

From The Middle

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Quotes of the Week:

"The quotes aren't funny anymore."

"That's because you're not funny anymore."

Left Handed

by Taylor

I was in the shower looking at a shampoo bottle while shampooing my hair and found out that dogs are either right or left handed just like us. I thought that was an interesting fact so I decided to take a survey of how many middle schoolers were left and right handed and found that 15 people are right handed and 5 are left handed. I also decided to find out what animals, other than dogs are right or left handed. I found that parrots are mostly left handed, cats are mostly left handed, along with polar bears, chimpanzees, and frogs. Did you know that chimps that are left handed are more frightening than ones that are right handed? Being left handed is more common in males than females, and left handedness is more frequent in identical twins if they have a left handed parent (76%). In 1977, 15-20% of people were left handed. Did you also know that left handers were sometimes forced to use their right hand because it was considered "the devils work" to use your left hand in the 18th and 19th century's? While I was researching this I also found out that in Latin, Portuguese, and Chinese sinister means clumsy, left handed person, and was once used to identify the devil. In Latin sinister means left but took on the meaning of evil, and devious. To make it worse, being right handed was considered skillful. I think it's too bad it was "beaten out of people" and people were so cruel about it when you can't control which hand is your dominant one. If you want to learn more about it you can go to www.wikipedia.com, <http://www.4to40.com>, or www.straightdope.com.

Chelsea Girls Soccer team on a roll... into the finals!

As the sun went down during Monday's match at Heath Field, so did the temperature. The Chelsea girls varsity soccer team was in the quarter finals for Division IV against Williamstown, and spectators were hoping their dominance would put a ball in the Blue Devils' net before overtime began. We were not so lucky; with each passing overtime session, extremities started to feel numb from the cold and we were forced to run back to cars and search for extra layers, knowing this was too good to miss in favor of a warm house or car. Despite the cold weather, the players were heated, fueled by the fire of their passion to win. They were driven to win for Morgan Wadkins, their missing teammate, captain, and friend, and for each other. This Chelsea team showed that nothing would stand in the way of winning a ticket to the semifinals. In the last moments of the fourth overtime (yes- quadruple overtime!!!), Sam Bonasera came charging up the field, breezing past defenders, and managed to cross the ball in front of the goal where Whitney Ladd got the winning touch, ending the game with a "golden goal". ***My prediction for the semifinals was this: we would see two overtimes and another Chelsea victory.*** Wednesday, October 31st: There were even more spectators at this game, and a more spirited crowd, complete with banners and super-fans wearing face paint, devil's horns, and masks. The Chelsea fans were joined by members of the Blue Mountain girls' team who had a personal interest in seeing Chelsea defeat the team that knocked them out of the playoffs. The Chelsea team cheered "For Morgan!" as they took the field after each break. They went scoreless into the second overtime, but not without a fight from both sides. The opposing Rochester team had numerous close shots that were thwarted by Chelsea's defense and the unstoppable Lydia Hogan in goal. In the end, the "golden goal" for Chelsea was scored by a combination of players, an example of the kind of game they played (one of the Uphams got the final touch). This team has unified itself into a force to be reckoned with. Good luck in the finals on Saturday! Whether you win or lose, you fought hard and deserve the fruits of your labors.

Come see the Girls' Soccer Finals at 1:00

Saturday in Proctor, VT vs. Black River Halloween Havoc

Chris Bartsch

The 7th grade did a pie in the face fund raiser as you probably already know. The winners (the people that got the pie in the face) were Miss Tyler and Mr. Popoli. Some students from different grades got to throw the pie. Allyssa Noel, who was a mouse, got to throw the pie at Mr. Popoli and Emily from Elementary got to throw the pie at Miss Tyler but Miss Tyler dodged it. It fell on the ground. Then Cody Perkins threw the pie in her face.

After that, the people that got pie got to choose another teacher to get a pie in the face. The people were Erik Anderson and Barrett Williams. Hunter threw a pie at Erik Anderson and Miss Tyler threw the pie at Barrett. The class raised a total of \$108, \$56 for Miss Tyler, \$40 for Mr. Popoli, \$4 for Erik and about \$9 from the other teachers total. Thanks to all teachers who volunteered.

Interview of Roxanne Vesper

While Ms. Copp was taking a class taught by Joey Hawkins with some of the other teachers at Chelsea this Monday, we had a new substitute in the middle school.

Question- Where do you live?

Answer- Tunbridge

Q- How old are you?

A- I am 18 years old.

Q- How many siblings do you have?

A- I have a brother and a sister.

Q- How long are you going to be a substitute at Chelsea school?

A- Until I go to college in January.

Q- What college are you going to?

A- V.T.C.

Q- What do you do in your free time?

A- Ride horses, wrestle, kick box and read scary books/watch scary movies

Q- What classes are you taking and what degree are you aiming for?

A- Bachelors degree in equine studies.

Q- What kind of job do you want to get after college?

A- Race horse trainer and stable manager.

Q- What is your favorite book?

A- Look for me by Moonlight

Q- What kind of music do you listen to?

A- I like all music.

Thank you for your time.

8th Grade POWER!!!

I have to mention the incredible job our 8th graders did in the quarter finals against Williamstown. In the third and fourth overtimes, Jasmine Braman and Whitney Ladd were among only 8 players on the field, fighting for the win. Their determination, spirit, and drive helped put

the varsity team into the finals. *Good luck in your final game. We are all routing for you!*