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It's all about the time

LCHS power team dominates competition

By Aaron Ogle

On October 7th, 31 students from Mr. Bob Privratsky's automotive class overpowered the other eight competing high schools at the ICC power competition held at Illinois Central College when they came home with all the top awards.

The competing students took six trophies in the three events, which was Privratsky's greatest accomplishment.

Privratsky's method of training a successful team is simple. He tells his class to "remember what you do in class, and you will do fine."

Junior Adam Tigue was one of the students who participated in the competition. Tigue, who has no previous experience, competed in timing the engine and in wiring diagnostics. He completed these in 1:06 and 1:50 respectively.

With these times, he came away with two first place trophies. To prepare, Tigue stated that he had no specific strategies; he just practiced going over the events for two days in class.

Tigue is excited for his first win. He said, "Since I won these events, I am really looking forward to the Mid-Illini competition in the spring."

Senior Timber Clemons, a



Senior Randon Swearingian, senior Jeff Fox, junior Adam Tigue, senior Timber Clemons, and senior Robert Pierce proudly display their trophies. 31 students from Mr. Bob Privratsky's automotive class dominated the competition at the annual ICC power competition on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

returning winner, won in transmission skills with a time of 1:50. Clemons said that she really didn't go into the competition with any type of strategies; she just didn't want to "screw up."

Clemons has entered this competition for the last two years, and she was somewhat disappointed that she didn't beat her last year's time of under one minute. She still

has a love of anything automotive and plans to attend SIU at Carbondale with a double major in automotive technology and Spanish.

Privratsky has had students entering in this competition for the last 26 years. This year, there were so many students wanting to enter the competition that Privratsky had to turn down some students.

Privratsky was excited about this year's results but was not surprised because his students have always done well in the past.

LCHS students have continually been successful at the ICC power competition. Limestone has never finished below second, and in all the years that the LCHS team has competed, the team has twice taken first place for four consecutive years.

& up coming

November 2003

November 1st
EarlyBird Speech tournament
Stamping at the Savoy-Cafeteria (7pm)

November 2nd
Fall Play Dress Rehearsal-
Aud. (6 pm)
Madrigal Ticket Sale 2 pm

November 4th
Building Committee Meeting-
Board Room (7pm)

November 5th
Fall Play performance for the
English Classes- all day

November 6th
Key Club Meeting-Rm. 15 (7:15
am)

November 7th
End of the 2nd 6 weeks
Fall Play- Aud. (7: 30 pm)

November 8th
Fall play- Aud. (7:30 pm)

November 9th
Bartonville- Vetran's day Rally-
Aud. (9 am)

November 11th
NO SCHOOL

November 12th
Femmes Unir.- Library (7p.m.)

November 13th
Bands of America Indiana
Financial Aid Meeting-
Cafeteria (7 pm)

November 14th
Bands of America Indiana

November 17th
Student Council Donations 1st
hour for baskets
Band Boosters- Library (7 pm)
LAFa Meeting- Boardroom
(7 pm)

November 18th
Board of Ed. Meeting-
Boardroom (7 pm)

November 19th
Key Club meeting Rm. 15 (7:15
am)

November 20th
Key Club meeting Rm. 15
(7:15 am)
Girls & Boys basketball- blue/
white game

November 21st
Winter Sports Assembly
Ming Shee Restaurant Day

November 24th
Mid-Illini Madrigal Sing 7p.m.

November 25th
CALC Meeting- Library
(6:30 p.m.)
Christmas Choral Concert-
Auditorium (7:30 p.m.)

November 26th
Teacher's Institute- No school

November 27th
Thanksgiving- No school

November 28th
No school

November 29th
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Stereotyping: Who needs That!

Step back and take a look at who you are. Are you classified into a stereotypical group or....

Most of us are in one group or another and stick to those people and only them, but there are a few of us out there that don't really classify into one certain category. What I would like to focus on is the fact that many people pass up knowing lots of great people merely because they don't belong to the same social clique.

We classify people into groups without realizing it. You start to notice the little things that are normally classified into the way that we act: maybe our hobbies, our ways of life, or even the type of people that we hang out with. What I don't understand is why we look at those useless things in life to find out "who a person really is." Everybody perceives him- or herself- to be something, but

they are much deeper than their material items, clothing, or popularity. People are always staying within their comfort zones, not expanding at all to seek out new horizons. Just because somebody has a different style than you or likes music that you don't normally listen to isn't a reason to refuse yourself the ability to learn from them.

When you meet somebody, don't judge him by what he is wearing, who his friends are, or even what rumors have been spread about him. Instead, try and look at him as a person, just like everyone else that is out in this hectic world living a life, and see who he really is instead of what he is.

There are a lot of intelligent

and interesting people out there. I just happen to be frustrated by the materialistic society that we let slip into our lives.

So, push aside all of the boundaries that you have kept within in the past, and next time you meet somebody look at who he is, not what you don't understand about that person or how he looks.



By Jerry Turpin

In the midst of all of this, I guess all I am suggesting is if you get to know somebody for who he is and his viewpoints of life before dismissing him, maybe you will find something completely new out there that you wouldn't have been exposed to otherwise. And who knows, you might even make a great friend along the way.

Ten Minutes to Spare

Maybe it's just me, but I would like to have longer than ten minutes to eat my lunch in the snack bar each day. Between people cutting in line and the horrible organization, I barely get time to sit and enjoy my lunch before the bell rings and I'm on my way back to class.

I get annoyed with the people who pay cash every day for their lunch. I can understand if you forget your card one day or

run out of money on it, but the same people pay cash and forget their ID cards every day. We have ID cards for a reason, so they should be used all the time, not just sometimes.

People who are irresponsible and don't put money on their accounts or don't bring their cards are wasting the

time of the people who remember to do so.

We need to do something to correct this problem. Obviously, the fees for not being prepared are not working; they just slow the lines down.

Some other form of punishment needs to be assessed to fix this problem.

I thought it was explained in the beginning of the year that the people who

didn't have their ID's were supposed to go to the end of the line.

I understand kids are forgetful and might not have time to put money on their ID's, but I wish, for the sake of everyone else, that they would find a way to remember. It does nothing but frustrate the people who have

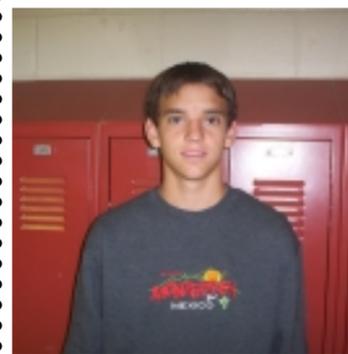


By Megan Wendland

Opinion Poll

What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

"I was a present with a massive bow on my head! I got lots of extra candy!"
- Sophomore Breanna Closen



"One year I was Bozo the clown for Halloween. I couldn't pronounce Bozo correctly, so when people asked me what I was going to be for Halloween, I said, "I'm Bo-yo the clown!"
-Junior Chris Brown

"Witch because it relates to my personality."
-Sophomore Shaina Ross

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"A Hobo because it was easy."
-Mrs. Jan Young, Guidance department

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Rocket 1 offers new experience

By Megan Wendland

With taking on the responsibility of the Rocket One news show this year, English teacher Mr. Zachary Binder needed a new challenge to give his students. This year, Rocket One is putting together a cable news show that airs every four to six weeks. "It was a good experience for the students to create a real news show where they could experiment with in-depth

news stories and real world producing," said Binder.

The first episode of the show, which went very well, aired Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 22. The show was based around a fall preview highlighting all of the activities happening at Limestone High School.

The Rocket One staff is split into three crews and every four weeks the students

rotate jobs. The students in the crew responsible for the cable news show are each required to provide a three minute news story pertaining to the theme of the show.

The show takes a lot of work from all of the participants. For every minute of footage that the reporters have turned in, it takes an hour of editing. Binder realizes this experience, though time-consuming and

difficult, will be rewarding. "It's a lot of hard work, but once they've finished, they have a sense of pride."

The students working on the show get more of a sense of freedom and can let their imaginations run wild with creativity. It is their show to set up and produce. They are responsible for a lot more news stories and have a lot more editing to do than for the show we see each morn-

ing. They choose the topic to base the show around. The next show's topic will be "entertainment."

Rocket One members never cease to amaze Limestone with the ideas they develop. People, other than students and staff need the chance to view the work they put in. Binder said, "We wanted to show the community all of the great things that take place at Limestone High School."

NewsNotes

Students of the Month Recognized

Tech-Prep Student of the Month

Senior Amanda Purdum was selected as the Tech-Prep student of the month for September.

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

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Matthew Rupert was named September's Academic Student of the Month based on his academic achievements.

For his efforts in the classroom, Rupert will be awarded a savings bond, and his picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Brooke Barnabe was named October's Academic Student of the Month based on her academic achievements.

For her efforts in the classroom, Barnabe will be awarded a savings bond, and her picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Robert Pierce was named October's Academic Student of the Month based on his academic achievements.

For his efforts in the classroom, Pierce will be awarded a savings bond, and his picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Tinnon's English class receives guests

On October 9th, English teachers Mr. Clint LaFary and Ms. Kris Tinnon's English 1 classes welcomed

two students and a teacher from Bureau Valley Alternative School.

The three visitors told unforgettable stories and lectured teens to stay away from drugs. LaFary commented, "The day went well."

SPT hosts first annual Snowflurry

Approximately 65 second and third graders from the Limestone area attended the first annual Snowflurry Friday, October 24, at Limestone.

The Snowflurry was presented by the Student Prevention Team, headed by Student Prevention Coordinator Mrs. Stephanie Decker.

Snowflurry, intended for younger children, is a version of Snowball and Snowflake, and it teaches the same values of Snowball.

Community supports speech team fundraiser

Congratulations to the Limestone Speech team for raising approximately \$200 at the McDonald's night on October 2.

The Limestone community showed their support by purchasing their dinners at the McDonald's on Washington between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Fall play tickets on sale now

The LCHS Fall Play, *Fools*, will run on November 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$3 and are available from cast members and at the door. Come see this outrageous comedy; you won't be disappointed.

Madrigal ticket sales

Madrigal ticket sales will be on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

The Madrigal Dinner will be held in the LCHS cafeteria December 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Come enjoy this longstanding Limestone tradition!

New outdoors club seeking members

History teacher Mr. Tim Turner and math teacher Mr. Kyle Bloyd have started an outdoors club offered to any Limestone student interested in participating.

Listen for any upcoming events or see Turner in Room 95 or Bloyd in Room 20 with any further questions.

Art program buys new eMacs

Art teacher Mrs. Lisa Bentley received money from the Tech Prep program to buy new computers.

Bentley used the funds available through Tech Prep to purchase two new eMac computers by Apple. Along with computers, Bentley also received 20 new pairs of scissors.

2003 Homecoming Court announced

Freshman Attendants- Amy Heitman & Ryan Feagin; Sophomore Attendants- Chrissy Catalan & Josh Haun; Junior Attendants- Kelly Friling & Tyler Flessner; Senior Attendants- Monica Rager & Robbie Terlesky; Homecoming King- Brandon Thome; Homecoming Queen- Sara Vermillion;

Chemistry Holiday Celebrated

On October 23rd, National Mole Day once again took over the chemistry classes at LCHS. The day began at 6:02

a.m. with breakfast at Hammer's. The celebration continued the whole school day. "It was great. We got to let loose and have fun," said sophomore Danielle Wood. The Mole King was Tyler Flessner and the Mole Queen was Barbara Berg.

Students help with Limestone Rocket

Student council advisors Ms. Leanne Bonifas and Mrs. Lisa Bentley want to congratulate and thank the students who helped on Saturday, September 13th with the landscaping and facelift of the Circle Drive Rocket.

The students who volunteered were Matt Bazhenow, Callie Beckman, Wade Dooley, Josh Haun, Aaron Lucas, Chelsey Otten, Derek Slater, Jimmy Pennell, Shane McSimov, Ben Boniford, Kyle Peterson, Josh Bowen, and Andrew Lowe.

Key Club assists charity

Save those pop tabs - they're needed! Key Club has asked Limestone to participate in saving pop tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald's program to help kids in need.

A jug or jar is placed in each classroom for collecting. So do your part by saving your tabs - and not trashing them! Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Read for a Lifetime

Join the Read for a Lifetime reading program! Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, if you like reading, then this is the program for you. To join, get a book list from the library and sign up with your English teacher. You will then be required to read four books

on the list by April 1, 2004. You will be rewarded with a discount coupon from Waldenbooks and a certificate.

All-male pageant to be held

Once again this year, Limestone is having a Rocket Man Pageant. It is sponsored by the Class of 2006. All proceeds will benefit Prom 2005. It will be held on Wednesday, November 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium. The contestants will be nominated by the student body, and the winner will represent Limestone at our school activities.

WPP introduces Halloween attraction

October 17-19 and 24-26 were two weekends of great weather and great haunts. There are quite a few haunted attractions in Central Illinois, but I found that my favorite was Wildlife Prairie State Park's "Wildlife Scary Park." Although it is geared toward younger children and not exceptionally scary, I did get a lot of candy and I got to watch the smaller kids scream in horror. Possibly the best part, however, was the fact that I was riding on a train. It was a great change from the usual hay rack or walking trails.

Variety Show winners

The Homecoming Variety Show was held on the 25th and 26th of September. Many acts entertained students, including the class skits and some musical filler acts. The sophomore class skit took second place to the seniors. Senior Kiley Moore came in at second place behind junior Lisa Faulkner.

Fact or fiction: Urban Legends

Bartonville's Old State Hospital circa 1902



Old State's Graveyard & Elm Tree



Old State Hospital today

The History of Bartonville's Old State Hospital

By Mallory Fawcett

Have you ever walked down a dark alley, and as you walked it seemed as though you were walking faster and faster until you were almost sprinting? Many people have had a fear that someone was following them.

These days, we all have rights to feel the fear. Everyone has heard stories of ghosts, witches, warlocks, and the possessed, but almost every time you hear the beginning you get hooked on the story.

Tons of horrifying things have happened at the Old State Hospital, and we've all heard versions of them. Here's a quick history lesson Bartonville's favorite insane asylum. Construction of the asylum began in 1885 and was completed in 1887. It resembled a medieval castle with battlements and turrets.

The original hospital was torn down in 1897, mainly because it was never used, according to early reports. The statuesque building had been constructed over an abandoned coal mine and wide cracks were beginning to appear in the walls.

The cracks were believed to be caused by decay of the collapsing mine shafts.

Doctor George A. Zeller, who was a new doctor in the medical field for the insane, reopened it in 1907. According to some resources, Zeller also implemented a system with no window bars or restraints, a system that was unheard of in those days.

Some of the patients at the hospital were buried at one of the four state cemeteries. Most died on the same day, and some of the graves don't even have names, just numbers.

Zeller also thought of a way to bury the unclaimed dead. All able-bodied patients were placed on a "burial staff" watched over by a single actual staff member. Over one thousand bodies were buried there. Here, the story of Old Book begins.

Old Book, who came to the hospital after a mental breakdown at his work in a print shop, was mute, and no one knew his real name. The officer who took him into custody wrote in his report that Old Book had been employed as "a bookbinder."

When it was time to enlist him into the hospital, a court clerk listed his name as A. Bookbinder. Soon, he was nicknamed "Old Book" because it suited him well.

Dr. Zeller described Old Book as a strong, healthy man, even though he was completely uncommunicative. Book soon became part of the "burial staff," and as a matter of respect for the dead, the patients would stand back as the coffin was being lowered and take a moment of silence. Old Book was a little more open. He would remove his cap, wipe his eyes, and begin weeping loudly for the patient who had died.

This ritual would be repeated for every service. First, his sleeve would be used to wipe away his tears. Then, he would walk over, lean against the old elm that stood in the center of the cemetery, and begin sobbing loudly. This tree was soon named the "Graveyard Elm."

Time passed, and soon, Old Book passed away too. The word spread quickly. He was very well liked, so about 100 uniformed nurses and male staff members, Dr. Zeller, and several hundred patients, attended the funeral.

In his notes, Dr. Zeller wrote, "just as the choir finished the last lines of 'Rock of Ages,' the men grasped the ropes, stooped forward, and with a powerful, muscular effort,

prepared to lift the coffin, in order to permit the removal of the crossbeams and allow it to gently descend into the grave. At a given signal, they heaved away the ropes and the next instant, all four lay on their backs. For the coffin, instead of offering resistance, bounded into the air like an eggshell, as if it were empty!" At this point half of the nurses ran away, and the other half scooted in closer.

"In the midst of the commotion," Dr. Zeller continued, "a wailing voice was heard and every eye turned toward the Graveyard Elm whence it emanated.

Every man and woman stood transfixed, for there, just as had always been the case, stood Old Book, weeping and moaning with an earnestness that outrivaled anything he had ever shown before."

Directly after this, Dr. Zeller ordered the casket to be opened; he was positive Old Book was alive. As the casket was opened all eyes gazed upon Book's dead body.

It was said that every eye looked upon the still corpse and then over to the Graveyard Elm. The apparition had vanished. "It was awful, but

it was real," Dr. Zeller wrote. "I saw it; 100 nurses saw it and 300 spectators saw it."

The Graveyard Elm had been around for as long as anyone could imagine, and just a few days after Book's death, it began to wither away and die too. After all of its limbs had fallen off workmen decided it was time to cut it down.

At the first cut there was a "agonized, despairing cry of pain." After that, Dr. Zeller suggested the tree be burned; however, as soon as the flames started around the tree's base, the workers quickly put them out. They later told Zeller that they heard a sobbing and crying sound coming from it.

The Graveyard Elm remains today, and if anyone asks where Old Book is buried, just point to the tree. There is no headstone or monument for Old Book.

The State Hospital was shut down in 1972. In 1980, it became the property of Insley Durand Jr. Even though the hospital is basically off-limits, many trespassers find the way to the hospital to have their own experiences with the supernatural.

Limestone Welcomes New Faculty



Name: Mr. Clint LaFary
Subject: English 1,2 & Team
Hometown: Delavan, IL
High School: Delavan Community High School
College: Monmouth College
Favorite Hobbies/Sports: Mountain & Road Biking, Running, and Cross Country
Favorite Music: Punk
Favorite Quote: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." -Sir Winston Churchill
Limestone Students Should Know: "You get out of life what you put into it."



Name: Ms. Monica Poncinie
Subject: Spanish 1,2 & 3,4
Hometown: Blue Island, IL (suburb of Chicago)
High School: Eisenhower High School
College: Bradley University
Favorite Hobbies/Sports: Playing Tennis, Running, Reading, and Baseball
Favorite Music: the Beatles & Counting Crows
Favorite Quote: "What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." -Emerson
Limestone Students Should Know: "I'm a huge Cubs fan."

Up Close and Personal

featuring Mr. Kyle Bloyd

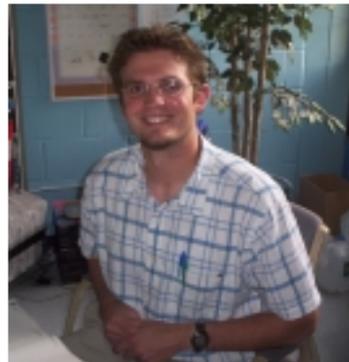
By Matt Wilson

Have you ever wondered what your teachers do outside of school? We've got the inside scoop on Mr. Kyle Bloyd of the mathematics department, who is currently putting a band together. What started his interest in music?

Bloyd says he started playing music when he was in second grade. He said, "My mom forced me to take piano lessons, but I didn't really want to... she also forced me to join the band, and I didn't want to do that either." Bloyd took piano lessons in second through fifth grades. In sixth grade, he joined the band and got his very first drum set.

In high school, Bloyd continued his "music career." During his freshman and sophomore years, he played in his first rock band, and in his junior and senior years, he played in the high school jazz band.

While Bloyd was attending Bradley University, he continued playing his music, even though he was majoring in math and education. He



played in the Bradley Jazz Combo and the Bradley Worship Teams. Bloyd also played in various musicals throughout high school and college.

Bloyd's band will play a genre of reggae. He describes his potential band as a "jam band" and compares their music to groups like Phish, Dave Mathews Band, and The Grateful Dead.

The band hopes to be completely assembled and ready to play by next summer. There are four members in the band, one of whom is currently attending college and will not be graduating until December. The mem-

bers of Bloyd's band include Beth Ricca, who will play bass, piano, violin, guitar, and will contribute lead vocals. James Fleich will play guitar and sing. Ty Bailey will play percussion and drums. Bloyd, in addition to drums, will play percussion and sing.

When asked about the balance between his hectic work schedule and practices for a new band, he commented, "We'll probably practice once a week...probably 8-10 on weeknights." When asked about where and what kind of events the band will be playing at, he said, "We're trying to get into Cornerstone Music Festival...and we are also going to try to play at local fairs." The band will have to get 4 hours of material before they are ready to play.

One more little piece of information for all of you: the band still doesn't have a name. Mr. Bloyd is taking suggestions. So, if you want to drop one by him...visit Room 20 in the math hall.

Career Corner

An interview with a mortician/funeral director

By Kenny Wolf

In light of the Halloween season, I wanted to research a career that fits my mood. Therefore, I decided to interview a mortician to find out what exactly his job entails.

Morticians, or funeral directors, perform all the tasks surrounding a person's death. They do everything from picking up the body to making sure the last shovel of dirt is thrown on the grave.

"As the owner and director of a funeral home, I meet with the families of deceased people and guide them through the funeral arrangements. I embalm and prepare the body for viewing and take great care to provide a funeral service that honors the life of the deceased. I also handle all the legal documentation and notification," said H. Ray, the mortician/funeral director I interviewed. This was a unique interview because not only was Ray a funeral

director, he actually owns his own funeral home.

The process begins when the person dies. The funeral director will go to the dead person's home, hospital, nursing home, or wherever the person may have died, and transport him to the funeral home. The funeral director is then in charge of meeting with the family and

"A funeral home director has to be interested in, and good at, helping people. He or she also has to be patient and compassionate when dealing with clients who are often going through the toughest parts of their lives." - Mr. H. Ray, funeral director

finding out if they plan on having the body embalmed and having a traditional visitation or if they wish to have the body cremated. If the body is to be embalmed, the funeral director will embalm the body and do the corpse's hair and makeup. If the family requests a religious ceremony, the funeral director will book a cleric for the job.

Besides the main duties of the funeral director, there are many smaller jobs; keeping

the funeral home well-stocked with flowers, keeping it clean, and arranging transportation for the bodies to the cemetery are pressing demands. "You can't exactly toss the casket into the back of your El Camino," joked Ray. A big part of a funeral director's job is paperwork, especially if the body is traveling out-of-state for burial.

Funeral direction, as a career, has some interesting points. Obviously, the first thing is that your daily routine will not follow a regular 9 to 5 work schedule. Funeral directors also have to develop a serious, solemn attitude. "A funeral home director has to be interested in, and good at, helping people. He or she also has to be patient and compassionate when dealing with clients who are often going through the toughest parts of their lives,"

said Ray. Even though the usual stereotype of clothed-in-black, scary looking undertakers in movies may not be completely factual, there is some fact to the somber fellows. I know that I wouldn't cut it as a funeral director, but some of you may.

If you think that you would be interested in funeral

direction as a career, here are some extra facts. Becoming a funeral director in Illinois requires a high school degree as well as a degree from a mortuary college. After the education, a two-year apprenticeship is required before you can become licensed. Funeral directors can make as much as \$60,000 a year.

Although the paycheck may sound nice, the job is challenging. Said Ray, "The most challenging aspects of working in funeral direction are

the long hours and the stress of working with grieving families. As a director, I often have to work late and on weekends, and I am always surrounded by mourning people. Also, it is difficult to keep on top of all the changing legal regulations and requirements from the Occupational Safety Hazard Authority (OSHA) and the federal government."

Today it is a little more difficult to get into the field. It is more common to get into the career through family business. Without a family connection, you are more likely to land a funeral director position at a new funeral home starting out as a secretary or as a custodian. Preparation can begin in high school. Take a lot of chemistry and biological science classes, and you'll be that much more prepared for mortuary college.

Peoria Park District hosts first "Return to Hogwarts" event

By Kenny Wolf

On September 27, 2003, the Peoria Park District hosted the first "Return to Hogwarts" event at the Glen Oak Amphitheater.

Nearly two hundred Harry Potter fans were expected to attend, although some optimistic district officials hoped for 500 guests to participate. To everyone's surprise, almost 1,500 fans showed their support that night.

Although the district was pleased with the turnout, the large numbers did create some problems because they weren't prepared for a crowd that size.

The event was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., and many classes were scheduled

throughout the night. Wildlife Prairie State Park and Glen Oak Zoo hosted a "Care of Magical Creatures" class outside of Hagrid's cabin.

"We planned on doing two programs for the event. We were going to do one and then walk around and maybe get a butterbeer or something. Unfortunately, because of the large turnout of people, we gave a non-stop program for one hour and forty minutes because the flow of people never ended," said one Wildlife Prairie State Park worker.

Although it was an extremely busy night for the actors, the fans enjoyed the different activities available.

Fans of the Harry Potter

series participated in different activities that involved characters and places important to the book. Professor McGonagall made an appearance with the Sorting Hat while Hagrid relaxed in his hut. Guests were even invited to take two classes with Harry and his friends—herbology and care of magical creatures.

After students were done with their classes, they could learn to fly a broom or grab a butterbeer at the Three Broomsticks.

Even though there were 1,000 more people than expected, the night went well. With this large turnout, the Park District hopes to make "Return to Hogwarts" an annual event.

Taste buds: Camille's Sidewalk Cafe

By Casey Verkler

The opening of the Grand Prairie Mall in April did not include many of the restaurants that are found there today, such as Camille's Sidewalk Cafe. The cafe has since opened its doors to the public and is offering a nice change from the commonly found fast food chains which serve only the generic burger and fries.

Camille's is located next to Hallmark and Bombay in the Grand Prairie Mall. Once inside, I got a warm and cozy feeling of a modern day cafe similar to Central Perk, as seen on *Friends*. There were a couple of people sitting at decent sized booths while others were sitting on patio furniture outside. There wasn't an overabundance of people at the time, but I'm sure it gets pretty busy, especially around the lunch hour. There was plenty of seating, yet it was spaced out enough to eliminate the feeling of being cramped.

When I walked up to the cashier, who was ready to take my order, she offered me some suggestions as to what I should order. I settled with

the Chicken Caesar Wrap, which cost me \$5.50, along with a medium drink for \$1.39. The wrap consisted of an herb-garlic tortilla, Parmesan cheese, Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, and a creamy Caesar dressing with grilled chicken breast. Megan chose to have the Quesadilla Wrap and a medium drink, ringing up at \$7.94 including tax. Her wrap had a jalapeno-cheddar tortilla, grilled chicken breast, bacon, pepperjack cheese, sour cream, and salsa. Mallory decided to mix it up a bit and ordered the Club Nouveau Natu-Wrap but stuck with a medium soda. The Club Nouveau Natu-Wrap had a honey-wheat tortilla, jasmine rice, turkey breast, bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onions, and cranberry chutney. Her food and drink came to a total of \$8.05. All meals were served with tri-colored tortilla chips along with salsa. If you would like something other than soda, they offer varieties of smoothies and gourmet coffee drinks at a reasonable price.

After ordering we were given

our cups to fill with the soda of our choice. For me, this was my favorite part of the whole experience. The soda machine not only had blinking lights but also had lemon, cherry, and vanilla extracts to add into your soda. Now, how awesome is that?!

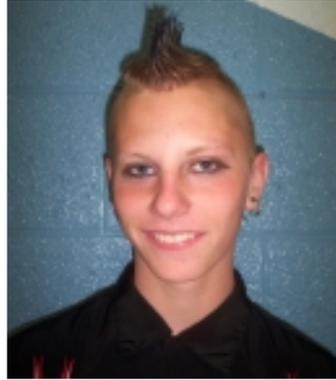
While still mesmerized by this outstanding work of art, a man behind the counter announced that our food was ready. He was extremely friendly and was kind enough to assist us while we gathered our bags, drinks, and food.

We decided to eat on the sidewalk, because after all, it is a 'sidewalk cafe.' It was a beautiful day, and it was fun to eat outside for a change. We talked and ate our meal for the next half hour before we decided we would go check out the sales that awaited our eager souls and open wallets.

Overall, Camille's Sidewalk Cafe is a nice place to stop by and grab a sandwich. The prices seemed to be a little high, but the quality and quantity easily made up for it. For more information on the franchise, visit www.camillescafe.com.

Writer's Block

Featuring Ryan Feagin



Freshman Ryan Feagin first began writing six years ago when the famous Edgar Allan Poe began to inspire him. This particular piece was inspired by the way others perceive him. It has been written from his own point of view.

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Freak.
That's what you are
I filter through,
Shriek.
The noise goes far.
Crouching, hiding.
The resentment come.
Screaming, breathing.
The pressure is none.
I stare at you Deranged,
In heart, In mind.
I filter through.
Arranged,
Your broken line.
Cornered by a window.
Anger disappears.
Cornered by a window.
What comes, is fear.
I stare at you,
Knife.
It strikes your heart.
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Sport Shorts

By Aaron Smith

Golf

The 2003 Rocket's Golf season has come to an end. The Rockets ended the season placing sixth in the Mid-Illini Tournament with a score of 341. The Rockets also placed fifth at the Dunlap Invitational, scoring 337. Senior Travis Dixon placed second at Dunlap with 74. Dixon is the only member of the team to advance to sectionals, placing in a three-way tie for third with 5 over par. The Rockets placed tenth at Regionals with a score of 325. Other members of the team scored well at Regionals also. Junior Al Emmons scored 86 and senior Eric Roberts came in at 8. Dixon managed an 83 at Sectionals, ending his 2003 golf season.

Volleyball

The girl's volleyball team has competed very well with some really good competition this year. This year's volleyball team has a record of 7 wins and 14 losses. The team is young with senior Ashton Swearingen being the only person with any varsity playing experience. Leading the team in kills is Swearingen -138, senior Tara Neltner and Sophomore Danielle Pettet - 49. The two girls leading the team in blocks are Swearingen -74 and Pettet-10. Junior Stephanie Redmon is leading the team in aces with 24, but not too far behind is Swearingen -23. Senior Sara Vermillion is leading the team in assists with 256. Redmon is leading the team with 106 digs and tied for second are Neltner and Vermillion with 66.

Soccer

"The soccer team is coming around nicely in the second half of the season," said Coach Jim Ryder. The team has a record of 10 wins, 9 losses, and 2 ties. There was definitely an improvement the second half of the fall 2003 season. The Rockets won their game against the I.V.C. Grey Ghosts with a score of 2-1. The Rockets also won their game against the Washington Panthers 5-2. The team also won their first round game of Regionals to Illini Bluffs 2-0. The soccer team ended their 2003 season with a loss to Morton in the semi-finals of Regionals. The two leading scorers for the Rockets this season were senior James Bartel with 16 goals, and junior Kyle Holmes and senior Thomas Reynolds are tied with 5 goals. Holmes was leading the team with assists with 10 and junior Alex Motsinger and Bartel were tied for second with 3 assists each. The season came to a great end for the Rockets in a game against Morton with a loss of 3-1.

Seniors see their last home game



The 2003 soccer team seniors, James Bartell, Jeff Fox, Tyler Mullen, Thomas Reynolds, Gil Harmon, Curtis Hohenbery, Freddie Liebach, and Matt Rupert, were honored at senior night on Wednesday, October 8. The Rockets lost the game to Morton with a score of 4-1, an improvement since their previous encounter with the Potters, which ended in a 7-1 loss.

By Aaron Smith

"When I was a freshman I watched my brother's senior night game, and told myself I can't wait until my senior night. Now that it is over, I wish I were a freshman all over again," describes senior Matt Sage on his last home football game this fall.

The fall sports season is coming to an end. Around this time, many senior athletes begin to ask themselves, "What am I going to do next fall?" Senior night has come for all of the fall athletes, and the thought of playing their last home game or even the last game ever is somewhat frightening.

Many athletes at Limestone have been participating in sports since they have been able to walk, and lingering in the back of their minds is the thought that this will be the last game they will ever play.

Most of their childhood dreams of making it to the NBA or NFL are shattered when they finally wake up and realize that it didn't happen. It's extremely hard to admit, but reality takes its toll. A Limestone athlete's accomplishments throughout their four years are now nothing more than a number in a record book that sits in the bottom of a coach's drawer as well as a name on a dusty plaque in the hallway. High school athletics open the pathway to college athletics, but in many cases, when college hits, it's a whole other story. Some of the top athletes from all over the United States are now pushing their high school "stardom" aside when the realization of competition is revealed.

Someone always just happens to be quicker, taller,

stronger, bigger, and sometimes even better. Some things like that can be changed with a little more effort. So now is the time to make all of the games memorable. Don't finish the game or season with the mentality, "I could have done better." Just go out and play the best ever.

Senior night is an applause for the seniors who went out to play their best ever single game of their sports career and never gave up. As for the underclassmen: When senior night comes for you, just remember to do your best. At the end of the game, go home knowing you did your best without wishing you could change a thing. One bad play must be followed by a bigger better play. Senior night will be very special to you. It may be the last home game you'll ever play.



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Junior goalie, Matt Reynolds, dives for a ball against the Morton Potters. Reynolds has had a great season with a record of 5 shut out games and an impressive average of 2 goals scored against him each game. Senior James Bartell is the only player to score in the game against the Potters. The Rockets lost the game 4-1.

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