

Features

Amplifier's 99th volume marks eve of 100th year

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Late work nights lasting for hours, scrambling to finish pages and finding and taking photos is all in a good day's work for the West Linn High School *Amplifier* staff. This year marks the 99th year that the *Amplifier* has been produced, marking the eve of next year's 100th volume. The *Amplifier*, through thick and thin has seen a lifetime of students, advisers and events as it has spanned generations.

"It feels very special to be part of an award-winning newspaper that has existed for so many years. It feels like I am a part of something so much bigger than just this year's

staff," Jennifer Sitton, senior co-editor-in-chief, said. "I'm so sad I will be missing the

100th year celebration." Sitton has been on the newspaper staff since her

sophomore year.

The *Amplifier* doesn't just magically produce itself

in the middle of the night; it takes the cooperative effort of the fully staffed Journalism II and III combined class. The staff is composed of writers and photographers from three grade levels.

In recent years, the *Amplifier* has taken up the internet front and there is now a website and blog with updates on what's happening in and around our school. This year, the *Amplifier* hopes to have a stronger internet presence as technology continues to evolve. Although we have had the resources in prior years, our presence was lacking.

"It's great that we're utilizing the internet to help publicize the *Amplifier*, but I wish more people would actually use the websites we've set up," Eta Santoro, junior, said. She along with Daniel McGarry, sophomore, are in charge of the newspaper's internet presence.

There have been numerous design changes over the years, from front page layout to color schemes to sections—the *Amplifier* tries to maintain a fresh and interesting look. The photo essay is just one of many areas where design and student interest are considered.

"The photo essay is really fun to make. There are so many different options and styles that I can use to make it have its own personality," Clara Altemus, sophomore, said. The photo essay chronicles events that happen during the school year.

The hope of the staff is that the *Amplifier* is a fun and easily accessible way of providing information to the student body about topics relevant to the student population. We're doing this because we love what we do, that is writing and creating something that we can be proud of. We want you to enjoy what we produce as much as we do putting it together.

Let us know how we should celebrate the 100th volume for next year by sending your ideas to our email: wlhs-amplifier@wlhs.wlww.k12.or.us and check out our blog at <http://blogs.wlws.wlww.k12.or.us/Amplifier/>. If you ever have any other story ideas or letters-to-the-editor you can also submit those to the *Amplifier* e-mail. We want to hear from you.



Photo by Alex Houston

The *Amplifier* is staffed by the students of the Journalism 2 and 3 classes and is beginning an expansion to the internet. The newspaper has existed for nearly ten decades and has recounted its fair share of historic West Linn moments.

Money is abundant, if you know where to look

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Strapped for cash? No luck begging your parents for money? Need an interesting way to make money? Look no further.

Looking for a job can be kind of difficult. If you

time job.

For those of us who can't do that, there are other options. Think: online work. You're sitting one Saturday afternoon watching TV and checking your Facebook. But what you could be

school, we have the Adobe CS4 Creative Suite. These programs include Photoshop and Illustrator. These two programs can be used to make graphic designs, logos or web content and that is exactly what Crowdspring

There are nearly endless ways of making money with the skills available to the average teenager. Selling digital photos is another option. If you have access to a camera, and take lots of pictures, you might be able to make money off of some of your better photos.

Another way to make money is through blogging. Some people build a successful enough blog to make money off of it. If enough viewers are reading a blog, the owner can add a program called Google AdSense. This puts advertisements on the blog, and every time someone clicks on one of the advertisements, the owner makes money. This takes a lot of patience and time, but could produce money in the long run.

There are always opportunities for odd jobs. Whether asking neighbors or looking on Craigslist, there's always someone that needs some work done. Two of the most common are yardwork and babysitting.

Eight dollars an hour is a good income for most jobs. Sometimes it's better to set a final price for the entire project. That way, you may actually make more money if you can finish the job quickly.

A lot of odd work is online these days, but it doesn't always necessarily require much skill with technology. Whether you're a good photographer, writer or artist, or just a good worker, there are lots of ways to make money as a teen. So do a little research online, and network, and you're sure to find some way to fill your wallet.

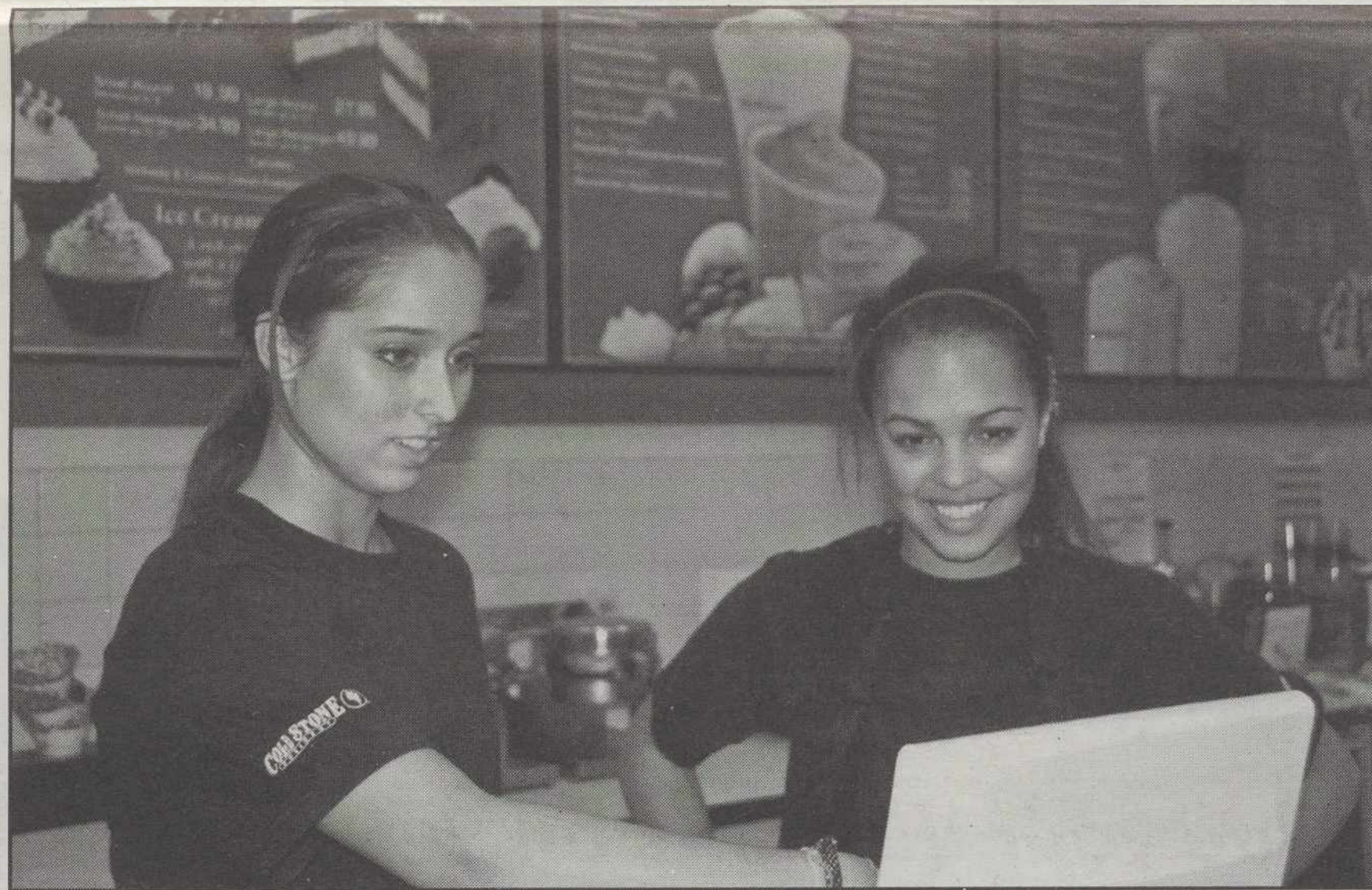


Photo by Rachael Woolley

Stephanie Lane and Taylor Swanson, seniors, work at the Coldstone Creamery. Numerous businesses around the area employ high school students at minimum wage or higher.

don't have readily available transportation, or don't have the time to devote to a job, there is still hope! The first place to look is the West Linn High School website. Go first to Academics, then go to the Guidance & Career Main Page. From there, click on Jobs and it will bring up a list of jobs posted for students. There isn't a whole lot there, however.

Search next on Jobdango.com, or Oregonlive.com. It's also helpful to consider local businesses such as Market of Choice or Round Table Pizza. Of course, this may only be a temporary or part

doing is sitting in front of the TV making money. What's better, you could be doing something you enjoy. Although there are numerous online scams, there are also websites that give you legitimate money. In order to do this, you'll need to have something to sell. It's important to keep in mind that with the poor economy, online job scams have been on the rise for the past few years.

One such website is called Crowdspring.com, but this isn't for the undisciplined. So anyone interested had better be prepared. At

wants. Thousands of creative designers compete for cash prizes with logos, websites and various designs on Crowdspring.com. The buyer selects one entry from among dozens of entries.

For someone who has writing skills, freelance writing is another way to make money. There are many companies and websites eager and willing to dish out money for good web content and freelance articles. Articles can range from 300 to 1,200 words, and pay as much as \$40 per article.

It doesn't stop there.