middle school, be it for the teachers, environment, or just the simplicity, others are ready to leave. The ceremony is on June twenty-third, at the Lancaster Gym at Dixon High School. The Reagan Choir and Band will be performing there as well, and a dance will follow. If

you are a graduate, good luck, if you are not, wish the graduates luck. We'll need it.

Book Club By Joy Garnhart

It's that time of year again where school is coming to a close, and students need something to do during the summer. The Public Library has just what they need! The book club is a great way to meet friends while reading and playing games! Just go down to the library and sign up today! All 11-14 year olds welcome and you have to sign up for each week individually. The program

is run by to lovely college ladies who take a lot of time and effort into making the kids have a fun time. There is limited space so sign up quick!

Limbo By Elsie Gordon

Limbo is a great game. This game is a puzzle and logic game. It features a nameless boy who awakens in a forest. You control this nameless boy through the forest, reaching cities and more woods beyond. While you are attempting to survive, you are also searching for your missing sister. You encounter a nameless girl who vanishes before your eyes. You happen upon characters that are more or less than friendly. This game does include gore, but with the game in grey tones, the gore aspect is more implied than anything. The character does not engage in combat, but instead you try to keep the boy away from dangers in the world, including spikes and arachnids.

The greyscale creates an eerie and haunted ambiance. Adding to this are the hidden dangers in the shadows. Bear traps, monsters, and even glowing mind control worms haunt the whole environment. This game is intended for teens 12 and up.

Ellenor Zimmerman

This is my first year in the school newspaper. It was a good experience. We put out a newspaper every two months and a lot of effort goes into writing them. I have enjoyed writing my whole life (since I have known to spell anyway) When I found out that there was a newspaper, when we registered for school, I knew I wanted to sign up. I have written an array of different articles this year. They have been based anywhere from gardening to Christmas trees. My favorite article I wrote was about weather real Christmas trees or fake trees are better. This year was a great year and there isn't too many people in this club so I hope that you consider joining if you are in Middle school.

Elsie Gordon

I'm Elsie, one of the main editors and organizer of the newspaper. I, of course, am in newspaper but I am also part of student council, builders club, band, choir, and theater. I enjoy reading, writing, drawing, and performing. I love doing volunteer work and jump at the chance to do something to help the community. I enjoy watching Lost and Gravity falls when I'm not busy. My family is very important to me, along with all of my friends.

Joy Garnhart

I am in seventh grade and I enjoy music. I'm in band, choir, and glee choir. I participate in music events all the time. #BERNIE2016. I am currently writing a lot stories involving my friends (fanfictions). I also draw a lot in my free time. I am in the challenge classes and I love animals. I am a HUGE supporter of the LGBTQIA community.

Jasmine Connolly

My name is Jasmine Connolly. I was the editor for the Royal Review, which means that I was in charge of the majority of the formatting. I say "was" because I am graduating from eighth grade, and will no longer be the editor. I like to think I'm a pretty likable person, but I guess that would depend on who you ask. I am rather quiet, preferring to take in my surroundings rather than become a part of them. I enjoy school very much. I live with my parents and two brothers just outside Dixon, Illinois. Shoutout to the rest of the Newspaper team: Elsie, our manager, without whom, nothing would've come together, Joy, Aiden, and Ellenor, our three other writers, and, of course, Mrs. Renkes, who, besides being the reason this club exists in the first place, makes sure we stay on task and have a goal. It's safe to say that no one here is less important than anyone else.

Aidan Flanagan

Hello! You probably know me from all the awesome articles i've published this year. I like reading, reading, and still more reading. When I'm not reading I'm playing video games or running (from 6th grade psychopaths). I'll be on the newspaper team next year so look out for my articles but please, try to hold the applause.



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