

THE KNIGHT'S NEWS

A black cat with bright yellow eyes is the central focus, sitting on a large, textured rock. The background is a soft-focus forest with autumn-colored leaves and bare branches. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the cat's fur and the surrounding environment.

**NEW TEACHERS, FALL
SPORTS, AND FALL FUN!**

Photo by: Mackenzie Steinwachs

GRAPE FESTIVAL

BY: GRACE MULLEN



SENIOR EVA TYTKA AND HER DAD JIM TYTKA COMPETING
IN THE HOSE RACES

PHOTOS BY: EVA TYTKA

SILVER CREEK / FORESTVILLE
CHEER TEAM

The Grape festival was completely different this year compared to previous years. To begin there were no rides. Many people said that this was a big turn off this year. This meant that there really wasn't much for kids to do. There was still a couple things that people looked forward to this year, like the food, the different crafts, and the parade.

The parade was on Sunday, September 18th. Senator George Borello said this was one thing that he was looking forward to and it sure didn't disappoint.

Senior Eva Tytka said she had a good time participating in the hose races. The hose races is a timed firefighting contest where you put multiple hose links together, connect them to the fire hydrant and when connected to the hydrant you shoot water at the target. You do this three times, and they average each of the times out. Whoever has the lowest averaged time wins. She is a fire explorer, which means she is a firefighter in training. She is president of the explorer's post and has been a member for three years. She participated in the races for the the first time on the Silver Creek team. She was a crucial part in helping her team come in first place.

New high school English teacher, Mr. DiGennaro, was strongly disappointed with the amount of grapes at the festival. He had high expectations and when he got there, there where no grapes. He also heard so many wonderful things about the grape pies, but when he arrived all the grape pies vanished. Mr. DiGennaro and his sister-in-law, Kaitlyn Keydel, tried the curly fries, and they both agreed that they were the best thing at the festival. Many people are hoping that the grape festival will be like it was in past years. It is such a big tradition in the village and we are all hoping it gets better.

INTERVIEWS



EXCLUSIVE

CHAD TALK

BY: DYLAN MILLER AND DAWSON RUSSO

Local hero Chad Alford-Austin, the awesome IT guy of the Silver Creek High School tech department, spends many hours a day fixing our technical problems. He spends about 2/3 of his day fixing unexpected problems; otherwise he spends his time researching products to defend us from the increasing threat of attacks.

One common fix to a variety of problems is a restart, by holding the power and home button, until it powers off. With all the different devices that are being used



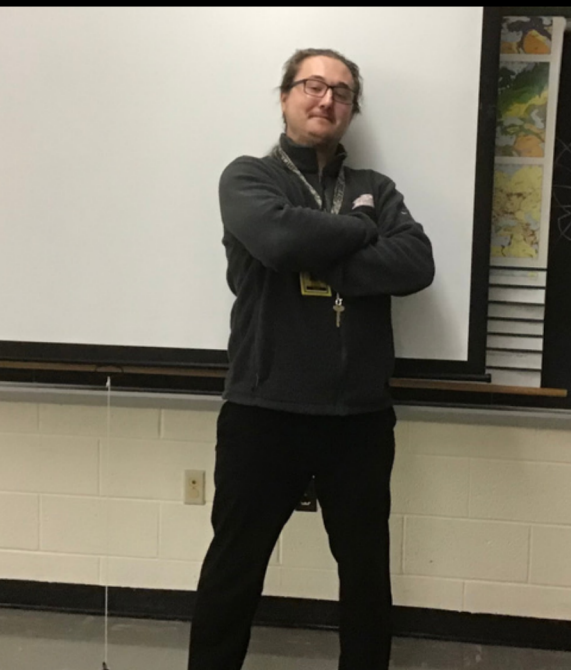
PHOTO BY: CHAD AUSTIN-ALFORD

within the 3 districts of the school, Chad and the other IT guys work together by taking on different roles to deal with the thousands of devices that are constantly being used. In the event of an IT guy being unable to come in, the remaining IT guys split up their responsibilities to cover the missing role. With all the different problems, and changing laws and updates, not all of the problems they face will be able to be fixed. In response, they try to come up with solutions to work around the problem. Chad chose to pursue IT because of the hands-on education and problem solving that he excelled in, over traditional learning. His favorite memory of being in IT are from working with medium and small businesses where he was able to provide security products for cheap.

NEW TEACHER INTERVIEW

BY: BRAYSON PARSELL AND EVA TYTKA

My partner Eva Tytka and I interviewed Mr. Kruszka, the new Social Studies teacher. He grew up in and went to school in Gowanda, NY and graduated from St. Bonaventure University. When he is not in the classroom he is cheering on the Buffalo Bills or spending time with his mom, dad, and brother. He also umpires for college softball. He has 5 cats and 2 dogs named Harvey and Scootchy. His goals for this school year are to connect with students and faculty and to become a part of the tight community we have here in Silver Creek. He wants to help his students do as well as they can. He is a 5th year teacher, but this is his first time teaching full time. In the past he has subbed or taught part time. His favorite subjects to teach are the Industrial Revolution and the Civil War. His first impression of the school was how positive Mr.



Yelich is. He gave him such a warm welcome. Something he thinks is unique to our school is how close everyone is in our community. Lastly, the hardest part of teaching for him is preparing lessons. However, once that is done, he enjoys teaching those lessons to his students.

PHOTO BY: KADEN BAKER

**MR. KRUSZKA SHOWING OFF HIS
SWAGGER**

THE MARVELOUS MICHAEL JACKSON

BY: ALEX PROCKNAL AND KADEN BAKER



PHOTO BY: KADEN BAKER

When asked who is his favorite celebrity Mr. Jackson replied with “Probably Keanu Reeves. From what I heard he sounds like a very nice guy plus he makes great movies.” He also added that Keanu plays base with a band named Dogstar and the first small band to open for Dogstar at a concert gained more popularity then Keanu’s band. Their name was Weezer. After being asked what jobs have you had, Mr. Jackson ran down the jobs he’s had starting with Concord Nurseries in North Collins were he would trim plant clippings and then replant them and clean greenhouses. He made only around \$5 an hour. He has been a cook at multiple local restaurants including Sunset Bay Restaurant and Tom’s Family Restaurant. His main occupations have been security and coaching football and Lacrosse which he’s done at multiple schools and now he is a Teacher assistant here at

When asked what is his favorite part of working in Silver Creek his response was “Some people might think it’s lame to work in the high school you went to but i like it I get to see my friends kids everyday make sure they’re safe and I think I relate to kids better at the school because I’ve been here I know what it’s like.” We asked after recent knowledge of his lacrosse coaching at Silver Creek what was one of his favorite parts of coaching Mr. Jackson said “ I was here 2009, 2010 when Zed Williams and his brother played and it was cool to watch them become professional athletes.” We asked before all the jobs he’d done after college, what was his dream job. The response we got was, “ I wanted to go to Robert Williams Moore University in Pittsburgh and play football just to learn the game from former NFL coaches so I could coach at a college NFL level or even be a GM because I have a degree in Communications.”

RICE TALKS CAREER

BY: RYLEIGH LAWTON AND ALEIDY VEGA

Mr. Kevin Rice is our long running high school Dean of Students, English teacher, and girl's soccer and basketball coach. He started his career teaching in a prison, taught for one year at Falconer High School, and has been at Silver Creek for about 25 years now. He has held the position of Dean since the early 2000s. After teaching for about seven years, Mr. Rice decided that he also wanted to pursue an administration position to, in his words, "have some say in how the school is run but still allow me to be in the classroom." Rice continued teaching until recently while simultaneously acting as the Dean of Students for 9th-12th grade. Speaking on his career, Rice reflected on his difficulties juggling his responsibilities as Dean, an English teacher, and a coach. For the first few years holding the position of Dean he was responsible for 6th-12th grade. At the time, he was also teaching three English classes. After a couple stressful years, Mr. Rice stepped away from the position completely. Eventually he was asked to return and he accepted on the condition that he was only responsible for 9th-12th grade. When this switch happened, Rice began teaching two classes. Now, Mr. Rice only acts as the Dean and has completely stepped away from teaching. His reasoning? "It's a lot different than when I took the job 20 years ago." Our school needed Rice to run the building effectively more than to teach. But Mr. Rice has expressed no desire to step completely away from coaching. This past year he took a step back from being the head coach of the girl's varsity soccer team and assumed an assistant position. Next year, Rice plans to hand the reins completely to Mr. Hamms to let him develop the program into what he needs it to be. However, Mr. Rice has no plans to do any such thing with the basketball program. He and Tammy Rice, his wife, have been coaching girl's basketball together for the past 12 years.

This year, Rice plans to assume the head varsity coach position and Tammy will coach JV. Rice doesn't plan on giving up his coaching title just yet, saying, "Basketball might be something I continue to coach until I get too old or girls don't want me to coach anymore." Mr. Rice would like to share some advice with the students to help them have a positive, productive school year. He simply says, "You be you, you do you." Often students get sidetracked worrying about everyone else but in the end can only control themselves and their actions. Rice left this profound statement for his students, "The path to success is making sure the person in the mirror is who you're investing all your time into."



PHOTO BY: KADEN BAKER

INTERVIEW WITH MR. YELICH

BY: BRIANNA ALLEN AND TEHYA MARR

Mr. Yelich is our new high school principal at Silver Creek Central School. After only being here for a few months, he has taken a lot of time to learn about us, so we've finally taken the time to learn about him.

Mr. Yelich was born outside of Boston, Massachusetts. He moved out here in elementary school and eventually graduated from Fredonia. Right after high school he was on active duty in the United States Air Force. He was there for his enlistment and then he transitioned into the national guard when he was 22. His favorite memories from the national guard were all of the friends he made. He still keeps in contact with them every day.

After, he was a social studies teacher for almost 7 years, he was an assistant principal, and then a director of curriculum. Mr. Yelich grew up in a house filled with education. He's following into his father's footsteps, which he never thought he could do.

Mr. Yelich also has a brother and a sister. He lived a very busy lifestyle with his family growing up and is continuing to live that kind of lifestyle today with his wife and his eight year old daughter. His biggest achievement is being married to his wife, being a father to his daughter, and being here.

His first impression of our school came in 2009, when he student taught here, and he loved it. He's quote, "literally in my dream job." Even if things don't go perfectly right, Mr. Yelich doesn't care because he's so happy to be here. He believes that there are misconceptions about Silver Creek. There are misconceptions that people here don't care, or they don't try, but that isn't everyone and there's people like that everywhere. What he dislikes most about our school is that people have a negative thought and stigma about our school. They don't have a right to do so if they have never been here, but it's our job to positively promote us. If we don't take after each other, no one else can.

Mr. Yelich had a very meaningful statement, "you don't have to come from everything, to be something." He also said, "every person here can do that, he's a firm believer."

He wants us to be that school that everyone else is jealous of. He wants to improve the mindset that we can create businesses and opportunities here. If everyone leaves this area what's the next generation going to be staying for? Mr. Yelich wants to improve the opportunities to do that. He feels it's his job to remove obstacles out of our way in becoming successful.

If we are going to become leaders we have to be able to identify a problem and give solutions to it, and that is what he wants to inspire in all of us. In quote, "It's a big job, but he loves it."



PHOTO BY: KADEN BAKER

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

← LEFT OR RIGHT →



TWIX SIDE?

Twix features a chewy caramel inside with a little bit of crunch, covered by a smooth layer of chocolate. They offer your preference between packages of right Twix and left Twix.

However, in reality, is there actually a difference between the two? That is what we are here to find out.

We had two students try both sides of the Twix without them knowing which side they were trying, and asked for their opinion on if there was a difference.

To our surprise, they both said that the right one had more crunch to it and felt as if it had more to the candy bar.

Although this is interesting information, it isn't very accurate because we only used two students. So to know for sure if there is a difference, we will have to have more people try them and get their input.

By: Brayson Parsell

SIGHT AND SOUND

THE DRIFT CAR

BY: CARTER LABARGE



PHOTO BY: CARTER LABARGE

The smell of burning oil, pure ethanol fuel, and burning rubber fill the air. The sounds of screeching tires surround you along with the cheers of a crowd. The sight is an unbelievable car, a rare Nissan R-32 imported from Japan, drifting the corners and filling the air with smoke. The sound of the car's engine overpowers the sounds of the car's tires screeching along the pavement. The way the car looks is truly unique; some parts of the exterior and interior are only from Japan, like the rims and taillights. The sound of the cars turbocharger is all you can hear when the driver lays off the throttle.

HOMECOMING WEEK



SENIOR CHEERLEADER EVA TYTKA LEADING THE CLASS CHANT

PHOTO BY MARRISSA GRISANTI

Silver Creek high school enjoyed a good homecoming week. The spirit week started off with pop culture day on Monday, dress up vs dress down on Tuesday, western Wednesday, BKP Thursday (due to that being the day of the homecoming game), then Friday was class color day.

Thursday the air was full of BKP. We enjoyed a "normal" pep rally for the first time since COVID, with the seniors wining the class chants and the games. All who went to the homecoming football game had a good time even though we lost 40 to Zero.

Friday night the school turned out for a great powder puff game with the seniors beating the juniors 32 to zero. Then we all headed over to the bus garage for a bonfire organized by senior Eva. "it was a great night. I had been trying to get the bonfire back for 3 years. And this year with the help of Mr Yelich I was able to make it happen."

Then Saturday we all had a good time at the homecoming dance. The homecoming court was announced as follows: lord Vincent Olmstead and lady Bella Banche; Duke Camron Ingram and Duchess Makayla Kelly; Prince Levi Lawton and Princess Emily Bowers; and King Matthew Woleben and Queen Eva Tytka.



Seniors vs. Juniors girls' powderpuff game

BY ARIANNA BASS



JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS LEADING THE CLASS CHANT

PHOTO BY MARRISSA GRISANTI



HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN MATTHEW WOLEBEN AND EVA TYTKA



SENIOR EVA TYTKA AT THE BONFIRE



SENIOR POWDERPUFF TEAM

BY AIDEN JAMISON



SENIOR POWDER PUFF PLAYERS BY TORY COOK



BONFIRE BY EVA TYTKA



SENIOR POWDER PUFF PLAYERS BY ANGELA PACIFICI



During marking period 1 at Silver creek high school, girls volleyball and soccer are in session along with cross country, boys soccer, and football.



Photo by: Mackenzie Steinwachs

The girls volleyball had a record of 6-13. They still have a chance to play in the post season culminating in a tournament.

Boys soccer has 4 wins and 9 losses but most of the losses were very close games. They only have a few seniors so it gives younger players the ability to be a better team next year.





PHOTO BY: DIGENNARO

Girls soccer doesn't have the best record being 0-14-1 but they do show a lot of teamwork, effort, and dedication on the field. They can only improve from here.

So far during the cross country season the boys and girls have started off strong. Individually, most of the runners have had success within their races. and with three weeks left until varsity sectionals they hope to continue to improve.



PHOTO BY: ALEX PROCKNALL



PHOTO BY: ARIANNA BASS

The varsity football team has a record of 2 wins and 4 losses with games left to play, hopefully they can gain some more wins and learn from their defeats. With many injuries of starting players they still have put a lot of effort into the game and keep trying their hardest.

BUSINESS



SCHOOL STORE AT SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL!

BY: KATRINA HASKINS



PHOTO BY KATRINA HASKINS

Do you like working in a store? The school store is looking for workers! If you like to cash people out I recommend helping out the school store.

The school store has many foods and drinks. This year there is a lot of candy and snacks. We also have ice cream! The school store also has Silver Creek shirts and sweatpants with more logos than ever! We have cups, mugs, and many more things.

The school store opened in 2002. The teacher that is running the store is Rachel Castiglia. She is a teacher in the high school and she teaches Business law, accounting, and many other subjects.

If you want to deal with money in your future I recommend helping with the school store. While working the school store you can make some money. If you work alone you get \$2 in school store money and if you work with someone you both get \$1.

I think working in the school store is fun because you learn about counting money and how to close the draw.

If you have a free period and a little extra cash on you, I definitely recommend checking out the school store. You won't regret it!

STOCKS

BY: DAWSON RUSSO

49	49,682,295	▲	54,625,211	▲	2,36
50	53,294,542	▼	29,502,560	▼	9,58
51	23,502,564	▼	22,269,238	▲	7,23
52	63,269,281	▲	97,859,549	▼	8,67
53	12,852,517	▼	61,257,588	▼	3,58
54	36,257,565	▼	36,227,115	▼	6,79
55	54,625,211	▲	10,656,288	▲	4,28
56	71,569,826	▲	27,502,561	▼	3,81
57	67,682,291	▲	69,269,251	▲	2,94
58	36,257,565	▼	12,852,517	▼	
59	22,247,529	▼			

BUY BUY BUY. The stock market is a great tool for young adults and students to utilize their money and have their money work for them.

The stock market isn't just for the 1%, everyone can invest, even high-schoolers, but the key to investing is deciding how much risk you want to take. Any investment comes with a risk, therefore you should never invest more than you can afford to lose. There are many different kinds of shares to buy, there's low risk shares, such as the s&p 500, which is the most stable share you can buy with an 11% annual growth, enough to cover inflation and more.

There's also high risk shares, such as penny stocks, which are newer company's with cheap cost and a high potential, almost all big companies started as penny stocks, such as Amazon, apple, and Tesla.

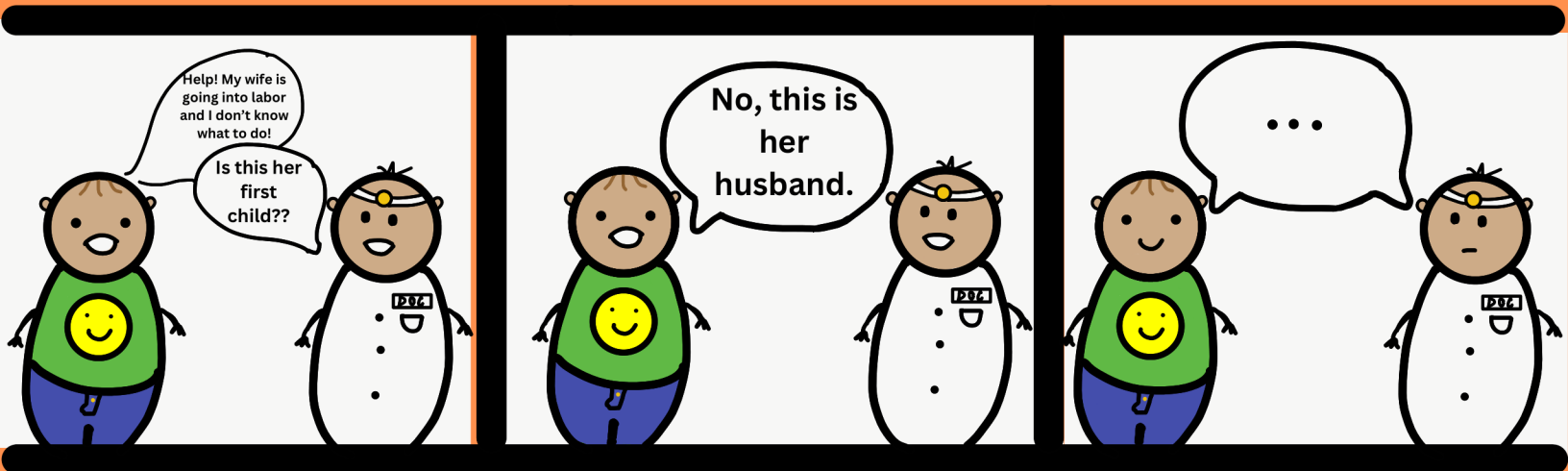
If you aren't sure on what to invest in follow popular investors. This is a safe and sure option to gain money, such as politicians like Nancy Pelosi, who constantly makes huge investments based on the current government policy's.

There are many investors that make huge investments and following those investors and building your portfolio around them can help skyrocket your profits.

If you keep up with the market right now, you might notice a lot of losses. The market is approaching a bear market, which comes with its own pros and cons. The market will be low for a bit, with bear markets lasting on average 289 days according to hartfordfunds, but with bear markets, comes big profits. If you are willing to, and can afford holding out on the bear market, you will greatly increase your profits, because it is a common instance where the economy booms after a recession.

Therefore investors should prioritize stable industries, such as Tesla, dicks sporting goods, Home Depot, apple, and any other larger company.

COMICS



BY: ALEIDY VEGA

MEET THE EDITORS

ABOUT RYLEIGH LAWTON

Ryleigh Lawton is a senior at Silver Creek High School. She has attended Silver Creek Schools since Pre-K.

She is the second youngest of nine siblings (Amanda, Thomas Jr., Timothy, Rebekka, Quentin, Cheyenne, Liberty, and Levi). She enjoys spending time with family and friends especially her dad Tom Lawton.

Ryleigh also takes an interest in baking, cooking, and crocheting. She loves to find new recipes to try and perfect for her family and friends.

Crocheting is a recent hobby of her's but so far she has made a blanket for her newborn niece.

Ryleigh has two dogs named Katie and Febee in addition to four cats: Steven, Duchess, Mrs. Peabody, and Little Bits.

She is an animal lover and loves to cuddle her cats and watch TV.

Ryleigh is a member of the varsity softball, volleyball, and basketball teams. She is also an active member in the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Knights Against Cancer, and National Honor Society (NHS). Ryleigh is the secretary of the senior class and tries to stay as involved in the school as she can.



EXCITING EVA

Eva Tytka is a senior here at SCCS. She is seventeen years old. She lives with her Mom and Dad, her two younger sisters Chloe (11), and Lily (7).

She has three goats, Ernie, Cookie, and Woody. One dog named Minnie and a cat named KitKat.

In her free time she is president of the Silver Creek Fire Department Explorer program.

She is a part of the musicals here at SCCS. She is the president of key club. And a co-president of National Honor Society. She also belongs to student council, and is a varsity cheer leader.

Tytka loves music and records. She says that it is a big part of her life. Tytka is described as a leader, her work as the president in The Fire Explorers, National Honor Society, and Key Club prove that.



Tytka is described as a kind and caring person. She is excited for her senior year here and hopes to make the most of it.

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