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What We Did This Summer

All for love of Mom

by Hunter Arias; art by Alex Schon

When our family went to Lawrence, Kansas, for my mom's half iron-man triathlon, many good and bad things happened to us. That's why I have split my article into two sections, good and bad.

Good

We went golfing on one of the finest golf courses in Kansas.

We got free sandwiches and chips.

Mom was 12th in her age division.

We went fishing.

I met the best triathlete in the world, Chrissy Wellington.

Bad

It was horribly, stickily, killdeerily humid.

It felt like being the Wicked Witch of the West in a kiln, and our own sweat was melting us.

When I got into bed, the air mattress was like a frying pan that somehow dehydrated me so much that I shriveled up and should be considered a prune by future archeologists.

I had a terrible game of golf.

It stormed for 2 of the 3 nights that we stayed there. Having our tent under a tree didn't help our chances of not being struck by lightning.

Mosquitos and chiggers were everywhere. They seemed to be ripping out my brains because their bites were all I could think about.



Best Val Days Ever

Soap box derby

Story and photo by Alex Schonn

Sunday, June 6, the Val Days Soapbox Derby was run near the school. There were 6 racers. To be eliminated, the racers had to lose twice in the rounds. Maverick Brown (below) got 1st in the first round and 2nd overall.



Barbecue cook-off

Story and photo by Alex Schon

The barbecue cook-off on Saturday, June 5, was very popular. People could try all six trays for \$2. Tray 1 was pork, tray 2 was chicken, and the rest were ribs.



Everyone got a card that had numbers 1-6, and, at every station, they punched the number of the tray to tell what you had eaten. To vote, you dropped the card in the box of the station you liked best.

The winners were: 1st, Team Cardiac Corner (tray 3), Mike Maxson and Jimmy Holley from Val; 2nd, Team Pat and Pat (tray 5) from Agnew; and 3rd, Team Megaheg (tray 2) from Dodge.

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Fun at the Parade

by Alex Schon

I was one of the people riding in the Li'l Tugger train in the Val parade. We had to wait for about an hour for it to start. Greg Bouc was the driver. Some of the other people riding jumped off at one point and grabbed the candy that another group was tossing out to the crowd. My cousin threw candy at the "gorilla" riding behind us, and the "gorilla" tried to catch it and at one point jumped off and chased us for a while.

July 4: Great Fireworks Sale

by Frances Holley

Brad and Jeanne Andelt's B&J Fireworks had an awesome fireworks sale in their garage at 316 Iver Street in Valparaiso.

The fireworks included pop pops, birds of paradise, amazing ballets, sky spiders, parachutes, king tuts, stretching the limits, black cat firecrackers, bad to the bones, snap dragons, lightning storms, sparklers, and the fireworks fiesta.

There also was a lemonade stand.

I really liked their big black cat and hope they put it up again for Halloween.

My Horse Lessons

by Frances Holley

I take horse lessons at Maria Cadwallader's. I ride Minnie, Karen Andelt rides Elly, and Maria rides Fame.

We have fun riding her horses. We go on long trail rides. We learned how to feed, water, walk the horses, saddle, ride, and turn right and left.

All the horses names are May Baskette, Sunshine, Glory, JR, Fame, Flicka, Elly, Minne, John John, and Triple Treat. Three of them are trained; those are the ones we ride. The rest are not trained.

We all help each other out. We have lots of fun.



Above: Frances and Minnie, the Arabian mare Frances rides.

Photos by Maria Cadwallader and Frances Holley.

Photos from Val Days Parade. At left, top to bottom: Mascot; Belgian horses (from team at right). Above, top to bottom: Li'l Tugger; team of paint horses; team of Belgian horses; winning soapbox car; American Legion car.

Summer Reading Fun

by Frances Holley and Alex Schon; photos by various teen volunteers and parents

According to the librarian, this year's Summer Reading Program set records. EIGHTY kids signed up. SEVENTY of those kids participated actively. FIFTY SIX of them completed their reading contracts.

The community really pitched in to make everything work. Brad and Jeanne Andelt let the library use their dining room at Harry's for indoor programs. Ron Coulter bought treats and food for the last day party.

Alex Schon, Frances Holley, and Amanda Jelinek helped plan and lead some of the craft activities.

Teen Volunteers helped supervise and earned school credit doing it, including Shanna Blazek, Karen Andelt, Tristin Zweiner, and Rebecca Kramer.

Daycare staff members and lots of parents helped supervise and also drove kids to Wildwood Lake for the Learn to Fish program.

Program Leaders also volunteered: Fire Chief Dallas Fletcher, Greg Bouc, musician Jim King, an NRD educator, the Nebraska Climatologist, Game and Parks staff, Jaye and Mike Crouse, and Harriet Gould.

Frances says that Summer Reading was really fun. "I especially liked the program with Greg Bouc. It was fun to see how the water system works and to play in the water afterward. I also liked the water play party at the end of the summer. I thought it was great to pick up ice with your feet!"

Alex says he especially liked the tie dying. He also liked coloring on the outside of the library with chalk and painting the windows. He wishes he could have attended even more of the programs this summer.

Everybody should attend the program next year!



Summer Reading Photos. Above, top to bottom: Snacktime; Greg Bouc and Weston Schon turn on the water hydrant during the program on Val's water supply and sewer system.

At right, top to bottom; casting practice at the Learn to Fish outing; catching fish; water hydrant play.

Mustang Staff Welcomes Ian White

by Jonathon Herroon
Photo by Frances Holley

The Mustang Times welcomes Ian White to our staff.

Ian is in the 6th grade at Raymond Central Elementary in Valparaiso and is in Ms. Schiefen's homeroom. He was featured in last year's newspaper in a "Spotlight on" article, which said a lot about Ian's computer knowledge.

Ian will help us with things like writing articles, typing, and especially the website we want to create for the paper.

Welcome, Ian, to The Mustang Times. We will appreciate your good work.



My Visit to Washington

By Alex Schon

On July 31 this summer, I took two airplanes to Seattle, Washington. My arrival was very pleasant. We started our visit by going to a fancy restaurant, the Ram.

The next day was very interesting. We went to the glass museum in Tacoma, then to the beach by the ocean looking for sea shells. Instead, we found a whole bunch of hermit crabs.

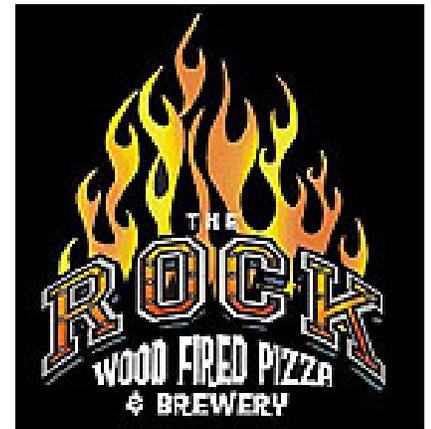
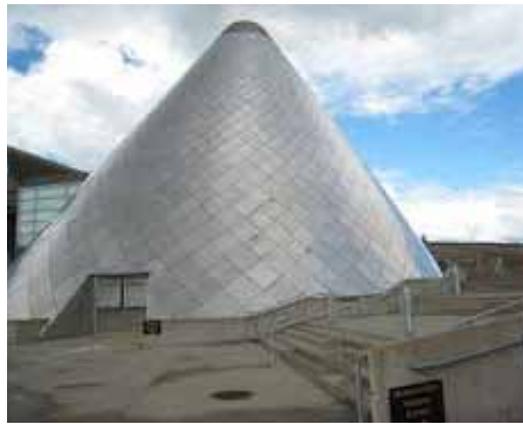
The next day, we went to the Experience Music Project. This place was humongous. A third of the building was about Jimi Hendrix (the best guitar player who ever lived). The rest of it was rock and roll, blues, and jazz. (I am so glad that the museum did not have any country music.)

The Experience also had an experimental room where you can experiment with guitar, drums, keyboard, bass guitar, and sound board. The museum also had a gigantic guitar typhoon made almost entirely out of guitars (there was also a clarinet or two in it). It also had a small science fiction museum part.

Oh yeah, and the Experiment is right next to the Space Needle, which I also visited. The space needle was mainly a huge gift shop, except for the top, which was a restaurant and a great view.

Before going to the Space Needle, I went to the Pacific Science Center. The Science Center was very fun, but I cannot explain most of the stuff there. I also went to one of the best pizza places on earth, called The Rock. The Rock makes real fire-grilled pizza, plus The Rock has a rock and roll theme. They have Led-Zeppelin, Ozzy Osbourne, The Doors, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead, and The Rolling Stones posters.

I ended my trip by going to the Ballard Locks and on a ferry ride. Then I took two plane rides back home. It was a blast!



Top to bottom, left to right: Glass Museum, The Rock Pizza logo, exterior of Experience Music Project, the Guitar Typhoon, Space Needle. Photos from Google.com.

Have you taken a trip recently that you especially enjoyed? Write about it and share your story and photos in The Mustang Times!

Spotlight on . . . Nancy Samuelson

by Jonathon Herroon

About two years ago, Nancy Samuelson started thinking about doing flower decorations to brighten up the Village. When I interviewed Nancy at the end of the summer, the flowers were in full bloom.

According to Nancy, Cheryl Ludvik and Dana Ball have helped with things like weeding and watering plants and berms.

Now, there are banners and flowers in downtown Valparaiso. Each business along 2nd Street has adopted a light pole with flowers on it, which they maintain.

Dana Ball, Greg Bouc, Derrick Maltulka, and Floyd Maresh designed the banners that hang from the light poles. Greg, Derrick, and Floyd built and installed the banners. "It adds a bit of nostalgic flare to our small community," says Nancy.

There now also are large pots of flowers on the sidewalks in front of the businesses, which the businesses maintain. Jeanne Andelt said that she really enjoys all of the plantings around town and that she likes watering and "dead-heading" the flowers near Harry's.

At near right, Nancy Samuelson. Center, flower pole with flower pot and sign. Far right, Flower Lady made by Samuelsons at the corner of the park across from the Val Market. The top flower lady photo was taken in August, the bottom one, in September.



Left photo furnished by Nancy Samuelson. Others taken by Frances Holley.

More of Nancy's projects include the flower lady across the street from Val Market and a berm full of flowers along the south entrance to Val, by Highway 79.

Brian Turnwall at Val Market says that everything Nancy has done "Makes the community look very nice." And he thinks that when people drive by, "they see that the people of Valparaiso take alot of pride in the town they live in."

Best Adam Sandler Movie Survey

by Jonathon Herroon

<i>Billy Madison</i>	4 votes
<i>Click</i>	8 votes
<i>Happy Gilmore</i>	15 votes
<i>Bedtime Stories</i>	7 votes
<i>Big Daddy</i>	6 votes
<i>The Waterboy</i>	7 votes

I think we all clearly see that *Happy Gilmore* won.

Find the Differences

by Alex Schon



ANSWERS: cloud bump, leaf, eye, hair, sign, can.

Opinions

Pointless Rubber Bands

opinion and cartoon by Jonathon Herroon
 Two words: "silly bandz." They are EVERYWHERE. I mean everywhere! You can't walk five feet in a Target store without seeing some. They are fancy rubber bands -- that's it!

There are only two differences between rubber bands and silly bandz. Silly bandz are shaped -- like fish, clouds, guitars, and so on. And they are neon colored.

I put one on for about five seconds and felt like demonic beings from the 13th level of Hades were crawling up my arm.

I said it once, and I'll say it again. They are colored, shaped, packaged, RUBBER BANDS. These things go for about \$3.00 for a 12-pack at Wal-Mart. I'll bet you wouldn't pay \$3.00 for 12 rubber bands, unless, you actually WEAR the stupid things.

Oldies are the Best

by Ian White

I think music is great because it gives you something to listen to. But I don't like newer music that much because I don't think it's really that interesting. It is sometimes really boring, like they just throw words together to make a song.

I like older music the best. The older bands play really interesting music, with good words, too.

Letters

Let us know what you think! Contact Alex or Jonathon, or e-mail us at ValMustangTimes@gmail.com.

Corrections

Our apologies for an error in our 2nd issue (May 2010). We misspelled "Monica Tvrdy" on page 2.



Word Find: Back to School

by Frances Holley

Find these words, which may be written left-to-right, right-to-left, top-to-bottom, bottom-to-top, or diagonally:

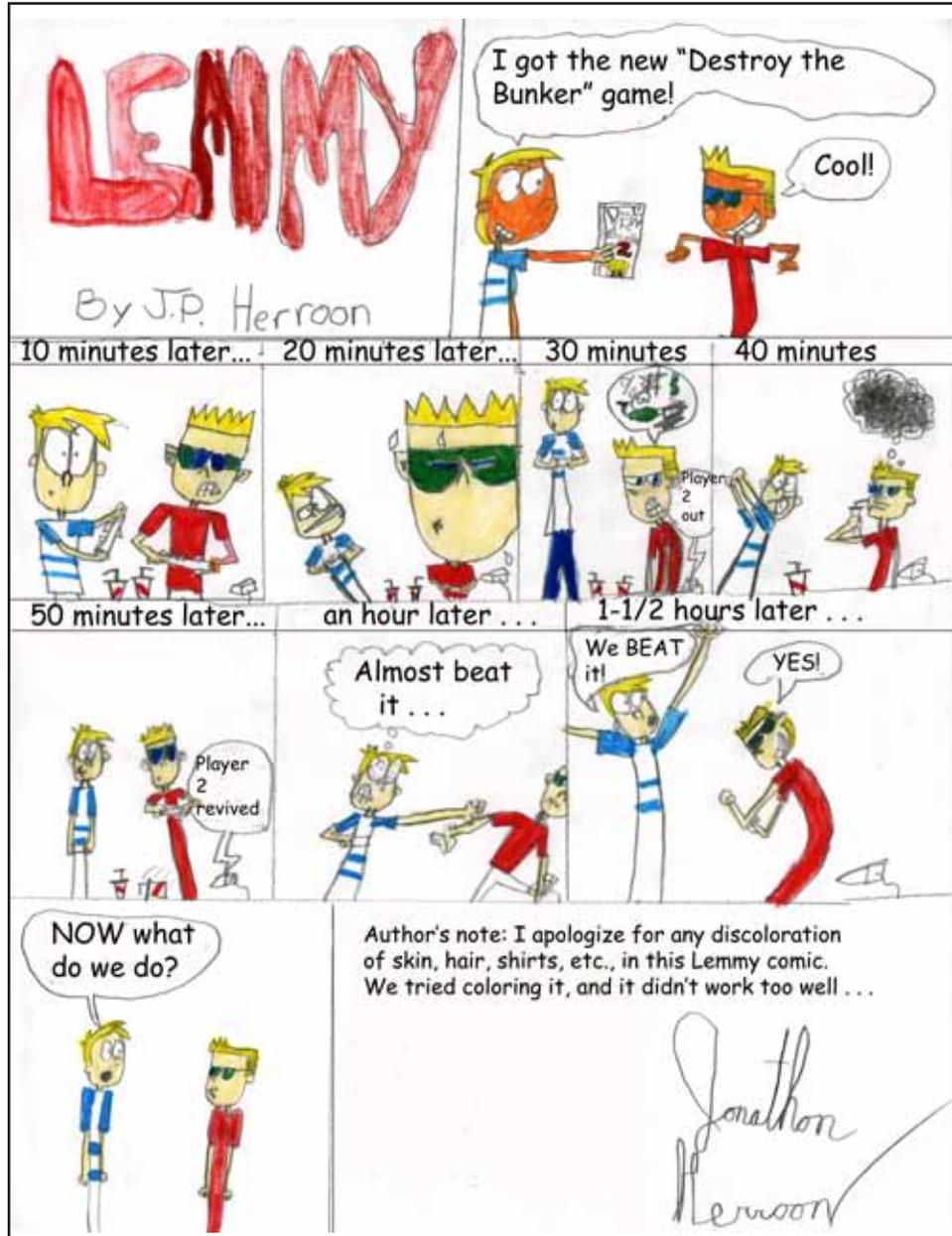
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- Band

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COMIX and other cool stuff

Joke Riddles

by Ian White, Alex Schon, and Jonathon Herroon



Q. Why did the football coach yell at the bank?

A. Because he wanted his quarter back.

Q. What does a duck serve at a Super Bowl party?

A. Cheese and quackers.

Q. Why did the boy throw his clock out the window?

A. He wanted to see time fly.

Q. What's the difference between Lady GaGa and Madonna?

A. Their names!

Q. Who would win in a wrestling match? Chuck Norris or a god?

A. TRICK QUESTION! Chuck Norris *is* a god.

Q. On a scale of one to ten, how awesome is Saul Hudson?

A. Eleven!

Boy Scouts



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