

# The-Cat's-Dispatch

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## Augustine Soars Past 1000 Points

By Olivia Ford

Bailey Augustine has made a habit of setting her personal bests on the basketball court. She leads the state in total points this season and is ranked 4th nationally in overall points.

Augustine, a junior for the Lady Bobcats, hit a special milestone by scoring her 1000th career point during a victory against Piggott on December 16.

On January 13, in a 72-68 overtime victory against the Osceola Lady Seminoles, she eclipsed her single game scoring record by pouring in 49 points.

Bailey makes every basket look easy.



Bailey takes the court before a home crowd.

According to MaxPreps, she leads the state in scoring and is ranked in the top five nationally.

Bailey's teammates, Chloe Davis and Alexis Dalton, celebrate her 1000th point scored in her high school career.



## Crowning Moments

## WB 2019 and Hoco 2020



WinterBall King and Queen, Chloe Bounds and Logan Sain



Homecoming Queen and Sweetheart King, Maddie Flippo and Nash Gill

## Winter Ball 2019 A Winter Stroll Down Main

By Grady Privett

Chloe Bounds and escort, Logan Sain were crowned King and Queen at Winter Ball 2019. where they were crowned by last year's King and Queen Nash Gill and Katie Kersey. The annual event was held at The Studio on Saturday, December 14. The theme for this year's dance was "A Winter Stroll down Main."

First runners-up were Sydney Robinson, escorted by Andrew Prestidge; second runners-up were Maddie Flippo and her escort, Isaac Biggers. Tied for third runners-up were Emma Richey,

escorted by Gavin Davis and Kennedie Weldon, and her escort, Austin Rushing.

Student Council, advised by Jerry Haynes, sponsored and decorated the winter wonderland. Dinner was provided by H & H catering company consisting of chicken strips, brisket, mac & cheese, twice baked potatoes and many other delicious items.

Entertainment was provided by Elite Entertainment, Craig and Angee Jones. The moments were captured by Capturing the Moment Photography.

More WB photos on p. 16.

## What Excites You about 2020?

By Rhoni Riggs

Hannah Russom – Turning 16	Roger King – Graduation
Ryann Douglas – Being a junior	Alissa McCandless – Summer drives
Madison Jones (10th grade) – Driving	Parker Papi – New start
Karlee Brewer – Watching my brother take the next step in his life	Alex Jones – Boys
Maggie Porter – Being on sr. high cheer team	Korwin Johnson and Noah Roark - Trump's 2nd term
Kaylan Decker – Being a senior	Andrew Prestridge - WWII
Jayden Blaylock – Football season	Dagan Lillard - “Another wonderful year of journalism”
Isaiah Mabry – Signing day	Mason Ashlock - Squeaky Clean

## Looking Back on the Decade

By Mattie Craig

January 1, 2020 started a new decade – the 2020s. Now, we say goodbye to the memories made during the past decade and focus on making new ones. But what are some legendary events that happened these past 10 years that we don't remember? Well...

- we started using the word “bae”
- memes became popular
- the selfie was born
- the world was supposed to end in 2012
- Vine arrived and became super popular, then sadly was taken from us, replaced by Tik Tok
- we were introduced to One Direction and Justin Bieber
- we made lip-sync videos using Dubsmash
- everyone took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge
- the MCU expanded, giving us 21 movies this decade with *Spiderman: Far From Home* being the most recent
- we debated whether or not a dress was black and blue or white and gold
- many beloved celebrities died, including Robin Williams, Paul Walker, Tom Petty, and Stan Lee
- everyone did the Kylie Jenner lip challenge
- we learned to dab, floss, and twerk
- Obama ended his presidential term in 2017 and Trump became the new president
- every girl fell in love with the Magcon Boys
- two royal marriages occurred
- first solar eclipse since 1918

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We welcome letters to the editor or guest writers. Contact Stacy Rice, advisor.



## Mystery Students

By Maddie Flippo

Her dad runs the school	He plays a sport; it's on the court
Everyone thinks she's pretty cool	This guy is a twin
She drives a Mustang and	He used to swim
She's a sweet little thing	White Charger for the win

## Mystery Teachers

By Kel Slusser

Don't call her misses	He used to be a coach
Or throw any LSU disses	Greet him with a great approach
She walks her dogs nightly	His name rhymes with cord
Is her class hard? Slightly!	The assignment is always on the white board

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The staff of *The Cat's Dispatch* dedicates each issue to the memory of David Brady, Editor 1991-93.

## Who is Your Valentine?

By Haley Smart

Raeney Orman – Myself	Peyton Callahan – Bo Johnson
Bryleigh Morris – Julius Jones	Bo Johnson – Peyton Callahan
Zoey Wilson – Haley Smart	Chaley Ervin – Chris Gullledge
Mollie Blackshear – Jared Padalecki	Hannah Russom – Haley Smart
Makenzee Miller – Parker Carmack	Roger King – Myself
	Trishton Wilson – My dog
	Hannah Wade – Chaley Ervin

Happy Valentine's Day  
Friday, Feb. 14

## How Many Times Did You Have to Take Your Driver's Test?

By Parker Papi

Ray Yang- 4	Haley Smart- 2
Olivia Farmer- 6	Kayleene Long- 2
Jayden Hollister- 3	Joe Clayton - 9
Hannah Hatfield- 1	Tyler Ditto- 1
Emma Gipson- 5	Halie Bounds- 4
Kel Slusser - 7	Dagan Lillard- 5

## What's Your Fave Girl Scout Cookie?

By Haley Matthews

Bailee Witt – Thin Mints	Dagan Lillard – Thin Mints
Mrs. Holland – Tag a longs	Jacob Buxton – Thin Mints
Kaden Davis- Tag a longs	Sydney Robinson – Tag a longs
Mrs. Hallman – Tag a longs	Hannah Beary – Samoas
Katie Jones – Do-Si-Dos	Bryleigh Morris – Samoas

## What's Your Best Christmas Gift?

By Isaiah Mabry

Grady Privett – “I got accepted to College of the Ozarks.”	Mel Jones – “I got a kitty cat.”
Kyle Russell – “I got a firearm.”	Hunter Colvey – “A toy car and a tissue.”
Kel Slusser – “I got my ankles took by Zay.” (Isaiah Mabry)	Walker Hibbs – WWE wrestling men and Barbie dolls
Olivia Ford- New shoes	Maddox Jean – “I got depression and tears.”
Mrs. Holland- “I got peace and quiet.”	Alex Jones- “I got a text from Zay.”
Kai Watson- “I got clothes and football lessons from Zay.”	Mollie Blackshear – “My Apple watch.”
Mrs. Rob- “I got food, but I really missed Isaiah.”	Landon Brady - AR-15

## What TV Show Did You Not Get to Watch as a Kid?

By Kaylan Decker

Alison Whitehead – <i>Veggie Tales</i>	Noel Deason – <i>Futurama</i>
Leyre Berganzos Fernandez – <i>Desencanto</i>	Madison Jones (10th grade) – <i>South Park</i>
Ty Cook – <i>13 Reasons Why</i>	Jamie Patrick – <i>The Simpson's</i>
Lily Luster – <i>King of Hill</i>	Trishton Wilson – <i>Robot Chicken</i>
Lane Brown – <i>American Dad</i>	Ryann Douglas – <i>Beavis and Butt-Head</i>
Valorie Cook – <i>Sponge Bob</i>	Ray Yang – <i>Rick and Morty</i>
Jonathan Alba – <i>Dexter's Laboratory</i>	Skyla Henry and Savannah Andrews - <i>SpongeBob</i>
Colby Miller – <i>Family Guy</i>	Korwin Johnson - <i>Family Guy</i>
Andrew Prestige - <i>Big Mouth</i>	

## Bobcat Bio: Logan Dickson

By Maggie Gibson

Class – Sophomore  
Club Involvement – FFA, football, band  
BFF's – Landon Brady, Dagan Lillard, Jacob McQuay  
Favorite Teacher – Mr. Rice  
Relationship status – Taken  
Pet Peeve – People who chew loud  
Tech Addiction – Instagram  
Worst Habit – Picking at face  
Freshman Flop – Almost failing Doc's (physical science)



## What's Hot? What's Not?

By Gavin Davis

### What's Hot:

Guinea Pigs  
Adidas  
Arkansas State  
Titans  
LSU  
Fresh air  
Clean Cuts  
*Trailer Park Boys*  
Heelys  
Texas Roadhouse  
WWIII  
Australia

### What's Not:

Hamsters  
Nike  
University of Arkansas  
Packers  
Clemson  
Nicotine  
Mullets  
*The Office*  
Crocs  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Area 51  
Anywhere else

## WR Bobcats and Lady 'Cats Win Battle of the Border in Corning

### Final Score:

Boys

WR vs. Ridgefield  
Christian  
57-56



Photos courtesy of Ashley George

CONGRATULATIONS

## 'Cats Named All-Tournament Team

Boys

Nash Gill  
Ty Flippo  
Jayden Hollister  
Kel Slusser

Girls

Bailey Augustine  
Chloe Davis  
Jacey Jones  
Shyanne Foley

## Lady Bobcat Basketball Seniors

By Olivia Ford

The Lady Bobcat basketball team, coached by Chase Halbrook, has a current record of 15-3. This team consists of three seniors: Shyanne Foley, Jacey Jones and Sydney Burgin.

Shyanne Foley, a post/guard for the Bobcats, has played basketball for 14 years (since she was in preschool). Her favorite basketball memory is when Coach Shelby got stuck in an alley, backed up in someone's yard, and then ran over a stop sign. Her favorite pre-game song is *No Hands* and her favorite postgame meal is a McDonald's Happy Meal.

Jacey Jones, a post/point guard/shooting guard for the Bobcats, has played basketball for 11 years. Her favorite basketball memory is all of her "bloody games," because she gets injured or nose bleeds way too often. After a game, she enjoys McDonald's sweet tea and chicken nuggets.

Sydney Burgin, a guard for the Bobcats, has played basketball for 11 years. Burgin's favorite basketball memory is when she got a technical against Hoxie for shoving a girl down. Her favorite pre-game song is *No Hands*, and she enjoys Polar Freeze ice cream after a game.



### Final Score:

Girls

WR vs. Gosnell  
52-33



## AJ is Bobby on the Hill

By Cameron Robertson



Aaron Blake Whitlow, also known as AJ, is the son of Aaron and Melinda Whitlow. Aaron is very protective of his little brother and sister, Will and Zoe.

AJ has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten and his friendship with Dylan Sheets, Jonathan Alba and Peyton Callahan only grows stronger. Through every tough time, Aaron can go to them for support.

AJ has been in the band since the sixth grade. He's a boss at playing the trombone. Some could say he is the best trombone

in the band because of his favorite teacher, John Long.

When he got into high school he joined the trap team with Mr. Rice. His most memorable moment in school was when Austin Rushing shot the throwing box at a trap meet.

Aaron can't live without his brain and he definitely can't give any advice without it. However, somehow he was able to share a warning with underclassmen, which is, "do not procrastinate."

If he could start high school over, he would actually do his work and not goof off. Looking back, that would have really helped.

### AJ's Favorites

App – Dragon Ball Legends

Movie – *Endgame*

T.V. Show – *Family Guy*

Ice Cream – Vanilla

Food – Nachos

Holiday – Christmas

Restaurant – La Casita

Song – *Blue on Black*

## Bobcat Bio: McKenna Moore

By Chris Gullledge

Class– Junior

BFFS – Dally, Chase, Rome, Cory

Favorite Teacher – Mrs. Rob

Relationship Status – Single

Tech Addiction (favorite video game) – Forza

Horizon 4

Last Person He Texted – Dally

Last Meal – Chicken Nuggets

Freshman Flop – Tearing my ACL in football



## A Little Bit about Helen

By Jasmine Cox



Helen Marie Brandon is currently a senior at Walnut Ridge High School. Helen was born on November 21, 2001. Helen lives with her grandmother Deborah Colley, and her siblings are Brandon; age 19 and Christy; age 24. Helen has a dog named Blue and a cat named Tiger. Her best friends are Valorie and Keith Cook, Elizabeth Hill, and Josh Porter.

Helen has attended Walnut Ridge since second grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Linda Smith, because she teaches Helen's favorite subject and she sees Mrs. Linda as an amazing person.

Her most embarrassing moment while in school was falling on ice. Helen says the accomplishment she is most proud of is making it to senior year. Her advice for underclassmen is simple, "Just do your work." Helen's best excuse for being late to class was her locker was jammed.

Helen can't live without Dr. Pepper and her biggest pet peeve is someone putting their feet on the back of her seat. She has not changed much since her freshman year at WRHS, other than her hair color and style.

Out of all things Helen will miss after high school, making new friends is what she will miss the most once she graduates. Helen is a member of FFA, and her favorite quote is by Kevin Hart, "You get one life. I'm going to embrace mine."

Helen's favorite year of high school has been senior year. If she could change anything she would re-think some of those hair color changes. Her biggest fear

going into high school was getting stepped on because she is short. The thing Helen is most scared of when leaving high school is not having any idea what to do with her life. But she says she is looking forward to going home and sleeping after graduation.

Helen has plans of going to college at Black River where she plans to study phlebotomy. Helen goes by the nicknames 'Tiny' and 'Little Bit.' Her role model is Mrs. Moore, because she, too, is tiny, but also really sweet.

### Helen's Favorites

App – Tik Tok

Pizza Topping – Pepperoni

Store – Hot Topic

Band – Sleeping With Sirens

Holiday – Thanksgiving

T.V. Show – *Grey's*

*Anatomy*

Book – *Twilight*

Food – Pizza

Drink – Dr. Pepper

Entertainer – Jeff Dunham

## The Man that Can

By Ray Yang

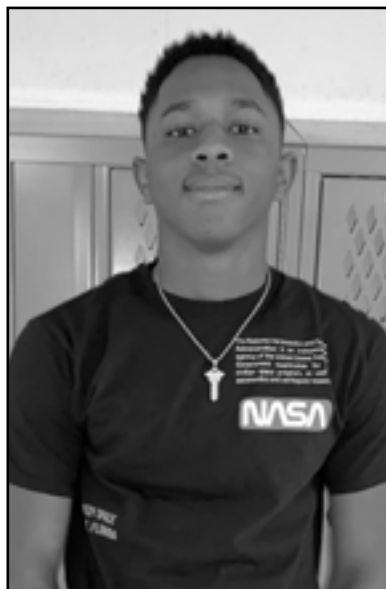
Daveon LaTreal Fisher was born on December 13, 2000 to Tamela Mabry. He has one sister Alexis Fisher, age 17. Daveon has attended WRHS for one year, but has made some great friends including Isaiah Mabry, Kyle Russell, Sam Lewis, Mike Steele, and the entire football team.

Daveon is involved in track and field and football; his biggest accomplishment is playing sports. His advice for underclassmen is don't wait until the last minute to do your work. Something he can't live without is money.

"Do everything how you would do anything," is just one piece of advice from Daveon. The best advice he has ever received was from his mom, who said, "Do your work."

People who smack while they eat are his biggest pet peeve. Since his freshman year, Daveon has gotten better at life and will miss his friends after high school.

Daveon's junior year has been his favorite year. If he could start school all over again, he would be more consistent. His biggest fear entering high school was older kids picking on him; his



biggest fear leaving high school is money management.

After high school, Daveon plans to go to a trade school for welding and is looking forward to getting a lot of money with his welding skills. Understandably, his favorite teacher is Mr. Rice.

The hardest thing he has ever had to do was guard Isaiah Mabry in football. His nicknames are D and Davo. His role model is the strong and handsome, Kyle Russell.

### Daveon's Favorites

App – Word Cookies  
and Snapchat  
Pizza Topping –  
Meat Lovers  
Class – Ag  
Store – 7/11  
Restaurant – Cheddar's  
Ice Cream –  
Cookies n Cream  
Celebrity Crush –  
Ella Mai

Grady Privett and his mom, Ms. Amy, enjoy one last Mother-Son dance.



## Logical Lane

By Chloe Brown

Lane Brown was born on the 28 of September in 2000 to Tiffany Winemiller and Robert Brown. He has an older sister and brother, Julia and Garrett, and a younger sister and brother, Chloe and Jaden. He has two dogs, Bentley and Remy. Lane has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. His best friend is Blake Gosha.

His favorite teacher is Mr. Rice, simply because, "he's Mr. Rice." Lane's most memorable moment in school was selecting the college he will attend; he's most proud of being accepted into Southern Arkansas University Tech. Lane looks forward to going to college to further his education and making a career out of what he loves.

He enjoys reading and cannot live without his books. His biggest pet peeve is unnecessary tapping. Since freshman year, Lane has become more self-aware and generally more aware of what's important. He will miss Ag class more than anything after he graduates.

Advice he leaves to underclassmen is, "do your work



and do not be lazy or unbothered with it." The best advice he has ever received was from a book, saying "You are in control of yourself and no one can control you or your image."

Lane's favorite year of high school was his freshman year. His biggest fear going into high school was failing, his biggest fear now is not going to college.

His favorite quote is, "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt," by Mark Twain.

The hardest thing he has had to do was lift over 500 pounds.

### Lane's Favorites

App – Novel Planet  
Class – Ag  
Drink – Water  
Band – Judas Priest  
Book – *Who*  
Food – Steak  
Song – Judas Priest's  
*The Ripper*  
Ice cream – Mint

## Brewer, The Bobcat

By Hannah Wade



Andrew Braden Brewer, 17, was born February 13, 2002 to Renea and Brad Brewer. He is the oldest of three kids including little sisters, Karlee Brewer, 14 and Allie Ford, 6.

Andrew has attended Walnut Ridge for seven years where Tristin Hart and Jace Turner have become his best friends. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Mary Smith

because “she teaches us about things that really matter.”

Andrew has had many accomplishments, but the one he’s most proud of is All-Conference in football.” His best excuse for being late is “I was talking to coach.” Not surprisingly, he will miss football most after high school.

The best advice Andrew has received is “Never give up,” from his dad. He tells the underclassmen, “Do not wish it away.” Fake laughs are his biggest pet peeve.

If Brewer had the chance to start high school over again, he would change his work ethic in football.

### Andrew’s Favorites

App – TikTok  
Band – Florida Georgia Line  
Pizza Topping – Peperoni  
Food – Steak  
Pet Peeve – Fake laughs  
Class – Math  
Restaurant – Ed’s Catfish  
Drink – Root Beer  
Ice Cream – Strawberry

## All About Parker

By Austin Stover

Zachary Bryan Parker has attended Walnut Ridge his whole life. He is 18-years-old and was born on May 24, 2001. Zach’s best friend is Austin Stover. His go-to excuse for being late to class is, “I was in the bathroom.”

Since freshmen year, his biggest change is he’s hardly ever sent to the office anymore. Zach’s favorite class is firefighter class. After high school, he plans to attend BRTC and major in Fire Science.

Zach’s favorite quote is, “Never give up” by Winston Churchill.



## Waiting for Williams

By Anna Saffell



She is involved in FBLA, Art Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, BADD, Spanish Club, softball, basketball and volleyball.

Going into high school, Shyanne’s biggest fear were the upperclassmen. Now that she is leaving high school, her biggest fear is being on her own and away from her mom. After graduation she is looking forward to playing softball. Shyanne’s plans for college are to major in biology

Breytyn Shyanne Reid Foley was born on December 28, 2001 to Ben and Lisa Foley. She has an older sister, Brittany, and an older brother, Ben. Her family is one thing that she cannot live without. Shyanne’s best friends are Kaylene Long, Katie Kersey and Sydney Burgin.

Shyanne has attended Walnut Ridge School for 13 years. She is most proud of getting the opportunity to play college softball at Williams Baptist University. Her advice to underclassmen is “don’t take this time in high school for granted.”

The thing that Shyanne will miss most about high school is being with her friends every day. Since freshman year, Shyanne has grown as a person and also as a Christian, and she has learned a lot about herself.

### Zach’s Favorites

App – Snapchat  
Drink – Monster  
Holiday – Christmas  
Restaurant – Taco Bell  
Song – 5 More Minutes

### Shyanne’s Faves

Pizza topping –  
Pepperoni  
Movie – *Courageous*  
Class – Art  
Drink – Sweet tea  
Store – Academy Sports  
TV Show – *Bones*  
Book – *Bible*  
Food – Chicken strips  
and ketchup  
Holiday – Christmas



Logan and Chrissy Sain

## Chloe the Clown

By Bryleigh Morris

Chloe Dawn Brown, 17, was born June 10, daughter of Tiffany and Jason Winemiller. She has three brothers: Garrett 20, Lane 19, Jaden nine and a sister Julie 24. She also has two dogs Bentley and Remy.

Her best friends are Ashlee Burgett, Danielle Denham, Realea Vampran and Bryleigh Morris. Chloe's favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because "he always has an attitude." Her most memorable high school moment will be graduation and her biggest accomplishment was passing Mrs. Rob's in 11th grade English class. Chloe's advice to underclassmen is "show up to school."

Chloe's best excuse for being late to class "I was at my locker." She can't live without her car and her biggest pet peeve is stupid people. Her biggest change since freshman year is she "has gotten smarter." The only thing she will miss about school is "having something to do." Her favorite quote is "you miss 90% of the shots you don't take."

The best advice Chloe has received is anything her mom has said. Senior year has been her favorite year of high school. Her biggest fear going into high school was not knowing where her classes were; her biggest fear leaving high school is not being



successful.

She's looking forward to more sleep after graduation. Chloe's plans for college are to move three hours away, go to college and get a degree in psychology. Her role model is her big brother, Garrett.



## Mady McGinnis Commits to Cheer at WBU



## Group Gardening with Gavin

By Cody Gray

Gavin Zane Davis, 17, was born April 10, 2002. His parents are Heath and Samantha Davis. His little sister, Chloe, is a 15-year-old sophomore. Gavin has two dogs, Cooper, a Golden Doodle and Bear, a Chihuahua mixed with a Brussels-Griffin.

Gavin has lived in and gone to Walnut Ridge his whole life. From going here, his favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because he's always condoning his shenanigans. His most memorable moment in school was when he pushed Cody McEntire.

His favorite excuse for being late is he was "helping Mr. Haynes" or he was in band. I asked him what was one thing he can't live without; he said, "Food, you idiot."



Gavin's biggest pet peeve is high-pitched voices and his friends are what he expects to miss most after high school. His favorite quote is, "before was was was, was was is," by Zachary Caspall. He is in FBLA, Key Club, Journalism II, band and baseball.

Gavin's favorite year of school was 10th grade. His biggest fear about leaving high school is what's to come. After graduation he is most looking forward to "not having to worry about Rob's class."

## Gavin's Favorites

Pizza topping – Cheese  
Movie – *Lethal Weapon*  
Class – Student Council  
Drink – Coke  
Band – Shinedown  
Food – Mac and cheese  
Holiday – Thanksgiving  
Ice Cream – Mint chocolate chip  
Nickname – G. Stone

## Chloe's Favorites

App – Snapchat  
Pizza Topping – Cheese  
Drink – Dr. Pepper  
Store – Rue 21,  
American Eagle  
Food – Mexican  
Holiday – 4th of July  
Ice cream – Chocolate

## Danielle is Living and Learning

By Chloe Brown

Danielle Nicole Denham was born to Casey Ann Denham on June 29, 2002. Her closest friends call her Dan. She has two siblings, Jonathan Davis, 22 and Makenzie Denham, who passed away at only five years old.

Danielle's best friends are Ashlee, Chloe, and Carmella. She has attended Walnut Ridge since the second semester of freshman year. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. McKenzie because, "She's always there for me. I love her."

Danielle's most embarrassing moment in school was crying over a guy. The accomplishment she is most proud of is getting her CNA license. Since freshman year, Danielle has gained more respect for herself. The advice she gives underclassmen is, "Worry about yourself first."

Her best excuse for being late is, "My locker wouldn't open." One thing she cannot live without is her car. Her biggest pet peeve is people who lie.

Danielle will miss seeing her friend, Chloe, the most after high school, "but I'll still see her." Danielle is involved in FBLA, Student Council and Key Club. Her favorite quote is by Justin Bieber, "When life knocks you down, you have to find your wings and learn to fly again."

Danielle's role model is Ericka Smith, "Because she is a really great Christian woman." The best advice she has received was learning from her mom's life. Danielle's favorite year of high school has been senior year.

If she could start high school over again she would change the people she surrounded herself with in ninth grade. Danielle's biggest fear going into high school was being left out. Her biggest fear upon leaving high school is being alone.

After graduation she looks forward to more hours at work. Her plans after school are to go into nursing and straight to LPN. The hardest thing she has had to do is be strong.



## A is for Abel

By Roger King

Abel De Jesus Araizn is 18 years old, born December 20, 2001. Abel is the son of Martin and Alex Araizn. He has four siblings, Francisco (11), Anguel (20), Kayla (23), and Maria (30).

Abel's best friends are Lazarius and Raymond. He has attended Walnut Ridge for four months.

His favorite teacher is Dr. Holloway because she is wise and teaches a lot, but makes it easy. Abel's most embarrassing moment in school was when he had to stand on stage give a speech in front of his entire school.

Abel's most proud of accomplishing his goal of making it to senior year. Abel's advice to underclassmen is, "Respect your elders." His best excuse for being late was that he ran over a porcupine and it popped his tire.

One thing he cannot live without is his family. Noisy cars are his biggest pet peeve. Abel has changed a lot since freshman year, mainly, becoming more mature and respectful. If he could start high school over again, he said he would be more social with his classmates.

Abel will miss being young and energetic in high school. The best advice Abel has received



was from his father, who told him, "If you are going to do something, give it 100 percent." His dad is his role model. His favorite year was his freshman year because he was new to high school so it was exciting.

His biggest fear going into high school was being bullied by seniors. His biggest fear leaving high school is that life will chew him up and spit him out. He is looking forward mostly to working after graduation. The hardest thing Abel has had to do was leaving his hometown where he grew up.

### Danielle's Faves

App – Snapchat  
Pizza topping – Supreme  
Store – Pink  
T.V show – *All American*  
Entertainer – Kina  
Food – Fajitas  
Song –  
*Get You the Moon*  
Ice cream – Triple  
Chocolate Fudge  
Brownie

### Save the Dates:

Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
**March 19** (3-8 p.m.)  
Spring Break  
**March 20-27**

### Abel's Favorites

Nickname – Abe  
Movie – *Fury*  
Class – Science  
Drink – Lemonade  
Book – *Flat Stanley*  
Pet Peeve – Noisy cars  
Entertainer – Adam  
Sandler  
Holiday – Christmas  
Song – *Goodbyes*  
by Post Malone  
Ice Cream – Rainbow

## Music Recommendations

By Skyla Henry

I, Skyla Jade Henry, have decided to provide some under-rated, yet high quality, musicians and bands. You can trust me because my music taste is superior.

- **FUR** – this seventies themed band is from Brighton, England. They have some groovy tunes, If You Know That I'm Lonely being one of the grooviest.

- **telepath** – This guy makes anonymous vaporwave music. He has so many tunes that you will be bopping for hours.

- **The Maccabees** – This band formed all the way back in 2004, with their debut album Colour It In. The main song I enjoy by them is an outlier in their rock genre. Toothpaste Kisses is an absolutely adorable song that will get stuck in your head.

- **Khai Dreams** – Khai is half-Vietnamese, and is 19 years old and has become increasingly popular. His most popular songs are Lost in You and Ultimately

- **Peach Pit** – An indie pop band from Canada, their music is like warm sunshine to the ears. Alrighty Aphrodite and Peach Pit are great songs.

- **Orla Gartland** – She is a strong female voice among indie pop. She's Irish, from Dublin. Her songs are folk-inspired. My personal favorites are Between My Teeth and I Go Crazy.

- **Claire** – Claire Cottrill became famous after releasing her song, Pretty Girl in 2017. Her music is something you can dance to or sing along to or anything you want. I recommend You Might Be Sleeping ft. Jakob Ogawa.

## Help is Light Years Away

By Dagan Lillard

After an immediate evacuation of their work site, the Odyssey crew has to respond to a distress signal, they set out to investigate a drilling base on Achlys, a fringe planet harboring something sinister beneath its harsh surface. This is a scene from *Contagion*, a novel.

When the crew arrives, they find an abandoned site, littered with rotten food, discarded weapons, dead bodies, new – friendly faces – and blood plastered messages on the walls. The team's search for survivors leads them to an abandoned ship full of diseased personnel. When one of their own becomes infected by an unknown contagion, the group must fend off an aggressive outbreak and fear itself.

The intern, 17-year-old Thea Sadik, discovers more about her true power. Microbiologist Lisbeth Tarlow slowly loses herself to her work. The dysfunctional pilot, Nova Singh and her headstrong and fiery cousin, Dylan Lowe, make ultimate sacrifices.

As they try to piece together who – or what – could have decimated an entire operation, they discover that some things are best left buried – and some monsters are best left undiscovered.

*Contagion* is by Erin Bowman.

## The Epstein Scandal Continues

By Abbigale Rounsavall

The Duke of York, also known as Prince Andrew, is the second son of Queen Elizabeth. The Duke was friends with the now-dead, convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and now the prince, himself, is accused of inappropriate contact with young girls.

Queen Elizabeth basically “fired” Prince Andrew from being a royal, meaning he no longer receives a salary from the queen.

Jeffrey Epstein is a man who took advantage of teenage girls and held them on his private island. He was charged with multiple felony sexual charges, yet he spent very little time in jail. He got off scot free.

The recent charges were supposed to land Epstein in prison for 45 years, if convicted. Sadly, before he could be convicted of his crimes, Epstein was found dead in his cell at the Federal Metropolitan Correction Center in New York.

The Duke continued his friendship with Epstein and even visited Epstein's private island after the banker was released from prison in December of 2010. Prince Andrew reportedly regrets that decision, but of course, that changes nothing.

Almost 2,000 pages of documents contained in a lawsuit have been released in a defamation case involving Virginia Giuffre. Giuffre, now 36, says she was trafficked as a teenager and was made to have inappropriate contact with Prince Andrew as well as other friends of the convicted pedophile.

That wasn't the only time. Giuffre claims that she and the prince had three inappropriate encounters. Andrew denies knowing Ms. Giuffre. Even if all Giuffre wanted was the money, she may not be able to get any. She might not even be able to actually “win” the lawsuit because of the statute of limitations.

## Just a Minute Ago

By Sydney Robinson

- Airpod Pros dropped
- Trump was impeached
- Bryleigh Morris finally got a car, just doesn't have her license
- Bryleigh Morris WRECKED her new car
- Bailey Augustine hit 1000 points
- Chloe Bounds and Logan Sain were crowned Winter Ball king and queen
- School started back January 6th
- Ty Flippo got a technical in basketball
- The next game, Jayden Hollister got one, too.
- Maddie Flippo got homecoming queen
- Citizens Vault shut down
- Katie Kersey and Kaci Kirksey got jobs at Main Street Pizza
- We started a new decade
- Payton Lee got five days of OSS and ISS
- Boys senior high basketball beat Trumann by 1 point

## A Different Point of View

By Leyre Berganzos Fernandez

Can you imagine your life changing radically, literally, from one day to the next? Being millions of kilometers away from your house, from your family, having to adapt to another language, another culture?

What impacts me most about living in the United States is the culture; it is completely different from what I know. It is a culture of guns which are legal here, but illegal in Spain, and also a culture where they encourage hunting.

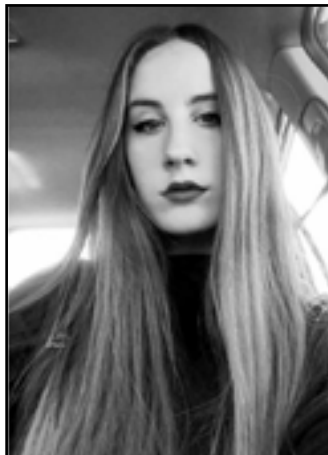
Another big difference is the food. United States has a big problem of people with obesity due to Americans eating a lot precooked food, fast food. That kind of diet for a long period can have very harmful consequences for your health.

Another difference is lifestyle. Here everything is very quiet; there are not activities you can do on the streets for entertainment like going to a cafeteria or to the cinema -- unless you go to the city. That is why Americans are used to staying home most of the time.

School. American high school is 10 times better than the Spanish one. You have much more freedom choosing what you want to study, which is more interesting. Here, teachers have a completely different perspective regarding their students; they treat you as a person and try to help in everything they can.

Transportation in America. You get to drive a car legally at 16 years old; in Spain you must be 18 years old. But the thing that really shocked me is there is not public transport, instead almost every teenager has his or her own car or truck.

They are completely different worlds, each one has its good parts and its bad parts but it is a very good experience. My American experience has made me more open-minded and given me a better understanding of who I am.



## Australian Wildfires Rage

By Bailee Witt

Australia is in need of some deep reconstruction. Wildfires and bush fires have been popping up all over the place. Thousands of people even had to evacuate to the coast because the bush fires got so frightening.

While the wildfires can occur year-round, Australia's fire season is during their warmest months. The hot dry weather and wind makes it easy for flames to spread.

One cause of the devastating fires is Australia's recent extreme drought. Australia is also unique because of their break in the atmosphere, causing the sun's rays to hit harder there, than anywhere else.

The fires are so big they caused the skies to change colors. They have changed colors from orange red, a deep orange, or just plain orange from all the smoke and flames that filled the air.

This was a big wake up call, causing people around the world to blame climate change. However, multiple people have been arrested for setting the bush fires.

The wildfires have advanced for weeks, injuring killing endangered animals including koala bears and kangaroos while also suffering the loss of their habitat. It has gotten many famous people's attention.

Because of all the damage, the Hemsworth brothers have donated \$1 million dollars; Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban donated \$500,000, and other celebrities donated millions of dollars to Australia, to help repair and rebuild damaged homes and property.

Recent rains in Australia, have helped a little, but is not expected to last.

## The Burning Ocean

By Adam Murdock

The planet's oceans are warmer than they've been in recorded history and their temperatures are increasing at an accelerated rate. In 2019, the ocean temperature was about 0.075 degrees Celsius higher than the average between 1981 and 2010, an international group of researchers reported on January 13 in the journal *Advances in Atmospheric Sciences*.

"Global warming is real, and it's getting worse," John Abraham, professor of thermal sciences at the University of St.

Thomas in Minnesota, said. "And this is just the tip of the iceberg for what is to come."

However, James Inhofe, Tom Cotton, Cory Gardner and other politicians deny that global warming is a reality. Sen. Cotton (R-AR) an attorney and military veteran, does not believe the science behind global warming.

Ninety seven percent of scientists believe that global warming is caused by humans. Global warming is real and we can do something about it.

## Bobcat Bio: Chaley Ervin

By Chris Gulledge

Class – Senior  
BFFs – Chris Gulledge and Chloe Jones  
Favorite teacher – Linda Smith  
Relationship Status – Taken  
Pet Peeve – People who stare and fake people  
Last Binge Watch – Disney Plus  
Tech Addiction – Pinterest and Snapchat  
Last Person Texted – Chris Gulledge  
Least Favorite Artist – Anything country  
Worst Habit – Giving people dirty looks  
Last Meal Choice – Mashed potatoes, Mexican food or pizza  
Freshman Flop – Some of the friends I had



## Disney + Is Here

By Livvie Howard

Disney Plus is a new app that has exclusive originals, Disney Classics, Pixar Adventures, Marvel Epics, *Star Wars* Sagas and *National Geographic* programs. The app was released on November 12 and people went bananas over it.

Disney+ is \$6.99 per month, but there's also a really good package that includes: Hulu, ESPN+, and Disney+ for \$12.99 per month. Disney+ is only offered in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and The Netherlands.

The streaming service is from Walt Disney. Since the release date, more than ten million people have subscribed. One of Disney's classics, *Pinocchio* (1940), is ranked number one for the best movie on Disney+.

## Bobcat Bio: Bailee Witt

By Maggie Gibson

Class – Freshman

Favorite teacher – John Long

Relationship status – Single

Political view – Democrat

Last binge watch – *The Walking Dead*

Guilty pleasure – *Dr. Pimple Popper*

Tech addiction – YouTube

Last person you texted – Palmy

Worst habit – Always talking



## Sakura's School

By Connie Lane

I'm a big fan of Japan and its culture. Heck, I'm even learning how to speak its language. Though when it comes to video games from Japan, I'm mainly looking for the ones that have a deep meaning to them. I wasn't disappointed.

I found a game called *Sakura No Gakkou* (translated, it means Sakura's School), and it is based around a young girl who has fallen asleep in class, and when she wakes up, the school is closed.

That's when you start to play. The controls are slightly slow at first, but when you leave the classroom, the graphics get a little better and smoother. Things get a little darker...

You'll soon find out that

you're being chased by a demon created from your abusive father, but you just have to run away.

I look around and I see such sad people. When we talk, the words I most often hear bother me greatly: "If I kill myself, everyone will be happy... won't they?"

Play this game. You'll see that even the simplest "thank you" from someone can make you rethink what you say.

There were sakura (cherry blossom) trees in the background, and with a little research, they represent kindness, and you might see what I mean when I say that this game is going to change your entire thought on the world and it being happy if you're gone.



## Favorite Disney+ Movie or Show?

By Livvie Howard

Anna Saffell – *Lemonade Mouth*

Cody Gray – *Toy Story*

Grady Privett – *Lion King*

Mollie Blackshear – *Starstruck*

Trevor Smith – *Gravity Falls*

Garrison Doyle – *Sandlot*

Savannah Andrews – *Hannah Montana*

Isaiah Mabry – *Toy Story*

Gavin Davis – *Hercules*

Holly Berry – *Gravity Falls*

Andrew Prestidge – *Cars*

Noah Roark – "What's Disney+?"

Mrs. Holland – *Anything Winnie the Pooh*

Ty Flippo – *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*

Chris Gullledge – *Let it Shine*

Korwin Johnson – *Wall-E*

Dagan Lillard and Landon Brady

– *Mandalorian*



Four of Jamie (Pattin) Farrar's art students painted one of the windows at the courthouse for the holidays. Pictured are seniors Shyanne Foley, Katie Kersey, Mady McGinnis and sophomore, Kayleene Long.

## So Much More than a Secretary

By Jamie Patrick

Mrs. Shelia Britton has worked at WRHS for two years. Her previous employment was at 1st Choice Health Care in WR.

She has to do a lot as high school secretary such as answering phones, announcements, keeping Mr. Kersey and the teachers in line. Even so, she loves working at Walnut Ridge.

A graduate of Black Rock High School, family is the most important thing in her life.

Working at school enables her to spend more time with her grandkids. Over the summer, Mrs. Shelia went to the beach with her family.

She is always looking forward to spending time with her family. Her words of advice to people is "Always treat others the way you want to be treated."

She has been married to Blake for 34 years. She has two daughters, Brandy (and Brian) Summers, and Amber (and Chad) Broadway. She has five



grandchildren Karlee 13, Jayden 11, Macy Rose five, Beckett two, and Katie Blake, one.

### Mrs. Shelia's Faves

Food – Steak

App – Facebook

Restaurant – Olive Garden

T.V – Reality shows

BFFs – Pashia Ridge,  
Kim Slusser and Tammy  
Burnside

## He Said – She Said

By Skyla Henry

Chris Gullledge – "I'm from the hood – And now I'm in 'Yee-Haw Town'."

Raelea Vampran – "Harriet Tubman? Wasn't she the one who drove the plane?"

Anonymous – "I dropped that class for a very legitimate reason – that lady's crazy!"

Isaiah Mabry – "I thank God for CashApp!"

Kaylan Decker – Talking about a 1909 *Webster's Dictionary*, "Have y'all tried texting this Webster dude?"

Abbigale Rounsavall – "Mormons. Am I right or am I right?"

Skyla Henry – "The name's chemical. Chemical Bond."

Stacy Rice – "Don't touch other people's mice."

Korwin Johnson – "Suicide by butter."

## Who's Your Celebrity Crush?

By Eli Biggers

Kyle Russell – PrimeTime

Megan Fox

Sydney Burgin – Peter Weber

Nathaniel Hays – Amber

Marshall

James Belew – Kylie Jenner

Blane Wade – Margot Robbie

Cole Manning – Zendaya

Trevor Smith – Peyton List

Tristin Hart – Addison Rae

Mrs. Mary – Sam Elliot

Kim Willis – Theo James

Savannah Nelson – Owen Wilson

Ryann Douglas – Candice Patton

James Allred – Ryan Reynolds

Mia Roberson – John

Krasinski

Hannah Russum – Ian

Somerholder

Kayleene Long – Shawn Mendez

Mollie Blackshear - Jared

Padalecki

Korwin Johnson - Christian Bale

Abby Rounsavall - Adam Scott

## The Best Game in History

By Connie Lane

Horror is my favorite type of genre. Horror movies, horror games, horror stories, anything to do with horror to sum it all up.

I guess just the feeling of knowing something's about to happen and I STILL get scared.

However, there's one game series that tends to make me smile or become freaked out (or possibly both at the same time.)

*Fatal Frame* is a Japanese horror game series that's been ranked the best Japanese horror game to ever be created, thanks to the company Tecmo.

The rarest game that I somehow got my hands on is called *Spirit Camera*, a *Fatal Frame* spin-off for the Nintendo

3DS (a Nintendo handheld system that can make games 3D) where your 3DS is the Camera Obscura.

I first gained interest of the game when I saw the trailer. The woman in black still scares me.

The game tends to have some glitches if you move around too quickly. The most interesting thing to do with *Spirit Camera* is the *Cursed Pages*, a series of mini games that you get every time you beat the game.

I think Wal-Mart has the game online, so if you still have a 3DS and you want some spooks in your life, go for the game. You won't regret it.

Spoiler alert: the ending will make you cry.

Abbigale Rounsavall – Winter Ball week, "Let the spray tan games begin."

Braden Deese – "Coach Ward was listening to *Pumped up Kicks* yesterday."

Hunter Henry – "I know for a fact you got a haircut."

## Seniors Hold Medieval Feast

By Austin Stover and Hannah Wade

The WRHS seniors from Ms. Hallman and Mrs. Rob's English classes participated at the annual Medieval Feast in the library on Friday, November 22. Seniors recently studied Beowulf and learned about the medieval time period.

For the feast, each student was required to dress in a costume from the time period. Each student wrote a boast, with specific literary requirements and presented them in front of the other students and visiting parents. Boasts were common back in the day.

Chip Carroll from the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) and his wife told students more details about the medieval time period. They were dressed in period costumes and had various types of body armor both worn or on display for the students to examine.

Mrs. Hallman and Mrs. Rob, along with WRHS seniors, offered a big thank you to Mrs. Findley, Mrs. Ross and Mr. Kersey and many other teachers and staff for making this event possible.



# Medieval Feast

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# Winter Ball 2019



Katie Kersey and Nash Gill



Andrew Prestidge and Sydney Robinson



Jacey Jones and Blane Wade



Cody McEntire and Savannah Andrews



Winter Ball Royalty



Cannon and Mrs. Lindy Baker



Bailey and Ethan Augustine



Lindsay Bateman and Grady Privett



Holly Berry and Mason Andrews

Mystery Students  
Mystery Teachers  
Katie Kersey and Isaac Biggers  
Doe Holloway and Mr. Ford