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Colors of Autumn



By Devin Simpson

I saw a lot of colors at Autumn Leaf Festival (ALF), which means there was a great turnout. Autumn Leaf Festival is something everyone from Clarion looks forward to all year. I had gone a couple days during the week of the festival. Occasionally I saw a couple groups of

people standing in line for food that is just going to clog up their arteries and give everyone strokes.

During the three day weekend, Crafter’s day was bombarded with people; Senior Luke Swyers had made the observation that there were 6000-7000

people there on Craft Day.

The food was the main attraction, as everyone looks forward to it every year, whether it’s good or bad. This year, I heard a majority of complaints about the food and how disgusting it is. Junior Nicole Peterson said, “The chick-

E.I.C. Column: What Would Autumn Do?

If We Live Complaining, We Will Die Disappointed

By Autumn Hannold

Let's face it, school is stressful. When you become an upperclassman, you realize you are pulling more late nights as the year progresses and you are trying to get your work done before it is due the next day. The sad news is, this doesn't go away until you graduate college, so you might as well form good study habits now. On a positive note: attention all seniors, we are almost done! Just pull through these last few months, get your work done, suck it up and graduate in June.

Juniors, I have been there and done that. It's a difficult and tedious year, but if I can do it, trust me, so can you. As for you younger students, it goes by fast. You may look at us seniors and wish you were on your final year, but enjoy it. You will be here in no time. Participate in extracurricular activities, whether those include sports or clubs, they will help you enjoy your time while you're here. You will notice that if you actually try in school and maintain good

grades, your time here will go by much faster, and you might even find that somewhere deep down that you enjoy school. Once you get into a system, it begins to



Above- Eighth grader, Amber Rawson, cracks under the pressure of school
Photo Credit: Autumn Hannold

flow easier. However, as one could probably tell from the looks of my Facebook page, I tend to complain quite a bit. The "update status" section of your Facebook homepage that says, "What's on your mind?" should be changed to "What's your problem today?" in terms of Autumn Hannold's Facebook account. However, I found that the more you complain, the

slower time goes by. It is my last year, I've been accepted into college, so obviously I would like to hurry up and graduate already. That sounds great, except for the fact I was paid with a reality check. **This is our last year!** We shouldn't spend our final nine months here wishing it away. Instead we should learn to make the most of it. So my message to students in grades 7-11, enjoy it, get involved, those extracurricular activities will pay off when filling out your college applications. Also, when you think of C-L High School, you want to remember more than just the rigorous class work you did. Try everything; you may discover that you have a passion for something you never even imagined. They do say, "You never know if you don't try." As for you, seniors, we're almost done; seven months and counting. Let's make the most of it, put the drama aside, fight the senioritis, and make this year one to remember. 



Alumnus of Clarion Limestone High School, Leah Flickinger, bites into ALF food on Main Street, Clarion. Photo Credit: Devin Simpson

“The chicken wings were rotten, the grease didn’t get changed, and the strombolis only got heated by a light.” I don’t know what everyone thinks about that, but I think it is revolting to know the wings were rotten and the strombolis only got heat from a lamp.

Luke Swyers also refused to visit the Chinese stands on Main Street. Part of me agrees with him because the Teriyaki Stand near the Express gas station went all out on their sauce and got me sick.

So to the ALF goes next year , be careful and choose wisely what you want to eat. You never know unless it is too late to pick again!🐾



The Ferris wheel and surrounding food stands at an afternoon at ALF. Photo Credit: Devin Simpson



A Homecoming to Remember

By: Sarah Taylor

The air was crisp, but it really looked like a nice night for a football game. The homecoming weekend is something that most students from freshman to seniors look forward to every year. It’s hard not to enjoy the excitement of getting to see who is crowned king and queen, and to watch our football team battle out another game. But before the football team takes the field, those on the homecoming court are the first people to steal the show.

The court every year is made of eight couples, but only one boy and one girl each year will win the crown. While the band played, the court was presented on the loudspeaker couple by couple. Once every couple had been introduced, they lined up in front of the band, eagerly awaiting the crowning of the new king and queen. Last year’s king, Eddie Auerbeck, and last year’s queen, Hannah Keck, stood waiting and ready to relinquish their crowns to this year’s winners.

The crowd was anxiously anticipating the winners. That night before the football game, Billy Kelley was crowned king and Sequoia Henry was crowned queen. It was a pleasant surprise to everyone who want-

ed them to win and even those who didn’t. The new king and queen stood proudly with their crowns, and the rest of the homecoming court gathered around them to take pictures.

After that, the football game was ready to begin. The Lions came out onto the field ready for a good game. In the end, they didn’t get a win, but the Lions fought hard, as usual. Everyone in the crowd cheered happily for the football team, despite their ultimate loss of 7 to 36.



The court lines up to take pictures. Photo Credit: Sarah Taylor



Read All About It!!

By Jessica Clark

Several teachers have been using the Wall Street Journal to teach students about business. It includes information about business and financial news. Mrs. Schirmer was the first to get the subscriptions; However, she shares her subscriptions with Miss Simpson, Mrs. Neiswonger, Mrs. Widmer and Ms. Woodrow.

Our school got funds for the subscription from people in the community who receive the newspaper weekly. Schirmer says, "They donated money toward the school to receive the newspapers so that teachers can use it to teach the students."

When I had the chance to talk to Mrs. Schirmer about her class and the newspaper, she said,

"Students should take this class because it will teach them to be good business students and have good finances when they get older. If they are planning on majoring in anything business related, they will need this class just for the vocabulary." The newspaper will keep the students updated with current business and financial news.

Mrs. Schirmer likes that her class is "so positive and always open to stimulating discussion." the students' overall impact from taking the class is "that they can make a connection between the real world and the class."

Sarah Wolbert, a sophomore in the business class, likes that she can "get the overall experience" and



The Intro to Business class, reading from the Wall Street Journal.
Photo Credit: Jess Clark

she likes "learning about the world out of the newspaper." She plans on majoring in something business related when she goes off to college. Overall, the class would be beneficial for students planning to major in anything business related. 

TECHNOLOGY —ACCORDING TO— logan

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The Tutor

By: Alyssa Snyder

I had the chance to sit down and talk to Ms. Yori, the Clarion-Limestone high school tutor, and ask her some questions about her job and her high school career. I first started out by asking how she did her job. She said “I’m hired by the Clarion County Promise for the tutoring program.” Since she tutors kids in all classes, I asked which class she found that most students need help with. “Honestly, history, Like social studies.” So for those of you that struggle in that class, you aren’t alone! When I asked her what she thought the hardest

class was for her when she was in high school, her response was math. Her advice for struggling students is quite simple, “Never give up! Where there’s a will, there’s a way. Ask questions! That’s a big one!” Ms. Yori says that she is expecting to stay at C-L, but it can get challenging at times. “The diversity of the subjects is the challenging part.” When I asked her what she does when she is dealing with challenging students, she says that her job is to encourage them in succeeding with their school work.



Ms. Yori in action, helping out a student.
Photo Credit: Alyssa Snyder



Artistic Overture

By: Josh Dunlap

As the summer comes to a close, the school year begins. Art club is kicking off the year by “replacing the C-L sign that was stolen just last year,” says Sam.

Sam is also in the art club and is looking forward to the work they will be doing this year. She wasn’t sure if the sign would look any different than before, but she did say that she wanted it “to look more creative.”

It should be another wonderful year for the art students here at C-L. Two weeks before school started, the art teacher, Mrs. Zerbe, seemed unsure of what the new sign would look like, but she did say that it should look different. She also didn’t seem too sure when the sign would be done.

Art club will also be making props for the upcoming play, *Glimpsed Through the Sawdust*, but they have not begun making the props just quite yet. “We

have to wait for Mr. Pezzuti to stretch the back drops before we can make the decorations,” says Zerbe. The art club doesn’t have anything else going on just yet. It seems that the art club has to start the year without very many plans.

The art class, on the other hand, has been working on block prints and they look to be turning out very well. Several students are working on other things like paintings, drawings, etc, but most of the class is making block prints. Kaitlin Kemmer, a junior, is making a print that says, ‘never gonna grow up’. Sam Laird, another junior, is making her block print for her youth group at her church. “As soon as I’m done with this, I will make t-shirts for my churches youth group,” said Sam. 



Kaitlin Kemmer and Samantha Laird holding the outline of their block prints.
Photo Credit: Josh Dunlap



2011 SAT Scores: Wakeup Call

By Autumn Hannold

The SAT's are a standardized test that any junior or senior in high school must take in order to move onto a higher education after their high school career. After much debate about standardized testing and the "No Child Left Behind" law for many years, many teachers, students and parents are beginning to feel a sense of frustration from the pressure that one test can put on them. The problem is that one test has the potential to determine a student's future. For example, someone who has a 4.0 GPA but does not score proficient on their PSSA's. They may be forced to enroll into an extra math class, and they are required to retake their PSSA's before receiving their high school diploma. Not only is it beginning to be stressful for the students, but their teachers as well. If there is a consistency with low scoring, statistics may work against the teaching faculty and their jobs could be at risk.

In early September 2011, the College Board announced very troubling news to parents, teachers and the education world. According to the latest test results, "SAT reading scores for the year of 2011 were the lowest on record, and combined reading and math scores fell to their lowest point since 1995." The reading scores, which

currently stand at 497, are noticeably lower than just six years ago. Even though this may seem like a reasonable issue to stress out over, College Board said not to panic.



Above— Sophomore Morgan Kahle getting some study time in the library.

Photo Credit: Autumn Hannold

They say the results, "reflect the record size and diversity of the pool of test-takers. As more students aim for college and take the exam, it tends to drag down average scores."

Let's review an issue that occurred during the end of the 2010-2011 school year, one in which effected our school district directly. Tom Corbett proposed budget

cuts all across the state of Pennsylvania. This included cutting many electives, which resulted in the retirement and resignations of teachers on our faculty. Due to new academic requirements, students need to take more electives, however we have less teachers available to teach them. Therefore, there are classes being cut that can help us with the material that's on the exams. Also, teachers have to arrange their lesson plans so that they accommodate with the state's education guidelines. Sophomore Morgan Kahle says that standardized testing is "not useful because we already have enough tests in school, and we shouldn't have to take state required tests." Kate Minich, a senior here at Clarion-Limestone, is planning on going into the education field after graduation. As a future teacher, she says that that testing is "not fair to students, especially those with test anxiety. It is way too difficult to cram all that information into two hours."

Whether you like or dislike the standardized testing methods or the SAT's, they aren't going away anytime soon. In fact, we will only see more of it in the years to come.



Z-Drive: Like It or Hate It, It's Here to Stay

By: Nate Storer

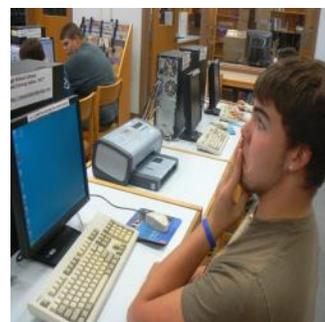
Picture this; you've been working on that ever-so important essay for your English class. You're about halfway done when stomach starts to knot up with the sick realization that in your rush to get into school today you forgot your jump-drive! But don't fret students of Clarion Limestone! Out savoir has arrived in the form of an essay to access save file called the Z-Drive! With the al mighty Z-Drive we can type in peace knowing that all of our hard work is safe and secure able to be accessed by simply typing in our username and password, which we all got in the first few day of school this year. I caught up with Luke Swyers to ask him a few questions as to how he felt about the Z-Drive: he first replied with "what's a Z-Drive?" after I explained to him

what and how it works he replied with "I think it can be very useful, though I don't think I'm going to figure out how to use it in the near future"

Now, there are down sides to this advancement in the school's tech. for instance; it's just another piece of equipment that we'll ultimately take advantage of and when it goes down (which it already has) we get mad and start to blame people.

The unfortunate role of scapegoat this year has been bravely taken on by the new tech. manager: Mr. Merwin. All of us, Including Mr. Merwin, would have lives that are a lot less stressful if we all realize that there are so many computers and only one of him, and sometimes things just don't work.

An add on I would love to see if not for me for the students after me is the ability to access my Z - Drive at home, I am personally not a computer guy so I'll let the powers that be work that out if they ever decide to do that, that way kids like myself are either too lazy to get a Jump-Drive or just don't have the mean financially can use a Z drive instead. 



Luke Swyers's reaction after I explained what the Z-Drive is. Photo Credit: Nate Storer



Vandalism

By: Katarina Aaron



Vandalism is when someone destroys property that does not belong to them. People who destroy property get into big trouble and do this stuff over and over. Vandalism is around everywhere.

During the middle of August, C-L was vandalized. When I returned back to school I found this out from Mrs. Widmer. Once she told me I got to go and interview Mr. Johnson. This is the first

time that C-L has been vandalized. Mr. Johnson found out through a couple of parents. The investigation is still going on.

When asked who was involved Mr. Johnson says he doesn't know. C-L's nature trail bird houses were smashed and the learning center was destroyed. At the fish pond their was a six foot sculpture of a fish stolen. The fish in the pond

were found dead.

Administrators suggested that there be cameras put up and police at the school to patrol more often. Anyone with information with the vandalism should contact Mr. Johnson.



A vandalized birdhouse. Photo credit : Katarina Aaron



And They Danced On Into the Night

By: Angie Huffman

Of the many things high school students love to do, making memories with friends is one of the favorites. Teenagers love having a good time and dancing, and what better place to do it than the homecoming dance? To some people I know, the homecoming dance is a right of passage, but to most, it's just another dance. Either way, it's still a highly anticipated event each year for the students here at Clarion-Limestone High School. All the girls are rushing around to find the perfect dress, and everyone tries to build up the courage to ask their crush to be their date. There's no doubting that it

is an important night to the majority of the high school students. So what did the students at Clarion-Limestone think of this year's dance?

By the looks of things, everyone had a good time. The outfits looked great, and the heavy beats kept the floor alive all night. In the opinion of Tori Briggs, the homecoming dance was "very fun and entertaining; the music was very lively." According to Corbin Yeany, "It got better as the night went on". This year's homecoming dance was a huge success, and the students of Clarion-Limestone look

forward to attending more just like it in the future. 



"Everyday We're Shufflin'" (Cupid Shufflin' that is).
Photo Credit: Angie Huffman



The Young Americans

By Myranda Klawuhn



Singing and dancing, The Young Americans made a memorable impact on the stage. On Thursday, October 20 they visited Clarion-Limestone High School. Some can play instruments, some can play more than one, some can dance, but all had the ability to sing. They were cheery and full of spirit and more than willing to showcase their talents to kids that were more than willing to see it. Some of the Young Americans weren't even from America. They tour the US as well as other countries and let young teens with extraordinary talents join. On that Thursday and Friday, kids got the opportunity to be taught by them for hours so that they could perform a show on Sat-

urday. "I wish I could have done the workshop because they were individuals and they inspired me," said Christy Marks after seeing the Young Americans performance. By doing this with normal kids from a normal high school (yes, even



The Young Americans during their performance.
By: Myranda Klawuhn

Clarion-Limestone is normal) they showed that anyone can be as amazing as they want to be and that any normal person could join their well-known group. To show that they weren't high class divas, the Young Americans did not stay in fancy hotels, but instead they were housed by any families that were willing to take them in. This gave students another opportunity to spend time with them. In a way, they are minor celebrities. I recall a girl reaching out to touch one and a boy shook her hand. She was younger, but nonetheless, that person made her day. The Young Americans didn't just come to our school just to perform for us; they came to make a lasting impressior 

Senioritis: Who Really Cares Anyway?

By: Nate Storer

So you're a senior now, and your life is going through some changes. By the time our final year approaches most of us high school seniors know, or at least think we know, what we're going to do in society when we walk out those doors for the last time as students. Enter Senioritis: this not-so-deadly ailment that all seniors are doomed to suffer to some degree. When asked about having this ailment Jordan Hufnagel replied with "Leave me alone I'm trying to sleep!"

What is Senioritis? It is a feeling a student gets when he or she is nearing the last year of their high school career and they, frankly, don't care anymore! By now most of them have acquired a job they are happy with, have been accepted into an institute of higher learning, or they are just sick of high school. This is where a lot of problems can start if you're not careful with balancing the desire to no longer do

work and the need to work to graduate.

For some chosen few, the ability to juggle school work with a full-time schedule comes naturally and stress free. For those people, this article is just some reading to do. For the other 99.9% of the student body, this might help you out. What a lot of people don't know is that times have changed now-a-days. Colleges still look at your grades, even after you get that letter. If they see you only work as hard as you need to, doing the bare minimum, there's a very good chance they'll drop you. Yes they can do that, and this is the real world. Mommy and daddy can't help you out with this one. For some reason people think that the connections you make in high school will disappear and you'll never see any of them again. In most cases, this is right, but why risk it? Even if you think you're never going to see any of these people

again, that is not a good reason to lose all sense of being a good person. Just remember what goes around comes around.

Is this change a bad thing? The answer is a big fat NO. You should be encountering this feeling. It's my belief that if you survive something like high school for six years you deserve a break, so go ahead live it up, do stupid things before you're too old to do them. But don't forget about school, you're not out of the woods yet. 🐾



Senior, Jordan Hufnagel working hard.
Photo Credit: Nate Storer

Christmas Party Hop!



What: A winter, semi-formal dance to benefit Toys for Tots

Where: the High School Cafeteria

When: December 3, 2011 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Who: Anyone in grades 7-12

Cost:
\$5 per person
\$8 per couple



Do Right, Do Your Best, and Do Work

By: Jessica Wolbert



There are around thirty-five people, including ten seniors this year on the Varsity Football Team. Junior Joe Tommassi says, “The seniors are a very hard working group of kids who try their best to motivate us.” Talking to Assistant Coach McCormick he says, “Even if a team doesn’t always get along I believe a team is a group of people, regardless of differences, can come together on a field with the same goals in sight, work together, motivate and encourage one another.”

The team had a great first game against AC Valley winning 32-0. This game included touchdowns from senior Billy Kelley, freshmen Kyle Robertson, and junior Joe Tommassi. Something new this year was the

football team’s kicker, senior Kacy Lewis, also known as the “team mom,” says Joe Tommassi.

Talking with Kacy she told me, “I love being on the football

team, it’s so much fun and a great new experience for me.” Kacy plays several other sports including soccer, basketball, and track; this is her first time ever playing football, and by the way it sounds she really enjoys it.

As of right now the team has a pretty big amount of players, with the ten seniors leaving the team is hoping to keep those numbers up with the new freshmen and underclassmen coming up. Make sure to come out and support our Varsity Football Team next year and the years to come as they keep the Lion Pride going. 



Some of the varsity football players and assistant Coach McCormick
Photo Credit: Jessica Wolbert



A Few Minutes in Our Shoes

By: Angie Huffman



In the meet against Moniteau, Ryan Reynolds is off to a great start.
Photo Credit: Alyssa Huffman

There are a variety of high school sports; however, Cross Country is probably the hardest, and least recognized. I’ve decided to give you all a little more insight on our own tough runners in hopes of gaining more appreciation for the team and the sport itself. Being a member of the team, I thought I’d let you in on what goes on behind closed doors.

Running is one of the oldest sports, dating back to ancient times. Believe it or not, running is more than just running. There is a lot of science

behind training and proper technique. A person who hasn’t trained can’t just go out one day and run a race. It requires a lot of practice and a great pair of shoes. Newly hired coach Dave Schirmer bases both his training and the pre-run warm-ups on science, and all that hard training seemed to already be paying off very early in the season. Everyone on the team is running very well, and improving on a weekly basis. Captain Ben Dulavitch says they’re “all doing great this season! We are a smaller team this year, but we have all definitely improved and have beaten several teams already.”

After word got around last year that Mrs. Schirmer would no longer be coaching cross country, there was a lot of concern as to whether or not there would be a team this year. Lucky for us, Mr. Schirmer, the recently retired ag-mechanics shop teacher, was there to save the day. He’s

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proving to be an effective coach, but how's he holding up? I found out in a one-on-one interview.

Q:What are your thoughts on the team so far?

A: "I think we have a very solid, good boys' and girls' cross country team. We have very good senior leadership, and we are a very competitive team."

Q:What made you decide to take over coaching for Mrs. Schirmer?

A: "Mrs. Schirmer coached three sports last year and needed a breather. Since I coach track, it was logical to coach runners in cross country."

Q:What are your main goals for this season?

A: "First, everyone on the team has a positive experience, learn something about the sport, and be competi-

tive."

Q:Any plans for recruiting for next year?

A: "I want to build t he team and actively recruit more Jr. high runners."

Q:Do you have a strategy for winning this year?

A: "I always have a strategy. My main strategy is: if you teach your athletes to be the best they can be, the winning will take care of itself."

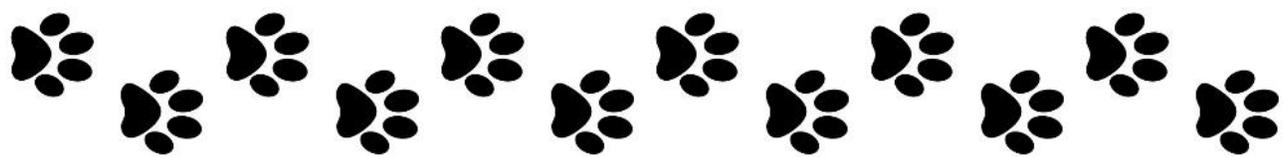
The ever confident Mr. Schirmer seems to be enjoying his new position as cross country coach, and the team is doing very well. Unfortunately, due to the coaching situation there wasn't much recruiting done, and only one runner signed up on the Jr. high level. At such a disadvantage, you'd expect an athlete to be discouraged, but one man team Ryan Reynolds has proven to be

outstanding despite the circumstances. His main goal at the start of the season was to finish third in a race. He accomplished this at the first meet and finished first at the next three meets, with his personal best time currently at eleven minutes and fifty seven seconds. We are lucky to have an athlete like Ryan, and hope to see more like him in the future.

As a senior, I look back on all my memories of cross country over the past six years and it all starts running together like watercolors. I realize how much fun it's been and all the great runners I've seen on our team as well as other teams. I hope that in the future more people will want to run cross country, and I hope this article has sparked interest for future teams. 🐾



Mr. Schirmer and Mrs. Linnan keep the runners in line before the start of the varsity race.
Photo Credit: Alyssa Huffman





Bump, Set, Joyce!

By: Kara Knepp



“I will support the team no matter what! I have officially adopted them all as my great-nieces!” Joyce, the C-L volleyball team’s voted number one fan, has supported the team through every up and down this season. Although starting off the year a little rocky, the team expects to meet a high goal and be able to complete the season with a winning record. Teighlor Rice, a captain of the team, says her favorite part about volleyball is “games because that’s when practices finally pay off.” And for all the double-days at the end of August, it is nice to see the team is finally coming together. Three years ago, Lindsay



The team captains with the team-voted number one fan, Joyce.
Photo Credit: Megan Futato

Wiefling, a second-grade teacher at the elementary, took over the Lady Lions as the new head coach and the

future is looking bright. All of the hard work is paying off from preseason/practices and potential within the team is growing. Games may not always finish the way the team wishes, but in the end, the team “has to learn how to finish” says Rice. Mistakes will be made and points will be lost, but sports teach us to pick our heads up and look to do better the next time around. This season, the Lady Lions have had to do just that. Getting over a 0-4 record at the beginning of the season isn’t an easy thing to do. But the team plans on moving ahead and having no more of that, and Joyce hopes for the same. 



Mr. Craig, the coach of the team.
Photo Credit: Sarah Taylor



Getting into Golfing

By: Sarah Taylor



Before most other sports start, golf is already getting its rather short but eventful season underway. Golf season ends early in the year, but they manage to accomplish much in their short season. Practices are usually held at Pinecrest Golf Course in Brookville, Pennsylvania, where the golf team will practice on the range seeing how far they can hit the golf balls or on the course.

Most of the time they practice at least four days a week, except when they have matches to go to. The golf team did very well this year. Their season ended up being 5 to 5. The captain of the golf team, Billy Kelley, went on to golf at districts this year as well. Senior Tyler Beers had some thoughts on how the season went, saying, “We definitely improved as a team. We grew closer to-

gether and became better friends as the season went on. It was a pretty good season.” Mr. Craig, the coach of the golf team, also had some words about them. “Our goal was to get a 500, and we accomplished it. They improved their golfing and played very well,” he said. It really seemed that overall, the golf team had a good season. 



Life Is Like Soccer, We Need Goals



By: Jessica Wolbert

Just like every year, the girls' soccer team is combined with Clarion. Since the boys' soccer team is technically called Clarion-Limestone, the girl's team is called the Clarion Bobcats. The girls' team is pretty much half and half with Clarion and C-L girls. The team has nine seniors, the biggest group of seniors yet, and the captains are senior Brianna Nellis, from Clarion, and senior Abby Hielman, from C-L.

The team had a great start; their first official game was at a tournament in Punxsutawney. Their first game was against Punxsutawney. The Clarion Bobcats have not been able to beat them for a couple of years now and have always had a close run with them and finish with a score of Punxsutawney 1 and Clarion 0. This year, the Bobcats beat them with a score of Clarion 3 and Punxsutawney 0.

From there they went to the championship game which was

against Smethport. The Bobcats also beat them 3-0 and won the tournament.

Since then the girls have won the Dubois Central Catholic tournament, and beaten several other teams. Talking to captain Abby Hielman she said, "This year we have a lot of talent from the younger girls and a lot of talent from the older girls and combined our team has been pretty awesome." Coach Terria Dottson has coached the girls for four years, and says, "The girls seem to really be bonding well this year."

Talking to the team everyone seems to love and get along with the coach very well. They also told me she is very hard on them in practice but she means well. Abby also said, "We worked really hard through preseason and although we've had a few hiccups from injuries, causing some of our starters from last year to be out, the team overall is incredibly strong and

we've compensated for the injuries by using our talent from the younger girls. The girls use to have their home field at the Clarion County Park, but this year it is behind the Clarion High School. "We have a lot more fans this year and they are extremely supportive," says senior Kacy Lewis. Not only did the girls get to play on a newer field, they also received brand new uniforms this year, and I must say they look very sharp. The team made it to the playoffs this year and had to face Bradford, with an upsetting loss the team went into double overtime, and had to do penalty kicks. Each team got to choose five people to do one kick each, Bradford had the last kick and ended up beating the Lady Cats 3-2.

Make sure you come out to support the team next year and hoping they can finally win as district champs. 🐾



The team after their tournament victory in Punxsutawney
Photo Credit: Nancy Wolbert





Looking Back and Looking Forward



By: Kara Knepp

It has been a rough and rocky season for the boy's soccer team this year. Losing several seniors last year and the low number of players this year certainly has not helped them, though these things cannot be avoided. However,

senior Ben Dulavitch says that he has "most enjoyed just watching the team improve. It has been a hard season since there are so few of us on a team and many of us have never played before, so it's encouraging to watch us grow into a better team as we each develop our skills."



Team members are ready to play as they take on West Shamokin.

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A successful season in any sport involves improvement over the time and the boys have shown that over the recent months. Corbin Yeany, also a senior this year, agrees with

Dulavitch about the need for new players in the future. The outlook can be bright if new boys in the future want to pursue a high school soccer career. Dulavitch has "high hopes for the team in the future"

if they can get more players to come out for the team. The underclassmen of the team are producing a lot of potential, and with all of their skills still being developed, the future can only hold great things for the boy's soccer team 

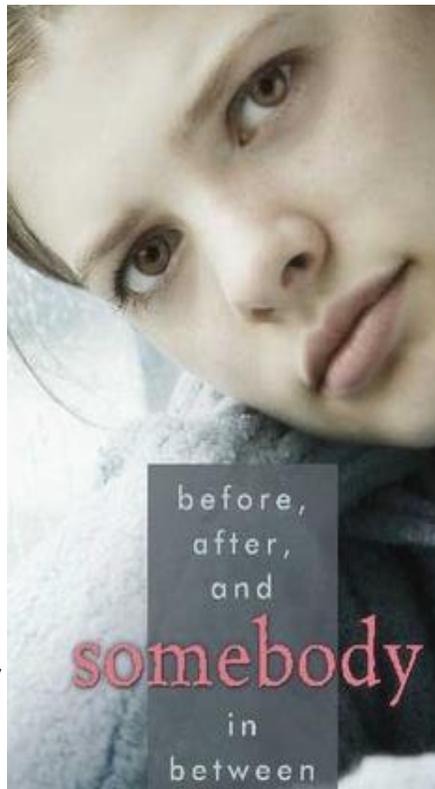
Before, After, and Somebody in Between

By Jessica Clark

Before, after, and Somebody in Between by Jeannine Garsee is a very inspirational book. It's about tenth grader, Martha Kowalski, who lives a troubled life. Her mom is a "junkie" and her dad doesn't exist. The school bully Char and her only friend's brother is after her and she has no one to turn to, except her neighbor that lives above her. Her only friends are Jerome and his baby brother "Bubby."

But when Martha steals some money and Bubby gets killed, it turns Martha's world upside down. The only thing that keeps Martha sane is her cello. When Martha is offered a place to live with a rich family and free cello lessons, she gladly accepts. "The cello is a gift. No one else plays it, and it's completely insured. Take good care of it. I wish you all the best. Love, Richard Brinkman."

She feels as though she is starting a new life. She changes her name and hangs out with a new crowd. Although she doesn't get along with the family's



Cover of the book *Before, After and Somebody in Between*

daughter, she feels as though she fits in.

But when she falls in love with the family cousin, Danny, and when he breaks up with her, she goes on a rampage and nothing can stop her. She calls out the ones who love her the most right now, which results in them kicking her out. Martha has no choice but to move back into her mom's house, who just got out of rehab and is slowly returning to her old ways, and return to her old life. She has to give up the thing she loves most, her cello.

I think anyone who lives a rough life should read this book because it is very realistic. This book is one of my favorites because I liked the suspense that it brought.

Once you start reading, you won't be able to stop. It shows that you can stick up for yourself and you can overcome the tough parts of life. 

TECHNOLOGY —ACCORDING TO— Logan

The “four leaf clovers” have been friends for their entire lives. Annie’s cousin, Gina, is moving in with her and her family soon. Everyone is excited to meet and welcome her to their little group. As soon as they get a chance, everyone tries to win Gina over, but she has different ideas in mind. She is going to try and really find out what happened at the lake. There is a mysterious connection between the lake and



her dead mother. She attempts to run away and now the four leaf clover tries to get to the bottom of it. Their lives are turned upside down trying to find out where she ran away too. Just when things start getting to the point of desperation, things get revealed about the other in the group that Annie has never known. Will the four friends get through this and stick together?

The book *Summer Storm* was very empowering. The characters in the book had a excellent learning experience while trying to look for Gina, the run-away cousin. This book really showed how care-free teenagers can be and then something horrible might happen and they would have to grow up really fast whether they want to or not.

I know some of my friends and family that had to grow up faster than other teens because something happened between either their families or they just did the growing up by themselves. I think that teenagers who are between the ages of 15-18 should read this book because it shows some of the responsibilities of a teenager, and how life can change at any given moment. 

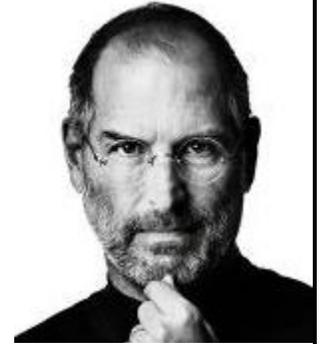


The recent death of Steve Jobs marks the end of an era of innovation and creativity. Mr. Jobs, co-founder and former CEO of Apple, was someone who is considered one of the most important technology visionaries of his time. Jobs was behind the creation of several industry changing devices: iPod, iPhone, and Macintosh computers. He was born February 24th, 1955, and died on October 5th, 2011, due to his ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer. He resigned as CEO six weeks before his death.

There’s no doubt the genius of Steve Jobs will be missed dearly: “For those of us lucky enough to get to work with Steve, it’s been an insanely great honor. I will miss Steve immensely,” Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates shared on Twitter. Gates isn’t the only one who gave Jobs a good word. Over a million people have shared their thoughts on his death on the Apple website.

Though I consider myself a Microsoft loyalist and “anti-Apple,” it is very sad to see such a driven and inspirational man pass away. I don’t particularly care for Apple products, but there’s no doubt they certainly have changed technology and the way we live.

One thing’s for sure: Apple, the tech industry, and the world will never be quite the same without the brilliance of Steve Jobs. 



Steve Jobs
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Teacher Miss Simpson enjoys her iPad, one of Steve Jobs’ last big announcements before his departure from Apple.
Photo Credit: Logan Knepp



Suit Up For A New Season

By: Katarina Aaron



Eighth graders, Megan Reid and Hayden Snyder, sporting their favorite brands.
Photo Credit: Katarina Aaron

The way you dress displays your personality, which also helps with how people view you.

Two eighth graders, Hayden Snyder and Megan Reid, have some interest in fashion. There are many brands of clothing, but each person has a different preference.

When Hayden was asked what his favorite brand of clothing was, he said “Old Navy.” Megan says “Maurice’s” is her favorite brand of clothing. These two eighth grade students wear their favorite clothing brand the most out of any other brands.

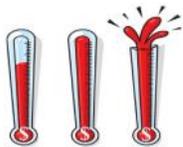
Typically, people that are into fashion have inspiration. However, Megan says that, “Nothing real-

ly inspires me, I just like the clothing.”

Some feel pressured individually to have style. Having fashion impacts our self-esteem and self-worth. Without fashion our society would be boring. Fall and winter fashion are happening right now. These two fashions are in the now and many people talk about them. What people wear during winter and fall are different. One can have fun dressing for both seasons and still be in style. 



Fashion is important because it is a way of expressing yourself to others. People are able to learn more about you by judging your clothing.



The World’s Thermostat on High



By: Josh Dunlap

On Thursday, October 27, the Ecology students went to the Viola land fill to learn how waste is disposed of and put into the land fill. By seeing the heaping mountains of trash, one may wonder what all of this piled up trash really does to the environment. Maybe it will make people, or at least these students, more aware of the importance of recycling and re using.

After that, they went to quiet creek just outside of Brookville where they made organic pizzas and learned how much can be done with

little to no waste. Nikki Peterson, a junior, says she learned “how to grow your own stuff and be organic. And how to mix spices and vegetables instead of meats and still get flavor.” It’s a nice step towards awareness of the environment, its uses, and its consequences, but is it enough?

Throughout the Earth’s history the climate has changed and it will always be changing do to natural causes. However, the climate today is changing at a much faster rate than anticipated. The cause of this is in

fact because of human existence and the amount of carbon we release into the atmosphere. Doing things such as driving, flying, turning on the lights, and even building are the leading contributors to the release of carbon.

Recent arguments, mostly from the GOP, suggest that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is out of control and holds more authority than they should, however, the EPA’s authority has been deteriorating for quite some time. Because the people are lead to

Google+ = the Facebook Killer?

By: Logan Knepp

The battle of social media companies is a difficult one to win. With Facebook dominating the market, it's tough to make a new service that attracts a crowd. Google decided to give Facebook a run for its money by creating a new social atmosphere called "Google+" (Google Plus). Google+'s goal is to make sharing with people on the web easier and more like connecting in the real world. To accomplish this, Google has some crafty, yet somewhat unoriginal "new" ideas that may make it the next big thing.

First, Google+ offers **Circles**. But these Circles aren't like your typical circles – no way. These Circles let you create different groups for the different people you share with, like close friends, acquaintances, family, and whatever else. You can view certain content from only certain groups. This is pretty cool if you want to know just what a group of your closest friends is blubbering about, rather than a bunch of jib-jab from other people you don't care about.

Similar to Facebook's like button, Google+'s **Sparks** allow you to add interests to your profile. That's not all, though. Google decided to take it a step further by pushing a constantly updated list of articles and videos to you that re-

late to your different Sparks. Pretty handy if you're bored and just want to watch or read about your favorite things.

The last main feature of Google+ is **Hangouts**. Hangouts is essentially Google's Skype competitor. Since the reason for Google+ is to make online sharing more like



Jessica Wolbert gives Google+ a test drive.

Photo Credit: Logan Knepp

real-life sharing, the idea behind Hangouts is that it's similar to actually bumping into someone else when you're out and about. Except, well, you don't just "bump" into each other. There's a list, the person clicks who they want to chat with, and then they chat.

There are some other minor perks to Google+, like **Instant Upload.**, which lets you upload pictures fast, painless, and conveniently, directly from your mobile. I didn't know that uploading pictures from one's mobile was such a

painstaking ordeal, but I guess Google did for some reason. Another small feature is **Huddle**, also designed for mobile. Huddle lets you chat with a group of friends at once. I know, stunning, isn't it?

Though none of these features are particularly groundbreaking or mindboggling and seem awfully familiar to those on Facebook, Google+ has attracted a swarm of users already. Even some students here at C-L have joined in on the fun. Here's what Sarah Wolbert has to say: "I think Google had a good idea, like to make their own social network, but I just don't really see why people would wanna switch. I mean, it's not like Facebook isn't just as good, or better for that matter." Alex Edmonds also had something similar to say: "I think I'll stick to Facebook." I have to agree with Miss Wolbert and Mr. Edmonds on this. Google+ just doesn't offer compelling features that make people want to switch.

Right now, Google+ doesn't really seem like it's going to take over the world like Facebook has, due to its lack of new tricks. When Google adds mindreading into the mix, I may be impressed. Until then, my Google+ account will be put on hold while I focus on my  book.

The Life of a Student: According to Barack Obama

By: Jake Monrean

On September, 2011, Barack Obama delivered his third annual back to school speech at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington D.C. During the speech, he exemplified some obstacles and responsibilities students may face during the current school year and near future, such as the trying economic times, kindling new passions, taking risks, and attaining a secondary education.

He told the students of America that they are the future of this country. He says, "You're not just kids, you're this country's future; you're young leaders." He informed students that because of the rough economic conditions, they may have to go a few extra miles, like getting a part-time job after

school, to make ends meet at home with their families.

He encourages students to take risks and broaden their horizons and discover new passions and interests, and to work as hard as they can. He says, "It starts, obviously, with being the best you can be."

He especially emphasized the need for students to pursue a secondary education after high school. Formerly first place, the United States currently ranks 16th in the world of the highest percentage of people with a college degree. This is rather alarming, as more than 60% of jobs will require more than a high school diploma within the next decade. Moreover, too many people enroll in college, but do not finish or get degree, which puts more strain on the economy.

He assured students that they are not alone on their endeavor to succeed in school and attain lucrative careers in the future. They have hard-working teachers and loving parents who are more than willing to help them achieve their goals in school. He said, "You've got people all across this country, including people at every level of government working on your behalf," he said.

I interviewed a few of my peers to get their opinion of the speech. "It was okay, I guess. He seems to say the same thing every year," said sophomore Blaine Laird. Scott Swyers, sophomore, "Nothing special... I don't really feel more motivated after hearing his speech." Whether you like it or not, it is what it is. Happy trails. 

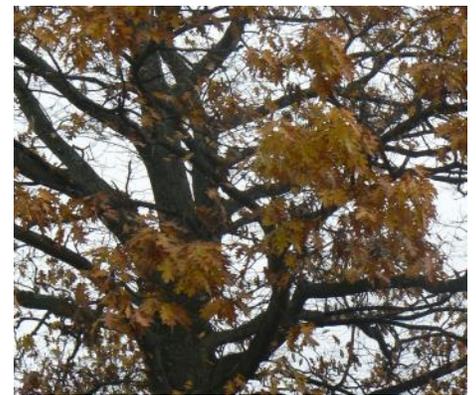
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believe that institutions like the EPA are out of control and killing jobs, these institutions are subject to even more deregulation.

Most environmental scientists agree that if nothing is done soon to avert us from this road of climate change, there will be global catastrophic consequences.

For those who don't reject the facts of climate change are still asking, "what can we do about it?" The answer isn't very hard to figure out. We can reuse and recycle as

well as restore our ecological institutions. Even planting a small garden at home could have some positive outcome, yet, the people believe that they are powerless. Just a small community taking part in recycling and reusing could have a significant impact. One of the ecology teachers at C-L, Mrs. Sloan, says that we are "at a pivotal point" with the environment. Sloan says, "that we need to move to a sustainable way of living or we could be faced with harmful consequences such as



A tree in the autumn wind.
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unsafe water, limited food, and cancer." it seems that people just aren't listening. 

Who's Who?

Use the clues below to see if you can figure out who The Paw Print staff member is...
Then check out the pictures on the back to see the answers.

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A pencil</p> <p>Sports Editor</p> <p>K Dora or swiper?
Dora!</p> <p>A What is your favorite kind of milk?
Chocolate milk!</p> <p>E What is the last thing you bought?
A Bok Choy Boy (night ninja) with Japanese symbols.</p> <p>Co-Layout Editor</p> <p>D If you could eat lunch with one famous person, who would it be?
Hayley Williams</p> <p>I What is the farthest away place you have been?
Florida</p> <p>J What is your favorite time of the day?
Lunch</p> <p>N What is your favorite way to prepare chicken?
Baked</p> | <p>Editor-in-Chief
Mittens or gloves?
Gloves</p> <p>What is the type of music that you dislike most?
Rap and hip-hop</p> <p>Layout Editor</p> <p>What is the color of your living room floor?
Tan</p> <p>What type of toothpaste do you prefer?
Crest</p> <p>Web Editor</p> <p>What is the last thing you watched on TV?
Spongebob Squarepants</p> <p>Whats your favorite dessert?
Banana Cream Pie</p> <p>If you were a piece of furniture, what would it be?
a television</p> <p>If you could meet one person, who would you be?
Robert Paterson</p> | <p>C</p> <p>P</p> <p>H</p> <p>B</p> <p>G</p> <p>L</p> <p>M</p> <p>F</p> |
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| I- Devin Simpson | H- Kara Knapp |
| J- Katarina Aaron | G- Logan Knapp |
| K- Jessica Wolbert | F- Alexis Greenawalt |
| L- Alyssa Snyder | E- Angie Huffman |
| M- Myranda Klawuhn | D- Jessica Clark |
| N- Josh Dunlap | C- Autumn Hamold |
| O- Nate Storer | B- Matt Young |
| P- Jake Monrean | A- Sarah Taylor |

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