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Up & Coming

February 2007

February 1

School Improvement Day – Early Dismissal (11:15am)

February 3

Snowflake-Café, Classrooms, and Auxiliary Gym (8:00am-5:00pm)

February 5

Mid-Illini Vocal Music Concert-Gym (Rehearsal at 5:00pm, Concert at 7:00pm)

February 8

Early Dismissal with Lunch (1:45pm) Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00pm-8:00pm)

February 9

No School-Parent/Teacher Conference (10:00am-1:00pm)

Key Club Kiwanis Chili Supper-Café (5:00pm)

February 11

Dodge ball Tournament-Auxiliary Gym (12:00pm-8:00pm)

February 12

No School- Lincoln's Birthday

February 15

Easter Seals Kickoff Assembly (10:00am)

February 17

Musical Rehearsal-Auditorium (9:00am-5:00pm)

February 19

8th Grade Preview Night-Auditorium and Café (7:00pm)

February 20

ICC Placement Tests

February 21

Fashion Show-Auditorium (7:00pm)

February 23

Food Fair-Café (All Lunch Hours)

February 24

Musical Rehearsal-Auditorium (9:00am-5:00pm)

Vice Versa Dance-Gym (8:00pm- 11:00pm)

Key Club (Spikes for Spastics)-Auxiliary Gym (TBA)

February 26

Easter Seals Closing Assembly-Gym (10:00am)

January 31, 2007

Behind the scenes at Madrigals



Madrigal singers Kiley Watson, Brandon Chandler, Sarah Hanlon, Wes Urish, and Amber Post perform at the annual Madrigal Dinner. Performances were held December 7-10, 2006. Photograph courtesy of *Amulet*.

By Leah McElhiney and Dara Peacock

The Madrigal Dinner: just three words can make memories that will last a lifetime. This school year the dinners were held on December 7, 8, 9, and 10. The dress rehearsal was held December 6, and it went fairly well regardless of the fact that the pages and wenchers were not as familiar with their lines as everyone had hoped for.

For those who do not know, the pages and wenchers escort people to their tables and serve them their dinner. The servers vary from sophomores to seniors, and they put a lot of hard work into everything that they do.

When the pages and wenchers were not serving, they spent what little extra time they had in the band room. After they served the guests they went back in the band room, only to find that it was time to line up and clear again. While in the band room, the pages and wenchers had just enough time to eat their dinners.

Since the pages and wenchers were supposed to act like they were from the olden times, they had to talk as if they had lived back then. The pages and wenchers were exhausted most of the weekend and into the next week, but despite their exhaustion, the students managed to keep smiles on their faces most of the weekend.

Other students who were involved were the art and industrial tech departments, table setters, line workers, chorus, foods classes, band members, students that help in the cafeteria on a daily basis, and many others. Every organization in the school contributed some kind of work to Madrigals. Whether it be a big help or a small, all the help was equally important.

Without the art department, the school would not have been decorated quite the same. The intensity was thick on Thursday December 6 because the students had

missed two days of school due to snow, and they had a lot of work to make up. Though the art students were behind, they pulled through and made all the decorations look remarkable.

The students who set the tables were equally stressed from all the hard work they had to do. Mrs. Zawlocki, Mrs. Gundy, and Mrs. Hayes were in charge of the students whom participated. When asked about table setting, Mrs. Zawlocki replied enthusiastically, "It was fabulous! The ladies were amazing to work with!" The students were expected to arrive at 7:30 am each day of Madrigals and to fold over 220 napkins and wash over 1,320 pieces of silverware.

Once they finished folding and washing, they had to place forks, knives, and spoons, a napkin, a coffee mug, a bowl, and a dinner plate at over 220 chairs. Though the students set the tables in record time, it still took over three hours

each morning. The table setters had a lot of fun and made memories that will last.

The band members and many other volunteers were in charge of keeping the guests merry all night long. The jesters kept the guests rolling on the floor with laughter, the tumblers kept the guests in awe with their amazing maneuvers, and the band members kept the guests hearts filled with music.

The foods classes were also a big help. They made it possible for each guest to leave with a complimentary bag of wassail mix. The students had to place the right amount of mix in each bag, tie the bag shut with a piece of string, and attach the wassail directions.

The students who worked in the kitchen were in charge of making food to feed over 220 people. They made three courses and a dessert. The kitchen workers arrived at around eight and had to stay

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From the editor's desk: Do we have "limited" rights?

By Sami Hubbard

The United States of America. This is a phrase that so many of us Americans take for granted; it is the name of the most powerful country in the world, the country we were so lucky to be born in. America is such a great country for one reason and one reason only: our rights; and if it were not for our government, we would not have any of these rights.

Sorry to any anarchists out there, but the whole idea have no government sounds a little dumb to me. Anarchists think that we do not really have rights when it comes down to it.

They think that without a government we would have real rights because we could do whatever we wanted, since there would be no laws.

Let me put it this way, when was the last time you went outside and had to be careful not to state your opinion about anything, because if you made your neighbor mad they could

kill you for it? Never, right? If we had no laws, what would be stopping them? If we had anarchy, this is something you would have to worry about everyday.

Some people take the rights that are given to us by our government for granted. They do not stop to think about what it would be like without rights or laws. But their American rights are the only reason they can even say they want anarchy, or that they do not like a law. In their idea of anarchy, they could do whatever they want because there would not be any laws. What they do not realize is that everyone else could do what they wanted too. That means people could steal from you, they could destroy everything you have, even kill you or a loved one and because of the lack of laws, no

punishment would be given to them.

Anarchists do not think that we have certain rights because there is a limit to our rights. The best example of a limit to our rights is the first amendment: freedom of speech, petition, assembly, religion, and press. Now there are limits to these, mostly in public places, because not everybody has the same beliefs and some views can be offensive to other people.

In school we have freedom of religion, but that does not mean anybody can make you believe in something that you do not. For example, a teacher can not make anybody pray in class or even say the pledge, because some religions do not believe in it. In school we have freedom of speech, but that does not mean you can run around the school saying

obscenities because you could offend somebody nearby.

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...When was the last time you went outside and had to be careful not to state your opinion about anything, because if you made your neighbor mad they could kill you for it?

No matter where you are, you have the right to petition as long as it is for something that is legal. You could not start a petition to allow you to you to bring a weapon to school, that would just be stupid because weapons are dangerous. The right to assembly is fine just about anywhere you go, as long as you are not doing anything illegal like drugs.

Freedom of the press is one right that affects me everyday writing for a school newspaper. Since I am writing for a school paper, I cannot say someone is stupid

or write an opinion that is going to cause problems in the school. I sometimes do not like that I cannot write whatever I want, but hey, I get over it. I know I cannot just say whatever I want because this is a school paper and not everybody agrees with what I think.

Back to the anarchists: we have a government with laws, rights and the whole nine yards. Though some laws have restrictions, this does not mean you need to overthrow the government. Here is what I say to all those people who whine and whine about not being able to do everything they want. Get over it; there is a reason why we have restrictions.

If you are an anarchist trying to go to a country with an overpowering government. I am sure you will come back and be a little more grateful for the "terrible" government we have and for all of those "limited" rights.

Inside my mind: Oh, the drama

By Dara Peacock

Well hello Limestone, how are you this month? I am afraid my column was absent from the December issue due to a shortened paper. Never fear, for I have returned. Let us just get right to the point, shall we?

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How do you think 99.9% of the fights get started in this school? It is because someone "heard" something about themselves, and he or she track down whoever supposedly said it. Most of the time, the accusations are incorrect.

This is high school. Like every other high school on the face of this planet, there are rumors. Someone hears something from someone else who heard it from this person

who heard it from that person. People talk about each other; it is just a fact of life. How many of you have ever said something bad about a fellow student to one of your friends? Everyone knows it has happened.

It will never end, of course. It is just one of those unfortunate things that will never stop. However, people need to at least try to control themselves. For instance, there are times when someone will make up something completely untrue about a person they dislike just to get back at them. Now come on, that is just ridiculous, not to mention immature. How do you think 99.9% of the fights get started in this school? It is because someone "heard" something about

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I can speak from experience on the victim side of the gossip exchange. My freshman year, there were three or four rumors circulating about me. I had no idea why they were started or who started them, but you know what? I did not care. I never tried to find out either. What does it really matter? Getting upset over it is not

going to solve anything. Why care what people think when it is not accomplishing anything? All it is going to do is give whoever started the rumor a sense of satisfaction at the fact that you are getting worked up over it. Hold your head high,

and make sure they know (whoever they are) that they are not bothering you in the slightest.

That is all of the insight I have for you at the moment. Until next time...

Our crazy weather! Art by Kelsi Cheek



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Words of experience

Hey! Down in front!

By: Jessica DeMoss

When the World Wrestling Entertainment, or WWE, came to Peoria on January 9, I was very excited because I had second row tickets. But of course, there is always someone in the audience who can ruin things for you, no matter what the situation. It could be the person next to you in the movie theatre who has already seen the movie seven times, and he or she decides that it is necessary to tell you the big surprise ending, just in case you dropped dead in the next two minutes.

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...He mocked me to the point that when I coughed, he coughed too, claiming there was "something" going around.

For me, it was the person who decided that he was the announcer for each and every

one of the matches for two entire hours, and called out every move that the wrestlers made in the ring. Then he yelled at me for cheering for whom, in his opinion, was the "wrong" person. Also, this is the best one, he mocked me to the point that when I coughed, he coughed too, claiming there was "something" going around. Yeah, he was imitating me to the absolute breaking point of my annoyance!

I, of course, got over it. It was just an annoyance that I felt the need to share with the world. The wrestlers soon distracted me. I am not as sure that everyone can be as easily distracted in other situations, so I suppose that I am the lucky one here. I mean, come on, I was only on national TV for two straight hours when the show was broadcasted! I am not sure if anything could have ruined my mood just about then.

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If you observe your surroundings, you can quickly realize that the audience etiquette can be poor in just about any setting! It seems that there are always people being thrown out of sporting events all the time. At commercials during the WWE TV tapings, there was a guy that started to chant rudely about "the guys in the yellow," referring to the security guards. Hello! The guys in the yellow then ejected him for being not so smart.

Back to my point on the people who ruin movies and sporting events for others—why?! If you are that person, stop it! You are not making anyone's life easier.

Say what?

How fashion is changing

By Emilee Cox

Did you know that it was once illegal to wear a bathing suit made of wool that covered your entire body from your arms to your knees because it was thought to be indecent? Did you know that before that, if you showed your ankles you were thought to be a hussy? Now girls are running around in mini skirts and tube tops. Times have changed.

Women used to wear long dresses from neck to feet. Most of the dresses had long sleeves and dark colors. Beneath their dresses, women would wear petticoats, corsets, and cotton slips. That is not exactly the most comfortable outfit.

Men used to wear suits and leggings everyday. Now they wear wife beaters and baggy jeans. Most guys, when given the chance, would take off their shirt anyway.

To the last generation, our clothing is now inappropriate and too flashy. To the generation before them, their clothing was thought to be the same way. Does anyone else see a pattern? We see the generation before us and tweak their fashions to fit our own wishes. The fashions have been tweaked so much that they do not even resemble what men and women used to wear.

We let our parents dress us until around age ten, and then we take fashion into our own hands. By age thirteen we are testing our limits, seeing how short we can go. It is a lot shorter than what used to be proper. Girls were not allowed to wear pants or jeans just fifty years ago.

As the years go on, women's clothes get smaller and smaller. While men's fashions get baggier. So what will happen years from now, when women's clothing cannot get any smaller and men's clothing cannot get any baggier? Will it all go back to the way it was? Will men have to wear full suits, and women have to wear long dresses and petty coats. Will the cycle start all over again?

When we have gone as short as we can go, we will have two options: we could either go back to the way it was when men wore suits and women wore full dresses and dresses under their dresses, or, hopefully in the far future, people will think it is okay to walk around with no clothes at all. This is where our fashion choices are taking us. No one knows when or even if it will stop. But one thing is for certain, our children will look strange to us and we cannot change that.

Have something to say?

Do you have an opinion on...

something in the news?

something at school?

anything at all?

If so...we want to print it!!!

Write or type your opinion and include your name and year. Then put it in the folder outside room 212 in the foreign language hall.

We would love to print your thoughts, but your opinion must be school appropriate! We will not print anything that is not suitable for the Limestone community.

Any questions to this policy should be directed towards the newspaper adviser Mrs. Hayes or the opinion editor Sami Hubbard.

What's Worse...

walking into the wrong bathroom or the wrong classroom?

"Class, because in the bathroom there is less people to see you."

Freshman Austin Bennett



"Bathroom, because there would be a bunch of boys in there who will see you."

Sophomore Courtney Braden



"Class, because there is a ton of people!"

Junior C.J. Pickett



"Bathroom; people would think you're a perv."

Senior Jason Brown



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until all the food was prepared. The students who helped in the kitchen had to do fairly well since cooking for Madrigals was their final exam for first semester.

"Most of my students seemed to enjoy their tasks during Madrigal food preparation. They all learned to work with recipes different from the ones that we use on a daily basis. I do not feel that this is a difficult final exam. Most of my students prefer a hands-on final rather than a paper and pencil exam... even though a short written exam score is also required into the final exam," Ms. Picco explained.

Once the food was prepared, the line workers had to make sure everything was in order for the pages and wenchos so the serving went smooth. The line workers also had to arrive fairly early in the morning. Sophomore Mackenzie Camp said, "It was a lot of work, but a ton of fun."

Line workers were not the only ones that had to arrive early. Chamber singers had to be at the school by 9:00a.m. and the Madrigal singers had to be there even earlier. While Madrigals worked on organizing the cafeteria, the Chamber girls scraped old wax

from the candles in the halls and snack bar and helped set up for the night.

After all the work was done, the hair and make-up rituals began. Somewhere in between, the singers received a break for lunch and whatever else needed to be done. The singers had to be back by 4:00p.m to finish preparing for the evening's events. The bathrooms were crowded with girls putting on dresses and adding finishing touches to hair and make-up before the guests began to arrive, at approximately 6:30p.m.

The Madrigals singers spent the night in the great hall with the guests, singing for them periodically. Chamber singers, however, only made a few appearances. They made rounds through the great hall twice at each dinner. At the end they would join the Madrigal singers, pages, and wenchos for the singing of "Silent Night."

After all that work, a silent night it was. Students and faculty put in so much effort, but it was all worth it. Christmas at Limestone just would not be the same without Madrigals.

Random acts of kindness

By Emilee Cox

Over the summer, I got the dumb idea in my head that I could ride my bike from my house, into Bartonville and to the Limestone Township pool. The pool, by the way, was not open! I really thought I could make it. So one day, I packed my swim suit in my book bag along with a bottle of water and headed out. I did not even make it past CEFCU before I stopped under a tree and nearly blacked out. My water bottle was small, and it was nearly empty. Besides that, the extreme heat was getting to me.

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I had just stood up and got back on my bike when someone called out to me from an SUV stopped in the middle of the road. "Do you want a ride?" the woman asked. I thought for a moment, my wariness fighting with my common sense. Should I get in her car? Then I noticed something: she was a soldier. My guess is that she had just come from the base, and here she was like a grace from God. I managed a nod and guided my bike across the

road and onto a small street that she had backed into.

We spent the next fifteen minutes fighting with my mountain bike, trying to get it into her car without hitting her little girl. I told her thank you about ten times before I even climbed into the front seat. As we headed into Bartonville, the opposite direction of where she had come, she told me her name was Chris, and I told her my name. The rest of the trip was a comfortable silence, broken once in a while by a few questions or comments.

Chris dropped me off at Alpha Park, offering to take me where I wanted to go, but I did not want to take up anymore of her time. I thanked her about ten more times and she drove off. Despite my wariness, I stumbled through Bartonville with a humbled heart. Finally, there was proof of humanity in this world.

When I got home, I thought about what had happened and realized, kindness is still needed. I believe sometimes we need someone to show a little bit of kindness in order to feel it within ourselves. This soldier is not only fighting for peace across the ocean, but also helping people here in our homeland.

Thank you Chris...wherever you are.

Busy bees

By Alli Wallis

For many students January and February are probably the two most fun-filled and greatly anticipated months of the school year. For Limestone's Student Council, it might be fun, but it is also busy and hectic with all the events they put together for our use!

The fun starts January 28 when Student Council has a Teeter Totter fundraiser. It is held at Northwood's Mall from 12pm until 4pm, and walk-up donations are greatly appreciated. Each Student Council member has to find two business sponsors and then Teeter Totter pretty much all day. This is the kick off of the Easter Seals activities.

Another fun day is the Dodge Ball Tournament. It will be held on Saturday February 11 from approximately 1p.m. until 8p.m. For more information on Dodge Ball, contact Teddy Delicath or Mrs. Allred in room 211.

Our most anticipated two weeks, February 15-26, focus on Easter Seals. These two weeks are filled with competition for raising money with the Battle of the

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New Teachers

 <p>Mr. Ginzel</p> <p>Subject teaching: Modern Physical Science Where, if, have you taught before: Student Teacher for LCHS College attended: ICC- Associates in Arts and Science, Bradley- Bachelors of Geological Science- Secondary Education Hobbies: Hunting, Camping, Flying RC Aircraft, Fishing, Spending times with family and friends (wife named Lexy, married three years) Favorite high school subject: Science, Chorus (Madrigal Singer at Richwoods) Favorite type of music: Accapella and Bluegrass Favorite restaurant: Texas Road House and Olive Garden</p>	 <p>Ms. Franklin-Dale</p> <p>Subject teaching: Biology Where, if, have you taught before: Indianapolis Public Schools for one year, Henry-Senachwine High School for five years College attended: Eastern Illinois University Hobbies: Reading, hanging out with friends, working at the zoo Favorite high school memory: Creative writing class Favorite radio station: 92.3 Favorite flavor of ice cream: Vanilla Which decade do you prefer; the 80's or the 90's: 80's</p>	 <p>Mr. Herridge</p> <p>Subject teaching: Special Education Where, if, have you taught before: 14 years - Guardian Angel Home, 2 years - Limestone Coached 14 years girls' basketball - Elmwood Jr. High and Varsity, Brimfield Jr. High College attended: Bradley University, with degrees in Teacher Education, History, Mass Communications, and Speech Production Hobbies: Tournament fishing, driving my kids to athletic events Favorite movie: <i>Apocalypse Now</i> Which soda products do you prefer; Coca-Cola or Pepsi: Pepsi product - Mountain Dew</p>
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Sexes. Though the money is important and helps Easter Seals to keep going, you can not forget the number one reason why we support Easter Seals: for awareness of people with disabilities. We want kids with disabilities to feel human too and for them to have friends. Easter Seals also brings awareness to all students at LCHS, because you can be sure that at least five students from this school will have a child with a disability in the future. Easter Seals will give them the knowledge to take care of their child and to know they have somewhere to go and they are not alone. "The number one thing the parents are scared of it is their kids not fitting in," explained Student Council advisor Ms. Bonifas.

On February 23, we also have the Food Fair. For all you new students, teachers and freshman who do not know about the Food Fair, let me fill you in. It is the most loved day of

the entire year! Well, at least during lunch. Different classes and organizations make a lot of food, and a big variety, and you can pay for it right out of your pocket. Yep, for those like me, who forget to put money on our cards, it is ok as long as you have the cash in you packet! Unfortunately, it is only one day long.

Last but not least, we have the Vice Versa dance. Every one should know what that is; if not, it is a school dance where the girls ask the guys out. Lucky for you, guys, you won't empty your wallets, because ladies, it is your turn to fork out the money! The dance will be held on February 24 from 8p.m. until 11p.m. Tickets are ten dollars a couple and ten dollars a single. Each person can bring one date, and they do not have to go to our school. When you buy your ticket, just put down what school or recent school your date goes to. When your date comes to the dance, he or she needs a valid I.D. Your date can not be younger than a freshman though. Now you should already know the

typical rules—just have a fun night.

Remember, all the money from the Teeter-Totter-Athon, the battle of the sexes, the Food Fair, and Vice Versa goes to the Easter Seals children.

This is a time that brings everyone together and can really change a person's life. I personally want to thank Ms. Bonifas and Mrs. Allred along with all the Student Council members for keeping Easter Seals going! These activities are what keep Student Council busy, so you can thank them the next time you see them.



With Phil Luciano

By Kelby Poplett
Do you love to write and talk to people? If so, a professional journalist is a career you should be shooting for. I had the opportunity to interview Phil Luciano, a journalist for the Peoria Journal Star. He also hosts his own radio show, which comes on at 4:00 p.m. every week day. Luciano's job for the Journal Star is to write news columns and to find interesting stories.

"You meet a lot of interesting people when interviewing, and you also make a lot of new friends."

Luciano is a very busy man, but he found the time to talk to me and give me advice to pass on to any Limestone student looking for a career in journalism. He has been

working for the Peoria Journal Star for a long time, and he has seen and written many amazing stories—very humorous ones at that. According to Luciano, "You meet a lot of interesting people when interviewing, and you also make a lot of new friends."

You do not need to go to college to become a journalist, but it will help if you attend Maryland State University or Michigan State University. He believes those are probably the best college options for a journalist. He said, "You don't have to have a lot of experience to become a journalist, but it would help you out if you joined newspaper in high school."

If you are the shy type, then get behind the lens of a camera and take some snap shots for the paper or even write comics. "The Journal Star is really exciting to work for, there are so many things that happen to a journalist—it is just one big adventure," Luciano said. So if you are interested in writing or if you just want to try something new, then try journalism and have the adventure of your life.

Up Close & Personal



Name: Kiley Watson
Who was your favorite Ninja Turtle?: Ralphy!
How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?: I don't really know. I don't like Tootsie Rolls.

What is your favorite scent?: Warm vanilla sugar

What animal would you be?: Spider monkey

How do you eat Oreos?: I dip them in milk until they get slightly soggy; then I eat them!

What would make you push the Easy Button?: When I can't do my stunts for cheer

If you were an emoticon, which would you be?: Feisty!

What song best fits you?: the "Cuppycake" song

What has been your favorite high school event?: Madrigals

What is your favorite high school memory?: Winning state for cheerleading

Where will you be this time next year?: Western Illinois University

Whom do you admire?: Kathy Thomason and Ms. Nannen



December/January 1971-1972

Exchange student from Finland

In 1971, Limestone played host to a foreign exchange student from Finland. Her name was Liisa Lehtakari and she was 17. In this article, she talked about how America schooling differed from Finland schooling. She told the reporter, "In Finland you have no choice of what subjects you can take. All students take the same courses."

Book censorship

In this article, Mary Beth Kinsella gave her opinion on the censorship of books at Limestone. She said the people who make it necessary for us to have censorship are a few parents "who want their children to hear no evil, see no evil, or in this case, read no evil." She called them naive and claimed, "They don't need to shelter their kids from the big bad world anymore."

Spalding strikes again

In December of 71, the Limestone boys basketball team suffered their third loss to Spalding, 63-58. Reporter Jim Rindfleisch relived the game by saying, "The clock read 1:28 in the final period when William Smith made a driving lay-up to make the score 63-58, Spalding. Then with seven seconds remaining, Dick Kelly canned two free throws to ice it up for the Irish."

Christmas with the Key Club

By Tiffany Newton

The Limestone Key Club hosts a Christmas basket and gift giveaway each holiday season in association with the Salvation Army and the Peoria Journal Star. This year, the project ran December 14 through

toys were returned to Limestone to await sorting by club members after school on Friday. Sorting took several additional days. Special note must be given to Kiwanis advisor Kathy Burke and faculty advisor Amy George, who spent



Key Clubbers search through gifts for little girls on sorting day. Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Burke.

December 20.

In past years, Limestone's giveaway involved around one hundred families. This year, that number swelled to one hundred sixty-five families. The club performed well, despite the extra strain.

On December 14, several Key Club members and Limestone faculty members collected toys and books from the Toys for Tots warehouse in Peoria. These

hours sorting toys after all of the Key Club members had gone home.

The toys were given away on December 20, along with a food basket provided by the Journal Star. Key Club was assisted at distribution by the Bradley Circle K and Limestone's girls' basketball team. Limestone's Key Club hopes that their efforts brightened the holiday of all involved, volunteers and families alike.

Electives to stop...

Foods 2



Foods class prepares a delightful recipe. Photograph courtesy of Dara Peacock.

Current teacher:

Mrs. Belsly

Requirements: Foods 1, open to sophomores and juniors

Description: Students learn advanced culinary skills in this semester class. They will explore the world of fruits and vegetables along with many other interesting categories, while making delicious food and working together as a team in a sometimes- hostile kitchen environment. The students also get the chance to take part in several big events such as Winterfest and All That Jazz. Both the teacher and the students enjoy this class. "I get to do what I am passionate about for a career," said Mrs. Belsly. "My favorite part of this class is being able to make things I've never made before," said Brittany Bacon.

Transportation

Current teacher:

Mr. Privratsky

Requirements: No previous class is needed; it is the first class necessary for junior and senior level automotive classes

Description: It is a fun, project-orientated class. The class is broken into three units: water, air, and land transportation. It is an introductory class that explains how things work in those three areas. In this class students get to build related projects to reinforce what they learn such as model boats, airplanes, and rockets. "We build projects to reinforce the topic and have fun building. You learn by doing, not just on paper or reading a book," explained Mr. Privratsky. Junior Ashley Callear stated, "This class is awesome because it is a really hands-on class!"

Introduction to Engineering Design



Tom Winchester works on an engineering problem. Photograph courtesy of Amanda Wittkiend.

Current teacher: Mr. Pille

Requirements: Open to all students who show an interest in engineering or engineering technology and are enrolled in classes at their grade level in math and science

Description: This is a computer-heavy, hands-on class that allows students to work with conceptual, graphical, mathematical, and computer models to solve realistic engineering problems. "It's an insight into what engineering will be like in the future," said senior Megan Larke. The class also features various speakers from engineering companies and universities who explain careers and college expectations.

Human Physiology



A Human Physiology student dissects the eye of a cow. Photograph courtesy of Sami Hubbard.

Current teacher: Mr. Clausen

Requirements: Must be a junior or senior with two years of science

Description: In Human Physiology students learn about the structures and functions of the human body. "It was a fun class to take. The subject matter was very interesting and we learned a lot about the human body," stated senior Jake Caudill. There are many labs and dissections in the class, including sheep brains, cow eyes, deer hearts, sheep kidneys, and fetal pigs. Mr. Clausen commented, "This is a good class for those interested in health-related careers or for an additional science course for college preparation."

Marching Band

Current teacher: Mr. Empey

Requirements: Marching band is open to all grade levels; students need to have previous experience with an instrument that is in the marching band to be able to participate

Description: Students will learn marching fundamentals as well as performing in different and exciting venues, including home football games, area parades, and competition. Marching band is a fun group that has a lot of pride and requires working as a team. "Marching band is a great way for incoming freshmen to get to know people and make new friends. It is open to all the students, including all athletes, and is an excellent way to make the transition into high school. Give it a shot and see if Marching Band is right for you," Mr. Empey said. "You create a lot of friends, and you keep them for life," added sophomore Sam Post.

ICE Co-op



Steven Boyd works as an entry-level machine tech at Radian/Rohn. Photograph courtesy of Mr. Pille.

Teacher: Mr. Pille

Requirements: Junior or senior enrolled in a related industrial tech class

Description: When asked about ICE Co-op, senior Monica Berry responded, "Co-op? Oh yeah, that class I took to get out of school early." This class occurs in two parts: classroom and on the job. In class, students learn industrial processes, company values, work ethics, and business practices. Students then leave school, usually after 4th hour, to go to work. "I really enjoy watching students outside school because they're different, a lot more mature," said Mr. Pille. To complete class requirements, students must complete on the job training and work at least fifteen hours each week. "Co-op teaches us the kind of responsibility that only comes from the workforce," Berry added. Current students hold jobs in CAT training, entry level auto technician, and building maintenance.

Creative Movement

Teacher: Ms. Thomason

Requirements: The sixth hour class is not required but is recommended before trying out for the seventh hour class which is the competitive squad. Sixth and seventh hours are open to all grade levels.

Description: Sixth hour is a preview or introduction for the seventh hour class. During the first semester the students work on basic flag work. Second semester they learn all different genres of dance, and also how to choreograph dances.

Seventh hour is the competitive color guard squad. First semester they march and practice with the marching band, which requires some out of school dedication. These students practice hours after school and go with the band to competitions on the weekends. Second semester, the students choreograph side line and half-time dances for the boys basketball games. They choreograph their own dances for the spring recital that includes sixth hour.

...and think about

World History III



Current Teacher: Mr. Smith
Requirements: none
Description: This class studies the world since World War II. Mr. Smith commented, "There is a definite need for the college-bound student to have a good historical foundation of events since World War II, and World History III is a great way to learn and know this information." The course begins by discussing postwar problems in Europe, America, and Asia. Some of the major events covered are the cold war, Korean War, Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam War, Middle East Conflict, and other global issues confronting America within this time period. When asked why he took the class, Ruben Rodriguez stated, "Because I like learning about dead people who've changed history."

AP Calculus AB

Current Teacher: Mr. Adams
Requirements: Pre calculus; open to seniors
Description: Students will learn relationships between a function, its slope at various points, and areas bounded by its graph. "Calculus is among the most challenging courses taught at the high school level, and among the most rewarding when mastered," explained Mr. Adams. Senior Kayla Miller also said, "It helps prepare you for the college, and it is Mr. Adams's goal [for students] to pass the AP exam, which means possible college credit."

Photography 1,2



Mrs. Bentley helps students in a photoshop program. Photograph courtesy of Leah McElhiney.

Current Teacher: Mrs. Bentley
Requirements: open to grades 10-12
Description: Students will learn how to develop black and white film and make black and white prints. They also learn about digital photography, manipulating images in Photoshop, creating slideshow and videos. "This class is great for anyone who wants to learn more about making good pictures or being creative," explained Mrs. Bentley. Many students find this class enjoyable. "Photography is one of my favorite classes. I have learned so much this year and Mrs. Bentley is the greatest. I would recommend people who like to be creative and take pictures to take her class," said sophomore Morgan Umdenstock.

Office Co-op



Amanda Potter works as a teller at Better Banks-Bartonville. Photograph courtesy of Mrs.Hott.

Current Teacher: Mrs. Hott
Requirements: open to juniors and seniors who have completed keyboarding
Description: In office co-op, students leave school after fourth hour to gain experience in a business job of their choice. Mrs. Hott stated, "It's an excellent way for students to get on-the-job training, especially if they want a career in business." Students can work as a teller, accounting clerk, or receive a job with computer skills for credit. It is great experience for anyone who aspires to have a future in business. "You can get good jobs if you sign up for co-op. It is more of a professional level," said senior Amanda Potter.

French 1,2

Teacher: Mrs. Coovert
Requirements: None
Description: Students will learn to speak French and be able to understand some written and spoken French. Also, students will learn about French culture and practice the language in fun games and activities. "Universities and employers like to see a foreign language on transcripts!" Mrs. Coovert explained. When asked his opinion about French class, freshman Mikey Carrell exclaimed, "Four thumbs up!"

PPS Co-op



Chris Courtt works at Raber Packing Company. Photograph courtesy of Ms. Picco.

Current Teacher: Ms. Picco
Requirements: Must be a junior or a senior. No previous classes are necessary, but each student is required to take a class that is related to their co-op work station while in the program.
Description: Co-op is a class that teaches work ethic and gives students a hands-on experience at the job of their choice. Topics covered include: career exploration, self assessment, finding/keeping employment, money management, professional development, and balancing work and personal life. Ms. Picco explained, "With the backing of the coop program, many students are able to secure employment in the field that they are considering as their career choice. This is an excellent way to 'test drive' a career before graduating from high school." Senior Cindy Hidden added, "Co-op helps prepare you for the real world and appropriate ways to deal with work situations."

Basic Accounting 1,2

Current teacher: Mrs. Warren
Requirements: There are no requirements to take this class, but it is not open to freshmen.
Description: You learn how to keep track of the cycle of money and this is helpful for everyone. We all deal with money, not just big businesses. Everyone including hospitals, schools, churches, restaurants, and individuals deal with money. "This class is beneficial to everyone, because we will all be dealing with money, taxes, assets, and liabilities throughout our lives," said Mrs. Warren. Jake Caudill, a senior in his third year of accounting also exclaimed, "Accounting accounts for greatness!"

Chamber Singers



Chamber Singers practice their music for an upcoming concert. Photograph courtesy of Dara Peacock.

Teacher: Ms. Nannen
Requirements: No previous class required, but knowledge or theory and part stability are needed to be successful. Open to Sophomores-Seniors.
Description: Students learn a wide variety of music in this class. They also get more experience with sight-reading and improving their overall musicianship. "I like the fact that we get one-on-one work," said sophomore Kristen Williams. In addition to learning the required music selections, they learn to interpret the music with sometimes historical background information and in depth instruction. Mrs. Nannen commented, "This class is very energetic and a joy to work with everyday."

Music to My Ears

By Emilee Cox

Fallen is a beautiful album. Although the music and lyrics are dark and brooding, they are still lovely and can be appreciated by all music lovers. The lead singer, Amy Lee, has a haunting voice that allows you to feel her pain or happiness as she feels it. Her lyrics tell of things many people can relate to, and the words come straight from the heart. There are many ways to interpret her lyrics, such as the line, "Hello. I am your mind giving you someone to talk to." I think this means she is an outcast and the only company she has is herself, so she hides away in her mind. What do you think it means?

Lee has a voice very few people can mimic. She can switch octaves so quickly and smoothly that you may lose yourself if you try to follow her. Even so, she has become an idol for young people, ages

eleven to as old as twenty. Despite popular belief that they are a new band, Evanescence has been performing since 1995. Yet, Amy Lee does not look nearly old enough to have been performing for more than a decade.

The band has adjusted well to the ever-changing fads and music styles. They have been able to stay relatively popular for sometime now as a fresh wave of "pain and suffering" style music has hit listeners and has been embraced by most. Whether you like pop, rock, rap, or country, there is something to enjoy in *Fallen*.



TURNING 'S PAGES

Acceleration

By Graham McNamee
Reviewed by Kimber Fawley

It is after winter break, and you feel like everything exciting has ended. Now all you have to look forward to is yet another semester of school without many breaks in sight. Maybe I can help you escape from the monotony. If you desire something to keep you entertained and in suspense, why not pick up one of Graham McNamee's newest books? McNamee, the author of books like *Nothing Wrong with a Three-Legged Dog* and *Hate You*, has just introduced us to his latest work, *Acceleration*.

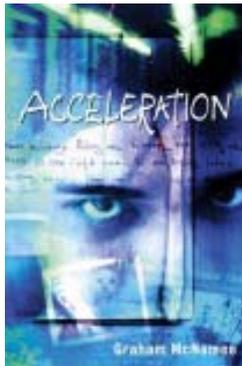
The story starts out with a disgruntled boy called Duncan working deep underground at the lost and found of one of Toronto's most used subways. Miserable at the prospect of spending most of his summer vacation underground with his boss, he spends his time sorting through the piles of junk. After a normal day of categorizing the hundreds of items that end up down in the lost and found, he finds something strange. Duncan comes across a leather-covered book in the midst of the many banded up romance and science fiction novels.

The diary Duncan finds is a thick volume of numerous depictions of a serial-killer-in-training, from his first crimes as a young child to the ones he plans to commit in the future. The writer discusses his troubled childhood with his mother and grandmother and his hated adulthood in the diary. Finding articles of

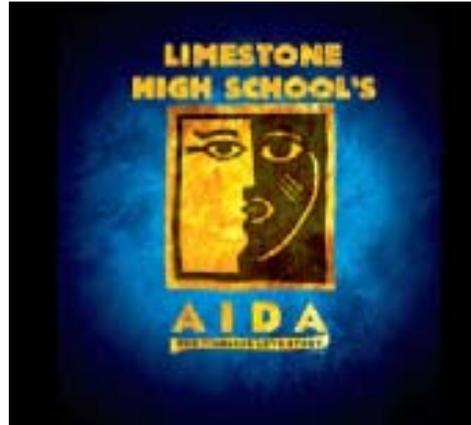
animal cruelty and arson in the diary to prove what the man has done, Duncan realizes the man is not writing about fictional events. The last few entries in the deranged man's diary are the most disturbing. They inform Duncan about the author's in-depth plans to kill several women he stalks in the subways every night.

However, the police do not believe Duncan. He decides he has to stop the man from killing, or save whomever he has not already murdered. With the help of his two friends and the diary, he must try to stop the murders of the women on the subway.

If you do not like suspense or mystery genres, I would definitely not advise you to read this book. On the other hand, if you want to read a book that keeps you guessing until the very end, then you need to pick up this novel. Now that I have left you literally dying to know what happens, go out and read it!



COMING SOON



Directed by Ms. Brianna Nannen and Mr. Zack Binder

Choreographed by Ms. Kathy Thomason

Pit Conducted by Mr. Andy Empey

Amneris—Kiley Watson

Radames—Brandon Chandler

Aida—Kelly Kooken

Mereba—Amber Post

Zoser—Wes Urish

Sadji—D.J. Lucas

Pharaoh—Jake Carroll

Nehebka—Sarah Hanlon

Amonasro—Ben Deal

Egyptian Chorus:

Anne Heien, Shayanna Jacobs, Monica Siebenthal, Brittany Christensen, Tara Boyer, Chelsea Floyd, Andrew Kluesner

Strongest Suit:

Anne Heien, Shayanna Jacobs, Monica Siebenthal, Brittany Christensen, Tara Boyer, Chelsea Floyd, Allyce Cheatham, Jessica Erickson, Dana Fulton, Lauren Cagle, Cydney Moody, Emily Lavalle, Julia Nelson, Chelsey Sunderland, Debra Kay Ogden

Nubian Chorus:

Allyce Cheatham, Jessica Erickson, Dana Fulton, Lauren Cagle, Cydney Moody, Emily Lavalle, Julia Nelson, Chelsey Sunderland, Debra Kay Ogden, Amy Sanders, Katie Neal, Marissa Reynolds, Brittany Stroud, Heather McCasky, Kayla Koeppel, Britney Potier, Carli Light, Kayla Hislope, Samantha Post, Brittany Bacon, Sam Smith, Amy Dunham, Stormie Schmider, Mercy Misigaro, Mario McCart, Tyler McIntyre, Gabe (J.T.) Blancaflor, Ethan Seibel

Palace Guards:

Teddy Delicath and Cal Harmon

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Mario McCart, Teddy Delicath, Cal Harmon, Ross Swanson, Mike Barnes, Jake Caudill

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Writer's Block

with Tiffany Teel

Senior Tiffany Teel is a girl whose writings and poems are influenced by her life: the good and the bad times with her friends, current events in her environment, the movies she watches, and the music she listens to. Her life is the source of her words, flowing through her mind and out her pencil.



"Hard Times"
Although life is rough
and times get hard, stay
tough
stand your ground
and stay on guard.

"Love"

Love one, Love all. Love is
not weak. Love is not evil.
Love is strong. Love is kind so
no matter what don't ever let your
Love die.



By Tiffany Newton

Restaurants abound in the area, and they all offer one thing: food, but I like my dining experiences to be a little less ordinary. Thus, senior Annie Bennett and I decided to visit One World Café. Sure, I like the food, but One World offers a unique atmosphere.

One World Café is located at the corner of Main and University streets. Parking is available behind the building. You can access it to the left of the laundromat on University or beside the building from Main. For the more adventurous (or those who choose to visit at a busy time), park across the street in Campus Town. This will allow you to play car tag on the way inside.

For those who carry a laptop around in their vehicle, wi-fi access is available inside, and the staff does not mind if you stay for a while. If you want another reason to stick around, One World hosts live a couple nights each week.

The café serves breakfast all day and is vegetarian friendly. One World offers a variety of food: American, European, Middle Eastern, and Asian. Along with this assortment of food comes an array of coffee. It is called One World Café for a reason.

We were seated and promptly greeted by our waiter. He was friendly and talkative. The other servers

One World Cafe
1245 Main St.
672-1522

seemed to be equally as cool.

Though Annie considered a coffee or a smoothie, we both ended up ordering sodas. When the waiter returned a few minutes later, we were ready.

Annie ordered the Pipin' Pepperoni Sub (\$6.99). (Be sure to pronounce pipin' as "pie-pin.") Our waiter mentioned that many people seem to think it sounds like Scotty Pippen.) This came with her choice of side, and she selected World Potatoes.

I got the Fresh Pesto Flatbread (\$8.99), an appetizer, for my meal. This came with a large plate of hummus, which I think looks and tastes like barf. People must like it, though, because many items at One World are served with it.

After ordering, I took a moment to glance through the menu. I remembered two previous visits, both a long time ago. Once I got the Fabulous Falafel; the other, I ordered the One World Tomato Melt. I wondered if both items were still as tasty. The pizza section also caught my attention. I was a little disappointed that I had not ordered the BBQ Chicken Pizza, but I was cut off by the arrival of our food.

Annie's sub was like pizza bread and came in two six inch long halves. She liked the World Potatoes. She said the seasoning reminded her of Mexican food. They tasted like slightly seasoned

SCENE IT?

Night at the Museum
Reviewed by Kelsi Cheek

Many of us love to go to the nearest theater and watch the newest movies; it is always a challenge trying to choose which movie to see. While I do not go into a movie theater expecting a masterpiece, I do not want to waste time and money on a sloppy, boring film. Luckily, *Night at the Museum* did not disappoint me.

Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad in desperate need of a new job. If he does not find a job soon, he will be evicted and lose custody visits to see his son, Nick Daley. Larry finds a job opening at a New York museum and replaces three retiring night guards. Although the movie has a slow start, it picks up pace when Larry goes in for his first night on the job.

After closing the museum, Larry quickly learns one important fact that the previous guards did not warn him about. Due to the power of an ancient Egyptian tablet, everything in the museum

comes to life at night and stays alive until the next morning. Larry must keep the entire place under control until daylight, making sure that nothing gets in and, more importantly, that nothing gets out.



Larry's new job proves to be a battle for him. He must avoid being crushed by a monstrous T-rex skeleton, lock up the African animals before the lions eat him, dodge Attila and his Huns to escape being torn to shreds, and keep the miniature figures, Jedediah the cowboy and Roman emperor Octavius, from raging war against each other. The only real ally that Larry has is a waxwork of President Theodore Roosevelt, who

advises him to study his history to better understand the exhibits and help control the chaos.

I did not have very high expectations for this film at all. I was afraid that I would be bored out of my mind for an hour and a half, but I can say that I did like the movie. It definitely was not a classic or a movie that I will look back on in a few years, but it was very fun to watch.

Yet, this movie has a lot of well known actors putting on the show. While watching them play their parts, it is clearly shown that these are not their best performances. Ben Stiller is the first to come to mind; and I know that he could have done a better job. On the other hand, I really enjoyed the characters Owen Wilson and Robin Williams played.

It is a good film to see if you are looking for something light-hearted and funny, even though it has a few dumb jokes here and there. I do think that the director and actors could have given a better performance, but the next time you see a movie, you could choose worse.



Pippin

Place: Peoria Players

Date: February 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30; February 4 & 11 at 2:30

Teen Movie and Popcorn Night

Place: Alpha Park Library

Date: February 8 6:30 P.M

Bob Saget

Place: The Pageant in St. Louis

Date: February 1 8:00 P.M

The Shins

Place: The Pageant in St. Louis

Date: February 11 8:00 P.M

Blue October

Place: The Blue Note in Columbia, MO

Date: February 15 7:00

Sleeping At Last

Place: Park West in Chicago

Date: February 16 8:00 P.M

Soil

Place: Metro in Chicago

Date: February 17 6:30 P.M.

John Mayer

Place: NIU Convention Center in Dekalb, IL

Date: February 20 7:30 P.M.

Wiggles

Place: Peoria Civic Center

Date: February 23 3:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Josh Groban

Place: United Center in Chicago

Date: February 24 8:00 P.M.

potatoes to me.

My flatbread was huge, covering a dinner plate. It is, as its name implies, simply pesto on bread. Still, I enjoyed it. By the time we had finished, Annie and I still had enough food left to have another meal each.

The waiter had become fairly distracted by new tables after we entered. It took a while to get his attention to order our desert. We chose the tiramisu (\$4.79).

Our tiramisu was decent, but the hot fudge around the edges was the best part. The treat was enough to share. The desert came in a goblet and was topped with whipped cream.

Our bill came to \$28.00 even. This brings up my only complaint about One World Café.

The cheapest lunch or dinner meal on the menu is \$6.99. The cheapest breakfast meal is \$5.49. While you get plenty of food for your money, the prices are really high. Keep your eyes open for coupons, though. One World frequently sends out coupons for buy one entrée, get one free. This makes it much more affordable.

The last thing I want to address about One World is the art. Art covers the walls and dumpster outside and everything on the inside. All of the vibrant work is worth seeing. This brings me to my final suggestion: go to the bathroom before you leave.

It all started with Barbie

By Amanda Wittekiend

"I wanted to do something for kids that were not lucky, medically, and I wanted to put smiles on their faces at Christmas time," stated Bob Privratsky. Mr. Privratsky, our very own Transportation teacher explained why he recently ran a toy drive for St. Jude's Center. With the help of his junior and senior students they donated computers, DVD players, as well as other items.

"I wanted to do something for kids that were not lucky, medically, and I wanted to put smiles on their faces at Christmas time," stated Bob Privratsky.

The toy drive started sixteen years ago when Mr. Privratsky had his first child, a very healthy little girl. Soon after her birth, he became a father to another little girl who was also blessed with good health. Mr. Privratsky started collecting Barbie dolls for his two young daughters and started to think how he could



Mr. Privratsky's students gathered these toys and more to benefit the St. Jude Center. Photograph courtesy of Mr. Privratsky.

possibly help other little girls who were not as lucky. He began donating collector Barbie dolls to St. Jude's Center and when his class heard about what he was doing, they yearned to join in and help. They began to dig in their pockets and donate extra money—some would even give up lunch for the day—knowing they would be putting a smile on some little girl's face. "So it's kids,

helping out other kids," explained Mr. Privratsky.

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The toy drive grew with each year, and in 1998 they were able to donate four Holiday Barbies and four gift certificates to the Cracker Barrel. They also built two oak play kitchen stoves and

cupboards for the St. Jude activity room, and donated a whole computer system, four TV/VCR units, various video tapes, and software. His classes have also purchased another Playstation 2 for the Peoria Center, a collection of VCR tapes, DVD players and movies, Playstation games, 20" TV/VCR units for the isolation room, as well as a long list of other assorted items.

This year alone the students have collected an estimate of \$1,500 worth of items for the children of the St. Jude Center. These items include the following: complete HP computer system, nearly \$250 in computer games and DVD movies, four Cracker Barrel gift certificates, four collector Holiday Barbie dolls, four large stuffed plush dolls, eight hand-held electronic games, and an assortment of board games. "I thought it was... the most amazing thing anyone has ever done for those kids. It literally brought tears to my eyes," junior Ashley Callear stated. While I was interviewing Mr. Privratsky, he actually received a call from Journal Star, which shows how important this drive is to the community.

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Reporting this story put a warm fuzzy feeling in my heart. Okay, enough of the sentimental stuff. Yet just knowing what this simple toy drive has done for those kids really enlightened me.

NEWS NOTES

Academic Student of the Month

Senior Shayanna Jacobs has been selected as the academic student of the month for January. She was given this award based on her outstanding academic achievements.

Tech-Prep Student of the Month

Senior Meghan Barra has been selected as Limestone's tech-prep student for the month of January. The department teachers were unanimous in their selection of Barra for this honor. She will be awarded a savings bond sponsored by Illinois Welding School, and her photo will appear in the *Limestone Independent News*.

Rhetorical Rockets

Limestone's Speech Team placed second overall in the Mid-Illini Conference Tournament, which was held on Tuesday January 16 here at Limestone.

The coaches are very proud of the speech team. Eighteen team members captured finalist medals, including tournament champions Anne Heien for Radio Speaking, Kelly Kookon and Brandon Chandler for Dramatic Duet, and Allison Sandborg for Humorous Interp.

And the award goes to . . .

Skyler Williams! Williams designed this year's *Amulet* cover. The design for the cover was created in Mrs. Bentley's Commercial Art class. Not only did his design beat out the rest of his classmates' designs to snag the cover of the *Amulet*, but it also landed him a fifty dollar gift certificate for Best Buy. Congratulations on a job well done!

Chocolate and Art

After months of helping others, Art Club took a day off for themselves. On January 16, the club members made ceramic hearts for themselves, family, or friends.

In the art department, students have the chance to participate in an art contest. The contest will be held Saturday February 10 down on the riverfront. The theme of the contest is "Anything Chocolate," Any form of art, for example photography or painting, can be submitted as long as it is somehow related to chocolate. The sponsor is Chrissi Phfler; she has been working very hard, visiting different schools in the Peoria area encourage get students to enter. If you would like to enter or have any questions, you can see Mrs. Olson in room 66. To all who have entered, good luck!

Snow Flake rescheduled

Snow Flake, a day dedicated to fourth through seventh grades, has been rescheduled due to bad weather. Snow Flake will now take place on Saturday February 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The activities will include speaker Carl Cannon, the Army National Guard, White Oaks, Bright Futures, and the Bartonville Police Department. We hope you will attend! Snow Ball is not that far away either—it will be held Saturday March 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Everyone from grades eight to twelve is invited. See Ms. Fiddes if you have any questions.

Preview Night

Reminder to those involved in Preview Night, this year's 8th grade Preview Night will be held on Monday February 19 at 7:00pm.

ICC Placement Test

Attention seniors, the ICC Placement Test will be offered at Limestone on February 20. This test is required by students who are planning on attending ICC.

Student IDs

Students are to have their IDs at lunch and if someone is purchasing your lunch for you, you are both to wait until everyone else has been through the line.

Dean's Office update

Warning to all students: Do not share lockers with other students and be sure to use your locks. Also, cell phones are to be off and in your lockers at all times during the school day. Avoid bringing money or expensive items to school. Limestone is not responsible in anyway for any of these items.

New Bell Schedule

1st Hour — 7:45am-8:40am
2nd Hour — 8:45am-9:55am (Rocket 1/Leisure Reading—8:45am-9:10am)
3rd Hour — 10:00am-10:45am
4th Hour — 10:50am-11:35am
5th Hour
A—11:40am-12:05pm
B—12:10pm-12:35pm
C—12:40pm-1:05pm
6th Hour — 1:10pm-1:55pm
7th Hour — 2:00pm-2:45pm

Ski Trip rescheduled

Limestone's annual Ski Trip has been rescheduled for Monday, February 12. There are few spots still available, so hurry to reserve your place on the slopes! Please see Mr. Bloyd for more information.

Key Club tutors Pleasant Hill

Key Club has an ongoing tutoring project at Pleasant Hill. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, club members tutor junior high students. Tuesdays and Thursdays are set aside for the younger students. This project is a lot of fun for Key Clubbers, and the Pleasant Hill students really benefit.

Library update

Have you been caught reading yet? Go down to the library and find out. There is a new suspect posted outside the doors each week. Book club gathered on January 23 after school. Bring a friend to the February meeting. We will be discussing any book that students have read. Remember, you can still win prizes from Read for a Lifetime and Abe Lincoln book lists. See Mrs. Smith if you have any questions.

From making baskets to donating them



The 2006-2007 Limestone Varsity Girls Basketball team.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Corpus

By Sami Hubbard

If you have not noticed this year, the varsity girls basketball team has been very busy this year, not only making baskets, but donating baskets as well. As of the middle of January, the varsity girls have an overall record of 7-14. They have been practicing very hard everyday after school, staying until 5:30p.m. Yet, with all of their busy schedules, the team still found time to help Key Club with their can food drive.

The idea came from sophomore Kylee Wolfe's mom, Kathy Wolfe, to help Key Club raise money for local families. The girls started collecting canned foods around Thanksgiving and each week had a competition on who could raise the most.

When the fundraising was over, the girls helped distribute the food baskets to local families and even donated one hundred dollars to help the cause.

The team leadership comes from junior capitans Sadie Gann and Jenelle Hibser, and the only senior, Kaitlyn Schroeder. With sophomore Kelsie Weynand leading in points with 13.8 points per game, and Hibser leading in rebounds with 7.3 rebounds a game, the team should have a great ending to their season. Senior Night is on February 7, so make sure you come out and support the Lady Rockets!

AVAILABLE LCHS SCHOLARSHIPS 2007

Applications are now available in the Guidance Department and must be returned no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2007. See your counselor if you have any questions.

GRADE SCHOOLS Must have attended the grade school for three years and be a graduate.

Bartonville \$400
Hollis 2 @ \$250
Limestone Walters \$500
Monroe \$500
Monroe Boosters—Nikki Jones Memorial \$250
Norwood (Charlie Mathis) 1 @ \$500 or 2 @ \$250
Oak Grove \$500
Pleasant Hill \$400
Pleasant Valley \$500
Pleasant Valley Boosters 2 @ \$250 Must have participated in sports at LCHS.

MEMORIALS

Glen Aldrich Memorial TBA.
Roger Bailey Memorial \$1000. Must be entering the field of construction.
Virginia Correll Memorial \$500. Must be attending a four-year post-secondary institution

in Illinois majoring in foreign language or foreign relations.

Sam Gibson Memorial TBA
Lynn Hohenbery Memorial \$1000. Must be involved in community service.
Nikki Jones Memorial \$250. Must have participated in Creative Movement.
Bryan Maser Memorial Tuition and books for one year at Illinois Central College.

A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.

Bobby Schmitt Memorial TBA. Must have been a member of Limestone Youth Baseball

Association and four-year member of LCHS baseball.
Steven Segler Memorial \$500. Must be entering the field of Art or Special Education.
Ed Shempf Memorial \$500.
Arthur VonBehren Memorial \$500. Male student majoring in elementary education.

LCHS ORGANIZATIONS

LCHS Scholarship TBA
Limestone Federation of Teachers \$500
Performing Arts \$300

COMMUNITY

American Legion Auxiliary Post #979 4 @ \$500

Bartonville Femmes Unir \$500

Bartonville Lions Club TBA. A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.
Bartonville Superwash \$250

ICC Board Scholarship Tuition for two years at Illinois Central College.
Kiddie Kampus Preschool Child Development TBA. Given to a student pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education, Child

Development, or Elementary Education.
Limestone Alumni & Friends

TBA. A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.
Limestone Area Chamber of Commerce \$500

LGSA \$500. Must have been a member for four years and played in league between junior and senior years. A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.

O'Reilly's Auto Parts \$200
Pepsi 2 @ \$500
Cecil Wyman Family \$2500

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Athletes of the Month

Wes Urish



What sport do you play?

Cheerleading.

What position do you play?

Back Spot.

How tall are you?

5'9".

What grade are you in?

12.

Do you have a nickname, if so what is it?

Nubs.

What is your favorite color?

Blue.

Who is your biggest role model? Why?

My grandpa, he is just a real cool guy and he's done a lot in his life.

What is your favorite class? Why?

Psychology, because it's a good time.

Do you have any pre-game rituals that you do before

every game? If so what? Listen to music.

What do you normally do to warm up for a game?

Tumble and warm up stunts and stuff.

What do you do during the off season to keep in shape?

Lift.

Do you have any major fears in or out of the game?

Getting my face busted open by baby Gray! Haha!

What do you usually do to celebrate after a game?

The girls do the school song and I clap.

When is your birthday?

April 15th.



Alex Plunkett



What sport do you play?

Basketball.

What position do you play?

Center.

Do you hope to play that sport in college?

Either basketball or baseball.

How tall are you?

6'2".

What is your uniform number?

44.

What grade are you in?

10.

Do you have a nickname, if so what is it?

PLUNK.

What is your favorite color?

Blue.

Who is your biggest role model? Why?

Chuck Norris, he did many things.

Do you have a good luck charm? If so what is it?

There is no such thing as luck, it's coincidence.

What do you normally do to warm up for a game?

Watch David Mooney dance.

What do you do during the off season to keep in shape?

I do not have an off season; I play three sports.

Do you have any major fears? I don't like clowns.

When is your birthday?

August 17, 1991.

What type of music do you listen to?

A little bit of everything.

Varsity Rosters

Captains are represented by bold letters.

Boys Basketball

Name	Grade/position
Trent Thomason	12/G-F
Kevin Scheffler	11/F
Darren Donald	12/G
David Zook	11/G
Mike Daxenbichler	11/G
Jay Riley	12/F
Nic Lenz	11/F
Dante Williams	12/C
Demarius Sumrell	10/G-F
Josh Carter	11/F
Kyle Graham	11/G
Jake Braun	11/C

Basketball Cheerleading

Name	Grade
Brittany Christensen	12
Valerie Ahl	11
Lauren Cagle	12
Priscilla Catalan	11
Breanna Crow	12
Jessica Ericson	12
Rachel Grace	11
Brittney Koeppel	11
D.J. Lucas	11
Wes Urish	12
Kiley Watson	12

Girls Basketball

Name	Grade/Position
Jenelle Hibser	11/C
Sadie Gann	11/G-F
Amber Cochran	11/G
Kylee Wolfe	10/G
Kelsie Weynand	10/G
Kristin Wikoff	10/G
Katelyn Rupert	10/G
Mackenzie Foiles	10/G-F
Lorin Heiser	10/G
Kristen Cooper	10/G
Kaitlyn Schroeder	12/G
Amanda Lenz	9/G
Jessica Dearing	10/G

Sports Shorts

Contemplative students sell chocolate

The Scholastic Bowl Team sold candy from January 9 to January 18. The money earned through this fundraiser will go toward buying a new lockout system, the buzzers and the devices that run them, and paying moderators, the judges who read questions in matches. For every twenty-five items sold, team members will receive another Limestone Scholastic Bowl hoodie.

Hoops, there it is

Boys basketball is off and running. They boys have been training hard and coming along great. This month they have been extremely busy with a loss to Morton on Friday the twelfth, a defeat against Peoria Central on Saturday the thirteenth, and on Saturday the twentieth our boys took the court with a victory over the Dunlap Eagles. The Rockets' overall record is 6-9.

Varsity Wrestling

Name	Weight class/Grade
Codee Jennings	112/11
Tyler Petrakis	140/11
Tyler Stenzel	285/11
Tim Bianco	103/9
Darren Finley	119/10
Aaron Brown	125/10
Cody Morton	130/10
Skyler Beeney-Carr	135/11
Cody Smith	145/9
Kenny Holmes	152/10
Jon McGarr	160/10
Zack Stewart	171/10
Rich Fuller	189/10
Cal Harmon	215/11

Scholastic Bowl

Name	Grade
Ross Swanson	12
Josh Sholy	11
Chris Corrie	11
Jake Caudill	12
Tiffany Newton	12
Annie Bennett	12
Lacy O'Brien	12
Jared Schnieder	12
Dave McClure	12
Kayla Miller	12