

# THE - CAT'S - DISPATCH

*It's that time of year again when the eggnog flows and we all hope it snows – Merry Christmas!*



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## Hail Class of 2019: Medieval Feast is Huge Success

By Chase Moseley

The Medieval Feast of 2018 was celebrated by the WRHS Class of 2019, and was exciting to say the least. In the days leading up to the great feast, Ms. Hallman's English 12 classes were learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Medieval time periods.

They, along with Mrs. Rob's AP seniors, got to dress up in garb from the era and to eat a feast of cured ham, cheese cubes, grapes, bread, and a lot of pies. They got out of class towards the end of third period and spent the rest of the day in the library.

The day started with the boasts. The senior class had to write Anglo-Saxon era boasts and present them to their classmates before eating lunch. Jada Turner, the nun, kicked off

the day addressing Ms. Hallman, the faculty, and her peers with her boast.

Once the boasts were done, the guest speakers from the Society of Anachronism spoke to the seniors about their society and the medieval period.

After the guests spoke, they formed a line and then the seniors with senior privileges got to line up behind them, with everyone else following. The seniors sat around and stuffed their faces. Once full they all got into groups to take pictures. According to some at the feast, they will remember this day forever.



**The King's Motley Crew:** King Kaiden Stormes leads the way for friends and family to celebrate with a rare feast.

## Winter Ball is Dec. 15

By Hannah Beary

As you all know, our December dance is coming up! Winter Ball 2018 will be held at The Venue on Main Street on Saturday, December 15.

It's an event Student Council has hosted for several years. Friends gather together, formally dressed to eat, dance and celebrate the end of the year, ready to take on the next one.



**The Damsel Defends Us:** Trevor Teel and Kate Cole enjoyed posting photos on their social media and learning about a time long, long ago.



**Throwing it Way Back:** Seniors Kyle Walters, CJ Couch, Malachi Tinker and Ezra Villareal prepare for the annual Medieval Feast.

## Coach Dad

By Claire Fisher

Joe Alan Fisher, aka Coach Fisher, has worked at Walnut Ridge for 21 years. He graduated from Walnut Ridge in 1983, and then graduated from ASU in the spring of 1990.

Although he graduated from WR and teaches here now, he hasn't always been here. Straight out of college he went to Harrisburg to coach and teach. He stayed at Harrisburg from 1990-1997.

He then went to Osceola to teach and coach for the 97-98 year. Finally, he returned to WR in 1998 and has been here ever since.

Most students think Coach Fisher is just a coach, but that's not all he does at WR: he is actually really good at math. He's so good at math that he teaches it. This year, he is teaching ALE math, Quantitative Literacy and Bridge to Algebra II.

Coach Fisher's personal philosophy about teaching is that you have to be, "Fair, Firm and Consistent." His favorite part about teaching is helping the kids.

At WRHS, he used to be the head junior high football coach and the head senior high softball coach, and he has also assisted the

girls' and boys' basketball, but not all at the same time. Currently, he is the assistant coach for the both the junior and senior high football teams and the softball team.

Fun fact about Coach Fisher: when he coached at Harrisburg, he won three State Championships as the head coach of the volleyball team.

Sports don't stop at the field house doors, because Coach Fisher's hobbies include watching and studying football and watching the St. Louis Cardinals. He also likes to hang out with his family, considering that's what he does during the summer, and that's what he looks forward to the most. Coach Fisher's family



consists of his wife, Stacy, and his two kids Kai and Claire.

The best advice Coach Fisher can give his students is to find an occupation that you don't consider a job. He feels fortunate to have a job that he has known stuff about since he was a kid.

## Favorite Christmas Food?

By Mattie Craig

Maci Smelser – Pecan pie  
Mady McGinnis – Homemade mac and cheese  
Hailey Jensen – Rolls

Alex Jones – Rolls  
Kayleene Long – Turkey  
Mollie Blackshear – Turkey  
Hannah Ponder – Ham

Drew Brewer – Turkey  
Kaiden Stormes – Dressing  
Logan Blackwood – Pumpkin pie  
Justin Nunally – Ham

## Christmas Jams

By Baylee Davis

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|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1. <i>All I Want for Christmas Is You</i> | 5. <i>Let It Snow</i>        | 10. <i>I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus</i> |
| 2. <i>Feliz Navidad</i>                   | 6. <i>Last Christmas</i>     | 11. <i>Jingle Bell Rock</i>                |
| 3. <i>Baby Its Cold Outside</i>           | 7. <i>Santa Tell Me</i>      | 12. <i>Rock Around the Christmas Tree</i>  |
| 4. <i>Santa Baby</i>                      | 8. <i>Mistletoe</i>          |  |
|   | 9. <i>Frosty the Snowman</i> |  |



**Goofin' Off:** Bailey Augustine and Anna Saffel take selfies on the job with the Journalism cam.

The Cat's Dispatch will change its grading scheme at the start of next semester. Be sure to get your stories finished completely and on time, because you won't get a grade if you don't meet your deadline!

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## How Many Keys Do you Have on your Key Ring?

By Hannah Wade

Nash Gill – 3  
 Tristin Hart – 2  
 Jenny Davis – 1  
 Kaylann Curtis – 4  
 Isaiah Mabry – 5  
 Logan Blackwood – 5;  
 “I stole two of them”  
 Baylee Davis – 2  
 Zach Osburn – 3  
 Joseph Rogers – 1  
 Maci Smelser – 2  
 Thomas Smith – 1  
 Nathan Simmons – 1  
 Emily Gray – 3  
 Katie Jones – “A bunch”

**Christmas  
 Break:  
 12/21 - 01/02**

## If You Could Be a Character in Any Holiday Movie, Who Would You Be and Why?

By Ashleigh Morris

**Mrs. Holland** – Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol* because he fits my personality and also he learns to appreciate those around him and he ultimately turns out to be the good guy.

**Lilly Maple** – Grinch from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* because he turns good at the end.

**Jackson Forrester** – Uncle Eddie from *Christmas Vacation* because he is hilarious.

**Tamera Trinidad** – Buddy from *Elf* because of his Christmas spirit.

**Peyton Callahan** – Buddy from *Elf*. Who doesn't love Will Ferrell?

**Mrs. Hallman** – Emily from *A Royal Christmas* because she's a princess

and she gets to be with the prince.

**Jacey Jones** – Cindy Lou Who from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* because of her hair.

**Mrs. Rob** – Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol* because he turns out to be a good guy in the end.

**Mrs. Rice** – John McLain from *Die Hard* because he saves the day.

**Jada Turner** – Grinch from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* because he gets to join the feast at the end.

**Aaron Shapira** – I have no idea. I don't know any holiday movies.

**Logan Blackwood** – Ralphie from *A Christmas Story* because he shoots himself in the eye.

## Who's Your Favorite Athlete?

By Bryson Farmer

Isaiah Mabry – LeBron James  
 Andrew Brewer – SaQuon Barkley  
 Dalton Nelson – JJ Watt  
 Claire Fisher – Dak Prescott  
 Baylee Davis – Kalani Ricketts  
 Slade Dalton – Jason Belcher  
 Cade Burriss – Jalen Hurts  
 Mrs. Mary Smith – Tim Duncan  
 Trevor Smith – Rudy Gay  
 Brighton Brand – Sydney Burgin  
 Coach Coffman – Kobe Bryant  
 Coach Halbrook – LeBron James  
 Coach Ryan – Steve Nash

**Spread the love this holiday season!**

**-The Staff of *The Cat's Dispatch***

## Coach Ryan Makes Walnut Ridge Home

By Brighton Brand



Peter William Ryan is the new assistant boys' basketball coach at WRHS. This is his first year ever coaching. He also has P.E and Driver's Ed classes. Coach Ryan studied at Arkansas Tech

University in Russellville.

Some of Coach Ryan's favorite things to do are to coach, run/hike, and travel. Over the summer, Coach Ryan got married (her name is Darby) and moved from Rogers to Walnut Ridge with their dog, Sampson.

Coach Ryan looks forward to, “the basketball season ahead!” His words of advice are, “work hard, and never give up on your dreams.”

Coach Ryan's favorite part about teaching is the students and being able to interact and teach them new things.

### Favorites:

Food – Spaghetti  
 Website/App – Krossover/Hudl  
 TV show – *Impractical Jokers*  
 Book – *The Energy Bus*  
 Store – Academy Sports  
 Restaurant – Slim's  
 Singer – Darius Rucker  
 BFFs – Darby and Sampson

“Good, Better, Best.  
 Never let it rest.  
 ‘Til your good is better and  
 your better is best.”



## Would You Rather...?

By Holly Berry

**Go to the past and meet your ancestors or go to the future and meet your future family?**

Mrs. Pattin – go to the future  
 Chariah Mabry – go to the past  
 Shyanne Foley – go to the future  
 Ashleigh Morris – go to the future  
 Savannah Andrews – go to the future

## Just a Minute Ago...

By Chloe Brown

...Everyone was excited for Thanksgiving break.  
 ...We ate Thanksgiving dinner.  
 ...The seniors had their Medieval Feast.  
 ...We had Black Friday.  
 ...Everyone began Christmas shopping.  
 ...Walnut Ridge celebrated a big win against Hoxie.  
 ...Football season ended.  
 ...Basketball season started.  
 ...Everyone was ready for Christmas and a two-week break from school.

## Who's Your Favorite Super Hero?

By Trishton Wilson

Kaiden Stormes – Santa  
 Jacob Buxton – Spiderman  
 Holly Berry – Flash  
 Tate Anderson – Spiderman  
 Mrs. Hallman – Hulk  
 Mrs. Brenda Alls – Jesus  
 Mrs. Shelia Britton – Batman  
 Garrett Brown – Captain America  
 Daniel Woodard – Superman  
 Leah Malewski – Jesus  
 Claire Fisher – Winter Soldier  
 Tamera Trinidad – God



Psst... Is that **ACTUAL LEGEND** Tyler Ditto?



Photo by Claire Fisher

**Christmas in Stewart Park:** Granny flees for her life from Rudolph the redneck reindeer.

## Don't Sac the Queen

By Graham West

On October 13, the WRHS Chess Team attended a regional competition at Arkansas State University. The event consisted of three games followed by a lunch break and another pair of games.

Following a first place finish at a recent local invitational, I felt confident heading into my first matchup. The event started a bit late, so we had free time to converse. My opponent and I struck up a conversation about the game and a few of our past competitions. He told me one of his classmates named William won the last event they attended and that he would “probably win this one too.”

Shortly after, the games began, and I flew through the first three with no problem. Going into lunch, I saw the brackets and realized

there were only two remaining undefeated players—William and myself.

After the break, we took our seats and began our match. I opened as white with my favorite series of moves, the Italian Opening, which my opponent respected, yet incorrectly identified by his remark, “Ah, the Sicilian!” I won the game after I forked his rook and took the material advantage.

However, I lost my next game to another strong player after a mistake that cost my queen. In the end, I had the second highest rating at the event behind William.

The WRHS Chess Team will continue their play at the state competition in March.



## Journey to Wellness

By Selena Teel

Having Lupus puts me at a higher chance of catching other illnesses. I had been in pain for several days, which led to my admission to the hospital. Arkansas Children's hospital was called. They said, “We're coming to get her,” which means a helicopter ride. Most people, including me, have never ridden in one.

There were several people there with me wanting to know if I was okay with that. It was scary, but I just wanted to get better. The medical team was compassionate and caring to me since it was my first time being in a helicopter. I wore headphones so they could talk to me and that cut out some of the noise from the rotors. When

## Bobcat Analogies

By Mollie Blackshear

What's a slingshot without a sling? Tate Anderson not being able to sing.

What's Mr. Kersey not putting down the law? His daughter not being able to draw.

What's a killer without a knife? Anna Claire trying not to ruin her life.

What's Bailey Augustine not being a baller? Kaci Kirksey not being able to holler.

What's WR without its Bobcat pride? Ashleigh Morris not having a wild side.

What's Donald Trump without his Orange skin? Allie Sherman not always talking men.

What's Jonesboro without bad traffic? Android users not having bad graphics.

What's WR without the Beatles Fest? Doc not making impossible tests.

What's earbuds not being in a wad? Tyler Cunningham not being a Fortnite god.

What's Kim K without her fame? Alexis Dalton not having a fire shoe game.

## Would You Rather...?

By Holly Berry

...Have unlimited sushi or tacos for life?

Tate Anderson – Sushi  
 Alex Jones – Sushi  
 Hailey Jensen – Sushi  
 Anna Saffell – Tacos  
 Alex Lishman – Tacos

we arrived, I felt safe knowing I was back on the ground at a place where I can get help. I put my trust in the medical teams so they could make me better.



Photo by Skyla Henry

These reviews and summaries of Japanese media (both written and animated) are the works of author Abby Rounsavall.

## Yuri!!! on Ice

This anime came out in December of 2016, and since then has become very popular. Yuri on Ice is about Yuri Katsuki, a Japanese figure skater, and how he goes from being an embarrassment to his country to being loved by many unexpected people.

This anime has won awards and is the eighth-most successful media franchise in Japan. While being a great anime, and I do recommend you watch it, Yuri on Ice has raised discussions concerning its depiction of a same-sex relationship. At the same time, it's being praised for covering homosexuality in a country and sport that currently has issues with homophobia.

## Devil's Line

A college student named Tsukasa is rescued from an attack by a devil, one of many vampires that blend in with the human population. Anzai, Tsukasa's savior, is a half-devil who uses his devil-born gifts as a member of a shadowy police task force. They specialize in devil-related crimes in Tokyo. Anzai and Tsukasa quickly forge a tentative bond that may cause problems later.

## Anime Reviews

### Yu Yu Hakusho

This anime tells the story of Yusuke Urameshi, a teenage delinquent who is struck and killed by a car while attempting to save a child's life.

The son of the ruler of the afterlife, Koenma, presents Yusuke with many tests. After this, Yusuke is revived and appointed the neat title of "Underworld Detective." He must investigate various cases involving demons and apparitions in the human world.

As the series goes on, it becomes more focused on martial arts battles and tournaments.

Yu Yu Hakusho was voted

Best Anime of the Year in 1994 and 1995, voted second-best in 1993 (after *Sailor Moon*), voted 15th best anime of all time, and the Japanese magazine Brutus voted it in the sixth best anime of all time. When it aired on Adult Swim, along with others such as *Inuyasha* and *Cowboy Bebop*, it met with a majority male audience of ages 18-34.



### Cowboy Bebop

Set in the year 2071, this series follows the lives of a bounty hunter crew traveling in their space ship named "Bebop."

Though this anime covers a wide range of genres throughout its run, *Cowboy Bebop* draws most heavily from Western and Noir. The anime's most recurring thematic focal point includes adult existential "ennui",

or boredom, loneliness and trying to escape one's past.

*Cowboy Bebop* became a critical and commercial success both in Japanese and international markets, it is credited with helping to introduce anime to a new wave of Western viewers in the early 2000's, as well as being labeled a great gateway series for the medium as a whole.

## Manga Review

### Girl May Kill

In a little port town where the Mafia actively operate behind the scenes, a young man named Gohongi comes back after many years to this place where he was born.

He soon finds a job working at a video rental store,

which also becomes his new home. Here is where he starts to live with a young girl named Mei and a homosexual by the name of Katsura. Both of them are members of the Mafia group "Lovely Town" and "little Mei" is a ruthless hitman.

## Haikyuu!!

This one is for all you sport fans. Haikyuu is a sweet little anime about volleyball. Shoyo Hinata gains a sudden love for volleyball after seeing a fellow short man nicknamed the "Little Giant" play in the national championship. Hinata is determined to follow in his footsteps.

His dreams are crushed, however, in his first official match, where his team suffers a defeat against the junior championship favorite team, which includes the so-called "King of the Court" Tobio Kageyama. Hinata still follows his dream despite this and winds up on the same team as Tobio, working together as a team so they can win.

The series has been met with generally positive reception. As of January 2018, the manga has sold over 28 million copies. The series was ranked fourth out of a total of fifteen recommended in Honya Club's *Zenkoku Shonten'in ga Eranda Osusume Comic 2013*.



## One Room Happiness

She was abducted, but to her, that abduction was a ray of hope. The possible beginning of a new life.

This is not your average abduction story; the girl has a case of Stockholm syndrome. Promising to marry her abductor, said abductor offers her plenty of "happiness". This is a story about an abductor and his victim; how can it be so warm?

## In the Moment...

By Kayla Curtis

As I close my eyes and observe my surroundings, I begin to find peace in the nonstop clicks from the keyboards that line the right side of the classroom. The cold air is creeping through the window giving my hands a cold, clammy feel. The music playing in the background gives the room a calm but energetic atmosphere.

Pages being turned continue to distract me and force me to open my eyelids, just to be blinded by streams of the bright light. If I listen closely enough, I can hear the outside air vent and all three monitors harmonizing their hums. As a computer mouse is being used; I hear clicking and clucking.

Everyone around me seems to have stress tugging on their minds, causing them to frantically finish their assigned articles. The tone shifts towards the end of the class. People are finishing their work and talking amongst themselves. Upbeat "bops" play at a higher volume than before. The bell frightens me. I rush to the next class.

## Bobcat Bio: Danielle Denham

By Hailey Smart  
Class – Junior

Club involvement – FBLA and FCCLA

Bffs – Katie Jones, Emily Gray, Gabby Graves

Favorite teacher – Mr. Haynes

Relationship status – Single

Pet peeve – People who breathe

Last binge watch show – Grey's Anatomy

Favorite meme – Duck lips dude

Guilty pleasure – Brownies

Tech addiction – YouTube

Last person you texted – Ashleigh Morris



Worst habit – Speaking without thinking

What would you choose as your last meal – The whole Taco Bell, Subway, and McDonald's menu. No lettuce.

Freshman flop – Trying to fight Haley Smart on the bleachers.



Photo by Skyler Louthan

**Card Queens:** Mollie Blackshear and Hailey Jensen looking shifty while playing *Bluff*.

## Bobcat Bio: Landon Hamilton

By Hailey Smart



Photo by Liv Bickers

Class – Senior

Bffs- "All my friends are dead"

Favorite teacher - Mr. Rice

Relationship status - Single

Pet Peeve - Neck breathing

Guilty pleasure - Sleep

Tech addiction - Instagram

Last person you texted- Ashleigh Morris

Least Favorite Artist - Drake

Worst habit – Sleeping

What would you choose as your last meal - Pizza

## Yule Holiday

By Jacob Buxton

Before the all popular Christmas, there was Yule. Yule was celebrated by ancient Pagans before the times of Christianity and is still celebrated today by modern witches. In Wicca, everyone is a witch; there are no wizards or warlocks. Yule is on the Winter Solstice, typically around December 21, but the date changes from year-to-year.

Yule is the time in which the Wiccan God is reborn from the Virgin Goddess. Curiously enough, the original meaning of "virgin" was "not being tied down by man and being devoted to work rather than love."

In Wicca, God represents the sun and life. God being reborn on the Solstice signifies the sun returning after the longest and darkest night of the year. It means a return to life, warmth and fertility.

## What's Hot:

By Tristin Hart

## What's Not:

Football  
Steak  
IPhones  
Red Dead 2  
Xbox One  
Football Playoffs  
Home Field  
NBA  
Nash's Leg  
Duck Hunting  
Lil Baby  
Christmas  
Creed 2



Injuries  
Chicken  
Androids  
Fortnite  
PS4  
Losing  
Away Games  
NFL  
Tristin's Shoulder  
Deer Hunting  
Lil Pump  
Thanksgiving  
Creed 1

## A Trip Down the Hobbit Hole

By Victoria Swindle



Haiden Ashleigh Haynes, is 18 years old and was born on July 1, 2000. She is the daughter of Robert and Caynes Haynes, and elder sister of Harmon (11). She also goes by the nickname Haidybug, but doesn't give anyone permission to call her that. She owns two pets, a dog and a cat. Her best friends are Catherine Finney, Brittney Travis, Zoe Gray, Victoria Swindle and Jerry Greer.

Haiden has attended Walnut Ridge for 12 years. She has no favorite teacher, but instead states, "All of them, because I don't want trouble." Her most memorable moment in school was on a choir trip when they stopped at McDonalds and Brittney asked if they sell Chinese food there. "I will never let her live it down." She says that her biggest accomplishment is living this long. Haiden advises underclassmen "Do your friggin' work."

Her best excuse for being late to class is that her scooter died. She cannot live without air. Her biggest pet peeve is being short. Haiden hasn't changed much since freshman year- she is still hobbit height. Her friends are the things that she will miss most

about high school. When asked what clubs she is involved in, she stated, "None, I'm a hermit." Her favorite quote is "Don't talk out loud you lower the IQ of the entire street" – Sherlock Holmes.

The best advice she has ever received is "Who cares where happiness comes from? Look, we're all a little weird; we're all a little wacky – some more than others – but... if it works, it works." – Dean Winchester.

Senior year has been her favorite because she gets to leave. One of her biggest problems in high school was procrastination, if she could go back it is the one thing she would fix. Her biggest fear going into high school was getting run over by teenage giants, and her biggest fear upon leaving high school is getting run over by adult giants. The hardest thing Haiden has ever had to do is watch her favorite characters die. Her parents are her role models because of all they have done to give her the life that she has.

She is looking forward to going to college at Black River Technical College and Arkansas State University, and plans to go into psychology and forensics to help fight crime.

### Favorites:

App – Tumblr  
 Pizza Topping – cheese  
 Class – Choir  
 Drink – A tall glass of water  
 T.V. Show – *Supernatural*  
 Entertainer – Bo Burnham  
 Holiday – Halloween  
 Ice Cream – Vanilla  
 Food – Tacos

## In the Footsteps of Shelby

By Dakota Girard



Shelby Paige Whitehead (Shelbs or Shleby), 17, was born on June 29, 2001 to Joel and Tammy Whitehead. She has one sister, Alison Whitehead, who is 13 years old and a dog named Romeo.

Her best friends are Krystin Wallace and Hailie Standridge; she has attended Walnut Ridge for 13 years. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because "he is a great teacher and he makes class so much fun for his students."

Her most memorable moment in school was going to FBLA State with Mrs. Mary. The accomplishment that she is most proud of is getting the A/B honor roll every year throughout high school.

Her advice for underclassmen is "do not

procrastinate on anything and do your homework." The one thing that she cannot live without is gum and her biggest pet peeve is people chewing loudly or her food touching. After high school, she will miss seeing her friends more than anything else.

She has been in many clubs throughout high school: FBLA, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Club, National Honor Society, Student Council and Quiz Bowl. Her favorite quote is, "Life moves pretty fast. If you do not stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." –*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

So far, senior year has been her favorite year of high school. If she could start high school again she would try out for cheer or Alley Cats. Her biggest fear entering high school was failing and her biggest fear upon leaving high school is choosing the wrong major.

She is looking forward to going to college and making new friends after graduation. Her plans are to go to ASU to get a bachelor's in radiological sciences. The hardest thing she has ever had to do was maintain a B in Chemistry. Her celebrity crush is Ian Somerhalder.

### Favorites:

App – Netflix  
 T.V. Show – Friends  
 Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 Band – Panic! at the Disco  
 Restaurant – Olive Garden

Ice Cream – Cookies and Cream  
 Food – Cheeseburgers  
 Class – Art  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Store – Charlotte Rouse

## Bad to the Bone Jones

By Olivia Ford



Senior, Jordyn Jones is 18 years old. She was born on November 2, 2000. Her parents are James and Jayme Gipson and she has three siblings; Jacey, Kai and Khloe.

Jordyn has attended Walnut Ridge High School for the past two years, where she hangs out with her best friends Liley

Holsapple, Baylee Davis, Taylor McGinty, and Chariah Mabry. Jordyn appreciates her favorite teacher, Mrs. Rob, for putting up with everything she does. Mrs. Rob is also responsible for Jordyn's favorite quote, "Nip it!"

Involved in Key Club, and BADD, Jordyn is a multiple-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. She is most proud of her many volleyball awards.

Jordyn's biggest fear upon leaving high school is growing up, but she is eager to go to college, where she plans to become a coach. The best advice she has received came from her mother, who told her "Mind your own business." Jordyn's personal advice for underclassmen is to listen to teachers and do your work.

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### Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 Movie – *Beauty and the Beast*  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Store – Target

Song – *Wake up in the Sky* by Guwop x Mars x Kodak  
 Restaurant – Sumo  
 Ice Cream – Vanilla  
 Food – Japanese  
 Holiday – Christmas

## Would You Rather...?

By Holly Berry

### **Speak all languages or speak to all animals?**

Kaiden Stormes – speak all languages  
 Tara Wells – speak to animals  
 Ty Flippo – speak to animals  
 Reece Archer – speak to animals  
 Garrett Gunn – speak all languages

### **Be completely invisible for a day or be able to fly for one day?**

Hannah Beary – fly for a day  
 Brandon Bethany – be invisible  
 Malachi Tinker – fly for a day  
 Mrs. Holland – be invisible  
 Jordan Haynes – fly for a day

## Jordan Haynes: Golf Legend

By Grady Privett



Jordan Ryan Haynes, 17, a senior at WRHS, is the son of Jerry and Amanda Hynes. Jordan doesn't have any siblings, instead he has a cat named Mrs. Kitty. His best friends are Walker Hibbs, Trevor Smith, Eli and Isaac Biggers.

Jordan has attended Walnut Ridge for 12 years. His most memorable moment in school was playing in his first golf tournament. He is most proud of playing in the State Golf Tournament this year.

Jordan's role model (and favorite teacher) is his dad because he is hardworking and always getting the job done. His favorite excuse for being late to

class is "I was helping dad." His favorite year of high school has been his senior year.

Jordan's advice for underclassmen is "Study for everything." Hitting bad golf shots is Jordan's only pet peeve. He has started talking more since he began high school. The thing he will miss most about high school is being in his dad's class. Jordan is involved in Key Club, FBLA, STUCO, basketball, golf, Art Club and BADD.

The best advice Jordan has ever received is "just keep trying." His favorite quote is "Success depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character"- Arnold Palmer. If Jordan could start high school again he would do his homework more frequently. Not making good grades was his biggest fear going into high school.

Jordan is looking forward to playing golf and going to college after high school. He is most concerned about meeting new people in college. The hardest thing Jordan has ever done is write a term paper for Mrs. Rob.

### Jordyn Jones, --continued

Her senior year has been Jordyn's favorite year of high school, because it means she is almost completely done. Upon graduating, Jordyn will miss her friends the most.

### Favorites:

Movie – *The Greatest Game Ever Played*  
 Class – EAST  
 Drink – Sweet Tea  
 Band – Journey  
 Store – Brook's Golf Store  
 Book – *The Prodigy*  
 Song – *Separate Ways* By Journey  
 Restaurant – Lazzari's



## Getting to Know the Man Behind the Tuba

By Maggie Gibson



Walnut Ridge senior Creedan Lee was born June 28, 2001, making him 17. He is one interesting guy, according to his nickname, "Princess Cree Cree". He is the best friend to Elijah Richardson, and the son of Steven Lee and Cynthia Crosno. He has attended WRHS four years.

Since coming to Walnut Ridge, band is his favorite class, with Mr. Long being his favorite teacher. He is most proud of getting First Band, Third Chair All-Region band in 9th grade. The thing he will miss most after graduation are his friends and band. The hardest thing he has ever done was change schools.

**Favorites:**  
 App – Snapchat  
 Movie – Avatar  
 Class – Math  
 Drink – Water  
 Band – Red Hot Chili Peppers  
 Entertainer – Jim Carrey  
 Food – Meat

"Read my favorite quote, it's funny." He is a generally nice guy, and his sense of humor is quite funny. Ron Swanson, a character on Parks and Recreation, is responsible for Creedan's favorite quote, which is "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. DON'T teach a man to fish and you feed yourself. He's a grown man, fishing is not that hard."

His advice for underclassmen is "Don't be lazy with your school work." Learning throughout his high school experience, the best advice he has ever received is "Be the best you can be" – his father, his role model, because he has taught him everything.

His favorite year of high school has been his senior year, but, he says that if he were to start high school again he would definitely put more effort into his classes.

Creedon is not generally lazy with his classwork... although sometimes he can be a little late. His excuse? "There was a train." Like most people, Creedon has a big pet peeve with rude people. His biggest fear going into high school was meeting the teachers. Leaving, however, his biggest fears are "responsibilities". The main thing he looks forward to after graduation is freedom.



Mystery Students: Logan Blackwood and Alexis Dalton

## If it Flies, It Dies

By Olivia Bickers



Dylan Pace Aaron was born on December 23, 2000. His parents are Bob and Kelly Aaron. Because he is a very sociable person, Dylan has a long list of best friends, who are Cade Burris, Slade Dalton, Mason McEntire, Jackson Forrester, Trevor Teel and Cody McEntire. He'll miss "acting like idiots" with these boys when they graduate.

Dylan is extremely involved, and is the president of both FBLA and FFA and

participates in Key Club. Since he is so successful, his best advice to underclassmen is, "take as many college classes as possible."

Though he enjoys school, his best, and most used excuse for being late is, "Mrs. Mary was making me work!"

The best advice Dylan has received, is "Put your boots on before you get into the water," from Farmland. He plans on going to Arkansas State University in the fall of 2019, and obtaining a degree in agricultural science with an emphasis in technology.

### Favorites:

App – Instagram  
 Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 Movie – *The Gladiator*  
 Class – Agriculture metals  
 Drink – Sweet tea  
 Song – *International Harvester* by Craig Morgan  
 Celebrity crush – Jesus  
 Musician – Craig Morgan

## Bobcat Bio: James Belew

By Ty Flippo

Class – Sophomore  
 BFFs – Ty Flippo, Kai Cunningham and Drey Hibbard  
 Class – English  
 Relationship status – Single and ready to mingle  
 Pet Peeve – Bad drivers  
 Last binge watch – Big Mouth  
 Tech addiction – NBA2k19  
 Most awkward moment – When I broke my arm in 8th grade  
 Least favorite artist – Justin Bieber  
 Worst Habit – Biting nails  
 What would you choose as your last meal – Chicken  
 Last person I texted – Mom



## The One and Only Tyler Hudson

By Lilly Maple



Seventeen years ago Tyler Dewayne Hudson entered this world on April 1, 2001. Tyler's parents are April Hudson of Walnut Ridge and the late Richard Hudson. He has a big sister, Haley Hudson.

His nickname is "Slim" which was recently given to him by Shannon Sparks. His role model is his uncle, Timothy Hudson.

Tyler has attended Walnut Ridge his whole life and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob because she has an assiduous attitude.

The accomplishment he is most proud of is passing his classes. The advice he leaves for underclassmen is, "Take your time on your work and try in your classes." His best excuse for being late to class is that he was talking to a teacher.

The one thing he could not live without is his girlfriend. His pet peeve is when things are not even or straight.

Tyler will miss his teachers the most after high school. The clubs and organizations he is Pride band, FFA and FBLA.

His favorite year of high school has been his senior year and if he could start high school all over again, he would make better choices in the tenth grade.

His biggest fear going into high school was his grades not being good enough. His biggest fear after high school is "life". He doesn't know how it will end which scares him.

He is looking forward to going to college after graduation where he plans to major in auto mechanics.

### Favorites:

App – Spotify

Movie – *The Breakfast Club*

Class – History

T.V. Show – *Limitless*

Book – *The Enemy*

Artist – Kenny Chesney

Song – *Drunk Girl* by Chris Janson

Holiday – Valentine's Day



**A Knight in Shining Armor:** Jaden Darris (center) is flanked by Kolton Oglesby, Drew Brewer, Dalton Nelson and Father Nathan Brown.

## Garrett Brown, Crown Jewel of the School

By Livvie Howard



Garrett Louis Brown, 19, is the son of Tiffany Winemiller and Robert Brown. He has four siblings, Julia Thomas (22), Lane Brown (18), Chloe Brown (16), and Jaden Winemiller (eight); he also has a pit bull named Bentley.

His best friends are Landon Hamilton, Nathan Brown and Journey Moore. He's attended Walnut Ridge all of his life. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Pattin because she's the only teacher that doesn't hate him.

Garrett's most embarrassing moment was when he got caught vaping by Coach Tredway. He's going to be most proud of himself when he graduates. His advice to underclassmen is "study a lot for Rob's class!"

His best excuse for being late for school is his hamster got loose. The thing that he can't live without are his friends; his pet peeve is when people act stupid on purpose.

Garrett has definitely changed over the past four years. He has gotten much taller, yet he still does not know what he is doing after graduation. However, one thing he knows is he will miss his friends.

Garrett has played football, but is now involved in FFA. His favorite quote is, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" by Wayne Gretzky. The best advice he's ever received is, "take your time" from his dad.

Garrett's favorite years of high school were his junior and senior years. If he could start over,

the one thing he would change is not quitting football and trying harder in his classes. His biggest fear going into high school was losing all his friends, but his biggest fear leaving high school is not talking to everyone that he talks to on the daily.

After high school he's mostly looking forward to making money. The hardest thing he's ever had to do was take Mrs. Rob's class, his nickname in high school is monkey arms. His role model is Jim Carrey or Adam Sandler because they're always happy.

### Favorites:

App — Snapchat

Celebrity Crush — Mila Kunis or Scarlett Johansson  
Pizza Topping — Banana Peppers

Class — Art 4 and Agri.

Drink — Dr. Pepper

Entertainer — Ron White

Food — Cheeseburgers

## Art Students are Inspired

By Erin Hicks

WRHS seniors Ashleigh Morris and Jada Turner and juniors, Katie Kersey and Shyanne Foley have had original art pieces selected for display at ASU. Of the 152 art entries, only 48 were chosen for the annual Bradbury Art Museum show.

After Mrs. Pattin's advanced art classes visited and toured the Gallery, the students were to be inspired by artists from the show "Body [Parts]". Once inspired, the students had to create a piece of artwork to be juried for the upcoming show "Inspired". Mrs. Pattin was ecstatic when Walnut Ridge had been invited to participate for the first time.

The opening reception was November 27 at the Bradbury Art Museum located on the ASU Campus. The show was displayed through December 7.



Photo by Abby Rounsavall

**The Bard:** Tate Anderson boasts about his massive musical skills at the Feast.



**The Boys:** Our future business leaders enjoying the Memphis Grizzlies' game in style.

## FBLA Industry Tours/ Pro Sports Career Day

By Krystin Wallace and Shelby Whitehead

On November 7, members of the Walnut Ridge High School Future Business Leaders of America attended an industry tour of Bass Pro Shops, and listened to guest speakers from the athletic career field, and enjoyed a great Memphis Grizzlies NBA basketball game, all in Memphis, Tennessee.

While at Bass Pro Shops, students were given a tour through the many different departments of the store, were given the opportunity to go to the top of the Pyramid to the Lookout, shop, and eat lunch at one of the two restaurants inside. Students listened to associates in different careers such as

cashiers, managers, apparel associates, retail sales associates, cooks, human resources, hotel management and customer service representatives who talked about their everyday jobs and how they got there.

At the FedEx Forum, students listened to speakers who have careers in sports. They talked about the different career options involving the sports industry including social media, management, etc. and how a job in the athletic field can be found anywhere in the world with a wide range of degree/major choices.

Before the game, students ate dinner at the famous

Central BBQ. That night, students attended the Memphis Grizzlies vs. Denver Nuggets basketball game at the FedEx Forum. Students received a free backpack and a Jaren Jackson, Jr. jersey, and were able to wear it during the game to show support for the Grizzlies. It ended with a Grizzlies win, 89-87.

After the game, everyone headed back to Walnut Ridge and arrived around 12:30 a.m. Although it was a long day, both students and chaperones learned a lot about career opportunities in the Bass Pro Shops locations and the sports industry, but most of all, we had fun!



**Learning in Action:** The WRHS chapter of FBLA listens to a speaker at the Bass Pro Tour.

## Voting Turnouts Were Unusually High

By Graham West

The November 6 midterm election turnout boasted a participation rate far above those in recent history. According to CBS News, there are an estimated 113 million people whose votes were cast in the election, shattering the previously untouched milestone of 100 million voters in a midterm election.

Overall, 49 percent of those eligible exercised their right to vote versus the 36 percent participation rate of the 2014 midterm election, marking the highest participation rate since the 1966 election during the Civil Rights era.

The number of 2018 early voters in just 27 states exceeded the total number from all states in 2014. The great turnout is suspected to be the result of President Trump's presence in the White House as members of both parties participated greatly to ensure their views are reflected in the nation's government.

Political activity is the driving force behind active and effective government, so in coming years citizens shall hope to see this rate increase even further.



## The Name of Our Town is Riverdale

By Irene Hood

Archie Comics comes to life in The CW's Riverdale. Riverdale, is about a group of sophomores that set out on a journey battling romance, drama, heartbreak, and the murder of a fellow classmate (Jason Blossom). Let's meet the gang:

Archibald "Archie" Andrews - the boy next door

Elizabeth "Betty" Cooper - the girl next door

Forsythe Pendleton "Jughead" Jones III - Loner

Veronica Lodge - Troubled rich girl

Kevin Keller - "Gay, Thank God"

Josie McCoy - the talented diva

Cheryl Blossom - bombshell

Riverdale is most popular for ages 12-19.

Riverdale has two seasons on Netflix and the third season is airing on television. Find it on the

CW channel at 8 p.m.

The town of Riverdale has been rocked by the death of well-known classmate, Jason Blossom, and slowly his former friends and loved ones are changing. Fellow football player, Archie Andrews, has decided he wants to pursue a career in music instead of joining his dad's construction business.

Betty is battling her darkness and anxiety; a talented singer, Josie is ready to take her group, "The Pussycats" to the next level; and new girl in town Veronica complicates everyone's lives. And then there's Cheryl Blossom, cheerleader captain and the evil queen of Riverdale, and the dead guy's twin.

Meanwhile, Jughead sits back and watches the drama. But like just about everyone else in

Riverdale, Jughead has secrets, too. But nothing stays secret for long in this town, and the friends' dramatic adventures and relationships take many twists and turns as the series progresses. Riverdale has won multiple awards, including:

People's Choice Awards 2018 – Best Drama Show

MTV Movie + TV Awards 2018 – Show of the Year

Teen Choice Awards 2017 – Choice Breakout TV Show

Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films, USA – Best Action/Thriller Television Series

Riverdale is loved by many people. So, would you like to sit down at Pop's ChockLit Shoppe and order a milkshake? I know I would!

## Apple Announces The New iPad Pro

By Tate Anderson

On October 30, Apple held a special event to showcase several new products. The trillion-dollar company announced a new version of the Mac mini, a new MacBook Air, and most importantly, the new iPad Pro.

The first iPad Pro was released on June 13, 2017 with a more powerful processor, larger 10.5-inch screen, and Touch ID. Apple marketed this device as their top-of-the-line tablet for everyday use both at work and at play. However, after more than a year, it was finally time for an upgrade.

The new iPad Pro comes in two models: an 11-inch and a 12.9-inch. Both versions contain

the same features and come with the same amounts of storage, so don't worry about missing out on anything if you get the 11-inch model.

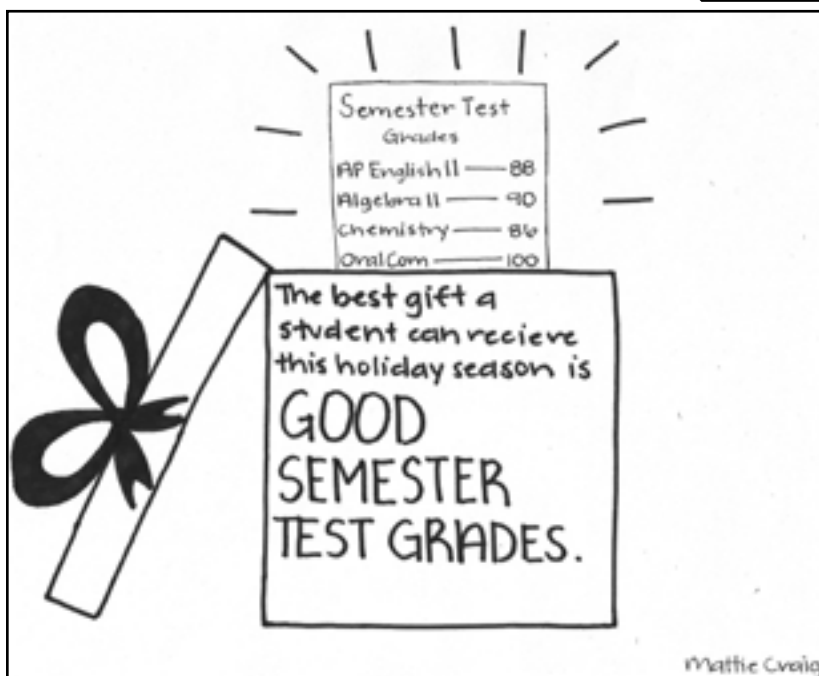
In terms of hardware, the tablet got a major facelift, such as the elimination of the home button in favor of the iPhone X-standard Face ID verification, True Tone Liquid Retina display, and bigger, bolder speakers, all housed in a sleek 5.8 millimeter aluminum body. Additionally, the iPad has over 120 magnets perfectly placed inside, which work with the new Apple Pencil and Smart Folio Keyboard to create a seamless experience.

The software of the new

iPad also got a big upgrade with the inclusion of the A12X Bionic chip. It's the most powerful chip in an iPad to date and outperforms 93% of all PCs according to Apple. The iPad is powerful enough to have true multitasking, use augmented reality, or AR, and run Adobe Photoshop in all of its glory.

The new iPad Pro is a much-needed upgrade for a heavily-used tablet of today. Make sure to include it on your Christmas lists before it's too late.





## Thank U, Next

By Kate Cole

Ariana Grande has always been big, but lately she has exploded. Her new song, “Thank U, Next,” has gotten a lot of love these past few weeks.

This song is one that you turn all the way up, roll the windows down, and scream to the top of your lungs.

After all that Ariana has been through, between

the terrorist attack during her concert in England, public break up with Pete Davidson and most recently the accidental overdose of former boo, she has chosen to overcome it all and make that song a “smash”.

Everyone is so proud of her and Ariana has become an inspiration to so many girls.

## Thompson’s Amazing Performance

By Tyler Cunningham

Klay Thompson plays for the Golden State Warriors, the best team in the NBA today, with the top two players in the league. But since the season started, Thompson has been doing terrible, while his teammates are doing great.

Thompson once went 1-9 from three point range in a game, so against the Bulls, he had 22 points in just the first quarter; then finished the half with 36 points including 10 three-pointers. Previously, Steph Curry held the three-point record with 13 in a game. At half Curry said to Thompson, “Go get it.”

Thompson ended up breaking his own teammate’s record, and making history, with his best performance this season. While the Warriors won 149-124, Thompson had 52 points in 27 minutes while only dribbling the ball five times all night.

Yet, Thompson is not even the best player on the team. He is the third best, behind Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant, although some people say he is the best catch and shoot player to ever play NBA.



## Mystery Students

By Nash Gill

He knows how to have fun

This junior likes to run

He’s kind of short and hairy

His favorite holiday is considered scary

She loves a guy named Charlie

A basketball player, she is pretty gnarly

Shows emotion when she’s dancin’

Her long dark hair is enhancing

### Queens of the Christmas Parade (left):

Kate Cole, Miss LawCo and Hannah Harper, Jr. Miss LawCo representing during the Imboden Christmas parade. Keep it up girls!

**The Commonfolk (down):** The rabble of the Feast show us their cheery smiles — beautiful!



## Top 10 Christmas Movies

By Parker Brand

- #1. A Christmas Carol (1951)
- #2. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)
- #3. A Christmas Story (1983)
- #4. National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (1989)
- #5. Home Alone (1990)
- #6. Elf (2003)
- #7. The Santa Clause (1994)
- #8. Bad Santa (2003)
- #9. The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
- #10. A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)

## Trevor Teel is The Duck Slayer

By Zack Osburn

Trevor Daviss Teel was born on August 18, 2000. He is currently 18 years old. His parents are Heath Teel and Jeanette Petrus. His brother, Tyler Teel, is 20 years old. At his household, Trevor has four dogs and two cats.

In and out of school, his best friends are Mason McEntire, Dylan Aaron and Jackson Forrester. Trevor has attended Walnut Ridge for four years and he said, "It was the best decision I ever made." His favorite teacher is, of course, Mrs. Rouse because she knows how to teach a class.

Trevor's main accomplishment is, "Making it this far." His advice for underclassmen is "Try harder than you already are." His best excuse for being late to class is, "My dog ate my keys." Trevor just cannot live without duck hunting. His biggest pet peeve is when there is a "screwed up spread."

Trevor has grown eight inches since freshman year, so I guess you can say he has changed. When he graduates, he will miss his friends the most. He is a member of FFA and FBLA. His favorite quote is, "If at first you don't succeed, then just keep on trying."



### Favorites:

Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 Movie: *Avengers – Infinity War*  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Store – DNW  
 T.V. Show – *The Walking Dead*  
 Holiday – Christmas  
 Song – *In Color* by Jamey Johnson

## What Your Zodiac Sign Says About You

By Skyla Henry

- Aries (March 21- April 19) – Aries is represented as a Ram. People who are Aries are zealous and exciting. They love competition. They enjoy being in leadership positions. They get along well with Leo and Sagittarius.
- Taurus (April 20- May 20) – Taurus are generally quite dependable. They are often very cantankerous. They are represented by a Bull. The signs they are most compatible with are Virgo and Capricorn.
- Gemini (May 21- June 20) – Gemini, the Twins, are very social and love talking. They are sometimes seen as two faced but this isn't always true. They get along well with Libra and Aquarius.
- Cancer (June 21- July 22) – Cancer is represented as a crab, and similarly to a crab, they tend to be guarded on the outside and soft on the inside. Cancers are particularly sensitive but great listeners. Their personalities are compatible with Scorpio and Pisces.
- Leo (July 23- Aug. 22) – People who are Leo (the lion) frequently have large friend groups that adore them. They love being the center of attention. They get along with Scorpio and Pisces.
- Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) – Virgos have very organized and logistical brains. They have a great memory and are good to have on a team. They are represented as The Virgin. They are most compatible with Taurus and Cancer.
- Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22) – Libras are generally some of the most genial and kind people. They often times make good parents. They are represented by The Scales. They get along with Gemini and Sagittarius.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21) – Scorpios are bold and intense. However, they can be secretive and withdrawn. They are represented by a Scorpion, obviously. They are compatible with Cancer and Pisces.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21) – The Centaur, Sagittarius, is a very social sign. They love exploring the world, although they do so without much patience. Aries and Leo make good friends for them.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) – Capricorn, represented as The Goat, are often very smart and good organizers. They have sharp intuitions. They make good friends with Taurus and Virgo.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18) – They sometimes come off as strange. They make good friends due to their easy-going personalities. They might be a tad lazy. They get along well with Gemini and Libra. Their symbol is the Water Bearer.
- Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20) – Pisces are daydreamers. They are quite trustworthy and companionate, but sometimes gullible. They are represented by fish. Cancer, Scorpio, Taurus and Capricorn make good companions for them.

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undefeated as they rolled past Pitt in a muddy battle. Now they are ACC Champions with an undefeated season going into Selection Sunday.

## College Football Playoffs Update

By Cade Burris

After an exciting year of college football and unexpected upsets, the regular season has come to a close. Going into championship Saturday, the committee's decision was up in the air for the four college football playoff spots.

With the Conference Championships living up to the hype, the committee's debate was not much clearer. With Alabama beating Georgia in the SEC Championship or the "Game of the Year" people still questioned if Georgia should make the playoffs with two losses. Ohio State was also on the outside looking in after defeating Northwestern to improve to 12-1 overall and the BIG 10 Champions.

Oklahoma and Texas held a round two of the Red River Rivalry for the title of BIG 12 Champions. In the last meeting earlier in the season, Texas was able to kick in a last second field goal to win. They were not so fortunate this time, Oklahoma would pull out at the end to win by two scores.

In the Atlantic Coastal Conference, Clemson was able to remain

## He Said/She Said

By Kayla Curtis

"I went on the trip yesterday, and I didn't get left behind!" –Parker Papi  
 "Why else do I have money if I'm not spending it on food?" –Claire Fisher, to her mom.  
 "I don't want to be the president, that's too big." –Chase Ervin "That's what every president says." –Jerzie McQuay  
 "I have a better grade in Spanish than in English." –Livvie Howard  
 "Joseph Rogers is a blood pumpin' fellow!" –Mason Andrews  
 In chemistry referring to elements' physical properties, "What is "brittle", like Peanut Brittle?" –Katie Kersey  
 "That's why I don't wanna have kids, I'm just gonna get my tubes tied." –Slade Dalton  
 "How do you play Chess? I mean, I know the basics, like, 'king me'." –Ashleigh Morris.  
 "Meant to Be by Florida State Line." – Chariah Mabry  
 "We don't have women globally." - Hailey Jensen

## Lilly Maple, Flag Queen

By Malachi Tinker



Lillian Maple, a senior at Walnut Ridge High School, is 18 years old. She participates in color guard, however, she also divides her time with band . She

said "What got me started was Mrs. Mary saying that she saw something in me."

She plans on attending BRTC and then transferring to ASU. She wants to major in education. "Practice and people pushing me to do my best are what prepared me to succeed." Her advice for young athletes is "don't let anyone tell you that you cannot succeed and work your hardest."

Her two keys to success are, Never give up, and to work her hardest. Her best advice ever given was "Never give up and to keep going".

## A Holiday A Day Keeps The Winter Blues Away

By Hailey Jensen

Dec. 16 – National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day	Jan. 5 – National Bird Day
Dec. 17 – National Maple Syrup Day	Jan. 6 – National Bean Day
Dec. 18 – Answer the Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day	Jan. 7 – National Bobblehead Day
Dec. 19 – National Hard Candy Day	Jan. 8 – National Bubble Bath Day
Dec. 20 – National Re-Gifting Day	Jan. 9 – National Apricot Day
Dec. 21 – Underdog Day	Jan. 10 – National Save the Eagles Day
Dec. 22 – National Date Nut Bread Day	Jan. 11 – National Milk Day
Dec. 23 – National Roots Day	Jan. 12 – National Kiss a Ginger Day
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve	Jan. 13 – National Sticker Day
Dec. 25 – A'Phabet Day or No "L" Day	Jan. 14 – National Dress Up Your Pet Day
Dec. 26 – National Candy Cane Day	Jan. 15 – National Hat Day
Dec. 27 – National Fruitcake Day	Jan. 16 – National Nothing Day
Dec. 28 – National Chocolate Candy Day	Jan. 17 – National Get to Know Your Customers Day
Dec. 29 – National Pepper Pot Day	Jan. 18 – National Winnie The Pooh Day
Dec. 30 – Bacon Day	Jan. 19 – National Popcorn Day
Dec. 31 - Make Up Your Mind Day	Jan. 20 – National Cheese Lover's Day
Jan. 1 – New Years Day	Jan. 21 – National Granola Bar Day
Jan. 2 – National Buffet Day	Jan. 22 - National Blonde Brownie Day
Jan. 3 – National Drinking Straw Day	
Jan. 4 – National Trivia Day	



Look who is learning to "Maximize Your Moves with 3Ds Max Animation: Cody McEntire and Gavin Davis, EAST students at WRHS attended training in Little Rock on Dec. 4. The training provides students with a basic understanding of modeling objects in 3Ds Max and will also introduce them to animating their scene objects using Auto-Key, trackview and Constraints.

Jan. 23 – National Handwriting Day	Brittle Day
Jan. 24 – National Compliment Day	Jan. 27 – National Chocolate Cake Day
Jan. 25 – National Opposite Day	Jan. 28 – National Kazoo Day
Jan. 26 – National Peanut Day	Jan. 29 – National Puzzle Day
	Jan. 30 – National Croissant Day

## Day in the Life



**Just Chillin':** Savannah Andrews and Hannah Beary pose for their beauty shot in the EAST room.



**Papi has Style:** Parker Papi practices for his upcoming gig at Madison Square Garden in New York City.



**Art Club at the Courthouse:** Mrs. Pattin's brightest artists from left to right: Mady McGinnis, Katie Kersey, Shyanne Foley and Jada Turner.



**Christmas Spirit:** Mrs. Hallman is ready for Christmas break any day now.

Ah, the Holiday season. A time for family, friends and merriment. As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, take this time to reflect on your year. Did you do all the things you said you would on New Years' last year? Do you have any regrets? Aspirations for next year? Whatever the case, from the bottom of my heart, I hope you all had a wonderful year and continue to live happy and fulfilling lives. Don't take your loved ones for granted, and be kind; you are all beautiful, inside and out.

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**Still Life:** Alex Lishman flashes a smile at the camera, but the threat is there.



**Miss Bobcat:** Katie Kersey freezing her mitts off at the Walnut Ridge Christmas Parade.



**The Cool Kids:** Mrs. Rice's 4th period class (not pictured is Livvie Howard asking immediately after for a Mtn. Dew Freeze from Taco Bell.)



**How We Should Be:** It's Holly Berry demonstrating the attitude you need to succeed.