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Let the festival begin

By Taylor Brown

The putting of the tractors, the thrill of the rides, and the smell of fried food is soon to fill Lanesville again for the 36th annual Heritage Festival. According to the Lanesville Heritage website, the first festival was celebrated in 1976 by a Lanesville High School teacher John Richert. The website also stated that Lanesville Heritage has over 80,000 people in attendance

The Heritage committee is hard at work preparing for the popular Heritage Festival. Kenny Acton, a chairman, said, "We are busy cleaning up the grounds and positioning the antique farm equipment used for demos and pouring new concrete in the red gazebo." These are just a

few of the tasks keeping the committee plenty busy in preparation.

Acton has been a chairman for the past three years and vice chairman seven years before that with a total of 16 years on the committee, so he is used to the pressure of preparing for this annual Lanesville tradition.

Even though it's the 36th annual festival, it's not always the same. Acton stated "There is a new addition to the festival this year, a new musical group, the Monarchs are performing Sunday from 12:30-2:30 at the gazebo." Acton has been going to the festival since the beginning in 1976 and has been going for all of 36 years. When asked what Acton's favorite part about Heritage he responded, "My favorite part of Heritage is the

antique tractors, the parade, and the farming demonstrations."

The main feature of the festival is the parade—when children fill the sides of the streets with candy bags waiting patiently for the next float to pass, where the queen candidates stroll down main street car after car, and where fun sprits and memories of Heritage are made.

This being said it is not a shock that Acton stated, "If a newcomer came to the festival for the first time, they would want to see the parade and watch the farm demonstrations to see how our forefathers farmed in days of old." Even though people may get caught up in the food, the friends, and the good times, Heritage is about how the little town of Lanesville came to be.



2011 ISTEP and ECA scores higher than ever

By Mackenzie Schmelz

2011 ISTEP and ECA scores are higher than ever! With a total of 85% passing in grades 3-6 and 80% passing in grades 7

and 8. Mr. Morris, principal and superintendent, said, "I am very pleased with the results."

Morris said, "Students performed the highest in the subjects of Math and

English." Also according to Morris, "Teachers and students did better at preparing for the tests."

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2011 Heritage Queen Contestants

By Haylie Walter

Along with all the great traditions of Lanesville Heritage Weekend, the queen contest is one event you cannot miss. The pageant will be held on Friday, September 9th, at 6pm in the high school gym. There are different parts to the competition. Contestants will be performing a talent and presenting a variety of attires. There are six different contestants this year. They range from grade nine to grade twelve and all attend Lanesville High School.

Senior Kayla Smith has returned to the queen contest every year since she was a freshman. Smith says, "It's my senior year so I thought I would do it one last time." Kayla is singing *Ameri-*

can Honey by Lady Antebellum for her talent.

Freshman Bailey Kaake is doing gymnastics for her talent. Bailey says, "I enjoy being in competitions, and I like to perform my gymnastics in front of crowds." Her sister, Miranda Kaake, won the queen contest last year.

Celine Esparza will be performing a Mexican dance. Celine says, "I just wanted to try it out!" This will be her first time doing the contest.

This is junior, Kendra Smith's first time competing in the queen contest. She says, "I just want to represent Lanesville. My friends and family also wanted me to try it." Smith's sister, Leanne Myers, won the queen contest in

2009. She will be singing *Falling For You* by Colbie Caillat.

Junior Caryn Eisert is also following in her sister's footsteps by competing this year. Eisert says, "My sister was in it her junior year so I wanted to do the same as her." This is Caryn's first time competing and she will be singing for her talent.

Freshman Hailey Turner says, "I thought participating in the contest would be a fun way to get involved in the community." Hailey is playing the flute for her talent, and this will be her first time competing in the contest.

Heritage Days Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 8, 2011

6:30 PM: Antique Tractor Pull

Friday, September 9, 2011

11:00 AM: Festival Begins

12 Noon: All Booths Open

6:00 PM: Princess Pageant

Queen Pageant

7:00 PM: Truck Pull

9:00 PM: Hot Air Balloon Glow

Saturday, September 10, 2011

8:00 AM: Craft/Food Booths Open

8:00 AM: 8 Mile Run

8:10 AM: 5 Mile Walk

8:15 AM: 2 Mile Fun Run

10:00 AM: Antique Tractor Pull

1:00 PM: Parade

5:00 PM: Truck and Tractor Pull

6:00 PM: Hot Air Balloon Event

Sunday, September 11, 2011

9:00 AM: Worship Service

11:00 AM: Fried Chicken Dinner

11:00 AM: Antique Tractor Games

1:00 PM: Log Sawing Contest

1:00 PM: Entertainment @ Gazebo

2:00 PM: Pedal Tractor Pull

5:00 PM: Closing Ceremonies

For more information, view www.lanesvilleheritageweekend.org

ISTEP/ECA scores continue to rise

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This year, as a reward, students had Culvers' custard. Culvers came in one day at lunch to reward students for their test scores and hard work that led to the increase in overall scores. Vanilla and chocolate custard were served with a variety of toppings, including Oreo, sprinkles, Heath, and Nerds. Morris' goal for Lanesville Community Schools each year is to have a 90% passing rate. This year we

were very close.

The upcoming tests for the English and Algebra ECA will be in May of 2012. The first part of the ISTEP will be March 5 through March 14 of 2012. The writing and short answer portion will take place at this time. The second part of the ISTEP, which will consist of the multiple choice, will be April 30 through May 9 of 2012. Morris and the rest of the corporation are look-

ing for another great testing year with continued success.



Brighter rooms, new windows

By Amber Mouser

The students of Lanesville Community Schools walked in one morning noticing that something had changed in the time that they had been gone. The rooms were much brighter than they had been in the previous days that they had been there. This would be the result in the new windows that the school was putting in.

Many students wondered the reasoning behind the new windows. "The new windows are a part of a renovation project for the school." Morris said when asked why Lanesville got the new windows. "The old windows were old and rotting." This explains why it was time to get new windows in the school.

Most people don't think about the cost

of the windows or where the money came from. "The whole project, for the removal of the old windows, the new windows, and installations, will cost about 1.2 million dollars. It came from a bond which is a way school can get money." Morris also added that the bond is like a school loan, so the money will be paid back but without having to pay interest.

The timeline for the completion of the windows is set as well. Morris stated that the entire project should be completed by the first of October. This includes the replacement of the new windows and the new sills.

Students and faculty all have their own opinions on the windows, and Morris' thoughts are clear. "I am glad that we are doing it. It is needed and is much more efficient. It will save a lot of money in the

long run." When asked if he liked them better than the old ones, he replied, "Absolutely. I love the quality of the new windows. We are going to put blinds on them and everything."

The classrooms are much brighter now. Lanesville students can instantly tell a difference when they walk into a classroom. Some students comment on the smell of the new windows even though every day those fragrances become less and less. Whether it's the smell of tootsie rolls or paint that fills students nostrils as they enter a classroom, it is a sure sign of the new windows popping up in each room one by one. The windows are better now, and they will be even better when they are finished.

Meet Mrs. Baker

By Alexis Seitz

Lanesville Community Schools has recently hired three new teachers, two of which are working in the high school.

Stacy Baker is the new teacher for Digital Tools, Computer Applications, Marketing, Personal Finance, and Accounting.

Baker worked in the business field for 20 years with her husband, owning and operating a



group of businesses. She completed a Master of Arts in Teaching from Oakland City University last year.

Before coming to Lanesville, Baker was a student-teacher at Bedford North Lawrence. "Which is a very large school," Baker explains to us. Bedford North Lawrence graduates nearly 400 students each year.

Baker says, "I

really enjoyed it, but a small school is much better fit for me."

This is sure to be a great first year for Baker thanks to the Lanesville Junior/Senior high school and staff.

Facts About Baker:

- She has four children.
- She recently bought a llama.
- She loves to read.
- She enjoys science fiction movies.
- She cannot sing but wishes she could.

Meet Mrs. Schalk

By Alexis Seitz

Allison Schalk is the new English teacher for grades 8, 9, and 11. She also teaches journalism. All teachers have different reasons as to why they decide to teach; Schalk says hers is because she, "Had a wonderful high school teacher that encouraged me to think about English education."

According to Schalk, she started teaching right out of college; she worked in retail at Abercrombie and American Eagle throughout high school and college.

After teaching at Center Grove in Indi-

anapolis and Jeff High, Schalk has learned that "Each school is unique in its own way, but all share a common thread-preparing students to graduate and showing them possibilities beyond high school." Even though Schalk has taught at two other schools, she has enjoyed her transition to Lanesville.

Facts About Schalk:

She has two dogs, a cocker spaniel mix, and a chocolate lab.

She's married and expecting a baby boy. He'll be named Gabriel Otto Schalk.



She was a cheerleader at DePauw University.

She knits in her spare time; she also enjoys scrap-booking, reading, and reality television.

Lanesville volleyball season begins with a slam

By Olivia Cook

The whistle blows, the serve is over, the pass is up, the set is perfect, and an amazing hit crashes down! Volleyball season has begun!

For the past five or six years Summers Montgomery has coached the Lady Eagles Volleyball team. Brittany Gayheart is the coach of the JV team. The coaches this year decided that instead of cuts they would make a C team to allow more girls to participate. The team consists of six freshmen and one sophomore. Anna Mullet is coaching the C team. It is her first year of coaching at Lanesville.

Girls take a swing at golf

By Haylie Walter

Girls Golf is a new edition to Lanesville's athletics' department this year. Jetta Dauphanie is coaching the girl's team. The team practices Monday through Thursday at the Old Capitol Golf Course in Corydon.

Currently the team has five members. Junior Anna Ingle says, "Jetta is awesome! I get to be with my friends and have a good time while still being able to learn golf." Many of the new players state similar reasons for deciding to give golf a try this year. Junior Kendra Smith says, "Golf is a great sport as long as you don't get frustrated." It takes five members to be able to compete in a match. Of the current five members, two are eighth graders, so the team is not able to compete this year. Even though they won't be competing, they are working hard to get to know the game and refine their skills.

For most of the players, this is their first experience with golf. For Smith, however, this is not her first time playing the sport. "I used to play all the time with my dad when I was about seven years old." Those members who are just learning about golf have had many successes and some tribulations. Hunter Wells, grade eight, says, "At first it was very difficult for me; I had to be very patient. The swing and keeping my eye on the ball was the hardest part. I just went at it and gave it my best!"

The girls are giving their all as the golf season begins. Lanesville has much to look forward to as this new, exciting group joins the Eagle's sporting world.



The volleyball players believe their season has been going fairly well so far, but they also know that there is room for improvement. Senior, Kaitlyn Davis said, "It's just the beginning of the season so far, so we're learning what works and what doesn't." The coaches and players this year have used the first few matches to hone in on skill sets that need improvement and celebrate the strong skills.

Both Anna Gronotte, Junior, and Kirsten Henke, Freshman, said that their team's goal was to have a winning record. Senior Kayla Smith said, "We really want to win conference and sectionals." The team has set

high goals for itself and is working towards attaining that level of success.

During the summer some of the girls did a summer league and had practices every morning. During the summer practices they had different times of going for the different positions so that the girls could get more one on one time. They also went to the weight room to workout. This helped the girls to build up strength. Sophomore, Jessica Deweese said, "Going to the summer practices and trying hard has paid off." All of the girls have improved a lot on different skills since last year.

This isn't the first year of playing volleyball for many of the girls. Many of the players return because they enjoy playing the game and have improved as they gain more and more experience. "I've played since 7th grade. I love the game, its so much fun!" Said Kaitlyn Davis. It is the enthusiasm and passion that keeps players returning and the team improving as the season begins to unfold.



Tennis season heats up with a slamming new start

By Mackenzie Schmelz

Lanesville High School's tennis team has already made some great accomplishments this year by defeating conference rival Borden in a 4-1 victory. This year Lanesville is scheduled to play 15 matches and looking forward to continuing their initial success as the season gets underway.

The boys say that their toughest opponents will be Borden and South Central, so they are off to a confident start with their victory over Borden.

Senior Caleb Caldwell says, "If we play well and keep our shots

in, then we will be fine." The team members have been working and practicing hard in order to make this a reality.

Another tough team will be New Albany High School in sectionals. For nearly 10 straight years New Albany has clenched the sectional title. Caldwell says, "We will have to be at the top of our game that day, hit good shots, and have very few unforced errors." He has played varsity for three years and junior varsity his freshman year. He has also played in seventh and eighth grade.

Freshman Stephen Shaffer played in seventh and eighth grade and is also playing this year, his freshman year. His goal this year is to win conference, win county, and take it a step farther to sectional.

Tennis is one of the most popular sports played across the globe. The popularity of tennis has increased more in the modern days than in past years. A lot of the boys say that tennis is a fast pace sport and always keeps them on their toes.

The team has worked hard, played in the hot and humid weather and now is their time to shine!

Cross country season takes off in a sprint

By Taylor Brown

As a new school year starts, country season is not far to follow. When asked what the team's goal for this year was, Junior Caryn Eisert and Freshman Gabe Sronce both said it was to win conference. Both teammates have ran in previous years.

The team consists mostly of returning members that have ran in previous years. Eisert's reason was simple. "The team and its so much

fun." Sronce said, "I enjoy running in cross country, and I want to get faster." So while their reasons might be different, the most important aspect is how students continue to return to this sport.

The team had their first meet on August 25, which was the Charlestown invitational. Both teams finished with a strong outcome. The boys won the meet beating Jeffersonville who placed second, and Borden who placed third. On the other hand, girls placed third as a

team. Each team member has his or her own cherished moments from the season. "My favorite part about cross-country is the bus rides after we win and the team dinner," Eisert said.

While the season is just now underway, the team members are excited about the upcoming season and look forward to all that the season has to offer. Freshman Andrew Kennedy sums it up simply. "Lanesville cross country is where it's at."