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Marching Rockets Decrease in size doesn't dampen spirits



LCHS students Luke Borland, Jerrad Zahner, Allison Borland, and Tara Turner, members of the LCHS Marching Rockets drumline, gather to prepare for their upcoming performance at the Metamora Parade Competition, where they placed 2nd.

By Ben Verkler

For years, the recognized Marching Rockets were a large band that made large noises, but this year it was a different story.

Within the past few years, the number of marching band participants has dropped, but their competition has not changed. Today the Marching Rockets, made up of 72 band and color guard, compete against bands that are double their size. However, the Marching Rockets do not let the bigger bands intimidate them. This small band still made a lot of noise.

Rules state that bands are categorized into classes 1A, 2A, 3A, etc. by the size of their high school, not the size of the band. Unfortunately, in Limestone's case, this is not an advantage. LCHS is classified as 2A, which is

the second smallest of class A bands. Band director Mr. Derek Richards explained, "Classification at local competitions is based on band size. The two competitions at ISU and at BOA go by school size. So most often we are up against bands that are much bigger than us."

Still, the Marching Rockets didn't let their size matter. Their efforts and attitudes more than made up for their lack of size. They practiced hard so that the quality of their music outweighed their size and noise level. Senior Tara Turner, drumline leader, said, "In marching band, size plays a role, but good musicianship and commitment can phase size out."

Even though the Marching Rockets had to compete against bands that outnumbered them, they still were successful. Richards

said, "We did okay. It's a challenge from a General Effect standpoint when you are up against bands with more members because they have the opportunity to make more impactful moments with the drill and music."

"We got off to a rough start, but I think the band pulled together as a whole and had some very good performances."

-Derek Richards, band director

The LCHS band received many awards at the Metamora Parade and Field Invitational on October 9. During the parade competition, the color guard scored 3rd place, the

drumline scored 2nd place, and the drum majors, senior Lisa Faulkner and junior Colleen Swanson, ranked in 1st place.

The band continued to rank in the field competition, even though they did compete against larger bands during this portion of the invitational. The drum majors and winds took 6th place, the color guard took 5th place, and the drumline received 4th place.

There are some advantages to having a smaller sized band, however. The students really got a chance to know each other, and friendships are easily formed. Drum major Lisa Faulkner said, "A smaller band equals a closer-knit family."

The Marching Rockets ended their season at the Bands of America Grand Nationals competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on November 9.

The band put much time and effort into their show "Crop Circles", which was written by a friend of Richards, 1998 LCHS graduate Justin Bainter. They began practicing midway through the summer, meeting every Tuesday night for sectionals and field practice. The students also attended a two week band camp at the high school before school began. During the season, the band practiced during seventh hour and on Tuesday nights.

As a member of the marching band, students are required to memorize their sheet music and the field show coordinates.

With all their efforts, the Marching Rockets did succeed. Richards said, "We got off to a rough start, but I think the band pulled together as a whole and had some very good performances."

& up coming December 2004

- December 1**
Creative Fashion trip to Salvation Army (9-11:25 a.m.)
- December 2**
IMSA Class- Library (4-6:30 p.m.)
Christmas Coral Concert-Auditorium (7:30 p.m.)
- December 3**
Femmes Unir Setup for Christmas Luncheon
Speech Team @ Bradley Invitational. Tournament. (TBA)
- December 4**
IMSA Field trip to Lakeview Planetarium (8:15-10:15 a.m.)
Class in Library until noon
Femmes Unir Christmas Luncheon-Cafeteria (12:30)
Scholastic Bowl (JV/V) River City Classic @ Central (TBA)
Speech Team @ Bradley Inv. Tournament. (TBA)
- December 5**
Key Club Volleyball for Kiwanis-Aux. Gym & Foyer (10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.)
- December 7**
Building Committee Meeting-Board Room (7:00 p.m.)
Finance Committee Meeting-Board Room (7:30 p.m.)
- December 8**
Early dismissal with Lunch (1:45 p.m.)
Pre K Graduation- Caf e- 1st thru 4th hour
Madrigal Dress Rehearsal-Cafeteria & Snack Bar (1:00-10:00 p.m.)
Femmes Unir- Library (7 pm)
- December 9**
Early dismissal without lunch (1:18p.m.)
IMSA Class-Library (4:00-6:30 p.m.)
Madrigal Dinner
- December 11**
Madrigal Dinner
- December 14**
Board of Education Meeting-(7:00 p.m.)
- December 15**
Freshmen Student Council Elections
Financial Aid Mtg.-Caf e (7:00 p.m.)
- December 16**
Senior Citizens' Holiday Party
IMSA Class-Library (4:00-6:30p.m.)
- December 17**
End of 2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period
Early Dismissal-School Improvement Day (11:15a.m.)
- December 20**
Semester Exams
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Semester Exams
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Regarding last month's article, "Nightmare of the new parking lot"



Letter to the Editor

October 28, 2004

Dear Editor,

I am proud to be an American. I love my country. I am grateful for my freedom. I am grateful for my freedom to choose my own profession, freedom to choose my husband, freedom to choose the number of children I will bear, freedom to choose where to live, etc. In many countries, these freedoms do not exist.

To show my respect for this great country, I recite the Pledge of Allegiance with dignity, respect, and reverence. In elementary school, we all learned how to recite the pledge. We learned the pace at which it should be recited. Why are so many individuals choosing to be disrespectful when reciting the pledge?

I attended Honor's Night on October 27, 2004, and was horrified when a group of honor students shouted the Pledge of Allegiance at a faster pace than the rest of the audience. Parents and grandparents were in attendance and witnessed this disrespectful conduct. In my opinion, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at an undignified, disrespectful pace is shameful.

We all need to show more respect to others, to others' property, to ourselves, and to our country.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jill Warren
Business Teacher
Limestone Community High School

Dear *Limelight* Editor(s) and/or Mallory Fawcett:

I read the "Nightmare of the new parking lot" article in the last edition, and I disagree. The previous parking lot made much more sense. I admit that I can't yet drive, but I *do* possess logic.

The previous parking lot had two exits. Correct me if I'm wrong, but more people exit the lot at the same time than enter the lot at the same time. I imagine it has to do with the time people choose to arrive, wake up, and various other factors. From this, we can deduce that there should be more exits than entrances.

Do you know someone that is "impatient" to turn into the parking lot and enter the school? With the new parking lot, there are two exits, but there are *three* entrances. Who would be entering the lot at 2:45 from Pfeiffer Road? Would it not be simpler to have one entrance at that time? Maybe it's just me, but I'd say that if people are driving the wrong way, it should help them if there is only a single direction in which they can drive.

In the old lot, there were also two sets of two different lanes out of the lot: two turning left and two turning right. In case you haven't noticed (hard not to) it takes longer to turn left than it does to turn right. Last year, I got home faster by taking the twenty minute drive to the right than I did by taking

the ten minute drive to the left. This was because it took fifteen or twenty minutes to turn left.

My strategy has been made impossible by this new system. Everyone, those who wish to turn left *and* those who wish to turn right, has to wait in one line. It now takes half an hour or more to get out of the parking lot. This is the same for both those who turn left *and* those who turn right. This means that, taking into consideration the line on Pfeiffer Road, I do not arrive home until 3:30. This wastes time in which I could start, and often finish, my homework.

Furthermore, I dislike the demeaning manner in which the article was written. There was no reason to blatantly insult the driving of a single, meaning only one, driver who would most likely never find out and have no way to defend herself against such allegations. Personally, I have no idea how a lone incident suggests that the new parking lot is bad nor how it indicates the driving skills of a person, but I digress.

Having been in the car with the alleged bad driver, allow me to explain the reason behind the attempted "cut-off," as it was put. Did the author not state that this incident was on August 23? School started, as she is apparently unaware, on August 19. Due to the fact that Monday was a holiday and that I have a number of other family members, one of who picked me up on Friday, August 23 was the first day my mother picked me up from school.

Over the summer, we drove

past the parking lot about ten times. I don't live in Bartonville, so passing Limestone is not something I do on a regular basis. I never saw the finished parking lot until I exited the school on August 20. On August 23, my mother attempted to exit the parking lot in the same manner as last year; we were going to turn right to drive home. She assumed we were crossing through the left turn lane, but on the other side there was no right turn lane. Surprise, surprise, after fifteen minutes no one had let us back into the line.

My mother did swerve, but that was not to cut you off. She was edging her car forward along the line while looking left and happened to see a parked car with someone sitting inside from the corner of her eye. She has an active imagination and thought that they were going to pull in front of us, and this led to a swerve. Eventually, thanks to a person a little more sympathetic than the author, a.k.a another *parent*, we succeeded in returning to the line.

I would also like to address the statement about "furthering the damage" to our car. The appearance of a car does not show how bad or good a driver is. Suppose that you slammed a brick onto the hood of your car, creating a huge dent. Does that mean that you're a bad driver? Don't think too hard.

Never once in all the years she has been driving has my mother gotten so much as a speeding ticket. She was not even driving at the time that

a deer ran into the side of it. If my car should ever nearly collide with yours (as the author seems to think it did), try to see the scratches on the windshield and dent on the trunk from the deer's hooves. Actually, if a car nearly collides with yours, try avoiding the collision, not examining the car. The headlights, by the way, are well intact and work better than most.

In the future, if the *Limelight* wants to address driving problems, I think that the articles should have more support behind them. I have a few suggestions, in fact. Various examples could be given in an article about near collisions of students driving opposite directions in the parking lot. It could be interesting and possibly humorous to write about our fellow students jumping onto hoods, roofs, or fenders of the other students trying to drive.

Maybe, since it is such a big issue, you should consider an article about the students who choose to speed down Pfeiffer Road towards Oak Grove East. After all, I am of the opinion that much more damage could be done to something or someone, like a child, at their speed rather than at the two miles per hour driven in the parking lot.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Newton,
Class of 2007

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“Et tu, Brute?”

English 3 class reenacts *Julius Caesar*



Sophomore A.J. Blunier plays the role of Julius Caesar in Mrs. Jeri Look's fifth hour English 3 class as the conspirators commit the assassination with their "weapons" in hand. The students were dressed in togas to create an atmosphere similar to that of Rome in 44 B.C.

Christmas Madrigal 2004 Dates and Times

December 8
Dress Rehearsal
1-10 p.m.

December 9
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

December 10
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

December 11
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

December 12
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

News Notes

Students of the Month Recognized Tech-Prep

Student of the Month

Senior Katie Jones has been selected as the Tech-Prep Student of the Month for November.

For her outstanding achievements, Jones will be rewarded a savings bond, and her picture will be featured in the *Limestone Independent News*, congratulations Jessica.

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Kayleigh Kluesner was named November's Academic Student of the Month based on her academic achievements.

For her effort in the classroom, Kluesner will be awarded a savings bond, and her picture in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Student Council cheers up children on Halloween

On Friday October 29, the Student Council members went to local hospitals to pass out Halloween candy

to children who were too sick to go trick or treating this year. Two of the hospitals they went to were Methodist Medical Center and Pekin Hospital. "It was good to do something for the kids because they could not go out and have fun trick or treating this year," said Student Council member Derek Slater.

"Junk Box Wars" invades Chemistry classes

Science teacher Mr. Kenneth Baker's chemistry classes did a project on launching marshmallow Peeps. Each class was broken into groups of 4 and given a box of junk. Inside the box were tire inner tubes, popsicle sticks, and various other things. There were two goals to launch for, the 15ft and the 40ft. The class had three days to complete the project and two days to launch and fix whatever problems occurred. In sixth hour, only one group went for the 40ft goal. Most of the other teams made the 15ft goal without a problem.

Rocket One sells Rivermen tickets

Limestone's broadcasting class, Rocket One, is currently running a fundraiser with Peoria Rivermen tickets. They are hoping to earn enough money to buy new equipment for the studio. With the help of Senior Brian Scheffler's mom, the staff got 200 tickets in one section of Carver Arena for the Saturday, January 29, game against the Toledo Storm. Tickets for this event are still available and can be purchased from a member of Rocket One or by stopping by room 92 for a fee of just \$5.

Money Machine proves profitable for Student Council

As a part of their on-going effort to raise money for Easter Seals, Student Council put the "Money Machine" into the mix. It started out as being a way for students to donate to the fundraiser and get out of gym classes. It was then turned into an activity that the entire school could be involved in. During lunch the week of the Winter

Sports Assembly, Student Council members sold tickets to be drawn out of a bucket during the assembly. Those who got into the "Money Machine" were Jake Caudill, Luke Rosenbohm, Ben Bodiford, Kyle Hovey, and Andrew Capati. They came out the machine with handfuls of cash, and it gave Limestone a good laugh in the process. Congratulations to all who were involved on the excellent effort.

Juniors ALUMS learn leadership skills

On Tuesday, November 16, representatives from Bradley University visited Limestone with a lesson to teach the seventeen junior students who attended the conference. Those who attended included Matt Williams, Laura Blahnik, Shawn Songer, Sarah Mason, Brittany Jackson, Josh Haun, Colleen Swanson, Katie Johnson, Matt Cooper, Megan Wendland, Breanna Closen, Nick Ricca, Tricia Lofthouse, Wesley McKinney, Matt Bazhenow, and Andy Smith. Throughout the day-long lesson, the students broke

into teams, learned about group work, and created a goal for themselves. It was a fun-filled day in which they acquired a lot of knowledge that would help them later in life.

Essay contests available to interested students

The Limestone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 979 is hosting its annual Americanism contest.

This contest is open to all Limestone area students. Freshmen and sophomores will be entered into class two while juniors and seniors will be entered into class three.

Class two winners will receive cash awards. Class three winners will receive scholarships in the amounts of \$1000.00, \$500.00, \$200.00, \$175.00, and \$100.00.

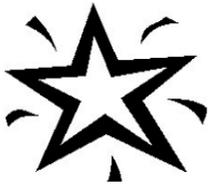
If interested, see your English teacher or guidance counselor for the complete set of instructions.

Another contest available is the "Most Inspirational Teacher."

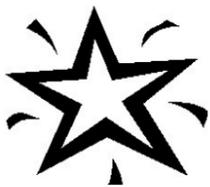
There is a \$500.00 prize to be awarded to the winner.

Please see Mrs. Gibson in the Curriculum Office for information.

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it."
-Albert Einstein



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."
-Helen Keller



"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
-John Bunyan



"The happiest people are those who care more about others than they do about themselves."
-Ted Turner



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill



"No one has ever become poor by giving."
-Anne Frank

The Art



At 7:15 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2004, LCHS student council members, junior Breanna Closen, junior Kaylee Dieckow, sophomore Josh Kyle, and sophomore Kiley Watson, loaded up vehicles with canned food donated by the students of Monroe Grade School for their annual canned food drive.

The student council and first hour classes raised money to buy holiday gift baskets for Limestone-area families.

Student council gives to area's needy families

By Hailey Adams

Student Council is at it again, helping out the community and making a difference.

As is the case every year, the LCHS Student Council is doing a special project for the community at Thanksgiving to give people something to look forward to this holiday season.

This November, the student council and the first hour classes raised money to buy gift baskets to give to several local families.

Each 1st hour room had a goal of raising \$25 for the gift baskets. When each room achieved their goal, they received a turkey decoration to put on their door showing they contributed to the cause.

The student council also sponsored a canned food drive for the area grade schools. The grade schools collected cans to put in the holiday food baskets.

LCHS teacher Ms. Ida Picco also helped by baking 40 pies for the baskets.

Student council members then assembled the baskets before delivering them to the families on Wednesday, November 24.

Teen Perspective

What are you thankful for, and why?

"I'm thankful for my friends because they're always there when I need them."

-Freshman Priscilla Catalan

"I've always said that I am thankful for my loving family and the fact that my parents are together. So many kids don't have the opportunity to spend their lives with both biological parents, and I feel very lucky and privileged to have that."

-Junior Colleen Swanson

"I'm thankful for my experiences... the ones that have taught me who I am and what I will be."

-Senior Lisa Gillespie

"I'm thankful for my family because they treat me with respect, they love me, and they're my best friends."

-Freshman Rachel Grace

of Giving

In light of the holiday season, Limestone works together to brighten the lives of others.

Key Club:

Making a difference in the community

By Dara Peacock

In spirit of the holiday season, Key Club members work very hard to give a bit of themselves back to others who are less fortunate.

Apart from giving people holiday spirit, they also do their part in making our small community a better place. Freshman Lacy Slater commented, "Helping the community and being able to be with your friends makes you feel good about yourself."

One of the activities that Key Club participates in is the PACE Santa Claus Parade located in Downtown Peoria. PACE is an organization that "contributes to the quality of life by involving the community in events that celebrate and reinforce pride in the Peoria area."

The parade was held on November 26th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. It usually attracts over 50,000 people from throughout the surrounding area. It is

broadcasted live on WMBD-TV, which adds to the number of people viewing the parade. With competitions, costumed characters, novelty units, and floats, the parade is a great way to demonstrate the art of giving and to get people in the Christmas spirit. Freshman Sam Stein said, "Being able to help people in need in community leaves a good feeling."

"I am in Key Club because I feel like there is a lot to do around the community."

**-Freshman
Evan Hocker**

Yet another helpful activity that the Key Club does is the PPD Turkey Trot. On Thanksgiving morning, there is a two mile run at 8 a.m., a five mile run at 9 a.m., and a

Kids Drumstick Dash at 10 a.m. The money raised from the Trot goes towards providing parks, facilities, and recreational programs for the community. The PPD states, "Our mission is to provide a variety of safe, enjoyable and affordable parks and recreational facilities and activities that will enhance the quality of life by promoting good health and well being for all residents and visitors of the Peoria Park District."

The last "giving" activity involves not only the Limestone Key Club, but other Key Clubs in the area as well. It is the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. Spastic Paralysis is one of the many disorders that the clubs of this district raise funds for. Funds go towards finding treatments and cures for these disorders so that the people afflicted with them can live normal lives. It is very successful and millions of people around the world

benefit from the grants given by the foundation. Grants are made possible by the fundraising efforts of this district.

"Helping the community and being able to be with your friends makes you feel good about yourself."

**-Freshman
Lacy Slater**

Key Club puts forth an amazing effort to help the Bartonville community. Hopefully, it will encourage more people to give the way this organization does to get others in the holiday spirit. Freshman Evan Hocker said, "I am in Key Club because I feel like there is a lot to do around the community. I want to help around the Limestone area to make it a better [place]."

Kocher and class adopt area family for Christmas

By Aaron Ogle

Every Christmas, Mrs. Jamie Kocher of the English Department gives a piece of herself back to the community around the holidays. Kocher and her English classes sponsor a family from our surrounding area.

Kocher first got involved after talking with her mother. Her mother, Mrs. Darlene Carroll, is a secretary at Pleasant Hill Grade School, and she organizes the holiday basket drive at the grade school.

The first Christmas Kocher was married, she and her husband got involved because they believe that this is a way to give something back to the less fortunate.

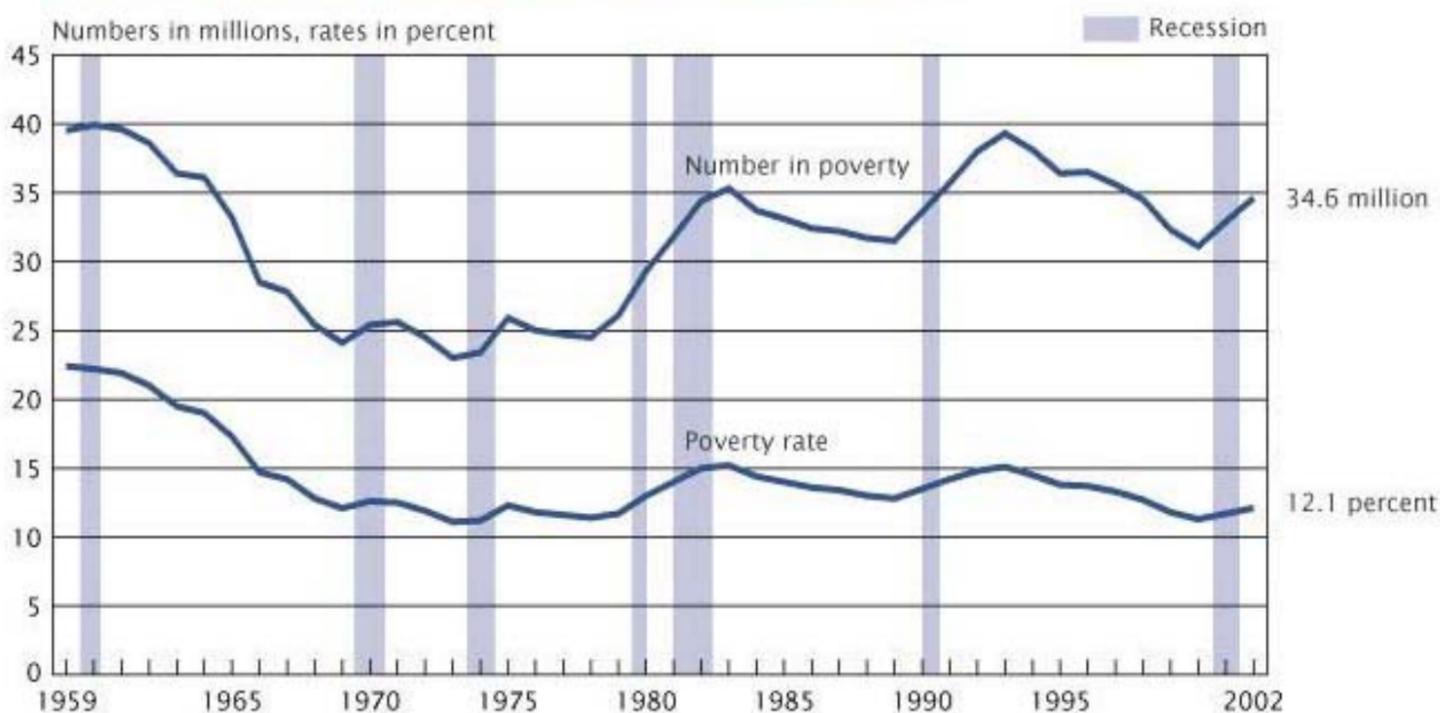
When they adopt a family, all of Kocher's classes get involved. Kocher typically has the males in her class buy for the young boy, while the females buy for the young girl. This is done voluntarily, with no extra credit incentive. Kocher believes it is just the kids pitching in their share of the contribution to make another kid's Christmas a little bit brighter.

The students in her classes really like this project. They look forward to the event each year. Kocher says that her students "feel very proud of themselves."

The older generation is also very proud to see the younger generation getting involved in such a project. The project usually consists of accumulating new or used items such as outfits, toys, scarves, stockings, etc.

If you wish to become involved, please contact Mrs. Kocher in Room 28, or call her mom Mrs. Darlene Carroll at Pleasant Hill at 637-6829.

Figure 1.
Number in Poverty and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 2002



Note: The data points represent the midpoints of the respective years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960-2003 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

LCCHS welcomes new teacher



**Science and math teacher
Ms. Susan Hitzerorth**

Birth date and place: 1/14 in Chicago, Illinois

Hobbies: Walking, playing piano, cross stitching

Best advice about high school: "Be patient, listen carefully to adults, never stop working to achieve your dreams."

Favorite movie: "It's a wonderful life"

Favorite kind of music: Anything from the 60's

College attended: Illinois State University

Favorite quote: "If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always got."

Favorite restaurant: Red Lobster

Favorite place to visit: My grandchildren's house in Quincy, IL

Biggest accomplishment: My two children, Doug and Jennifer.

All in the family: Siblings share artistic talents



Brother and sister, Danielle and Jeremy McCaffrey, share a similar interest in art.

By Heather Siegrist & Mallory Fawcett

Two people, brother and sister Jeremy and Danielle McCaffrey, may look nothing alike, but they share the same interests. Although their personalities are completely opposite, they manage to grow in the same perspectives of art.

Sophomore Danielle McCaffrey uses several various forms of art as an outlet to her emotions. She writes poems, draws art, and sculpts. She has been writing poems since the fifth grade, but she started thinking about writing when she was little.

Danielle's style is unique for the fact that she doesn't follow any specific style. "I don't really use a style. I just start writing as it comes," commented Danielle.

When it comes to being an artist she draws, and her favorite medium to use is chalk pastels. She likes to draw flowers, fish, and anything that comes to mind. She gets her inspiration by whatever is happening in her life or her friends' lives.

Danielle uses drawing to express emotion through a non-verbal medium.

Danielle said, "In drawing, you show everyone what you're thinking and how you're feeling just by your choice in colors."

Danielle hasn't entered any contests so far, but one of her poems was recently presented in an art show.

Like his sister, junior Jeremy McCaffrey is an artist. If you know Jeremy, you'd understand the depth of why he creates what he draws. He said, "It lets me express my feelings and gives me a sense of accomplishment once the work is done."

Drawing is more than putting images on paper to Jeremy. Drawing is "a way to burn off everything" so that he doesn't feel so overwhelmed with what happens in life.

Jeremy began drawing about three years ago when his father taught him how to draw a sunset by blending colors, and he has been creating works of art ever since.

Jeremy is pretty good at copying photos and other people's artwork, but to him it doesn't really make him happy after it's completed. He is also eclectic in his choices of mediums. Jeremy said, "I love all mediums: Photoshop,

sketching, charcoal, and recently I've started to paint with oils." He also prefers to use darker colors in his artwork, which tends to be on the darker side.

The definition of art or the quality of someone's art is objective, but Jeremy knows what he likes and doesn't like. He also knows what is good and what is bad. He said, "Good art to me is when someone gives their all on a picture or painting and feels good about what they made. Bad art to me is when someone hates what they created, or they just made it real quick without proper effort."

Unlike his sister, Jeremy has entered his art into various contests, and he has won two contests so far. Jeremy won \$250.00 for "Cars of the future" and \$25.00 for "Education uniting the world."

These two people may look or act nothing alike, yet they both are passionate about their art. And it is their art that makes them who they are. When these two start either writing or drawing, they become a whole new person, and they find a common ground. Then the magic ends, and then they are just like all other siblings; they still have their fights and arguments.



In November of 1964...

* On November 16, the Rockets gave a tremendous welcome back to Mrs. Elizabeth Krumpe at a pep assembly. Officer Doc Yeley gave views on teenage driving and hazards involved with all phases of police work.

* On November 27, the Rockets open their 1964-1965 basketball season by hosting the Washington Panthers. They then traveled to Bloomington to battle the Big Twelve Conference members.

* On November 6, the Rockets slid by with a 26-25 win against the Canton Giants.

* On November 11, the Limestone's band and Spacettes helped lead Peoria's Veterans Day Parade.



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Pygmalion premieres on LCHS stage

By Ian Henderson

Bernard Shaw's drama *Pygmalion* premiered in the LCHS auditorium on Wednesday, November 10 and Friday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

I decided to go to the Friday night performance because I had a prior commitment on Wednesday. I was hoping Friday night's performance would be good because everyone had the chance to work their nerves out at Wednesday's performance.

Looking at the program, I could see that the cast was well selected, and I couldn't wait to see sophomore Brandon Chandler as Henry Higgins. (He really impressed me in last year's spring musical, *Footloose*.)

I know seniors Tara Turner, Lisa Faulker, and A.J. Lund from the speech team. I was anxious to see how they would perform that night.

I have to say that Chandler lived up to my expectations. I think he did a nice job portraying Henry Higgins. He was especially funny in the scene at his mother's house when he

made it very obvious he wasn't interested in the conversation.

Another highlight of the play was senior Zach Stein's portrayal of Alfred Doolittle, Eliza's drunk bum of a father. I really laughed when Stein returned Chandler's property he had stolen earlier in the play.

Although I enjoyed the play, there were some setbacks. It was difficult to hear the different characters, which really hurt the scene with the major confrontation between Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle. That is a powerful point in the play, but the intensity was lost because I could hardly hear them.

The other distraction during the show came offstage. The stage crew was just a little too noisy for performance. Granted, I understand there will be noise while changing scenes, but I should only hear the sounds of the props and backdrops being moved, not giggling and talking.

Overall, I rather enjoyed the performance. *Pygmalion* would be a more difficult drama to perform, and I think they did a nice job.



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Writer's Block



Poem submitted by Danielle McCaffrey

Words of Advice

Life sucks

How better could you put it

All you want is to give up

But you know you really shouldn't

The world's not gonna end

Everyone won't die

You've got to keep trying

No point in asking why

No-one is gonna help out

You're gonna have to work hard

Don't be pulled down by others

When they don't get what they deserve

I can't think on what to write

To get my message clear

"Don't bend over for the world,

Or it will kick you in the rear"

Sport Shorts

Rockets end season at Metamora

By Aaron Smith

For the second consecutive season, the varsity football team captured a spot in the 5A State Playoffs. The team qualified for the playoffs with a 5-4 record, which named them one of the lowest ranked teams in the playoffs. The team earned their playoff position by winning their last three games.

The football team battled against their top ranked opponent in a great and exciting game. The Rockets held the Redbird's offense to only two touchdowns in the first half. This game was the best defensive game the Rockets had played all year. The Rockets lost the playoff game to Metamora, whom is ranked second in the state. Metamora had beaten the Rockets during the second week of the season 49-19. The playoff game ended with a score of 28-6.

Wrestlers open season against ND

By Jessica DeMoss

Wrestling team practices began November 8. They will have their first wrestling tournament on November 27 against Notre Dame.

This year's team has approximately 47 kids and is pretty evenly balanced between upperclassmen and lowerclassmen. The team will be led by captains Matt Cooper, Aaron Smith, and Joe Bailey.

According to head coach Jeff Schmider, the team's goals are "to have a full line-up, be competitive in conference, and get a couple wrestlers to the state tournament." He also said that the team is strong because there are several two or three sport athletes. Schmider expects the team to make the top three in conference.

Schmider will be assisted by Brian Medlin, LCHS math teacher, and Ryan James, a 2004 LCHS graduate. Medlin said, "I'm very excited about being a first year wrestling coach, and we will have a competitive line-up."

Girl's basketball opens at Galesburg

By Jamie Fierce

This winter the girls' basketball team is anticipating a good season. Primarily a young team, varsity is composed of only seven juniors and seniors while the rest of the team is underclassmen.

Head coach Stacey Seals said that her expectations of the team are to "take a step forward in the right direction and to do better than they did last year." According to Seals, the biggest key to winning is everyone working for the betterment of the whole. The theme for this year is "in search for excellence."

Seals said, "We are [a] very young [team], and it will depend on how well we can work together and how quickly we can develop our talent." The team has an opening tournament at Galesburg.

Boy's basketball ready to open season

By Hailey Adams

The varsity basketball season is coming to a start on Wednesday, November 24 in Decatur.

Assistant coach Allen Gresham said, "The kids worked really hard this summer, and they are looking forward to the upcoming season."

According to Gresham, the team has a lot of varsity experience, including senior Matt Reynolds, who seems to be one of the main leaders on the team this year. Gresham also said the biggest competition so far seems to be Richwoods, Washington, and Metamora.

Pursell, Benson run at State meet

By Hailey Adams

Sophomore T.R. Pursell and freshman Nicole Benson represented LCHS at the State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 6 at Detweiler Park.

To qualify for the State meet, the team had to place in the top five teams and be in the top five individual runners. Overall, Pursell placed 75th out of a total of 12,000 individuals, and Benson placed 73rd out of a total of 8,000 girls competing this year.

Head coach Clint Lafary said, "They both ran incredible races. They ran the best they had ever ran during the State meet, and they worked well under pressure to represent Limestone the best that they could."

Regarding his running year overall, Pursell said, "This was one of the best years of my life."

Mid-Illini
All Conference
selected

Football

First Team

Chris Andrews,
Special teams
Dane Malmberg, OL
Derek Slater, DB

Second Team

Keith Corpus, QB
Mike Horvath, OL
Austin Rager, LB
Brad Wright, DE

Soccer

Second Team

Kyle Holmes
Alex Motsinger

All State Team

Kyle Holmes
Alex Motsinger
Matt Reynolds

Cross Country

First Team

Nicole Benson
Chris Brown
T.R. Pursell
Clay Staley

Second Team

Nick Holmes

Volleyball

Second Team

Katie Thomason

Redmon excels on softball field

By Aaron Smith

Sports play a key role in many lives of students here at Limestone, but not all of the athletes are as dedicated or involved as senior Stephanie Redmon.

During most of Redmon's life, she has been involved in one sport or another. She started playing softball when she was six years old and has played ever since. She has also been involved in track, volleyball, and wrestling.

Of all the sports that Redmon has played throughout her life, softball is her all time favorite. She likes to play softball because of the fundamentals, but the biggest reason she likes softball is because it is the most competitive sport, in her opinion.

Over the summer Redmon was very busy balancing her time between family, friends, work, and two softball teams. She kept a schedule of all of her events.

However, Redmon would not complain; her summer job was not very far from the softball diamond. She

umpired and lined the diamonds for the LGSA.

Redmon played on two teams this summer. One team that she played on was the Metamora Firebirds. This team won three World Series qualifying games, won the NSA State, as well as fourth place at the World Series. The team also made it to Nationals. In the final round, Redmon won the MVP of the game.

Redmon also played on a softball team in the fall that lasted six weeks. This softball season overlapped with the school volleyball season. Redmon put the school volleyball team first before the softball team, even though softball is her favorite sport. Redmon also plays softball for Limestone and has played on the varsity level since she was a sophomore.

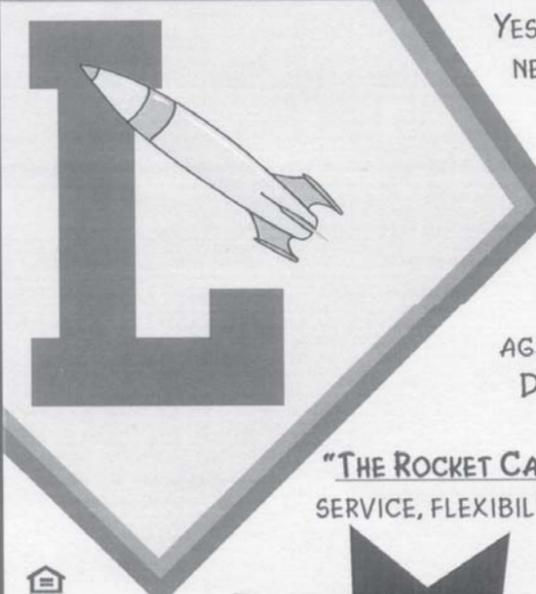
She is also hoping to play either softball or volleyball in college. So far, Redmon has received four offers from colleges, Parkland College; Lake Forest College; Kentucky State; and the University of Kentucky, to play for their teams.

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