

# The Paw Print

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Check out the day before Christmas break photos on page 20!

Photo Credit: Ben Dulavitch



Get updates in the Girls Basketball Team as they continue their season.  
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# Christmas!

## The Art of the Ribbon Dance

By: Jessica Wolbert and Kara Knepp



If you didn't know it already, the ribbon dance was created long before seniors Ben Dulavitch, Eric Krouse, and Zach Morgo took the stage along with Mr. Neff and Mr. Kifer. Although this is surprising, it was created in 206 B.C. in the Chinese culture. A Han Dynasty emperor was the initial “dancer.” He attempted to block a sword with the silk from his sleeve, and the rest is history. After that, the first actual dance was performed with thin strips of silk, which the performers just held. The Tang Dynasty later developed ribbon dancing by



Ben Dulavitch, Eric Krouse, Zach Morgo, and Mr. Neff stole the crowds vote while ribbon dancing their hearts out.

attaching longer ribbons to sticks,

which is what we commonly see today. In fact, it was (and still apparently is) a very serious dance that’s performed for royalty with music. So the audience of Clarion-Limestone’s annual C-L’s Got Talent was all royalty for about four and a half minutes. Miss Simpson adds, “When they came out, it was so intense, but still dancing around like fairies?” The audience was just as shocked and just as entertained. Dulavitch and Krouse both agree that “It is the most effective way to emotionally express yourself thro<sup>u</sup> the body... and ribbons.”



## E.I.C. Column: Bullying and Honesty: There's A Difference

By Autumn Hannold



High school is a place where students meet life-long friends and companions that influence their decisions. However, what a lot of students don't realize is that they could be joking about something, but what they say can diminish the other person's self-esteem and their outlook on life. I like to think of myself as an honest person, and as a consequence there are times that I don't make the tongue-to-brain connection before I speak. It's not that I intentionally mean to come off as rude, but it appears that way to some people. If I've ever said anything that offended you, this is my apology.

With this being said, there is a problem in this school that needs to be addressed: BULLYING. Please realize that being mean does not make you cool, it actually means you're rude and you need to change your attitude. That kid that you were picking on in class yesterday, as you called them "nerd" or "a waste," could be your boss some day. What goes around comes around, and for the sake of the victim's happiness, I hope they take advantage of a little thing called karma.

It is okay for you to be yourself, that is how people get to know you. If you are "different," that is a good thing. A majority of students have a difficult time with dealing with acceptance, in terms of finding a group of friends in high school. Although your high school career is a milestone in your life,

please know that it does come to an end. Many people may think they are all that and a bag of Doritos in school, but when they get into the real world, they get struck with the harsh realization that life is more than how people view you. Some students choose to stay in close contact with those they went to school with, however one will come to find that a large percentage of students look forward to moving away to college to meet new people who actually share the same interests as them, and are not all about the acceptance of their peers.

We all have encountered an argument one time or another with someone in this building. When this happens, we begin to care about what they think, this is obviously our first mistake. When you are about to go up to someone and ask them if they hate you, ask yourself why you even care. Although these arguments make for some good lunch time stories, they really aren't worth stressing over. Don't let drama overcome your life, because in case you haven't realized, none of it will matter when you cross that stage and get your diploma. So my word of advice: Keep your head up, be honest if someone is hurting your feelings and CONFRONT them, don't let it bring you down. However, **make sure you are confronting them in a responsible manner.** There is a whole other world after high school waiting to be discovered, so stand

up for yourself and be content with your life and the people in it while you are here. Our district does have penalties for bullying, and if you decide to partake in this act, a member of our administration will determine your punishment. If you are looking to seek guidance, you can report to any of your teachers or members of the guidance



Senior Tyler Stitt picking on the "little kid" Steph Christie, Senior.  
Photo Credit:  
Autumn Hannold

department.



## Midterm Madness!



By: Jessica Clark



Jessica Callender studying for her upcoming midterms.

Photo Credit: Jessica Clark

Something every kid dreads is right around the corner. Midterms

are approaching and are very vital in lots of classes. Mr. Craig's Prob-Stat class, Ms. Woodrow's Civics/Economics classes and Mrs. Taylor's English 10 classes are just a few of the midterms students will be required to take. Depending on the class, midterms will affect your grade differently. Mr. Craig's prob-stat midterm "counts for half of the final. Students will take the midterms now and the final exam at the end of the year and I will add the midterm score and the final exam score together to get the overall final score," says Craig. Midterms are definitely something that should not be put off until the last minute.

There are a variety of different ways that one can effectively study for a midterm. You

could easily make flashcards or get a group of people in your class together to help study. Senior Ashley Mays says she will "review the notes that she has taken and study the activity sheets precisely." These are only a few of the many different ways to prepare for midterms.

Something else that is important is getting an abundant amount of sleep. Waking up in the morning feeling refreshed and awake is something that will surely help you with you midterms because you will be able to recall the information better. Eating a good, plentiful breakfast is also important because it will help you be awake and focused for your exam. Being prepared for midterms is very essential.



## Getting to Know Mr. Beers



By: Logan Knepp

C-L's newest foreign language teacher, Mr. Beers, has taken on the challenging new job of teaching both French and Spanish. I've conducted an interview to see just how life at C-L is unfolding for him. I began by asking Mr. Beers about his own education. He "attended high school at Redbank Valley. My bachelor's degree comes from Clarion University." When I asked about how he was adjusting to C-L from his previous teaching position at Moniteau, Mr. Beers said he is "learning C-L's daily procedures as I go along." He also had some pretty nice words to share about his favorite part of teaching at C-L, "The students are

the best part of C-L. The students are welcoming, friendly, and bright." Thanks, Mr. Beers! I then asked him whether it was difficult or not trying to teach 2 different languages. "It's challenging to switch languages between levels," he said. "Each language has its own 'way of thinking,' it's own 'way to express things.'" He's so right. I can barely remember one language! One can only imagine how demanding it would be to teach multiple languages during the day, switching between them. "I think he's doing a good job so far." sophomore Riley Shall commented. "Another sophomore, Blaine Laird, shared his

feedback, "I like him. He's really funny and good at what he does." It looks like the students are warming up to Mr. Beers fairly well. As one of our new staff members this year, we wish him the best of luck in everything he does here at C-L. Keep it up, Mr. Beers!



Mr. Beers smiles for a picture.  
Photo Credit: Logan Knepp



## Pour Me A Cup

By Josh Dunlap and Autumn Hannold



Here at C-L, we seem to have an

Senior Nate Storer displaying his love for Folgers coffee.  
Photo Credit: Josh Dunlap

overwhelming amount of coffee drinkers. Some would characterize this as a problem; however, I, Josh, find it wonderful. How else can students wake up at six in the morning, get on an overcrowded bus, and come to the place that they most dread to take tests?

Coffee is a necessity to being a high school student. It is like liquid bliss and to take that away is to take away a student's right to happiness.

I (Josh) think that coffee should be offered at breakfast and lunch, but instead, we have milk. Although milk can strengthen ones bones, coffee can prevent diabetes and prostate cancer. Maybe we should have both milk and coffee. If coffee is not served at breakfast and lunch soon Martin Mateer, a junior, claims that he will be "mega-sad." I (Josh) would mega-agree.

The number of coffee drinkers seems to double in size ever year. The older a student gets, the more coffee they drink. There are some people who say "coffee is disgusting," however they will come to a point in their lives,

college for example, when they depend on that precious cup in the morning to even get them through the day, or out of bed for that matter. Some teachers supply our craving by keeping pots in their room for all of us coffee-holics.

I (Autumn) surveyed a few college students from Clarion University and they all said that they discovered this heavenly product when they were 19 and pulling all-nighters as they studied for exams. Basically, coffee is a way of life for the majority of students. If you're feeling too tired to go to school, don't let your lack of sleep bring you down. It's called the Jade Walker, Class of 2011, Method of Surviving High School. Put on those



## Party Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

By: Angie Huffman

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the C-L student council held the winter semi-formal dance "Christmas Party Hop". Although the dance was for all students in grades 7-12 there was less of a turn out than I had expected. However, it was still great fun, and there were plenty of laughs to go around. Everyone arrived in their holiday best prepared to dance the night away. As students descended the stairs to the cafeteria

they found themselves entering an elaborately decorated dance hall full of Christmas spirit. Most students were given a snowflake bead necklace upon entering to add to the festive feeling.

It seemed that everyone had a great time, however I did get some slightly differing opinions. While junior Martin Mateer said "It was a lot of fun. I thought it was one of the better dances we've had," Sophomore

Evan Black says "It was okay, but it could have been better."

Overall the dance was well organized and very fun. The DJ included the ever popular "wagon wheel" as a fun game for the students. The music was great as always, and the floor kept moving. Hopefully future holiday celebrations will be just as good or better.



## The Working Lions... In Pride Time

By: Matthew Young

Many students here at Clarion-Limestone have jobs. Jobs are very important to some students because it brings together responsibility and key exponents to being a well manufactured individual. Other students find that having a job while still in school can be quite the hassle. Students find that they could have long hours on the nights of a big exam, no time to do their school work while their working, and worst of all their grades start to fall.

I have interviewed the following students so everyone at Clarion-Limestone may see how having a job and being school may be both a bother but also a very amazing experience at the same time

Junior, Kelsey Kiehl, works at Denny's as a dish-washer. She explained to me that she finds it hard to balance school work and a job at the same time. Kelsey says that on nights that she works it's easier for here if she doesn't have a lot of work or a big test the next day at school to study for. Kelsey says that having a job in school brings more responsibility to a student because one must learn how to maintain their




Exorbitantly early holiday commercials, advertisements and special sale offers; homes exuberantly decked with bright, multi-colored lights and decorations; nativity scenes portraying Jesus' birth set up

jobs and school work. Kelsey's advice to student looking for a job is that if you feel ready and are responsible to keep your grades up go ahead but if your unable to handle the stress of a job and your school work it's best not to get a job.

Junior, Anthony Rawson, works at Long John Silvers in Clarion as a cook. Anthony finds that there isn't enough time for both school and a job. Anthony, like most workers in school, would like for less or even easier homework, so it's easier for him at work. Anthony, unlike Kelsey, finds that having a job really doesn't bring any responsibility to his school work. Anthony suggests to anyone looking for a job, should get one but they shouldn't work anymore then fifth-teen hours a week.

The final student that I have interviewed is a senior named Emmitt Switzer. Emmitt is in the work release here at Clarion-Limestone, meaning that his grades are good enough for him to leave school early to go to work. Emmitt enjoys the work release because it allows him for hours. Emmitt is currently working towards being a shift manager at Pizza

Hut he finds that because of the work release it is easier for him to be in school and compete his work. Emmitt recommends that a student should be in the work release and have a job.

Every student has a different view of working in school and I believe that if you have any questions about getting a job anyone of these students would be more then willing to help you make a  decision.



Matthew Young mopping the floor at Long John Silvers/A+W  
Photo Credit: Rich Rose

## Christmas in Clarion

By: Jake Monrean

outside of churches; and a gradual shift to cold weather accompanied with the first few small patches of snow, signifying that winter will soon arrive. The Christmas season is here, and the fervor is already brewing.



Christmas is among the most beloved institutions in American culture. Children are cheerfully enthralled, waiting athirst for December 25<sup>th</sup> to arrive so they can tear wrapping paper to shreds, first thing in the

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## Lions on the Front Line

By: Matthew Young

Several of the Clarion-Limestone students have decided to join some branch of the military. Some students may join so they could receive a scholarship. Others have decided to join to protect their families and friends while others will choose the military simply as a career. Recently I have interviewed several students here at Clarion-Limestone who have decided to go into a branch of the military.

The first student is Ryan Booth from Fisher, PA. Ryan told me, "Matt do you remember the movie The Green Barry? Well that's one of the reasons that I've decided to join the army. The second reason is because a lot of my family has been in the army and I want to continue in what my family has done. I plan on leaving for boot camp next summer." When I asked Ryan what




Ryan Booth saluting in front of the American flag that Clarion-Limestone's art club made.  
Photo Credit: Matthew Young

branch he planned on being in he replied, "I'd like to be light infantry and if every thing goes well I may just make a career out of it."

Matt Flickenger from Fisher,

PA also has decided to join the Marines. When I asked Matt why he wanted to do this he told me, "I've pictured myself my whole life being a marine and now it's just time for this to become true." Matt will be leaving June 11, 2011 for Paris Island, South Carolina. After eight years in the marines he will go and train to become a PA state trooper.

This is a dangerous career choice its one that may be just right for you. Who knows what you'll be in the future but you could be like these two men and become heroes. I'm sure that if any of you considering joining the military these boy will answer any questions you have or may give you a recruiter's phone number so you may ask the 



## How to Survive the Holidays


By: Devin Simpson

It is the time for unwanted gifts, over-exaggerated emotions, and precious family time. We all know how it feels to get upset and argue with other people during the holidays, especially when shopping for Christmas presents or at the family Christmas. With the survey I took, two out of ten people said that their family frustrates them the most during the holidays and three out of ten people say that other people frustrates them the most. Well, I am here to help you get through those times of stress.

The things I'm going to tell you will help you during any time of the year with any situation you didn't

want involved with in the first place. You have to be realistic when dealing with people. If someone from your family or just anyone in general is stressing you out, try seeing it from their point-of-view and have more sympathy towards them. Counting to ten sounds ridiculous but it actually works. It is also better for your body

to forgive and forget. Plus, getting the right amount of exercise is also really good for your health when you are under stress, because it is very unhealthy.

So, just for your sake and everyone else's stay realistic, count to ten, or express your feelings to try and take some  the unhealthy stress out of your mind.



Ninth graders, Aniese Hoover and Kiana Christenson stress over the crammed homework assignments coming left and right from their teachers.

Photo Credit: Devin Simpson

# The Play's the Thing

By: Sarah Taylor



The cast lines up at the end of the show.  
Photo Credit: Lorie Taylor

play we all become good friends.

This year's play was "Glimpsed Through the Sawdust," a vaudeville comedy. The play follows the story of a semi-successful painter by the name of Jack Goodhart, who is in love with a ditzy but well meaning chambermaid, Madeline Mockingbird. Madeline aspires to have a stage career, though she has a horrible singing voice. When she inherits a lot of money, a conniving

trickster named Roderick Rodent hatches a plot to get Jack out of the picture and take all of Madeline's money under the ruse that she will become a star. What unfolds is a comical series of unfortunate events that lead the couple across Colorado in their efforts to be together.

The play this year had a good turnout. As compared to past years, I noticed that more people than ever laughed at this play. There was one particular play moment when Martin Mateer, who was playing Roderick Rodent, burst out laughing on stage, subsequently causing the audience and the rest of the cast members to laugh as well. "It was awkward, but it was really funny afterward," says Mateer about the incident.

Senior Laura Craig, who played the snooty Mrs. Van Cleve, said that "the play this year was great. Being a senior, I think it'll be a good memory to keep with me for a long time." There you have it. "Glimpsed Through the Sawdust" was a good addition to the play that Clarion-Limestone has done.

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morning, to reveal what Santa Claus has bestowed them in reward of their good behavior throughout the year. Shops and stores of all kinds knock down prices of clothes, electronics, and other various merchandise in hopes of having the best deals around and attracting the most costumers. Parents go mad trying to decide how much money they should spend on the presents that are just right for their kids.

Needless to say, sparks flare just as bright in the small, rural town of Clarion, Pennsylvania as any where else.

Students can't wait until the pause of the class room and to unwind

during the Christmas vacation. For Clarion-Limestone students, however, Christmas may not fulfill their anticipation due to a relatively short break of 10 days.

"I think it should be longer," said Christian Bakewell, sophomore at Clarion-Limestone Junior and Senior High school. "Christmas is like a sacred holiday. It deserves a longer break."

With November in the rear-view mirror, Clarion has yet to see any significant snowfall this holiday season. The first few spouts of snow were seen in early November and have been, despite the surge of bitterly cold weather in recent weeks, dormant since.

Clarion-Limestone Christmas tree.  
Photo Credit: Jake Monrean



Upon entering the Clarion-Limestone high school, one may immediately notice the brightly lit Christmas tree in the main entrance. On the tree hang stockings which contain beef jerky, honey buns, pretzels and other goods for our soldiers abroad and hungry children in Uganda, Africa.

"It's a really nice thing to do for our veterans and those poor starving children," said Blaine Laird, sophomore. "Only the warm hearts of Clarion would be generous enough to do such a thing."

# What Do You Call A December 25 Fog? A Christ-mist!

By: Alyssa Snyder


We all have a little Scrooge in us when it comes to the holidays. When it comes to Christmas, the only thing that never seems to ruin your day is the Christmas break, presents, cookies, and ham. Whether it's the temperature, food, or the company, everyone needs a little guidance to keep them sane through the holidays. That's why I made a "How To" guide to get through it.

Your Problem: "I don't like hot houses. All your family is in the house and the oven and heater are running and it gets way too hot!" –Mr. M c C o r m i c k  
Your Solution: Break out the bikinis and swim trunks! That way you won't get too hot and you won't get too cold. But the Christmas dinner won't do give your appearance any justice.



Your Problem: "My mother made chicken and it was so dry that my cat choked on it and died." –Eliza G r e e n a w a l t grade 8  
Your Solution: Dip the chicken in some water and keep your fingers crossed that you get another cat for Christmas.

Your Problem: "I hate people."  
–Tabitha Switzer grade 8  
Your Solution: Isolate yourself in your room and get someone to crack open your door and slide in a plate of Christmas dinner.

Sometimes the holidays can be too much to bare. But any problem always has a simple fix. When you try to think about it too hard, you'll never find the solution. But you can guarantee that even if it's a silly solution, it'll work. Merry Christmas! 



Student, Johnny Rominski, is showing his hate of Christmas. Photo credit: Alyssa Snyder

# Bah Humbug!

By: Myranda Klawuhn



Every year Christmas comes around and what do we all get out of it? Cold weather, rude shoppers, competitive decorators, and LIES.

Parents lie to their kids about a jolly, old man that breaks into their house and judges them year round. If that isn't bad enough, when the kids find that he isn't real, that's the start of all crushed dreams. 8th grader, Eliza Greenawalt, said, "It makes me mad because parents are lying to their kids about Santa and then their kids

will lie and go to jail...I don't like that my parents are telling me that a guy is



Kelsey Martin, Eliza Greenawalt, Zack Kroh, and Mason Atherton represent Eighth-grade Christmas pride as they stand next to a Christmas tree. Photo Credit: Myranda Klawuhn

coming into my house at night," If being lied to isn't bad enough, there are shoppers who wait until the very LAST moment to do their shopping.

I thought if someone cared about their children, they wouldn't wait to buy those presents that would actually make them happy. No, they wait till the day before Christmas and buy them crap they don't care about: like socks or a sweater.

What about people who feel the need to make Christmas a

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## Where's the Mute Button?

By: Kara Knepp



Have you ever taken a second to really think about all that noise your ears take in during the Christmas season? Neither did I. But I have a little challenge. One weekend, make a mental note of all the Christmas music you hear in two days. This will be especially easy if you go within ten feet of any public place from October 31 to December 25. It's slightly absurd. After you have taken into account all the tunes you have heard, think about the lyrics. *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*, for instance. Really? Who writes something like that? Well, to answer your question: Elmo Shropshire and Patsy Trigg do. In 1984 it became one of the biggest Christmas hits of all time.

But if you are anything like me (I'm assuming you are for our

purposes) you have a lot of questions. Why is Christmas music played after Halloween over and over and over and over again? Why does Christmas get its own genre of music? Ever noticed that no other holiday has 8,239,275 songs written about it? Well let's just say that if Christmas was a famous person, it would be Oprah. Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas. I really do. What I don't love is the constant melodies of dancing snowmen and drummer boys. There are really only so many renditions of *Jingle Bells* a person can stomach.

Another question: why does every singer/songwriter feel it SO necessary to have a Christmas album? It's generally all the same anyway. You can only rearrange the words

"Christmas Merry We Wish Santa Coming Reindeer Grandma" so many ways before people just want to stab their ears with hot, steel forks.

Lastly, and most importantly, I think all the excess Christmas music has done the opposite of what its sole purpose is: to get people in the Christmas spirit. Yes, I know what you're thinking: "Some people love Christmas music!" And I agree; but what about the people who hate it? If artists can get away with singing about how their grandmother got run over by an antlered-moose, we have stooped to a new low in what we call musical entertainment. Then again, that's just my opinion. 🐾

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decorating competition? "Oh, look at my house, it's looks better than yours." Yeah, that's the spirit of Christmas, let's completely ignore Jesus. 8th grader, Zach Kroh said, "It's silly and it's an eyesore,"

People forget that we have Thanksgiving and they play their "jolly" Christmas music. Oh yeah, forget the pilgrims that came over to settle the land for

us and let's forget the Native Americans that helped us. I mean we raped, pillaged, and killed their people, I'm pretty sure we can put aside one day to actually thank them. So, let's try to focus less on Christmas and more on things that actually matter like family and friends. So let's hope that I've shown you what should matter and that you had a great holiday anyway.

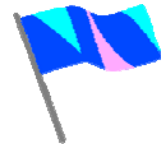
## Literary Magazine

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## Bringing Back the Flag



By: Angie Huffman

Marching band. An age old tradition for high schools and colleges all across America. And what's a band without a colorguard? Whether it's majorettes, dancers, pompoms, or flag twirlers, they are the finishing touch to a great looking band. Here at C-L our colorguard is known to most as Bandfront. For years Bandfront Has been a big part of our football halftime shows and parades. After the loss of our marching band a few years ago, there was much doubt it would ever come back, but in the past 2 years, it has made a full comeback, including the of bandfront last year. After the successful season, it seemed like everything was fixed and the bandfront was here to stay.

At the end of the 2010-11 school year, the school had to make some cuts to keep up with the country's current economic situation. One of these cuts were the paid position of bandfront coach, and as it seemed, bandfront. While everyone thought bandfront was doomed, band director Mrs. Coast had a better idea in mind.

At the beginning of the school year, Mrs Coast decided to have bandfront sign ups and take charge herself. She wanted to bring back the flags, and she let the experienced members teach new members how to twirl. The

bandfront members had to be in charge of coming up with routines which made it hard, but it paid off in the long run. By the end of the season four members were performing at halftime and most members were performing in



Angie Huffman and Alexis Welsh wear huge smiles as they march the Autumn Leaf Festival parade route.


Photo credit: Dotty Huffman

parades. The members of bandfront are grateful for the time Mrs. Coast sacrificed for them and can't wait for next season.

It would have been much easier for Mrs. Coast to just keep the bandfront out of the act, so why did she put in so much time to keep

it? Simply put, every competitive marching band needs a bandfront. They are depended on for a good score in parades and competitions. Coast says "We worked so hard to rebuild the marching band last year. We bought new uniforms and accessories for the bandfront." Of the five girls who participated in bandfront last year, 3 graduated, and 1 moved, leaving a single participant, which is not enough for a good show. Since there were not enough participants and the school faced severe budget cuts, they could not commit to a bandfront. Mrs. Coast says "I tried all summer to have a bandfront. It was my way of doing what was right for the band."

After the start of the year, Coast had sign ups and tried to get a group performing. It was a very rounng process, but they pulled through and it now seems that there is a uture for the bandfront. Freshman Alec Baker says "They did well for a rough year."

Overall the band is hoping for a bright future and more participants for bandront. Hopefully more students wil  realize how much fun it is in years to come.





## Girls' Varsity Basketball: Everything Starts with the First Step



By: Jessica Wolbert

The girls' varsity basketball team is coached this year by our assistant principal/athletic director Mr. Doug Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers was a leading scorer in high school basketball at Karns City holding a total of 1445 points. Mr. Rodgers graduated from Waynesburg College; he planned on playing basketball there but could not due to his injuries.

On his team this year he has four seniors including: Kacy Lewis, Dannie Parsons, Sam Speer, and Jessica Wolbert. In all the team only has 13 players, this is just enough players to have both a junior varsity and varsity team. As our previous Coach Simpson would say, "The C-L girls' varsity basketball team has always been **small in number, but big in heart.**" I feel as though the team still goes by that.

Talking with senior Dannie Parsons, player of 4 high school basketball years, I asked her if she thought that she was still benefiting this season having already played her whole elementary and high school career, she replied by saying, "This year is different, but it is for the best, I like Mr. Rodgers as a coach. He is a change, but a good change and hopefully we will go a long way this year." Sophomore Alissa Burns also told me, "This season is a lot harder than it has been, we are being pushed a lot more and it is making us a much better team."

Just like any other game or sport, you need to have goals for the season. Mr. Rodgers says, "The team's main goals for this year are that we need to improve everyday, make it fun

and most of all make the playoffs." The team started off by playing in the Brookville Tipoff Tournament in December beating Philipsburg and having a tough match against Keystone. From then on the girls' have won several other games including a first place trophy at the Redbank Valley tournament and are currently 5-1.

Make sure to come out and support the Girls' team this year as their season continues!



New head coach, Rodgers, having many new goals for the team this year.

Photo Credit: Jessica Wolbert

## Dribble to the Net and Our Dreams!



By: Matthew Young

It's 2011 and the lions are back on the prowl for a great basketball season. This year the boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity team consist of 20 young, athletic boys who are ready to give it their all. These boys may all be different but they can all say that basketball is bringing them together and they're all ready for big wins this season.


Their first game is December 14, 2011 and they face West Forest. Junior, Nathan Kahle, is on the Junior Varsity team and he

believes that they will have a win against West Forest. "Our coaches this year are Joe Ferguson and Scott Fox. They are very good and we predict that they will lead us to many wins. I must say that it looks like we are going to have a very good season this year!"

Over the summer, some of the members of the team acquired more education of the sport by going to various summer camps for basketball.

Mike Miller, Junior, explained to me, "The season for us is looking very bright.

I'm not at all worried for us and I wish coach Fox the best of luck being that it's his first real year of coaching us. Our practices are like any other sport. It can be long and tiring but at the end of the season it's our practicing that brought us that far."

It's time to get all decked out in that blue and gold and go support not only our guys but the girls as well. After all, it's a sport that we all need to go to, to help the team for their mighty wins! C-L Pride! 



Junior, Brooks Bennet thinking about the team's big win over West Forest!  
Photo Credit: Matthew Young

## ‘Rasslin’

By: Myranda Klawuhn

If C-L boys choose to wrestle, they go play with the Clarion School. Wrestling is a sport that demands full heart in order to play. “I like to wrestle because I get to hurt people. The practices are harder than any other sport, it requires you to be physically and mentally conditioned,” 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Tommy Klawuhn said.

So far, the boys haven’t had any matches but they are training hard. They feel that they have a very strong team this year. Even with the tremendous players, their grades must be up to par.

Maybe it’s a good thing that our C-L boys can team up with Clarion for a bonding experience and a connection of both strengths. “It’s great being with Clarion because they are really good at playing sports. I know that we’ll do good this season because we are very prepared,” 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Tommy Klawuhn said.

Usually most days after school the boys practice until at least six, if not longer and one can tell that they have practiced to their limits. The boys who wrestle are committed; God only knows that I would quit the sport after a couple of minutes of the first practice I’d go to.


Not only do the boys get a bonding experience but even at the Clarion pep rallies, the C-L boys are just as recognized members on the team as well as the Clarion boys. In this sport all is kept fair.

Even though they work extremely hard during their practices, they seem to be a unified team, almost like a family. They work hard and the families pitch in a buy food for the team members during their meets. So even the families of the wrestlers are unified greater.

So good luck to those who commit to such a tremendously hard



Tommy Klawuhn making a wrestling stance.  
Photo by: Myranda Klawuhn

sport and have a good season. I know that it may be difficult but I know that it’ll prove to be worth it in the end. 




## When the Tiger Smiles

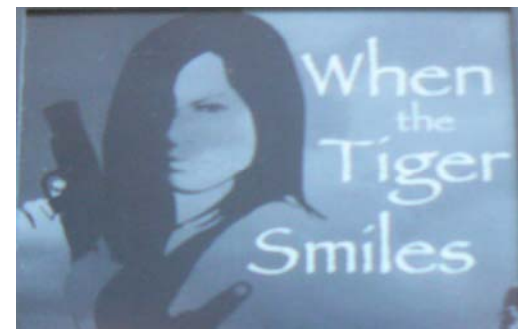
By: Devin Simpson

The book, *When the Tiger Smiles* by Sonja Stone, is about a normal teenage girl who gets played by her boyfriend and best friend. Emma, the normal teenage girl, gets scouted to go to this “private school” and strengthen her weaknesses. When she gets there, she finds out it’s a school for spies, the kind that are like ninjas but not the Chinese or Japanese kind. Emma finds herself fighting to get to the top just to prove she has whatever it takes to be just like the other students. When she is about to prove herself to everyone, she finds out someone is trying to kill

her. She won’t have that, she has gone this far and she isn’t going to give up any time soon.

This book is about self-motivation, greed, betrayal, and control. I suggest girls who are between the ages of 14 and 15 to read this book. It has showed me that girls can do a lot if they put their mind to it. You just have to push and tell yourself you can do it, no matter what other people might say. Pushing to become better will pay off in the long-run. It’s not going to be easy, but who said anything was going to be? You just have

to grow a set and do what has to be done. 



The Cover For the book, *When the Tiger Smiles*.  
Photo Credit: Devin Simpson

# The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 Review

By: Jake Monrean

**Director:** Bill Condon

**Starring:** Robert Pattinson, Kristen Steward, Taylor Lautner, Nikki Reed, Peter Facinelli, Ashley Greene, Kellan Lutz, Billy Burke

**Duration:** 117 minutes

I watched *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* with a downbeat mindset, knowing already that my input of the film is pointless. The devoted fans of *Twilight* will continue to rave at theatres for the film regardless of any negative reviews or critique.

The first mistake of this production was dividing it into 2 parts in an obvious attempt to suck in more cash from the pockets of the gullible. The film already has a box office of \$633,402,669.

*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* was so boring that one becomes deathly tired within the first ten minutes, and I even recall brief intervals of micro sleeps throughout the entire duration of

the film. Nevertheless, I somehow managed to get the gist of the story.

Edward and Bella Cullen get married, spend their honeymoon in a



Brazilian paradise, and make love for the first time. Later it is discovered that Bella is pregnant with what is believed to be a demon. Jacob and his wolf pack show up to protect her.

Bella falls increasingly ill as her pregnancy progresses. Edward injects her with some kind of venom to turn her into a vampire. Indeed, after a few more scenes of action, Bella is revealed at the end as a vampire.

There is nothing good I can say about this film. To begin, I am disgusted by the concept of vampires, let alone of the caliber we find in the *Twilight Saga*. The acting was atrocious; and this could be Kristen Steward's last film.

The story and pacing is horrible, but you can't expect much when the author of the saga is feeding a chief population of impressionable teenage girls.

The special effects weren't extraordinarily great, but I couldn't say they were awful.

Over all, this film is abominable junk, and I left the theatre wishing I could have my 117 minutes back. Don't waste

## Sing You Home

By: Jessica Clark

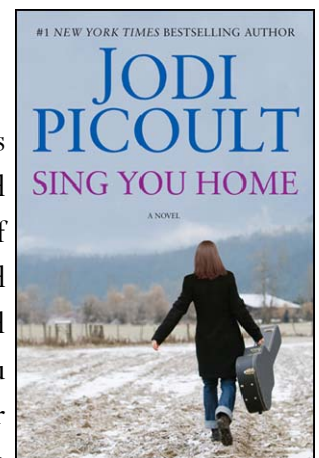
*Sing You Home* by Jodi Picoult is an absolutely amazing book. Zoe Baxter is a music therapist. She loves her job because she gets to comfort suicidal, burn or nursing home patients. She is in love with playing music and comforting people. "The music we listen to may not define who we are, but it's a pretty good start"

Something she desperately wants more than any thing is to have a family of her own. The problem is that she is unable to become pregnant. The couple tries everything to have a kid, they have spent lots of time and money trying anything known to becoming pregnant. She and her husband Max, a recovering alcoholic,

have given up trying to conceive a child. Their life, friends, lots of money, relationship for each other and practically their whole life. Through the process it seems that the couple has lost themselves. In the final try to have a kid, the chances grow extremely strong but in the last term, Zoe has a stillborn. This pushes Max over the edge and he soon relapses and gets in a terrible accident. Just when Zoe thought things couldn't get any worse, they get divorced. A new friend, Vanessa, comes into her life though and Max soon joins the church and becomes a big part in it. Zoe and Vanessa grow closer than ever.

This book is filled with lots of unexpected twists and turns and you will never guess the

outcome. I would recommend this book for girls of any age. Jodi Picoult is a favorite author of mine because she tells real life stories that could definitely happen. This book is very inspirational to just be yourself and don't let others bring you down.



# TECHNOLOGY —ACCORDING TO— Logan

Buckle your seatbelt, 'cuz it's a special edition of "Technology According to Logan!" In this issue, I'm going to list the top five Christmas gadgets this year. We've seen quite a few nifty products this year which make for a great gift. Every one of them is sure to please! Take a gander at the list below and see what you want most!

First up, you may have guessed, is the **Amazon Kindle Fire**. The Kindle Fire is Amazon's answer to the iPad, the currently dominating tablet. The Kindle Fire has already sold 4 million since its November 14th release. It's already in second place behind the iPad in terms of market share. Why, you may ask? Well, the Kindle Fire has one thing the iPad doesn't: a super small price tag of only \$199. But, what the fire has against the iPad in pricing, it lacks in features. The Kindle Fire has no Bluetooth, no cameras, no GPS, no cellular capability, a thicker body, and only 8 GB of storage. The list of drawbacks is longer, but those are the core letdowns.

In second place, we have the **Apple iPhone 4S**. Of course, the 4S is "the most amazing iPhone yet." With its dual core processor, 8 MP camera, crystal-clear Retina display, 8 hour battery life, and \$199 starting price, that statement is totally true. Also, the 4S is Apple's first iPhone to include Siri, your new virtual assistant that does,

well, pretty much everything. From answering questions to scheduling reminders, Siri's always got your back. But let's not forget the most



Photo Credit: Apple.com

obvious and noticeable thing the iPhone has going for it: sleek and gorgeous design. The iPhone 4S is certainly the must-have smartphone this holiday season.

Coming up in third place is the **Microsoft Xbox 360 with Kinect**. Finally, my favorite company thought of a fantastically innovative and amazingly fun product. Kinect is one of the first really exciting innovations I've seen from Microsoft in a while, and it absolutely blows my mind. I have one at my house, and every time I use it, being the nerd I am, I

Photo Credit: Xbox.com



wonder to myself how they do it. Kinect lets you actually "be the controller." It's about 100 steps up from the Nintendo Wii's remote system, which doesn't really let you get in to the game as well as Kinect. This Christmas, you can snag an Xbox 360 + Kinect bundle for just \$299. From the moment you start playing, you'll love being able to play a video game, even while getting a little exercise too.

The fourth place gizmo this Christmas is the **Nintendo 3DS**. I, overcome by my greed for gadgets, purchased a 3DS the day it came out for \$249. A few months later, the price dropped to \$169, and my heart dropped with it. After being suckered in to overpaying \$80 for a gadget I "had to have," I learned my lesson: never buy a

gadget before waiting a few months to see if the price goes down. Now that I've gotten that out of the way, let's get to the meat. The 3DS was really exciting for the first week or so, but now, it's really just a pastime for those times when I'm bored and need to do some sort of technological interaction before I break down and have a seizure. The 3D screen is impressive, but it sort of wears off after a while. Not literally, but psychologically. I'm just not as "wowed" now as I was the first day. However, if I were to pay the \$169, I may be a bit more satisfied. Don't let my sob story get in the way of your wanting to get this gift this year, though. If you're looking for a portable game console, the 3DS may be perfect for you. But, the post-Christmas boredom with presents may be especially present with this present (I just had to do that).

Photo Credit: Nintendo.com




And last, but not least, we have the **Roku 2 XS**. Now, I know you probably have no idea what this is. It's actually a pretty popular product, in fact the #1 selling streaming player. The Roku 2 XS is a super tiny box that plugs into your TV and lets you stream things like Netflix and Pandora through Wi-Fi. There's also another 350+ services you can connect to, and you can simply insert a memory card to instantly watch movies you have stored. And, with a starting price of only \$49, this is a truly amazing product at an amazing price. Oh, and  comes with **A n g r y B i r d s** installed, o f course.



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## Hard Times at C-L High

By: Josh Dunlap

As people may already know, Clarion-Limestone is underfunded as well as many other schools in the area. This is because of the amount of money going into schools, but it is also because of Pennsylvania's distribution of money to schools. It does not go by state or by county, but by district. Because of that, it is the amount of people living in the district that determines how much money the school of that district receives.

The C-L district covers small parts of Clarion, all of Strattanville, Corsica, Roseville, Limestone, and Kingsville. Altogether, that's not a very populated area and not a lot of tax dollars.

If the taxes were distributed by county there would be the same amount of tax dollars given to C-L as



The empty room that was going to be the computer lab at C-L before all of the spending cuts.

Photo Credit: Josh Dunlap

would be given to Clarion and so on. Jordan Hufnagel, a senior, says that if schools were funded by county rather than district, "it would be better." If taxes were distributed by state, all schools in PA would receive the same amount of tax dollars. An equal distribution of wealth, according to

Mrs. Widmer, an English teacher, here at C-L says it "would be nice."

Distributing taxes to schools by district has the tendency of isolation and ones education would be determined by the district in which they live.

Another problem with the funding to schools in PA is the money received by the state. Gov. Corbett took some of the schools funding away last year and C-L was facing possible furloughs, but luckily the teachers that could retire did in order to save the jobs of the newer teachers. Corbett plans to cut spending to the education budget even more for next year. How much can we take from the schools before they fall apart? 🐾

## Dreads: Not So Dreadful After All

By: Nate Storer

Over the past year or so I've been bombarded with questions on the dreads that I sport on my head. This article gives me a chance (most likely in vain) to dispel some common misconceptions a lot of people make about dreads.

First off, how they're made varies with the people that have them. You can go about making them naturally or "natty" by simply just not washing your hair with any kind of cleaning agent and not combing it. This can take years to get just right

and require a lot of care and love for them to turn out nice.

Another way is the "sewing" method where you basically take a needle and thread and sew your hair into long dreads. What I did was something called "back-combing." In this method you take your hair and section it off with rubber bands and then you tease the hair from root to tip with a comb much like a flea comb for a dog, this being because a plastic comb will break after about one and a half dreads. This method is painful and

I spent a total of 24 hours getting them put in.

The first few months of being a dread-head are the most important. Your young locks require care every day for about an hour to two hours a day. But it's worth it; the more love you put in the more love you'll get out of them in the later months. Dreads have a very little up keep. If you took care of them while they were young they will grow to be healthy and dread by themselves.

Two common beliefs are that


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everyone else with conventional haircuts in the world, I can say that dreads like to be clean. If they are dirty and greasy they don't knot up and you just get a gross mess on your head.

Dreads require less up keep due to the fact that you don't comb them, this actually deters bugs and other nasty things that like to live off people. Bugs, mainly lice love hair that they can move around in and get from place to place with ease, the fact that there's a jungle of knots on your noggin makes

it a place that nasty little critters don't want to call home.

Dreads are a commitment so don't go into it without thinking how it will affect how people look at you and how you feel about yourself. If you decide you want dreads and you think it's a life choice you want go for it. You're only young for a small amount of time and that gives you a very small window to do wild things. Contact me, if you have any more questions or wish to go about getting your own dreads. 

dreads are dirty and that they have bugs in them. While I can't speak for every person with dreads in the world just like anyone else can't account for



## A Girl Gamer's Guide: Game Release Month

By: Sarah Taylor



November every year is a much anticipated month for a certain kind of people known as gamers; a kind of people which I call myself a part of. Often times, the only people you'd find in this world would be guys. I, however, am a girl living in this world of guys, a rarity that I am proud of. Senior Claire Sawyer, a fellow girl gamer, says "it's a fun hobby, and a great conversation starter." So what was it like for me as a girl in the month of November?


Personally, there were a couple of other games I was ready for. Finally, after three years of breath holding wait, the fifth installment in *The Elder Scrolls* series, *Skyrim*, has made it's appearance. Naturally, I was there the day of its release to pick up my prize. It was everything I had expected and hoped for. If we're looking at it from a girl's perspective, the ability to choose a female character in a game is always

nice, something most modern role-playing games such as *Skyrim* provide. Aside from the main quest, there are hundreds of side quests that one could complete. The world of *Skyrim* is definitely large enough (and beautiful enough too – the graphics are amazing) to keep one entertained for hours on end. Aside from the main quest, there are hundreds of side quests that one could complete.

Perhaps the game that I was most anticipating was the fourth game in the *Assassin's Creed* series: *Revelations*. Seeing as the *Assassin's Creed* games are my favorite series, I was beyond thrilled to receive the new one and again play through the life of protagonist Ezio Auditore, though this is the last game that will feature Ezio. To me, the storyline of *Revelations* was by far one of the best yet, overshadowing the previous game. As always, the free running aspect of the *Assassin's Creed* games is one of my



*Skyrim* and *Assassin's Creed: Revelations*  
Photo Credit: Sarah Taylor

favorite things about the game. So I'm sort of just like any other gamer, even though it is rare for a girl to play video games. It's a hobby and really fun for me. I'd honestly recommend either  the above video games to anybody.

## Old Navy

By: Alyssa Snyder

Friday after Thanksgiving is called **BLACK** Friday. Sure, there are great deals at stores but in order to actually buy things, you have to battle to the death. Pushing, biting, stabbing, actual death; women acting like starving lions fighting for a feast. I went shopping in Dubois and fortunately, the worst thing that happened was standing in line for what seemed to be forever.

The worst line I stood in was at Old Navy. I stood in that line for **over** 2 hours. That isn't as severe as stabbing or ever pushing, but it is ridiculous. At Old Navy, the music was blaring and the employees were energetic. The atmosphere was perfect...or so it seemed. The two hour line wrapped all the way around the store because there other employees were busy dancing in the middle of the store. The manager was quite rude to the shoppers.

At one point, a very simple question was asked by a shopper to the

manager, "What do you think the appropriate waiting time in a line should be?" A question that was on all of our minds. His response? "We're doing our best. If you go to Wal-Mart, there's going to be lines as well. I think we're doing just fine given the circumstances." This doesn't sound like a bad answer except he was speaking down to the woman that asked like she was a child. And the way he was saying it was rude and inconsiderate. I'm not the only one that thinks so. The thought was going through all of our minds. "That is unbelievable! They have lost a lot of customers today. The manager is rude and they need to get their priorities straight!" says a fed up shopper. Needless to say, Old Navy lost a lot of business that 🐾.



Mr. McCormick is gearing up to go Black Friday shopping.  
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Black is the color of death. That's why it's no surprise that the

## Thanksgiving Time

By: Katarina Aaron

is my favorite part."

When I asked Ehrhart what she is most thankful for this year, she said, "I will be thankful for my family doing well." When I asked if they could do one thing differently for Thanksgiving, Klepfer replied, "instead of watching the football game I'd rather them play a family game," while Callender said, "going to a different house for Thanksgiving is what I would like to do different."

When asked what their favorite and least favorite food is at Thanksgiving, Klepfer and Callender

Baleigh Klepfer, 8th grade student

Photo Credit: Katarina Aaron



Thanksgiving is a time where friends and family gather to give thanks for their blessings. When families gather together it's a happy time because some families don't get to see their relatives throughout the year. Mrs. Ehrhart, the attendance secretary in the high school office said, "getting together with family is my favorite part about Thanksgiving."

Two eighth grade students gave me different responses to their favorite part about Thanksgiving. Baleigh Klepfer said, "the wishbone

gave me different responses. Klepfer said, "my favorite is mashed potatoes and my least favorite is yams." Callender said, "my favorite is the dessert, and my least favorite is the turkey." As for their most memorable Thanksgiving experience, they would all agree that family is a priority.

Overall Thanksgiving is a cheerful time of the year 🐾 and most

# Lions in the Election

By: Matthew Young

On November 8, 2011 the election in Clarion County was held.

Cara and Jack Brosius are two students here at Clarion-Limestone and their father Wyne Brosius won the election as county commissioner. For different students the election meant different things and for Mr. Brosius it meant the same but it also meant a completely different thing.




8th grader, Baileah Latshaw, reading up on candidates for the election.  
Photo Credit: Matthew Young

To uncover the students' thoughts about the election, I have interviewed Mason Atherton, an eighth grader here at Clarion-

Limestone. Mason told me, "I believe that the election is a very important thing to our society because it allows us to have our own opinion in government by letting us elect who we believe will represent us best. Because of large budget cuts around the schools I believe that we need someone to help us so our school systems are better, that is why if I was able to vote I would vote for Wyne Brosius. I believe that Mr. Brosius will be able to help out our schools because he has children of his own and realizes how important it is for children to have the best education offered."

January 2, 2012 Wayne Brosius will take office with two other Clarion County commissioners. He said to me, " Well Matt I decided to run for commissioner this year because all the former commissioners are stepping down out of office. My job is more administrated then anything. I dispense money throughout the community, hire and fire, a few legislative decisions such as county taxes and a county wide burn band. The toughest thing for me will be keeping the budget in line because the trickling down effect will be less.

My biggest fear is going to be a lot of people being upset with me. I plan on only being in office for four years because I may decide I don't like it. The way that I may be able to help schools is by having them re-assessed to get their real value so school property taxes may be lowered. I had some contributors but I paid for most of my election fees on my own. Because commissioner a full-time job, I am resigning from the C93 radio station. Right now I believe I will be able to chose what my hours are but I'm not quite sure yet."

As one can see, Wayne and the other two commissioners, Bush Campbell and Greg Fuller, all have their hands full and will do their best to help out our county the best they can  we all wish you the best of luck.



## To All the Back-Pack Revolutionaries

By: Nate Storer

There are many works of writing that are pointed toward young kids, convincing them to go onward to a higher grade of schooling after they survived the horrors and trails that is the American high school. There are few works that remind kids that there's more to life than getting straight A's and a nice picket fence to hide from the world behind. This is an article for the few who dream of the hard cold life of a life on the road. A small disclaimer, I'm not writing to encourage a backpack revolution, no matter how cool that might be.

This article is designed to help the wandering breed of nomadic Americans realize they

aren't alone; there are a hundred other kids with mud on their faces and dreams in their eyes. It's also here to help people better understand these Kerouac kids and Ginsberg wannabees.

The Act of Laving, talking and dreaming about leaving is one thing, doing it is something entirely different. The first time you realize that you have no idea where you're going to be sleeping that night is the one of the most bone chilling things in life. But it's really fun! To avoid too much unneeded and unwanted angst this first installment will attempt to help prepare the reader for the road. The first thing any wayward soul needs is to make peace with

what you're leaving behind. This sacred act is not meant to be committed out of spite of a family member or a lost love. To do it properly with no regret and with the best Karma you can hope for. Leave with a light heart knowing everything in this phase of your life is completed and set right before you venture onto the next phase.

Next, prepare your mind for the road. It isn't all going to be fast pace and up beat. There will be days of cruel people with judging faces and a cruel hot sun beating down on you, and there will be nights of cold grounds and cloudy skies. But what is life? If nothing it's suffering.

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“And all that Road going, and all the people dreaming in the immensity of it all”-Jack Kerouac; *On the Road*  
Picture by Josh Dunlap




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Lastly, all the good stuff you'll be taking on this passage through Raw America. You'll need a comfortable back-bag to carry all of your supplies in. Pack enough water to last three to four days and use it sparingly, remember this will be on your back! Clothing choices will vary from where you live and where you're going. Bring money, don't flash it around and if anyone ever asks you how much you have never say anything above five to ten dollars. You'll need it to buy rides, food, water, and the occasional hotel room. Remember you're on the

road now, people aren't going to expect that you're made of money so don't give them reason to think other wise. Don't forget the great holiness that is food! For the most part you'll be able to buy food as you go along but always be prepared. Some food you could bring on with you would be things that won't perish and can be restored or made in small amounts. For example rice, the carbs will save you from starving through lonely nights, it can be made in small amounts (just add water) and it's very light. Some small cans of things could be brought, along

with dried meats and fruits that won't go bad or make a mess of your bag if they spill.

Word of the wise: leave in spring, it can be bad for your health and your soul to be standing in three feet of snow trying to get a ride from the many families traveling back and forth for the holidays, plus spring is the season of rebirth and renewal. What better time to start such a pilgrim  to find one's self during Spring.



# Fes ive Fun...

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