

# THE Eagle Eye

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## LB CELEBRATES DISTRICT CHAMPS

### Volleyball Team Finishes as District Champions

By Madeleine Glenski

The varsity volleyball team had a very successful season. They ended the season 22-12-1. The team won the Class 2, District 16 Championship for the fifth consecutive year and advanced to the Sectional round.

"Winning a district championship is always exciting. As a coach there were also two other major highlights during the season. The first would be winning third place at the Platte County Tournament. We defeated Class

3 and Class 4 schools to earn the trophy. Another huge highlight was our conference match against Cameron. Cameron had been ranked in the top 10 all season. We took them to three sets and lost by a slim margin. This was one of the best matches of the year for this team," said Coach Huss.

Coach Huss said, "Two of the annual goals of the volleyball program are to win at least 20 matches and also win the District

Championship. The 2011 Lady Eagles achieved these goals when there was a lot of doubt that it could happen. After losing six players to graduation last spring, we had a large shadow to overcome. I'm proud of this team! They were never the tallest team to take the floor but proved to be a competitive opponent in each match."



The volleyball team won their fifth straight District Championship.



Madeleine Glenski and Meg Robertson win districts.

### Tennis Players Win Individual Districts

By Madeleine Glenski

The girls' tennis team finished the season with a winning record of 7-4 in dual matches. They defeated Cameron in Team Districts but lost to Trenton in the Semi-Finals. Individually, Madeleine Glenski and Meg Robertson won the District title in doubles, and then lost their Sectional match to a Pembroke doubles team.

When asked for the highlight of the season Coach Losson said,

"We played well in the Benton and Lafayette tournaments, finishing second to Chillicothe in the Benton Tournament. As far as individuals go, Madeleine and Meg going undefeated at the Benton, Lafayette, MEC, and District tournaments was a highlight. They were the fifth consecutive LeBlond duo to win the District title in doubles and finished 22-4."

Coach Losson also spoke of season goals by saying, "We wanted to have a winning record in duals, which we did, and to remain competitive despite losing four starters of last year's squad. On the other hand, I wish we had played better at Team Districts, where we had the talent to win the title but stumbled."

### Soccer Team Makes it to District Championship

By Madeleine Glenski

The boys' soccer team had a very successful season. They ended the season 13-8 and made it to the District 16 Championship Game. Even though they did not win the championship, they came very close. They lost the game 1-2, but had scored a goal that was taken back on a call

that even Coach Sommers had never seen in his 40 plus years of soccer.

The championship game was obviously a highlight of the season. Other highlights included the team placing second in the Benton Tournament the first week of the season, only losing

by one to Pembroke Hill, and only losing by two to Smithville.

"Coach Sommers and I thought this would be a rebuilding year as we lost seven seniors last year. We did very well instead with a very good showing at the Barstow Tournament and very good games against our best opponents," said Coach Girard.



The soccer team warms up before a home game against Lafayette.

## Does your family have any Thanksgiving traditions?

By Jane Gray

Thanksgiving is the second most popular holiday in the United States, and starts the winter holiday season. It's a time where families come together to visit and everyone is together to eat Thanksgiving dinner. Most families eat turkey with their family on Thanksgiving, but other families have more unique traditions.

Sophomore Andrea Koch said, "My aunts, grandma, mom and I all help make Thanksgiving dinner. We usually have a cooked ham, green bean casserole, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, and pumpkin pie or cherry pie."

Koch also eats Thanksgiving dinner with her dad's side of the family at her grandparent's house, with her aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Koch's family also tells each other what they're thankful for. "We usually celebrate Thanksgiving the day of, but if we don't, we celebrate the following Sunday."

"My mother makes Thanksgiving dinner, and we have turkey, some taters 'n' gravy and some black eyed peas for good luck," freshman Jack Schanze said. Schanze also has Thanksgiving dinner at his grandparent's house with his family. He doesn't have any favorite memories from Thanksgiving, but his favorite Thanksgiving food is a nice turkey leg.

Junior Lilly Tighe's favorite Thanksgiving memory is feasting. Tighe's grandma makes her family's Thanksgiving dinner, and they always have turkey. "My family doesn't do anything special every year, just get together. We sometimes watch the Thanksgiving Parade," Tighe said. Tighe's family also always decorates their house with pumpkins from the Crockett Farm for Thanksgiving.

Every family has special traditions on Thanksgiving, but what's most important is being together with family and remembering all the things to be thankful for.



Andrea Koch and her little brother enjoy family time during the Thanksgiving season.

## Looking forward to Thanksgiving break

By Erin Knapp

Thanksgiving break is a time of the year that all students look forward to because it's a nice break from school right before the Christmas vacation comes.



Chloe Green, Alexis Boyles, and Sophie Gentry think about their Thanksgiving break plans.

Some students travel out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday. Senior Monica King said, "I'm visiting my family in Omaha, Nebraska, for the weekend, and we're going to eat Thanksgiving dinner together there." King also said, "I'm excited to see family that I only get to see on the holidays."

While some people go out of town for the weekend, many

like to stay home and relax. Junior Taylor McMillian said, "All of my family lives here in St. Joe, so my family has a big get-together at my house." Several students enjoy the time off school, but Taylor says he is most excited for all of the delicious food!

In many families, everyone chips in and cooks a side dish for a huge Thanksgiving dinner. Sophomore Sam Hausman said, "My family usually just all comes together at our uncle's and each brings a dish. The food that shows up is anything from fruit all the way to 'heart attack on a plate!'"

However, in other families, one person cooks the whole meal. Junior Chloe Green said, "My mom cooks turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, stuffing, and pumpkin pie." Green's favorite part of the holiday is also eating food.

*Happy Thanksgiving from  
the Eagle Eye Staff*

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## Students go Turkey Hunting

By Madeleine Glenski

Hunting in general seems to interest many of the boys at Bishop LeBlond. With Thanksgiving in November, it is a busy time for turkey hunting.

“There is a fall season that runs from October 1-31<sup>st</sup>. In the spring, it runs from the third Monday of April until the second Sunday of May,” senior Joe Voltmer said.

Voltmer has been turkey hunting since he was nine years old and shot his first turkey in the fifth grade. He wears head to toe

camouflage and hunts near Clarksdale with his dad. They head out pretty early because Voltmer said that he likes to set up an hour before light.

Voltmer said, “My favorite part is to be able to call and interact with a huge gobbler!”

Junior Chris Sadler also goes turkey hunting. He has gone for about two years and normally goes with his dad, brother, or a friend. They hunt in the evening in either an open field or the woods. His favorite part of tur-

key hunting is simply shooting the turkey.

Senior Levi Lewis has been turkey hunting for a while as well. He said that he goes to many different locations with his family. He dresses in camouflage and goes hunting at night time.

When asked what his favorite part about turkey hunting was Lewis replied, “The thrill of the kill.”



Levi Lewis shows off his turkeys.

## It is **ALREADY** here

By Hailey Slater

Winter sports are back again and players are getting pumped up for the upcoming season. The winter sports consist of boys and girls basketball, girls swimming, and dance.

Melanie Lux is a winter sports player. “I play basketball,” Lux said. Lux is excited to play the game with her fellow senior basketball players Brooke Bullimore, Sydney Olinger, and Hailey Slater.

Lux plans on playing for the varsity Lady Eagles. Lux sees a need to improve on one specific thing this season. “We need to improve on teamwork!” Lux has in mind one specific team that she wants to beat and it is a team that the Lady Eagles have come into tough contact with for the past 4 years: Maryville. “I really want to beat them this year!” Lux said.

Lux said, “We have potential; it’s just going to take work!”



Hewitt chats at locker

Kaitlyn Crotty is another LB winter sports player. Crotty is a swimmer for this year’s LB girls’ swim team. Crotty is excited for this season saying, “Our team is bigger than three people, so we can do some relays and hopefully excel.”

Crotty plans on swimming varsity. “I want to improve this season. I want to hit 30 seconds on my 50 free and cut off a lot on my breast stroke.” Crotty is up to beat

any team this year. “I think we only beat one team last year who only had 3 swimmers too, so we aren’t picky on whom we beat.”

Crotty is entering the season with a positive attitude saying, “It will be a better season because we have more people this year!”

Anna Hewitt is on this year’s winter dance team. Hewitt is ready for the season to start. “I’m excited to get close with the new girls. I want everyone to try her hardest to do her best!” Hewitt thinks that there is room for improvement this year saying, “We need to become better dancers as a team.”

Hewitt has her eyes on a few competitors for this season. “Palmara or Whitfield are the teams I want to beat. They have always been our competition...and Maryville, of course!”

Hewitt says that this season will be different. “Our squad only has 6 girls and we have 3 returnees.”

Nick Guldán plays basketball. “I’m pretty excited for the games because they are more fun than practice.” Guldán plans on playing varsity. “I would really like to improve my shot this year.”

Guldán really wants to beat Lafayette. “I don’t like the way they play,” Guldán stated. “This season should be pretty good,” Guldán said, “because four out of the five starters are returning.”

This season, the sports should be fun to watch, so come grab some popcorn and enjoy the game!



Crotty and Guldán do a chemistry lab.



Lux gets books for next class.

# Student Overcomes Injury

By Kelsey Blakley

As great a player as junior Jacob Madden is, his journey to becoming such a determined soccer player is extraordinary. He has been awarded all district, all KC and all conference for his position as defender in soccer during the post season honors last year. Multiple times of dislocating his knee started his painful journey with the sport he loves so much. After the third time dislocating it, he went to the doctor for arthroscopic surgery and was out for three months during the season. Despite surgery, he dislocated it for the fourth time. He and his parents decided to go to the “best.”

They visited Cris D. Barnthouse who is the Kansas City Chiefs doctor and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery. He told Jacob that he had worn away the bone from dislocating it so much that his knee cap had set to the outside of his knee and his inside tendon had been stretched out. He went into his second surgery in the summer between eighth grade and his freshman year. The doctor reset his knee, took out the inside tendon and cadaver ligament. Then he cut into his fibula and inserted two screws to hold his knee cap in place. Doctor Barnthouse then tied Jacobs’s thigh muscle around a hole in his knee cap to keep his whole leg in line so that he could kick.

“I was out for nine months with intense physical therapy that left me sweating after every session because of the loss of muscle mass.”

Jacob missed his freshman year of soccer and got back the day before basketball season started. During the season of soccer when he was hurt, he learned how to be more of a vocal leader and see how teams break down mentally and physically. He was able to notice the gaps in a defense and the mind set of good forwards.

“I was lucky enough to have had two great coaches who let me help and do whatever I could to be a part of the team.”



Jacob Madden meeting the ball.

push himself without the help of anyone else.

Over the nine months, he learned to be more mentally tough. “It helped me deal with my external and internal problems up front instead of sliding them to the side.” This whole experience was hard, but it helped him grow as a person and taught him to



## Now you see it!



## Now you don't!

### THESE TIPS CAN HELP YOU AVOID SPORTS INJURIES.

- **DON'T BEND YOUR KNEES MORE THAN HALFWAY WHEN DOING KNEE BENDS.**
- **DON'T TWIST YOUR KNEES WHEN YOU STRETCH. KEEP YOUR FEET AS FLAT AS YOU CAN.**
- **WHEN JUMPING, LAND WITH YOUR KNEES BENT.**
- **DO WARMUP EXERCISES BEFORE YOU PLAY ANY SPORT.**
- **ALWAYS STRETCH BEFORE YOU PLAY OR EXERCISE.**
- **DON'T OVERDO IT.**
- **COOL DOWN AFTER HARD SPORTS OR WORKOUTS.**
- **WEAR SHOES THAT FIT PROPERLY, ARE STABLE, AND ABSORB SHOCK.**
- **USE THE SOFTEST EXERCISE SURFACE YOU CAN FIND; DON'T RUN ON ASPHALT OR CONCRETE.**
- **RUN ON FLAT SURFACES.**



## Wish them a Happy Birthday!

By Hailey Slater

- Sarah Davis – November 3
- Josh Crotty - November 4
- Ian Nold- November 4
- Alex Wyeth – November 6
- Haley Robertson – November 10
- Elizabeth Lukens – November 11
- Kevin Shearman – November 12
- Timothy Romesburg - November
- James Brabham – November 16
- Annie Madden – November 18
- Joseph Madden - November 18
- Sam Montag – November 19
- Austin Hughes –November 19
- Jace Shalz – November 21
- Alex Blizzard – November 21
- Freeman Mahoney – November 2
- Anne Lierz – November 24
- Kennadi Barron – November 26
- Nick Kempf – November 28
- Drake Ford – November 28
- Cecilia Hernandez – November 28
- Kristin Gronniger – November 29
- Jeffrey Meyer – November 30



## Catch the Wave!

By Amanda Fuson

This year's fall play is called *Wipeout* and is about a group of kids who enter a surfing competition in order to save their beloved "surf shack" on Avalon Beach. Alex Luke is playing Riptide, the male lead of the play.

"Riptide is the leader of the Avalon kids and the best surfer around," said Luke. "He also has a crush on Midge."

Midge is the female lead of the play and is being played by both Paige Simbro and Katie Walley.

Since it is a musical, the fall play has lots of great songs in it. "Luau Love" is both Luke and Simbro's favorite song and it is about how Riptide should overcome his nervousness and ask out Midge.

"I like it because I get to watch Johnathan Ottinger hula in a skirt and coconut bra," said Luke.

Ryan Bucher, who plays Midge's father, Captain Bill, agreed with Luke and Simbro and added, "By far the funniest scene in the show."

Other noteworthy songs in the play include "Heave-Ho," "Fast Lane," "90 Degrees," and "Dead Man's Reef."

Monica King, who plays Zelda, said, "'Heave-Ho' is my favorite song because it's my solo, and I get to wear flippers and a wet suit."

Cecilia Benson, who plays a dumb blonde named Caroline, said, "'Fast Lane' is my favorite song because Melanie sings like a man."

Emily Schmitter, who plays "an understated stenographer who is constantly ignored" named Scratch said, "'90 Degrees' is my favorite song because it's the only song I am in! Yay!"

Bekah Justin, who plays Wendy, said, "'Dead Man's Reef' is my favorite song because it's about how Captain Bill injured his leg. This song reminds me of the Supremes!"

It is going to be in the "theatrical pavilion of the old gym on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>," said Luke, so plan to come and watch!

## WINTER fashions

By Kelsey Blakley

The start of a new year won't mean that 2012 fashion is completely new. It is anything but that. There'll be those new elements and those new themes, but a lot of the clothing and accessories we wear in 2012 will be influenced by the most recent season of Fall. Elizabeth Johnson says her favorite thing to wear during the season of winter are Ugg boots because they are "comfortable, stylish and warm."

High boots, low boots, whatever it may be, but boots are always in style. They can be worn with jeans, leggings, skirts, almost everything.

Everyone approaches color differently. While our closets are usually dominated by one or two favorite colors, often when we shop seasonal colors. Elizabeth Mellencamp mentions that very bright neon colors have been in style for a few seasons now and she loves to wear them.

Annie Chapman's new favorite things to wear are jeggings. Jeggings are comfortable leggings that look just like jeans. They are so comfortable that you can sleep in them, and they feel like you are wearing pajama pants. She also loves feather earrings and feather hair clips. "The only problem with wearing a feather hair clip is that our school doesn't allow them, and I wish that rule would change."



Annie Chapman and Lizzie Mellencamp showing off their new neon shades.



Danica Gall, Alex Luke, and Monica King dance together at play practice.

# THE TRUTH ABOUT ENERGY DRINKS

By Haley Robertson

Energy drinks may taste good, but if you drink too many, they may have a negative impact on your health. The sugar in an 8 ounce energy drink can vary from 5 to 8 t e a - spoons of sugar (80 -130 calories). One can of energy drink contains more than enough sugar in an entire day.



Sugar can give a quick jolt of energy because it absorbs into the body a lot faster than other energy sources. When blood sugar drops, so does endurance and energy. This loss of endurance and energy explains why you “crash.”

Cody Cochran said he did drink energy drinks awhile ago, but the jolt of energy from the energy drink only affected him after one can. Austin Dawkins does not drink them at all because he isn't allowed to. Austin Hughes agreed with Cochran that he doesn't feel any different after drinking one. Hughes said, “The flavoring is good, but I think they should cut down on some of the sugar.” Not only are energy drinks bad for you, the cost varies from \$2-\$5 depending on the size and brand. Hughes says he spends between \$10 to \$15 every two weeks on energy drinks. Coach Huss does not allow her volleyball players to drink energy drinks. If she sees any of them drinking one, she will tell

Energy drinks continued below

# LB's Commended National Merit Scholar

By Jane Gray

Hannah Looney took her PSATs her junior year because numerous colleges require PSAT for entry. PSATs stands for Preliminary SAT and is a standardized test administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. About 3.5 million students take the PSAT each year. The scores from the PSAT are used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

She qualified for the National Merit Scholarship Program and is now a Commended National Merit Scholar, which is a lesser distinction of a National Merit Scholar. Looney said, “I qualified for this by managing to stay awake for the PSAT junior year.”

The scoring on PSATs and the ACT are very different. Looney has taken both the PSATs and the ACT, but she said, “A lady never ‘tests and tells.’”

Among numerous National Merit Scholar winners are Bill Gates, CEO and co-founder of Microsoft, and Stephenie Meyer, author of the *Twilight* series.

Looney said that the famous National Merit Scholar winners she knows are, “Elliot Smith, the awesome songwriter that Isaac Justin and I love, was a National Merit Scholar.”

Looney said that she's going to major in French and English literature. She applied “early decision” to Columbia University in New York, so “I'm contractually obligated to attend on the off chance I get in.”



Hannah Looney talks with Christine Nguyen at her locker.

## Energy Drinks

continued

them to throw it away.

Coach Huss said, “I am not a fan of these beverages.” She also noted, “Consuming high levels of caffeine can lead to abnormal heart rhythms.”

Energy drinks and their claims of helpful ingredients have been proven to be untrue in most cases. The Federal Drug Administration does not regulate the claims of the labels or what ingredients can be included.

Some energy drinks have caffeine containing herbs that aren't good for you. Energy drinks can enhance dehydration.

Stick to water, even if it doesn't give you that instant kick of energy, it's better for you.



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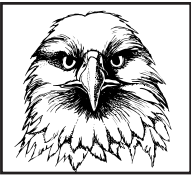
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## Are You A Cheater?


By Kelsey Blakley

Have you ever not known any of the answers on a test? Have you stared blankly at the page and all the problems look blurry? When the results come back, you realize you failed? This is the situation for those who copy homework from others. They are not only cheating off others but they are cheating themselves. By using the work of others, you can ruin your grade as well as your future. So why cheat when you have the capability to do your own work?

When asked, most people admitted to cheating at least once in their lives whether it was for missed or incomplete work, or for credit that they didn't deserve. Cheating shows a lack of integrity,

responsibility and a lack of knowledge. For example, if a student cheats using a classmate's test paper, he/she is taking credit for another's work. If the teacher catches him/her, the consequences are usually failure.

Mrs. Alkier mentions that if she catches a student cheating on a test, she will take the privileges of using notes during the test for the rest of the year away. Mrs. Dillon says she will take the cheater's and the accomplice's tests and give both students a zero. Coach Hankins will take the test and "give a big fat zero." Next time when you think



Taylor Crockett cheating off of Casey Shepherd during a chemistry quiz.

about cheating remember, is a zero worth it?

## Celebrating with the Saints

By Montory Davis

All Saints Day is a very important day for Catholics. It is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> to honor all the known and unknown saints. It is a great chance to thank God for the good he has accomplished through everyday people!

"Saints are excellent models of holiness for us because they are real people just like you and me who were tempted with sin and learned to overcome it," said Ms. Henning.

We can learn a lot from saints. They teach us how to grow in virtue, and they are models for overcoming sin. All Saints Day is one of the Church's highest feasts; it's a holy day of obligation which means all Catholics must attend Mass on this day.

It's important to realize that Catholics do not worship the saints. We honor, respect and learn from them!

At All Saints Day Mass we pray the litany of the saints, where we ask a list of saints to pray to Christ for us. This is also a great time to learn more about our own patron saints and ask them to pray for us.

"My favorite saint is Clare of Assisi. I was born on her feast day August 11<sup>th</sup>, and I was named after her," said Henning. She says she remembers learning and reading about Saint Clare when she was a little girl; she looked up to her!

All Saints Day is an excellent time to learn more about all the saints and rejoice and celebrate at Mass with them!



Miss Henning teaches a sophomore religion class.

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# What are you MOST thankful for?

By Hailey Slater

**Q:** What are the top 5 things that you are most thankful for and why?

**Andrew Mahoney:** “Family, good school, friends, faith, and the privilege to do the things we are able to do. I am thankful for these things because I wouldn’t be the person I am without them.”

**Matthew Findley:** “Family, friends, home, good school, and having a car. I am thankful for these things because they make me who I am.”

**Taylor Faucett:** “Family, friends, having God in my life, a good school and a good home. I am thankful for these things because I wouldn’t be the person I am without them.”

**Josh Crotty:** “God, friends, family, my sister Kaitlyn, and hunting with my father. I am thankful for these things because they make me happy.”

**Hannah Looney:** My friend Isaac, pokemon, Bill Clinton, my Mom, and organic food. I’m thankful for Isaac because he keeps it real, Bill Clinton because he plays the saxophone, my Mom because she is nice I guess, pokemon because it reminds me of happier days, and organic food because pesticides cause Alzheimer’s, so organic food keeps me sharp!”



Mahoney and friends talk about homework at their locker.



Findley talks to classmates before class.



## LB students work hard to make money



By Haley Robertson

It is hard to balance a job, school and a sport, but some students at LeBlond like to earn their own money for various things. Cecilia Benson works at Subway, as a sandwich artist. She doesn’t really like the job, but she gets treated well there and enjoys working with some of her friends.

For most teenagers, not having to pay bills, this is good money for them to spend on food or gas. Danielle Beers likes her job at Once upon a Child. She said, “The best thing about working there is they work around my schedule and I get to work with Lizzy Lukens but the worst is there are only 8 workers including, so you get stuck with a lot of hours and not much time off.” Her sister also worked there and helped her get the job.

Alexis Boyles just recently got a job as a hostess at Rib Crib. A former LeBlond student helped her get the job. She enjoys working there and with her friend. Boyles said, “The worse thing about it is that she only works on Fridays and Saturdays.”

Other students at LB only work during the summer to make money for the school year. Lilly Tighe worked as a lifeguard at the Aquatic Park with Danielle Furlong. She loved meeting new friends and working with Danielle. She said, “The worst thing about working there is that

it was very stressful. I got sun burnt a lot; it was very hot; and it took hard training, and I didn’t have the best boss.” She made a lot of money this summer and plans on saving it to buy a car and clothes.

As a student worker, most students have to sacrifice their weekends to make money for gas and other things they want to buy, but it’s all worth it when that pay check comes.

Minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour depending on the job.



Cecilia Benson having fun at work

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# November movies look worth watching!

By Erin Knapp

## The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn:

Genres: Drama, Romance  
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Ashley Greene, and Kellan Lutz  
*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn*, known simply as *Breaking Dawn*, is the first part of a two-part romantic-fantasy film directed by Bill Condon and based on the novel *Breaking Dawn* by Stephanie Meyer. In

this movie, the Quileute (wolf pack tribe), and the Volturi (vampire cult) close in on soon to be parents Edward (Pattinson) and Bella (Stewart), whose unborn child acts as different threats to the wolf pack and the vampire coven.

Junior Abby Trapp said, "I really want to see *Breaking Dawn*, because Taylor Lautner is in it, and because I have read all of the books."



Abby Trapp studies for a Chemistry test.

## Jack and Jill:

Genre: Comedy  
Starring: Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes, and Al Pacino

In theatres November 11<sup>th</sup>, *Jack and Jill* is a comedy about Jack Sadelstein (Sandler), a man with a successful career, and a beautiful wife (Holmes) and kids. Every year on Thanksgiving he and his family visit his twin sister, Jill (also Sandler), an event they dread each year. Jill's passive-aggressiveness drives Jack crazy, and causes his life to become chaotic.

Sophomore Anna Pankiewicz said, "Jack and Jill looks hilarious with Adam Sandler."



Anna Pankiewicz dances at a football game.

## Happy Feet 2:

Genres: Animation, Comedy, and Family  
Starring: Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Pink, and Hank Azaria

In theatres November 18<sup>th</sup>, also being shown in 3D, *Happy Feet 2* is a sequel to *Happy Feet*, the original movie, which came out in 2006. Erik, Mumble's son, is finding it difficult to discover what his talents are in the Emperor Penguin world. Meanwhile, Mumble (Wood), and his family realize that there is a new threat to their home, one that will take everyone working together

to save them. This film is directed by George Miller.

Freshman Kat Johnson said, "I've heard of *Happy Feet 2*, and I think it looks worth watching!"



Kat Johnson gets ready for her next class.

## Tower Heist:

Genre: Comedy  
Starring: Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck, Téa Leoni, and Alan Alda

In Theatres November 4<sup>th</sup>, Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy lead in a new comedy about a Wall Street businessman who cheats people out of money. While working at a luxury Central Park office building, Josh Kovacs (Stiller) realizes that a billionaire has stolen his money, and seeks payback: a heist to get back what the businessman took from him. Kovacs and his crew ask for help on their quest, from a local crook, Slide (Murphy). Sure that their money is hidden in the billionaire's penthouse suite, they plan to break into his apartment, and get back what is rightfully theirs.

Junior Jacob Madden said, "I have heard of *Tower Heist*, but I'd rather see *Breaking Dawn* with Katie Walley."



Jacob Madden retrieves the ball at a home game.

# Help the turkey find the words!

By Hailey Slater

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| FALL    | MAYFLOWER | THANKFUL  |
| FAMILY  | NEW       | TRADITION |
| FEAST   | PIE       | TREATY    |
| FREEDOM | PILGRIMS  | TURKEY    |
| FRIENDS | PLYMOUTH  | VOYAGE    |
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# Fall Sports End in Victories

By Madeleine Glenski

With the month of October ending, fall sports are finishing their seasons. All eight sports had great outcomes and represented LeBlond in a way that made the school proud.

The football team had their last game Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. They lost to Hamilton but gave them a great game. Major highlights of the season were beating

give ourselves a chance in the fourth quarter in order to win the games,” said Coach Hankins.

Hankins said, “It’s tough that the season’s over, and even though our record isn’t very competitive, we feel like we made big games this year as a program. The coaches are proud of all the boys. We are going to use the off season to get better.”

The softball team also held a winning record of 19-6 and a record of 4-3 in the MEC. The team got a bye the first round of Districts, and then they lost 5-4 in the Semi-Finals against Hamilton. The highlight of the season was winning the Benton tournament. They went 4-0 in the tournament and only allowed a total of 4 runs in the 4 games. In the championship game they beat Benton 3-1.



**ABOVE: Football players run through their banner before the game.**

Plattsburg, being very competitive, and almost winning four other games.

“Goals that we met this year were to be competitive and to



**ABOVE: The varsity softball team is all smiles after winning third place at the Cameron tournament.**

When asked what the biggest accomplishment of the season was Coach Miller said, “To have a winning season while gaining valuable experience for a youthful team. Eleven of sixteen players were underclassmen.”

This year was the first year that LeBlond has had a girls’ golf team. Even though there were only three golfers, the girls had a very successful season. In order to compete in matches, there must be four players. Consequently, LeBlond did not have a team record. Morgan Steele and Kiersten Haertling qualified for the Sectional tournament. A major highlight of the season according to Coach Clark was Morgan Steele earning all-District honors by finishing in the top 15 at Districts and Kiersten Haertling only missing the honor by one stroke.

Coach Clark said, “Our biggest accomplishment was qualifying two of the three girls to play in the Sectional tournament. I think we surprised a lot of people.”

The cross country team consisted of five boys and five girls this season. Even though none of the runners advanced past Districts they all had very successful seasons and many of them PRed at the District Meet.

Coach Henning helped each of them set a personal goal at the beginning of the season. These individual goals allowed the run-

ners to race themselves every week. Every runner made major improvements and pushed themselves all season long.

Boys’ swimming was the last fall sport standing. It was also a new addition to the fall sports program this year. Since the team only had five swimmers it was more difficult for them to compete against teams of up to thirty



**Cross Country seniors speak at a pep rally.**

people.

“We did attend two invitational meets. We competed Junior Varsity at these meets, mainly so we could do relays. We finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 19 schools at the North Kansas City Invitational and 11<sup>th</sup> out of 22 schools at the Independence Invitational. We did score points at all the other meets we competed in,” Coach Gach said.

Coach Gach said, “For me, the most interesting part of the season was during the hardest week of practice and they were all trying to swim with tennis shoes and t-shirts on. I am sure they hated me, but I know it paid off and made them faster.”



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Night of the Golden Stars

By Montory Davis

LeBlond's annual Night of the Golden Stars is coming up on November the 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fisher Family commons and Grace Gym.

It starts at five o'clock and is usually over by eleven. The theme for the auction is "Party like a Rock star." This event always brings in a large number of people and makes a lot of money for our school!

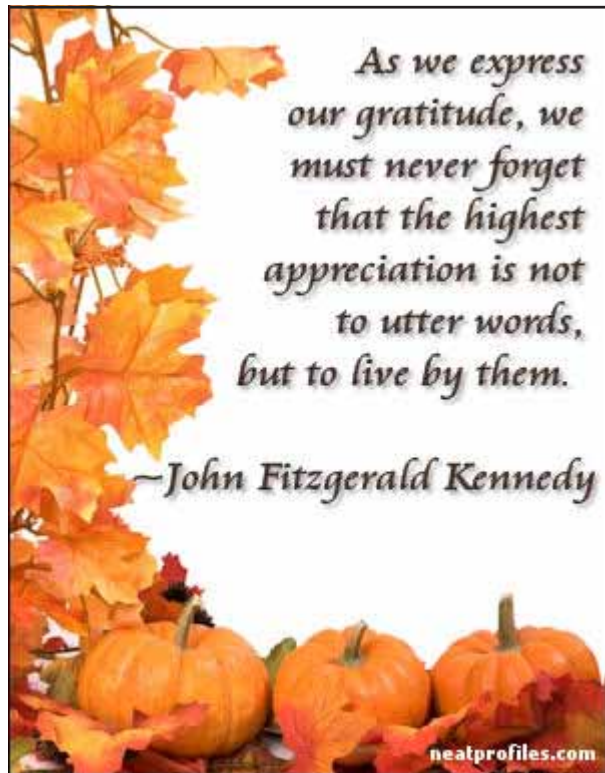
The money we make from the auction goes directly into the school budget to support day to day needs here at LeBlond.

The doors open at five o'clock with silent auctions. Dinner is served at seven o'clock followed by the concert choir singing around seven fifteen.

After dinner is finished the live auction starts!

Some of our big items that will be auctioned off are furniture, a front row pew at graduation, Notre Dame tickets and many more!

This event is our largest fundraiser and means a lot to our school. It is a good way to get all of our supporters together for a night of fun!



## WHAT ARE STUDENTS DOING IN ART?

By Haley Robertson

Students at LB are required to take one year of art but many students take more than one. In Art 2 and Advanced Art, students have to turn in a sketch book every week. If they don't turn them in, their grade will suffer.

In Art 2, Mr. Clark makes the projects for the students to do but in Advanced Art they are able to pick what they want to do.

They can work with clay, paint and/or colored pencils, but there are many other projects to choose from. Lainey Beier is working on an oil painting and also a pen and pencil drawing with a green acrylic background. She plans on putting her work in her portfolio. She said, "I like working with oil paints, colored pencils and watercolor. I like working on something I'm excited about."

Brooke Bullimore and Shelby Pusateri are both working with clay. Bullimore is making a bowl, so she can eat macaroni and cheese out of it. Pusateri is currently working on a mug for her mom's kitchen set. She said clay is her favorite thing to do in art. Shelby mentioned, "I like art class; I can get my homework done, and I don't have to think about other things while doing my art."

Blake Davies is a fan of sketching whatever comes to mind. He is sketching a collage of "The Nightmare before Christmas." He likes to hang his finished pieces in his room.

Students are taught new techniques in art class and enjoy a



Shelby Pusateri making her clay bowl.



Lainey Beier shows off her pen and pencil drawing



## Teachers Celebrate Thanksgiving

By Madeleine Glenski

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, everyone at LeBlond is making holiday plans. This includes teachers as well as students.

Mrs. Alkier is hosting the celebration for her whole extended family and will be looking forward to eating her favorite foods, stuffing and gravy. She says that this celebration includes her brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, in-laws, and anyone else that she feels needs a feast. She also said that she is most thankful for having a family that she can celebrate with and pass traditions on to.

"We really know how to put on a true Thanksgiving feast, everyone contributes, and even the little ones help out by decorating the table and helping cook," said Mrs. Alkier.

When asked what her favorite part about Thanksgiving was Mrs. Alkier responded, "Spending time with everyone! We eat a lot and then generally have a game tournament with everyone 0-90 years participating!"

Mrs. Wineinger is also staying home for the holiday. She is celebrating with her daughters, grandkids, and some close family friend. Every year her husband cooks a Turducken, which is a chicken, stuffed in a duck, stuffed in a turkey. But Mrs. Wineinger's favorite food is a tie between stuffing and Toll House pie.

Mrs. Wineinger is thankful for a healthy, happy family. She is looking forward to having a long weekend with them to relax, sleep in, play games, and watch movies.

Mrs. Harr is planning on going to Odessa, Missouri, for Thanksgiving this year. The celebration includes her siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, parents, grandparents, and some old family friends.

When asked what her favorite Thanksgiving food is she said, "My MaMaw's Green Jello Salad. It isn't the best dish on the table, but it reminds me of her every year. That makes it my favorite."

She too is most thankful for her family and is looking forward to, "Spending time with family, listening to the same old stories about the good old days."

Mrs. Harr said, "It never gets old, and I know someday, all too soon, I'll miss it."



Mrs. Alkier goes over notes with her physics class.



Mrs. Harr is looking forward to spending time with family

*If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice.*

~Meister Eckhart

## What do LB students do in their free time?

By Erin Knapp

What are we really like outside of school? LB students are unique, and have different hobbies and activities that they participate in. Most teenagers go home after school, eat, watch TV, and do their homework, but what do Bishop LeBlond students do in their free time?

Sophomore Mitch Huey said he enjoys skateboarding, sleeping, collecting Pez dispensers, and playing chess and videogames. While Huey has a wide variety of things he likes to do, senior Sage Barnes said, "I like grooming my cat, Kiwi, that is all." Other students, however, enjoy getting out in the fresh air and exercising. Junior Justin Turner said, "I enjoy yoga and skiing... even when there's no snow."

Several students at LeBlond also enjoy going places with their friends and family. Junior Ashley Staggs said she likes going to Panda Express with her brothers and shopping at Zona Rosa with her friends. Unlike Staggs, Grant Gillaspie goes to different hang out spots with his friends. He said, "I like to go to the McDonald's playhouse, Krug Park, Wal-Mart, and Hobby Lobby with all of my friends."

Many students at LeBlond also participate in different sports and competitions. Justin Turner said he enjoys "spelunking" at track practice. He said, "It's more like a lifestyle, rather than a sport." Ashley Staggs is also very active in athletics. Staggs said, "I play volleyball and I like to dance."

Although students at LeBlond have their own interests and hobbies, at school we find that we actually have many things in common.



Mitch Huey tosses a frisbee at the Sophomore retreat.

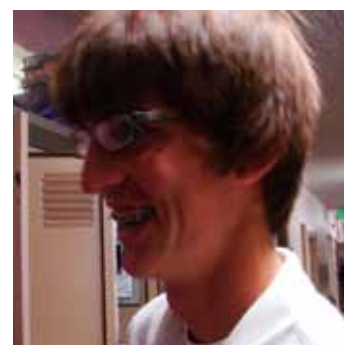


Ashley Staggs like shopping at Zona Rosa



## People You Should Know!

By Amanda Fuson



**Name:** Savannah Jayne Sanai  
**Grade:** Freshie.  
**Birthday:** August 4  
**Pet(s):** Dogs-Sassy, Mason; Cats-Jack, Frofy  
**Best Friend:** Danica Gall  
**Siblings:** half-sister Ella  
**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Dream Spouse:** Trey Songz  
**Most Prized Possession:** My iPhone  
**Your Hero:** Annie Christine Madden  
**Favorite Food:** Strawberries  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Bravo  
**Pepsi or Coke:** Pepsi  
**Favorite Holiday:** Kwanza  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Girard  
**Favorite Subject:** Geography  
**Favorite Movie:** *Step Brothers/ Paranormal Activity*  
**Favorite Animal:** Gorilla  
**Favorite Sport:** Tennis  
**Favorite Band/Artist:** Nicki Minaj  
**Favorite Song:** "Stereo Heart" by Maroon 5  
**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:** Mint Choco Chip  
**Favorite Out-of-School Activity:** Cosmic Bowling on Tuesday nights with Mickey Mahoney  
**Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With:** Jonny Lukens

**Name:** Clayton Redmond  
**Grade:** Sophomore  
**Birthday:** May 25  
**Pet(s):** None  
**Best Friend(s):** Matt M.  
**Siblings:** 3 brothers  
**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Dream Spouse:** Madeleine Gleski  
**Most Prized Possession:** My Xbox360  
**Your Hero:** Jane Gray  
**Favorite Food:** Mexican  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Barbosas  
**Pepsi or Coke:** Pepsi  
**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Dillon  
**Favorite Subject:** Weightlifting  
**Favorite Movie:** *The Lion King*  
**Favorite Animal:** Dog  
**Favorite Sport:** Football  
**Favorite Band/Artist:** Eminem  
**Favorite Song:** "Love the Way You Lie" by Eminem & Rihanna  
**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:** Strawberry  
**Favorite Out-of-School Activity:** Mudding  
**Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With:** A friend named Jane Gray

**Name:** Alexis Boyles  
**Grade:** Junior  
**Birthday:** August 4  
**Pet:** Dog named Taz  
**Best Friend:** Joshua Matthew Prawitz, MY BOIII!  
**Siblings:** Two brothers, Justin and Nick  
**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Dream Spouse:** Tommy Wombwell  
**Most Prized Possession:** My Tap Out shorts ;) )  
**Your Hero:** Eminem  
**Favorite Food:** Fajitas  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Panda Express  
**Pepsi or Coke:** Pepsi  
**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas!  
**Favorite Teacher:** Coach Hankins  
**Favorite Subject:** Art  
**Favorite Movie:** *Boondock Saints*  
**Favorite Animal:** Elephant  
**Favorite Sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite Band/Artist:** Eminem  
**Favorite Song:** "That's All She Wrote" by Eminem and T.I.  
**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:** Chocolate  
**Favorite Out-of-School Activity:** Playing Basketball  
**Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With:** Kayla Grieshaber

**Name:** Dustin Wisdom  
**Grade:** SENIOR!!!  
**Birthday:** April 12  
**Pet:** Dog  
**Best Friend(s):** Stephanie Bell :) and Kaitlyn Crotty  
**Siblings:** Kelsey Wisdom  
**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Dream Spouse:** Stephanie Bell  
**Most Prized Possession:** "The Paseo" (my car)  
**Your Hero:** Cody Cochran  
**Favorite Food:** Mexican  
**Favorite Restaurant:** La Mesa  
**Pepsi or Coke:** Pepsi  
**Favorite Holiday:** Thanksgiving  
**Favorite Teacher:** DL  
**Favorite Subject:** Science  
**Favorite Movie:** *Inception*  
**Favorite Animal:** Drosophila Melanogaster  
**Favorite Sport:** Soccer  
**Favorite Band/Artist:** Frank Sinatra  
**Favorite Song:** "I Can Be Your Hero" by Enrique Iglesias  
**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:** Ben & Jerry's Late Night Snack  
**Favorite Out-of-School Activity:** Sleep  
**Who You'd Want to be Stranded on a Deserted Island With:** Stephanie Bell

**Birthday Buddies!**

# Students express themselves through music

By Montory Davis

“Music is a way to escape from the problems in the world,” said Taylor Faucett, a proud member of the Bishop LeBlond concert choir. Music can impact people’s lives in many different ways.

Music can get you through difficult times, excite you and even allow you to have fun,” said Kathleen Woods, who also participates in concert choir.

We have a wide variety of talented students who sing and play instruments at LeBlond. Alex Luke plays the violin and the piano; Cole Patrick plays the bass; Jacob Lewis plays the drums, and Jack Peppard plays the guitar.

Not only is the talent diverse, so is the genre. Faucett said, “I grew up on country music. I love it because I can relate to the lyrics!”

Sometimes music is a great way to get pumped up! The volleyball team listens to music to get in the zone before every home game!

Woods said, “I like alternative rock music because it excites me and gets me in a good mood; that’s why my favorite band is Paramore!”

Abby Trapp said she loves any music she can dance to, and she is open to trying different types of music. “I used to not like rap, but now I listen to it,” said Trapp.

Music is a great way to express yourself!



# Make Your Own Pumpkin Pie

By Jane Gray

Everyone has a favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving, but have you ever made the food? According to a poll about favorite Thanksgiving food, pumpkin pie is LeBlond students’ favorite Thanksgiving food. Many people like to put things such as whipped cream and nuts on their pumpkin pie. Sophomore Sophie Gentry said, “I like to put whipped cream on my pumpkin pie.” Here is a recipe for pumpkin pie to make on Thanksgiving:

## Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

- 1 envelope (1 tablespoon) unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup water
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1 1/4 cups pumpkin
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie



## Directions

1. Mix the gelatin and water in a small bowl, and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick. Mix in 3/4 cup sugar, pumpkin, evaporated milk, salt, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg and ginger.
3. In a double broiler, cook the mixture over boiling water, stirring constantly, until thick. Mix in the gelatin. Stir to dissolve. Remove from heat and allow the mixture to thicken until it mounds when dropped by the spoonful.
4. In a clean, dry medium bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually mix in the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, and continue beating until firm. Fold in the pumpkin mixture. Transfer to the pie crust. Chill until firm, about 1 hour.

# What’s Your Favorite Thanksgiving Food?

By Amanda Fuson

One hundred LeBlond students were asked what their favorite Thanksgiving foods were.

Here are the results:

- 24% Pie
- 20% Rolls
- 13% Turkey
- 13% Mashed Potatoes
- 12% Stuffing
- 14% Other
- 4% All



The “Other” category included ham, steak, french fries, corn casserole, German food, vegetarian food, sweet potatoes, and noodles.