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WRHS Hosts Career Fair

By Tate Anderson

On February 21, the WRHS Career Fair was hosted in the Sharum Gymnasium with a lineup that included representatives from prominent Arkansas colleges, local businesses offering internships, technical schools, medical programs and the armed forces.

Throughout the morning and into the afternoon, students rotated by grade through the proceedings and had the opportunity to roam the floor and speak to those in a field of their interest.

After gathering information from their desired booths, students were encouraged to branch out and speak to those representatives that they had not already in order to broaden their horizons.

Many booths brought supplementary tools along to demonstrate various trades

such as welding and computer construction, while others relied more on sharing their life experience in different fields of work. Several booths also held raffles for gift cards and other prizes to incentivise students.

For underclassmen, the "Be Pro Be Proud" mobile exhibit was an interesting look into the many trades and technical skills that they could strive for.

The Career Fair was a very educational experience for seniors and underclassmen alike, and a brief glimpse into the world after high school that comes with working a trade or attending higher education.

Career Fair is hosted by WR CTE teachers, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Howard and Mr. Rice.

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Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Thurs, March 14

Spring Break

March 15-22



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Your Future — On Wheels: The "Be Pro Be Proud" exhibit was parked on the track for easy access. Ready to turn your passion into progress?



Be Strong: A booth showcasing different ROTC programs at local colleges and universities.



A Day to Learn: WRHS seniors discuss future job opportunities and college offers.



Subtle Flex: Chase Ervin showing off his welding prowess. What form!

Prom 2019: *A Night on the Red Carpet*

By Mattie Craig

The biggest night of the year is coming soon! WRHS Prom will be held April 13 at The Studio on Main Street. All WRHS juniors and seniors are invited to attend.

The theme is "A Night on the Red Carpet." Sign up with Mrs. Lamb. Tickets are \$20 per person, so start saving up! Seniors will get their money back if they show up. The night will start at 6:30 with the Senior Walk and Prom will start at 7.

The meal will catered by Jerry and Amanda Haynes. Prom will be here before you know it, so get a date fast!

The public is welcome to come watch the Senior Walk.

February Birthdays

By Hailey Jensen

1st	Alex Lishman Jada Turner
2nd	James Belew
4th	Hannah Beary Zachary Caspall
5th	Mason McEntire Ray Yang
6th	Leaffie Cook Kolton Oglesby
7th	Will Coker
8th	Elijah Biggers Isaac Biggers
13th	Andrew Brewer Will Davis Charles Mabry
16th	Cole Manning Cameron Robertson
17th	Manuela Akpan Mason Andrews Emma Richey
20th	Tara Wells
21st	Jordan Haynes Kaylynn Jones
23rd	Graham West
24th	Joseph Rogers
26th	James Allred Connor Manning
28th	Bryce Davis

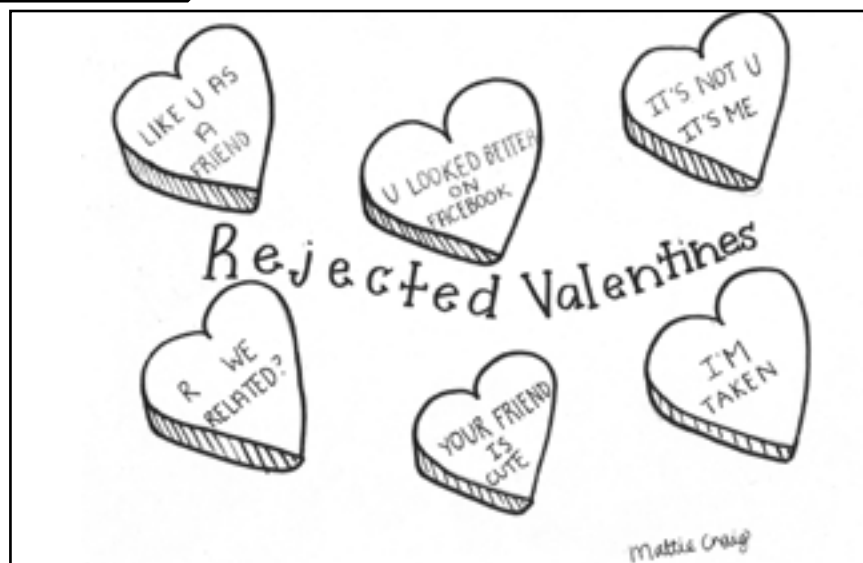
Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, Mar 17

March Birthdays

By Hailey Jensen

1st	Chloe Davis Roger King
	Triston Voyles
4th	Jacob Buxton Bo Johnson
6th	Peyton Callahan
12th	Kyle Walters
13th	Jonathan Alba Kalaab McCollum
16th	Ethan Willis
19th	Bailey Augustine Hannah Hatfield
22nd	Blaze Sheffield
23rd	Cade Burris
24th	Nathan Simmons
25th	Jackson Forrester Lillian Maple
26th	Savannah Nelson Madison Scott
28th	Jaden Darris Jerry Greer
	Skylar Louthan
30th	Tristin Hart



Who was your Valentine?

By Ashleigh Morris

Tristin Hart – Liv Bick	Garrett Gunn – Graham West
Isaiah Mabry – Mrs. Rob	Grady Privett – "My girlfriend"
Kate Cole – McKenzie Rouse	Coach Berry – Brett Favre
Chase Petty – Jackie (his cow)	Cade Burris – Isabella Baughn
Kai Cunningham – Chloe Bounds	Jordan Haynes – Shelby Whitehead
Brighton Brand – Sydney Burgin	Garrett Brown – Landon (Ham) Hamilton

Welcome to March! When this paper goes out, Spring Break will be right around the corner. -K

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Baller Bailey Named All-State

By Baylee Davis

Bailey Brooke Augustine has been taking over the basketball court lately averaging 25 points a game with a high of 45 points in ONE GAME.

Most recently, Bailey was named to the All-State team. She is the only sophomore state-wide who was selected for this honor.

Her whole family has always played the sport, so it just made sense that she would play, too.

In order to succeed, she has put in “tons of practice.” Two keys to her success include she started playing when she was young and she always played against people who were older and bigger.

Bailey’s plans after high school are to attend ASU and study to become a physical trainer. She hopes to be recruited to play college basketball.

There’s no specific athlete she admires, however she draws inspiration from her teammates. The best advice she was ever given is “Play every game like it’s your last.”

Her most cherished memory is when she and her team snuck back into the gym after being kicked out of practice, only to get caught by Coach Duncan and kicked out again. Growing up, the WR athlete she admired most was Baylee Burriss.



A motto Bailey lives by is “don’t quit playing till you hear the buzzer.” Her advice for young athletes is “work your right and left hands so it comes more natural later on.”

A couple of things Bailey hopes to accomplish are to beat her record of 45 points in one game, as well as to touch the rim.

Bailey Favorites:
Sport – Basketball
Pro Athlete – Blake Griffin
Pro Team – Warriors

The Future is Looking Bright

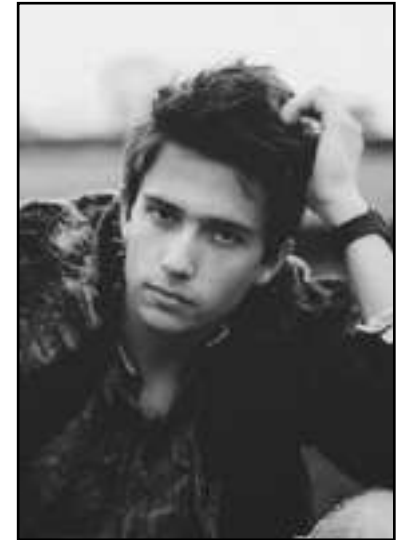
By Tyler Cunningham

Brighton Brand is 18 years old and plays basketball for WRHS as a senior. Brighton picked up a basketball when he was younger and instantly knew he had to play ball.

He credits his family with his success in sports. His advice for young athletes is, “Cherish every game and give it 110% because it won’t last forever.”

His best experiences while at WRHS are playing basketball, although he doesn’t plan to play any sports in college.

He is most proud of getting the three-point award every year. Brighton says “Work hard and play hard” are keys to success. Brighton admires Kevin Durant of the Golden State Warriors and has good inspiration from other athletes.



The best advice he has received was from Mrs. Stacy Rice, who tells him daily, “Go to class!”

After high school, Brighton plans on going to BRTC or ASU to major in Agriculture.

Brighton’s best quote is, “Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, drop it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish them.”

Growing up in WR, the athletes he looked up to were those in Zach Crisler’s grade. Brighton also enjoys to duck hunt.

He is the son of Tonda Brand and the late Keith Brand.

Just Hanging Out:
Mollie Blackshear and Jacob Busxton. Random.



Silly Lilly

By Hannah Wade



Lillian "Lilly" Carolina Maple was born on March 25, 2000, to Racheal Kemp and Anthony Maple. Her siblings are Tanner, Anna, Caleb, and Gracie. She has a three legged cat named Ginger.

Lillian has attended Walnut Ridge since the 5th grade and her best friends are Tyler Hudson and Tamera Trinidad. Her most memorable moment

in school has been making new friends throughout the years.

She is active in Key Club, FBLA and FCCLA. Her pet peeve is when people click ink pens and her worst habit is chewing on paper clips.

Her best excuse for being late to class is "a teacher had to talk to me." Her favorite year of high school has been her senior year and she plans on attending BRTC for college.

Lilly's Favorites

App – Snapchat
 Movie – *If I Stay*
 Drink – Dr. Pepper
 Pizza topping – Cheese
 Band – Building 429
 Food – Mac & cheese
 Holiday – "Does my birthday count?"
 Ice cream – Chocolate

The Man With the Lunch

By Skyla Henry



Chase "CJ" Jaden Couch, born August 26, 2001, is the son of Autumn and Jeremy Couch. He has a brother, Krischan, who is 18. His best friends are Kaiden Stormes and Tate Anderson.

He has attended Walnut Ridge for his entire life. During that time, his favorite teacher has been Mrs. Jared because she had animals they could interact with. CJ's most memorable moment was when he couldn't make a paper boat in GT. However, he made a perfect science score on the ACT, so it's fine.

CJ is a part of FBLA, Key Club, Quiz Bowl, Science Club and band. His advice

for underclassmen is "do not procrastinate with homework." The most difficult thing he has ever had to do is take AP Gov.

CJ's role model is his mom because she takes care of him. She has also given him the best advice he's received, "Enjoy this time and don't hurry to be an adult." However, when he does become an adult, his biggest fear is getting a job and paying bills.

His favorite quote is "Imagine if I had a real weapon" by Jax. After graduation, he looks forward to having no homework for a while. CJ plans on attending ASU to study computer science. When he goes, he should make sure to stock up on chicken; he can't live without it.

CJ's Faves

App – YouTube
 Drink – Mountain Dew (RIP Mountain Lighting)
 Class – Band
 Pizza topping – Cheese
 Holiday – Christmas

Bobcat Bio: Sydney Robinson

By Hannah Beary

Class – Freshman
 Bffs – Whitley Bolen
 Favorite teachers – Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Linda Smith
 Relationship status – Single
 Political view – Trump 4 life
 Pet peeve – People that don't answer me
 Last binge watch – Client List
 Guilty pleasure – Shopping
 Tech addition – Snap, Netflix, & Insta

Most awkward moment – Hanging with people I dislike
 Last person you texted – My mom
 Least favorite artist – Justin Bieber
 Worst habit – Shopping



What would you choose as your last meal? – Chick-fil-A
 Freshman flop – Didn't take Doc's class seriously

Mystery Students

2nd period JOURN students

This senior is short,
 You can find him playing Fort.
 He's always catching a win
 And he has a taller twin.

This senior has long dark hair
 Leggings are her favorite thing to wear.

She drives a blue Ford
 When she's in Pokey she's never bored

She teaches cheer
 But if your name is Slade,
 you should stay clear.

In the Nick of Time

By Claire Fisher



Nicholas Patrick Foster was born to Robert and Lea Andra Foster on December 26, 2000. He has two older sisters, Natalea, 27, and Madeleine, 21. Nick has a dog, named Bill Bobaggins. Nick's best friends are Graham West, Kaiden Stormes and Garrett Gunn. His nickname is Nikko Frikko.

Nick has been going to Walnut Ridge for 13 years. He is involved in Key Club, FBLA, Science Club and Mu Alpha Theta. His favorite teacher is Linda Smith. The best advice he can give to freshmen would be to "save 'dat money."

Nick's best excuse for being late to class is that there was an emergency. His most embarrassing moment was when he gave himself a traumatic

Nick's Favorites

Movie – *Hot Rod*
 Class – AP Gov.
 Band – Twenty-One Pilots
 Entertainer – Jim Gaffigan
 Food – Mac n' Cheese
 Holiday – Christmas
 Restaurant – Polar Freeze
 Celebrity Crush – Scarlett Johansson

cataract.

He says that he has changed physically and mentally since freshman year. Not having people to talk to is what Nick will miss most about high school.

Nick's biggest pet peeve is when people say "pop" instead of "soda". The one thing he cannot live without are memes. His biggest fear about going into high school was spiders and his biggest fear upon leaving high school is debt.

If he could go back and start high school again, he would participate in more extracurricular activities. Nick is looking forward to college the most after graduation.

The accomplishments Nick is most proud of are getting All-Conference three times in football and getting All-State this year. His favorite quote is "Today I will do whatever others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't." – Jerry Rice.

One of the Moore Boys

By Lilly Maple

Journey Chandler Moore, 17, was born on June 25, 2001. His parents are Tim and Debbie Moore and he has 15 siblings: Logan, Heaven, Nick, Dillon, Dallas, Makenna, Memphis, Alayni, Legend, Kailei, Amaiya, Dakota, Destiny, Michael and Tia.

His best friends are Garrett Brown, Nathan Brown, Landon Hamilton, Ezra Villareal and Bailey Anglin.

Mr. Harper is his favorite teacher because he has known him since he was in the seventh grade and he's the nicest teacher and person he has ever met. The best advice he could give underclassmen is simply, "Do your work and turn it in on time."

His best excuse for being late is, "I was in the bathroom."



The one thing he couldn't live without is his phone. His biggest pet peeve is people that eat with their mouth open.

Seeing all of his friends all the time is the one thing he is going to miss about high school. He is in the Firefighters Club and his favorite year of high school has been his senior year.

If he could start high school again, he wouldn't change anything, but his biggest fear going into high school was not making it to his senior year and failing multiple times.

He looks forward to not going to school every day after graduation. He plans on going to BRTC for Fire Science.

Bobcat Bio: Jacob Buxton

By Hannah Beary

Class - Sophomore

Bffs - Alex Lishman, Trishton Wilson

Favorite teacher - Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Rice

Pet peeve - People telling me something I already know

Last binge watch - *Mob Psycho 100*

Favorite meme - New Dodge

Guilty pleasure - Chocolate cake or Honey Buns

Last person you texted - Alex Lishman

Tech addiction - My laptop

Worst habit - Biting my nails

Political View - Far left

Most awkward moment - Walked into the gym late during an assembly

Least favorite artist - The country guy on *The Voice*

What would you choose as your last meal? BBQ ribs

Freshman Flop - Taking advanced classes and failing them all.



Journey's Favorites

App – Snapchat
 Pizza Topping – Chicken
 Movie – *Jurassic World*
 Class – Firefighter 2
 Drink – Dr. Pepper
 T.V. Show – *Supernatural*
 Food – Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza
 Holiday – Halloween
 Ice Cream – Chocolate

Good ol' G-Money

By Maggie Gibson

Garrett Michael Gunn was born July 31, 2000. He is the son of Melissa Dauck Gunn and Corey Gunn. He has two siblings; Gavin Gunn, 21, and Conner Gunn, one.

He is best friends with the legendary Graham West and Kaiden Stormes. He is involved with FBLA, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Key Club and Science Club.

He has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. His favorite teacher ever was Mrs. Melissa Mayfield, who taught AP World and U.S. History, and was "the best mother a student could ever ask for."

He has experienced many wonderful things here at Walnut Ridge. But along the way, he also had some pretty embarrassing moments, too. His most memorable however, was the time he had to give a speech in front of the entire student body when he ran for Executive Board Student Council vice president.

He is most proud to be named an AP Scholar with Honors. His advice to underclassmen is to pay attention, listen and read the textbook. His favorite year was his sophomore year.

Garrett says that two things he can't live without are sleep and fried chicken. His biggest pet peeve is people who say they, "can't be smart." If he were able to change anything since his freshman year he would be more social and more understanding.

What he will miss most is getting to see his friends every day. His biggest fear entering high school was failing.



His biggest fear upon leaving is having regrets. He plans on going to ASU, where he wants to get a master's degree in history or education.

G-Money's Faves:

App – Dragon Ball Z:

Dokkan Battle

Pizza topping –

Pepperoni

Band – BROCK

HAMPTON

Song – *Get You* by

Daniel Caesar

Restaurant – Popeye's

Celebrity Crush – Ke\$ha



It's Him: Tyler Ditto

McFly-Fishing Fool

By Max Hibbs

Mason Brooks McEntire was born on February 5, 2001. He is 18 years old. His parents are Heath and Leonna McEntire. He has one brother, Cody McEntire, 16 and two dogs, Ike and Petey.

His best friends are Jackson Forrester, Trevor Teel and Dylan Aaron. Mason has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. His favorite teachers are Mary Smith and Jerry Haynes because they are always willing to help with anything he needs. His most memorable moments have been the parking lot cookouts.

He is most proud of getting the Transplace 3PL Internship last summer. Transplace 3PL is a logistics and transportation company in Little Rock. He describes it as a great experience.

His advice for underclassmen would be "do not procrastinate." His best excuse for being late to class is "I had to help Mrs. Mary." One thing he can't live without is good music. His biggest pet peeve is when people change plans at the last minute.

Nothing has changed since freshman year besides that he has gotten a little taller. What he will miss most about high school is seeing everyone every day. Mason participates in FFA, Key Club and FBLA. He enjoys competitive fishing. His favorite quote is "Life is tough; it's tougher when you're stupid" by John Wayne.

The best advice he has



ever received is "Listen more than you speak."

His favorite year of high school has been his senior year. If he could start high school over again he would apply himself more. His biggest fear going into high school was his GPA. His biggest fear upon leaving high school is balancing work and school.

What he is looking forward to the most after graduation is his senior trip. His plan for college is to attend A-State. The hardest thing he has ever had to do was pass Pre-Cal and Chemistry.

His nickname is McFly. His role model is Trevor Teel because he aspires to be as cool as him someday.

Mason's Faves:

App – Instagram

Pizza topping – Pepperoni

Drink – Sweet tea

Class – Mary Smith's

Store – DNW

Song – *Rearview Town* by

Jason Aldean

Big Boy Bailey

By Tristin Hart



Bailey Lane Anglin is the son of Rick Anglin and Eugenia Franks. He is 18 years young. He has three siblings including Justin, Sawyer and Brielle and two dogs. He says he cannot live without his family.

His parents are his biggest role models because they raised him well and they both have good jobs. He has attended

Bailey's Faves:

App – YouTube
Store – Academy Sports
Pizza Topping –
Buffalo Chicken
Food – Pizza
Class – Fire Fighter
Holiday – Christmas
Drink – Sweet Tea
Song –
When the Sun Goes Down
by Kenny Chesney
Restaurant – Fuji's
Ice Cream –
Cookies 'N Cream

Walnut Ridge for 11 years. His best friends are Jon Alba and Journey Moore and he loves all his teachers and will miss football the most after high school. His favorite memories in high school are going to the state playoffs in football.

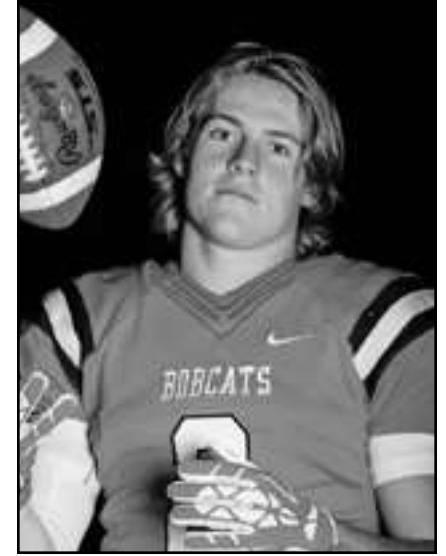
His best excuse for being late is "I was talking to another teacher." His favorite quote is "Let action do your talking for you (unless you're telling a good dirty joke.)"

His favorite year has been 12th grade. His biggest fear entering high school was having a teacher who didn't like him. Now that he's ready to graduate, he is terrified of the real world.

He can't wait to get his own house and he cannot stand people taking his keys.

Burning Down Burris

By Malachi Tinker



Wesley Cade Burris was born on March 23, 2001 and is 17 years old. His nickname is CB. He has two sisters; Baylee who is 19 and Maddie who is 12.

His best friends are Slade Dalton, Kai Cunningham, Dylan Aaron, Zack O., Brighton Brand, Jackson Forrester, Mason McEntire, Bryson Farmer, Chase Petty and Trevor Teel.

He has attended Walnut Ridge his whole life. The accomplishments he is most proud of is Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist, All-State in football and in baseball and Best Under the Sun in baseball and football.

He has changed everything since freshman year and the advice he would give underclassmen is "enjoy it while you're here." He couldn't live without sports and he will miss

his team, coaches and teachers after he graduates. Jalen Hurts is his role model because he is a humble competitor.

The clubs and organizations he is involved in is Key Club, FBLA, National Honors Society, Art Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. He is also Sports Editor for The Cat's Dispatch. His sophomore year was his favorite year in high school but his biggest fear going into high school was the upperclassmen.

College athletics is what he is looking forward to the most after graduation. His plans for college include getting a degree in sports medicine and kinesiology.

Bobcat Bio: Ashleigh Morris

By Trishton Wilson

Class - Senior
Clubs – Key Club, Art Club, NHS, Spanish Club and Journalism
BFFs – Bry, Sassy, Claire Fisher, Hailie Standridge and Kate Cole
Last Binge Watch – *Elite Relationship*
Status – Extra single with a side of single
Favorite App – Twitter
Last Person You Messaged – Stacy Rice
Worst Habit – Biting my nails
Favorite Meme – Shaggy Memes
Guilty Pleasure – Spanish Music
Most Awkward Moment – My Entire Life
Least Favorite Artist – 6ix9ine
Pet Peeve – Slow drivers, bugs and Mustard
Freshman Flop – Existed
Last Meal – Pasta, any kind of bread and a chocolate shake



Cade's Favorites:

Movie – *The Replacements*
Class – AP Calculus
Drink – Sweet Tea
T.V. Show – *F.R.I.E.N.D.S*
Book – *Friday Night Lights*
Song – *Stole the Show*
Restaurant – Wings to Go

(Not So) Lil' Charles

By Olivia Bickers



his two dogs. Mr. Haynes is his favorite teacher because he's nice and also enjoys calling out "Jerry boy!!" when they meet in the hall.

Charles is known as a big eater. He says he can't live without food, and is also known for eating six Hot n' Spicies from his favorite restaurant, McDonalds.

Looking forward to graduation, Charles is planning on playing college football. His father, Charles Mabry Sr., is his biggest role model on the field and in life because he "Works hard and never gives up."

Charles Mabry II is the son of Charles, Sr. and Candice Mabry. He is the big brother of Isaiah and Chariah Mabry, both juniors at WRHS. Charles has attended Walnut Ridge High School for six months and is proud of his accomplishments in football, like receiving All-Conference. His best friends are Zack Osburn, Olivia Bickers, Taylor McGinty and Slade Dalton.

Caesar and Maximus are

Charles' Faves:

App – Snapchat
 Movie –
Are We There Yet?
 Class – Lunch
 Drink – Gatorade (blue)
 Brand – Nike
 Holiday – Christmas
 T.V show – *The Originals*
 Celebrity Crush –
 La La Anthony

Dear Senior, Penny for Your Thoughts...

By Garrett Brown

Landon Ham – Feels like it'll never end.
 Nate Brown – I will miss seeing my friends and football.
 Lee Creeda – I would rather die than listen to another lecture.
 Christian Woodard – I'm just here so I don't go to jail.
 Ezra Villarreal – Just here so they don't fine me.
 Brighton Brand – Got me in my feelings.
 Kyle Walters – Worse than you think.
 Chase Moseley – Just get through it.
 Jackson Forrester – May not seem like it, but I'll miss it.
 Lilly Maple – Ready for it to end.
 Johnny Hudson – Just here to get out of here.

The Man with the Mullet

By Kai Cunningham



school was his sophomore year and if he could start high school all over again, he would not change a thing. Women were his biggest fear upon entering High School. Upon leaving, his biggest fear is anyone named "Olivia."

Slade is looking forward to graduation, but mostly that night. His plans after high school are to go to A-State and his nicknames are "Charles" and "Farquod."

Slade Harding Dalton was born on July 22, 2000. He is 18 years old. His parents' names are Kerry and Chad Dalton. He has a younger sister, Alexis Dalton who is 16. His best friends are everyone in the chat group (they know who they are), Lil' Charles, Brazil and Belgium.

He has attended Walnut Ridge since 2nd grade. His favorite teacher is Rice Dog because she is chill. His most memorable moment was his junior football season. He is most proud of his two time All-Conference plaques in football.

His advice for underclassmen is, "Stay away from the women here." His biggest pet peeve is liars. The only thing that has changed since freshman year is his hair.

Slade will miss Friday night lights more than anything. He is involved in Key Club, Spanish Club, FBLA, STUCO, and Coloring Book Club. The best advice he has ever received was "Start early and finish late," from Zack Osburn.

His favorite year of high

Slade's Faves

Band – Aid
 Stor-age
 Song – *Middle Child*
 by J. Cole
 Book – *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
 Celebrity crush –
 Queen Elizabeth
 Ice Cream – Paint Job
 Entertainer – J. Cole
 Food – Sushi
 Holiday – Halloween

WRHS Jr./Sr. Prom

*A Night on the
Red Carpet*

Sat., April 13
 6:30 Senior Walk
 7:00 Dinner

The Studio
 on Main St.
 Walnut Ridge, AR

Introducing: Mr. Casanova

By Erin Hicks



Our new 16-year old exchange student from Columbia is a dashing boy named Andres Felipe Marin Casanova. Elsa Casanova and Gustavo Marvin are the parents of this sweet boy, and he talks to them two or three times a week. Aside from that, Andres likes to watch TV and play piano and sports.

A junior whose first language is Spanish, he also knows English and a little French. Andres wanted to be an exchange student because he had already spent quite a few years by himself and was ready to improve his English and decide what he wants out of life.

After a five-hour flight, Andres arrived in Memphis where he met his host family who lives in Jonesboro. Although there were no big surprises since he had visited before, he describes WRHS as simply, "different."

Other differences include: the town is smaller, subjects are a lot easier and

Andres' Faves

Ice cream – Vanilla
 Song – *D esencuentro*, by Residente
 Class (at home) – Spanish
 Class (here) – Chemistry
 Books – *1984*, *Brave New World*, *The Stranger* or *100 Years of Solitude*
 Drink – Passion Fruit Juice

unlike his school, we have lockers and schedule choices. Time-wise, Arkansas is only an hour earlier than Columbia.

Even though Andres has only studied English for two years, he only has trouble understanding people when they talk fast.

Victoria's Faves

App – Discord
 Pizza toppings – Mushrooms
 Movie – *Jurassic park 3*
 Class – Choir
 Drink – Dr. Pepper
 TV show – *Grey's Anatomy*
 Book – *#Murder Trending*
 Food – Anything Sweet
 Holiday – Halloween
 Song – *Lonely Dance*
 Band – Set It Off
 Ice cream – Mint Chocolate Chip
 Celebrity crush – Lin Manuel-Miranda

Graphically Designing her Future

By Skylar Louthan



Victoria Rose Swindle, born June 26, 2001, is the 17-year-old daughter of Thomas Swindle and the late Tiffany Swindle. Her baby brother, Jason Swindle, is just one year old.

She has attended WR for seven years. In that time, she has made friends like Skylar Louthan, Haiden Haynes, Mason McGinnis and Chase Moseley. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Moore, "because she is always there for me" and Mrs. Ross, "because she always knows what books I want to read."

When asked what her nicknames include, she says, "Tori, Vic, Vix... I go by lots of names." Her most memorable moment in school was being blocked from giving Pippin (from the musical *Pippin*) a fist bump. Victoria's proudest achievement is her ACT score of 25.

Her advice for underclassmen is "please do your work." And her best excuse for being late is "I was helping Hayden." Victoria's necessity to life is her art. Her biggest pet peeve is hypocrites.

She hasn't really

changed since her freshman year. She will miss her friends and teachers from Walnut Ridge. She is part of choir, journalism, and EAST. Her favorite quote is "I am good. I am evil. I am solace. I am chaos. I am human, and that's all I've ever wanted to be"-Cody Carson.

The best advice she has ever received was from her mom, who said "Be yourself and you'll find who your true friends are." Her favorite year so far has been her senior year, but if she could start again she would do more of her work and take more AP classes.

Her biggest fear upon going into high school was that her friends would find new people to hang around and would leave her behind. Her biggest fear upon leaving high school is that she won't get a good enough job to support her family. She is most looking forward to getting out of the house after graduation.

Her plans for college are to go to Arkansas Tech University and pursue a degree in graphic design. The hardest thing she has ever had to do is keep her friends happy.

Her role model is her mother, "She was the most kind and intelligent woman I knew. She made it through many hardships. I only hope to be half the woman she was."



Who's Who



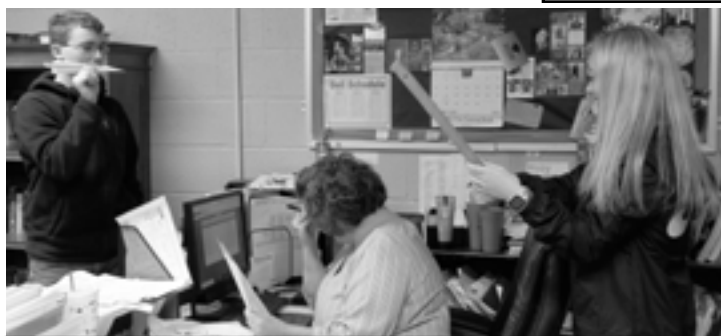
Social Media Addicts: Media moguls Allie Sherman and Will Davis own 16% stock in Snapchat. True story.



Loudest: Kaci Kirksey and Cole Manning have quite the set of pipes on them.



Most Likely to Become President: Will Coker and Jerzie McQuay



Teachers Pest: Cameron Caldwell and Allie Sherman. Ugh.



BFFs: Hannah Harper and Emma Richey are as tight as a charleyhorse.



Where's Waldo: Jacob Slankard and Gracey Collins are constantly Missing In Action



Daredevils: Landon Sain and Marguerite Gill

Drama King and Queen: Xander Layton and Livvie Howard make a big deal out of anything and everything.



The votes are in for the 2019 Sophomore Who's Who. What a lineup of smiling faces!

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Prettiest Eyes: Bailey Augustine and James Belew



Quietest: Jerzie McQuay and Walker Hibbs



Most Likely to be Late 4 Graduation:
Alexis Dalton and Landon Sain. Wow.



Most Likely to Take Home to Meet Mom: Will Coker and Hailey Jensen.
"Hi, Mom. I'd like you to meet someone..."



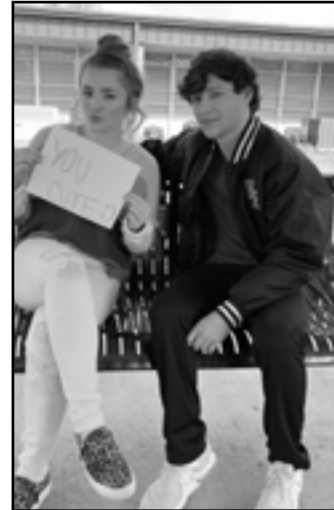
Most Likely to Marry For \$\$\$:
Hannah Ponder and Kyle Russell know just the right relationships to invest in.



Most Talented/Creative:
Cole Manning and Bailey Augustine's talents aren't limited to game time.



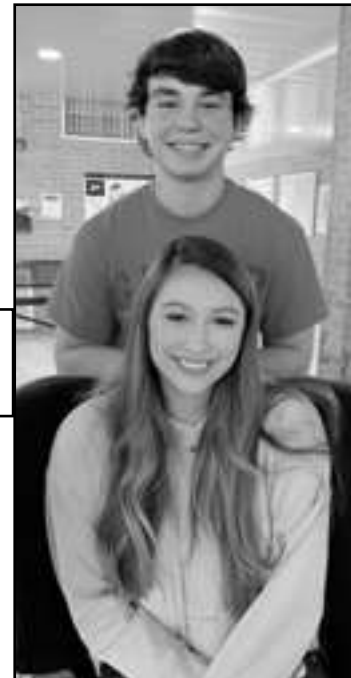
Teacher's Pets:
Lindsay Bateman and Will Coker are always the best kids in class.



Biggest Flirts: Anna Claire Maple and Landon Sain.
"How you doing?!"



Never Single: Emma Richey and Will Davis are inseparable.



Best Glow-Up: Looks like puberty was kind to Blane Wade and Emma Richey.



Best Dressed:
Cannon Baker and Alexis Dalton.
Styling and Profiling



Most Likely to Bleed Orange and White:
Cannon Baker and Hannah Ponder
#Bobcatnation



Most Likely to get Caught Sleeping in Class:
Livvie Howard and Sam Lewis

We say #NEVERAgain

By Dakota Girard

February 14, 2019 was the one year anniversary of the Valentine's Day school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. On February 14, 2018, a gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School killing 17 students and staff and injuring 14 others.

The shooter, 19-year old Nikolas Cruz, concealed himself in the crowd fleeing from the scene following the massacre and was arrested in Coral Springs that afternoon. Cruz had been expelled from Douglas for disciplinary reasons earlier in the year.

A book about the shooting was published on October 2, 2018. This book was written by Parkland Student Journalists, the school's journalism and TV station students and staff.

The book, We Say #NEVERAgain, was written to not only let the voices of the students and staff members be heard, but to talk about the #NeverAgain movement and to help bring a

positive change to the nation.

They say they knew how to handle the situation, but no matter how much they rehearsed what was going to happen, they were never going to be fully prepared for what happened. They spoke about fear and how it overcame not only the school but the whole nation.

People worldwide helped with the new movement and spoke about their personal stories as well as how everybody at Parkland felt about the shooting and the losses suffered.

The surviving students sparked a budding social movement that led over one million participants to advocate for stronger gun laws at March for Our Lives rallies on March 24, 2018.

That movement helped lead to 67 new gun control laws in 2018 and post-Parkland activism is often credited with Democratic politicians' increasingly vocal support of stricter gun laws.

It's All about the Money

By Kate Cole

Cash App, Venmo, whatever you use... they're all great! The apps are designed to let people quickly and securely receive and send money to friends and family. From personal transactions to business ones, they make life a little easier. Instead of carrying around a card reader, now all people need is an app!

The difference between

Cash App and Venmo is how you pay. Venmo requires a credit card while Cash App will only allow you to use a debit card. People argue which is hot and which is not, but it really is just a matter of opinion. If you only intend to spend what you already have, Cash App might be for you, but if money isn't a problem, then Venmo might be more fitting!

Apps such as Cash App and

Hip Hop Star: Childish Gambino

By Zack Osburn

Childish Gambino made history this year at the Grammys. He won Song of the Year and Record of the Year with the song *This is America*. Gambino also took home the prize for Best Music Video for his song, *This is America*.

The video for *This is America* went viral last year and had more than 35 million views on YouTube in just two days. The set-up of this music video is very disturbing.

One of the first things that happens is Childish Gambino walking up and shooting someone in the back of the head saying, This is America.

In my opinion, he's saying in America, we just go around

shooting people for fun and the cops don't do anything. I'm sure in some parts of the United States there are lots of shootings happening and they are mostly gang-related. Thankfully, that's not the case around here.

Also in the video, things are on fire and everyone's running around going crazy. I guess he thinks that our country has no control over what goes on and we can do anything we want. I wish.

Childish Gambino made a statement when he made this music video. He definitely surprised everyone at the Grammys and probably even himself.



Stylin': It's Madi, comin' at ya!

Venmo are convenient for anyone with a card and will continue to be popular as long as they keep making life easier!

Who's Your Favorite NBA Player?

By Bryson Farmer

Brighton Brand –
Kevin Durant
Kai Cunningham –
Luka Doncic
Slade Dalton – Joel Embiid
Nash Gill – LeBron James
Coach Halbrook –
LeBron James
Jackson Forrester –
Russell Westbrook
Olivia Farmer –
LeBron James
Tyler Cunningham –
Stephen Curry
Olivia Bickers – Chris Paul
Tamera Trinidad –
Stephen Curry
Eli Biggers – Devin Booker

GI Janna is Just Getting Started

By Olivia Ford

Coach Janna Berry is on her 10th year of working in the Walnut Ridge School District. While working here, she has taught social studies and physical education, and coached basketball, softball, track and volleyball. Currently, she teaches health, is the head volleyball coach, and the junior high softball coach.

Coach Berry is a 1989 graduate of Walnut Ridge High School. After high school, she attended Williams Baptist College, where she earned a B.S.Ed. in 1995.



Before working in the Walnut Ridge School District, Coach Berry worked at Hoxie Elementary from 1995 to 1996, and Westside Consolidated Schools from 1996 to 2009. Sadly, she was there during the Westside school shooting.

Coach Berry's hobbies include "building stuff" and going to Razorback and Cardinal games with her "crazy family."

She is interested in anything to do with sunshine,

outdoor activities and animals.

Her family includes her husband, Clint Berry; children Drake, 20, and Holly, 15; as well as three dogs and a mess of cats.

Coach Berry tries to live by these words of advice, "Win the day, decide to rise, and keep grinding."

Her personal philosophy about teaching and coaching is that "Students and players don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Her favorite parts of teaching are the relationships she has formed and watching the kids grow into strong, successful adults.



Coach Berry's Favorites:

- Food – Potato Chips
- Website/App – Twitter
- TV Show – *The Office*
- Book –
- Volleyball drill books
- Store – Lowe's
- Band – Def Leppard
- BFF – "Jennifer Tribble
- Jean is my homie!"
- Quote – "Don't give up, don't EVER give up!"
- Jim Valvano

The "Game of the Year"

By Cade Burris

The game of the year was played at Mercedes Benz stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. The New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams played in Super Bowl LIII.

As you may have heard, the game did not quite live up to the hype. With a whopping final score of 13-3 the Patriots were able to take the sixth Super Bowl title in franchise history. Many described the game as a kicking contest with a Maroon 5 concert during halftime. The halftime score was 3-0 in favor of the Patriots.

With a mediocre halftime performance with the most anticlimactic entrance by Travis Scott, many have bashed the Super Bowl all over social media. However, the defenses of both teams were the stars of the show, behind the kickers at least.

The kickers for both teams had a very eventful night, including the Rams punter setting a Super Bowl record for the longest punt in Super Bowl history.

In the end, Tom Brady won his sixth Super Bowl title and Julian Edelman won the Super Bowl LIII MVP.

Bobcat Baseball Preview

By Slade Dalton

The boys hopped back on the diamond February 25 at Nettleton High School. The Bobcats coming off an average year after falling short in the regional tournament.

Huge improvements have been made in many different aspects this year. A select few have acquired mullets for the baseball season and the entire team will not be shaving their mustaches for a large part of the season. The Bobcats have three returning seniors this season: Slade Dalton, Cade Burris and Kai Cunningham.

These players are filling the leadership positions left empty by the loss of the graduated players from last year. The team also took a loss in the moral support levels in

the dugout with the devastating loss of Jordan Haynes and Kolton Oglesby.

The team will stand their ace, Cole Manning, this year. He will enter a bigger role on the team with the experience he gained from his freshman season.

The Infield for the Bobcats will be led by Kai Cunningham and Cannon Baker. They look to cut down on the errors and solidify themselves as a top-notch infield in the conference.

The Outfield for the Bobcats is Godly this year with the dynamic duo of Slade Dalton and Landon Sain snagging every pop fly hit short of the fence. On

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Mardi Gras? More like Mardi Yaw!

By Jacob Buxton

Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, is a yearly event celebrated by many Christians on the Tuesday before Lent begins. Many people use Mardi Gras as an excuse to party, however the celebration goes a lot deeper than that.

The celebration of Mardi Gras usually lasts for the two weeks before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins. Some celebrate the three days before Ash Wednesday, others think of Mardi Gras as the day before Ash Wednesday, which is also referred to as Fat Tuesday.

The time traditionally known as Mardi Gras, has been associated with the revelation by the Three Wise Men that Jesus Christ was an incarnation of God. It is believed this is when The Three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem with their gifts for the newborn Jesus.

Mardi Gras is often linked to the ancient Roman pagan celebrations of spring and fertility. One such celebration is that of Saturnalia, which dates

to as early as 133 BCE, which was used to honor the Roman god of agriculture, Saturn.

This celebration was observed mid-December, before the sowing of winter crops. The festival was a week long, during this most of the common social patterns would-be put-on hold.

Today though, there are many places that celebrate Mardi Gras in their own ways, including historically French cities like New Orleans and Mobile, Alabama. They both have incredible Mardi Gras festivities.

New Orleans is quite well-known for being the place to be during Mardi Gras. In the French Quarter people will tend to ritually disrobe to garner the attention of passersby thus forming large crowds.

There is also a large amount of alcohol consumed which only fans the flames of debauchery and hedonism, as a last hoorah before the fasting of Lent until Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday.

Study a Foreign Language

By Irene Hood

There's a joy that comes from being able to speak to others in their native language, not to mention a sense of achievement.

Studies show that 94% of high school students that have studied foreign languages perform better on the American College Test (ACT) for English and Mathematics.

Different languages can build your brain in different ways. Many jobs in education, healthcare, social work, national security, translation, tourism

and international business require or favor candidates who are bilingual, resulting in more job opportunities for those who can speak a second language.

When you can speak to people in their own language you deepen connections and understanding. Learn a foreign language as a teenager and you have a lifetime to benefit from broader career opportunities, exciting travel adventures and deeper insights into how others see the world.

Book Review: Stephen King's *The Outsider*

By Jacob Slankard

Stephen King released his latest book, *The Outsider*, in May 2018. In *The Outsider*, a pre-teen boy is found dead, and one of the town's most popular citizens is accused of the crime.

Although the story is set in a new town, the small-town setting puts this hair-raising tale right in the canon with many of King's most beloved classics, some of which take place in sleepy communities.

The Outsider sounds like a police story in its early parts, but shifts to a horror novel toward the end, employing two of King's most common genres. The book is consistent and split into several titled sections, with each section containing multiple chapters. There is also a small epilogue following the climax.

The first section is the fictional town of Flint City, Oklahoma. Police detective Ralph Anderson arrests teacher and popular Little League baseball coach, Terry Maitland, in front of a crowd of baseball game spectators, charging him with raping, killing, and mutilating an 11-year-old boy.

The town quickly

turns against Maitland. Maitland insists he is innocent and hires his friend and lawyer, Howie Gold, to assist him, but Anderson has eyewitnesses and clear physical evidence (DNA and fingerprints) of his guilt.

The District Attorney, Bill Samuels, who has a cowlick that causes him to resemble Alfalfa from the Little Rascals series, tells Anderson to break Maitland's alibi in order to turn a long court battle into an open-and-shut case.

The novel was first mentioned in an interview for USA Today in August 2017. An excerpt was published in the May 25, 2018, issue of *Entertainment Weekly*. The character of Holly Gibney from King's *Bill Hodges* trilogy (*Mr. Mercedes*, *Finders Keepers*, and *End of Watch*) is a major character in the book.

The novel outlines some events from the trilogy and its aftermath. The concept of "ka", an integral part of King's *The Dark Tower* series, is also mentioned.

If you like reading horror and murder mystery-type novels, I strongly recommend you read this book.

Sophomores: Alexis Dalton and Anna Claire Maple are probably late for English. Again.



We've Been Smeckledorfed

By Graham West

SpongeBob SquarePants made a Super Bowl LIII cameo at halftime, but fans weren't happy with how it happened.

On November 26, 2018, Stephen Hillenburg, creator of the beloved cartoon SpongeBob SquarePants, passed away. Shortly after, ideas of honoring his death were passed around between fans before eventually settling on the Super Bowl.

Fans petitioned Maroon 5 to perform the song "Sweet Victory" from the season two episode "Band Geeks" during the Super Bowl halftime show. In the critically acclaimed episode, SpongeBob and friends form a terrible marching band who end up performing spectacularly at the "Bubble Bowl" to everyone's shock.

Clearly this was the perfect way to honor Hillenburg in front of the largest possible audience. Over 1.2 million fans signed the petition to make it happen, and shortly before the big game, Maroon 5 posted a short video on Twitter featuring SpongeBob.

Fans and news outlets went wild, seeing this as a confirmation that Hillenburg would be honored during the event. As the game crawled by, fans picked up more and more steam heading into halftime.

The Senior Bobcats celebrate following their win on Senior Night with their littlest Bobcat fan, Colt, infant son of Coach Blake and Mrs. Courtney Coffman.

Players include Graham West, Bryson Farmer, Slade Dalton, Kai Cunningham, Cade Burris, Jackson Forrester and Brighton Brand.

Midway through the halftime performance, SpongeBob characters showed on screen, but left just as quickly as they had come. And then Travis Scott performed "Sicko Mode." And then Adam Levine took off his shirt. And then the show was over.

Fans immediately took to Twitter to express their disappointment in how it was handled, generally making the claim that it would have been better off to have left SpongeBob out of the teasers and halftime show entirely.

Jordyn Woods is an actor, model, artist and a singer, but she is mainly known as Kylie Jenner's best friend and practically family to the Kardashians. The Kardashians love Jordyn; they have supported her and loved her as their own for years.

The famous Kylie Jenner and Jordyn Woods have been inseparable since the eighth grade. The two are so close, from marrying each other to living with each other, their friendship is one of a kind.

Life with Jordyn Woods

has been great until she was supposedly caught making out with Tristan Thompson at a house party. Tristan is also known as Khloe Kardashian's boyfriend of two years and her baby daddy.

Kylie, Jordyn's bestie but Khloe's sister, had a hard time believing the rumor until she did some investigating and found it to be true.

According to the internet, Khloe Kardashian broke up with Tristan Thompson and feels betrayed by him and Jordyn both.

Because the whole family's trust has been broken, they have announced that they aren't sure if the friendship with Jordyn Woods will remain. Kylie Jenner is even having second thoughts about her "forever friend".

WR Provides ACT Boot Camp

By Haley Smart

The state of Arkansas provides a free ACT for all juniors, statewide. It gives students the opportunity to work towards scholarships and college admittance.

WRHS offered juniors (and some seniors) an ACT Boot Camp February 5 and 6 to prepare for the statewide ACT they took on February 20.

Mrs. Holland was the instructor for the reading portion of the ACT, Mrs. Rob was the instructor for the English portion, Mrs. Foster was the instructor for the math portion, and Dr. Holloway was the instructor for the science portion. Mrs. Findley coordinated the day.

The first day of the ACT boot camp, juniors practiced different techniques for the test and their time management. The second day of the boot camp, the juniors took a practice ACT test to prepare them for the actual test they will be taking.

You're Gonna Miss This:



Senior Garrett Brown



The FBC Lock-In is Here

By Graham West

Every year, First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge hosts its annual Youth Lock-In and, despite some minor changes, this year is no exception. There is an entry fee of \$20 per person. After that, the doors open at 8 pm on Friday, March 15. The doors will close at around 9 and will not open again until 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Don't worry about getting tired though. The whole night will be full of energy-filled activities, food and drinks, a worship service led by the First Baptist Church Praise Team, and a trip to HiJinx in Jonesboro.

This is a great opportunity to meet our new youth pastor, Coy Slusser. Coy is a native of Northeast Arkansas and has served as youth pastor at Journey Baptist Church in Jonesboro for the past three years. He and his wife, Vickie, have a huge heart for the youth of the Walnut Ridge-Hoxie area.

The First Baptist Church Youth group has also set a goal for this year's attendance. 2017's Lock-In had an attendance of 155 students and 2018's had an attendance of 220 students. The youth would like to blow last year's headcount out of the water with a goal of 300 students.

So, make sure to clear your schedules for the Youth Lock-In on March 15 - 16. Be prepared for a full night of music, food, games, and most importantly, Jesus!!

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Just A Minute Ago

By Ty Flippo

- ... Walnut Ridge beat Trumann on Senior Night.
- ... Mollie Blackshear moved back to Walnut Ridge.
- ... Mulletts were not cool.
- ... The Patriots won the Super Bowl.
- ... We had some warm weather.
- ... Garrison Doyle had straight hair.
- ... Junior and senior high boys won the Lawrence County Tournament.
- ... We watched the most boring Super Bowl of all time.
- ... Tate Anderson committed to Williams Baptist University.
- ... The government avoided another shutdown.
- ... Kevin Durant won MVP in the NBA All Star game.



Who's Your #1 Best Friend on Snapchat?

By: Livvie Howard

Slade Dalton – Cannon Baker
 Claire Fisher – Ashleigh Morris
 Zack O – Michelle Gray
 Baylee Davis – Devan Dunning
 Brighton Brand – Sydney Burgin
 Ashleigh Morris – Claire Fisher
 Kate Cole – Jade Stilger
 Dakota Girard – Carson Spargo
 Grady Privett – Bailey Followell
 Jace Turner – Courtney Huskey
 Jackson Forrester – Kelsey Watson
 Allie Sherman – Dylan Richmond

What's Your Fave Disney Movie?

By Hailey Jensen

Tate Anderson –
The Hunchback of Notre Dame
 Hannah Beary – *The Little Mermaid*
 Mollie Blackshear – *Alice in Wonderland*
 Lilly Maple – *Beauty and the Beast*
 Mrs. Shelia Britton – *The Lion King*
 Ms. Brenda Alls – *Beauty and the Beast*
 Jayden Hollister – *Toy Story*
 Tara Wells – *Frozen*
 Sydney Robinson – *Inside Out*
 Ty Flippo – *The Incredibles*
 Korwin Johnson – *Wall-E*
 Holly Berry – *Bambi*
 Coach Berry – *The Fox and the Hound*
 Baylee Davis – *High School Musical*

Remember When

By Chloe Brown

- ... everyone wanted a free day in PE
- ... nobody liked nap time
- ... summer break felt like forever
- ... Mr. Smith would always yell
- ... the middle school caught on fire
- ... there were field trips for the whole grade
- ... we dissected an eye ball
- ... Mrs. Jared had lab pets
- ... we got to throw "pie" at our teachers
- ... math was easy
- ... school wasn't as hard
- ... there were free days in the computer lab
- ... everyone was taught how to type correctly
- ... Mrs. Baker was a science teacher

He Said/She Said

By Nash Gill

"They're negative; they try to avoid each other, like the girls with Skylar (Louthan)." – Doc, talking about electrons
 "Someday we're gonna be in these old papers," – Alex Lishman.
 "Mrs. Rice is already in them." – Trishton Wilson
 "I thought Juan was a Japanese name." – Cannon Baker, learning the vocab word, "wan". "No, that's a won-ton." – Mrs. Rice
 "If I get arrested, I'll be in handcuffs" – Zack Osburn
 "You're gonna have to do the spelling and grammar because I can't grammar." – Leah Melewski
 "I'm the heavy drinker, not Anna." – Bailey Augustine, with two bottles of water
 "At least my hair is soft." – Bryleigh Morris
 "If a child is born on an airplane, sometimes it's the parents' baby." – Grady Privett
 "I'm throwing shadow at Netflix." – Lane Brown, "Don't you mean shade?" – Trishton Wilson
 "If I was a stripper, I'd wanna be a high-end one." – Logan Blackwood
 Kate Cole, replying to the ASU Political Science rep at Career Day, "You wanna talk about political science?" ASU rep asked. Kate replied, "I would, but my science on the ACT isn't very good."

WRHS FBLA'ers Participate in BRTC Competition

FBLA members traveled to BRTC in Pocahontas for an introduction to competition. Numerous students received certificates for finishing in the top 5 of each category.

Pictured are students with their certificates. Congratulations for all your hard work. It's just beginning to pay off.



What's Blowing Up Your Aux?

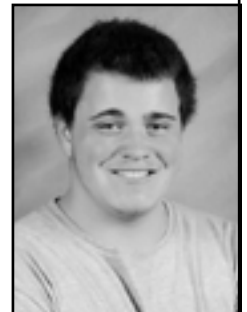
By Grady Privett

Mason Ashlock – *Slime Belief*, NBA Young Boy
 Jerzie Mcquay – *Better*, Khalid
 Connor Manning – *Middle Child*, J. Cole
 Savannah Nelson – *Talk You out of It*, Florida Georgia Line
 Blane Wade – *Every Season*, Robby Rich
 Claire Fisher – *Seven Rings*, Ariana Grande
 Nathaniel Hays – *Homesick*, Kane Brown
 Ashleigh Morris – *Thank U Next*, Ariana Grande
 Nathan Brown – *No Smoke*, NBA Young Boy
 Mattie Craig – *Middle Child*, J. Cole
 Dagan Lillard – *Corner of the Sky*, Matthew James Thomas
 Kate Cole – *Sometime*, Russ

Bobcat Bio: Lane Brown

By Trishton Wilson

Class – Junior
 Favorite Teacher – Mrs. Rob
 Pet Peeve – Loud chewing
 Last Binge Watch – Supernatural
 Relationship Status – Single
 Favorite Video Game – Rust
 Last Person you texted – Blake Gosha
 Last Meal – Japanese Cuisine
 Favorite Meme – You've been Gnomed
 Freshman Flop – Slipped and fell in front of a lot of people



March Horoscopes

By Mollie Blackshear

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) – Things for you may be changing quickly, but change is sometimes for the best. Stay positive!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) – You may be feeling under pressure right now. Remember to keep your head high!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) – Even when times get tough, keep it together. Things will soon get better!

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) – Try to come out of your comfort zone and adventure out. You never know what could be waiting.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) – Good things are coming for you this year, so be patient and enjoy your life.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) – Watch out for friends who may not be true friends; try to surround yourself with positive people.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) – Try out new things. You may find things you like/enjoy.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) – Try to slow down and think before you make decisions.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) – You're due for a change; it could even be as little as changing your music genre. Try it out.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) – Follow your dreams. Don't let little things get in the way.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) – Try not to worry as much. Just live your life with less worries for a better experience.

Pisces (Feb 19- Mar 20) – Stop pushing important people out of your life when things get hard. They are there to support you.

Happy

St. Patrick's Day



Peace Out

Hannah Beary is ready for this flu season to be outta here.



Mrs. Steele Puts the Special in Education

By Irene Hood

Mrs. DeAnna Steele is a teacher at WRHS. This is her 2nd year teaching at Walnut Ridge. She teaches English, transition and social Studies. She was previously employed at Kidspot and Child Health Management Services.

She earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary education, master's degree in k-12 special education and is working on a master's degree in applied behavior analysis.

This summer, Mrs. Steele read a lot of books, and went on a family trip to Branson.

Her tech addiction is "too much Facebook".



Mrs. DeAnna Steele is a wonderful teacher. "She is really funny," said many of her students.



The Cat's Dispatch editor, Kaiden Stormes works diligently to meet our deadlines.

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the offensive side of things, Cade Burris and Nash Gill will strike fear into the souls of opponents on the mound with their powerful swings.

The Bobcats will have their hands full with a tough schedule this year including the Gulf Shores tournament during Spring Break.

Elite coaching is a key part of the Bobcats, led by Coach Bramlett and his sidekick Ward Dawg (Coach Ward). The state tournament is in the minds of everyone on the team along with looking forward for a great year.

Anime

Your Name – Mitsusha and Taki are two total strangers. Mitsusha makes a wish to leave her mountain town for the bustling city of Tokyo. The two become connected in a strange way. This new connection will bring them together.

Great Teacher Onizuka – 22 – year old Onizuka has a history of leading a motorcycle gang and getting bad grades, you wouldn't think he would ever want to become a teacher. Is it to educate young minds and spread the joy of learning, or is it to look up high school girls skirts?

Bunny Drop – Daikichi's grandfather died leaving his six – year – old child named Rin all alone. Most of the family is embarrassed at the idea of a 79 – year – old having a young child and now they cannot figure out what to do with her. Daikichi decides to take care of her but with him being a bachelor he has no idea how to raise a child.

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Naragami Aragoto – Yato, a struggling god, his divine weapon, Yukine, and his devotee, Hiyori, return to the Noragami series. Bishamon's grudge history against Yato is revealed, while a plot is brewing within her cadre of Regalia also surfaces.

I Want to Eat Your Pancreas – A mystery person finds a diary in a hospital. This diary belongs to a girl in his class named Sakura Yamauchi. She is revealed to be suffering from a terminal illness in her pancreas and only has a few months to live.

Doukyuusie – During music practice before the chorus festival, Hikaru Kusakebe notices that top student, Rihito Sajou, was not singing. Later, Hikaru hears Sajou singing in a classroom after school. Hikaru calls him out and Sajou isn't too happy about that.

Manga

Kingdom – Millions of years have passed since the worlds of man and gods were the same. In this time all desires of man moved the world. Kingdom is a story about a young boy who grew into a great general.

Save Me – Seven boys, all best friends, their fates were intertwined through all the good and bad times they had together. They have all gone their separate ways and all suffered greatly as a result. Now one of them has the chance to go back and fix it all.

Innocent – In the 18th century, seeking “freedom and equality”, the French Revolution became the starting point of the modern French society. Henry Charles Sanson was the fourth generation family head of the Sanson clan and the executioner of Paris. Charles hid in the darkness, away from the acts of the Revolution. This story is about him nobly facing his harsh fate.

Abbigale Rounsavall is a 15-year-old freshman at WRHS.

She has many interests such as anime, music, books and badminton. She couldn't be who she is today without her best friend Skyla Henry.

Many others have help mold her throughout the years. Her skills include speaking fluent English and roller-skating, although not well.

Sometimes she dresses like a grandmother, but it's cool. She was once a submarine pilot; now she is just a student learning how to successfully live in Donald Trump-land.



What's Hot/What's Not

By Brighton Brand

What's Hot

Fortnite
Ball Blast
Basketball
Mullets
Cannon Baker
Snap
Instagram
Sydney Burgin
Journalism
Senior Year
Coach Peter Ryan
Sumo's

What's Not

PubG
Clash of Clans
Golf
Flows
Sam Lewis
Text
Facebook
ummm....
English
Junior Year
Coach ???
Fuji's



Poet Briana Jones

Mystery Students Answers:
Tyler Cunningham and Olivia Bickers

Briana Jones Submits Poem for Publication

Briana Jones, a WRHS freshman, recently submitted an original poem, *Breathe*, to the *American Library of Poetry*. Judy Holland is Briana's English teacher.

Here's her poem:

Breathe

By Briana Jones

Head spinning, eyes blurring,
Mouth dry, ears ringing,
I can't breathe.

Legs numb, arms sore,
Back tense, neck stiff,
I can't breathe.

Falling, slipping,
Crawling, stopping,
I can't breathe.

Eyes dark, sounds gone,
Taste nothing, feel empty,
I can't breathe.

Tears fall, sweat pours,
Blood drips, drowned by fear,
I can't breathe.

Eyes go blank, body grows cold,
Skin so pale, heart beats its last,
I'm not breathing.

March Holidays

By Victoria Swindle

1	National Pig Day	17	Saint Patrick's Day
1	Peanut Butter Lovers' Day	18	Goddess of Fertility Day
2	Old Stuff Day	19	Tea for Two Tuesday
3	I Want You to be Happy Day	20	Extraterrestrial Abductions
3	If Pets Had Thumbs Day	Day	
3	Peach Blossom Day	20	Proposal Day
4	Holy Experiment Day	21	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
5	Multiple Personality Day	21	Fragrance Day
6	National Frozen Food Day	22	National Goof Off Day
7	National Crown Roast of Pork	23	National Chip and Dip Day
Day		23	National Puppy Day
8	Be Nasty Day	24	National Chocolate Covered
9	Panic Day	Raisin Day	
10	International Find a Pay Phone	25	Pecan Day
Booth Day		25	Waffle Day
10	Middle Name Pride Day	26	Make Up Your Own Holiday
11	Johnny Appleseed Day	Day	
14	Learn about Butterflies Day	26	National Spinach Day
14	National Potato Chip Day	27	National "Joe" Day
14	National Pi Day	28	Something on a Stick Day
15	Dumbstruck Day	28	Weed Appreciation Day
15	Everything You Think is Wrong	29	National Mom and Pop
Day		Business Owners Day	
15	Ides of March	29	Smoke and Mirrors Day
16	Everything You Do is Right Day	30	Turkey Neck Soup Day



More Who's Who...

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Mollie Blackshear
and Jacob Buxton
are the. most.
random. people.
ever.