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New LMC Now In Use

By Jessi Peirce

The new library media center is now in books, and an attractive environment will use at Chadwick School. It includes five encourage all Chadwick students to read large rooms, two small rooms, and two more books." offices. Although, the remodel is still receiving a few finishing touches, teachers Chadwick School also recently learned and students are excited about using the that they were awarded a grant totaling new facility.

First grader Hailey Stevens said, "I am computers, furniture, and afterschool very excited, and I like all the pretty programs promoting literacy for adults colors."

Freshman Amanda Workman added, "I Principal Dr. Jerrod Wheeler said, "I am like the thought of having more space and very excited that this project is nearing better computers!" completion. It should serve as a great educational hub for the student body and Librarian Ms. Jean Whitney said, "The community."



(Top, left to right) Homecoming Queen Jessi Peirce and last year's Queen Kendle Walker pose with the other "Heavenly Sent" candidates (bottom, left to right) Megan Loomis, Callie Lewis, Kristin Melton, and Shylah Rogers.

Heavenly Sent Homecoming

By Brandon Phillips

The gym was packed for homecoming on January 16 as the Chadwick boys basketball team took on the state ranked Walnut Grove Tigers. The game was close, but in the end, the Cardinals fell just short of a victory. Junior Jessi Peirce was crowned as the 2004 homecoming queen. She said, "It was a great experience, and I was very excited."

MTC Literature Fair

By Whitney Lykins

Chadwick students did very well in the Mark Twain Conference Language Competition, which was held on February 4. Sophomore Adam St. Laurent placed first in the short story category. Junior Katy DeWitt placed second for both her short story and her one act play. Junior Jessica Burkhart also placed third in the one act play category.

FFA Week Plows Through CHS

By Tim Hahn

The week culminated with Agriculture Awareness Day, on which the FFA hosted Mr. Tyler Walker, the high school English teacher, America (FFA) celebrated National FFA community. said, "The students invested a lot of time toward their finished products, and I am proud of what they accomplished. It is great to see students getting Week February 23-27.

Each day of the week brought something new for FFA members. The week began with Green Hand Day, when newcomers to FFA are initiated by wearing green paint on their hands all day.

FFA sponsor Mr. Cody Phillips said, "FFA week was full of surprises. It was a complete success!"

Principal Dr. Jerrod Wheeler added, "I am always very proud whenever I see students winning in academic competitions."

INSIDE: Award-winning literature, an investigative report on the benefits of a good breakfast, and an update on the AR Program!

AR Program: Effective and Fun!

By Adam St. Laurent

Students at Chadwick School have been participating in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program for the past two years, with the ultimate goal of having students reading at a post high school level by the time they leave high school. AR Coordinator Ms. Tammy Payne has seen amazing results from the program. She reports, "One student, for example, went from a sixth grade reading level to nearly a ninth grade reading level over the course of one year."

Superintendent Dr. Gordon Logsdon added, "AR helps students to be good comprehensive readers; therefore, it has helped students raise MAP scores by increasing their comprehension and understanding of the questions."

Principal Dr. Jerrod Wheeler explained, "The AR program provides students with the opportunity to read books that are at their specific level of difficulty. It provides teachers with specific information about students' reading levels, which allows for better instruction."

As part of the program, students choose books on their reading level, read them, and earn points by taking comprehension tests. Lengthy, more difficult books yield more points than easier, shorter ones. After students earn points, they can trade them in for a prize from the AR Showcase, which is located just outside the main office. Prizes ranging from candy to television sets, from bicycles to Barbie dolls serve as tempting incentives to read books.

Third grade student Mahala Overby said, "I like AR because it makes reading fun."

Leadership Council Good Chadwickian

By Whitney Lykins

The Chadwick Leadership Council has served the community in many ways this year. They held their 7th Annual Senior Citizens Breakfast at the Chadwick community building on December 16. Biscuits and gravy, doughnuts, and a variety of beverages were served, and door prizes were won.

The Chadwick Leadership Council is made up of juniors and seniors selected as good leaders by their teachers. Junior Katy Dewitt said, "It was great to be able to give back to the community."

The Leadership Council also held a coat drive on December 9-18 to collect coats and other items of winter apparel, which were then distributed by local churches and charities.

Leadership Council Sponsor Steve Long said, "I think this year's Leadership Council members are excellent representatives of the Chadwick school and community. I appreciate all the effort given by this group to promote activities that benefit those in the community and those in the school."

Dr. Wheeler added, "I am very proud of the work of our leadership council and the example they set for our students and community."

By Betty Mitchell

Senior Brittany Bilyeu received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens Award. Brittany received her award at a luncheon with 28 other recipients from various schools. The DAR recognizes students based on four qualities of a good citizen: dependability, leadership, patriotism, and service.

Coach Doug Dunn added, "I'm really proud of Brittany. The award is a great honor."



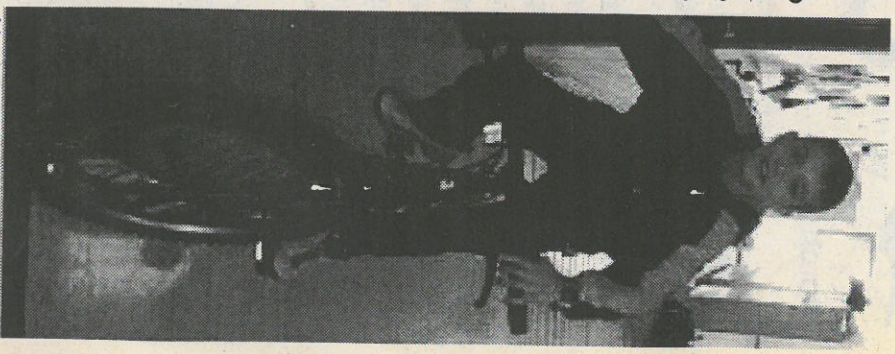
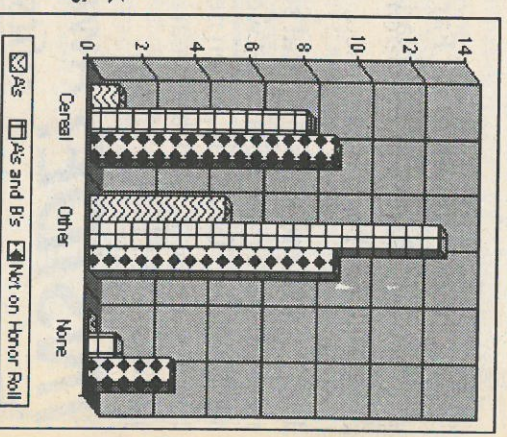
- Unscramble the names of the Chadwick teachers:
1. Her Tenor Band
 2. My Cerebral Chum
 3. A Very Bony Load
 4. Only A Moody Bug
 5. Full Praise
 6. Use the Pink Art
 7. Long Leg Hair

Does Breakfast Matter?

By Rebecca Seals

A survey of middle school and high school students at Chadwick revealed that students who reported eating a warm breakfast (pancakes, eggs, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, pop tarts, etc.) were more likely to be on the honor roll than students who ate cold cereal (Fruity Pebbles, Captain Crunch, Raisin Bran, etc.). Less than half of students who ate cereal most mornings made the honor roll. In contrast, two thirds of students that ate a warm breakfast made the honor roll. Not surprisingly, students who reported skipping breakfast most mornings were also much less likely to make the honor roll.

The results of the survey were nothing new to Chadwick cook Ms. Patty Johnson. She commented, "I have always heard that kids focus better with a good breakfast."



Above: Fourth grader Dakota Johnson rides the bicycle he earned through AR points through the halls of Chadwick school. Left: Brittany Bilyeu helps an old lady, who looks suspiciously similar to Jessi Perice, cross the street in front of Chadwick School.

Adam St. Laurent placed first in the MTC Language Arts Competition with his short story "The Sum of All My Fears," which was inspired by German modernist Oskar Schlemmer's 1932 painting *Bauhaus Stairway*.

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The Sum of All My Fears

By Adam St. Laurent

The printer started to rattle, and several pages began to inch out, including a photograph. It showed a stairwell in the middle of a mall with about a million people going to and from one superstore to the next. A petite, fiery redhead stood out. I set it aside and went through the rest of the file. The subject of the photograph was Caroline L. Drath, a convicted murderer in three countries. A surveillance camera operator in Ohio took the picture. My job was to ignore any personal feelings, find, and intercept the target who was here in Chicago.

"Well, it's not a very detailed photograph, but was enough to tell me who my target was," I thought, "Why in the world was I chosen to look for Ms. Drath, the devil incarnate?" I started to read the crime reports from India, France, and England, and in all three cases, she mutilated the cold corpses, removing their brains and other select body parts. "Hmm. They were all men. Well, she's definitely biased," I thought out loud. "This oughtta be a very exhilarating case for me." I finished the odds and ends of paperwork, loaded my 9-mm, and went out for a walk downtown.

As I strolled down East 29th beside Dunbar Park, my mind begged me to turn back, "No wife, no kids, and no family. I've been set up to die by big George." George Lampkin has been on the case for at least four years, but he hasn't found a way in. George always calls me when he has a mess he can't clean up. Grudgingly, I proceeded to a broken down apartment where I procured information from an unusual source, a ten-year old criminal mastermind. It was sad, really; the poor guy was abandoned at birth, but had learned fast on the streets. He was now the top source of information anywhere in the city--you just had to have the money to pay his executive prices. I walked in and addressed the child.

"Hello, Chip."

"Watch your mouth, old man. I have a nice gentleman just outside the door that can show you what death really feels like. What do you need this time?"

"I need to find Caroline L. Drath; the F.B.I. seems to have lost track of her."

"That witch? Why would you want to find her?"

"She is very important to some higher ups. I could make it worth your trouble."

"You're one of my best customers. You don't have to pay me for petty information..Let's see. Ah, here it is. 626 Chopsticks Avenue. It's the biggest house in Chinatown."

"Thanks, Chip, I don't know what I would do without you."

"You would have to go on your knees to some other crime lord and probably end up dead."

"Well, I am glad I don't have to worry about that."

The house was dark, with brackish purple paint, the same shade that my previous wife liked to peel from the wooden siding of our home across town. I knocked twice, and then the dangerous but familiar looking woman from the photo opened the door.

"May I come in?"

"Please."

The sitting room was like a witch's lair. She motioned for me to sit, and I did so cautiously. She turned away to light a candle, and then, while her back was turned, I drew my gun, aimed, and shot.

"The world will be a happier place without you Ms. Drath, and I will be a lot richer." Her writhing body turned to face me, and her eyes were full of shock. Only now was my betrayal complete. Holy matrimony, divorce, now death.

And so I lived happily ever after.

100th Day of School

By Rebecca Seals

On January 27, Chadwick Elementary School celebrated Sixth graders Danielle Simpson, Katelyn Hale, David Hahn, and Cody Brant; seventh graders B.J. Weter and Angel Sisco; and eighth graders Samantha Carlton, and Virginia Roller recently traveled to Evangel University to perform in free public concerts with students from all over southwest Missouri. The sixth graders performed on February 7 as part of a choir of 291 students. On February 14, the seventh and

The students also received a visit from Zero the Hero, who talked about the number 100 and gave each student a circle that represented the zeroes in the number.

Principal Dr. Jerrod Wheeler said, "The first hundred days flew by in the blink of an eye. The next 75 will go by even more quickly, and then we will have another year behind us!"

Honor Choir Performs

By Brenda Thorne

eighth graders performed as part of a choir of 326 students. Each performance attracted an audience of around a thousand people.

The students practiced every day for over a month to learn the music, including at least one song in a foreign language. They made beautiful music and had the opportunity to be part of a very impressive choir.

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How The Grinch Stole Christmas Jim Carrey stars as the green-haired, trash-eating, Christmas-hating Grinch in this live-action remake of the Dr. Seuss holiday classic.

Batman Forever Carrey dons a question marked jumpsuit as the Riddler, who steals the show with his quick wit and one-liners.

The Mask Carrey's character is transformed by a magical mask into a loud-mouthed, hot-headed, semi-superhero in this poor attempt at comedy.

The Cable Guy This dark comedy pits a deranged TV junkie (Carrey) against his newest customer, a heart-broken bachelor seeking cable companionship (Matthew Broderick).

Me, Myself, & Irene Carrey plays a schizophrenic highway patrolman. Not his best work.

Liar Liar Carrey is a moralless lawyer, divorcee, and terrible father. When his son makes a birthday wish that his father cannot tell a lie for one day, the courtroom is turned upside down. Definitely a must watch.

Man On The Moon Who's funnier: Andy Kaufman or Jim Carrey? What about Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman. A triumph!

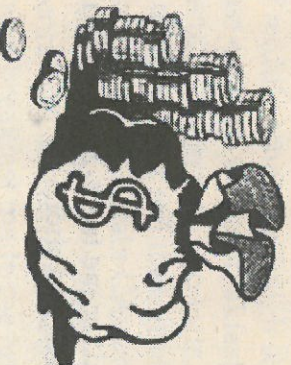
Ace Ventura I and II Carrey Classics. Ace Ventura, the cockatoo-headed pet detective serves up a double dose of hilarity! Bravo, Warner Brothers!

Bruce Almighty The guy next door takes a shot at being the Man Upstairs. Bruce Nolan (Carrey) hates his job, and his life in general. He is convinced that God (Morgan Freeman) is "ignoring him completely," and that *he* could do a much better job. But when God calls his bluff, he gets quite a little power trip. Definitely "a comedy of biblical proportion."

Dumb & Dumber Funniest movie ever. Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels are the Dynamic Duo of Comedy in this hilarious film that takes best friends Harry and Lloyd on a road trip from Rhode Island to the mountains of Aspen ("Mmm... California!) This movie is nonstop laughs from beginning to end.

The Senior Class sponsored a change drive, collecting money to support the Children's Miracle Network (CMN), which raises money for 170 children's hospitals across North America. The whole school participated and we collected \$282,471! That is a lot of pennies, nickels, and dimes!

If you missed out on the drive, but would still like to make a donation, visit the CMN website at <http://www.cmnn.org/web/donate/donate.htm>



Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle

Can you find the names of the Chadwick staff's sweetheart's?

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A R N J A M D O R O T A Y
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Conservation Corner

By Chance Coffey

The Missouri Hunter Education Program teaches hunters the fundamentals about hunting, from gun safety to the way it benefits nature by controlling game population safely and humanely.

The hunter safety course offered by the program is mandatory for all Missouri hunters over the age of 17 and born after September 1, 1971. Hunters younger than 17 must have completed the course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter that is 17 or older.

For more information, including test dates and safety tips, visit <http://www.mohuntered.com>.

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