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The Drug Free Six Announced

By Hailey Slater



Erin Christiansen



Kirk Dickens



Conner Hazelrigg



Ashburn Holley



Lauren Josendale



Robert Pyatt

Being a Drug Free Superstar must be a great thing to accomplish. These people have had to not only go through their whole high school career without drinking or doing drugs, but also had to be good role models as well. Nearly twenty senior students applied but only six were chosen.

Ashburn Holley was one of the lucky six. "My mother always encouraged me to become a Drug Free Superstar," Holley stated. "I have wanted it since I first heard about it in grade school." Holley said that she was shocked when she heard her name over the announcements. "It's a great honor."

Holley said that it was never hard at all to be drug free. "I do not feel like I ever missed out on anything." Holley had something in mind every time she felt pressured. "I just remembered what my mom asked me to do, and her voice was always in my mind."

For those who are trying to become a Drug Free Superstar, Holley said to keep it up, "You will be more respected for not giving in to peer pressure." Holley also wants to congratulate her classmates for the accomplishment of applying for it.

Conner Hazelrigg was another winner. "I wanted to become a Drug Free Superstar because I knew that I would be setting a good example." Hazelrigg has had her heart set on becoming a "superstar" since seventh grade. "It feels great to finally get this title because it is good to know that my accomplishment is finally getting recognized."

When asked how hard it has been to be drug free, Hazelrigg said, "Drugs are nasty. So that was easy. Drinking is a lot more common which makes it harder. But once you say no, it's easy to keep saying it." Hazelrigg avoided going to *those* parties. "That's how I resisted the peer pressure." Hazelrigg wants others who are thinking about being drug free to go for it. "High school is about having fun, not hurting your body or risking trouble." For the people who applied but didn't get the title, Hazelrigg said, "You guys are still Drug Free

Superstars and that's all that matters. You know you did it, so congrats from me."

Robert Pyatt was another person chosen from the senior class. Robert had a different reason for wanting to be drug free. "I remember seeing the kids come to St. Francis Xavier, and I always thought it was really cool how they stood up for what they believed. I wanted to be looked up to by kids, like me looking up to them." Pyatt has had his heart set on being a Drug Free Superstar since sixth or seventh grade.

"I feel relieved to get awarded this. It has been similar to a timer, slowly ticking closer and closer over the last five or six years." Pyatt thought that staying drug free throughout high school wasn't bad at all. "In all honesty, I never felt that it was hard. I avoided situations where there were drugs or alcohol, and I kept my 'eye on the prize!' Pyatt said that he avoided situations of peer pressure. If he was offered anything, he just denied it politely and kept his cool. For those who are trying to become a Drug Free Superstar, Pyatt said "Just be yourself, don't be afraid to stand up for what you believe. People will respect you for your decisions." Pyatt added, "Imagine the 'perfect' version of yourself, and just do your absolute best to be that way. It pays off with time."

Pyatt is kind to those who applied for the award, but did not receive it. "They are just as deserving of this award as the people who received the award. They should think well of themselves, and be proud of themselves. In my opinion, the only difference between me and them is I have a big photo in the cafeteria!"

Kirk Dickens is another Drug Free Superstar. Dickens has wanted to be a Drug Free Superstar since his older sister received the award. "I have wanted this since seventh grade."

Dickens is happy about receiving this award. "It feels super wonderful, like flying for the first time." Dickens said that it was "Moderately difficult" being drug free in high school.

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Dickens would resist peer pressure, "I would say no and drink green tea."

Dickens tells others who are trying to be drug free to "Go for it; it is tough at times, but in the end it is worth it."

Erin Christiansen is yet another winner of the Drug Free Superstar award. Christiansen's reason for wanting to become a Drug Free Superstar is so she could set a positive example for others. She said that it also helped her gain trust from her parents.

"I wanted to be a Drug Free Superstar since my freshman year," Christiansen said. "It feels good to get this title, but the self-satisfaction of knowing that I remained drug free during high school means more to me." Christiansen admits that it was difficult at the beginning. "Once I established and told others my goal, they respected my decision." Christiansen has a "good

group of friends" and that, she said, helped her resist the peer pressure. "They knew how to have fun without having parties or drink."

To those who are trying to resist the pressure to drink or take drugs, she said, "Find a good group of friends who respect your decisions or make similar decisions. It definitely builds trust with your parents."

For those who did not receive the award, Christiansen said, "I commend their perseverance in remaining drug free. We were all equally qualified and deserve the award. The large number of applications should make a statement to the incoming/younger students at LeBlond.

Lauren Josendale was also one of the Drug Free Superstars.

"Drugs and alcohol are something I have always been completely against; I never wanted

to be involved in it." Josendale has wanted to be a 'superstar' for as long as she can remember. "I have always wanted to be one and have had my mind set on it forever."

Josendale is ecstatic about getting this award. "It's so awesome! It means a lot to me!" Josendale said that it really wasn't all that hard to be drug free throughout her high school career. "I knew what I wanted, and it wasn't going to change."

Josendale never put herself in *those* sorts of situations. "For the kids trying to be drug free, you can do it and should do it! It's definitely worth it, no matter the outcome." To those who did not win the award, "You are all still Drug Free Superstars in my eyes!"

These people are role models! They have definitely done a lot and deserve the utmost recognition for what they have ac-

complished! Congratulations!

Criteria for drug free superstar!

To apply to become a Drug Free Superstar, you have to do various things. You need to fill out an application which verifies that person does not do drugs. Parent's signature is also needed. The applicant needs to write a 1-page essay that explains why he/she chooses to be drug free. The applicant also signs up for an interview. The people who interviewed the applicants this year were Dr. Haynes, Mr. Girard, Mr. Kastner, Ms. Giesen, and Mrs. Lister. They grade the essays and interviews from 1-10. They then average out the points and whoever has the highest amount of points is awarded. The winners receives a \$250 scholarship from the Messick foundation, along with the most recognized award, a picture in the cafeteria.

LeBlond Choir Prepares for Districts and State

By Madeleine Glenski

Mrs. Ottinger has been practicing a lot lately with the choir students to prepare for districts and state. All solos and small groups perform at Central High School. Vocals perform on March 25th and students playing instruments perform the next day, Saturday the 26th. The choir sings at NWMSU in Maryville on March 31st. The choir is singing a spiritual called "When the Trumpet Sounds" by Andri Thomas and "I am in Need of Music" by David Brunner.

Mrs. Ottinger said, "I would like to see everyone give their personal best performance at districts. The adjudicators only see one performance; they don't see the progress everyone has

made during their preparation for that one performance. I'm always proud of what our LeBlond musicians accomplish."

Shelby Surmeier is a member of the choir, and she is singing in a number of performances. She has been practicing every night and hopes to get a +2 ranking or possibly a 1. Kaitlyn Crotty is singing in an ensemble and has been practicing outside of school with the others once a week. She claims that they hope to get a one at districts and go to state.

Melanie Lux said, "My goal is to go to state in my solo, and I expect the trio I'm in to go to state."

Alex Luke is singing and play-

ing the violin. He has been practicing both his singing and playing on his own as well as with Mrs. Ottinger. He hopes to get a 1 rating on both his violin and vocal solos at districts and state.

Mrs. Ottinger said, "Solos and small groups take extra time to practice with me after school for several weeks. With everything they have to do - homework, sports, the spring play, work - I'm amazed and proud they are willing to dedicate themselves to preparing for district music. I'm very glad they do."



Melanie Lux is ready to sing her heart out at districts.



People You Should Know

By Maeve Goad



Jack Michael Peppard

Birthday: June 29, 1994
Pets: My dog, Hank
Best Friend: Cole Patrick
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Holiday: New Year's
Favorite Teacher: Doctor Losson
Favorite Movie: *Pirate Radio*
Relationship Status: Single
Your Hero: Jack White
Favorite Out-of-School Activity: Playing guitar
Favorite Style of Dance: Ballroom
Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With: Louis C.K.
Favorite Sport: Football
Favorite Subject: History
Favorite Band: Green Day
Favorite Flavor of Jell-O: Lime
Favorite 80's Song: "Your Love" -The Outfield



Stephen Craig Browning

Birthday: March 19, 1993
Pets: My dog, Ozzie
Best Friend: I have many
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Holiday: St. Patrick's Day
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Alkier
Favorite Movie: *Inception*
Relationship Status: Taken!
Your Hero: Rory McIlroy
Favorite Out-of-School Activity: Golfing/Rapping/
Making sick beats
Favorite Style of Dance: Cat Daddy
Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With: Chuck Norris or Bear Grylls
Favorite Sport: Golf
Favorite Subject: DC Chemistry
Favorite Band: Dave Matthews Band
Favorite Flavor of Jell-O: Pudding is better
Favorite 80's Song: "99 Luftballons" -Nena



Patrick Timothy Dean Dillon

Birthday: February 23, 1995
Pets: My dog, Jessie
Best Friend: Myself
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite Teacher: Coach Girard
Favorite Movie: *Zombieland*
Relationship Status: SINGLE
Your Hero: Maeve Goad
Favorite Out-of-School Activity: Hi-fiving my pals, larping
Favorite Style of Dance: Hip hop
Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With: Jessica Alba
Favorite Sport: Baseball
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Band: IDK
Favorite Flavor of Jell-O: Cherry
Favorite 80's Song: "Pour Some Sugar on Me" -Def Leppard



Lizzie Mellencamp

Birthday: January 5, 1995
Pets: None
Best Friend: Elizabeth Johnson
Favorite Food: Ice Cream
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Dillon
Favorite Movie: *The Notebook*
Relationship Status: Single!
Your Hero: Hello Kitty
Favorite Out-of-School Activity: Eating
Favorite Style of Dance: Krumping
Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With: Annie Chapman
Favorite Sport: Dance
Favorite Subject: English
Favorite Band: Justin Bieber
Favorite Flavor of Jell-O: Grape
Favorite 80's Song: "Don't Stop Believing" -Journey

High School Athletes go BIG!

By Maeve Goad

In their four years at LeBlond, most students participate in one sport or another. For some, it's a fun way to stay in shape. For others, though, it's a way of life. The latter proved true for several seniors this school year who have made the decision to prolong their sports careers while attending college. Among them are two Jewell-bound girls, Conner Hazelrigg and Erin Christiansen.

Hazelrigg is a four year varsity tennis player. She has had a very noteworthy sports career at LB, earning herself several prestigious titles. William Jewell College noticed her love of the game and offered her a spot on the tennis team for the 2011-2012 school year. She's always had it in mind to attend Jewell because of its academic reputation and location. Another university, Drake, also offered her a spot, but she had to decline. "I just love Jewell. I always have," said Hazelrigg. She's attending on a scholarship and is not obligated to try out to gain a spot on the team.

Christiansen will join Hazelrigg at Jewell, but not on the court. She was offered a spot on the soccer team instead. Like Hazelrigg, she had to decline another bid. Creighton, one of the schools she had been interested in attending for quite some time, wanted her on their soccer team. She chose Jewell for the same reasons as Hazelrigg, but added that she'll enjoy how close it is to Kansas City.



"I can't wait to play for Jewell. I'm up for the challenge!"
-Erin Christiansen



"I just love Jewell. I always have".
-Conner Hazelrigg

Who
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By Loree Hazelrigg

See if you can guess who these seniors are!

D. My favorite color is yellow and my best friend is Renata Odongo. When I was younger I attended St. Francis, and my favorite food is chocolate cake. The best thing I have accomplished is not changing myself to fit in. Who am I?

B. My favorite color is red and my best friends are the senior guys. When I was younger I attended Saint Francis, and my favorite food is steak. The best thing I have accomplished is becoming an Eagle Scout or being a drug free superstar. Who am I?

C. My favorite color is carolina blue and my best friend is Erica Smith. When I was younger I attended St. James, and my favorite food is cheesecake. The best thing I have accomplished is being a two time talent show champ at volleyball camp. Who am I?

A. My favorite color is blue and my best friend is Erin Dillon. When I was younger I attended Saint Francis, and my favorite food is chicken fingers. The best thing I have accomplished is making the 2011 Lions Club All-Star football team. Who am I?



EASTER TRADITIONS CARRY ON

By Madeleine Glenski

Easter has always been a special day for the families of Bishop LeBlond. Over the years, many families develop annual Easter traditions. These traditions usually consist of activities that bring the whole family together.

Senior Emma Merrigan celebrates Easter with her extended family at her Uncle and Aunt's house in Kansas City. Her family eats all day and Merrigan's cousins hunt for eggs. Merrigan used to love hunting for eggs with her brother when they were little.

When asked if she had any special traditions for Easter

Merrigan replied, "My grandpa passes around a jar of candy and everyone guesses how many pieces are in the jar. Whoever guesses right gets a prize."

Joe Voltmer stays at his house for Easter where the rest of his family comes instead of leaving town like Merrigan. Voltmer also mentioned an egg hunt as a special Easter tradition. This creates nice, family competition between him and his little sister.

Andrew Mahoney and his family travel to Arizona for Easter every other year to visit his dad's side of the family. Mahoney's Easter also consists

of food and an egg hunt. His favorite Easter memory was being able to celebrate it for the first time.

Collin Gall's family takes a trip to his Grandmother's house every year for Easter. This allows him to celebrate Easter with his extended family as well. The special tradition he mentioned was eating sausage every Easter.

Every student who was asked about Easter traditions mentioned Easter Mass as a very important tradition. They all attend Easter Mass with their family every year. This allows the families to focus on the true meaning of Easter.



Emma Merrigan is looking forward to Easter.

You Mean, we have to make up the Snow Days?!

By Meg Robertson

The response is unanimous. The students at LeBlond are not exactly thrilled about having to make up the snow days over Easter break and at the end of the school year.

Junior Jack Peppard said that he hates that we have to make up the days, and that to prevent this from happening next year, he said, "We should have more snow days already available. It is bound to snow a few inches more than a couple of times, so having more snow

days already built in would solve the problem."

Junior Shelby Pusateri said, "I wish we didn't have to make the days up, but I guess it is the only choice we have." When asked what she would do differently to make up the days, Pusateri said, "There's not much else you can do, but I wish there were more snow days already built in to the schedule!"

Junior Katie Barry is equally upset about the make up days being added on. She said, "I am very angry about having to go an extra week at the end of the school year because it is a week of summer lost!"



Shelby Pusateri is not excited about making up the snow days.

LeBlond participates in Missouri Western Writing Day



Left (L-R): Emma Merrigan, Caroline Hamera, Jim Mrkvicka, and Hannah Looney share ideas.

Right (L-R): Loree Hazelrigg, Kirk Dickens and Cole McMillian enjoy refreshments while they discuss pictures on the table.



Left (L-R): Conner Hazelrigg and Madeleine Glenski listen to group members respond to their group activity.

The Meaning of Easter

By Maeve Goad

By most people's standards, Easter is just another holiday: one more opportunity to have family get-togethers and eat a bunch of candy. But for Catholics, it means much more. Easter memorializes Jesus's conquering death after being killed on the cross three days prior. At this moment, mankind's sins were redeemed, and we were given everlasting life.

Since Easter is such an important event for Catholics, they prepare for it with a 40 day period of fasting, penance, and abstinence, which represents Jesus's suffering in the wilderness before his crucifixion. In addition, they typically give up something of importance to them, such as soda, a favorite dessert, or text messaging. This period, known as Lent, begins on Ash Wednesday, when Catholics are blessed with the ashes of burned palms.

The week leading up to Easter, Holy Week, begins on Palm Sunday. This day represents Jesus's entry into Jerusalem when the people spread palms before him. Towards the end of Holy Week, Catholics observe Good Friday, the day that Jesus died on the cross.

Easter Sunday, the final day of Holy Week, celebrates Jesus's resurrection. This is a joyous occasion and acts as a reminder that one day man will rise from the dead and ascend into Heaven to live eternally.

The Easter season also represents new life during spring. Flowers bloom, and animals are born. New Catholics often are baptized on Easter to symbolize their death to sin and rising to new life with Christ.



What are Your Easter Plans?

By Meg Robertson

Easter is soon-approaching, and many are excited to see their family and friends, and maybe even go on a little vacation like junior Isaac Justin!

Justin says he plans on visiting Dodge City, Kansas, over the Easter Weekend to visit his aunt and uncle who live there. "It's a tradition," Justin said, "Every year we head out to the big city and catch up with family that I haven't seen in awhile." Justin is not upset about the original break being shortened because his family only visits for the weekend, but added that "It would have been nice to have a couple of extra days off from school!"

Junior Lindsay McKay will also enjoy her Easter weekend and will spend it at her grandparent's home in Kansas City, Kansas.

McKay said the shorter break did not ruin her Easter plans because they only stay there Saturday and Sunday, but agreed with Isaac when she said that "I could have most definitely gone for a longer break!" She said that if she could go anywhere for Spring break, she would choose Australia. McKay added, "I want to go to some place warm to get away from the Missouri chill, and I've always wanted to go to Australia!"



Justin is excited to visit his relatives!

FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT APRIL

April Poll

By Amanda Fuson

50 students were asked "What is your favorite part about April?" and these are the results:

- 32% Spring weather
- 24% April Fool's Day
- 24% Easter
- 0% Prom
- 20% Other



Off to a Good Start

By Hailey Slater

This spring, we have lots of athletes! They vary from girl's soccer, track, baseball, golf, and guy's tennis. It's a busy time for these athletes, and we get to see how far they are coming along.



Chavez kicks the soccer ball at practice.

Sam Montag is a junior. He plays tennis and has been playing for one year. "I am excited to see the balls of fear in my opponent's eyes!" Montag predicts that the tennis team will go all the way.

Montag, jokingly, claims that he is number one on the tennis team saying, "Tyler is a chump!" Montag's goal for this season is to beat Tyler Sten for the 1st position.

Another spring sport athlete is Nick Guldán. He is, too, a junior. Guldán plays baseball and has been playing for a consecutive 3 years. "It's fun,

not physically demanding, and we are coming off a district championship," Guldán said.

Guldán wants to be district champs again and hopefully make it to state. Guldán's position on the team is infield and pitcher. The

biggest thing that the guys need to focus on is "recovering from losing 5 seniors," Guldán stated.

Jackie Schoeneck is another spring athlete. Schoeneck went out for track this spring! "It's my first year!" Schoeneck is very excited for this season saying, "Every time I look at the track, chills run down my spine."

Schoeneck said, "We are going to state, of course!" Schoeneck runs long distance. She has a positive attitude and hopes that everyone on track can grow as a team.

Mitchell Culver is a golfer. "I have been golfing for a long time, probably for 10 years. He is excited for this season.

Culver plays number 1 spot on the golf team. "My goal as a team is to win districts and state."

Ashley Chavez is a senior. She plays soccer. "I have been playing since I was 3." Chavez said that the soccer team works very well together and predicts the team to be very good this year.

"I really hope we get to state," Chavez said. Chavez plays on the defensive end for the Lady Eagles. "The goal for our team this season is to improve and win state!"

Juniors Look Forward to Their Annual Retreat

By Madeleine Glenski

Every year each class gets to go on a religious retreat. This annual practice has been a LeBlond tradition for quite some time. The Junior class is taking a trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe on April 1st for their class retreat. The retreat is being directed by the two Religion teachers, Greta Giesen and Claire Henning. They are planning on having the students take part in Stations of the Cross and Mass. They also have special guest speakers for the students to listen to.

Giesen said, "Annual retreats are important because they help us realize that God needs to be the center of how we live our lives, and the retreats offer practical ways of doing it. The re-

treats we experience each year should help us refocus our lives on God and help us grow deeper in union with Him."

The Junior class has already attended two retreats and is looking forward to their third. Juniors Kayla Grieshaber, Lindsay McKay, Sydney Olinger, and Trisha Sherman are excited about the upcoming retreat.

Grieshaber said that she is hoping to gain a stronger relationship with God and thinks that this is the importance of annual retreats. McKay is looking forward to everyone coming together and growing closer. McKay and Sherman said that retreats allow the class to become more like a family. Olinger also enjoys being able to spend

time with her classmates outside of the classroom environment.



Kayla Grieshaber says retreats bring her closer to God.

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- 3 Mitchell Culver
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- 4 Jacqueline Schoeneck
- 5 Kaylee Schoenfelder
- 5 Kirk Dickens
- 6 Brooke Bullimore
- 6 Ryan Humphrey
- 7 Drew Garrett
- 9 Grace Aberer
- 10 Taylor Lorenz
- 11 Tyler Goin
- 11 Holly Keaveny
- 12 Shelby Surmeier
- 12 Cade Coffee
- 13 Robert Pyatt
- 14 Taylor McMillian
- 15 Drew Long
- 18 Alex Huntsman
- 19 Dakota Atkinson
- 19 Abigail Trapp
- 19 Allie Kobett
- 21 Sage Barnes
- 24 Brooks Schoeneck
- 26 Sydney Olinger
- 26 Suzanne Sanders
- 27 Joseph Beers
- 28 Shelby Swymeler

By Christine Nguyen

Only Full Year Classes

By Amanda Fuson

Semester classes will not be offered next year

For the 2011-2012 school year, semester classes will not be available as an option for LeBlond students. "We have eliminated semester classes due to the difficulty with scheduling semester classes and the fact that some classes needed more time to cover the material," said Dr. Haynes. "We had too many students this year that did not have a class each semester because there was not a class available to take."

This change creates problems for students who wanted to take Psychology, Civil War, Nazism, Current Events, American Government, Advanced P.E., Weightlifting, or Senior Seminar as semester classes. "Students still have the option to take the classes," replied Dr. Haynes. "We have not eliminated any classes for juniors or seniors. For example, students can still take Psychology; they just have to take it for a year. Students can still take Nazism and Civil War; they just have to take it back-to-back in History Topics. Current Events and American Government are still available [but] the classes will be combined to make it easier to schedule the classes. P.E [and weightlifting were] moved to a

year because we could not leave one class as a semester class and not offer any other class for students to take."

Many Juniors, however, are still very upset about the change because most of them had already decided in advance what classes they planned on taking their senior year. Joe Voltmer (Junior) said, "I feel that the loss of semester classes is a detriment to Bishop LeBlond."

"A sudden change in scheduling should have been agreed upon first among the LeBlond community," Isaac Justin (Junior) added.

"I feel that the removal of the option for semester classes puts many students in a bind, especially [next year's] seniors looking at graduation requirements," said Alex Luke (Junior). "It creates many problems for students who wanted multiple classes that were originally semester classes, and it takes away the availability of more academic courses."

"I think we students are worth the hassle [of making a schedule that includes semester classes] and limiting our curriculum further will not make

the school appealing to prospective students," Hannah Looney (Junior) replied. "Reinstating semester classes and offering more courses will help with enrollment and morale."

And it is not just the Juniors who are upset. Underclassmen have a problem with this modification as well. Molly Fitzpatrick (Sophomore) is most upset about the fact that she will have to take another full year of P.E. when only a half year more is required. "I am not a fan of Advanced P.E. and am not looking forward to having to take an entire year of it," she states. "I know that having only full year classes is good for scheduling purposes, but it takes away from the thrill of getting new classes for second semester."

Taylor France (Freshman) added, "I think that switching up classes at semester helps keep school exciting and keeps us focused."

Teachers affected by this change gave their opinions on the issue as well. Dr. Losson, the instructor of Psychology, Nazism, and Civil War said, "I was a little surprised [by the change], but recognized that scheduling,

especially for seniors, is a challenge under the present system." "From an administrative viewpoint, [eliminating semester classes] should make scheduling simpler, but next year's seniors may not be able to take some courses they desired."

"I think it is a good idea if it will help with scheduling," said Mrs. Vertin, the Senior Seminar class instructor. "Administration would not make a decision unless they felt it was for the greater good. It seems like the only logical solution to scheduling problems."

Dr. Haynes and the rest of the administration said that they are always willing to work with students on any scheduling issues they may have. They want



Alex Luke studies for one of his classes.

April Fools Day Pranks

By Maggie Sanders

"Rig the Sprayer" - Put a rubber band around the push button of the spray nozzle (the kind with a hose) so the button stays down. Point it forward. When the victim uses the sink they will get a wet surprise!

"Drippy" - Use a pin to make a few small holes in a plastic disposable cup. Offer a drink to the victim and watch while the liquid dribbles out onto his shirt.

"Do the Splits" - Find a scrap of cloth. Place a dollar on the floor and stay nearby. When the victim comes by and bends down to pick up the dollar, rip the cloth loudly. Most people will reach back to see if they ripped their pants. One of the original classic April Fool's pranks of all time!

"Clipped" - Make some copies of a paperclip. Then put them into the paper tray of the copier. People will go nuts trying to find the paperclip stuck in the printer.

"Stale Joke" - Buy a box of donuts several days before April 1st. Keep them in the refrigerator with the top open until they are very dried out. On April Fool's Day put them by the office coffee maker so everyone will help themselves!

"Weakling" - Steal all the victim's pens and replace them with pens that have the caps glued on.





The History of April Fools Day

By Meg Robertson

April Fools Day is thought to have begun in France due to the reform of the Gregorian Calendar under Charles IV. New Year's was moved from March 25th to April 1st (which was New Year's week back then) to January 1st.



When the change occurred, some refused to acknowledge it and still continued to celebrate on April 1st. They were considered "fools" by the general population, and were often sent on "fool errands," which were invitations to nonexistent parties or social gatherings. Other jokes were performed on these people, and as time went on, the harassment evolved into a tradition of prank-playing on the first of April every year.

The holiday is celebrated differently all over the world. For example, in Scotland, April Fools Day is called Taily Day and is also where the "kick me" sign originated.

In England, the fools are referred to as "gobs" and the victim of the joke is called a noodle. All jokes are performed in the morning because it is considered bad luck to play a joke on someone after noon.

In Rome, April Fools Day is known as the Festival of Hilaria and celebrates the resurrection of the god Attis. It is also referred to as the "Roman Laughing Day."

The Underclassmen Vote for Seniors

By Jacque Warner

Last Semester, the senior class voted for the Senior Class Poll in the yearbook. But, they wanted to see what the underclassmen would vote them as. Twenty juniors voted on which seniors they thought fit into the following categories.

The Class Clown: Laine Davis and Jacob Madden

Funniest: Ali Orban and Evan Casey

Drama King and Queen: Candace Jimenez and Taylor Lorenz

Most Dedicated: Erin Christiansen, Michael Haynes and Tyler Sten

Biggest Rebels: Averi Coffee and Dakota Ortman

Best Laugh: Jacque Warner and Drew Curtis

Best Athletes: Mitchell Culver and Conner Hazelrigg

Nicest: Eric Muehlbach and Erica Smith

Most Gullible: Lauren Josendale and Garrett King

Best Car: Drew Long and Erin Dillon

Cutest Couple: Loree Hazelrigg and Brian Debenito

Typical Senior: Emma Merrigan and Kirk Dickens

Most Unforgettable: Renata Odongo and Jacob Madden

Best Singer: Cole McMillian, Craig Browning and Candace Jimenez

Most Creative: Joel Arnold and Holly Keaveny



What to Listen to Right Now Popular April Music

By Amanda Fuson

This month, instead of only focusing on the music that LeBlond students are listening to, LeBlond teachers shared their favorite music selections as well.

Mrs. Alkier said that her favorite genre of music is classical because “it is timeless” but she enjoys classic rock too. Her favorite artist is Queen and her favorite song is “Bohemian Rhapsody” because “it is amazing!”

Mrs. Slentz was also interviewed and she said that her favorite genre of music is “rock ‘n roll, because it’s from my era.” Her favorite artist is the Temptations and her favorite song is “What a Wonderful World” by Louie Armstrong because “it’s uplifting and optimistic.”

LeBlond students’ responses were very different from those of the teachers. Andrew Mahoney (Junior) said that his favorite genre of music is either alternative or techno because they both have “great beats” while Lindsay McKay (Junior), Anna Hewitt (Junior), and Brooke Bullimore (Junior) agree that their favorite genre is definitely rap.



Isaac Justin listens to a pleasing tune.

Isaac Justin (Junior) said that his favorite artists right now are Cher and Liza Minnelli, and his favorite song is “Born This Way” by Lady Gaga.

Cole Patrick (Junior) said that his favorite artists right now are Lil Kim because “her voice is very mellow” and Christina Aguilera because “I saw her in ‘Burlesque’ and she is REALLY good!” His favorite song is “Who Are You When I’m Not Looking” by Blake Shelton.

Mahoney’s favorite artist right now is Deadmau5 and his favorite song is “This Plane” by Wiz Khalifa. McKay’s

favorite artist is Trey Songz and Hewitt’s is Lil Wayne, but both agree that their favorite song right now is “Somewhere With You” by Kenny Chesney.

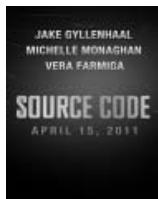
Since someone’s favorite music may not always be what is the most popular at that time, LeBlond teachers and students were also asked what they thought was the most popular music today. Mrs. Alkier and Justin chose Lady Gaga, Mrs. Slentz chose Justin Bieber, and Mahoney, McKay, Hewitt, and Bullimore all chose Lil Wayne “because he is legit.”

Movies Hitting Theaters in April

By Maggie Sanders

This April has a ton of movies coming to the big screen.

Source Code is a sci-fi drama film, set for release on April 1st. It is about a soldier, Captain Colter Stevens, who wakes up in the body of an unknown man. He finds out he’s part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train. In an assignment unlike any he’s ever known, he learns he’s part of a government experiment called the “Source Code,” a program that enables him to cross over into another man’s identity in the last 8 minutes of his life. With a second target threatening to kill millions in downtown



Chicago, he re-lives the incident over and over again, gathering clues each time, until he can solve the mystery of who is behind the bombs and prevent the next attack.

On April 8th, *Hanna* is coming to theaters. It is about a young girl who is raised by her father, an ex-CIA man, in the woods of Finland. Hanna’s growing up and training have been all geared to making her the perfect assassin. The turning point in her childhood is sharp: she is sent into the world by her father on a mission. Hanna journeys across Europe while agents are dispatched after her by a ruthless intelligence operative with



secrets of her own. As she nears her ultimate target, Hanna faces revelations about her existence and unexpected questions about her humanity.

Water For Elephants, being released on April 22nd, is based on the acclaimed bestseller, “Water for Elephants” and it tells of an unexpected romance in a compelling setting. Veterinary school student, Jacob, meets and falls in love with Marlena, a star performer in a circus. They discover beauty, and come together through their compassion for a special elephant. Against all odds, Jacob



and Marlena find lifelong love.

On April 29th, *Prom* will be released to theaters. The movie shows the passage from high school to independence as some relationships unravel and others ignite. For Nova Prescott, it’s a battle of wills as she finds herself drawn to the guy who gets in the way of her perfect prom. Fellow seniors Mei and Tyler harbor secrets while others face all the insecurity and anticipation that surrounds one of high school’s most important events. There are hundreds of nights in high school, but there’s only one “Prom.”



Bucher is Back!

By Erin Dillon

After being gone for six months, Mr. Bucher is finally back!

When asked about Mr. Bucher, senior Drew Curtis said, “He’s a really good teacher, and I’m glad to have him back!” Curtis is in Mr. Bucher’s fifth hour college algebra class. Curtis said his favorite part about the class is how helpful Mr. Bucher is whenever there’s a question.

Senior Alyssa Ford said, “My favorite part about his class is that he doesn’t assign a *ton* of homework. If he does give us homework, we usually have time to do it in class or he does it with us.”

Mr. Bucher has been a favorite teacher of many students at LB. He even has nick names for some of his students. For example, he calls Averi Coffee “Decaf,” because of her last name. This makes for a relaxed classroom environment which in turn helps each student to really open their mind and learn something new! Each of his classes is glad to have him back!



Teachers Pulled Pranks?!

By Hailey Slater

Some people love to pull pranks and some of our very own LB teachers were some of them!

Mrs. Vertin was one of them. "I pulled a prank with the aid of my senior English class at the last school I taught at." She pulled it on the principal, who was a prankster himself.

"When my principal was gone for lunch, my class and I took out all the furniture in his office and hid it." Mrs. Vertin claimed that she was not nervous. She and the faculty there pulled pranks on each other all of the time. "It was fun!"

Mrs. Vertin does not regret pulling the prank. "It was a success- no one got hurt and no one was angered!"

Mr. Girard is another staff member who pulled a great prank! "I told the freshman class that I baked brownies for my

family with just a little bit of dog poop in it." Girard said that it just came up and he perpetuated it. "Some students in the freshman class were talking at how just a little bit of something



Coach Girard blows his whistle at soccer practice.

wasn't bad or wrong."

Girard had not come up with this alone. "I had read this story somewhere and it was a dad

who had done this to make a point at just a little inappropriate language in music his kids were listening to and I borrowed the story."

Girard does not regret pulling this prank. "If it makes you see things in a different perspective, it is a good thing."

Mrs. Dillon is another prankster that we have here at LB. She doesn't want to name any names of who she pulled it on. "I'll just say that it's a current freshman here at LB." She had help from another teacher at the school this student attended last year.

"I told my friend all of the different pranks this student pulled on me, and I decided to get even. My friend, who happened to be a teacher at this kid's school, said he'd help." Dillon sent a phony email to this teacher, pretending like she was a parent of another child at this

school.

"I complained about how competitive and uncaring this person was during recess time." Dillon was nervous about the prank saying, "We had set it up so that this student would be convinced that he/she was in trouble for something that had been done at recess."

Dillon pulled this prank to 'get even'. "This student had a huge pay back coming from all the stuff that this person pulled on me!"

Dillon had no remorse for the student at all. "I had asked the mother if it would be okay to pull the prank and she told me to 'Go for it!'" Dillon said. "I did feel bad because this person really thought he/she was in trouble. This person was mad at me for a few weeks!"

So you see, teachers pull pranks too!

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01. In 'Legally Blonde' what were the names of Elle's two best friends from her Delta Nu Sorority?

- a. Annie and Paulette
- b. Margot and Serena
- c. Vivian and Brooke
- d. Tara and Callie

02. In what season was Bambi born?

- a. Spring
- b. Summer
- c. Fall
- d. Winter

03. In 'Ice Age' what was Manny's first name in full?

- a. Mandrid
- b. Manford
- c. Mandrake
- d. Manfred

04. In 'Monster's Inc.' what was the number on the locker that Sulley hid Boo's toys in?

- a. 169
- b. 139
- c. 196
- d. 193

05. In 'Phantom of the Opera' what nationality was Christine's father?

- a. Croatian
- b. Swedish
- c. Italian
- d. Norwegian

06. What was the family pet in 'The Pacifier'?

- a. A dog
- b. A goose
- c. A duck
- d. A monkey

07. In 'Legally Blonde' what was Elle's favorite perfume?

- a. Anna Sui's Dolly Girl
- b. Lacoste's Touch Of Pink
- c. Clinique's Happy
- d. Aquolina's Pink Sugar

08. What kind of nut did Scrat try to bury in 'Ice Age'?

- a. A pecan
- b. An acorn
- c. A walnut
- d. A chestnut

09. The monster with the three-eyed glasses in 'Monster's Inc.' was named what?

- a. Fungus
- b. Smitty
- c. George
- d. Mike

10. During the sword fight in the cemetery in 'Phantom of the Opera' where was Raoul hurt?

- a. On the back
- b. On the arm
- c. On his face
- d. On his chest

Answers:

- 01. b. Margot and Serena
- 02. a. Spring
- 03. d. Manfred
- 04. c. 193
- 05. b. Swedish
- 06. c. A duck
- 07. c. Clinique's Happy
- 08. b. An acorn
- 09. a. Fungus
- 10. b. On the arm



What college are you attending?

By Loree Hazelrigg



Erin Christiansen

Yes, it's the season for graduation, and those seniors are ready to pack up and move out. Some seniors, like Suzie Sanders, know where they are going, and others like Emma Merrigan just aren't sure.

Conner Hazelrigg, Erin Christiansen, and Suzie Sanders are just a few of the students who will be attending William Jewell and all for various reasons.

Hazelrigg said, "I was given a scholarship to play tennis at Jewell and so was my sister, and I think we can accomplish a lot by going there."

Sanders said that because her older sister goes to Jewell she thinks it will be a good fit for her as well.

Christiansen is also being given the opportunity to play soccer at Jewell.

But William Jewell isn't the only school. Some seniors are going to Missouri Western, Northwest, Truman, Missouri, Kansas, UMKC, Westminster, and Central Missouri

(Warrensburg) are just some among the many.

Robert Pyatt said he will be attending KU in the fall because he has been a Jayhawk fan his whole life.

Cole McMillian said, "I can't wait to start attending Missouri Western. It's close enough to home where I feel on my own, but if I ever need help it's still close by."



Cole McMillian

Craig Browning is planning on going a little farther away. He is planning on attending Mizzou because his family has always liked Columbia, and this gives them a reason to come down more often.

Not only is distance a reason why seniors choose the college they do, there are many other incentives to choosing a college.

Browning, Pyatt, and Sanders are all considering the Greek lifestyles that their colleges offer.

Hazelrigg said another reason she chose Jewell, was the fact that it offers so many opportunities for its students.

"For example," Hazelrigg said, "William Jewell guarantees that the students graduate in four years, or the school will pay for them until they do."

McMillian thought staying close was a good idea, so he can save money. He couldn't see himself anywhere else.

"There are many good things about Missouri Western; they have a great campus, good classes and teachers, and it is not too small and not too big," said McMillian.

Picking colleges doesn't have to be hard. Everyone has to do it at some point. Figure out what you want in a college, like this year's seniors are doing, and take a visit there.



Craig Browning



Conner Hazelrigg

Seniors in Their Last Quarter of High School

By Maggie Sanders

With only a few weeks of high school left, the seniors are preparing for college.

Maeve Goad said that she is "eating and sleeping to get a head start on my freshman 50 (pounds). She will be attending UMKC. She says the best part of graduating in a month will be "summer and the worst part will be getting fat."



Maeve Goad



Hayley Wineinger

Daniel Cobb has been looking into scholarships and taking tours of his college, Missouri Western State University. He said, "I'm try-

ing my hardest in school. I need a GPA of 3.4 to get a good scholarship." He is looking forward to summer time and college, but is not looking forward to saying goodbye to everyone.



Dan Cobb

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Drew Long

Drew Long will be attending Missouri University. When asked how he was preparing for college, Long responded, "getting buff and tan." He said, "the best part of graduating in a month is getting out of school, and the worst is the awesome

lunches of this fine establishment."



Allie Kobett

Allie Kobett is undecided between attending two colleges, Northwest Missouri State University and Missouri Western State University. To

prepare, she is "adding up all my expenses, so I'll know what to save, and making sure I have everything filled out." She is still trying hard in school, she said, "because I've gone too long to give up now!" She also said, "I will miss the students and Doctor Lossen, but I won't miss the earring rule, hair rule, or dress code-period!"



Jackie Ziesel shoots over the Cameron defender.

Hard work pays off

By Loree Hazelrigg

Basketball season may be over, but that just means it's time to see the awards people have earned.

On the girls team Jackie Ziesel earned a first team all-district placing, and Conner Hazelrigg earned a second team all-district.

"It meant a lot to me to see that's what the coaches thought of my play, and it's really nice to see the hard work pays off," said

Ziesel.

Hazelrigg added, "We may have not won the team award that night against Maryville, but we earned these awards with the help of our team; it wouldn't have been possible without them."

Not only were the girls awarded district awards, but also city and conference. Ziesel earned herself another first team all-city and all-conference. Hazelrigg also earned second team all-city and first team all conference. Erin Christiansen was also awarded honorable mention for the conference.

Christiansen said, "It was a nice honor because it was my senior year, and I never thought I would be awarded anything for basketball."

All the girls are proud of what they have accomplished and will always look back on the fond memories they made as a team, and the honors they have earned.

On the boy side, Chuckie Kemp was named to the first team all-city and to honorable mention all-conference. Also, sophomore Jacob Madden was named to honorable mention all conference.

"It was honestly a surprise, I never would have thought I earned an award," said Madden.

"I think that it was made possible because of how hard we all worked as a team every night," said Kempf.

Both boys are looking forward to the next season in November.



Chuckie Kempf makes a hard break to get open.

B-FIT begins the girl's soccer season

Eagles participated in a personal training program

By Amanda Fuson

In order to condition for their season this year, the Bishop LeBlond Girl's Soccer team participated in "an athletic training program" that "gets a team in shape for sports," called B-Fit: Formulated Intense Training. The Bishop LeBlond Boy's Soccer team also participated in it during their fall season.

B-Fit is a three-week program to "help improve fitness and agility" and is "an intense physical workout." It involves being awake and at school before 5:45 A.M. each morning in order to run sprints, do ab workouts, and other forms of rigorous and pains-taking training exercises.

Many of the soccer girls agreed that the best part about B-Fit was getting in shape and getting a six-



pack. Kayla Grieshaber (Junior) stated that it was "perfect for swimsuit season."

Madeleine Glenski (Junior) said that she enjoyed hearing the instructors yell "Good morning, beautiful ladies!" before they began their daily exercises.

Monica King (Junior) added that the best thing about B-Fit was "knowing that I won't have to worry about me or my teammates getting worn out in the middle of a game and being able to rely on them."

Although the program was extremely tough and involved a lot of commitment, the team was still very glad they were a part of it this year because they think it will help them achieve the goals they have set for themselves.



Renata Odongo, Sydney Olinger, and Danielle Beers do their B-fit stretches.

Prom 2011

By Jacque Warner



A few senior girls take a picture of their corsages from last year.

According to an article from *USA Today* by Meghan A.T.B. Reese and Gary Strauss, the price for prom night can cost anywhere from \$400 to \$3,000. Not only does a person have to buy a dress or tux, but also tickets, accessories, grooming and dinner. The following students share

what their 2011 prom expenses will be.

Brenda Flores, senior, wants a “really puffy” dress this year. When asked how much she would be willing to spend on her dress, she said, “Two hundred dollars or a little more.” Flores has already gotten her shoes and says she doesn’t need to tan because she has natural beauty! The only other expense she has is getting her hair done. When asked what her total cost will be, she answered, “It is between three hundred and three hundred and fifty dollars. But it’s all worth it because it’s senior prom; our last one!”

John Sanders, senior, plans to pay between one hundred and three hundred dollars for his tux. When asked if he will be paying

for any expenses for his date, he responded, “I’m for sure paying for her ticket and dinner.” Sanders also said he might have an extra expense of paying for a limousine. His total cost for this year will be between three hundred and four hundred and fifty dollars.

Brooke Bullimore, junior, wants a long dress with an open back. When asked how much her dress costs, she said, “My dress cost one hundred and seventy dollars.” She plans on also paying for shoes, accessories and a handbag and is willing to pay up to forty dollars. When asked if she plans on tanning, she answered, “Yes, I will tan for a month.” The total cost for Bullimore will be somewhere around four hundred dollars.

Brandon Grieshaber, senior, plans on paying two hundred dollars for his tux this year. When asked if he will be paying for any expenses for his date, he responded, “Yes, I plan on buying the tickets, dinner and corsage; after all, I am a gentleman.” Grieshaber says the total cost for him will be somewhere around three hundred dollars.

No matter if you are a big spender or are planning on wearing the same style as last year, the juniors have a great night in store for everyone. The theme for this year’s prom is “A Night around the World.” It will be held at Moila Shrine on April 15th. Get ready for an unforgettable night full of friends, food and dancing!

April Trivia

By Christine Nguyen

1. It was the second month in the Roman calendar and they called it Aprilis.
2. The American Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775.
3. On April 3rd 1860 the Pony Express began.
4. On April 9th in the year 1865 General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army, surrendered to U.S. Grant and the official end of the American Civil War took place.
5. On April 30th, television first publicly broadcast, from the Empire State Building, 1939.
6. April 15, 1912 R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg and sank.
7. World Health Day is recognized on April 17th.
8. April is national Poetry month in the United States.

Read more: <http://purpleslinky.com/trivia/trivia-facts-about-april/#ixzz1G2Pn3rYV>

Kobos in the Classroom

By Erin Dillon



Every student dreams of having an electronic, portable book to carry with them instead of lugging around a heavy set of books to every class. For Mrs. Dillon’s fourth hour English class, their dream has come true. The class consists of only four juniors, making it a perfect situation. The students each received a Kobo – the first e-reader that stores books in its memory chip, potentially holding hundreds of books!

When asked why use Kobos instead of regular books, Mrs. Dillon said, “A couple of reasons: It provides motivation for reading, I thought students would be more excited about reading if they had a gadget. Also, it’s an experiment. I wanted to see if students prefer the new technology over old fashioned books.” Her reasoning for choosing her

fourth hour class is because there are only four students and the school had only four e-readers. A match made in Heaven! She plans on having the class read “The Red Badge of Courage” and “Same Kind of Different as Me” on their new Kobos.

Nick Guldán said he likes the Kobos better than normal books because it seems to make reading easier. He also said he likes it because he doesn’t have to bring home his heavy English book every night.

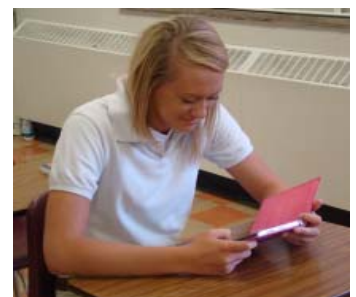
The one girl in the class of four, Shelby Swymeler, said “I like my Kobo better than our regular book because it’s pink!” Along with thinking the Kobos are cuter than books, she also likes them because of their portability.



(L-R) Jonathan Ottinger, Andrew Mahoney, Nick Guldán, and Shelby Swymeler love their Kobos

Both Johnathan Ottinger and Andrew Mahoney like the Kobos because they’re less bulky and easier to carry around.

All of the students agree that the portability of the Kobos makes it a lot easier to carry around than their literature books. All-in-all the Kobos have been a success.



Shelby Swymeler would give up her book for her pink Kobo



Recognizing our Scholar Athletes

By Erin Dillon

Jackie Ziesel was honored with winning the Scholar Athlete of the Year by St. Joseph Sports Inc. She was recognized for all of her hard work and determination throughout her high school career.

"It is an honor to be recognized both scholastically and academically, considering all the female athletes at LB!" said Ziesel. She participated in a sport every season for her four years of high school.

During the third quarter, the teachers chose two students from the entire senior class to be nominated as scholar athletes. This year seniors Mitchell Culver and Jackie Ziesel were chosen.

What is a scholar athlete? A scholar athlete is a student athlete who achieves and excels academically and athletically. Two students (boy and a girl) from each of the city's high school were nominated and then all the potentials were interviewed. After the interview process, the St. Joseph Sports Inc. chose a boy and a girl to be the official scholar athletes of the year.



Scholar Athlete Nominee
Mitch Culver

was active in a sport every season for all four years. I kept my grades up, was on the honor roll each year, and my G.P.A never went below a 3.5."

Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.

John D. Rockefeller



Scholar Athlete Winner
Jackie Ziesel

Whose Locker's Whose?

By Christine Nguyen

Students' lockers are special to them. It describes their personalities. Four students offered these clues:

This person said, "My locker is special because Amanda Fuson and Kaitlyn Crotty covered it with bright orange post-its. My favorite sport is basketball, and I am a huge Duke fan. My favorite subject is Health because the people in that class are hilarious, and it's at the end of the day." Who is this person?

This person said, "My locker is special because it's clean. My favorite sport is extreme ping pong. I play soccer and run track. My favorite subject is art because I rock at it!" Who is this person?

This person said, "My locker is special because it's mine. My favorite sport is golf. I am part of the academic team. My favorite subject is concert choir because I love to sing, and I am an awesome violinist." Who is this person?

This person said, "My locker is special because I like my decorations. I play tennis, but my favorite sport is figure skating. My favorite subject is accounting because I love my baby Jane." Who is this person?

*answers on page 6.



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