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Up & Coming

January 2006

- January 4
School resumes
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30pm)
- January 5
Senior cap/gown meeting- auditorium (10:30am)
Key Club board meeting- Room 15 (3:00 pm)
- January 7
Key Club Holiday Embrace
- January 8
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (3:00-4:30pm)
- January 9 through 12
Spring musical auditions- Room 79 (3:00-8:00pm)
- January 10
Senior cap/gown order- auditorium foyer (5A-5C)
Key Club meeting- Room 15 (7:15 am)
- January 11
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30 pm)
Freshman class officer elections (5A-5C)
- January 12
Senior cap/gown order- auditorium foyer (5A-5C)
- January 16
No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30pm)
- January 17
Speech Mid-Illini tournament- Dunlap (4:00pm)
- January 19
Key Club game night- Snack bar (5:00-8:00pm)
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30pm)
- January 21
Wrestling (F/S) Mid-Illini tournament- Metamora (9:00am)
- January 22
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (3:00-4:30pm)
- January 24
Key Club meeting- Room 15 (7:15am)
- January 25
Talent Show- auditorium (7:00pm)
- January 26
Key Club board meeting- Room 15 (7:15am)
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30pm)
- January 28
Wrestling (V) Mid-Illini- East Peoria (9:00am)
- January 31
Key Club meeting- Room 15 (7:15am)
Club volleyball- auxiliary gym (7:00-8:30pm)

32 years of LCHS tradition



Junior madrigal singer Kelly Kooken enjoys herself at the 32nd annual madrigal dinner. Sitting with Kooken at the dais are sophomores D.J. Lucas and Tara Boyer and juniors Wes Urish, Brandon Chandler, and Anne Heien. The madrigal dinner ran from Thursday, December 8 through Sunday, December 11 and was yet another outstanding success.

Senior fundraises for Katrina victims

By Megan Wendland

On Sunday, November 20, the Limestone Key Club and Student Council hosted a chili supper to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Led by senior Tricia Lofthouse, the effort was an outstanding success.

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-Senior Tricia Lofthouse

Lofthouse first began thinking of what she wanted to do during the most intense week of Hurricane Katrina.

She stated, "After watching the news, I felt communities should come together and raise as much money as possible. I thought about what I would want if I was stranded on a roof for days. If it were me, I would want people to help."

The first thing she did to promote her effort was talk to Key Club advisor Kathy Burke. Lofthouse told Burke the ideas she had about fundraising. Burke then went to Superintendent William Beach and asked if

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the LCHS Key Club could sponsor a chili supper to raise money for the hurricane relief.

Lofthouse then got a letterhead from the school to take to area businesses to ask for raffle donations.

In the end, she collected over fifty raffle donations. She made flyers, advertised with area newspapers and websites, and sold advanced tickets to the dinner. Student Council also helped out with the ticket sales. Two organizations that also donated to the effort were Saint Ann's Church and TEC (Teens Encounter Christ).

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Simple Inspirations

Manners and maturity: Are they lacking in cafeteria?

By Danielle Richmond

Food. In my mind, it belongs in either one of two places: either on your plate or in your mouth. It does not belong on the floor or on the chair next to you or down someone else's shirt. And it *certainly* does not belong flying through the air 90 miles per hour, crash landing on someone else's meal.

Which is why I am simply astounded about all of the different places I have been finding food in our cafeteria. Just the other day, I nearly sat on a lovely milk carton that had somehow ended up in my seat.

Do not fool yourself! That isn't the only instance I have been troubled by someone else's mess. I am constantly stepping on napkins, wrappers, and other slippery objects plastered to the lunchroom floor. And worse of all, hardly a day

goes by that some complete idiot isn't throwing something at me or my tablemates.

Don't get me wrong, we all like to have a little fun at lunch: little food fights, rowdiness among friends... Yeah, that's all cool! Lunch is our free time to relax and have a little fun. However, it is NOT a time to abandon all signs of table manners and maturity. You who are causing the disturbances need to learn that fun is not fun when you are disturbing others around you.

Now, I'm not going to mention names or anything (ahem), but there seem to be a select few of you who have a hard time of figuring this out. Hopefully you will soon realize that you are starting to become extremely annoying. Real annoying. So annoying, in fact, that I am now writing an article about you... to display my annoyance and to hopefully

get the message across... Have some common sense. Quit acting like a kindergartener!

I suppose you think I'm getting too worked up over such a simple subject. But what is simple is obviously not simple enough for you to figure out. What about the words GROW UP is hard to understand??

If you are interested in learning a little cafeteria courtesy, read on. I am offering you a free education.

Danie's Cafeteria Courtesy

1. Stop Throwing Food.
2. Act Your Age.
3. Display Better Manners
4. Show Some Maturity and Intelligence.

Please remember you are not acting cool or funny or macho. The only message you are sending out is that you are immature, ill-mannered people who need to grow up and get a life.

Get the message yet???

From the Editor's Desk...

Remember driver's courtesy during winter months

By Megan Wendland

"Sleigh bells ring. Are you listening? In the lane, snow is glistening..." Snow! The winter season is now upon us, and I must say, it brings a great deal of beauty with it. We get showered in the cold, white bliss of winter. However, it becomes quite a hazard when people have forgotten how to handle their vehicles amidst the holiday weather.

From the editor's desk this month, I want to focus on the terror that occurs when a sheet of snow hits the ground and the population of Peoria tries to drive. We've all been there. We were out on the road when snow began to fall and stick to the ground. The people of our great city have a lovely tendency to forget how to drive. It is as if the white of the snow ran an eraser across their minds.

The first snowfall of this

year, I noticed that this very thing happened to many members of the Bartonville/Limestone population. Rather than driving at a safe speed, people were driving ten miles per hour, hitting their brakes every ten seconds, nearly causing wrecks that would have been easily avoidable. I'm not saying that everyone has to drive the speed limit or drive in a reckless manner, but too much caution is often unsafe.

Also, I think the snow cleared the knowledge of parking from everyone's brains. I am guilty of parking kind of crooked after lining myself up with other cars, but some people took it out of control. It was completely unnecessary to park three rows deep, knowing that not everyone leaves school at the same time. What if an emergency would have occurred and

someone would have had to get out of the parking lot immediately? They would have had to track down the students who parked behind them. It was just an illogical move on some peoples' parts.

Even with all of the complaints, the snow makes for a beautiful holiday season. This year around the holidays, just keep in mind that other people are on the road as well. Embrace everything you have to be thankful for and show some holiday spirit to everyone. After all, that is what this season is all about—giving and caring for the ones we love. Also, keep a smile on your face, and never quit believing in miracles. As someone once said, "Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles."

Opinion Poll

What is your favorite Christmas present? Why?



"Getting to see all my family at once."

-Sophomore Mario McCart



"My trip to Hawaii last Christmas break."

-Senior Brittany Bennett



"A painting easel so I can set my canvases on something; I got it from my mommy."

-Junior Alli Wallis



"A karaoke system so I can sing. I got it from my grandpa."

-Freshman Ariana Malloy

Say What?

By Elysia Cox

When does political correctness go too far? The other day I was in an epilepsy chat room (Yes, I have epilepsy!) talking with other teenagers who have epilepsy too. All of a sudden, this woman, who isn't epileptic, started a rant about how we "need to stand up for our political rights and declare ourselves not epileptics but people with epilepsy." Excuse me, but isn't an epileptic and a person with epilepsy the same thing?

So when does political correctness go too far? I'm getting pretty tired of everybody tiptoeing around life because they are afraid of offending others. You are not going to insult me because you call me an epileptic. And I don't think I should have to apologize because I have a Christmas tree in my house. Yes, a Christmas tree. Not a holiday tree. I may not know the reason why the Christmas tree was started, but it is part of my family's traditions.

However, there are many extremists out there who

center their lives around finding new and complex names for items that have names that have been fine with the public for years. Why? Do they feel they are helping the world? I don't know, but they sure are annoying!

For example, how many of you know what an agricultural product organizer is? That is the "correct" way of saying a grocery store bag boy. That simple term has now been made into a title that many people may have trouble pronouncing.

If I were to be politically correct, then I would no longer be a brown haired girl. Oh no, I would be a darker than light hair pre-woman. I'm sorry, but I am not going to bother myself by saying all those words just to say what I am.

If you feel like being "politically correct," think about it first. Think about why you are saying it that way, for it means the same thing. A new name won't change the meaning. If you're lazy, you're still lazy no matter that some people might now call you motivationally dispossessed.

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Rhetorical Rockets initiate season with championship trophy

By Ian Henderson

The Limestone Speech Team has had one of its greatest starts to a speech season that they have ever had when the Rhetorical Rockets took first place at their first three tournament competitions.

The Rockets' first victory was at their very own Early Bird Speech Invitational. The team invited a total of fourteen schools, who came from as far as Charleston to Galesburg. The Rockets walked away with a solid victory as they won with their total team points of 71 to Normal Community's 58.

Their second victory was just as big, if not bigger; in only their second tournament, the Rockets not only won first place but also beat Richwoods, a team that they have often come close to beating but still have never quite been able to beat before.

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-Speech coach Jeri Look

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 Limestone's third victory, although not won on such a large of margin as their



The Limestone Speech Team opened their season with a championship win at their own tournament, the Early Bird Invitational. They also won the championship trophy at the next two tournaments they competed at, beating the competitive Richwoods' speech team. Although the team is largely made up of younger members, speech coaches Jeri Look and Zach Binder are looking forward to a great season with their team.

others, was the biggest one of the three. This speech tournament took place at Metamora High School. This tournament stipulated that no team could have more than two competitors in each event. Up until then, the speech team was able to have as many as three in an event, allowing them to take total advantage of the large numbers on their team.

With only two competitors in each event, Limestone relied solely on their talent to win, and it came as no surprise as the results came in. That tournament victory proved that there is so much more than numbers to this team as they came in first yet again over their top rival Richwoods, beating them by one point.

With the speech team having established themselves as a real force to be reckoned with, they signed up to compete at the Bloomington Tournament of Champions, a tournament where they would face off against competition they won't even see until the Sectional tournament.

Here Limestone faced thirteen of the toughest schools in the area. The speech team couldn't hold on to their perfect record against these tough teams; however, they earned an impressive fifth place with eight team members advancing to the final round for the fourth straight week.

Both speech coaches, English teachers Jeri Look and Zach Binder, are extremely happy with the team's success. Look commented, "This team is a special group. They take competition seriously and are proud of taking this team to a new level. Mr. Binder and I are really excited about this team and its potential for the whole season."

The team competes every Saturday in January. Come out and support your Rhetorical Rockets.

Pratt's classes read to send books to Katrina victims

By Danielle Richmond

To me, reading is more than just a hobby. It's practically half my life! I love to read... I read when I'm feeling down, when I'm bored, or when my life just goes completely crazy and I need a way to escape for a little while. Fiction, non-fiction, biography, fantasy, humor, science-fiction...I love all kinds of books. And I know I am nowhere near alone in my love for books.

This is why I know that all of you fellow bookworms will be just as delighted as I was to hear what Special Education teacher Marsha Pratt and her classes have cooked up this month.

Through a book order catalogue that Pratt applies to frequently, Pratt and her classes were sent a single, two by four poster with a hundred little pictures of books dotting the front. The purpose? To encourage reading and help others.

The instructions that came from the catalogue company stated that each time a student read a book, one of the little books should be signed off on the poster. Once every single little book on the poster has been signed off, the poster is to be folded up and sent back to the cataloging company. If this task is successfully carried out, then the company will reward Mrs. Pratt's and her class's efforts in a gift of holiday cheer and goodwill by sending a hundred of their books free of charge to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

I have got to say, that is one of the best ideas I have heard in a long time. By simply picking up a book and doing what they love, students at our school will be making one hundred less fortunate children feel some love in the world of books and imagination this holiday season.

Student lockers help teach English class value of writing clearly

By Danielle Richmond

Think of some words you could use to describe your English class on an everyday basis. My guess is that fun is not one of them. Boring, maybe. Sometimes interesting, I guess. Even durable. But definitely not loveable. I mean, after all, it is work. And that's far from fun.

In Billie Madison's freshman English class, however, the situation is different. A teacher who has been teaching for many years, with her student's best interest at heart, Madison feels a need to spark the students' interest in the subject. And I have to say, it seems to work.

When I first went to interview the class, they had just finished studying the various types of writing: expository and persuasive styles. Expository writing, they explained to me, is "a way of writing that tells you how to do something, or it explains. Persuasive is meant to be writing to persuade, to help others to see your point of view."

It seemed like a mouthful to me. I asked them how they had managed to remember it all. The class proceeded to tell me about this assignment.

For the expository section, each student wrote detailed directions to their lockers from the classroom, and then they swapped directions and journeyed off to find each other's lockers only by using the written directions. The class obviously learned a lot from the assignment. The class said, "It taught us how important it was to write clear directions. Otherwise, we'd get lost."

To teach the persuasive portion of writing, Madison assigned her class a debate. Each student had to choose a side and then had to convince their classmates. "It was fun," agreed the class. "Better than doing plain old school work all the time..."

Madison's class had fun learning the two styles of writing, even if it didn't really feel like learning.

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"I wanted to get the Limestone community involved and raise at least \$2,000 for the Salvation Army and Harrison County Schools in Gulfport, Mississippi. I believe we accomplished that goal. Over thirty people from Limestone helped bake and bought raffle or dinner tickets. With all of the help, we were able to donate just over \$2000 to the Salvation Army, and we gave \$120 to Harrison County Schools for supplies," said Lofthouse.

Lofthouse was very pleased with the response she got from community volunteers. Along with Key Club and Student Council, Bartonville Better Banks contributed. They made a generous donation of \$100.

Lofthouse would also like to thank the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Limestone Independent News*, everyone who spread the word about the effort, all of the businesses that donated raffle items, Limestone faculty members who brought in baked goods, and everyone who attended the chili dinner.

"Limestone has the power to change lives. If you feel an urge to help a cause, do not be discouraged just because you are only one person. Every small effort makes a difference, and one effort can turn into many," stated Lofthouse.

Tricia ended the interview with an inspiring story by an unknown author that she feels explains what one person can do. "While walking along a beach, a man

saw thousands of starfish the tide had thrown onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean during low tide, the starfish were dying. He observed a young man picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back. After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer said to the young man, 'There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. It would be impossible for you to get to all of them. There are simply too many. You can't possibly save enough to make a difference.' The young man smiled and continued as he picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the ocean. 'It made a difference to that one,' he replied."

Growing your money, living your dreams

LCHS seniors learn how to invest their money

By Mallory Fawcett

How would you like the opportunity to grow your money? Everyone has heard the saying, "Money does not grow on trees," but I have a different view now. Bringing light to the subject, Mr. Phil Unes wants to know: "Have you ever considered investing your money into the stock market?"

On Tuesday, November 8, Unes, a financial consultant, spoke to Mr. Harlan Kennell's first and fourth hour consumer education classes about the value of investing. He explained why people should invest their money and gave tips on how students can make their money grow.

1. Why should a person invest his money?

According to Unes, "People today do not get rich by just having a job." Therefore, people need to use their money in order to make more money.

Jobs are not the only source of income today and jobs have not been the only source of income for a very long time. Unes explained, "Bigger income is earned by

owning a business," so unless a person owns his own business, he will not necessarily become rich. If a person invests his money in a company, for example, then he becomes a part owner in the company he is paying into.

However, be aware that most people try to invest in growing companies, but if the company goes bankrupt, there is no money to return to its shareholders.

2. How do I begin investing?

Before you begin investing, you do need to have parental consent if you are under the age of eighteen. Once that issue is taken care of, Unes encourages a three step process to achieve success. He said, "Save for yourself first, be disciplined, and do not think [you are going to] get rich quick." Following these three simple rules will help you invest wisely.

1. *Save for yourself.* With the money left over after paying cell phone bills and car insurance, we

should do something productive with the money instead of just spending it today instead of saving it for tomorrow. According to Kennell, students can still invest with limited funds. He said, "Money that is out of sight is out of mind." He means that you should forget about the chance of losing money and invest in something you will feel good about investing your hard-earned money into.

2. *Be disciplined.*

According to Unes, investments build up over time and gain interest; therefore, "It takes a smidgen of discipline [to invest wisely]."

3. *Be patient.*

Unes cautions students not to think they will get rich quick. Investing takes discipline and patience because it takes years to build wealth through stocks. Unes explained, "People could get addicted by over-analyzing and over-trading. (You must try to) stick to it, look at the big picture. Always look for long term results, not just short term."

The good thing about buying and selling stock is the shares bought can usually always be sold. "Just one click of the mouse, and a buyer is found," said Unes.

The price of stock is determined by the buyers and sellers and what information is known about the company. So, when the prices of shares descend, people sell them because their value went down and others buy them because they are cheaper, but they are still growing. As a result, when people buy more of the shares, the company grows, and the price of the stock goes up. Therefore, "You want to invest in companies that are growing," explained Unes.

When Unes invests in the stock market, there is one question that always rises in his mind: "How else will I have money for retirement, my children, and my grandchildren?" This is also what you should ask yourselves. His story of investing began when he was sixteen years old and he was

saving up lump sums of money. He decided to first invest a one thousand dollar deposit into a mutual fund. Then one year later, in 1988, he invested another one thousand dollars in a little, four year old company called Microsoft. Today, the shares that he bought seventeen years ago are now worth over ten thousand dollars. Unes explained, "My friends were behind me all the way, rooting me on and asking for help when they began to invest themselves."

Unes's interest in the stock market led him to a career as a financial consultant. His job revolves around buying and selling shares reasonably. Financial consultants take emotion out of money decisions, bring sensibility to decision making, and help others plan their finances, their taxes, and managing their stocks. Most importantly, a consultant helps bring the reality of investing to the surface by letting his clients see the bigger picture and make better decisions.

News Notes

Students of the Month recognized

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Megan Wendland has been named December's Academic Student of the Month based on her academic achievements.

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

Tech-Prep Student of the Month for November

The Industrial Technology Department nominated senior DeWayne Pedersen-Davis for November's Tech-Prep Student of the Month. The department recognized Pedersen-Davis's leadership roles and academic achievements in his auto classes.

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

Tech-Prep Student of the Month for December

The Business Department has nominated senior Randall Matarelli for December's Tech-Prep Student of the Month.

Matarelli has earned A's in all of his business classes and is also an honor roll student and active in extra-curricular activities.

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

Key Club helps Salvation Army

The LCHS Key Club is taking part in a project with the Salvation Army. The club members will be sorting and organizing toys and clothes for local children starting December 17. On December 22, Key Club members will distribute the gifts to local families along with a Christmas dinner.

Annual winter choral concert a success

The 2005 winter choral concert took place in the Limestone Community High School auditorium on Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Treble Choir, Soprano Alto Choir, Madrigal Singers, and Concert Choir were all instructed by music teacher Briana Nannen and accompanied by Annette Boyer.

The concert began with a performance by combined choirs, who sang "Long is our Winter." Then the Treble Choir sang "A Round about the Manger" and "A Christmas Wish."

Following the Treble Choir, the Soprano Alto Choir sang "God's Son This Day To Us Is Born" and "The Innkeeper's Carol" with featured soloist Theresa Sanders, freshman.

The Madrigal Singers delivered their performance next, singing the following songs: "A Little Pretty Bonny Lass," "A Spotless Rose," "Good News," "The Blessed Son of God," and "Yuletide Fires."

Following the Madrigal performance, senior Colleen Swanson performed solo, singing "The Angel Song."

After Swanson's solo, the Concert Choir performed "Cantate Domino" and "What Sweeter Music" with two featured soloists, junior Sarah Hanlon and sophomore Spencer Simmons.

Nannen ended the concert with a performance by the combined choirs. The combined choirs sang "Worthy is the Lamb." The performance by all choirs and soloists was wonderful, and the audience enjoyed the show.

LCHS hosts annual senior citizens' holiday luncheon

On Thursday, December 15, the annual senior citizen luncheon was held in the Limestone cafeteria.

White table clothes were placed on the tables with poinsettias in the center. A gift drawing was held for entertainment, and dinner attendees received gifts donated by the community.

Food was prepared by LCHS's cafeteria workers and Ms. Ida Picco's food service class. The meal consisted of turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and pumpkin pie. Beverages were served by Ms. Karol Gibb's creative fashions class.

Scholastic Bowl team starts season strong

On Saturday, December 3, the LCHS Scholastic Bowl Team competed in a tournament at Central High School.

Defeating teams from Normal, Brimfield, and East Peoria along the way, the Scholastic Bowl Hotties made it to the final round undefeated.

In a close game, the team lost the final to Peoria Heights.

Toss-up leader at the Central High Tournament was senior Kyle Hovey, followed closely by senior J.T. Meier and rookie Nick Ricca, another senior.

Business law classes visit local court to try assigned cases

Business teacher Jill Warren and her Business Law Classes visited the Peoria County courthouse on December 2 in order to put into effect the techniques they had been studying in class.

For the past month, Warren's classes have been working in groups, putting together actual court trials, such as Barr vs. Barr, a child custody case.

Students were assigned jobs as either attorneys or witnesses. The attorneys were responsible for writing out cross-examinations, and the witnesses had to type up a direct for their attorneys.

The business law students all used their knowledge from class and brought it into the courtroom for a great day of mock trials.

Limestone Welcomes New Faculty

Mrs. Julie Margenthaler



Birthdate: October 26th
College Attended: SIU Edwardsville
Hobbies/Pasttimes: Boating, watching basketball, spending time with my family
Subject/grade currently teaching: English 3,4 and functional math
Why you want to be a teacher: To have a positive influence on students and help them achieve their goals
Your dream vacation: To go to a spa on an exotic island
Your favorite high school memory: Prom and football games
The adjective that best describes you: Caring
What your friends say about you: I'm a good listener
Your favorite movie: *Sleepless in Seattle*
Your favorite food: Tacos

Mrs. Stephanie Rzeszutko



Birthdate: April 1st
College attended: Bradley University, DePaul University
Hobbies/Pasttimes: Running, reading, and travel
Subject/grade currently teaching: Marching, concert, beginning, and jazz bands--all grades
Why you want to be a teacher: To give students a chance to have fun and learn music
Your dream vacation: Italy or Ireland
Your favorite high school memory: Band competitions or trips
The adjective that best describes you: Quiet
What your friends say about you: That I'm trustworthy
Your favorite movie: *Sneakers*
Your favorite food: Anything Italian

Working for a Grade

Industrial Cooperative Education (Grades 11, 12)

Prerequisites: Must be sixteen years old, junior or senior status, and currently enrolled in a training level Industrial Technology course or approved alternate.

Length of Course: One Year Elective Course

Industrial Cooperative Education is the capstone course for junior or senior students who are interested in continued competence in the areas of automotive, metals, graphic arts, electronics, woods, and drafting/CAD. The course framework prepares students for employment in conjunction with the individual vocational needs of each student. The requirements include the related class and the on-the-job experience supervised by the teacher/coordinator and by the employer. The supervised work activities assist the student in gradually acquiring the appropriate attitudes and skills necessary to be successfully employed. The job-training site provides opportunities to practice and improve appropriate job skills and attitudes. Student placement is often on a continuum, beginning with in-school placement and followed by placement at sites within the community. Learning experiences are provided as specified in the student training plans/agreements. Entrance to this course will be determined by teacher recommendation. A related class (Related Studies 1,2) must be taken when enrolled in the Work Experience Program.

DeWayne Pedersen-Davis is a sales representative at Sears. He has been working there for 7 1/2 months and says that he really enjoys this job because of the people he works with. He said, "It's a fun environment there because the people always have fun and laugh while working."

On average, DeWayne works anywhere from 22 to 25 hours a week. I asked DeWayne if it is hard to balance school and work, but he replied, "Actually, not really because I get off at 5 p.m. every night."

Nothing too crazy or unusual has happened to DeWayne while on the job. The only bad part of his job is "when people get angry with me and curse."

Co-op students get out of school early, and DeWayne very happily told me that was true. I asked him if he enjoyed being out of school early; he responded with an enthusiastic "Yeah!". DeWayne also is lucky because he doesn't have to spend that much money on gas. He only has to drive 15 to 20 minutes to arrive at Sears. Being the lucky guy that Dwayne is, he saves his money just for that special something, car insurance!

So, if you want a get of school free card and a way to make some money while still getting school credit, check into co-op during your junior and senior year.



Home Ec: 'Boys Are Better Cooks'

Barry DeTrempe, a junior, and Jeff Hendricks, a senior, were the first boys known to take Home Ec. Both were planning to go into the field of cooking after high school. Some of the girls in the class believed it was a good experience to have boys in the class. Student Linda Krause said, "I think it's a riot because they can cook better than some of the girls." There are a few, however, who are unhappy with the change. Nancy Evans said, "I think that the teachers pay too much attention to the boys." Either way, thanks to Jeff and Barry, it is now acceptable to see boys in a Home Ec class.

'Winter Wonderland' Holiday Dance Theme

On December 23, LCHS had it's annual Christmas dance. The dance's theme was 'Winter Wonderland,' and it was scheduled to go from 8:30-10:30 p.m. The dance was held in the snack bar instead of the gym. The dance was semi-formal. The entertainment was provided by the Rockettes, the Rocketeers, and the Staccatos.

Ick! Ugh! Vulgar Kids Don't Like PDA

Mrs. Vaughn Frisk, the girls' counselor, commented, "Public display of (affection) any kind is generally considered to be in poor taste." Generally, this included holding hands. However, some students agreed that while kissing was still unacceptable, holding hands had become perfectly okay. Linda Guppy commented, "I don't think holding hands is bad. But kissing, that's out!" Betty Campen said, "It doesn't look too swift."

Senior Girls Take Homemaking Test

On Tuesday, December 7, the Betty Crocker Homemaking Test was given to all senior girls. This test was designed to measure the girls' attitude and knowledge of homemaking, interior decorating, and child care, as well as other domestic skills. The highest scoring girl from each high school received a Certificate of Merit and a pin. Those girls then competed in the state contest. The state winner received \$1500 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C., and Williamsburg, Virginia.

Junior wins Bel-Wood logo contest



By Tiffany Newtonson

Last month, junior T.R. Pursell won the logo contest held by Bel-Wood Nursing Home, earning \$200.

Bel-Wood Nursing Home held both a logo and a motto contest that ended on October 14. Art teacher Lisa Bentley requires all of her production graphics students to enter a contest during the year. She chose to have them enter the Bel-Wood contest because it was local and very prestigious, enabling someone's artwork to be displayed in the media.

The idea for his entry just popped into T.R.'s head. He wanted to show three people sitting on a bench next to a pond. Of course, the image only shows the bench and people. T.R. completed the winning design in only one class period.

Originally, the winner of either of Bel-Wood's contests would be given \$100, or their class would be

given \$100 if it were a high school student. When T.R.'s design won, the nursing home awarded his class an additional \$100.

"I was very surprised and excited. I thought \$100 was very generous, but when I found out it was \$200, I was blown away," Bentley said. She had all of the students in T.R.'s class write down ideas for what they think their classroom needs, but nothing has been decided on for certain.

T.R. suggested that they hold onto the money for now because they will probably need something in the future. The things he mentioned the money might be used for were tape or a chainsaw.

T.R.'s design will be featured on Bel-Wood's newsletters, activity calendars, brochures, and television commercials.

Top Service Volunteers for December

Jennifer Ding



Year: Sophomore

Key Club Position: Secretary

Favorite Project: Santa Claus Parade
Favorite non-Key Club Activity: Playing piano

Morgan Slock



Year: Senior

Key Club Position: Member

Favorite Project: All of them
Favorite non-Key Club Activity: Working at Rave theater

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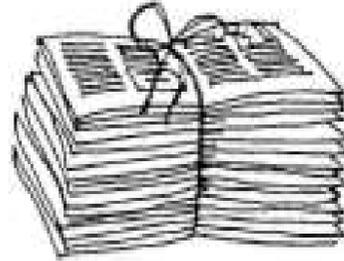
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Career Corner

with

Assistant editor of the *Journal Star*, Terry Towery



By Dara Peacock

Terry Towery is both Assistant City Editor and Assignment Editor of the *Peoria Journal Star* and has been working there for the past 23 years.

"I've always loved to write, I've always been curious, and I've always been a know-it-all. When I took those three things together and thought about my future when I was a teen, it was an easy choice. Also, I greatly admired Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of *Washington Post* and how they brought down a president during the Watergate scandal when I was a freshman in high school."

However, to be a journalist, you are required to know how to do more than just write. Other skills are required too. For instance, you have to be both a good listener and a good communicator. "Being a good writer is a given, but I think a healthy curiosity is an absolute necessity when it comes to being a good journalist," explained Towery.

Although being naturally curious does help in the journalism department, some schooling is also needed. According to Towery, "A higher education is a requirement these days — at least a bachelor's degree. It doesn't have to be in journalism. Personally, I like a combination of degrees such as English and Political Science."

Journalism can be a fun job, but it is also very fast-paced. If you like jobs that keep you busy, working at the *Journal Star* would be a great job for you. As Towery said, "Working at a large daily newspaper, there is no average day. It's almost always stressful, often an incredible rush and sometimes very frustrating or sad. It really depends on the news of the day. It's one of the main reasons I love my career — it's never boring or the same. No matter what, I always look forward to walking into that newsroom every single day, and that's not a bad thing after all these years."

So just how stressful is

Towery's job? Well, just think of it this way...he directly supervises all 30 city desk reporters and columnists and seven bureau people located in Chicago, Springfield, and Washington, D.C. He is also personally responsible for the local content of the newspaper. About this, Towery commented, "It's one of those middle-management jobs with a lot of responsibility and precious little authority. I also get to spend much of my day working with and coaching the reporters, which I thoroughly enjoy. While my job is among the most demanding at the newspaper, I absolutely love it and wouldn't trade it for the world."

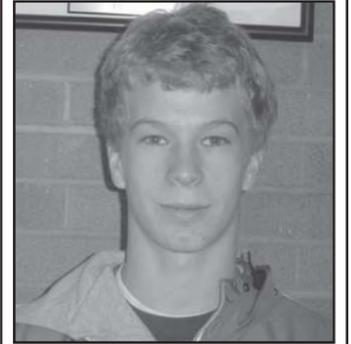
Towery hasn't always had the same job, however. He had to go through many different positions before he got to where he is today. Towery started as an intern in college and was offered a job as a part-time sports writer. After a year in sports, he was asked to join the nighttime news copy desk full time as a copy editor. That also lasted a year until he became a city desk reporter, a position that he held for 9 years. In 1991 he was promoted to Sunday editor, and in 1992 he became a columnist. Finally, in 1997, Towery was named assistant city editor and subsequently the newspaper's assignment editor. Those are the two positions he still holds today.

It is clear that Towery worked very hard over the years to get to where he is now. However, according to him, it pays to never give up.

"I truly believe that what I do is important," Towery claims. "A free press is one of the main cornerstones of our great Democracy, and I relish my little contribution. Over the years, I've had the good fortune to uncover wrongdoing, send some bad people to prison, help a lot of needy people, and meet more famous folks than I ever could have imagined when I was your age. I cannot think of a cooler job than this one."

Up Close & Personal with...

Matthew Cooper



If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

Gold. I hope to go to the Olympics and win a gold medal.

What are your future plans? U of I

What is your favorite Kool-Aid? Slammin' Pink Lemonade

If you could be any superhero, which one would you be?

Mighty Mouse because he's cool!

What would you do for a Klondike bar?

Body slam someone

Which high school event do you most like to attend?

Volleyball games

What is your favorite school lunch?

Taco-Taco Thursday

Which of Snow

White's seven dwarfs are you most like?

Dopey. He is the only one I know.

If you could go back in time, what would you do differently?

Work harder on wrestling more.

If your life were a movie, which one would it be?

Vision Quest

What is your most prized possession?

My Olympic silver medal from wrestling overseas. It's something I've worked hard for.

Who is your hero?

All of the veterans because they protect our freedom.

What adjective best describes you?

Spunky

In the spotlight

with Wes McKinney



Senior madrigal singer Wes McKinney sets the madrigal dais during fifth hour on Thursday, December 8. Although McKinney is busy with schoolwork, madrigals, and his band "Wesley McKinney and Friends," he is currently directing two plays in Cornstock's Lab Theater show, *10 by 10*. McKinney's show, which is based on the *Ten Commandments*, will be performed January 6-8 in the Lab Theater Center.

By Stephanie Motsinger

Passion is such a strong word, but passion is what senior Wes McKinney has. McKinney, who has a passion for music, writing, performing, and teaching, is a very busy little bee.

McKinney, who seemingly has no time to spare, is a Madrigal/Vocal Jazz singer. He also plays piano for the LCHS jazz band and the trumpet in marching band. McKinney enjoys acting and performing with his band, the "Wesley Mc Kinney and Friends." He also designs the lighting with junior Megan Larke for just about every event that takes place in the auditorium.

"The experience I will get in the long run will almost compensate for money."

-Senior Wes McKinney

It is this prior experience and his observation of every director he has had, including math teacher Kris Adams, English teacher Zach Binder, and music teacher Briana Nannen, that led McKinney to apply for the chance to direct one of ten shows at Corn Stock Theater. This past summer, McKinney was chosen to direct two of the ten plays in

10 by 10. His two plays are based on the Second and Fifth Commandments, and they will be presented at Corn Stock's Lab Theater Center.

McKinney's directorial debut at Corn Stock is completely a volunteer job. McKinney commented, "The experience I will get in the long run will almost compensate for money."

Because each show is only ten minutes long, McKinney only has to sacrifice two to three hours a week for rehearsals. However, the sacrifice will be well worth it. "The chance of directing a show is a rare opportunity at this age, and anything that will give me more experience in theater is something I want to be a part of," said McKinney.

The show, *10 by 10*, is a series of ten ten-minute one act plays loosely based on the *Ten Commandments*. Seven directors from Woodruff, Notre Dame, Washington, and Illinois Central College are directing these shows as well. The show runs January 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and January 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lab Theater Center.

Corn Stock Theater was founded in 1954 by a group of friends who wanted to bring theater-in-the-round in Central Illinois. In 1955 a partnership was formed with the Peoria Park District.

The new establishment was (and presently is) located in upper Bradley Park off of Park Road. During the summer, Corn Stock is an outdoor, community theater that performs under tents. However, during the winter months, the theater moves into the Lab Theater Center.

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-Senior Wes McKinney

After high school, McKinney hopes to attend Millikin University in Decatur and major in Music Education, Political Science, or Law. He looks to become either a high school music teacher or a lawyer or "whichever pays more in the long run," said McKinney.

Anyone interested in buying tickets to *10 by 10*, can call the Cornstock ticket office at 676-2196.

Scene it?

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire



Director: Mike Newell
Producer: David Heyman
Written by: Steve Kloves, based on the novel by J.K. Rowling
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson
Run time: 2 hours and 37 minutes
Rated: PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence and frightening imagery

Plot Overview

Also known as "Harry Potter 4," *The Goblet of Fire* is the fourth installment of the Harry Potter movies. It is based on the fourth book in the series with the same name.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire starts out dark, which reflects the overall tone. Though dark, some comedy is present. The plot centers around the mysterious "Tri-Wizard Tournament," in which three schools compete in three tasks for the "Tri-Wizard Cup." It's a story of adventure, comedy, fright, and even romance as Hogwarts hosts the Yule Ball.

Although there are many scenes or parts from the book that seem to be missing from the movie, Steve Kloves (script writer) has done a great job condensing the seven-hundred and thirty-four page book into a two and a half hour movie.

New characters include the mysterious (and creepy) Defense Against The Dark Arts Professor Mad-Eye Moody, played by Brendan Gleeson, nosey reporter Rita Skeeter, played by Miranda Richardson, and "new" Professor Dumbledore, played by Michael Gambon.

Viewer's Commentary by Caroline Miller

Personally, I thought the movie was really well made. They cut out one of my favorite scenes (the one where Hermione, Harry's bookworm friend of the last three years, starts up a 'house elf' liberation movement) but I understand, though, that in order to make such a long book into a movie, they had to sacrifice some parts of the book. However, I think that scene would have been fun to see.

This movie is probably my favorite of the Harry Potter series so far. It had far more humor and action compared to the other movies, even if I was ready for it to be over half an hour before it actually ended.

Even though I did enjoy the movie, I'm honestly not sure if it's a movie I could make through a second time at home. However, I am certainly glad I saw it in the theater.

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Limestone softball players travel to national tournament

By Leah McElhiney

"Let's play ball!" That's what freshman Jessica Dearing heard for a week straight this summer. Though it may have gotten annoying, Dearing has always had a love for softball. Dearing plays softball for the PGSA Lightning team. Her team went to West Cob, Georgia, to play in Class B Nationals against 31 other teams. Freshmen Rachel Burns and Katelyn Rupert were also on the team with Dearing. Having been on the same team for 4 years, the girls have made a close bond. There were about 12 girls on their team.

August 1-7 might seem like a long time for playing softball, but the girls had fun. They enjoyed spending time with the new friends that they have made on their team. Through thick and thin and even the small feuds the girls had over the seven days, they still stuck together and played their hardest. The conflicts might have been small, but some people just could not seem to forget about them. They were under a lot of stress at the time.

Sometimes Dearing would

wonder whether or not what their conflicts were over was even anything big. The team eventually came to the conclusion that in order to reach their goals in softball, they had to forget about their personal differences. The team eventually came through on everything and they were proud at what they had achieved. Their players learned a great lesson in teamwork. They all had to realize, whether they wanted to or not, that there is no 'I' in team.

"Lessons that are taught in sports can be brought out in everything that we do. We show all of our hard work and what we have accomplished in the past, but as we move forward, we must remember what we learned in the past may help us greatly in the future," Dearing said. Life is not always sports, but sports can be someone's life.

Seeing that the girls were in a hotel together, they didn't always eat as healthy as they should have. The girls did have curfews in the hotels at night, but that didn't mean that they were asleep. Considering that the girls lived so close at home, in Peoria, they realized that

this fun was limited and they all wanted to make the most of it. The girls, at the time, knew that they would be moving up next year to the 16 and under team. They were anxious to spend as much time as they could with their team at hand.

Since the girls are open to learning new experiences, with anticipation they will hopefully be joining the girl's freshman softball team this year at Limestone. They will be playing on a different team than what they are used to, so they know they will have to work hard to adjust to their new team. Past experiences will help the girls through their new beginning.

The girls all worked hard together to achieve 7th place. Burns, Dearing, and Rupert all had the time of their lives. Dearing knows that what they achieved was a once in a life time chance. Everyone on their team was proud of their 7th place. Friends and family of the girls were proud, and they too enjoyed their time. The girls will hopefully continue to play their hardest, and with a bit of confidence the girls will make their way back to Nationals next year.

Limestone's Superstar Athletes

Lindsey Johnson



Sport: Basketball cheerleading

Do you plan to play that sport in college? I hope to!
Birthday: October 28
Height: 5'1"
Grade: 12

Favorite color: Pink
Biggest role model: Kathy Thomason, my cheer coach. She always finds something positive in every situation.
Favorite class: Accounting because Mrs. Warren is my favorite, and I enjoy doing accounting.
What do you normally do to warm up for a game? Stunts, jumps, and tumble.
Major fears: I get scared sometimes that I'm going to get dropped on my head.
What do you usually do to celebrate after a game? Go out to eat!
What type of music do you listen to? Rap and R&B

Pablo Catalan



Sport: Wrestling

Do you plan to play that sport in college? Yes
Birthday: February 9
Height: 5'7"
Grade: 9

Favorite color: Blue
Biggest role model: Both of my brothers. They help me and support me in everything I do.
Favorite class: Biology. I like learning about different ways things live.
What do you normally do to warm up for a match? Try to get away from distractions to focus.
Major fears: Not knowing of an opponent.
Pre-match rituals: Rest and practice
What type of music do you listen to? Everything

Kayla Foiles



Sport: Basketball

Position: Center
Uniform number: 25
Birthday: October 2
Height: 5'9"
Grade: 12

Favorite color: Pink
Biggest role model: My grandma Cagle. I want to be just like her!
Favorite class: American Novel. I enjoy reading.
What do you normally do to warm up for a game? Stretching and drills.
Major fears: Bridges and spiders
What do you usually do to celebrate after a game? I hang out with my friends.
Off-season training: Working out and running
What type of music do you listen to? Everything

Sports Shorts

Boy's Basketball Team falls short at Metamora

Although they played a strong game, the Rockets were defeated by the Metamora Redbirds in play on Tuesday, December 6. The main faults on Limestone's behalf were too many fouls. They ended the first half with 17 free throws shot against them. Limestone ended the game with a 69-62 loss.

Leading scorers for the Rockets were senior Brandon Wikoff with 22 points and sophomore Kyle Graham with 11. The boys will play Dunlap away tonight at 7:00 p.m. Over holiday break, they will play in the Pekin Holiday Tournament on December 27-29. Then, after break, they're back home for a game against Canton at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to come out and support your Limestone Rockets!

Girl's basketball team keeps positive focus

The Limestone girl's basketball team is ready to show off its hard work at the next home game on Saturday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. against Canton. The team is made up of many seven core varsity players, two of which are senior captains Kelli Wolfe and Kayla Foiles. Some freshmen are also filling in when they are needed.

Varsity coach Stacy Seals commented that they are playing well as a team. She also said, "They work very hard. I can tell that they want to be there. They all come to games and practices with positive attitudes."

Seals made the comment that the girls are very coachable. The girls are hoping for a great season. Get out to the games and support your lady Rockets.

Wrestling team kicks off its season

The 2005-2006 wrestling season began on November 7th. Coach Jeff Schmider believes the biggest competition this year will be Canton and East Peoria. The team strength is good numbers, but its main weakness is that most of the team is very young.

Schmider's goals for this season are to have a full line up and have some sectional qualifiers. Senior Matt Cooper is this season's team leader. "Matt is the first one there and the last one to leave," commented Schmider.

Good luck to all wrestlers this season.

North Stars get off to a rough start

The Limestone Hockey teams are having a tough season going 0-5-1, losing against very good teams.

The North Stars lost against Richwoods 5-3 in a very grueling game on December 7th. The North Stars play at 8:00 p.m. at Owens Center on December 18. Come on out and support the North Stars.



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