



The Charger Review

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FBLA

by Karen Jacquot

Right now in FBLA our members are getting prepared for Western Area Conference. The events we will be testing in are the events we will compete in at the State Conference. At the beginning of the year we made tie blankets and donated them to the Mental Health Center in Carthage. The group also attended a Technology Summit presented by Western Illinois Technology Services Group on January 25th. We also will be visiting Culver-Stockton College for a Business day on February 7th.

Former IW Students Return to School for Panel Discussion

On January 6, 2012, eight former IW students returned to Illini West to engage in a panel discussion with current IW seniors to inform them of “important things I wished I had known about before starting college”.

The panel consisted of two former students who chose the community college route, two students who chose the Illinois public university route, two who chose private four year college, and two chose out of state public universities.

They were:

Mariah Myers

Junior at Iowa State University

Natalie Northup

Sophomore at U. of Iowa

Avery LeJeune

Junior at WIU

Mark Frakes

Senior at University of Illinois (Springfield)

Michael Burling

Freshmen at Carl Sandburg

Macy Walker

Freshmen at SCC – Keokuk

Caitlin Robertson

Sophomore at Drake University

Jill Vass

Freshmen at Monmouth College

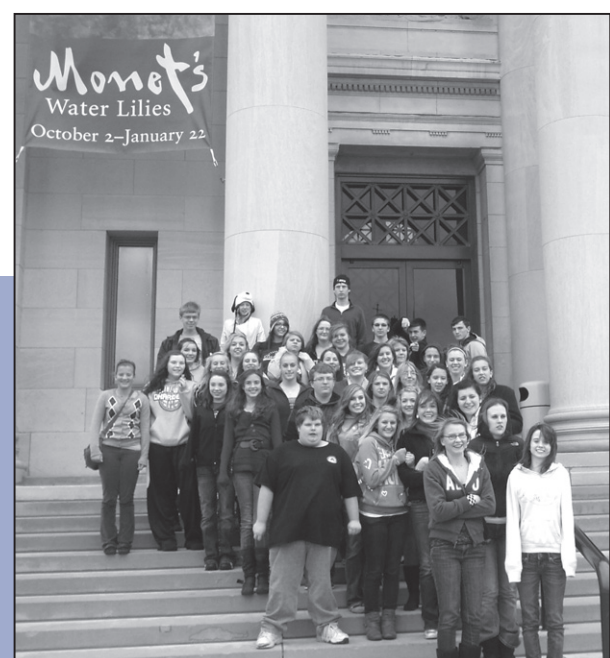
Topics discussed in panel form revolved around study skills, time management, academic preparation, dorm life, organizational skills, communication skills, homesickness, reading, social life, tuition costs, and general questions from the seniors in attendance. The day was organized by principal, Brad Gooding.

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Art Club & International Club

On November 9, the Illini West Art Club and International Club traveled to St. Louis to visit a French Crêperie and the St. Louis Art Museum’s special exhibit of Claude Monet’s Water Lilies. The first stop was to the City Coffeehouse and Crêperie which is St. Louis’ original Crêperie. Students were able to choose from over 40 different types of crepes and were able to watch them being prepared—all in a cozy European-style environment. The art museum was next. The St. Louis Art Museum, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and The Cleveland Museum of Art have reunited the triptych Agapanthus for this exhibition which continues until January 22. The massive three-panels, each 7’x14’, of water lilies had not been together in over 30 years. Monet began painting the panels in 1915 and continued to paint and alter them until his death more than 10 years later. Between 1956 and 1960, the panels were split up, each acquired by a different museum. This exhibition consists of a total of eight Monet’s paintings. Students were also able to tour the rest of the museum.



FFA By Taylor Hardy

The Illini West FFA Chapter has had a very busy fall attending many different contests and workshops.

On September 13 the District 3 Greenhand Conference, the District 3 Reporter Workshop and the Foundation Signing all took place at Macomb High School. Attending from IW were Taylor Hardy for the Reporter Workshop, Taylor Hardy, and Kelli Adkisson for the Foundation signing and Rachel Markey, Tucker Anderson, and Joe Melcher participated in the Greenhand Conference that evening. A special guest at IW that day was Chris Steppig the Illinois State FFA Reporter. He enjoyed a lunch of pizza with the IW officers at noon before traveling to Macomb for the reporter workshop and then stayed the evening at the Angie and Dean Fecht residence before returning home.

The Illini West FFA Chapter held a very successful Blood Drive on September 28, 2011. IW collected 45 useable units of blood and there were 18 first time donors. The Blood drives are part of the service projects that FFA holds to donate back to the community.

Members of the horse judging team at the Section 11 event were Kelli Adkisson, Taylor Hardy, Samantha Scott, Darren Krow, and Molly Brown. The team came in fourth place at the sectionals. Taylor Hardy and Samantha Scott went on to participate at the state horse judging event at Blackhawk College in Kewanee.

On the same day as the horse judging the rest of the FFA members were at the FFA plot in La Harpe showing off their crops and serving drinks and snacks to visitors.

The livestock judging team placed fifth out of 36 teams at the JWCC Invitation judging event on September 23rd. Rachel Markey led the team with a 14th place finish and a 2nd place finish in Beef. Other team members included Nathan Northup, Taylor Blythe, and Jalen Tallman. The livestock team also participated in the West Central Livestock Judging Event September 10th and received a third place finish. Members participating were Chris Holtsclaw, Taylor Blythe, Rachel Markey, Grant Clark, and Courtney Graves.

The Illini West Forestry team participated at the Forestry CDE September 25th. Members of the team were Sam McDowell, Courtney Graves, Taylor Blythe, Kelli Adkisson, Nathan Northup, Jalen Tallman, Brandon Stambaugh, Darren Krow, Tyler Brown, and Austin Smith.

The biggest event of the year is the National Convention where 53,358 FFA members and guests come together for an annual conference. At the National Convention this year we got to meet the new National FFA Advisor, Dr. Steve A. Brown, for the first time. He has replaced Dr. Larry Case who retired last year. He will be in charge of overseeing, developing, maintaining and implementing policy for the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation. Attending from IW were Matt Irish, Tanner Anderson, Chris Holtsclaw, Joe Frakes, Kelli Adkisson, Samantha Scott, Courtney Graves, Taylor Hardy, Addison Ufkes, Billy Karger, Taylor Blythe, Aubrie Carlisle, Ariana Boyer, Harold Northup, Rachel Markey, Kayden Huston, Jacob Gittings, Colin Swanson, and Brayden Carroll.

After coming home from the National Convention it was time to get back to more activities and several more contests. Attending the soils CDE were Taylor Hardy, Taylor Blythe, Collin Swanson, Mason Roth, Kelli Adkisson, Braxton Boyer, Courtney Graves, Grant Rea, Nathan Northup, Grant Clark, Jacob Gittings, and Brayden Carrol.

The agronomy team did extremely well placing second behind the team that placed 6th at state last year! Attending this event were Taylor Hardy, Taylor Blythe, Collin Swanson, Kelli Adkisson, Jalen Tallman, Courtney Graves, Nathan Northup, Tanner Anderson, Jacob Gittings, Billy Karger, Kirby Fecht, Addison Ufkes, and Sam McDowell. Greenhands were Tucker Anderson, Arianna Boyer, and Harold Northup.

Illini West placed 7th at the Food Science contest. Participants were Taylor Blythe, Kelli Adkisson, Courtney Graves, Collin Swanson, and Taylor Hardy. The Greenhand team placed fourth and the members of the team were Ariana Boyer, Rachel Markey, Adam Wright, Daniel Harrell, and Tucker Anderson.

We are now preparing for spring and the annual banquet along with a few more contests to come. We hope to see a large turnout this year at the banquet. We've had an extremely successful year and are grateful for the support that the community gives to us. Thanks!



PEP BAND FESTIVAL

The IWHS Band has been invited to play at the annual Pep Band Festival at Camp Point Central HS. The Pep Band Festival will be on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. (Get there early for a good seat!) Along with Camp Point and IW, the Liberty HS band will also be there and all three bands will take turns playing their favorite pep band music for each other and the audience. An admission will be charged, and there will be a silent auction for baskets prepared by Camp Point HS Band members.

IW SPRING MUSICAL PLANNED

Illini West HS will present *Beauty and the Beast* on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. The curtain will open on this wonderful Disney musical at 7:00 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Charger Center. Auditions will be held at the end of January. Costumes have been rented, the score is ready, and the Charger Center awaits...will you be there for this show? We hope so!

CHORUS FIELD TRIP TO THE FOX

On Wednesday, December 18 the IW Chorus went to St. Louis to the Fox Theatre to see the Disney musical *Beauty and the Beast*. We left the high school at 8:30 and made a quick stop at Bowling Green for a quick brunch and bus break. The next stop was the Fox for our 1:00 show. After leaving the Fox we had a quick stop for a late lunch/early dinner and a time to stretch our legs at the food court at the Chesterfield Mall. Students especially enjoyed this show since our high school will do this musical this summer!

Drama Club Attends Festival

Six drama club members attended the Illinois Theatre Festival that was held at Illinois State University. There were over 4,000 high school students in attendance. This is one of the largest non competing high school festivals held in the nation. Students had the opportunity to attend many different plays and shows, or participate in many different workshops. The All State performance this year was John Cariani's *Almost, Maine*. On Thursday evening students were able to see the opening ceremony: *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*. This Neo-Futurists' signature show had its first performance on December of 1988 and is now in its twenty-first year, making it the longest-running show in Chicago today. We ended our weekend with a performance of *CATS* by Rockford HS.

Key Club

The Illini West 2011 Key Club has a total of 53 members and has received great participation from the students. The members started off with picking up trash on the football field and bleachers so that the school looked nice for games and other occasions. When it came time for Homecoming, groups split up and painted windows in all three towns. During October, students went Trick-Or-Treating for Unicef. All together \$572.09 was donated. There was a food drive in November and a truck load of items were collected. The competition was between 6th hour classes and the winning class was treated to ice cream sundaes. On December 1st, a few students dressed up in costume for Christmas on the Square. With it getting closer to Christmas students met and wrapped presents that were given to some Illini West students. Our next project will be selling suckers and carnations to Illini West students for Valentine's Day.

Lauren Genck, Secretary

Students Of The Month

Each month a male and female student is chosen as Illini West Student of the Month. Nominations are made by the faculty of IWHS based on the following criteria: attitude, academic standing, work ethic, leadership, character, effort and extra-curricular involvement. From those nominated, two students are chosen. The following students have received this recognition during 2011-2012 for the months indicated:

September – Alec Miller & Abbey Douglas

October – Alex Ourth & Halie Goetz

November – Connor Beals & Kelli Adkisson

December – Doug Hartmann & Emily Bolton

Varsity Quiz Bowl Team

The Illini West Varsity Quiz Bowl team currently has a record of 12-4 on the season. Members of the team are Sam Newberry, Alec Miller, Alec McCarty, Doug Hartmann, Tara Vasquez, Devin Neuweg, Katie Miller, Beau Passmore and Lauren White.

No Cell Phone Use in School Zone



Illini West School is partnering with the Hancock County Health Department and law enforcement agencies to make people aware of cell phone use in school zones. No person may use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone. Please do your part in making sure all school zones are safe.

PBIS Daily Behavior Recipients

17-Oct	Kody Horn
18-Oct	Wyatt Newberry
19-Oct	Kayla Dickson
20-Oct	Adam Wright
24-Oct	Chase Newlon
25-Oct	Riley Little
26-Oct	Lucas Turner
27-Oct	Britni Finley
28-Oct	Shani Belshaw
31-Oct	Darren Faul
1-Nov	Megan Lord
2-Nov	Denise Ausmus
3-Nov	Daniel Harrell
4-Nov	Lora Speegle
7-Nov	Chris Stromquist
8-Nov	Brandon Gronewold
9-Nov	Trevor Vorhies
10-Nov	Kailin Snyder
14-Nov	Kristen Benjamin
15-Nov	Victoria Crim
16-Nov	Jack Bastert
17-Nov	Jacob Howd
18-Nov	Nick Klein
21-Nov	Kyle Herriman
22-Nov	Sarah Sparrow
28-Nov	Maisie Reed
29-Nov	Samantha Scott
30-Nov	Tori Carnes
1-Dec	Ariana Boyer
2-Dec	Mary Carroll
5-Dec	Holly McDowell
6-Dec	Addison Ufkes
7-Dec	Beau Passmore
8-Dec	Gage Blake
9-Dec	Kayla Kaminski
12-Dec	Kale Carlisle
13-Dec	Ellen Gambrell
14-Dec	Megan Schaller
15-Dec	Boni Huston
16-Dec	Austin Logan
19-Dec	Kelsy Mershon
20-Dec	Cole Carson
21-Dec	Tucker Anderson
22-Dec	Ethan Neally
4-Jan	Danielle Rhodes
5-Jan	Emily Fink
6-Jan	Bradee Campbell
9-Jan	Emily Gold
10-Jan	Paige Newman
11-Jan	Kayden Guymon
12-Jan	Dalton Elliot
13-Jan	JT Adams

Helping Your Children in School



You can help your children succeed in school by helping them follow these 10 tips.

Tip #1: Focus on Homework. For each subject, whether your children have been given homework or not, make sure they review their notes. This will mean that when a big test or an end-of-unit test comes up, they will be prepared to study for it. Focusing on homework will also help your children be ready for the next lesson and ready to ask any questions that might have come up.

Tip #2: Keep your notes neat and clear. While your children are applying Tip # 1, they can “kill two birds with one stone” by improving the quality of their notes. Make sure your children’s notes contain all the information they need to know. Have them highlight or underline the most important points. Notes full of crossed out words and messy ink patches need to be rewritten altogether.

Tip #3: Keep your schoolbag neat. At least once a week, have your children empty their schoolbags to make them neater. You will be amazed by what they might find! Often, some “lost” notes or homework will show up just in time. For this reason, it is best to have your children do this in the middle of the week, Wednesday night is best. After a little while, your children will become naturally neater.

Tip #4: Use your time efficiently. If your children get stuck on a particular piece of homework, have them leave it and move on to the next piece. Otherwise, their frustration will rise and make matters worse. Have your children go back to the piece they left after a while. Things might be clearer then.

Tip #5: Always look ahead. Your children should use their school planners or their own schedules to anticipate what they will need to be doing soon. Encourage them to do a little bit extra, even when they seem to be finished with the homework for that day. If a test is coming up, make sure your children don’t leave studying to the last minute.

Tip #6: Do research wisely. If research is involved in a project, be careful about how your children use the Internet. The Internet is a valuable resource, but it can be very distracting. Your children might get sidetracked and waste time going from topic to topic. Every now and then, take your children to the library to do their research. They will find valuable information and learn many useful research skills.



Tip #7: Use technology. Help your children learn to use a computer effectively to apply to their schoolwork. Let them experiment with PowerPoint, Publisher, Front Page, and other programs. Help your children learn to type efficiently and use Word correctly. Install appropriate audio books on their iPods and watch the Discovery Channel and other educational television programs with them.

Tip #8: Find your way. This is going to be trial and error at the beginning, but for any subject and homework assignment, your children will have to find what works best for them. If positive results are not occurring, there is something they are not doing right. Some children may have to rewrite their notes to remember facts, others might have to read them aloud, while still others might need to act them out or build something. Once the right way is found, learning will improve.

Tip #9: Prioritize what must be done. Your children must learn to prioritize the things they need to do. Schoolwork and extracurricular activities must come first. Make this very clear to your children and help them stick to this priority.

Tip #10: Communicate with teachers. This applies to you as parents as well as to your children. If there is any doubt about an assignment, contact the teacher. Encourage your children to ask the teacher if they find something to be unclear. Your children can do this after class or the next day. Doing this will also help your children develop important communication skills and build their self-confidence.

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Dawn Hellyer, Principal’s Secretary
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Ryan Bliss, Guidance Counselor
Joe Dion, Guidance Counselor
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