

SPARTANS SPEAK

Eight Seconds Of Bull

"Rodeo is not only a sport, it's a way of life." This is third generation cowboy, Kevin Hennings, description of his unique, adrenaline-rushing hobby. Having been involved with rodeo since the wee age of eight, Kevin has had the opportunity to experience many obstacles in his bull riding/team roping rodeo career such as injuries and the extreme chance of death. Although the chances of death seem slim, Kevin claims, "It is reality and that the adrenaline is half the reason for his constant motivation."



Being a true cowboy is something Kevin simply has a passion for. Having been given the opportunity to be apart of many associations throughout North America such as CCA "Canadian Cowboys Associations", USTRC "United States Team Roping Champions", IPRA "International Pro Rodeo Association", and NHSRA/OHSRA "National and/or Ontario High School Rodeo Association", is a huge honour and accomplishment for the hard-working SDSS student.

Now, as time has passed, and obstacles have been achieved, Kevin has managed to pass by a decade of rodeo life. Not only does this decade include the uncountable injuries but also it more importantly represents the near decade of achievements and awards. Kevin has won many awards including money, statues, buckles, plaques and pictures. His most recent award is the USTRC Cactus Country High Money Winner, which was a belt.

The rodeo world is something Kevin plans on spending many more dedicated years doing; not only for the money or even to carry on family tradition but to show people it is more then just a circus act. by Heather Hunter



Karting Kevin

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to race a Kart? Have you ever wondered how exhilarating the adrenaline rush is? Well Stouffville High's grade 10 student Kevin Monteith is an expert on this subject.

Kevin has been racing for eight years now and has participated in over 300 competitions. It was for a week in January though that he had the opportunity to compete in Florida for the third year in a row. At this competition Kevin finished with a strong third place after racing against some of the countries' best racers.

Kevin said that the adrenaline rush is thrilling when racing. He plans on continuing this hobby and when he is older he wishes to race F1 Cars. by Kelsey Bolender



And the Winner Is...

This year Red Cross had a Bullying Prevention contest nation-wide. Three SDSS students submitted their bullying prevention video and came second out of all of Canada! These amazing three Grade Nine students were:



Lauren Graham, Annalise Mathers, and Carly Sulman. This astounding accomplishment was acknowledged at The Board Meeting (see photo) and also at our school's assembly on April 3rd, 2008. The impressive second place video was shown to the school during the assembly. Everyone is proud of them and their success. Congratulations Lauren, Annalise and Carly on such a great accomplishment! by Aleena DiPede & Vanessa Spataro

The Starbooks Café Wins Big

On April 16th the Starbooks Cafe participated in the Readers' Challenge at the White Pine Celebration where students from the York Region Public, York Region Catholic and Durham Board attended. There were 350 students who took the test that was comprised of 50 questions based on this year's White Pine Collection. The students were mixed and placed into different groups. SDSS students Laura Harries, and Kristina Nagel along with two other students from other schools came in first with a score of 48/50. SDSS students Solange Prokop and Gina Guzzo along with two other students from other schools came in second with a score of 47/50. In third place SDSS students Tessa MacMurphy and Christina Russell along with two other students from other schools came in with a score of 46/50. We are very proud of our SDSS students and their achievements.



Head Shave



Hairstylist Tina Coleshill begins to shave the massive hairdo of James Beare, a student at SDSS

It was a busy lunch hour on April 18th at SDSS as students gathered around for their fourth annual head shave for cancer. Over the course of these four years students have raised roughly twenty thousand dollars towards cancer research by losing their locks and by donations. This year thirteen lucky contestants took part in the head shave, growing their bangs, fro's, and pony tails as long and as unkempt as humanly possible. A local rock band made up of Stouffville students, opened for the exciting event and contributed to audience anticipation. Mr. Artindale once again organized the thrilling fundraiser, and once again took part in the head shaving himself. Four years have sailed by smoothly for SDSS, and each year has raised more and more funds. Keep up the good work Stouffville. by John Sampson

Lights! Camera! Laura!

Rogers Television will soon be taking its cameras into Stouffville District Secondary School's hallways for the show "My High School". Hosting this exciting development will be Stouffville High's very own Laura Harries, grade eleven student and aspiring actress.

The television show will be comprised of student-made video clips offering a look into the typical, day-to-day happenings of the school, punctuated by Laura, who will do the bridges. "I have to encourage students to want to be a part of it", she says. Her responsibilities also include serving as an ambassador to the school, and portraying its achievements.

Harries' audition process consisted of a monologue performance before five judges and a camera. Despite the intimidating circumstances, Laura convinced the panel of judges she was a worthy choice for host of their program, and she received a television call about two weeks afterwards.

"I'm so excited," she says, clearly enthused. "I'll be able to put my input into

something that shows how students feel about our school, and what they think is important".

The show "My High School" will air April 4th and will feature one school a week over a twelve week period. The exact date that SDSS will be profiled is still unknown. Students looking to be involved in this exciting opportunity are encouraged to speak to Laura Harries for more information.

When asked if she plans to pursue a career in the film or TV industry, Laura answered she would sincerely love to be an actress, if possible. Radiology is her second choice.

For those who are not familiar with Laura Harries, they will soon know her as the host of a TV show that features Stouffville's own high school, an outgoing character, and representative of the town's youth to the rest of the region. by Alice Donoghue



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