

THE-CAT'S-DISPATCH

This is it, seniors. You're on the home stretch. Underclassmen, please don't procrastinate. Teachers, remember that we deal with stress other than homework. This has been a PSA, thank you.

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WR FBLA Wins Largest Market Share at State Conference

By Shelby Whitehead and Krystin Wallace, FBLA reporters

WRHS FBLA chapter president Dylan Aaron accepted the award for First Place in the Largest Chapter Membership Market Share Award at the Arkansas FBLA State Leadership Conference held in Little Rock.

Market share is the percentage of students in the high school that are members of FBLA. Roughly 47% of WRHS students are FBLA members! WRHS also won third place in the state for the Largest Chapter Membership with 123 members.

At the State FBLA Officers' Campaign Rally and Talent Show, voting delegates, Jackson Forrester and Trevor Teel, assisted with the election of the new FBLA state officers

Fifty members of

the WRHS chapter traveled to Little Rock for the state conference. Monday morning competitors did some last minute preparation. Those who were not competing, attended workshops on proper business dress code, communication skills, teamwork and preparation for our future.

After the workshops, students were free to grab some lunch, do some shopping, or explore The River Market. Students chose to ride rented scooters, some stayed in the hotel, others decided to show off their musical talent outside, playing piano and guitar.

Motivational speaker V.P. Parker pointed out, "It's important for future leaders to know that the only way to be a better leader is to seek out

opportunities to show yourself as a leader." He also showed a video about understanding how to focus.

The following morning, before we traveled back to WR, we stopped to eat a delicious breakfast at IHOP and shop at McCain Mall in North Little Rock. Then we finally headed home after an educational and fun-filled weekend. It was an amazing experience.

Members would like to thank Mr. Harper for driving the bus, he and Mrs. Harper for chaperoning, and Mr. and Mrs. Kersey for judging some events and staying in our hotel. Thanks also to Mrs. Mary Smith, advisor, for all of her hard work.



Best Rep Who?: Dylan Aaron with some stylish plaques. Wonder what those are for.



The Gang: WRHS squad representing at state FBLA. Each and every one of you did an amazing job and we're all proud of you!



Memphis in May

By Olivia Bickers

The Beale Street Music Festival is a three-day, four-stage event in Memphis, featuring more than 60 top musical acts from the past and present.

Recognized as one of America's heritage music festivals, Beale Street Music Festival enters its 43rd year this spring. The kick-off event to the annual month-long Memphis in May Festival, the

Beale Street Music Festival is held in Tom Lee Park overlooking the Mississippi River in downtown, Memphis.

This year, the featured headliners are Khalid, G-Eazy, Cardi B, 6lack, Moneybagg Yo, Moon Taxi, and The Killers. You can still get tickets online and have your own Memphis in May experience.

What's the First Thing You Notice about Someone When You Meet Them?

By Hannah Wade

Isaiah Mabry – Good smile
Malachi Tinker – Good smile
Austin Stover – Eyes
Justin Nunally – Personality
Dylan Sheets – Hair
Logan Blackwood – Eyes
Mrs. Rob – “if they need to go home and take a shower.”

Mollie Blackshear – Their Personality
Katie Jones – The way they smell
Jacey Jones – Shoes
Shyanne Foley – Eyes
Reece Archer – Smile
Danielle Denham – Their vibe
Trishton Wilson - Eyes and Hair

He Said/She Said

By Hailey Jensen

“What state has the Application Mountains?” – Tristin Hart
Mr. Harper – “Let's get quiet.” Hailey Jensen – “Rob is short for Robbie.” Mr. Harper – “Quiet is short for shut up!”

“In Israel, a good kidney goes for \$130,000.” – Anna Saffell
“If I sold my kidney, I could get a really good horse!” – Allie Sherman

“Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everybody's garden.” – Jacob Kersey

“I want to see people suffer.” – Hannah Beary

“I want to join a cult.” – Grady Privett



What's the Hardest Thing You Have Ever Done?

By Slade Dalton

Kaiden Stormes – Take the AP Music Theory Exam
Drew Brewer – Making a 24 on the ACT
Alexis Dalton – Run sprints for Halbrook
Trevor Smith – Had the flu
Mason McEntire – Worked two jobs at the factory

Dylan Aaron – Dated a lying woman
Katie Kersey – Take chemistry
Eli Biggers – Pass chemistry
Kai Cunningham – Going a full day away from my girlfriend
Jaden Darris – Pass junior year
Livvie Howard – Not having (*being grounded from) my phone

It's almost summertime, and the weather is still as wild as ever. Seniors, don't forget to hang up your gowns to get the wrinkles out. We're all slumming it through this together as a family, 9-12. Thank the teachers (even Mr. Harper!) for everything they do for you.

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WRHS Quiz Bowlers Win Regional Tourney

By Graham West

The WRHS Sr. High Quiz Bowl team recently excelled at two events on March 8 and 9. On March 8, the team attended an invitational competition at the NEA Educational Cooperative. After an exhilarating finale, the Bobcats fell short to Pocahontas by just five points, 200-205.

The following day, the team attended the regional tournament. Formatted as a round robin tournament, every team had the opportunity to play against each other. Led by co-captains Graham West and Garrett Gunn, the Bobcats finished the tournament as the undefeated

champions and state qualifiers. West was recognized as the tournament MVP.

The WRHS Quiz Bowl team, record 12-2, will continue their season at the state tournament on April 13.

The Sr. High team is comprised of WRHS seniors Graham West, Garrett Gunn, Nicholas Foster, Kaiden Stormes, Tate Anderson, C.J. Couch, Krystin Wallace, Hailie Standridge, Shelby Whitehead, sophomore Cameron Caldwell and freshman Dagan Lillard.

The team is under the direction of Lea Andra Foster.

The Man of College Basketball

By Cade Burris

Zion Williamson is a name that is known all over social media and basketball world. Zion is a 19-year-old freshman basketball player for Duke University. Zion is one of three star freshmen on the Blue Devils' team.

Since the start of the basketball season Zion has been making highlights all over the country. With his high flying dunks and fancy footwork outside the three point line, Williamson has made every NBA draft board to be a top pick in the 2019 NBA draft.

While everything was looking up for Williamson, suffered a sprained knee and strained ACL when his shoe ripped in half during the Blue Devil's game against their rivals the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Zion was able to return from his injury in time for the

end of the regular season and all of the ACC tournament. In the tournament he was able to help Duke win another ACC Conference Tournament Championship.

The Duke Blue Devils are currently in the NCAA basketball tournament where Zion has led Duke to wins against North Dakota State and the University of Central Florida. In both games Zion scored over 25 points, making him only the second player in history to do so (Kevin Durant).

The future is bright for this young star and he will definitely be a name, too. If you haven't watched Zion Williamson play yet, you should definitely do so.

Class of 2019

Seniors' Last Day:

April 30th

Graduation:

May 17th

Findley Prepares Seniors

By Dakota Girard

Debbie Denise Findley has worked at Walnut Ridge High school for 10 years as the high school counselor. Her other duties include Lawrence County School District test coordinator, 504 coordinator, Title VI and Title IX coordinator.

She started her career at Bay (her alma mater), worked at Nettleton High School for 13 years as an English and Journalism teacher, and worked as the high school counselor there for 14 years before retiring.

Her words of advice include: "Find your motivation early so that you make the most of your high school years and beyond. Since we all only have one life, we need to live it fully and make sure when we get to the end of it that we can know we lived a good life and had a positive

impact on those around us."

Regarding her personal philosophy, she says, "I think it is most important for me as a counselor to provide the students with whom I work the best information available to help them make informed decisions for their lives – personally, socially, and academically."

Her favorite parts of her job include working with students both in the classroom and individually, helping them as they make decisions about their futures, and guiding students toward college and careers.

Other highlights include "seeing students succeed in high school and beyond and knowing that I might have been helpful to some of them."

Would You Rather...

By Haley Smart

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Flu Hits Walnut Ridge

By Olivia Ford

The flu recently made a comeback at the Walnut Ridge School. This epidemic even caused the district to use two of the five given AMI days. This was caused because of the large fraction of students and teachers absent. While students were at home, workers used this time to clean the buildings. The buildings were thoroughly disinfected.

As well as getting out of school for a couple of days, the Lady Bobcats softball team was forced to cancel games due to the number of players out sick.

Nearby schools also been closed due to district wide illness include Hoxie, Osceola and Tuckerman.

Symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, runny nose, sneezing, chills, cough, body and muscle aches, and sore throat.

In order to prevent catching or spreading the flu, wash your hands, get a flu shot, stay hydrated, stay away from sick people, and get plenty of rest. If you are sick, please stay home.

The Fortnite God

By Zack Osburn

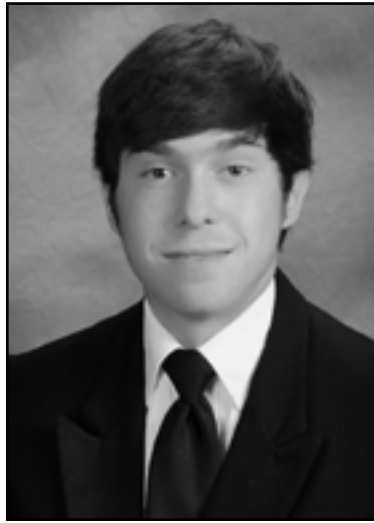
Tyler Dean Cunningham was born on January 5, 2001. His parents are Michelle Gray and Shane Cunningham along with having five brother and sisters, Kai, Henley, Hayden, Lydia, and Hollyn.

His best friends are Zack Osburn, Brighton Brand and Bryson Farmer. Tyler has attended Walnut ridge for about five years. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice.

When he is late for class, his best excuse is, "The train got me." He says he definitely could not live without his phone or Xbox. Since his freshman year he has changed a little by getting taller and smarter.

Tyler will not miss anything about high school, but his senior year has been his favorite. If he had the chance to start high school all over again, he would get better grades.

After graduation Tyler is



looking forward to leaving Walnut Ridge, but he will miss his buddies.

Tyler's Favorites
App – Instagram
Pizza Topping – Cheese
Holiday – Christmas
Food – Mexican

Aunt Becky's in Trouble

Gotta Pay to Play

By Ashleigh Morris

As most Americans already know, college can be costly. However, to parents such as Gordon Caplan, Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin, it is outrageously expensive.

The recent college admission scandal has cost several parents millions of dollars in their effort to place their children in Ivy League schools. These scandals have ranged from altering ACT and SAT scores to bribing coaches and admission counselors to offer students athletic positions, whether they play a sport or not.

Gordon Caplan, a top-notch New York lawyer, intends to plead guilty to criminal charges for paying off a proctor \$75,000 to look the other way while his daughter cheated on her ACT.

Caplan is one among 13 wealthy parents and several coaches and counselors who have participated in the cheating scandal and plan to plead guilty to using bribery and other forms of fraud. Caplan could face up to 14 months in prison or opt out with a year of parole and a \$40,000 fine.

Two actresses, Felicity Huffman, of *Desperate Housewives* and Lori Loughlin, of *Full House* and *Fuller House* fame have each been caught up in the scandal.

Harper Holds the Crown

By Claire Fisher

Three girls dressed their best to compete for the title of Miss Bobcat on March 9. Miss Bobcat 2019 was a total success.

The three Miss competitors were Claire Fisher, Sydney Burgin and Hannah Harper. The girls kicked off the night with their introductions then let the younger girls take over until the talent competition.

Talent was not lacking at Miss Bobcat. Tate Anderson and former Miss Bobcat Katie Kersey entertained the crowd in between divisions and crowning.

The three Miss competitors also brought amazing talent with them. Claire kicked it off with Harper Valley P.T.A.,

Sydney danced her heart out to Sucker, and Hannah finished off the talent portion with *Rose Garden*.



As the night progressed, new girls began to be crowned. Kinley Davis won Jr. Miss Bobcat and Savannah Andrews received 1st runner-up.

Hannah Harper was crowned the new Miss Bobcat. Claire Fisher was first runner up and Sydney Burgin was second runner up.

Olivia Jade's College Story

By Kate Cole

As a senior, I will be the first to say that getting into your dream college is hard. Everyone wants to get into the best schools but only few do. To get into the best of the best, a high GPA and a certain ACT (or SAT) score. Your numbers have to be high for you to even be looked at.

Lori Loughlin, also known as "Aunt Becky" on *Full House*, wanted her daughters to go to University of Southern California. One of her daughters, Olivia Jade, is a famous YouTuber.

Originally, Olivia Jade didn't meet the SAT requirements, but Loughlin took the backdoor and suddenly her test scores improved - a lot. For \$500,000 both her daughters became USC Travelers.

When you're rich, your money can get you almost anything, even a higher SAT score. Her parents paid someone to fly in and take her SAT for her, scoring high enough for acceptance.

Everything was fine until it wasn't. OJ and her sister were admitted as part of the crew (rowing) team, even though neither of them had ever participated in the sport.

Apparently, a bunch of wealthy parents have done exactly what Loughlin did for her daughter, creating the largest college admissions scandal in history.

Olivia Jade claims that she had no idea what her parents were doing. She acts like she didn't know that they were bribing people.

It's said that Olivia Jade isn't on speaking terms with her parents because she is so embarrassed with the reputation she now has. She has withdrawn from USC and her parents face up to 40 years in prison.

RYLA 2019

By Mattie Craig

This year I had the opportunity to apply for RYLA, which stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. After being accepted, I spent March 7 through 10 in Little Rock with 48 other students from all around Arkansas.

While there, I made new friends and learned more about leadership and teamwork. The days were long and tiring, but in the end, everyone had so much fun and it was all worth it.

Throughout the week we participated in activities such as rock climbing, hiking, rope courses in the trees, wall climbing, and more. The activities helped us come together and support each

other while learning about trust, leadership and teamwork.

As we got to know each other, we began to trust more and grew closer to one another. We walked into the RYLA camp as strangers and walked out best friends.

If you are ever given the opportunity to apply for RYLA, I encourage you to take it! It is so much fun and you will make so many memories.

Not only will you learn about the people around you, but you will learn more about yourself and who you really are. I am so glad I got to be a part of this year's RYLA camp!

Her Roots Run Deep

By Jordyn Jones



Senior Dakota Renae Girard also known as "Dak" or "Koty" was born on December 18, 2000. She is the daughter of Richard Girard and Tami Reed. Dakota has four sisters Rachael, D'Anna, Stephaney and Audrey.

She has attended Walnut Ridge her whole life and Tamera Trinidad is her best friend. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Linda Smith because she helps her

in times of need. Koty's most memorable moments in high school were marching with the Pride band at football games.

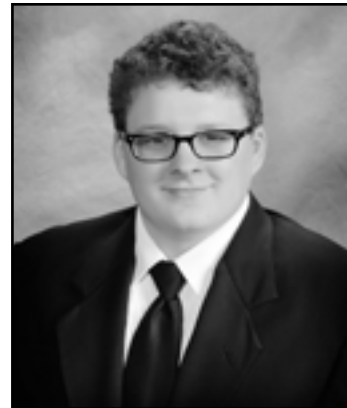
She has many awards that she is proud of such as Solo/ Ensemble awards, Microsoft Office Specialist Master award, and her biggest achievement is graduating high school.

Dakota's advice to the underclassmen is, "Do your homework, PAY ATTENTION to Doc, and don't mess around with Mrs. Rob." The best advice she has ever received was "Don't be stupid!" from by her dad.

After graduation she plans to attend BRTC for her basics and then transfer to ASU for a degree in Ecology. Her biggest role models in her life are her parents because they taught her right from wrong and shaped her into the person she is today.

Counting Down the Days

By Lillian Maple



Skyler Wayne Weaver was born October 27, 2000. His parents are Cheryl and David Weaver and his siblings are Cameron, who is 14, and Dakota, who is 12. Skyler has attended Walnut Ridge since 9th grade and his favorite year in high school has been his senior year.

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Holland because she is the most lenient. The most embarrassing moment he had was when he ripped his pants playing basketball. Skyler is involved in FFA and the accomplishment he is most proud of is being able to weld like his dad. His dad, a successful welder, is his role model.

Skyler's Faves
App – Snapchat
Pizza topping – Cheese
Drink – Dr. Pepper
Store – American Eagle
Food – Burgers
Song – Can't Be Touched
Restaurant – Sumo's

"Don't mess around your freshman year," is the best advice he could give underclassmen. His best excuse for being tardy is, "I was in the bathroom" and his biggest change since freshman year is that he is more mature. "Hanging out with everyone" is the one thing he will miss the most about high school.

He cannot live without his phone. His favorite quote is, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" – Michael Jordan. The best advice he has ever received was from dad and he said "keep practicing and you will succeed."

If he could start high school again, he would study more. He looks forward to making money after graduation.

Dakota's Faves
Pizza Topping – Supreme
Class – Math
Drink – Dr. Pepper
Band – WRHS Pride
Store – Journey's
TV Show – Grey's Anatomy
Entertainer –
Louis Armstrong
Food – Pizza
Song – Turn the Page
by Bob Seger
Restaurant – Any Mexican
Ice Cream – Chocolate

...Live Without Heat and Air or the Internet?

By Haley Smart

Mollie Blacksear- Heat and air
 Kaiden Stormes- Heat and air
 Chaley Ervin- Internet
 Peyton Callahan- Heat and air
 Makenzee Miller- Internet
 Danielle Denham- Heat and air
 Zoey Wilson- Internet

Junior Who's Who



Best Dressed:
Trevor Smith and Katie Kersey



BFFs:
Mattie Craig and Maci Smelser
Austin Stover and Peyton Callahan



Future Celebrities:
Isaiah Mabry and Katie Kersey



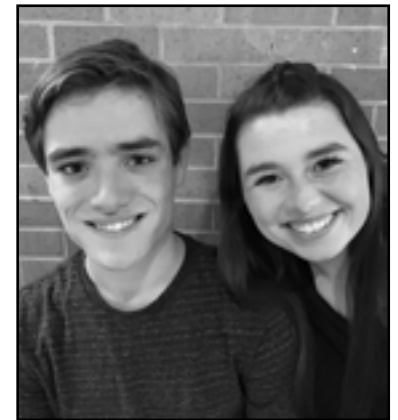
Worst Drivers:
Sydney Burgin and Thomas Smith



Drama King and Queen:
Katie Kersey and Andrew Brewer



Teachers' Pests:
Danielle Denham and Nash Gill



Prettiest Eyes;
Zach Caspall and Hannah Wade

Who's Who Compilations by:
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and Trishton Wilson
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Wheres Waldo?:
Jacey Jones and Bo Johnson



Teachers' Pets:
Grady Privett and Shyanne Foley



Most Likely to Marry 4 Money;
Roger King and Jenny Davis

Junior Who's Who

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Best Figure/Physique:
Sydney Burgin and Eli Biggers



Most Likely to be Late for Graduation:
Chariah Mabry and Nash Gill



Most Likely to Take Home to Mom:
Shyanne Foley and Grady Privett



Most School Spirit:
Trevor Smith and Hannah Wade



Biggest Flirts:
Katie Kersey, Hannah Wade and Andrew Brewer



Most Talented/Creative:
Shyanne Foley and Issac Biggers



Loudest:
Danielle Denham and Connor Manning



Most Studious:
Shyanne Foley and Zach Caspall



Least Energetic:
Leaffie Cook and Roger King



Most Addicted to Social Media:
Katie Kersey and Peyton Callahan



Quietest:
Zoey Wilson and Lane Brown



Most Likely to Sleep in Class:
Leaffie Cook and Jace Turner

Things You Didn't Know You Needed to Know Until Just Now

By Brighton Brand

- Donald Trump was born at Jamaica Hospital Center, New York, NY
- The queen of Italy, Margherita Savoy, ordered the first pizza delivery
- You can buy Eel Flavored ice cream in Japan
- A bobcat is the most common cat in North America
- A cat's tail contains nearly 10 percent of all bones in its body
- The calcium in our bones and the iron in our blood come from ancient explosions of giant stars
- A Nile crocodile can hold its breath underwater for up to two hours
- Jellyfish are not fish. They have no brain, no heart, and no bones
- Some people used to believe that kissing a donkey could relieve a toothache
- Because the speed of Earth's rotation changes over time, a day in the age of dinosaurs was just 23 hours long
- Hummingbird wings can beat up to 200 times a second
- There are more than 1200 water parks in North America

RHCP's Flea is Funk

By Skylar Louthan

Flea (Michael Peter Balzary) is the bassist for the funk punk rock band The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Flea picked up the bass guitar for the first time in 1979 and within a few months was able to forge his own unique style, which would soon make him one of the most famous and talented bass players in the world.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers (RHCP) emerged from Los Angeles in the 1980s punk scene. Their sound brought funk in the best way possible through their wild bass lines.

Flea has pulled influences from other legends like the creator of the "slap" method Larry Graham. He fused the West Coast California sound of the 80s with Graham's "slap" method to create the funky foundation of The Red Hot Chili Peppers. Furthermore, Flea was able to create counter melodies along with harmonization for the band's jumpy percussive sound.

Remember When...

By Kai Cunningham

... Cole Manning dated Anna Wilcoxson?

... It was snowing outside?

... It was basketball season?

... Drake and Josh used to be bumpin'?

... Cade Burris had a Samsung phone?

... Baseball team went to Baum?

... The middle school caught fire?

... Will Davis set the sprinklers off in the Fieldhouse?

... no one had a juul?

Clever Christian

By Chloe Brown



Christian Tyler Woodard was born to Pete and Tammy Woodard on November 28, 2000. He has three younger siblings, Daniel, 16, Holly, 13, and Lili, 9. Christian's best friends are Garrett Brown Cory, Creeden Lee, Journey Moore, Landon Hamilton and Nathan Brown.

Christian has been going to Walnut Ridge for four years. The best advice he has ever received was from his mom, she told him "You don't have any quit in you."

His most embarrassing moment was one day in the sixth grade when he thought his friend was going to throw a ball at him so he got scared and rolled down a hill. Christian is involved in FFA. His favorite teacher is Mr. Rice.

The accomplishment

that he is the most proud of is passing the 11th grade. The advice Christian would give to underclassmen is that they should "definitely attend school."

His role model is Superman because he admires the idea of him being a stranger and trying to fit in to make his surroundings a better place. Christian's favorite year of high school was his sophomore year. After graduation Christian is looking forward to sleeping in more.

His biggest fear going into high school was failing English. Christian's biggest fear about leaving WRHS is that he doesn't know what he is going to do next. His best excuse for being late to class is, "my 8 year old sister didn't wake me up."

One thing Christian can't live without is sleep. Since freshman year, he has gotten "more tired and bigger." Christian will miss his friends the most after he graduates.

One of his biggest pet peeves is "people acting dumb." His favorite quotes is, "It doesn't matter how hard you get hit, but how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward," by Rocky Balboa from the Rocky series.

Christian's Faves

App – Snapchat

Pizza topping –

Chicken Bacon Ranch

Movie – Hancock

Class – Math/Algebra II

Drink – Poweraid

Singer – Landon Tewers

Store – Academy Sports

T.V. show – Family Feud

Book – Odysseus

Entertainer – Steve Harvey

Food – Chicken and Dumplings

Holiday – Thanksgiving

Song –

Smile to Keep from Crying

Restaurant –

Buffalo Wild Wings

Ice Cream – Strawberry

Slade Dalton is Joe Dirt

By Baylee Davis

Eighteen year-old Slade Dalton is a jack of all trades in the sports world. He participates in football, basketball and baseball. The person that got him into all of these activities would have to be his dad.

Slade's plans after high school are to attend Arkansas State University and major Ag-Business. He was offered to continue his football career at Black River Technical College but ultimately declined. His advice to younger athletes would be "out work everyone."

His most cherished moment at WRHS would have to be his senior season of football. His biggest accomplishment in sports is his two-time All-Conference in 3A football. One thing that led to his success has been his coaches. The best advice he was ever given was "leave it all out there."

The athlete Slade draws his inspiration from is John Daly.



His is most inspired by not only his attitude, but his hobbies as well. The motto he lives by "I'm just here for a good time."

Growing up, Slade remembers looking up to Colin Phillips because he was the hardest worker and the toughest guy he knew. Two things on his bucket list are to go to Australia as well as own a corgi.

Slade's Faves
Sport - Football
Pro Athlete -
Ju-Ju Smith-Schuster
Pro Team - Steelers

Study for your AP Exams!

If You Talked in Your Sleep, What Would You Say?

By Hannah Wade

Jacey Jones – "Something about food."

Austin Stover – "Leave me alone."

Mrs. Rob – "I wish all my kids would do their work!"

Nash Gill – "Where's my phone?"

Tristin Hart – "Why am I wet?"

Claire Fisher – "Singing some song."

Tara Wells – "What do you mean?"

Malachi Tinker – "Did I get gas?"

Mrs. Sarah – "Come on sweet summer!" Max Hibbs – "What time is it?"

Mrs. Rachel – "Is it May 25th?"

Hannah Beary – "Are you serious?"

Graham West - "The entire script of *The Bee Movie*."

The Life of Luke Perry

By Irene Hood



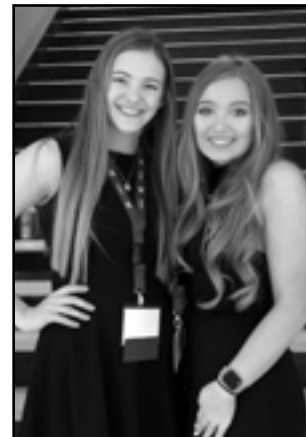
The beloved actor Luke Perry died of a stroke on March 4. "He will be missed greatly," said Cole Sprouse. Fans around the world are devastated and in shock. He was best known for his role as Dylan McKay in *Beverly Hills 90210*, which aired from 1990-2000. He was also in *The CW's Riverdale* where he played Fred Andrews January 26th 2017-February 27th 2019.

Some of the actors that worked with Luke had a lot to say about his tragic death.

- "Luke was everything you would hope he would be: an incredibly caring, consummate professional with a giant heart, and a true friend to all" said the producers of *Riverdale*, "A father figure and mentor to the show's young cast, Luke was incredibly generous, and he infused the set with love and kindness."

- "I am so heart broken and at a loss for words, you my friend were a mighty soul and have left your mark," tweeted Gabrielle Carteri.

- "Very saddened by this loss. Luke Perry was not only a talented actor, but a warm, kind person who made his home state proud," tweeted Charles Brown.



Stylin: Mady McGinnis and Hannah Ponder demonstrating what it means to Glo-Up.

Mystery Students

By: Hannah Beary

This freshman boy is tall and lanky, but before 10 a.m. he gets really cranky.

This freshman girl is likes some deep sleep. She's got long legs and long blonde hair Her favorite class is study hall She's about 6 feet tall.

...Give Up Bathing or the Internet for a Month?

Mollie Blackshear – Bathing
 Hannah Beary – Internet
 Jacob Buxton – Internet

...Be Able to Control Water or Fire?

Lilly Maple – Control fire
 Mollie Blackshear – Control fire
 Hannah Beary – Control water
 Ty Flippo – Control water

Violent Evergarden



It's been quite a while since the name Auto Memory Dolls have caused any fuss. Originally created by Professor Orland solely for his beloved wife, the dolls eventually spread out into the world. The machine that allows you to rent the dolls was also created.

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime



Satoru Mikami is a lonely thirty seven year old man stuck in a dead end job. After dying at the hands of a robber, he awakens to a fresh start in a fantasy realm, he is now a slime monster. Mikami meets other monsters and they set off a chain of events that will change his new world forever.

Manga of the Month: I Love You



Dogged by pain and misfortune from the very beginning, Shin-Ae decides she wants nothing to do with people or anything to do with romance. She has a unsocial, boring, loveless life. This is all challenged after she ruins a stranger's clothing.

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 helped 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 just her style. She was once a submarine pilot; now she is just a student learning how to "successfully live in Donald Trump-land."



A Silent Voice



After transferring to a new school, Shouko Nishimiya, a deaf girl, is bullied by the popular Shouya Ishida. Shouya continues to bully Shouko and soon his class turns its back on him. Shouko transfers schools again and Shouya grows up as an outcast, depressed and lonely. He is very regretful so he sets out to find Shouko to make amends.

How Clumsy You Are, Miss Ueno



Ueno is the president of her junior high school science club and she is a genius inventor. She has so many things going for her she can't seem to solve this one big problem: She can't figure out how to confess to her crush, Tanaka!

Love is War



Kaguya and Miyuki are the leaders of their prestigious academy's student council. They have been lucky enough to fall in love! But there is just one problem with this: they are both too prideful to admit that they are in love. Love is a war you win by losing.

Let the March Madness Begin

By: Landon Hamilton

March Madness basketball has been full of upsets and last second shots. In the Sweet Sixteen, North Carolina is knocked off by Auburn 97-80.

This win ultimately led Auburn to their first Final Four appearance in history. In the Elite Eight Auburn took out Kentucky and Michigan State defeated the raw talent of the young Duke squad and their freshmen phenoms. Virginia took down Purdue to move on and Texas

Tech beat Gonzaga 75-69.

During the Final Four games that were played March 30-31, Virginia had a clutch victory against Auburn 63-62, Texas Tech beat Michigan State 61-51 to move the championship.

On April 8 Virginia beat Texas Tech 85-77 in overtime to take home their first National Championship. This win sets a whole new standard for Virginia basketball in the coming years.

The New Face of Marvel

By: Tate Anderson

For the past 10 years, Marvel Studios has captured hearts with blockbuster hit after blockbuster hit from their Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) movies. However, with a new year comes a new chapter in the MCU and that chapter starts with Captain Marvel.

Captain Marvel follows Vers (pronounced VEERS), a member of a super-intelligent alien race known as the Kree locked in a vicious war with the evil shape-shifting Skrulls.

Shortly after Vers becomes a member of a special-operations unit of the Kree Army, she crash lands on Earth, tracing multiple Skrulls behind her and realizing that she has some sort of past on the Terran-inhabited

planet.

Now, Vers must team up with SHIELD Agent Nick Fury and an old friend from her past in order to stop the impending invasion and find out who she can really trust.

Captain Marvel brings that perfect blend of comedy, action and storyline for which Marvel movies are famous. The movie also brings a new sense of empowerment as it is the first Marvel movie to star a female lead.

Be on the lookout for *Captain Marvel* again as she will appear alongside Captain America, Iron Man, Thor and the rest of the surviving Avengers in *Avengers: Endgame*, coming to theaters April 26.

A Cinderella Story

By: Bryson Farmer

With March Madness approaching, most people say Duke, Virginia, Gonzaga, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee will own this year's tournament. But each year there is a mid-major school that no one has really heard about that makes some noise in the tournament.

Last year's Cinderella team was Loyola-Chicago. They were selected as an 11 seed on

Selection Sunday and made a run all the way to the Final Four before eventually losing to National Runner up Michigan.

The "Cinderella Teams" people should keep their eyes on this March is Murray State, Lipscomb, Belmont, Wofford and South Dakota State. These teams could bust your bracket this March.

LeBron's Lakers are Losing

By: Tyler Cunningham

It has been 18 years since Lebron James missed the playoffs. When he was traded to the Lakers last year, it actually hurt them. He tried to take over, but that didn't go so well.

The Lakers now have an impressive roster with young athletes and one of the best players ever, Lebron.

Going to the Lakers was a huge deal. But even with Lebron, the Lakers did not even make the playoffs this year.

Two of the Lakers' starters got hurt, which gave Lebron more playing time, but Lebron did not put in enough work to get to the playoffs.

Analogies

By: Nash Gill

What is Brighton Brand without a ball? Kai Cunningham wishing he were tall.

What is the ENG department not teaching lit? Jace Turner without hairy pits,

What is Tyler Cunningham without cash? Logan Blackwood without a 'stache.

What is Slade Dalton without a beverage? Nash Gill without leverage. What is Coach Bramlett without baseball? Logan Blackwood without being tall.

What is Mrs. Brady without subbing and Jordan Haynes without (golf) clubbing.

What is Alexis Dalton without Charley? Gavin Davis without a Harley?

What is Coach Halbrook without basketball? Bailey not scoring 'em all. What is Katie Kersey without Beau? Andrew Brewer without shooting a doe.

What is Kai Cunningham without Chloe Bounds? Even though he can't get rebounds.

What is Trevor Teel without a tractor? Will Davis going to the chiropractor.

What is Jace Turner having a dad bod? the McEntire boys using a fishing rod.

Who's Your Favorite Pro Athlete?

By Ty Flippo

Andrew Prestidge – Kyrie Irving
Olivia Farmer – Russell Westbrook
Korwin Jonson – Tom Brady
Will Coker – Joe Ingels
Kyle Russell – Yadier Molina
Garrison Doyle – Javier Baez

Jayden Hollister – Mike Conley
Walker Hibbs – Derrick Rose
Dagon Lillard – Derrick Rose
Mason Andrews – Lebron James
Connor Manning – Brandon Ingram
Payton Lee – Jason Witten

Review: *Umbrella Academy*

By: Skyla Henry

Netflix is back at it again with another hit Netflix original series, *The Umbrella Academy*.

The show is based on the *Dark Horse* comic written by Gerard Way and illustrated by Gabriel Bá.

The show is about seven children with strange abilities who were adopted by an eccentric man named Reginald Hargreaves. They were trained by Reginald to fight crime using their superpowers at a young age.

The series takes place after they have grown up when their father unexpectedly passes away. When their brother, Five, returns after being missing for years and says the world is going to end, weird things start to happen.

The show tackles many different mental issues among the characters, seeded from their late father's cruelty. Gerard Way has been opening up about the different character's issues recently. For example, Luther, the leader, doesn't feel comfortable in his own skin.

One of the charming things about the show is the soundtrack. It features many classics and well known songs like Queen's *Don't Stop Me Now*, *Istanbul (Not Constantinople)*, as well as covers of *Hazy Shade of Winter* and *Happy Together* by Gerard Way.

Although the original comic didn't get much traction by anyone other than hardcore Gerard Way fans, the Netflix series is becoming very popular.

Child Dies after Classroom Fight

By: Claire Fisher

On March 25 a young girl in South Carolina died due to a classroom fight. The 10-year-old fifth grader, Raniya Wright, died in the hospital two days after the classroom fight occurred.

School officials have deactivated their school Facebook account and have not released the name or age of Wright's attacker. Authorities will not confirm any details concerning the fight and have been keeping the whole situation on the low. Wright's mother believes her daughter's death was caused by bullying at school.

Bullying is a problem that occurs at all schools. The Colleton County School District is ranked seventh out of 85 schools in the Charleston School District

for bullying instances. In the 2017-2018 school year alone there was a whopping 153 incidents reported.

I don't even know how to respond to this situation. Just the thought of a 10-year-old DYING because of a FIGHT is absolutely ridiculous to me. I cannot imagine how this young girl's mother feels.

I have so many questions for the Colleton County School District. Where was the teacher? How old was the attacker? What caused the fight?

I believe that no matter the age of the attacker, they should be charged for the death of Raniya Wright.

Budget Cuts Threaten Special Olympics

By Livvie Howard

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos spent two days on Capitol Hill defending her department's plans to completely eliminate all funding (\$17.6 million) for Special Olympics (a program that helps children and adults with disabilities). This isn't the first time that she's tried messing with the Special

Olympics' budget.

After an uproar from Special Olympics supporters, Trump has decided to back off and the federal government will continue to fund the Special Olympics.

Lawmakers continue to struggle with budget cuts.

R.I.P. Nipsey Hussle

By: Garrett Brown

Nipsey Hussle, rap artist and business owner, was murdered following a confrontation outside his store, the Marathon, in Los Angeles.

Eric Holder, 29, is being held on a five-million dollar bail and charged with four charges, including one count of murder and two counts of attempted murder due to two others being injured in the shooting.

He also faces a firearms possession charge because Holder is a convicted felon and may serve life in prison if convicted.

On the day of the shooting, Nipsey and Holder got into a dispute. Holder left and came back with a gun - shooting the rapper multiple times before leaving the scene in a white Chevy Cruze.

It appears both men had gang affiliations but the cause of the shooting is still unclear and under investigation. Holder was later arrested in Bellflower and turned over to the LAPD. Although Nipsey is gone he will never be forgotten.

The Different Types of Rock

By: Jacob Buxton

I love rocks of all sorts! I love to collect them and to learn about them. Here's just a little info about the main three forms of rock formed from magma flows.

Igneous Rock – Igneous rock is stone that is formed from magma that has cooled without forming any crystals. Obsidian is also formed by cooling magma that cools without crystals, but the material is classified as a type of glass.

Metamorphic Rock – Metamorphic rock is formed when another form of stone, known as the protolith, is melted and reformed into another form of rock.

Sedimentary Rock – Sedimentary rock is formed in by the deposition of other types of rock over a very long period of time.

These are only the main categories of rock and there are many subtypes in the groups.