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Students help local Habitat for Humanity

By Christina Holt

Mrs. Karol Gibb's human relationships class invested their time for a Habitat for Humanity project on April 12. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that works with people in need to build and renovate decent and affordable houses.

A director for Habitat for Humanity came to talk to the students as a part of a chapter that they were covering about service projects.

The director told the students that each habitat family is required to put in 350 hours of volunteer work to help build their house. The director then told the class about a lady in Bartonville,

whose son will be a freshman at Limestone next year, who was qualified for the house, but she was confined to a wheelchair and needed to find people who could volunteer for her. After finding out about all of the things that Habitat for Humanity does and about the lady in the wheelchair, the students decided that they wanted to help out.

Each student volunteered a total of three hours, which, with 16 students volunteering, amounted to 48 hours towards the 350 hours that the lady needed. The original plan was to use their volunteer hours to help with the landscaping, but it was all muddy because it had rained.

Instead, the 16 students divided into groups of three,



Students stand in front of the house they helped clean. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Karol Gibb.

Pictured Right: Students pick up trash in the basement of the house they are cleaning. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Karol Gibb.



and they did a complete cleaning of the inside of the house. They cleaned the dirt out and scrubbed putty off of the kitchen cabinets. "I was amazed at the amount of dust in the construction area," said Gibb.

The students also went on a tour of seven other habitat houses in the area. They are nice houses according to Gibb. "They have the finest," she said.

The houses have carpet and appliances but no air conditioning. They are all one story with a basement. Recipients of the houses built by Habitat for Humanity all have 0% interest.

"It was a neat experience. I would like to do it again," said Gibb.

The students gave the lady who will live in the house and her family candy and a card. The students hope to attend the house blessing that will be held soon.

If you would like to learn more about Habitat for Humanity or are interested in volunteering, call (309)676-6729 or e-mail at habitat@iaonline.com.

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What's ^{Up} With That?

By Joe Bennett

This year's graduation ceremony has been moved back an hour to accommodate the air show. Limestone offered inserts to be placed into graduation invitations to explain the time change. There are numerous problems with these inserts. They read more like advertisements for the air show than an explanation of our graduation's time change. The inserts repeatedly talked about the Navy Blue Angels, incorrectly referred to in the insert as the United States Air Force Blue Angels, the air show, and our immense pride in the armed forces. There are eight lines of writing on the insert. Only one of them pertains to graduation. What is up with that?

What is up with people and the speed limit? While riding in car with most people, if the car ahead of them is not doing at least the speed limit, they become irate. It is the speed limit. That means that it is the maximum speed that one may travel legally. It is not the speed minimum. If I have a cup that can hold twelve ounces of liquid, I do not fill the cup to

the brim. For Pete's sake, it would spill!

While working at a video store, I have had a chance to see a multitude of movies. Some of the better movies I have seen are as follows: Joe's Apartment, Joe the King, Meet Joe Black, Joe Dirt, Joe Bennett: Documentary of a Living Legend, Joe Somebody, Mighty Joe Young, Joe Versus the Volcano, Joe and the North African Baboon, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

What is up with people and smoking? I mean, I see the appeal of such things as lung cancer, emphysema, impotence, death, yellow teeth, heart disease, dementia, and various other health problems, but I just don't like the smell.

This year's award for best gas station goes to the Huck's located near the Super Wal-Mart in East Peoria. They have two for one dollar hot dogs, self-serve nachos, and vanilla syrup to add to your forty-four ounce, sixty-nine cent fountain drink. Fantastic!

As I See It...

By Christina Holt

As I see it, the whole purpose of the media is to relay information to a large number of people. But what innocent readers may not realize is that the articles that are published are sometimes only revealing part of the story.

I joined the newspaper class my sophomore year to explore the field of journalism, to develop my writing, to expand my creativity, and to present ideas and feelings about events and issues that concern the student body. If I somehow could make the *Limelight* more interesting to read, I thought it would be my small contribution to LCHS.

What I learned over the last few years is that no matter how hard I tried, some things I could

not do anything about. Comments are removed or altered and controversial ideas rejected all of the time. I apologize to those of you whom have been affected by this editing. I learned that it is just the way the journalism world works, which is why I do not ever want it to be my career.

I realize why we have a ban on certain articles, such as those that are deemed too inappropriate and too suggestive for school. But I wish that we could at least have an open forum about such topics. If the worry is that we are going to offend people with certain stories, I think that no matter how politically correct we are, somebody is going to have a problem with it. I don't like to

offend people either, and that is definitely not our goal. But talking about things is much better than keeping it inside and pretending nothing is going on. Sooner or later, if we keep these things inside, they are likely to make situations worse.

I realize that for many years we were not a strong newspaper, which is part of the reason we were not allowed to cover heavy, controversial topics. I hope, though, in future years the newspaper will continue to improve and that it will be a more liberal newspaper. I have tried my best to make it worth reading. I know that even at times when it didn't seem like all my efforts made a difference, they did.

Chat With Kat

By Katie Sheldon

The best advice I could ever give to you would be to find out who you really are. If you have not figured this out yet, take a look into the mirror and stare deep to look at your heart for what you really believe.

About a year ago I was standing in front of my mirror doing my hair. I became mesmerized by the reflection I saw because I had never seen that person before. I began to look deeper and deeper until finally I was shocked at what I found. And here I thought I knew all along who I really was.

I had gone to school everyday and lived the life that I thought was mine. I went to school, to work, and even to church, but I had been living in a dream. From that moment on I realized that my life had to change.

I am embarrassed to admit that I have done a few things that I am not proud of. I have said and done things that I never before have believed in, and now I have fallen down to rock bottom, hard.

I know what you are thinking. What does she, Katie Sheldon,

know about life? I know quite a lot actually, and I have struggled through many tribulations.

Many people at Limestone have heard rumors about me, and I am sad to say that most, not all, are true. I am not proud of these things, but people do make mistakes, and most importantly, I have learned from them.

I know that I am not the first person in the world to have made a bad decision. For those of you that know me, you know that I have changed. For those of you that don't know me, take the chance. I have picked myself up and I finally know the direction that I am going in: no longer into the gates of Hell here on earth but rather into a glorious heaven that I could only dream of a year ago.

Now I pose my question to you. "Do you know who you are?" Some of you may laugh; however, it may be scary to others. To those of you who are scared, don't be! You are beginning to see all that you need to see.

Because I was able to find my true self, I am different than I

was a year ago. I owe a huge thank you to my best friends, family, and even people that didn't know what they were doing for helping me be comfortable being myself. They taught me that it doesn't matter what you look like or who you are but what you feel that makes you you. I have learned that I could only keep that mask on for so long before I began to deteriorate.

As this year comes to an end, I will have survived yet another year of rumors and pandemonium inside the walls of my high school. As the bells of Limestone High School ring to signal the start of summer, my peers will jump out of their seats while I, on the other hand, will look forward to my summer choices.

As I close this article, my junior year is closing with it as well. I will be ready to enter into a whole new experience, and let me tell you, I wouldn't change it for the world. I am not scared; I will survive because "Things may go wrong, people may be hurt, but the experience you will gain will last a lifetime."

Letters to the Editor

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Seniors tell all...

Class of 2002 shares memories

What will you miss the most?

"Running to lunch."
Krissi Kellington

"Two words--Color Guard."
Michael Nelson

"I'll miss the times I got to spend with my friends. I'll miss all the laughing and jokes between us."
Kirbie Holland

"The people. I have met the best people in high school and will miss everybody so much. Keep in touch!"
Kelly Bazhenow

"Hot cafeteria ladies."
Matt Larson

"Mr. Hilly--Psychology stud!"
Wayne Eubank

What is your favorite memory?

"Freshman year track; I have a video tape of me blowing everyone away in the 400."
Richard Carrillo

"Watching Mr. Adams fall blindly off of the auditorium stage in the pitch black."
Sarah Holmes

"When Schuyler Lopez used to give me backrubs everyday in Mr. Wood's class."
Ashley Hoover

"Dave Gillespie's freshman checking after lunch."
Jesse Vance

"Studying on Saturday nights--NOT."
Samantha Wright

"The years before the dress code was enforced."
Skyler Moore

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"Running the world with Sam."
Josh Harken

"I see myself as being 28 years old with a mustache."
Joe Bennett

"Married to a wonderful man and out of Bartonville."
Samantha Snyder

"In between Coach Peacock and Schmider at Hammer's."
Dan Corpus

"Staying at home and raising my kids while my husband works."
Cassandra Byrd

"Still at Limestone."
Jon Manley

What is your most embarrassing moment?

"My mom's class discussions."
Casey Warren

"In German, my senior year, it was all quiet and all of a sudden I passed gas."
Tricia Williams

"Sliding down the railing and falling on the other side of the staircase."
Tiffany M. Perry

"I was caught holding hands with Matt Larson."
Nate Clark

"Coming out on stage completely naked as Rich my junior year at the variety show."
Doug Small

"When the producers played the wrong tape on Rocket One and it looked as if I was the one who messed up."
Jessica Spuler

What final words do you leave LCHS with?

"Good luck to everyone!"
Matt Winchell

"After all is said and done...Limestone, I will miss you."
Yolanda Wright

"Don't be satisfied with the 'A' alone; be satisfied with yourself."
Lora Schooley

"Make the most of it."
Billi Sue Wiebler

"Have fun! Don't take it for granted because it will be over before you know it."
Josh Gilmer

"Never roll your eyes at anyone."
Chad Day

"Goodbye!!"
Stephanie Zachman

From Mike's View

This is my final column of the year, so I figured I would pour what I have left out of me. Now, for those few of you who do not know me, I am the angry guy that is in Rocket 1 and *Limelight*. Somehow I have made it through without making any huge scenes or breaking anything expensive. So I figured I would go over some elements about Limestone that bothered me but also what I liked about Limestone.

The first problem is maximizing the amount of education and direction that students can get. I think we should make classes more directed towards the students that actually want to be here. If a kid hates school so much, that is just fine. Tell him or her not to come. I keep hearing students complaining that school is so "stupid" and that it is not "doing anything for them." Well, then, why do you keep coming? The way I figure it, if the students who do not want to come to school do not show up, then our test scores will be higher. Then everyone will win.

I am also tired of being blamed because I "dropped the ball" by doing bad on the tests last year. There were students who actually did well on the test last year. Doug Small and I have had many talks about this. It is not that we are stupid. It is just that we did not try. There was no motivation. Now this year the juniors are stuck with a week of no homework, a free lunch, raffles, prizes, and countless other privileges.

I really hear a lot of people talking about student elections being nothing but a "popularity contest." I have a solution. Let's have an actual popularity contest at Limestone. It will mean nothing in ten years, but it is important now. At least I think it is a good idea.

I recently was shocked to learn that I was not one of the Valedictorians. I think, in my humble opinion, that to be given this great honor, you should be an all-around great student. That includes grade point average, ACT test scores, and other distinguishing factors, such as community involvement.

I also think that we should have three Valedictorians at the most. I think eight is just too many. Is there someone who has the power to pick just one Valedictorian for the Senior class. I do not want to listen to eight speeches, but I figure if graduation runs too long that the Air Force Blue Angels will interrupt the ceremony in its tracks.

On the other hand, there were some positive aspects about Limestone. There were actually some teachers who influenced me. One major one was Mr. Turner, who taught me that I could indeed work hard but make people mad at the same time. He was definitely my biggest inspiration. I also thank Mrs. Adams, who showed us that we really could like a dean. I even looked forward to going into her office when I was called down for my weekly visit. I know in my heart that one day Mrs. Adams will figure out a way to stop those kids from running to lunch. Either by trip wires, oiling the floor, or other administrative moves, she will find a way to stop this plaguing problem at Limestone.

Through four years of tragedy and triumph, I have had a blast. Even when I was getting in trouble with Mr. Freeman, or any other incident, it was all fun. I thank all the teachers for their support and help. I will never forget the friends I made of peers and teachers. Even though many of my articles were censored in the *Limelight*, I did find my niche in the writing world. I understand why they had to do the things they did. I, at least, can let myself go when I write for the *Scout* at Bradley University. So, to all of you, good luck in the real world, and I hope to see you guys at the reunion. I hope all of you had a good time at Limestone, and I am sure all of you will succeed to your highest goals.

By Mike Nelson

Opinion Poll

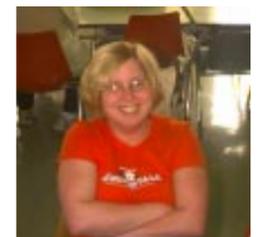
Do you think Limestone has prepared the senior class for the "real world?"

"No, I don't. After looking at a college syllabus, I nearly cried."
- Senior Laura Young



"Definitely. I've developed mad writing skills using the ISAT format."
- Senior Chris Gasper

"Absolutely not except for Mr. Turner. His economics class is the only thing that halfway prepared me."
- Senior Tiffany Wiebler



"Meh. I'm adequately prepared for life after Limestone and any other future endeavors."
- Senior Billy Scott

Key Club goes to Decatur for district convention

In April, the Key Club attended its District Convention in Decatur, Illinois. The group received many awards.

2001 - 2002 Key Club Awards

Distinguished Vice President- Nicole Zook

Distinguished Secretary- Katie Burke

Distinguished Freshman- Tiffany Jarbo

Distinguished Junior- Brett Gann

Distinguished Editor- Nicole Zook

Newsletter Award

100 Hour Service Award- Melinda Blase

100 Hour Service Award- Katie Burke

100 Hour Service Award- Brett Gann

100 Hour Service Award- Nicole Zook

***Diamond Level Club** (194 out of 200 possible points)

***3rd Place-** Achievement

***2nd Place-** Single Service (Read to Lifeskills)

***2nd Place-** Scrapbook

***3rd Place-** Oratorical- Katie Burke

Brett Gann ran from the floor for District Governor, and though he did not win, he represented Limestone very well.

LCHS competes at 25th annual drafting contest held at ICC

On March 8, fourteen Limestone students competed in the 25th Annual Illinois High School Drafting contest at ICC.

Students participated in six divisions, ranging from introductory drafting to advanced computer-aided drafting and design. Ninety students from seven different schools competed with the top two division winners advancing to the state finals on April 21 at ISU.

Junior Andrew Stundon won second place in the machine board division and will advance to the state level.

The team members included, Chris Rosenboln, Josh Wright, Nate Fawcett, Gary Shields, Ryan Rohn, Dustin Armentrout, Andrew Stundon, Ryan Blackburn, Lukus Andersen, Nate Kettle, Scott Reader, Justin Gill, and Marcus-Allen Barlow.

Student prevention staff openings available

Mrs. Sheila Stewart is now accepting applications for the 2002-2003 Student Prevention Staff. Any student wishing to participate in next year's prevention staff should see her in the side office off of the history hallway. She will be handing out applications, which will be due at the end of this school year.

National Honor Society inducts new members for 2002

The National Honor Society, supervised by Mrs. Tracy Wetzler, inducted its new members from the junior and senior classes for the 2002 school year on Sunday, April 21.

Nominations to join this academic society are based on a student's grade point average, leadership, character, and community service.

Senior Inductees

Jason Bitner, Cassandra Byrd, Kari Schroeder, Erica Sprowls, Erin Vandever, Jessica Wendling

Junior Inductees

Anna Aaron, Natalie Blunier, Elizabeth Brignall, Ryan Brunsman, Justin Closen, Detrail Davis, Lane Dieckow, Danielle Duhs, Noah Durham, Michelle Emerick, Patrick Faggett, Kyle Flessner, Christine Florey, Jessie Foster, Keli Foster, Molly Friling, Brett Gann, Jessica Gibson, Jennifer Gross, Bridget Heitman, Colleen Johnson, Tera Kohlbuss, Patrick Kohlmeier, Zachary Lauterbach, Emily Lenart, Lizbeth Lenart, Lindsey Markle, Stephanie Markle, Kimberly Martin, Michael McLaughlin, Andrew Mercer, Mark Miller, Rebecca Mooney, Angel Pederson-Davis, Heather Post, Adam Quine, Scott Reader, Angela Rendleman, Timothy Ricca, Ashley Salm, Kathleen Sheldon, Adam Smith, Alicia Thomason, Anthony Thomason, Stefanie Tigie, Rachel Traxler, Roland Tung, Angela Vollmer, Jayma Vonbehren, Jeffrey Wendling

Key Club celebrates year at annual banquet

Key Club held its annual banquet on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the LCHS snack bar.

Many awards were distributed to various members of the 2001-2002 Key Club.

The 2002-2003 executive officers were also installed.

2002 Prom Court, King/Queen named

The 2002 Prom: This Magic Moment was held Saturday, April 27 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at the Packard Plaza.

Juniors Jordan Moreland and Lindsey Markle were named the Prom King and Queen.

The nominees for the 2002 Prom Court were Natalie Blunier, Christine Florey, Lindsey Markle, Stacy Matheny, Heather Post, Brandon Falk, Kyle Flessner, Pat Kohlmeier, Zach Lauterbach, and Jordan Moreland.

Student Council executives named

Sophomore Wade Dooley was voted President, and junior Jordan Moreland was voted Vice-President of Student Council for 2002-2003.

Language honor societies induct new members for 2002

French Honor Society

Liz Brignall, Adam Heien, Bridget Heitman, Emily Lenart, Libby Lenart, Kristi Phillips, Stefanie Tigie

German Honor Society

Anna Aaron, Natalie Blunier, Ryan Brunsman, Eddie Burnette, Christine Florey, Andrew Mercer, Angel Pederson-Davis, Megan Wilson

Spanish Honor Society

Lane Dieckow, Danielle Duhs, Kyle Flessner, Colleen Johnson, Nikki Jones, Mike McLaughlin, Mark Miller, Adam Smith, Tony Thomason, Rachel Traxler, Roland Tung

Teacher, Support Staff of the Year named

Choir director Mike Morris was named Teacher of the Year, and Wanda Thompson was named Support Staff Member of the Year.

Students of the Month recognized

Tech-Prep Student of the Month

Senior Tania Booe was selected as the Tech-Prep student of the month for April by the family and consumer science department.

The department based their decision upon Booe's outstanding performance in her classes.

For her outstanding achievements, Booe will be awarded a savings bond, and her picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Tech-Prep Student of the Month

Senior Will Baker was selected as the Tech-Prep student of the month for May by the industrial technology department.

The department based their decision upon Baker's outstanding performance in his classes.

For his outstanding achievements, Baker will be awarded a savings bond, and her picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Matt Davis was named April's student of the month based on his academic achievements.

For his efforts in the classroom, Davis will be rewarded a savings bond, and his picture will appear in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Dan Corpus was named May's student of the month based on his academic achievements.

For his efforts in the classroom, Corpus will receive a savings bond, and his picture will appear in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Hospital volunteers honored for service

LCHS students who volunteer at the Methodist Hospital received awards for their outstanding service. The students honored were: Level 1- Callie Beckman, Casandra Johnson, Melissa Little, and Alicia Thomason; Level 3- Danielle Duhs; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Brignall.

The volunteers honored had given a minimum of 20 hours of service from April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002.

21st Annual Honors Night held May 1 at LCHS

Illinois Council Teachers of Mathematics: Jordan Draminski; Outstanding Math Student of the Year: Brandon Bronson; Outstanding English Student of the Year: Kelly Bazhenow; Outstanding Journalism Student of the Year: Samantha Wright; Outstanding Amulet Student of the Year: Chad Wys; Outstanding Limelight Student of the Year: Christina Holt;

Outstanding French Student of the Year: Jillian Rebmann, Doug Small; Spanish Award: Sam Gevas; Outstanding German Student: Jessica Wendling; Scholastic Bowl Awards: Brandon Calder, Jeffrey Fox, Brett Gann, Adam Heien, Curtis Hohenbery, Tiffany Jarbo, Brian Jordan, Mark Miller, Robert Pierce, Jillian Rebmann, Doug Small, Nicholas Swanson, Randon Swearingian, Roland Tung, Thomas Vicary, Jeffrey Wendling;

LCHS Science Merit Award: Brandon Bronson; VICA Awards: Jason Bitner, Roland Tung; Performing Arts Award: Jarrod Bainter, Derik Marcussen; J. Michael Morris Choral Scholarship: Matthew Davis; Outstanding Business Student of the Year: Erica Sprowls; Outstanding Family & Consumer Science: Tania Booe; Outstanding Welding Student of the Year: Dustin Cunningham, Wyatt Stoops; Outstanding Machining Student of the Year: Robert Leggins; Frank Hardin Draftsman Award: Andrew Stundon;

Outstanding Social Science Student of the Year: Doug Small; Literary Award/Sally Slane: Lora Schooley; Outstanding Student Council Award: Lora Schooley; American Legion School Medal: Casey Warren; Key Club Sandy Nininger Award: Nicole Zook;

American Legion Post #979 Athletic Award: Dan Corpus, Ryan Schmidgall, Casey Warren; Jiggs Murphy Memorial Athletic Award: Yolanda Wright; U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Molly McLuckie, Chad Wenzel; "I Dare You" Award: Natalie Blunier, Jeffrey Wendling; Presidential Classroom: Doug Small; Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award: Dan Corpus; Attendance Award:

Wike picked for Bradley's cheer squad

Senior Jenny Wike tried out for the Bradley University Cheerleading squad for the 2002-2003 school year. She was notified this spring that she had been picked to represent Bradley as a cheerleader.

New thespians inducted

The thespian society inducted new members for the 2001-2002 year. The members inducted are sophomore Brian Beach, senior Cayce Byrd, sophomore Zac Guiliano, senior Doug Small, and sophomore Sara Swanson.

Jason Bitner, Dane Foster, Christina Holt, Hilary Hughes, Jacob Mudd, Lora Schooley, William Scott, Jessica Wendling; Principal's Leadership Award: Lora Schooley; Stranz Family Scholarship: Joe Dicce, Kevin Riley; Todd Nicholson Memorial Football Award: Wayne Eubank; Al Snyder Memorial Football Award: Dan Corpus;

Bobby Schmitt Scholarship: Matt Briggs, Nate Clark, Dan Corpus, Ben Curless, Bryan Newby, Ryan Schmidgall, Chase Williams; Bryan Maser Memorial Scholarship: Nicholas Cotton, Cori Ennis; American Legion Girls State: Danielle Duhs, Tera Kohlbuss; CALC-Snowball/Snowflake: Leslie Jones-Hart, Lynette and Steve Wendling, Kathy and Jim Stomberg; Chicago Tribune All-State Academic Team: Doug Small; DAR: Jordan Draminski; Hugh O'Brian Award: Gil Harmon;

Mid-Illini Academic/Athletic Awards: Andrew Baumann, Tania Booe, Matt Briggs, Richard Carrillo, Nate Clark, Dan Corpus, Nicholas Cotton, Ben Curless, Joe Dicce, Jordan Draminski, Kayla Fitzgerald, Sam Gevas, Josh Gilmer, Josh Harken, Kirbie Holland, Sarah Holmes, Christina Holt, Danielle Johnson, James Jordan, Kristina Kellington, Lisa Kirker, Ashley Matarelli, Molly McLuckie, Kyle Rindfleisch, Ryan Schmidgall, Lora Schooley, Doug Small, Erica Sprowls, Audra Swearingian, Erin Vandever, Casey Warren, Chad Wenzel, Jennifer Wike, Kyle Wisher, Yolanda Wright, Laura Young, Nicole Zook;

Notre Dame Award: Anna Aaron; Optimist Club Representatives: Matt Davis, Casey Warren; Rotary Club Representatives: Brandon Bronson, Dan Corpus, Jordan Draminski, Sam Gevas, Christina Holt, Derik Marcussen, Laura Rasbury, Jessica Spuler; Toyota Community Scholars: Kelly Bazhenow.

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A tribute
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One Journey ends...

LCHS Seniors reveal plans after Limestone and

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Celia Araya
- ICC /ISU
- Spanish
- My Cousin

Abby Barnett
- ISU
- Marketing
- My cousin

Andy Baumann
- ISU
- Computer science
- Me

Kelly Bazhenow
- ICC
- Radio and TV
- My family, Mr. Wassell,
and Mr. Veirs.
Thank you for everything
that you have
taught me.

Joseph Renic Bennett
- ICC /Bradley
- English
- Bryan Newby, Billy
Scott, Jerm, and Shaft

Jason M. Bitner
- The Art Institute of
Schaumburg
- Graphic Design
- My parents, friends, and
teachers

Katie Burke
- NAVY
- My brothers, sister, and
Margie Toniny

Cassandra Byrd
- WIU
- Special Education
- Mr. Tripp, my 8th grade
math teacher

Richard Carrillo
- U of I Urbana
- Computer Science
- Me. I am what I made
myself

Cory Cassidy
- Full Time Job
- My sister Heidi

James Catalan
- Bradley
- Physical Therapy/Ath-
letic Training
- My parents

Carnell Cave
- ICC
- Coroner
- My grandma

Mike Cheatham
- ICC
Business

Nathan Clark
- Ha-vard
- Undecided
- Fred Durst

Danny Corpus
- Western
- Law Enforcement
- Trent Hostettler

Nick Cotton
- ICC/Bradley
- Engineering

Chad Day
- ICC/Columbia
- Mass Communications
- Vanilla Ice- When the
chips were down, he
didn't give up

Jordan Draminski
- Bradley
- Pre-Law
- Mrs. Warren has helped
me a lot this year

Darcy Duryea
- ISU
- Accounting
- My mom

Cori Ennis
- ICC
- English
- My mom

Kim Ensor
- ICC
- Undecided
- Mr. Wassall

Wayne Eubank
- Eureka
- Fitness Leadership/
Physical Education
- Coach Allred

Aaron Frei
- Bradley
- Engineering
- Mr. Hebron, who taught
me that I wasn't standing
on the ground, but the
ground is really pushing
up...what a liar!

Jackie French
- ICC
- Undecided
- My Grandmother

Samantha Gevas
- OU
- Meterology
- Mr. Turner, with his
witty and sarcastic re-
marks

Josh Gilmer
- NIU
- Marketing
- My dad

Josh Harken
- ICC
- Electrical Engineering
- My friends

Kirbie Holland
- ICC
- Undecided
- My parents, Andy, and
Becky Dozard

Sarah Holmes
- ICC
- Elementary Education
- My Wassell, he taught
me to be true to myself
Christina Holt
- Uof I-Champaign Urbana
- my mom & dad, for their
love, support and guid-
ance through everything.
Mr. Turner, for sharing
some of his awe-inspiring
intelligence, which helped
introduce me to the
diversity of the world and
prepare me for college and
the "real world" better
than anyone.

Ashley Hoover
- WIU
- Marketing
- Mr. Hebron

Jennifer Huffman
- ICC
- Elementary Education
- Mr. Huber, my 7th grade
teacher

Meghan Irons
- ICC
- Dietetics
- My mommy

Danielle Johnson
- Midwest College
- Cosmotology
- family

Jim Jordan
- Eureka College
- Physical Development
and Coaching Degree
- My mom

Krissi Kellington
- NAVY
- My brother

Casey Kinsman
- ICC
- Undecided
- Mike Nelson

Keri Kolditz
- Undecided
- Occupational therapist
- My mom

Amy Jo Lane
- ICC/Columbia
- Mass Comm./Film
- Everyone that told me to
do what I wanted to do

Matt Larson
- Yale
- Deuce Bigelow

Josh Levi
- ICC
- Culinary Arts
- Mr. Kelly Peterson
because he taught me
how to respect
and talk to girls

Jon Manley
-
-
Derek Troxell

Lindsay Faith McElroy
- ICC
- Pharmasutical Sales
- My mother and brother
Keith

Skyler James Moore
- Bradley
- Accounting
- My Grandfather

Megan Murray
- Monmouth College
- Mr. Veirs, Mr. Hebron,
and Mr. Wassell

Michael Nelson
- Bradley University
- Communications: TV/
Radio and Journalism
- Mr. Turner, Doug Small,
Dr. Dees and his coffee,
John Holmes, Mr. Kauke,
Skip, the cheese fries, Mr.
Kovalik, Bob Costas,
Howard Stern, and yep
you guessed it..Frank
Stallone.

Another one begins...

their biggest influence while in high school.



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Patrick Oedewaldt
- ICC/Bradley
- Business Computer Systems/Network Management
- Mr. Turner, he always was honest by telling us what we needed to hear for reality, rather than what we wanted to hear for fantasy

Tara Palazzo
- Bradley
- Psychology
- My Mom

Randy Patridge
- Work or ICC
- My grandparents

Tiffany Perry
- Toledo University
- Marine Biology
- My mom

Doug Peterson
- ICC
- Fire Science
- My dad (he's the man)

Meagan Porter
- ICC/4 Year
- Newspaper Journalism
- My friends because they are all unique and have special qualities

Jessica Powell
- ISU
- English
- My Veirs and my mom

Sara Price
- IUPUI
- Communications

Laura Rasbury
- Harding University
- English/Comm.
- My parents and older cousins

Jillian Rebmann
- Eureka College
- Political Science/Communications
- God

Carolyn Ronk
- ICC/Bradley
- Nursing
- My mother and father

Lora Lee Schooley
- ISU
- Psychology
- Mr. Veirs, he was able to show me what was right and wrong with myself

Kari Schroeder
- Bradley University
- Accounting
- My parents and a few selected teachers

Tasha Shields
- ICC/WIU
- Business Administration
- My parents

Doug Small
- Augustana College
- Political Science
- Obviously, my parents have been my biggest influence in my life. From school, I would have to say that my two years with Mr. Turner have had a major effect on me.

Samantha Snyder
- ICC or Midstate College
- Nursing
- Mrs. Warren

Erica Sprowls
- ISU
- Accounting and Prelaw

Jessica Spuler
- Greenville College
- Business Management/Communications
- Mr. Veirs

Audra Swearingen
- ICC then ISU
- Elementary Education
- My parents

Misty Swords
- Don't know
- My parents

Cindy Toebe
- ICC
- English
- Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wassell

Nate Turner
- ICC
- Athletic Training
- My grandpa

Jesse Vance
- ICC
- Nuclear Technology
- Mr. Wood

Erin Vandever
- Bradley University
- Mechanical Engineering
- My parents

Casey Warren
- St. Ambrose University
- Undecided
- Family

Melissa Welk
- ICC/ISU
- Medical Transcription
- My sister Aimee

Billi Sue Wiebler
- ICC
- Computers
- Mrs. Bonifas, Mrs. Danley, Mrs. Gross, and Mrs. Wetzler.
All my computer teachers.

Jenny Wike
- Bradley
- Business/Marketing
- My grandpa and my mother

Tricia Williams
- ICC
- Public Relations/Sales
- Probably all my teachers here at Limestone during my last two years here.

Matt Winchell
- Full time work
- My mom

Kyle Wisher
- Military
- Brandon Bronson got me through Spanish

Ashley Wood
- Lincoln College
- Sociology/Computer programming
- My mom because she kept pushing me to get better grades when I thought I was getting good enough grades.

Samantha Wright
- Harvard on the Hill
- Photography
- My mama

Yolanda Michelle Wright
- Undecided
- Pre-Dentistry
- Mr. Turner and Mr. Perschnick

Chad Wys
- ICC
- Graphic Design/Journalism
- My sister; I grew up watching her succeed in college

Stephanie Zachman
- California Cosmotology
- Cosmotology
- Mom or brother Josh

Nicole Zook
U of I Chicago or Marines
Pre Med/Psych
Mr. Hebron, Mr. Adams, and Sara Ray

Laura Young
Bradley University
Undecided
My family and Kathy Thomason

Final Words

Christina Holt, Chad Wys, Michael Nelson, and Joe Bennett, the senior members of the *Limelight*, would like to wish all their fellow senior class members the best of luck in the future. This has been a great four years, and we could not have asked for a better class to graduate with.

We have been through many experiences. High school has had its ups-and-downs, but through tragedy and triumph, we have always come together in the end as a class united.

Our road through high school has seen many things. From JFK Jr.'s death to the tragic events of September 11th that changed our lives forever, we have become stronger and better people.

We have also been through losses that were much closer to home. When we needed to get emotions out or needed someone to talk to, we were lucky to have unforgettable friends.

So, as we, the Class of 2002, come to the end of another journey of life we call high school, another one begins as the challenges of the real world become very real to us. It is a world in which the weak fall and the strong survive. We hope that everyone is able to withstand the challenge of the real world and stand victorious after the smoke has cleared.

Top of class of 2002 named



Pictured from left to right: Front Row- Laura Rasbury, Lisa Kirker, Jenny Wike, Laura Young, and Casey Warren. Back Row- Ryan Schmidgall, Doug Small, Jordan Draminski, Matt Davis, and Dan Corpus.

A Final Farewell...

Dear Members of the Senior Class:

Allow me to add my congratulations to the members of the Senior Class for a tremendous four years at Limestone Community High School that will conclude on Saturday, May 11, 2002, with your graduation.

I know that this is an exciting time for each of you; however, I hope you take a moment to look back over the last four years and thank those people who have helped you reach this point in your lives. As I have said to you in the past, the actual graduation ceremony is an opportunity for you to honor those special people who have helped you make it to your graduation day. As you make plans for the graduation weekend, please take the time to send a thank you or give a hug to those individuals.

Everyone at Limestone Community High School wishes you the very best in the coming years, whether you are heading for college, the armed services, or the work force. I hope you will look back at your years at Limestone Community High School as ones that provided you with the foundation for a successful future. If I can ever help you in achieving those successes, please feel free to contact me. I will be delighted to help in any way possible.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2002! I'm very proud of each of you.

Sincerely,

William F. Beach
Principal

Academic achievers recognized at annual honors night May 1

During the 21st Annual Honors Night award ceremony held Wednesday, May 1 in the LCHS auditorium, various members of the student body were recognized for their outstanding talents and accomplishments.

LCHS administrators Dr. Sherwood Dees, Superintendent; Dr. Barbara Suelter, Associate Superintendent; and Mr. William Beach, Principal also recognized the academic achievers of the 2001-2001 school year.

The students recognized for their outstanding academic successes are as follows:

Valedictorians

Dan Corpus, Matt Davis, Jordan Draminski, Jillian Rebmann, Ryan Schmidgall, Doug Small, Casey Warren, and Laura Young

Salutatorians

Lisa Kirker, Jennifer Wike

Sterling Merit (Top eight percent of class)

Laura Rasbury, Christina Holt, Brandon Bronson, Kelly Bazhenow, Molly McLuckie, Kari Schroeder, Lora Schooley, Erin Redding, Chad Wenzel, Andrew Baumann, and Nicole Zook

Top ten percent of class

Laura Rasbury, Christina Holt, Brandon Bronson, Kelly Bazhenow, Molly McLuckie, Kari Schroeder, Lora Schooley, Erin Redding, Chad Wenzel, Andrew Baumann, Nicole Zook, Shelby Miller, Yolanda Wright, and Lisa Howard

Limestone awards local scholarships to seniors

Bartonville Grade School PTA: Ryan Schmidgall; **Hollis Grade School:** Matt Davis, Jillian Rebmann; **Limestone-Walters Parents Club:** Jason Bitner; **Monroe Grade School Boosters:** Josh Harken; **Monroe Grade School PTA:** Doug Small; **Norwood PTO (Charles Mathis Memorial):** Brandon Bronson, Erica Sprowls; **Oak Grove Grade School PTA:** Casey Warren; **Pleasant Valley Grade School Booster Club:** Joe Dicce, Shelby Miller; **Pleasant Valley Grade School PTA:** Jessica Spuler; **Glen Aldrich Memorial Scholarship:** Laura Young; **American Legion Auxiliary Post 979:** Matt Briggs, Derik Marcussen, Kari Schroeder, Erin Vandever, Nicole Zook; **Bartonville Lions Club Scholarship:** Lora Schooley; **Bartonville Femmes Unir Club Scholar-**

ship: Christina Holt; **Bartonville Superwash Scholarship:** Matt Davis; **Coca-Cola Scholarship:** Molly McLuckie; **Chester S. Gibson Family and Steven A. Gibson Scholarship (in memory of Sam Gibson):** Jordan Draminski; **Illinois Central College Board Scholarship:** Kelly Bazhenow; **Limestone Area Chamber of Commerce:** Lisa Kirker; **LCHS Scholarship:** Sam Gevas; **Limestone Girls' Softball Association:** Kayla Fitzgerald; **William A. O'Malley & Gloria J. O'Malley Kiddie Kampus Preschool/Child Development Scholarship:** Tania Booe; **LCHS Class of '71 Scholarship:** Laura Rasbury; **LCHS Teacher's Scholarship:** Dan Corpus; **Limestone Alumni & Friends Association Scholarship:** Brandon Bronson

Sixteen Illinois State Scholar finalists selected

Sixteen LCHS seniors were selected as Illinois State Scholar finalists for the 2001-2002 school year.

These students, selected based on their academic achievements, were recognized at the 2002 Honors Night held Wednesday, May 1 at LCHS.

The following students were recognized as Illinois State

Scholar finalists: Andrew Baumann, Kelly Bazhenow, Brandon Bronson, Matt Davis, Jordan Draminski, Lisa Kirker, Laura Rasbury, Jillian Rebmann, Erin Redding, Ryan Schmidgall, William Scott, Doug Small, Casey Warren, Jennifer Wike, Laura Young, and Nicole Zook.

LCHS attends VICA state conference

By Christina Holt

Ten LCHS students represented Limestone at the VICA state conference held on April 18-April 20 in Springfield. Students in competition were Justin Gill, Jeremy Gill, Joseph Grace, Steve Kirkbride, Jason Bitner, Andrea Lampton, Samantha Schatsick, Roland Tung, Cayce Byrd, and Christina Holt.

VICA is a leadership and vocational skills organization with members from all over Illinois. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and have the chance to win a medal.

Limestone had representatives in Advertising design, web page design, and preschool teaching assistant. The students were required to pass a test in the subject area(s) concerned in order to attend the state conference. Those students who passed the test advanced to the state conference in Springfield.

Senior Jason Bitner received second place in the advertising design category, and Roland Tung placed first in the web design division. Several of the VICA items designed are located in the foreign language display case.

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“The experience of having my name called and receiving the award made me realize that I had accomplished the goal I had set out to achieve.”

-Jason Bitner



Photo courtesy of Christina Holt

Senior Jason Bitner is awarded a second place plaque in honor of his work in the advertising design division.



Photo courtesy of Christina Holt

Senior Jason Bitner and senior Steve Kirkbride participated in the VICA opening ceremony. The two LCHS representatives carried Limestone's signature flag.

Too hot to handle...

Students volunteer with local fire department

By Holly Sanders

Summer jobs, extra money; this scenario is generally what comes to mind when most high school students are let out for the summer. For some students at Limestone, however, there are far better things to occupy their time with. Though it comes with no paycheck, volunteering at the Bartonville Fire Department certainly comes with its fair share of rewards.

Senior Billi Sue Wiebler has been involved with the Bartonville Fire Department's volunteer program since August of last year. Wiebler inherited her interest in the program through her sister. "My sister was originally on it, and she made me very interested in it."

Other students of Limestone share Wiebler's need to help others. Other members of the

volunteer department include sophomores Ryan James, Rachel Hoopingartner, and Drew Zachman. Working together with Bartonville's fire department, these students accomplish much.

These volunteers work two to three hours once a week. They are on call by choice. While on duty, the volunteers maintain fire equipment and trucks. They are also all expected to carry a pager and to respond to emergency calls.

Obviously, there are some hardships to this line of work. Wiebler agreed that "sometimes it's harder if the victim is a friend, but the fire department provides counseling if you have a problem."

The staff of volunteers is trained to respond to anything from house and grass fires to

medical emergencies. Most of these are common here in Bartonville. "If there is a serious injury, the Fire Department helps us out," explained Wiebler.

Though it is not always a pretty job, being a volunteer fire fighter certainly has its rewards. "This career is filled with self-satisfaction and gives really good training," said Wiebler. "It's a great opportunity, and it's an adventure I could have never imagined."

For anyone interested in the volunteer program at Bartonville Fire Department, contact someone involved. Simply fill out an application and proceed with an interview. The Bartonville Fire Department would like to share that they are accepting applications now.

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LCHS honors retirees

A reception honoring all faculty, staff, and administration retiring from Limestone will be held on Friday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. Those people retiring are as follows: Dr. Sherwood Dees, Mrs. Connie Erby, Mrs. Lynn Heisel, Mr. James Kovalik, Mr. J. Michael Morris, Mrs. Sherrill Morris, Mrs. Diane Randle, Mr. Joseph Thierer, Mr. William Thomas, and Mrs. Wanda Thompson. Limestone thanks these people for their dedication to making LCHS a wonderful school.

To be entered into the exhibit, students had to complete a registration form to receive a Project Number. Members of the department judged and awarded ribbons to deserving projects.

This exhibition not only showcased LCHS talents to the public and highlighted the industrial tech and art departments but also built student pride and self-esteem.

LCHS seniors direct one-act plays

An evening of one-act plays, directed by senior members of the Thespian Society, will be presented Friday, May 17 in the auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tryouts for casting were held in April. The plays being presented are as follows:

The Laziest Man in the World, directed by senior Doug Small; *Madam President*, directed by senior Nicole Zook; and *The Fifteen Minute Hamlet*, directed by senior Derik Marcussen.

Industrial tech and art host spring exhibit

The industrial tech and art departments hosted a spring exhibit showcasing their works on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

The purpose of this exhibition was to exhibit students' work created in the classroom. The exhibit was open to the general public, and ribbons were awarded to deserving projects.

Summertime = Moneytime Limelight offers summer job opportunities

Soon school will be out for the summer, and then what will we do? While some students may go on vacation, others will stay in Bartonville having fun and hanging on to the memories of yesterday. While some seniors

will begin their years of college life, others will enter or carry out their career in the work force. Since summer is right around the corner, here are a few job choices that you might choose.

McDonalds on Garfield
 1205 West Garfield
 697-9594

Tyrone's Italian Cafe
 5908 S. Adams
 697-8668

Things Remembered-
 Northwood's Mall
 4501 N. War Memorial
 686-3939

Maurices-
 Northwood's Mall
 4501 N. War Memorial
 685-5750

Sam Goody-
 Northwood's Mall
 4501 N. War Memorial
 688-0477

Kitchens-
 Northwood's Mall
 4501 N. War Memorial
 685-2081

Cheddar's Restaraunt
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P.S. Nice Tan
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Happy Holidays by Lora Schooley

An excerpt from the winning short story of the LCHS 2002 Sally Slane writing contest

Tom sat down and observed the chubby boy waddling towards him. Suddenly, he was flooded with memories of that first Christmas at the mall, so long ago. He remembered the special glances that Maryanne and he had shared. He remembered how she wanted doubles of all the pictures she took, because she couldn't pick the cutest child of all. But most of all, he remembered the young boy who had ever so cautiously approached Tom's lap and looked straight at the floor. He wore a patched denim jacket that appeared as though they had seen more winters than the boy was old. The boy's mismatched mittens hung from his jacket by a thin thread. When Tom had given him the usual merry greeting, the boy's big, gray eyes looked up at him yearningly, as though he might be the only real thing he had ever seen. When Tom asked the boy what he wanted, the boy's response startled him. The boy had mumbled that he wanted a doll. Tom couldn't believe it - a doll? Yet, the boy remained serious. Tom has asked if he meant a wrestler figurine - or an army man. The boy finally gave in to Tom's questions. He replied that the doll was for his sister and since this was her first Christmas, he thought she should have a present, not him. Tom instantly understood. The family probably didn't have enough money to buy both children presents. Tom smiled at the boy who kept his straight, solemn face. Tom looked up to see a man who had the same somber face as the boy. The man held the boy's dusty baseball cap in his hands turning it carefully. He periodically pushed a stray piece of hair out of his eyes and struggled to maintain a look of pride in his stance. Tom motioned for Maryanne's help. He instructed her to allow this boy to some of Santa's "special money." Maryanne got some money out of her small, festive bag and handed it to the boy's father. The father smiled in gratefulness and took his son by the hand to the toy store across from the Winter Wonderland. Tom would never forget the gracious nod and unspoken thank you he received from the father as he and the boy exited the store that day.

"SAN-TAI!" a young voice yelled.

Tom's attention was immediately given to the chubby boy who was squirming on his lap. Tom smiled and loudly proclaimed, "Merry Christmas!"

"I-I want a Tonka truck, a baseball bat, a Cleveland Indian's jacket, a race track for my cars, and a basketball hoop. Oh yeah, an' I also want a Lego castle and a jungle gym..." the boy chattered incessantly for at least two straight minutes.

Tom scanned the boy's round, greedy mouth as he blabbered. Small particles of saliva propelled into the air. Tom had an idea. "What is the one thing you want the most?"

"One thing?! You're cheap, Santa. I'm gonna get lotsa things. I don't even care if you come to my house!" the boy growled. He hopped, rather rolled, off of Tom's lap and rushed over to his mother who shot Tim an evil glare.

"What a poor excuse for a Santa Claus!" the boy's mother exclaimed in a high, snooty voice.

As Tom watched the boy complain, he hadn't even noticed that a pair of identical twin girls were standing expectantly in front of him.

"Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas, girls!"

"I'm going first!" exclaimed twin one.

"No, Cindy! I wanna go first!" twin two angrily replied.

"Brittany, stop being a brat," Cindy muttered.

Brittany then yanked Cindy's long, red pigtail and Cindy yelped. Tom watched helplessly as both girls pulled hair and swung arms. Brittany burst into tears as Cindy gave her a swift kick in the shin. The elf not so gently escorted the whining twins to an exasperated mother who was apologizing profusely. Tom rubbed his face. "What a start," he thought.

Tom gazed up to see an older boy coming near him. As Tom began his greeting, the boy put his pointer finger up to his lips, warning Tom to be quiet. "Listen," he began. "I don't believe in you, okay? I'm ten! Just put your arm around me and smile. Then my mom will quit nagging," the boy stated melodramatically. "Gees, I hope my friends don't see this."

Tom forced a smile as the elf snapped the camera. The boy walked away as Tom shouted a cheerless, "Merry Christmas."

Tom then saw the elf walking towards him while she held a little girl's hand. The girl looked to be about four and put her arms up to Tom as soon as she saw him. Tom gave her a huge smile and a happy, "Ho, ho, ho!"

Her beady, little eyes examined his face. "Awe you weal?"

"Yes, if you believe in me!" Tom replied.

"Oh, why awe you so fat?"

"Too many cookies! Maybe at your house you could have some carrots for me instead!" Tom answered.

The child tilted her head. "Santa, don't come to my house. You gots buwgers."

Even though she was small, Tom felt his face flush with embarrassment. The girl frowned for the picture and hopped off of Tom's lap. She scampered away without a second thought of Tom or his boogers. By eleven o'clock, Tom popped for some pleasant kids. At three o'clock, he desperately wanted a different elf. Then, by six o'clock, everything was done. No more children. No more parents. No more anything. Tom just wanted to go home. He hated himself for not being able to please more kids, but he couldn't help it. There were never problems like that when Maryanne was alive. "Maybe it was because she dealt with those children before they even sat on my lap!" he chuckled. "Or maybe Maryanne just kept me going."

Tom gazed at the empty Winter Wonderland. In just one day, the environment had lost all of its magnificence. The reindeer looked fake, the lights were dull, and the presents were meaningless. Even the snow looked fake, but to Tom, it was certainly colder.

Tom slowly meandered out of the Winter Wonderland and passed the closing shops and boutiques. He exited the mall and entered the cool, night air. He was disappointed that he didn't sense Maryanne's presence even once today. Tom thought it was very odd because they loved doing that together. He thought about her warm hands again. "It would feel good to hold them for just one moment," he murmured.

Tom heard light footsteps behind him. He turned and saw...her. Her long, dark hair was thick and rich in color, just like when she was young. She scuttled into the shadows the mall had cast onto the parking lot with her mane flowing in the wind. And then she was gone again - just like that. Tom shouted, "Maryanne! Maryanne!" But, she didn't come running to him - she never would. Tom stood taking in deep breaths of the harsh air until his lungs hurt as badly as his heart did. "I am so dumb to think that anything could ever be as good as it was," he uttered frustratedly. Even though he hated it, today made him realize something. Maryanne wasn't going to come back, no matter how hard he wished for it to happen. In fact, the children probably weren't drastically different now than they were fifteen years ago. It was him that had changed. As much as he loved her, he had to stop letting his life revolve around her memories. "Maybe I'll stop by the cemetery on the way home," he began dejectedly. Then he stopped himself. "Can't keep doing this! Maryanne's life has stopped, but mine hasn't." He shook the tears off his face. Tom took off his red hat and let the felt fabric touch his hands. He turned the hat so he could see the inscription and he read it. He read it over and over again until all of the words seemed foreign. He kissed her initial and then let it fall onto the icy parking lot. Tom finally realized that he needed to leave her where she will always be - in his past. He felt like an enormous weight had just been lifted off of his shoulders as he got into his car. For the first time in fifteen years, Tom didn't feel guilty about not taking her with him.

Liz Brignall & Christina Holt tastebudz

With its start in St. Louis, Panera Bread has expanded all over the country, opening in Peoria in the Westlake shopping center across from the mall last February. We decided to check out Panera Bread and see for ourselves what made this cafe/bakery so successful.

Panera Bread has lots to offer. It has a modern, contemporary coffeehouse/bakery style type atmosphere with places to eat outdoors or indoors. Walking in, we were immediately faced with the scrumptious looking bakery items. Further back in the restaurant is the place to order soups, sandwiches, and salads. The ordering process is similar to a fast food restaurant. We both chose one of Panera's signature sandwiches.

Christina ordered the bacon turkey bravo (\$5.95). It came with sliced turkey breast, smoked bacon, smoked Gouda, leaf let-

tuce, tomato, and their signature dressing on tomato basil bread. Each ingredient on the sandwich brought its own unique taste to the sandwich. It was delicious. She ordered IBC Rootbeer (\$1.45).

Liz ordered the Italian combo (\$6.25). It came with roast beef, turkey, ham, salami, provolone cheese, peperoncini, lettuce, tomato, red onion, and their special sauce on a baked French combo roll. It was good, but the bread was hard. She ordered Cherry Canadian bottled water (\$1.45).

Prices were pretty reasonable; our drinks were relatively pricey though. Everything was fresh and delicious. Another thing we really liked about Panera was they donate all unsold bread to local hunger relief facilities, and customers can make cash donations which are matched and donated to local hunger relief associations.

Incubus visits Peoria

By Zach Nelson

The Civic Tour starring Incubus and special guests Hoobastank came through Peoria on April 28 to play one mind-blowing show. For those who aren't familiar with the Incubus sound, I could best describe them as a newer age Red Hot Chili Peppers. It is a unique blend of jazz, funk, metal, and hip-hop with complex and well thought out lyrics placed over it.

Opening band Hoobastank led the show off yet failed to get much appreciation from the crowd. They mustered up a couple cheers when the southern California band played their hit song "Crawling in the Dark." Other than that, Hoobastank didn't really have much to show for themselves.

During the intermission between the two bands, the crowd started to get a little anxious and started some pre-show moshing action. It was a surprisingly rowdy crowd for such a laid back band.

Finally, the lights went out, cricket and frog noises filled the arena compliments of the p.a., and stars filled the stage on a huge screen. Soon after, Incubus took the floor opening with the song "Circles," the second track off their latest release *Morning View*. The

two and a half hour set included songs like "Nice to Know You," "Are You In?," "Stellar," "Make Yourself," "Drive," "Vitamin," and "Certain Shade of Green."

About midway through the show, roadies brought two couches out onto the stage, and frontman Brandon Boyd and guitarist Mike Einziger played the song "Mexico." Then bassist Dirk Lancer came out to join them in an acoustic version of the hit "Pardon Me" from the album *Make Yourself*.

Being on the floor was total chaos. Everyone kept pushing and fighting to get as close to the band as they possibly could.

Incubus performed two encores, "The Warmth," which is my personal favorite song, and "Aqueous Transmission," the last track from *Morning View*.

My only complaint was the band played none of the songs from their debut album *Fungus Among Us*, which I think features some of their better songs.

Be thankful if you were at this show; Incubus is one of the very few bands left where all the musicians are extremely talented at their instruments.

Local events

AT THE CORN STOCK THEATRE

MAY 31-JUNE 8 *Oklahoma!* a musical Tickets: \$11.00-\$15.00

JUNE 21-29 *Our Town* a drama Tickets: \$11.00

JULY 12-20 *Big River* a musical Tickets: \$15.00

AUGUST 2-10 *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* a comedy Tickets: \$11.00

AT THE CIVIC CENTER

MAY 14 *Beauty & the Beast* - by YouTheater

MAY 26 *Harry Connick Jr.* Tickets: \$39.50-\$75.00

JUNE 1 *Big Oldies 93.3 Spring Concert*

JUNE 10 *David Lee Roth with Sammy Hagar* Tickets: \$27.50-\$47.50

JUNE 18 *Dan Fogelberg* Tickets: \$43.50-\$23.50

JUNE 19 *O-Town with Rich Cronin (of LFO)* Tickets: \$29.50

JULY 8 *Korn, Puddle of Mudd, and Deadsy*

JULY 17 *Poison, Cinderella, and Winger*

While the *Limelight* will be leaving you for summer vacation, the local entertainment is remaining - in full force! Here is one last event list to get you off and running into the summer months...

AT THE MADISON THEATER

MAY 13 *O.A.R., The Clarks, and Bottle of Justus* Tickets: \$17.50-\$20.00

MAY 23 *Leftover Salmon* Tickets: \$15.00

MAY 30 *Papa Roach with Injected* Tickets: \$15.00

MAY 31 *Twiztid*



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Young team holds own Team serves up record season

By Ryan Linsley

The Varsity Softball team had a surprising four game winning streak to start the season. The conference schedule, however, did not treat the Rockets so kindly.

East Peoria came to Limestone and defeated the Rockets with twelve hits. The twelve Rocket errors did not help the cause, and East Peoria took home the victory 9-2.

Dunlap then edged out the Rockets by the score of 7-6. The Limestone bats were alive, but Dunlap was able to capitalize on mistakes and manufacture runs.

Limestone was then shutout by Morton by the score of 10-0. The Rockets bounced back by the next day against Woodruff with a 12-0 win. IVC then beat the Rockets with strong

pitching and timely hitting. The game ended 3-0, and the Rockets took home their second shutout in three days.

The doubleheader against O'Fallon produced two pitching duels. Limestone lost both games by the scores of 1-0 and 2-0. Limestone got off to an early three run lead over Canton, and that was all pitcher Emily Liescheidt needed to take home the win. The final score was 5-1.

Junior Heather Post threw a no-hitter against Central. Limestone won 10-0 after five innings because of the ten-run rule. Megan Simmons had two hits and two runs batted in. As of April 29, the young Limestone team that features no seniors sits 1-7 in conference and 8-12 overall.

Varsity Softball Schedule

Tuesday, May 7: IVC @ IVC 4:15

Wednesday, May 8: Lincoln @ Home (DH) 4:00

Thursday, May 9: Canton @ Home 4:15

Tuesday, May 14: Metamora @ Metamora 4:15

Thursday, May 16: Washington @ Home 4:15

By Michael Nelson

Sixth place. That is the only finish that the Limestone Varsity tennis team has been able to achieve in the team's nine year history. However, in the year 2002, new history has been made as Coach Chuck Sanders leads, arguably, the best varsity tennis team in Limestone history.

This year's varsity squad is composed of five seniors and one sophomore with all of them having varsity playing experience. The five seniors are Michael Nelson, Jordan Draminski, Doug Small, Jim Jordan, and Jesse Vance. Michael Lucas is the sophomore that joins the Varsity squad.

The *Journal Star* has predicted the LCHS team to finish fifth above Washington. They also place East Peoria above Limestone in the fourth spot.

This season, however, Limestone has defeated East Peoria in their first meeting, as well as Washington in both of their matches in 2002. As of press time, they currently have possession of fourth place.

Despite the success, this season has definitely had its share of ups and downs.

To start the season off, LCHS was part of the Maroon Invitational Tournament held at ICC. Limestone's # 1 doubles team of Small and Nelson finished with a third place finish as they defeated their own teammates Jordan and Vance in a three set shootout in the third place match.

Lucas also placed as he won fourth place in the singles bracket. Overall, the team finished second in the tournament behind Metamora.

During the first half of the season, they defeated a very tough Central team as they played for almost four hours as dusk begun to settle in. They fought hard against the top tier teams such as Dunlap, Morton, and Metamora but ended up on the losing end although the number one doubles team of Nelson and Lucas pulled off a victory against Morton's top doubles team in one of the big highlights of season.

Another highlight was Limestone's win over Notre

Dame at Glen Oak Park where Lucas, Nelson, Vance, and Small all played successfully in two and a half hour matches as the rest of the squad pulled through to win a tough match.

Small said, "We always try our best to improve our game and try to catch the teams that are ahead of us like Metamora and Dunlap. All we can do is give it our all."

Last year's team ended up with a record of 1 and 9 and was at the bottom of the Mid-Illini Conference. Currently, the team is currently 5 and 5. They have three games left on the schedule against East Peoria, Morton, and Woodruff.

The team has high hopes of an above .500 record this year, which would be a major step in the future of the tennis program here at Limestone.

After the regular season ends with Mid-Illini and Sectional Tournaments, Coach Sanders has high hopes for the post-season and thinks that Limestone players can go far and place in the big tournaments.

Boy's Tennis Schedule

Saturday, May 4: Mid-Illini (F/S) @ Home- 9:00 am

Saturday, May 11: Mid-Illini (V) @ Home- 9:00 am

Saturday, May 18: Sectional- TBA

Limestone Senior signs letter with ICC



LCHS senior Kevin Riley signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Illinois Central College next season. Riley averaged fourteen points per game for the Limestone Rockets last season.

ICC is coming off a school record of twenty-nine victories to just eight losses. They

finished fifth in the NJCAA Division II tournament.

Head Coach Tony Wysinger has five other players signed from the Peoria area that include Quentin Edwards and Chris Brown of Central, O'Bryan Wallace and Paul Burse of Manual, and Eric Richards of Woodruff.

2002 track and field schedules

Boy's track and field

Saturday, May 4: Woodruff Relays @ Peoria Stadium-TBA

Thursday, May 9: Mid-Illini (V-F/S) @ Canton- 4:15

Friday, May 17: Sectional- TBA

Saturday, May 18: Sectional- TBA

Girl's track and field

Friday, May 3: Mid-Illini (V-F/S) at Metamora- 4:15

Friday, May 10: Sectional- TBA

Saturday, May 11: Sectional- TBA

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Baseball looks to score big this season



Dedicated fans of the Limestone Rockets baseball team cheer on their favorite boys during an evening game at Limestone. The boys currently hold a 5-3 conference record.

By Ryan Linsley

The Limestone Varsity baseball team has high expectations after reaching the state finals last season. There appears to be no reason to think that the Rockets cannot repeat last year's accomplishments.

Most of the team from last year are back and ready for another title chase. The pitching staff is still strong and led by senior Ryan Schmidgall.

At times the Rockets have been as good as everyone thought they would be when they swept a doubleheader against a good Pekin team and gave Olympia their first loss of the season. The defense has let the Rockets down in their conference schedule, though. Limestone committed four errors against East Peoria. The Raiders won the game 5-0 with the aid of the five unearned runs.

Limestone dropped a home game to IVC 9-7. The Rocket's

four run rally in the seventh proved to be a little too late. Seniors Bryan Newby and Ben Curless hit homeruns for the Rockets.

The big hitting star for Limestone was Dan Corpus, who had four hits which included a homerun and a double to go along with four runs batted in.

The Rockets rebounded with a big win over Morton by the score of 7-5. Morton was the only team with a perfect record in the Mid-Illini conference until the Rockets beat them in Morton. Morton jumped to a four run lead in the first inning, but Limestone battled back for a win behind three hits and a homerun from Newby.

The defense let Limestone down again at home against Metamora. Six errors proved to be too much for the big bats to overcome.

As of April 29, Limestone sat third in conference with a 5-3 record. They are an impressive 12-4 overall.

Varsity Baseball Schedule

Monday, May 6: vs IVC @ IVC- 4:15

Wednesday, May 8: vs Canton @
Home- 4:15

Friday, May 10: vs LaSalle-Peru @
Home- 5:00

Monday, May 13: vs Metamora @
Metamora- 4:15

Wednesday, May 15: vs Washington @
Home-7:00

Winter Sports Mid-Illini All-Conference

First Team

Basketball: Angela Vollmer, Junior

Basketball: Nikki Jones, Junior

Wrestling: Steve Catalan, Sophomore

Second Team

Basketball: Natalie Blunier, Junior

Wrestling: Pat Kohlmeier, Junior

Special Mention

Basketball: Yolanda Wright, Senior

Cheerleading tryouts held

Football cheerleaders selected for the 2002 season

Junior-Varsity

Rachel Anderson
Kelsey Cook
Jessica Jenks
Sarah Mason
Tammie McGinnis
Katie Ragon
Brenna Pardieck
Ashley Pumphrey
Laini Scofield
Alisha White

Varsity

Bridget Heitman
Stephanie McGinnis
Samantha Neal
Jessica Raker
Amanda Rayner
Ashley Sloan
Courtney Hampton
Nicole Turner
Chelsey Otten
Heather Fitzgerald

Basketball cheerleaders selected for the 2002 season

Junior-Varsity

Kaylee Dieckco
Christina Grosse
Jessica Jenks
Sarah Mason
Kristin Young
Nicole Waag
Jenna McElfresh
Stefani Koeppel

Varsity

Tera Kohlbuss
Stacy Matheny
Lindsay Markle
Brian Beach
Leslie Bazhenow
Beth Brodt
Melissa Jones
Sara Vermillion
Jenny Sprowls