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The Boys of Fall

By Ty Flippo

Sheridan Smith was crowned Homecoming Queen before the game on October 5. Maid of Honor was Claire Fisher and Senior Maid was Hailie Standridge. The rest of the royalty included Junior Maid, Jenny Davis; Sophomore Maid, Anna Claire Maple and Freshman Maid, Olivia Farmer.

The theme for the WRHS Homecoming was Boys of Fall. The homecoming days were Monday: Favorite Holiday, Tuesday: Meme/Favorite Vine

Day, Wednesday: Favorite Artist/Celebrity, Thursday: Favorite Disney Character, and Friday: Orange and White Day.

The Walnut Ridge Bobcats faced the Piggott Mohawks, bringing home a clutch victory to the roar of the crowd with a final score of 35-34.

The Key Club sponsored the Homecoming parade prior to the pep rally. Mr. Haynes is the advisor for both Student Council and Key Club.



The Royalty: Our Queen and her beautiful maids representing WRHS in the most regal way possible! From left to right: Jenny Davis, Hailie Standridge, Sheridan Smith, queen, Claire Fisher, Anna Claire Maple and Olivia Farmer. Sheridan's pages are MariMichael Wallin and Bentley Bullard.

The Kru is Changing Everything

By Slade Dalton

The student section for WRHS sporting events is widely known as "The Kru". Opposing teams hate seeing the crowd of students show up to every gym within reasonable range. The Kru shows support for all the sports played inside a gym.

Last year everyone suddenly became interested and even excited about Lady Cats' volleyball. What changed? The Kru show up... and it's never been the same.

The volleyball Kru has recently become dominant over

the basketball Kru, primarily because most of the guys in the Kru play sports themselves, so they cannot participate during their own games.

Coach Berry is greatly appreciative of the student section for giving her team the upper hand in most games. Players on opposing teams along with their parents, tend to get upset and often become frustrated with the continuous chants and screams. Some of their favorite chants include, "Bullshark" and "Get your keys".

See **The KRU...** page 6

Spooky Central, an EAST Project

By Kayla Curtis

Fifth grade is an age when kids are granted more freedoms, especially on nights like Halloween. Some will be allowed to go out roaming with friends or big groups of kids -- that can get pretty dangerous.

Two freshmen and one junior have put together a project called "Spooky Central" that allows upperclassmen to prepare the fifth graders for this spooky night by teaching them the rules of the road and where and where not to Trick-or-Treat.

The usual dos and don'ts include: don't Trick or Treat at a home without a porch light on,

don't walk alone, make sure your vision isn't impaired, don't wear costumes that drag because it could cause you to trip, etc.

Spooky Central will take place on Halloween morning with a few Key Club members' help. They will have multiple activities like coloring, Monster Freeze Dance, and ghost bowling set up as they quiz them about the rules they will learn.

This project will help parents breathe easier knowing their kids have been informed of all of the dangers out on the streets and will be more aware of their surroundings that night.

Kylie Jenner's 2018 Halloween Collection

By Kate Cole

Kylie Jenner doesn't strike most people as the Halloween-type, but she does have some fans who are, so she wanted to give them a little something to celebrate the holiday. This year is the first year ever that Kylie has created a Halloween collection and it has people going crazy!

In her collection she has included one eyeshadow palette

with nine shades, one lip kit of the shade "Bite Me", one lip gloss called "Spooky", one Kylighter, two liquid eyeshadows, and four 3D bullet lipsticks.

The Halloween '18 Collection launched to the Kylie Cosmetics website on October 12 and fans are pumped! This collection is going to be a sell out!

What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?

By Hannah Beary

Liv Bickers – Skittles
Tara Wells – Whoppers
Bryleigh Morris – Cherry Sours
Ashleigh Morris – Candy Corn
Holly Berry – Candy Pumpkins & Candy Corn
Tate Anderson – Nerds
Livvie Howard – Candy Corn
Ty Flippo – Reese's
Allie Sherman – Reese's
Madison Jones – Sour Straws
Raelea Vampran – Cherry Sours
Hannah Ponder – Twix

What's Your Favorite Scary Movie?

By Haley Smart

Danielle Denham – Insidious
Zach Stanfill – Nightmare on Elm Street
Zoey Wilson – Oculus
Alissa McCandless – The Nun
Ashleigh Morris – Children of the Corn
Bryleigh Morris – The Conjuring
Makenzee Miller – A Quiet Place
Nathan Brown – Halloween II
Christian Woodard – Mirror
Chloe Brown – Slenderman
Kristina Thomas – The Exorcism of Emily Rose
Tristin Hart – Mama
Jada Turner – Insidious: The Last Key
Logan Blackwood – Ouija
Peyton Callahan – Friday the 13th



Mystery Students

By Kai Cunningham

He drives a Ford
With him, you'll never be bored
He's never drowned in a pool,
And he's never not acting cool

She was crowned Queen,
And she just turned 18
She loves to karaoke
But she hates going to Pokey

The Cat's Dispatch is going under several changes this year, so please give the journalism class your feedback and tell us what we can improve or change to make the paper more enjoyable. After all, it is written for everyone at WRHS!

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Haynes Goes to State in Golf



Congratulations: Senior Jordan Haynes represented WRHS at the State Golf Tournament. He shot a 96.

What's the Weirdest Thing You've Ever Witnessed?

By Chase Moseley

Victoria Swindle – “I saw Kaiden Stormes with straightened hair.”

Tate Anderson – “I was walking through the mall once and saw a man and his wife in very gaudy attire, they looked like gypsies.”

Skylar Louthan – “A mirror.”

Malachi Tinker – “A bird riding a horse.”

Madison Scott – “Kids at Westside wore shorts, boots, and tank tops to practice.”

Dakota Girard – “Joseph Rogers licking the tire of a bus.”

Kyle Walters – “A snake eating its own tail.”

The Salem Witch Trials

By Jacob Buxton

Ah, Halloween. A time for spooky things like goblins and witches! However, in 1692 during the witch trials held in Salem, Massachusetts, witches were not so well-loved.

It started in February of 1692 when Betty Paris and her cousin, Abigail Williams, started having “fits”, which were probably epileptic seizures. The girls initially complained of pinching and prickling sensations. A doctor, however, could not find any evidence of sickness or disease.

Many other young women began to experience similar fits.

The first women arrested for causing the ailments were Sarah Goode, Sarah Osborne and Tituba. With the same traits as other “witches” they were questioned for several days and on March 1, 1692, they were sent to jail to do penitence.

Later that month even more people were accused of witchcraft. Martha Corey, Rebecca Nurse, a child named Dorothy Good and Rachel Clinton,

who lived in a nearby village.

Many of these “witches” were not burned, but were hanged at the gallows. Many others were tied to chairs and thrown into rivers. If they lived they were witches; if they sank, they were innocent. And dead.

Hundreds of years later, scientists now theorize the seizures were caused by a fungus which grew on the crops and was eaten by the accused. But, there is no way to test this claim, so we will never know the truth.

Thanksgiving Break
(No School)
Nov. 19-23, 2018



Baby Coffman!

By Hannah Wade

Colt Weathers Coffman was born August 9, 2018 to Coaches Blake and Courtney Coffman of Walnut Ridge. Coach Blake is the coach for boys' basketball and the girls' softball team. Courtney is the senior high cheer coach and teaches 8th grade literacy.

Mrs. Courtney returned to school on September 24 after her "pumpkin" was born. Mrs. Courtney's advice to her students is, "Don't make your expectations so high that you feel like you have failed."

In the past two months she has learned, "enjoy sleep while you can because it is hard to come by when the baby arrives." Colt's favorite thing to do is eat and "talk" to mom from time to time.

Welcome to the world, Colt. You're officially a baby Bobcat now.



Coffman, Family of Three:
Blake and Courtney Coffman welcome Colt.

Bobcat Volleyball

By Olivia Ford

Coach Janna Berry's Lady Cats ran through the week of September 24 - 28 defeating three conference foes handily. The victims were the Cave City Cavewomen, the Harrisburg Hornets and the Palestine-Wheatley Patriots. Each of the contests were swept by the team 3-0.

The following week, the Bobcat Volleyball team defeated the Newport Greyhounds and the Trumann Wildcats. Newport and Walnut Ridge had a tight match, but Walnut Ridge finished strong with the win, defeating Newport 3-2. The Bobcats defeated the Trumann Wildcats 3-1.

The team's success has led to individual honors with middle blocker Chariah Mabry being named *Glen Sain Player of the Week* for the week of September 17.

All members of the community are invited to come watch the Bobcat Volleyball team play as they begin winding down their successful season.



Future Farmers of America

By Tate Anderson

The Future Farmers of America -- FFA for short -- is an organization that has been, and continues to be, supported by this school given Walnut Ridge's huge agriculture presence. FFA finds ways to support the community and the "agriculture-life" every year and this year is no exception.

Our FFA chapter will be taking a field trip to watch *Venom* at the Malco Hollywood Cinema and play laser tag at Hijinx later this year, as well as attending Ag Day in Memphis. Currently, they are selling planted mums grown in the school greenhouses for \$7.

Help out the farmers and support your local FFA chapter today.

He Said / She Said

By Lilly Maple

Jacob Buxton -- "Mrs. Holland is a national treasure!"

Kate Cole -- "I'm gonna get anticipated!" (She meant emancipated.)

Mady McGinnis -- "Relative pronouns are like where, womb, and whatever."

Grady Privett -- "Aretha? Was she a Golden Girl?"

Kaiden Stormes -- "X is Spanish for 10."

Tate Anderson -- "If I said I was liberal at this school, I'd get pounded."

Abby Rounsavall, (referring to country music) -- "I don't want to hear about your long-legged, blonde women and your dirt roads."

Kate Cole -- "You know what Mrs. Brady? You don't even go here."

Hannah Harper, to Chase Erwin -- "We have the same brain."

Brighton Brand, when talking about Creationism vs. Evolution, "Did Adam and Eve have a belly-button?"

Bryson Farmer -- "I got better things to do with my life than drugs."

Hailey Jensen, crying -- "I was blacking out after I blacked out and nobody noticed."

Kai Cunningham -- "Give me a girl!"

Xander Layton -- "I still watch *SpongeBob*, to this day." Jacob Slankard, "I do, too. It's the best show ever!"

Kate Cole, discussing the Kavanaugh confirmation craziness -- "If I want to be a Republican president by the time I'm 62, I could, because it would all be out of my system."

Hannah Wade -- "I'm about as dumb as a football bat."

Operation: Finale

By Kayla Curtis

Mrs. Rob's AP English 12 and Mrs. Rice's advanced Journalism and Pre-AP English 10 classes went to the Malco Hollywood Movie Theatre on Thursday, September 27 to watch *Operation: Finale*.

The movie was based on one of Hitler's top lieutenants who first conceived the idea of removing the Jews from Europe, Adolf Eichmann. It is based on the true story of Eichmann's escape from Germany to Argentina and the Israeli intelligence operation to capture and return him to Jerusalem to stand trial.

Mrs. Rob's classes will incorporate information they learned from the movie when they write their upcoming term papers.

What Compliment Do You Get the Most?

By Hannah Wade

Bryson Farmer – “I’m annoying.”
Mrs. Rob – “Ask Isaiah.”
Isaiah – “She funny!”
Andrew Brewer – “My skin complexion.”
Isaiah Mabry – “I’m cute and funny”
Blane Wade – “My hair. Seriously!”
Alexis Dalton – “My butt chin.”
Jacob Buxton – “I have nice eyes.”
Cole Manning – “I’m athletic.”
Maci Smelser – “My hair and eyes.”
Jenny Davis – “You’re pretty.”
Bailey Augustine – “My eyes.”

StuCo is Busy

By Parker Brand

Student Council is one of the most active clubs in WRHS. Students can join Student Council by running for an elected position. On Executive Board these include President, Vice President, Reporter, and Treasurer. The same positions are held for each class in addition to four Class Representatives.

So what does Student Council do? Student Council helps put together and assists with activities and events at school. Lately, Student Council has been helping out with football homecoming and then it’s time for Winter Ball.

If you are interested in helping out, speak with Mr. Haynes in EAST.

Zach Doane is Stylin’

By Irene Lynette

Of all the guys at Walnut Ridge High School, Zach Doane is one of the most stylish*. From his 22 pairs of sneakers, to his white washed jeans, his style stays unique.

The average teenage girl has 11 pairs of shoes. Zach doubles that with just sneakers. Now, I’m not saying he is anything compared to a teenage girl. He just cares about his appearance looking fresh to have that many pairs of shoes.

If any company were to sponsor him, Gucci should!

Guys, if you need any advice of looking fresh or Gucci, just talk to Zach Doane. He will point you in the right direction.

*Don’t tell that to Garrett Gunn.



He’s Got the Look: Senior Zach Doane chills in his Chicago Bulls jersey, gold chains and white washed jeans.

K-Pop? More like K-Bop

By Abby Rounsavall

K-Pop. Ever heard of it? In the past few years the genre K-Pop, also known as Korean Pop, has been growing in popularity. I am sure you all have listened to the 2012 hit *Gangnam Style*. Well, surprise, that is indeed K-Pop.

K-Pop groups are formed differently from the way it is done in America. They are created by companies and agencies.

Many K-Pop artists start training to be part of groups when they are very young. They train to learn how to dance and sing properly. Some even must learn the Korean language because they may be from other countries. After training for many years the groups are finally ready to debut. Usually that means they will release their first music video.

Every member of a K-Pop group has one or more role, there are the dancers, singers, rappers, and visuals (a visuals main goal is to look pretty/handsome). Korean Pop groups can have many members, some groups having four to 18.

Some of the most popular groups at the moment are BTS, EXO, NCT and Got7. There are also the classics like Shinee, Girls Generation, and Big Bang which are all quality squads.

This is only scraping the surface of K-Pop; there is much more to know but I guess for now all you need to know is that it is a real nice bop.

Living with Epilepsy

By Hunter West

I live with epilepsy, a disorder of the brain, which tends to cause my brain to misfire and trigger a seizure under certain circumstances. It’s more common than you think.

For me, it would be lack of sleep or dehydration, as well as stress if there is too much of it. My seizures are short and tend to leave me a bit tired but I can get back up after one and get back to what I was doing.

Well, one day let’s say you have to deal with someone having a seizure. You should restrain them however possible, and that’s about all you can do. Try to keep them from hurting themselves and others and make sure they don’t break anything. Try to keep the person from biting his or her tongue as well.

After this, let them rest

and take them to the hospital or call 911. The person who had the seizure can rest properly under the right circumstances. If it is a friend, go visit them as soon as you can or try to inform their family.

When the person awakens, he or she will most likely ask what happened. Tell them and inform them that they need to rest. They can do the stuff they usually do like watch something or play a game, just don’t let them do anything to strenuous.

That sums up what I know about the subject at this time and what to do if you see a person having a seizure. Stay calm and everything will be ok in these situations. It is not likely a seizure will be lethal. Feel free to ask me about seizures or epilepsy in more depth if you want.

Meet the Mabrys

By Bryson Farmer

Walnut Ridge was fortunate to pick up three incoming transfer students from Jonesboro High School this year. Charles Mabry II and Isaiah Mabry, both 17, and Chariah Mabry, 16, are three of the new faces on campus.

Although the entire family is athletically gifted, each one has his or her best sport. Charles excels at football, Isaiah dominates on the basketball court and Chariah's favorite sport is volleyball. They are the children of Charles Mabry, Sr., former Arkansas State linebacker.

Charles has played football and basketball forever and says simply, he has "always liked it." He credits the "people that have pushed (him) to be better" with his success, in addition to his hard work and determination.

The best advice he has ever received is "prove the people that believe in you right." The advice he gives to young athletes is "never give up and work hard." He refers to the "family feeling" of WRHS as something he will always remember.

He plans to play football



Chariah

at the next level at either Arkansas State or Texas State, and major in Engineering. He most admires his dad and draws inspiration from San Francisco 49'ers linebacker, Reuben Foster.

His biggest accomplishment was winning a state championship in basketball at JHS.

Isaiah plays football, basketball and runs track, but football is his favorite. He credits his dad as his inspiration, and the hours spent working out for his preparation and his success. Isaiah hopes to play football at the University of Arkansas and plans to major in architecture.

His advice to young athletes is "work hard and dreams come true." The best advice that he has ever been given is "give 110%." His motto is "catch everything," and his biggest accomplishment was getting All-Conference in track.

Hard work and prayer are what prepares Chariah to succeed. She is going to need lots of both because her future plans include playing Division 1 volleyball and majoring in Pre-Law.

She draws inspiration from being with this volleyball team, people who generally love her and the game, and her parents.



The best advice she has ever been given is "never give up" and the motto that she lives by is "your comeback is always greater than your setback."

Her biggest accomplishments in sports are going to the High Performance Camp and going to Nationals for volleyball. She credits her mother for getting her "into the game" and her advice for young athletes is "reach for your dreams no matter the struggles and obstacles."

Bobcat Nation is glad to have the Mabry's in our family. They have contributed a lot to our success already this year.

Charles' Favorites:

Sport – Football
College Athlete – Mack Wilson
Pro Athlete – Bobby Wagner
College Team – Auburn
Pro Team – Houston Texans

Chariah's Favorites:

Sport – Volleyball
Pro Athlete – LeBron James

Isaiah's Favorites:

Sport – Football
College Athlete – Zion Williamson
College Teams – Kansas basketball and Alabama football

The Kru...

Themes are a very noticeable aspect of every game. Some of the notable ones so far include Gender Flop, ½ business attire, Western, Tropical and America night.

Students go all out to show their support, often wearing

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extremely embarrassing attire to fit every theme. To go along with each theme, they play music through a speaker that they bring to every home game. Country Roads is always played to bring the spirits up of everyone in the gym.



We Are Family: Charles & Isaiah hug Chariah following a Bobcat victory.



The Kru's Creed: BullshARK.

WRHS's New Drama Club

By Skyla Henry

Recently, a number of students have shown interest in starting a drama club. Students have received permission from Mr. Kersey and have found a sponsor.

The club will put on plays and act out skits. The members of the club itself will decide how much or how little to do. Having a drama club could inspire traits such as confidence and teamwork. Other benefits include public speaking experience and improved friendships.

At this time, Drama Club plans to put on the play *The Wizard of Oz*. They will use the community center to practice and perform. Drama Club will need members who will act in the play, but also people to help out backstage.

The club could potentially raise money by holding "movie nights," where children and adults alike could watch a movie in the auditorium for \$1-\$2. Funds raised could ensure the club's ability to stay active and provide opportunities for students with an interest in drama and the arts. Drama Club encourages anyone interested to join! Contact Irene Hood for more information. "We gonna put on some sick plays!" – Abbigale Rounsavall.

Drama Club is sponsored by Amanda Henry.

October Birthdays!

By Hailey Jensen

2nd: Brandon Bethany
3rd: Logan Blackwood
6th: Garrett Brown
8th: Catherine Finney
Seith Finney

What's Hot What's Not?

By Nash Gill

What's Hot:

Sun
The Kru
IPhone
Journalism
Bobcat Football
Olivia Farmer
Hot Dog
Fire
Beards
Seniors
Deadlift
Honest People

What's Not:

Moon
The Jungle
Android
Math
Razorback Football
Bryson Farmer
Cold Dog
Ice
Baby Face
Freshmen
Squats
Liars

Tristin's Heartbreaking Injury

By Tristin Hart

It all started with a lovely day in Destin, Florida. I was so happy to be there. It was so pretty and I was ready to go out for a swim, so we headed out to the beach.

I was like, "Why not dive into shallow water?" So I dove and when I hit the ground my arm went numb. I couldn't move it at all. I thought it was broken, for sure. I got out and my arm was dangling from my body.

I was telling myself, "Stay calm. Everything's going to be alright." At the emergency room the doctor comes in and he calls himself "Gentle Jerry". The nurse was saying, "Deep breaths, Honey." I was saying, "It hurts, Honey." Then "POP!" It went in and my arm was fine.

It happened again during football practice. My shoulder

popped out of socket, but I popped it back in and didn't think much about it.

The final time, we were playing at EPC. It was the beginning of the game and I already had one tackle and was trying to get more. The running back came my way and I was like, "Here goes nothing." and BAM! I hit him and got the tackle. Then my arm went numb and I knew my shoulder was out.

They were trying to get it back in place, but it wasn't going back in. I was in so much pain! Mom took me to the E.R. Eventually it went back in – gravity is the key to life.)

The surgeon said I tore my labrum and I needed immediate surgery or this was going to keep on happening. I had surgery on September 20.

8th: Landon Sain
10th: Matthew Foster
11th: Anna Claire Maple
13th: Connie Lane
16th: Sydney Burgin

16th: Chariah Mabry
18: Bryleigh Morris
Jacob Slankard
22nd: Abby Beaty
Jaqueline Kingcade

October Horoscopes

By Hailey Jensen

Aries (21 of March – 20 of April): This month will be an exciting month for you, start preparing now!

Taurus (21 of April – 21 of May): Beautiful things are approaching, remain positive.

Gemini (22 of May – 21 of June): Your favorite Netflix show is getting cancelled soon, better find something new to binge.

Cancer (22 of June – 22 of July): Helping people will bring a smile to your face and joy to their lives.

Leo (23 of July – 22 of August): Things are changing quickly, but remember change is good.

Virgo (23 of August – 23 of September): You're on the pursuit of happiness this month!

Libra (24 of September – 23 of October): Good luck will fall before you this month, so embrace yourself.

Scorpio (24 of October – 22 of November): You may receive a spiritual encounter this Halloween, Scorpio, so be cautious.

Sagittarius (23 of November – 21 of December): Your curiosity will help you discover something new.

Capricorn (22 of December – 20 of January): Keep your eye out for not-so-friendly friends this month. Aquarius (21 of January – 19 of February): You will encounter some incredible miracles this month.

Pisces (20 of February – 20 of March): You may have to step out of your comfort zone this month. But don't worry, some lines are meant to be crossed.

23rd: Jayden Hollister
Macy Smelser
25th: Michael Steele
Kaiden Stormes
27th: Skyler Weaver

The Man, The Myth, The Brewer

By Grady Privett



Senior, Drew Brewer (age 17) was born on April 10, 2001. His parents are Vicki George and Matt Brewer. He has one brother, Ryan, and a sister, Paige. Drew also has a dog, Chloe.

Drew's best friends are Kailey Blazer, Dalton Nelson, Grady Privett, Savannah Nelson and Jaden Darris. He has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten.

His favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because of his facial hair, and his most embarrassing moment was trying to kick a ball out of a ditch and falling down in the water. The accomplishment that he is most proud of is ranking

11th (highest GPA) in his class.

Drew can't live without his friends. They are what he will miss most about high school. His biggest pet peeve is any underclassman. He is involved in FBLA, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Science Club. His favorite quote is "Butter my backside and call me biscuit."

The best advice he has ever gotten is, "Try in school." His sophomore year was his favorite year of high school. After graduation, Drew plans to attend A-State and major in Biology. The hardest thing he has ever had to do is "show up to school." His role model is his grandpa because he has had a successful life.

Drew's Favorites:

App – Instagram

Class – APUSH

Drink – Water

Store – Walmart

Song – *Country Roads*

Food: Fried – Chicken

Holiday – Christmas

Ice Cream – Vanilla

Bobcat Bio: Garrett Brown

By Chloe Brown



Class – Senior
Clubs – FFA, Football
BFFs – Landon Hamilton "Ham", Nathan Brown, Journey Moore and Ezra Villarreal
Favorite teacher/Class – Mr. Rice, Agri.

Political view – "YOLO"

Pet peeve – Stupid people

Last binge watch – Supernatural

Guilty pleasure – PUBG (video game)

Tech addiction – Snapchat

Most awkward moment –

Forgetting a play in football

Last person you texted – Liv

Least favorite artist – Anything country

Worst habit – Waking up late

What would you choose as your last meal? – T-bone steak

Freshman flop – I quit football

Senior Financial Aid Night
October 30

Introducing: Tamera Trinidad

By Dakota Girard

Tamera Saige Trinidad, 18, was born on September 22, 2000 to Angie and Terry Trinidad. She has three siblings: Kayla, 23; Jacob, 21; and Trenton, 15. She also has two dogs, Willow and Tia. Her best friends are Dakota Girard and Lillian Maple; she has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten.

Tamera's biggest fear going into high school was that she would get lost and not be able to find her way around. Her advice for underclassmen would be, "Mrs. Rob is NOT playing around

so you should not be either," and her best excuse for being late to class was, "I had to go to the bathroom." The one thing that she cannot live without is her family.

She will miss basketball the most when she graduates and throughout high school she has participated in both Key Club and FCCLA. Freshman year was by far her favorite year in high school. If she had the chance to start her high school experience all over again and change only one thing,

Bobcat Bio: Jonathan Alba

By Chloe Brown



Class – Junior

Clubs – Book Club

BFFs – Dylan Sheets, Blane Wade, Christian Woodard, Isaiah Mabry and Zach Stanfill

Favorite Class – Mrs. Rob's

Relationship status – Happily taken

Political view – "I should be president."

Pet peeve – Smacking

Last binge watch – Criminal Minds

Favorite memes – All dark memes

Guilty pleasure – Eating more than three times a day

Most awkward moment – Sitting in front of someone short

Last person you texted – Alison

Least favorite artist – Lil Pump

Worst habit – Making jokes at the worst times

What would you choose as your last meal? – Surf and Turf

Freshman flop – "Everything I did in 9th grade was stupid."

Tamera's Favorites:

App – Netflix

Pizza Topping – Cheese

Drink – Sweet tea & Gatorade

Store – Academy Sports

T.V. Show – *Pretty Little Liars*

Food – Spaghetti

Holiday – Christmas

Ice Cream – Strawberry

she would worry a lot less.

She looks forward to graduating so that she can begin her work at a pre-school. Her nicknames include 'T' or 'Tam' and her role models are her grandma and grandpa because everybody loves them and they are extremely sweet people.



The One Man Band

By Graham West

Tate Aaron Anderson was born on November 30, 2000. He is 17-years old and is the son of Rob and Stephanie Anderson. He has a 12 year-old sister named Avery and two pets: a cat, Ebony and a dog, Sassy.

His best friends are Graham West, CJ Couch, Kaiden Stormes and Grady Privett. He is an active member of the WRHS Pride Band, Choir, The Cat's Dispatch, FBLA, Key Club, Quiz Bowl and Science Club. He has attended Walnut Ridge his entire life.

Tate can't live without music—he leads worship at his church where he sings and plays a plethora of instruments. He lives by Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

His biggest pet peeve is when people sing off-key or out of time, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Long because of his devotion to his kids and the arts. Tate's role model is his grandpa because they are a lot alike and he has supported Tate's musical career from the very beginning.

Tate's biggest fear coming into high school was that he wouldn't have any friends, but his biggest fear about leaving high school is leaving his life behind. His most memorable moment in school was when Kaiden Stormes threw him across the middle school hallway.

When asked what he would change if he could start high school again, he said, "I would actually DO my homework." His best advice to underclassmen is, "enjoy school as much as you can."



Tate's Favorites:

App – Apple Music
 Pizza topping – Pepperoni
 Movie – *Avengers: Infinity War*
 Class – Journalism
 Drink – Coca Cola
 Band – for KING & COUNTRY
 Store – iTunes Store
 T.V. Show – *Jeopardy*
 Book – *The Kite Runner*
 Entertainer – Tim Hawkins
 Food – Sushi
 Holiday – Christmas
 Song – *Finally Home* by MercyMe
 Restaurant – Boshamp's in Destin, FL
 Ice Cream – Dulce de Leche
 Celebrity Crush – Hollyn

As I begin My Journey toward Graduation, I...

By Lilly Maple

Huncho Zack

By Olivia Bickers

Zachary Alan Osborn, also known as "ZackO" or "Zackie" by his close friends, recently turned 18 on September 17. His sister, Haley, also attended WRHS. His parents are Penny Sloan and Jason Osburn.

A naked mole rat named Suzie is Zack's pet and best friend. Everyday after school, you can find him playing with her.

As an involved student, he participates in Key Club, FBLA, The Cat's Dispatch, and FFA. Looking forward to the "college life", Zack plans on going to Arkansas State and into the agriculture business, which will allow him to continue eating at his favorite local restaurant, Kum & Go.

He's a hard worker, but the most difficult thing he's had to do is pass Mrs. Rob's semester test. Although her class wasn't a breeze for him, he received the best advice from her, which was "Make sure you do your homework."

As an upperclassman, he has great advice for upcoming freshmen: "SAFTB" (Saturdays are for the boys).

Most teachers know Zack as a goofy student, but if he got a chance to start high school again, he would work harder, though he's proud of his stellar 3.0 GPA.



Looking back, Zack is most embarrassed of when his truck almost caught on fire in the school parking lot.

Zack's Favorites

Holiday – Christmas
 Band – Prestige Worldwide
 Song – Stu's Song
 Ice cream – Peanut butter
 Class – EAST
 Movie – *Step Brothers*
 Celebrity Crush – Ariana Grande

Medieval Feast November 16

Tyler Cunningham – Feel excited, but hate getting out of bed at 7:00 am for school.

Haiden Haynes – Regret nothing and hope I graduate.

Zack Osburn – Want to graduate and need to stay focused.

Liley Holsapple – Hope to achieve my dreams, but I'm afraid of the real world.

Trevor Teel – Hope I graduate and regret doing poorly in class.

Jordyn Jones – Believe I will graduate and enjoy learning new things.

Kolton Oglesby – Want to finish high among my peers but fear I'll be overwhelmed at first.

Jada Turner – Believe I will graduate, and I regret freshman year.

Welcome to Cole World

By Cade Burris

Of all the athletes at Walnut Ridge High School, there is no doubt one of the best is sophomore, Cole Manning. Cole claims he is only 15 (while we all know he is at least 20) and he plays baseball and football at Walnut Ridge.

He plays running back and outside linebacker in football and pitcher and shortstop on the baseball field. Cole says watching his cousins play is what got him started playing sports.

After high school Cole plans to play sports in college. While he is still young, he has not decided on a major or which college to attend. As you would expect, many young athletes look up to a player like Cole; his advice to them is, "Play as many sports as you can."

His most memorable moment is receiving *The Tickets' Player of the Week* after an outstanding pitching performance against DeQueen in the *Gulf Shores Spring Break Classic*. And his greatest accomplishment is receiving All-Conference honors as a freshman in the 2018 baseball season.



Cole's role model is Mike Trout, and his favorite WR athlete growing up was Michael Bounds. His favorite pro athlete is Jalen Ramsey.

With a strong start to a young career, the sky is the limit for Cole. If the work ethic continues you will find Cole somewhere on a college roster for whichever sport he chooses.

Cole's a man that will always be one to look for on the field any time of the year. Here's to a good season and career for Cole Manning!

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Davis

By Trishton Wilson



Mrs. Schellee Denise Davis is now WRHS' new geometry, Algebra 3, Bridge to Algebra 2, and credit recovery teacher. She

previously worked at Hoxie High School teaching math 7th through 12th grade. She got her Bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University.

She says teaching is the hardest, but most satisfying profession. Her favorite part of teaching is being able to help guide the youth.

Her favorites include: pizza, Mexican, Hobby Lobby,

Football Friday Nights Will Never Be the Same

By Ashleigh Morris

No one is a bigger fan of football Friday nights than JuliaAnn Claire Fisher, also known as Claire, the football coach's daughter, who never misses a game. Claire is a 17-year old senior who has attended Walnut Ridge her "whole dang life."

Claire was born July 5, 2001, to Joe and Stacy Fisher. She has one sibling, a 13-year old brother named Kai, who attends Walnut Ridge Middle School.

Claire's best friends are Ashleigh Morris and Baylee Davis, also seniors. However, Ashleigh is her favorite because she is better than Baylee. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Harper because he can always tell when she is in a bad mood and can instantly fix it.

She is an active member of Key Club, FBLA, Student Council, Journalism, Art Club, Volleyball and Softball. Her advice to underclassmen is to "do everything, clubs, extra credit, homework..."

The hardest thing Claire has ever had to do was take Chemistry and Pre-Calculus the same year. Her favorite year of high school has been her senior year. If she could restart high school and do it all over again she would be EXTREMELY studious.

Candy Crush, Stevie Nicks, all 80's and 70's music, math books, and The Walking Dead... until Carl died.

Her best friend, besides her sister, Kelly, is Kerrie Hancock. They worked together for 16 years and still have an amazing bond. She spends her summers with her grandchildren while looking forward to winter and snow.

Family life includes, her



After graduation, Claire cannot wait to move away from Walnut Ridge and go to college where she plans to focus on writing. Her role model is her mom because she does everything for her. The best advice she ever received was from her mother: "If you can't remember, then it must not be important."

Claire's Favorites

App: Instagram

Class: English

T.V. Show: *Spongebob Squarepants*

Food: Buffalo Chicken Spaghetti

Holiday: Christmas

Song: *Drew Barrymore* by Bruce Vince

husband, Dean, her son and daughters, five grandkids, and a niece. She and her husband recently traveled all the way to Idaho Falls, Idaho to meet their youngest grandson. Her hobbies include sewing, crafting and fishing.

Although she obviously has a good-sized family at home, we welcome her to ours at Walnut Ridge High School.

Bobcat Bio: Leah Malewski

By: Maggie Gibson

Class – Sophomore
Club involvement – FCCLA; Pride Band
BFF(s) – Makenzee Miller, Faith Mills, Bailey Mashburn and Abby Beaty
Favorite Teacher – Mrs. Howard



Political View – “It makes no sense”

Last Binge Watch – *How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days*

Guilty Pleasure – Chocolate

Tech Addiction – Facebook

Most Awkward Moment – Tripping over nothing and falling on my face

Last Person Texted – Johnny Hudson

Least Favorite Artist – Justin Bieber

Worst Habit – Hanging out with the wrong people

What would you choose as your last meal? – Chinese food

Freshman Flop – Got ISS for not turning in my work

Bobcats Face Mustangs on Senior Night

By Livvie Howard

The Walnut Ridge Bobcats will play the Hoxie Mustangs at home on Thursday, November 1. To some people it may not be a big deal, but to others it's huge knowing the rivalry between the schools.

If you want to go out and see a good game with some “good-natured” rivalry, I would definitely recommend coming to the game.

Meet Aaron From Belgium

By Erin Hicks

another year of high school. He didn't know what he wanted to be just yet, so now he has another year to decide.

Aaron's biggest fear about moving here was that he wouldn't have any friends but he says that he had no problem finding any. He is even a kicker on the football team.

After 10 months of planning, several flights to reach the United States and eventually Memphis, Aaron met his hosts, Suzann Wilson and her family, of Jonesboro. He describes everything as different, from the buildings to the weather, apart from the cars. Another difference is the time zones from Belgium to WR. When he walks into his first class at 8 a.m., it is 5 p.m. at home.

It's all an adjustment. However, he likes everything except the weather; Aaron prefers the cold.



Aaron Schapira, age 17, is from Rhode Daint Genise, Belgium. He is a foreign exchange student at WRHS who still speaks to his family every day.

He primarily speaks French but can also speak Dutch and English, which he has studied for four years. Aaron became an exchange student so he could improve his English and have



What Would You Change About School and Why?

By Max Hibbs

Nathan Brown – “The homework because there would be less stress.”

Katie Kersey – “The school lunches to be better so I wouldn't have to worry about making my lunch.”

Baylee Davis – “What time school started so I could sleep longer.”

Emily Gray – “The time in between classes because I don't have time to get to Rob's.”

Malachi Tinker – “We need more tardies.”

Danielle Denham – “How closed minded the teachers are.”

Kristina Thomas – “How many periods there are, we only need our four main periods.”

Mrs. McKenzie – “Reconsideration of the school calendar.”

Anna Saffell – “Time between classes because it takes me 15 years to open my locker.”

Bobcat Bio: Mason Ashlock

By: Maggie Gibson

Class – Freshman
Club involvement – Football
BFF(s) – My guitar and Blane Wade
Favorite Teacher – Mr. Harper



Relationship status – Single
Political View – “They're stupid.”

Pet Peeve – “Accidentally swiping off my music.”

Favorite meme – Möth

Tech Addiction – YouTube

Most awkward moment – Fell in the middle of Walmart

Last person texted – Dad

Least favorite artist – Any country singer besides Johnny Cash

Worst habit – Tapping my pencil on the desk

What would you choose as your last meal? Cheeseburger, fries, a meat lover's lasagna and a chocolate milkshake

WR vs. Hoxie

Thurs, Nov. 1

7:00 p.m.

Sexton Field

Too Cool To Juul

By Baylee Davis

Every teenager knows about Juuls. For everyone else, it is a brand of electronic cigarette. Since Juuls have been on the market, teenagers have been in tobacco stores making purchases.

But what are they really getting into? In just five weeks, teenagers are puffing the equivalent of 100 cigarettes. This is close to one pack of cigarettes a day. The FDA has declared an "epidemic".

Teenagers have become so reliant on these devices that they are causing problems at schools everywhere. They believe

that because it resembles a flash drive, teachers and parents will not know what they are looking for. Students have been caught in schools all over using these in bathrooms and hallways. This is not only causing local problems: Juuls are a nationwide epidemic.

The FDA has caught wind of young teens getting ahold of these devices and are threatening to pull them from the market. Teens are misled in the belief that using a Juul will not hurt them, when in reality it is doing more damage than cigarettes.

John Grisham's *Bleachers*

By Tyler Cunningham

John Grisham is an American politician, lawyer, and an author best known for his legal thrillers, which have sold over 275 million copies worldwide.

Grisham has published a lot of books, but one I notice a lot of people like is called *Bleachers*: it is based on a football movie. The Walnut Ridge High School senior

English classes are reading this book.

Grisham is mostly known for his writing. He was a lawyer before and says he never dreamed of becoming this successful. He was also a star high school quarterback before he became a famous writer.

Deer Season is Here

By Malachi Tinker

The 2018 deer season is back in action. Not much has changed about this year's hunting season.

Bag limits include: Six deer, of which no more than two may be bucks. The statewide seasonal bag limit may be taken in any combination of zones or methods, as long as zone bag limits are not exceeded. Two bucks with archery, muzzleloader or modern gun; five antlerless with archery; three antlerless with

muzzleloader and modern gun combined.

For portions of Zone 3 outside the CWD Management Zone you may kill four deer, which may include: two bucks with archery, muzzleloader or modern gun; four does with archery; two does with muzzleloader and modern gun combined.

No dogs are allowed for hunting use, but up to two dogs can be used for trailing a wounded deer.

Light a Match, Leave the Past, Burn the Ships!

By Tate Anderson

When someone thinks of Christian music, it is hard not to think of the popular group "for KING & COUNTRY". The pop duo, composed of brothers Joel and Luke Smallbone, have released many hits over the last five years, such as *The Proof of Your Love* and *O God Forgive Us* and now, they are back for more.

In early February, the brothers released their song *joy*, which received great reviews, became the band's #1 hit record, and is currently #4 on Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart. The band stated that this song would appear on their next album,

nicknamed "fK&C3" by fans.

After the release of *joy*, the production of the next album was kept under wraps except for a few vague teases on the band's Instagram account. Finally, on June 28, the band announced they would release a new album on October 5 titled *Burn the Ships*. The album would be comprised of ten original songs including the tracks *God Only Knows*, *Amen*, and *Pioneers*.

If you are a fan of pop music, this album will not disappoint. Make sure to check it out on Apple Music, Spotify, or any other music platform.

New iPhones Available

By Mollie Blackshear

Apple's 2018 lineup includes three new phones: iPhone XR, iPhone XS, and iPhone XS Max.

The iPhone XR is the "lower-end" phone of the bunch. The cost is \$749 and comes in a variety of colors including white, black, coral, red and blue.

Next is the iPhone XS, which has a 5.8 inch screen and is \$999. The phone itself is just like the regular iPhone X with a few upgrades including the camera.

The last smartphone from the release is the iPhone XS Max and yes it is the exact same as the

iPhone XS but larger. The XS Max has a 6.5 inch screen and is being sold at a whopping \$1,099

All three of the phones come with a new features including a new 12 megapixel camera, better speakers, and a new IOS update that comes with new animoji features, a new memoji feature, and a couple new apps.

Although some see their products as inferior, Apple seems to always keep people on their toes about what they might release next.

Would You Rather?

By Brighton Brand

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

Mrs. Rob – Fly

Mr. Haynes – Fly

Kyle Russell – Fly

Mystery Students: Zack Osburn & Sheridan Smith

