

The Lions' Pride.



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One with a lot of musical talent

by Kyla Hansen

Lisbon High School's musical "All Shook Up" took the stage on November 9th and 10th to show off their skills to the community and allow them to get to know LHS junior Renae Hasselbusch and her musical talents.

"It's been really cool getting to talk to all the different kids and getting to see everyone's various perspectives on the musical," said Renae Hasselbusch.

Meeting new people and making new friends when working together on anything teaches people how to get along with others and work together to make beautiful pieces of art.

"My entire family loves music, and I grew up singing with them for church services occasionally. I started playing the piano when I was five, so I feel like music has been a part of my life since I was born and that's probably why I'm involved in so many of the arts," said Hasselbusch.



Garrett Herring, Renae Hasselbusch, and Natalie Ott (pictured left to right) on stage acting out a scene from last year's musical "Seussical." (photo by Andrea Hasselbusch)

Growing up in a musical household can influence anything, including the choice to be involved in music or not. In this case, Hasselbusch chose to be involved with the fine arts even though she has a busy schedule with sports, student council, and speech.

Her schedule may be full and busy, but she still finds a way to do what she loves.



(Above) Riley Dolan (left) and Renae Hasselbusch (right) dance in a scene from this year's show, "All Shook Up." (photo by Andrea Hasselbusch)



Renae Hasselbusch, Samantha Schrantz, Olivia Hasselmann, and Natalie Ott (pictured left to right) pose for a cute picture after last year's show "Seussical the Musical." (photo by Andrea Hasselbusch)

Veterans' Day: A time for reflection and celebration

by Mackenzie Moreland

Lisbon Community Schools honored veterans with their second Veterans' Day assembly on Monday, November 12, in the Lions' Den. Lisbon also has a veteran staff member among them every day.

The assembly was moving and meaningful to everyone involved. There was a tribute video to veterans and a presentation that showed all the vets who were related to Lisbon students and staff.

The keynote speaker was Command Sergeant Major Rachel Fails with the Iowa Army National Guard. Command Sergeant Major Fails has served her country for thirty-two years and was deployed twice. Her first deployment was in 1990-1991 in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the second deployment was in 2008-2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In her current position, she serves as the senior adviser to the Adjutant General of Iowa and is based out of Johnston, IA at the Joint Forces Headquarters. Her speech was full of inspiration of how students could help the vets who have given so much to help us have the freedoms we do today.



Command Sergeant Major Rachel Fails and Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) David Prasil are welcomed to the Veterans' Day assembly. (photo by Mackenzie Moreland)

Melissa Weaver, also known as Señora, served as a 3381 in the Marines. A 3381 is a cook. She was stationed in Bridgeport, CA in the mountains.

One of Weaver's proudest accomplishments of being a cook was the fact that she was in charge of making the cake for the Marine Corps Ball, which she stated, "was a very

important job that wasn't to be taken lightly." All the food they made was made from scratch at their location. Weaver claims that the food they made was very tasty and that she still uses some of the recipes today to feed her own family.

Weaver served for four years. Her fondest memories of the military were when they had to run in -12-degree weather, in their shorts. She said that she knew most people couldn't do that run, let alone a female who kept pace with the males in the platoon she was running with.

Weaver also noted that she made an abundance of friends, whom she knew she could count on if she needed them for anything. She stated, "I know that they would be here the second I needed them."



Senora Weaver holds a rifle while standing at attention in her military uniform during the Bridgeport Memorial Day service in 2000. (photo by Senora Weaver)

When asked what Veterans' Day meant to her, Weaver simply said this, "It brings back memories of when I served, and I know many people who aren't here today to celebrate this. My heart hurts for those who served in a war and were injured or killed. I also have many family members who served and suffer from PTSD. It's nice to know that people actually care about what every veteran has gone through and wants to know their stories."

Señora Weaver's story is one of many out there to be told. We just need to take the time to show respect by listening and thanking them for their service because they selflessly gave so much to us. After all, these are the people who help defend the basis that our nation was founded upon, and that was the right to our freedom.

Letters to the editor: Fifth grade edition

Lisbon's Writing for Media class joined up with Mrs. Chalupa's fifth grade class to choose the best Letter to the Editor articles from her class. The winners were Mariah Scharff, Ian Whittenbaugh, and Avery Long

Lunch seats a must

by Mariah Scharff

We should go back to having our lunch seats again. One reason is because the younger kids take longer to get out of the lunch room, which means we have to wait sometimes for the tables to get cleaned up.

Another reason we need the seats again is because we'll have more room and more tables to eat at. I think that it would also be easier to have the tables back again because the younger kids also make a bit of a mess when we come in, and I hope there would be cleaner foods than messy foods, like chili crispitos, tacos, and more. For that reason, it would also help the lunch ladies not have to clean up after them.

I also don't think it's fair that the younger kids, such as the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders, get all of the tables, but 5th doesn't. Last year, 5th graders got the circle tables. Last, it would also help with noise, so you wouldn't have to yell across the room to your friends.

If you agree with me that 5th graders need the lunch seats again, please print this letter to help Lisbon's 5th graders get the lunch seats they deserve back. Thank You!

More time and space at lunch

by Ian Whittenbaugh

We need more lunch time and more lunch space. It takes almost five minutes to get a tray

and it takes another five minutes to get food.

Then we only have ten minutes to eat. It is also hard to find somewhere to sit. I think we should go back to getting lunch the way we used to with our original tables from last year. The only good change to lunch this year is we go in separate lines for different grades.

If next year we can go back to the other entrance of the lunch room and separate lines for different grades, our lunch time will be a lot better and a lot faster. So, if you could please make this change, everyone will greatly appreciate it.

Lockers for fifth graders

by Avery Long

The fifth graders should get lockers. One reason is that we can't fit our trapper keepers in our cubbies because there are already crayons, markers, colored pencils, and lunch boxes in our cubbies. Another reason is that all our stuff falls out of our cubbies. It's also such a cramped space because each cubby is so close together. It can also be hard to walk by the cubbies because the backpacks and coats fall off the hooks. The last thing is that people who have their hooks in the back can't even hang their backpacks up.

If you agree, please print this letter and help the Lisbon fifth grade get the lockers they deserve.

Helping to bring smiling faces to Casey's: Max Abodeely

by Kayne Kamberling

Working about 20 hours a week, senior Max Abodeely spends his time working at Casey's in Lisbon to get that bread.

"I like the people I work with and the half-price pizza slices!" said Abodeely.

Abodeely also makes sure to not let his job negatively affect his school work. Abodeely's manager makes sure to give him the right number of hours while he is in sports.

"School has helped me with my job by how to communicate with my manager and other

employees. It also helps to know how to prioritize the work that needs to be done besides just standing at the counter doing nothing," said Abodeely.

Communication skills are very important in a majority of careers. Using the appropriate language with managers and clients is also important if one wants to be successful.

"It was my parents' idea to get a job because I was always asking for money, and they were tired of just handing it out," said Abodeely.

Lisbon wrestling hopes to continue the tradition

by Gage McCoy

Lisbon High School is known for their wrestling program being the best of the best and they have done nothing but prove this statement true the last two years. With winning state duals and the traditional title in 2016 and getting fourth in the duals and winning the traditional title in 2017, the Lisbon Lions began their journey on Monday to win a state title three years in a row.

"We are a young team, and we need to have everyone work together. Overall, we are a good team," said senior Cobe Siebrecht, who has high expectations for the team this year.

The Lions are going to be a tough team this year, but one thing they is depth. There are a lot of young guys who have not wrestled at the high school level filling starting spots. Although the freshmen are inexperienced, they have a lot of talent.

"Compared to last year, we graduated seven seniors, so this year we have big shoes to fill. We have inexperienced wrestlers and young guys in our upper weights," said two-time state champ Cael Happel.

The wrestling season started on November 12th for the Lions. They have their first dual on Tuesday, November 26th. They hope to continue the Lisbon tradition and win the state duals and traditional titles this year.



The 2018 state qualifiers pose after winning the traditional state title at the Well. Front L to R- Cooper Siebrecht, Cael Happel; Back L to R- Gage McCoy, Cobe Siebrecht, Bryce Werderman, Logan O'Connor, Jake Jennett, Kaden Kilburg, Ryne Mohrfeld (photo by Tracy Siebrecht)

Rave: Earning your stripes

by Sam Hendricks

Last year in *The Lions' Pride* newsletter, there was a story titled "Seniority authority is NOT a priority." It talks about how upperclassmen boss and push around underclassmen. It is not acceptable for upperclassmen to push around other people thinking they own the school. However, I do feel that upperclassmen have earned the right to have more authority in the student body.



The LHS Class of 2019 smiles for one of their last pictures taken together. (photo by Mrs. Walker)

Upperclassmen are older which usually means they're more mature and respectful. Staff and community members have more trust in seniors to have open campus because they trust us to not mess around and disturb the community during the day.

"I do not agree with a freshman getting the same priorities as a senior," said technology director Julie Hill, "They [have] paid their dues and have earned their stripes."

Seniority means more experience and working hard for a position. If people worked really hard at the same job for 10 years and a rookie gets as many privileges as them, it isn't fair. Having open campus or a "senior couch" should be a privilege underclassmen should look forward to, instead of expecting everything to be given to them right away.

The one advice all underclassmen should take from this article is patience. Your time will come; you have to earn your stripes.

Construction Corner: Fighting the weather to stay on top

by Trent Welch

Larson Construction, a family-owned business, has been working to renovate the school grounds and buildings, but despite completing the demolition phase, the actual construction phase has been delayed. The weather has slowed the moving of lime, digging footings, and putting in geopiers for the auditorium. Geopiers are a type of footing that is more stable and safer than normal footings. Once the geopiers are given the go-ahead, PCI, another construction business, will drill a hole and put rock in it, then they will vibrate and pack the hole to make it solid.

Many dump trucks have been in rotation for moving dirt from Wendling Quarries just East of town to the future track area. Larson is progressing with leveling out the hill for the track. They almost have the new practice field leveled out too. Since Larson is adding lime to the hill, they have to pack it with a roller. All of Larson's compaction tests have come in 100% because lime is easy to pack.



Even though the water line issue is resolved, another unexpected problem has occurred. While doing some excavating by the school, a powerline to the school was knocked down. Due to this, some areas of the school ended up losing power.

In the near future, classes in the middle school wing will be getting moved, so they can be renovated. The school plans to use the old gym for classes. Mr. Allison (Middle School Science) and Mrs. Kramer (Music) will be moved into the gym. Then Mrs. Spiedel (Art) will have a cart with art materials on it, and she will go to the classrooms to teach instead of having a classroom of her own. This will allow Larson to renovate the rooms as fast as they can, so teachers can get back into their rooms.



Wall Tech worked hard to put up a wall on the stage, so teachers can move their class onto the stage during the renovation of Mr. Allison, Mrs. Spiedel, and Mrs. Kramer's classrooms. (photo by Cole Albaugh)

Since there is a lot of incoming and outgoing traffic, the administration encourages everyone to stay safe. Please look both ways before crossing the road.

(Left, top and bottom) Larson Construction keeps busy packing lime on the old practice football field, so it can be leveled out for the new track. Various companies are hauling lime in from Wendling Quarries non-stop to get done as quickly as possible. (photos by Cole Albaugh)

Let's dance

by Maysun Marshall

The Lisbon dance team, Mane Attraction, is back and ready to compete.

"The season is pretty amazing so far. We are learning a routine that was pretty difficult, but we have it down, and I couldn't be [prouder] of our hard work," said Lisbon senior Emily Davis.

Mane Attraction is preparing new dances for the upcoming State dance competition.

"I am super excited for State dance. State dance is my very favorite part of the whole school year because I get to spend time with my team and perform in front of a huge audience. I think that we can be really successful this year," said junior Rylan Allison.

The dance team will perform at halftime during some of the boys' basketball games.

This year Lisbon's very own Bryce Clausen placed ninth at State solos. Clausen is the first Lisbon dancer to ever place at State solos. He received a division one medal along with a trophy. The dance team also sent Kiah Kilburg, another Lisbon sophomore, to State. She had an amazing performance and placed thirteenth.



The Lisbon dance team, Mane Attraction, was the main attraction at this year's Sauerkraut Day's parade. (photo by Rylan Allison)

While asking Bryce what he tells himself before a performance he said, "I always remind myself that it is just going to be me out there, so if I mess up, the judges will notice. I have to make sure that my legs are straight, and my feet are pointed."

The 2018-2019 basketball team begins

by Ian Heck

Lisbon's boys' basketball team is full of young athletic players, but just because they are young, does not mean they are going to not do well this season. The freshman basketball athletes are going to play a big role this season.

Future opponent junior David Warrington from Central City said, "[Lisbon is] super young and inexperienced at the varsity level [with] one guy [who] played varsity basketball last year."

The fact that Lisbon is such a young team means that they can only continue to get better and develop more as a team. Even though the freshmen have already made connections with each other on the court, they will need to make connections with other big assets to the offense

like McLane Allison and Hunter Neymeyer who will be on the team with them.

"Strengths are that you guys have a lot of young talented players, and a lot of your young guys don't play like young guys, meaning they play with confidence," said Warrington.

New to the helm and first-time head coach, Coach Richie wants Lisbon to lead 1A in rebounds this year. Richie believes that an aggressive young core will give the team a chance to be a top five team.

The team has a lot of work ahead of them before their first game against Springville on November 30th, and one week later, the team takes on Warrington and the Wildcats in the Lions' Den.