

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Second Quarter High Honors and Honor Roll

Freshmen High Honors: Emma Bailliez, Kendall Burdick, Marilyn-Jean Hill, Karlie Pickett, Claire Seal, Noah Shoemaker, Sydney Strong, Kaylee Thompson.

Honor Roll: Brody Loudon, Caty Lucas, Madison Schweighart, Nathan Tighe, Lucy Wilber, Evan-

ger Wiley.
Sophomores High Honors: Lyle Adcock, Mason Allen, Molly Appleby, Matty Barnes, Isaiah Bates, Kaci Beachy, Logan Beckmier, Ava Binion, Hunter Carnahan, Victoria Carter, Charley Condill, Caleb Corum, Faeryn Davison, Parker Dick, Connor

Edmonds, Emma Edwards, Kaden Feagin, Chloe Franklin, Alisha Frederick, Josie Hale, Alexis Helmuth, Wyatt Hilligoss, Braden Kauffman, Chance Lindstrom, Kylee Miller, Wanda Miller, Brady Moore, Kailee Otto, Landon Paul, Jordan Quertermous, Kaylee Schrock, Nolan Schrock, Austyn

Scroggins, Clay Seal, Aaron Seegmiller, Ashley Seegmiller, Ally Stayton.

Honor Roll: Jacob Adcock, Ashlynn Baker, Tanner Beckmier, Bailey Bialeschki, Regann Bowles, Lane Burton, Bianca Corona, Mason Kreher, Miah Malin, Thomas Powell, Xander Thompson, Billie Underwood.

Juniors High Honors: Austin Abercrombie, Katelyn Ahrendt, Maxwell Allen, Cheyenne Chupp, Brooke Clark, Mckayla Custer, Quentin Day, Cass Diener, Jacob Duzan, Reginald Edmonds, Grace Garrett, Delaney Gillis, Joshua Gingerich, Jace Green, Kade Herschberger, Piper John-

son, Ryli Kauffman, Tiffany McClain, Gavin Mechling, Alexa Miller, Hailey Miller, Shaylie Miller, Mallory Nichols, Michaela Powell, Jordan Pratt, Sarah Rafferty, Emma Sausman, Melyne Sherwood, Daylon Stutzman, Elizabeth Tighe, Brook Tucker, Trey Wardrip, Zackary Woodard, Kaitlyn Zander

Honor Roll: Ashley Carson, Jayden Chupp, Emma Flanagan, Makayla Harshbarger, Payton Rawlins, Maleah Robert.

Seniors High Honors: Preston Arnett, Keegan Ashenfelter, Jolynn Barbee, Kassidy Bissey, Brayden Bornreger, Mackenzi Bowles, Alivia Brodbeck, Logan Brough, Makenzie Brown, Adriana Burton, Benjamin Carroll, Raegan Cheek, Jordan Conour, Madisyn Crafton, Brayden Fay, Billy Fifer, Joselyn Garza, Layton Hall, Rene Juarez-Cuevas, Rachel Kinney, Ryan Krutsinger, Jack Martin, Benjamin Matheny, Sahara McGuire, Colton Middleton, Nikolas Miller, Taylor Miller, Kaiden Morfey, Cassidee Pantier, Kate Petersheim, Austin Plank, Elijah Preston, Jamison Rocke, Wyatt Romine, Kolby Schable, Erin Schrock, Logan Streible, Shalie Taylor, Lillian Thomas, Mikayla Williams.

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lan Schrock, Austyn Scroggins, Clay Seal, Aaron Seegmiller, Ashley Seegmiller, Ally Stayton, Xander Thompson, Billie Underwood.

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ALAH Students selected

(Continued from Page 1) education includes band, chorus, orchestra, jazz band, music appreciation, and several others.

A student who is selected to participate with the ILMEA is a great achievement. It has been a few years since any choir or band students have taken part in this wonderful opportunity. The last time a choir student was selected to participate was 2014. Presently, it is unsure of when a band student had participated. This year, two of our very own ALAH students have been selected to take part of the ILMEA: Maleah Roberts for Alto II section and Kaiden Morfey: Tuba section.

For most of the time, students had to practice during their free time in order to audition for ILMEA. "Back in September of 2020, students received music that they were expected to practice and learn on their own. I assisted them a few times but most of the work was done by the students themselves! Band students are required to play scales and multiple etudes (technical exercises). This year the students were required to film their auditions. I helped them film, edit, and submit the audition videos," informed Band Director, Ryan Woods. He went on to explain further. "ALAH is part of ILMEA District Five. Seven students were selected to participate virtually in the District Five ensembles. The best of each section is then eligible to be selected for ILMEA All State."

Both students were quite surprised when they found out they had been selected as some of the best players in the state. "I was honestly kind of shocked when I was told I made it. I was kind of like, no way, you're kidding me! I'm very nervous and excited at the same time, and can't wait to see what this year brings," stated Maleah Roberts. Maleah sang two pieces of music for her audition: "He is Watching Over Israel," and "How Can I Keep from Singing?" "I practiced these songs a lot - so much that I think I made my sister sick of them!" she laughed. "ILMEA is something I've wanted to do since I was able to. I auditioned in

sixth grade - the first year that it was available to me. All State was the ultimate goal, but I honestly never thought I would achieve it," Maleah said. She is looking at a possible future in music. "I'm still not one-hundred percent sure what I want to do, but as of right now Music Education is the goal. I want to inspire students just like my choir and band teachers have done for me since the fifth grade. I can't imagine I would have made it this far without them and their encouraging words," she explained.

For Kaiden Morfey, this was not his first time auditioning for ILMEA, as he auditioned last year. "Last year I qualified on the district level which is a great achievement by itself. But this year I qualified on the state level which puts me in the top thirty high school tuba musicians in the state. I was very surprised when I heard the news. I would have never thought of myself being in the top thirty. I am very excited to play alongside the best in the state and I hope COVID regulations will allow it when the time comes," he stated. Kaiden explained that the music that he played to audition for ILMEA was quite challenging.

"I got the pieces of music three months before the audition. On average I spent three hours every week practicing the music and the

week before the audition I most likely spent a good eight hours perfecting and recording my performance," he said. All of those hours of practice paid off though, as Kaiden reached one of his primary goals. "Making it into the state band has always been my final goal in my high school band career and I have finally accomplished it," he beamed. Kaiden is looking at music as being a part of his future after he graduates high school. "I plan to perform in the Marching Illini at the U of I while I study electrical engineering," he stated.

"I am extremely proud of the students for putting in the hard work and years of dedication to reach this accomplishment. It is a humbling experience to be their teacher," quoted Ryan. With the ongoing pandemic, the way students play for ILMEA could look a little different, but it is unsure, as we all know, the numbers change from day to day. "At this point in time, the ILMEA has not decided how they will approach All State. Best case scenario would be that the students get to play/sing in an ensemble! We can all hope that COVID cases decrease in the coming months," he informed. Should you have a chance to talk with these two very talented students, be sure to congratulate them on their wonderful achievement!

Zion News

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." - Matthew 10:16

Christians should avoid gossip and not be engaged in gossip. That is a widely accepted principle of our faith. It is considered a damaging practice that hurts not only the one who is the subject of the gossip, but also is harmful to the perpetrator of gossip and those who spread it. Face it, gossip is sinful.

Gossip, however, has moved to the next level by the Internet and social media. The sheer volume of conspiracy theories that have come across Facebook, Twitter and other sources is basically gossip to the highest degree.

These conspiracy theories are shared and accepted by people looking to agree with anything outside of the

facts, truth, or basic reality. It makes them feel smart when they come up with, or proliferate, alternate reality theories that are pure fiction.

The truth can look people straight in the face and yet they choose to believe the more titillating, most outrageous, most hurtful explanations to human events, and they hold on to these theories despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

The Kennedy assassination was a huge international plot, the moon landing was staged in a studio, Barack Obama faked his birth certificate, this coronavirus is a lie and the body count is no different than any other flu season, political elections have been stolen, Jewish reformists created a superhero called Jesus who existed only through the stories they wrote and

spread about him.

Many people who decry the mainstream media as "fake news" are the ones who initiate off-the-wall theories that can be easily disproven by evidence, truth, and common sense.

In Proverbs 14:15, Solomon says, "The simple believes everything, but the prudent looks where he is going."

Being gullible to the addictive nature of spreading gossip and conspiracy theories is not becoming of Christians who are supposed to have "the mind of Christ." Christians should be about sharing truth, not spreading gossip and lies. Sharing conspiracy theories as truth is contrary to both Christ's call for us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

People on our prayer list include: Natalie Lynn Harris, Arnold and Marlene Schultz, Jean White, Leland and Dolores Lust, John and Trudy (Beauchamp) Feyereisen, and all those in our local health care facilities.

We also want to remember the many local families who have recently lost loved ones. Our hearts go out to you.

Birthdays coming up include: Jan 15-Barb Smith, Jan 19-Natalie Harris, Jan 22-Megan Lebetter, Jan 24-Phyllis Romine, Jan 26-Jerry Hale, and Jan 26-Rod Randall.

Most conspiracy theories are as nonsensical as this one: "What if we can breathe in space but the government just tells us we can't so we don't try to escape." - Keanu Conspiracy Meme

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