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If you already have your Christmas decorations up – shame on you.

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In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is considered today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations.

For over two centuries, Thanksgiving was celebrated by individual colonies and states. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared that Thanksgiving would be celebrated each November.

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost a lot of its original religious significance. It now centers on cooking and sharing a meal with family and friends.

Turkey remains the main part of many American Thanksgiving Day dinners. Other traditional foods include stuffing (or dressing in the South), mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Volunteering is a very common Thanksgiving Day activity and communities often hold food drives and host free

The History of Thanksgiving & Its Origins

By Dakota Girard & Jacob Buxton



dinners for the less fortunate.

Parades have also become and tradition on Thanksgiving across the United States. The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City includes

marching bands, performers, elaborate floats conveying celebrities and giant balloons shaped like cartoon characters.



Yes, Thanksgiving. One of the times of the year in which all the relatives you didn't even know you had come out of the woodwork for some delectable turkey.

However, many people are either confused, or just don't know, how it began.

Almost everyone knows that the Puritans sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1620. Most historians agree that the first Thanksgiving happened in the fall of 1621.

The feast was shared between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag natives. Rather than it being the dinner of turkey and dressing that we eat today, it consisted of fish stew, cornmeal mush, and wild game, probably deer.

The Pilgrims were grateful to the Wampanoag tribe for teaching them how to live off the land, and in a show of gratitude, invited them to share in a feast known and loved to this day as Thanksgiving.

Quiz Bowl

By Graham West

Do you like trivia? Do you have random knowledge of the arts and sciences? History? Sports? Pop culture? Quiz Bowl is the club for you!

The WRHS Quiz Bowl team is looking for new members and everyone is invited. Quiz Bowl games are trivia competitions between students who take interest in the subjects they are taught at their schools. Each game consists of four competitive rounds where teams go head-to-head to gain the point advantage over their opponent. A team may have up to five players in the game at once, but substitutions are made between rounds. The WRHS team is no stranger to success—we make yearly runs for regional and state championships.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Graham West, Garrett Gunn, or Mrs. Foster. Practices are on Mondays after school in Mrs. Foster's room.

What are You Thankful For?

By Slade Dalton

Zack Osburn – Backroads
Kai Cunningham – My momma
James Belew – Fortnite
Coach Ryan – Fried Chicken
Coach Coffman – My healthy life
Mike Steele – Chick-Fil-A
Sheridan Smith – Jesus
Cade Burris – Friends and Family
Sydney Burgin – My Family
Sam Lewis – Lunch
Dylan Aaron – My new truck
Nathaniel Hays – God

November Birthdays!

By Hailey Jensen

2nd - Jordyn Jones
4th - Olivia Bickers
5th - Trevor Smith
6th -Nathan Brown
Abby Rounsavall
7th - Morgon Elrod
David Hampton
8th -Jacey Jones
9th -Briana Jones
12th -Emily Gray
14th -Thomas Smith
15th -Anna Saffell
16th -Kayleene Long
17th - Baylee Davis
18th - Sydney Robinson
21st - Helen Brandon
25th - Mason Ashlock
Jasper Hanson
Samuel Lewis
26th - Irene Hood
28th - Sterling Johnson
Christian Woodard
29th - Payton Lee
Chase Petty
30th - Tate Anderson

Kylie & Jordyn #BFF Goals

By Katelyn Cole

Everyone wants a friendship like Kylie Jenner and Jordyn Woods have. They are best friends and always have each other's back.

The two 20-year olds do everything together; they've even gotten "married." They might take their friendship to the extreme, but that's what makes it so great.

Jordyn even collaborated with Kylie to develop the Kylie X Jordyn Kyshadow palette. Jordyn, a model, recently debuted her first Vogue cover.

Red Ribbon Recap

By Tate Anderson

This past October, Walnut Ridge High School, as well as 141 other school districts, participated in Red Ribbon Week, an annually-observed week of drug awareness. This year, the signature red ribbons worn by students throughout the week were replaced by small compasses, "to lead the user on the path to being drug free."

Each day of the week, students would dress up according to a theme. These themes included dressing for success, wearing college or career attire, and wearing school colors

So Who is the Jordan to Your Kylie?

Alexis Dalton — Chloe Bounds
Taylor McGinty — Sheridan Smith
Hannah Harper — Sarah Harper
Claire Fisher — Ashleigh Morris
Katie Kersey — Sydney Burgin

on Friday.

The most exciting activity that took place during the week was a viewing of the educational documentary, *Chasing the Dragon*. This half-hour long film, a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Arkansas Governor's Office, was viewed by students all over the state that Wednesday afternoon.

It covered the topic of opioid abuse and featured testimonies from people who had previously abused drugs. However, the purpose of the documentary was not only to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic, but to deter students from abusing drugs and help them avoid drug culture.

So, remember to stay on the right path and say "no" to drugs!!

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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LawCo Queens

By Ashleigh Morris

Katelyn Ashleigh Cole and Hannah Denae Harper competed in the Lawrence County pageant and got that bread. Kate won Miss Lawrence County and Hannah won Teen Miss Lawrence County.

The two girls went on to the Northeast Region State Fair Pageant in Little Rock October 17. At this pageant, Kate competed in swimsuit, an evening gown, and an interview. Hannah competed in evening gown and an interview, but substituted sportswear for the swimsuit portion.

Kate made it to the final night on October 20, where she met several people including a prince from Italy, who served as a judge.

Kate is 17 years old and has attended Walnut Ridge for three years. She is active in FBLA

and Key Club. Her favorite food is Italian and her hobbies include shopping at her favorite store, Steamroller Blues. In her free time she likes to sleep.

Hannah is 15 years old and has attended Walnut Ridge since pre-school — nearly 12 years! She is an active member in FBLA, Key Club, the Alley Cats dance team, and the senior girls' basketball team. Her favorite food is Italian and her hobbies include listening to music, running, singing and hanging with friends. Her best friends are Emma Richey, Gracey Collins, Marguerite Gill, Lindsay Bateman, and members of the dance and basketball teams.

Hannah loves being Jr. Miss Lawrence County because by promoting her title, (showing up to events, volunteering, etc.) she gets to serve her community personally.

Hannah enjoys pageants because they are a great way to meet new people, gain values and knowledge that she can use in the future, and even earn scholarships. Hannah hopes to someday become Miss Lawrence County and compete in the Arkansas State Fair again.

Should High School Students Have Chores?

By Kayla Curtis

I believe that students in general should have chores. However, there should be exceptions made. By exceptions I mean, if a student is taking challenging classes and working every day after school plus trying to fit in homework and chores

they should be allowed to do those things that are important before they have to worry about doing a chore.

I guess what I am trying to say is chores are a good thing but should not be a requirement. Instead, chores should be something a child is rewarded for doing. You shouldn't necessarily give them money if they clean but maybe give them time on the T.V. or coffee or whatever they choose as a reward.



Belles of the Ball: Hannah and Kate showing off their victory with a selfie!

Would You Rather...

By Chloe Brown

... Have a cat with a dog's personality or a dog with a cat's personality?

Katie Jones – A cat but shave the cat because of the hair!

Christian Woodard – A cat

Haley Smart – A cat because I like dogs.

What's Your Favorite Thanksgiving Dish?

By Ty Flippo

Mason Andrews – Crescent Rolls

Mollie Blackshear – Dressing

Savanah Andrews – Pumpkin pie

Chase Petty – Turkey

Tate Anderson – Hash brown casserole

Garrison Doyle – Mac and Cheese

Jayden Hollister – Dressing

Connor Manning – Green Beans

Will Davis – Turkey

Jamie Pattin – Pumpkin

Parker Brand – Chicken

James Belew – Dressing

Do YOU Think Students Should Have Chores?

Olivia Ford – “Yes, I think you should do some chores but not necessarily every day.”

Irene Hood and Ashleigh Morris – “Yes, because it teaches responsibility!”

Tristin Hart – “Yes, because we love our teachers.”

Maggie Gibson – “Yes, they should because the parents work. But I understand, like if they are taking hard classes, it can get hard to balance. I think certain kids should have exceptions to what they need to do.”

Welcome to the World, Baby Shelby

By Chase Moseley

Eleanor Kathryn Shelby, also known as Ellie Kate, was born September 25 to parents Darrell and Rachel Shelby. Baby Ellie Kate was born at a whopping 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and she was 22 inches long.

Since she got home from the hospital, Ellie Kate loves to smile at people, follow them with her eyes, lift her head and kick her feet.

Mrs. Shelby says, "I didn't have a lot of heartburn and I have no idea where she got all that hair!" Ellie Kate's favorite things are sucking on her pacifier, eating, and smiling at Mom and Dad.

Mrs. Shelby returned to the school November 5. Her advice to her students is, "My mom really wasn't lying when she said I wouldn't understand a mother's love until I had a child of my own. So next time your mom says that to you, actually listen."

Mrs. Shelby teaches math at WRHS. Ellie Kate has a sister, Allison Shelby who is 12 years old, who is probably extremely excited to have a sister.

Welcome to Walnut Ridge, Ellie Kate. We are glad to have you as a Bobcat.



The Shelby Family +1:
Congratulations to Mrs. Shelby and her family, and best wishes in raising your new baby!

The Bobcat Brew

By Irene Hood

"Bobcat Brew. This is Jerry Patrick, how can I help you?"

The Bobcat Brew is a great addition to WRHS. Faculty and staff can order hot drinks for fifty cents and everything works out, right? Right. However, keep in mind, there is a productive (albeit stressed) working staff behind the scenes of the Bobcat Brew.

"Why did you start the Bobcat Brew?"

Ms. Sarah (Blazer), one of the paraprofessionals in the Special Education department, replied, "To teach our children social skills and how to manage money."

"Did you anticipate such a large number of customers?"

Colin Parker and Nathan Simmons said, "Yes!" Isaiah Dixon disagreed. Ms. Sarah agreed with Isaiah, saying, "No, but I figured we would get more customers when the weather got colder."

"What's your favorite part of Bobcat Brew?"

Colin answered, "Running around places." Isaiah said, "Getting to see the smiles," and Nathan responded, "Getting to see all the teachers." Ms. Sarah said, "Watching the students' feelings of accomplishment."

"What's the most stressful part of the Bobcat Brew?"

Colin and Isaiah agreed that it was finding the classrooms. Nathan said, "Walking in the cold." Ms. Sarah replied, "Getting students to realize that it is for faculty only."

Bobcat Brew is a non-profit business operated by the Special Ed department, offering hot drinks to WRHS faculty and staff three mornings each week. Options include: coffee, hot tea or hot chocolate. You can also add marshmallows, whipped cream, or both! Each 16-ounce cup is only fifty cents.

Bobcat Brew is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

What's Hot & What's Not

By Bryson Farmer

What's Hot: What's Not:

Cold Weather	Warm Weather
Fall	Spring
Football	Baseball
Duck Hunting	Dove Hunting
Tinder	Farmer's Only
Winter Ball	Prom
EAST	TDA
NBA	WNBA
Arkansas State	Arkansas
Los Angeles Rams	Oakland Raiders

Who's Your Favorite Coach?

By Cade Burris

Cole Manning –Coach Belcher
Landon Sain – Coach Belcher
Nash Gill –Randy Johnson
Chloe Bounds –Coach Berry
Will Davis –Coach Crisler
Sydney Burgin – Coach Berry
Katie Kersey –Coach Coffman
Sheridan Smith – Coach Berry
Liley Holsapple – Coach Halbrook
Bryson Farmer – Coach Belcher
Charles Mabry –Coach Ward
Slade Dalton – Coach Crisler

**...Each day,
be able to
stop time for
10 seconds or
reverse one
decision?**

Mrs. Ross – Reverse one decision

Arthur Loch – Stop time

Kristina Thomas – Stop time

What was Your Favorite Part of Hoxie v. Walnut Ridge?

By Kate Cole & Victoria Swindle

Aaron Schapira - "After half time, we started to play well and then we had the victory and that was really cool."

Brighton Brand - "My favorite part was the football game and hanging out with friends."

Journey Moore - "That Hoxie had a 13-point lead at half time and lost 44-27."

Jackson Forrester - "My favorite part of the game was when we came back after halftime and scored 30 on Hoxie."

Nash Gill - "The aftermath."

Nate Brown - "Slade's catch! Killing the entire Hoxie team's energy in one play. 30-0 second half. Dalton's radio interview. Slip 'N Slide."

Sheridan Smith - "Everyone singing 'I Want It That Way' and my family being there for my senior night."

Baylee Davis - "KFIN pep rally. I loved the energy and how everyone was excited and how the whole school and all the activities came together."

Bryson Farmer - "I enjoyed all of it, the KFIN pep rally really set the tone for the whole day, it was very energetic and got me going. Senior night was a little sad knowing that could have been my last time on Sexton Field with my guys, but we went out there and put it on them in the 2nd half and won the game and we earned a first round playoff game."

Kolton Oglesby - "My favorite part was the second half of the game when we made a big push to win the game"

Taylor McGinty: My favorite part of Thursday was the KFIN pep rally. Being able to interact with Brandon Baxter and show them our school spirit and how much we support our football boys.

Nick Foster: The second half of the game against Hoxie. We started playing our game and went on to score 30 unanswered points.

Senior Thoughts

By Brighton Brand

Senior year has been the best year yet. Throughout my 12 years at Walnut Ridge High School, senior year is, by far, the easiest and best.

Being a senior means a few things: We are the top dogs. The upperclassmen. It also means that you don't have to take any history class or science class, which makes everything 10 times better.

What's bad about being a senior is it's the last year to play

organized team sports. Basketball is all that I have ever played and it is going to be really depressing when we face our last game.

In addition to basketball, I am going to miss my brothers and everyone who has impacted my life. But for all the underclassmen, I recommend you keep your grades up as early as your freshman year. And give it all you have every game, because four years fly by faster than you think.

Rivalry Day

By Slade Dalton

107.9 KFIN kicked off the day with the radio broadcast for their weekly tailgates. It might have been 7a.m. but the energy in the square sounded the same as the 7 p.m. game time.

The band, cheerleaders, Alleycats, football players, coaches, and many of the Walnut Ridge faculty were in attendance. The band played plenty of songs everyone could get involved with, but that was not what got everyone yelling. The players convinced Brandon Baxter to get the station to play Country Roads and I Want it that Way. Everyone in the square sang along with every word.

"I enjoyed all of it, the KFIN pep rally really set the tone for the whole day, it was very energetic and got me going..."

- Bryson Farmer, Senior

KFIN was extremely impressed with all of the involvement from everyone in the square; they even sent an email to the High School saying it was the best broadcast they ever had.

During the middle of the afternoon, the official pep-rally was held in the gym. The gym was loud with performances from the band and cheerleaders. The Alleycats performed a dance although it was too wet for them to perform that night.

The pep-rally was capped off with pep talks from the three captains of the football team: Cade Burris, Slade Dalton and Nick Foster. The energy in the gym was electric; the players and fans were

just ready for the game later that night.

Senior night began at 6:45. After announcing the outrageous number of seniors involved in fall sports, everyone was freezing and ready to play. Emotions were running high with the possibility of this being the last home game for the Bobcats.

"Both sides were ready to run through a brick wall before kick-off."

There wasn't much motivation needed to get the players amped up for the game. Both sides were ready to run through a brick wall before kick-off. The first quarter was an offensive shootout between both teams. The second quarter was won by Hoxie. They had more big plays on both sides of the ball. Ending with a score of 27-14 at half.

After halftime the Bobcats struck first, coming up with a much-needed defensive stop. The next drive, the Cats punched it into the end zone and converted on the 2-point attempt making it 30-27.

The Bobcat's defense stayed strong the second half and didn't allow the Mustangs to score. The Bobcats tacked on two more touchdowns before the final horn rang, ending with a score of 44-27.

After the hundreds of pictures taken after the game and the locker room discussion, the Bobcats came back out to the field. This time it was for the post game slide in the mud.

November Horoscopes

By Trishton Wilson

Aries – (March 22 – April 21) Expect to hear from an old friend soon. You will have many surprises. Many good, but some bad. You'll get through it. Keep your head held high.

Taurus – (April 22 – May 21) You will receive unexpected attention from an unexpected person. Don't freak out. Just keep calm.

Gemini – (May 22 – June 21) Expect an adventure; however, it may challenge you.

Cancer – (June 22 – July 21) This month will upset you. You may lose a lot of friends. Just keep your head up and don't let it get to you.

Leo – (July 22 – August 21) It's going to be an amazing month. Not every day, but the month altogether is going to be a good one.

Virgo – (August 22 – September 21) Bad luck from last month will continue to this one. Your month will get better as it moves along.

Libra – (September 22 – October 21) It will be an uneventful month.

You're ready for it to be over before it starts.

Scorpio – (October 22 – November 21) A big bad storm is headed your way. It will show itself a little at a time before going all over you. Expect a few of broken friendships, but some will become stronger than ever.

Sagittarius – (November 22 – December 21) An unexpected confession will be made to you. Keep calm and handle it the best you can.

Capricorn – (December 22 – January 21) This month is going to be a mystery. You won't know what's going to happen before it happens.

Aquarius – (January 22 – Feb. 21) Expect a very weird month. You will be happy, but about the weirdest things. You won't know what to think.

Pieces – (Feb. 22 – March 21) You will carry happiness into the coming month. It's gonna be a great month.



Walnut Ridge High School's Graham West (left) placed second over-all in the Chess Association for Arkansas Schools regional competition held Saturday, October 20, at Arkansas State University. Others participating were Kaiden Stormes (center) and Chase Ervin (right).

The team will advance to the state competition on Saturday, March 30.

Fun Facts

By Hailey Jensen

1. 95% of people text things they could never say in person
2. 3% of the ice in Antarctica glaciers is penguin pee
3. The 20th of March is snowman burning day
4. An apple, potato, and onion all taste the same if you eat them with your nose plugged
5. Squirrels forget where they hide about half of their nuts
6. George W. Bush was once a cheerleader
7. Albert Einstein was married to his distant cousin; Elsa Einstein
8. A single cloud can weigh more than a million pounds
9. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open
10. It takes 142.18 licks to reach the center of a Tootsie pop
11. There are more plastic flamingoes in the United States than real ones
12. Grapes explode when you put them in a microwave
13. Iceland imports ice
14. There is a city in New Mexico called Truth or Consequences
15. For every human on Earth there are 1.6 million ants

Bobcat Volleyball

By Olivia Ford

The Lady Bobcat Volleyball team finished as the 3A East Conference regular season runners-up and also finished second place in the 3A East District Tournament.

In the district tournament, held in Piggott, the Bobcats won three games to reach the finals before falling to Hoxie in the finals. The victories came against

the Cedar Ridge Timberwolves, the Cave City Cavewomen and the Piggott Mohawks.

Post season continued for the Bobcats as they traveled to the state tournament in Paris, Arkansas.

Individual honors continue for the Bobcats as Sydney Burgin was awarded Glen Sain Player of the Week honors on October 11.

All Gas, No Brakes

By Baylee Davis

The Lady Bobcats ended their season this year with a record of 22-8 overall and 13-4 in conference play. They got the chance to go to the state tournament in Paris as a second seed.

For the first round the Cats took on the Perryville Mustangs. They took the victory in three sets with scores of 25-18, 25-19, 25-18. The Bobcats then took on the Paris Eagles. After a hard fought

battle, they fell to the Eagles in three sets. The scores were 25-20, 25-20, 25-17.

But the fun didn't end there! On their long trudge home, they ran into a little problem. In about Conway, they ran into difficulty with the bus. Luckily, they were able to get stopped at a gas station and out of the way. Three hours later, Mr. Randal saved the day when he came to the rescue with a new bus.

Who's Your Celebrity Crush?

By Mollie Blackshear

Ty Flippo – Kylie Jenner
 Holly Berry – Grayson Dolan
 Parker Brand – Bella Thorne
 Anna Claire – Kian Lawley
 Cole Manning – Ariana Grande
 Will Davis – Kylie Jenner
 Tristin Hart – Selena Gomez
 Aaron Schopina – Damso
 Isaiah Mabry – Rihanna
 Charles Mabry – India Love
 Olivia Bickers – Michael B. Jordan

More Fun Facts!

By Malachi Tinker

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried number three.
6. When you did three did you realize you can you just look like a dog.
7. Your smiling right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped five.
9. You checked to see if there was a five.
10. You can't hum with your nose closed.
11. A bolt of lightning can shoot out of an erupting volcano.
12. A coyote can hear a mouse moving underneath a foot of snow.
13. Chewing gum while you cut an onion will help keep you from crying.

Remember When...

By Nash Gill

- ... the eclipse happened?
- ... Olivia Bickers slapped Slade Dalton?
- ... Tristin Hart broke his foot?
- ... Sydney Burgin broke her arm?
- ... everyone played Red Rover?
- ... the Wii came out?
- ... Brighton Brand halfway dunked it?
- ... Tristin Hart and Nash Gill's football season wasn't over?
- ... Charles Mabry and Isiah Mabry each dropped an interception?
- ... Slade Dalton hid in the attic?
- ... Mr. Haynes taught math?
- ... Will Davis started dating Baylee Haskins?

Where's Your Favorite Place to Black Friday Shop?

By Livvie Howard

Kate Cole – Dillard's
 Baylee Davis – Walmart
 Andrew Prestige – Best Buy
 Landon Brady – Best Buy
 Schelley Davis – Walmart
 McKenzie Rouse – The Mall
 Hannah Harper – The Mall at Turtle Creek
 Mollie Blackshear – Victoria's Secret
 Marguerite Gill – Walmart
 Gracie Collins – Walmart
 Mattie Craig – Target
 Graham West – Dollar Tree
 Tate Anderson – Barnes & Noble

Just a Minute Ago...

By Tyler Cunningham

1. Steph Curry scored 51 points in 3 quarters against the Washington Wizards.
2. Our Sr. High Volleyball girls went to Paris.
3. The Lady Cats reached state semi-finals in Paris, AR .
4. Volleyball season is finally over and high school basketball is back.
5. WRHS students watched Chasing the Dragon about the opioid epidemic.
6. The Los Angeles Lakers and the Houston Rockets got into a fight the other day.
7. Khabib and McGregor boxed; Khabib won.
8. Nash Gill injured his leg during football
9. Brighton Brand got his braces off after four years
10. Los Angeles Lakers finally won an NBA game.
11. Mrs. Foster had surgery on her shoulder.
12. Nash Gill and Tristin Hart got in trouble for being on their phones.



Don't forget your Medieval Feast costume!
Nov. 16*
 (*date is subject to change)

...Live in the past or the future?

Maci Smelser – The past
 Jonathan Alba – The future
 Lane Brown – The future

Bobcat Basketball

By Kai Cunningham

Basketball is going to be a whole lot different this year. We gained a new head coach, Blake Coffman, and alongside him is Coach Peter Ryan.

The seven seniors playing include Brighton Brand, Slade Dalton, Kai Cunningham, Jackson Forrester, Cade Burris, Bryson

Farmer and Charles Mabry.

We are moving into 3A Conference and we are going to be facing bigger and better teams such as Osceola, Gosnell and Rivercrest. The Bobcats should be very good this year. We are not scared of anyone.

Bring 'em on.

Woo Pig!!

By Baylee Davis

Senior Sheridan Hilburn Smith, daughter to Natalie Wallin and Jamie Smith, was born August 30, 2000. She has three siblings: Brady, Skylar and Jake Smith. Her best friends are Taylor McGinty, Olivia Bickers and Baylee Davis.

She has attended Walnut Ridge all of her life. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Lindy Baker because, "She's a cool cat." Mrs. Baker is also her favorite excuse for being late to class.

Sheridan's proudest accomplishment is her acceptance to the University of Arkansas. While there, she plans to major in Pre-Law. After graduation,

Sheridan looks forward to heading to Fayetteville.

The best advice she has ever received was, "Never give up," advice given to her by her mother, who is also her role model. Her biggest fear going into high school was all of the seniors. Her biggest fear upon leaving high school, however, is the level of difficulty of the college work.

One thing she will miss after high school is having little responsibility. Her sophomore year of was her favorite year. Lastly, her advice to underclassmen is "have no regrets."

Favorites:

App – Snapchat
 Pizza Topping – Cheese
 Movie – *Girls Trip*
 Class – Math
 Drink – Water
 Food – Spaghetti
 Song – *Mo Bamba*
 Ice Cream – Chocolate
 Celebrity Crush – Chris Hemsworth



The Mystery Man?

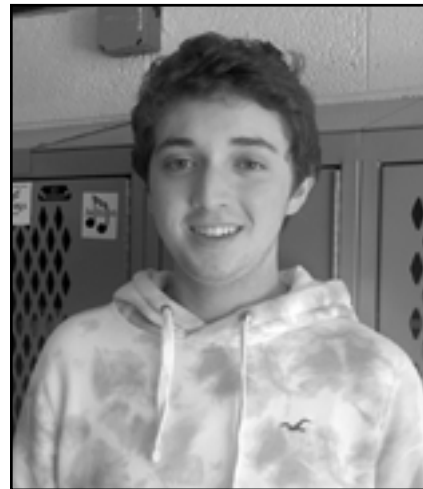
By Zack Osburn

His name is Kolton Blade Oglesby and he was born February 17, 2001 to Alison Oglesby and Bryan Riney. His brothers are Korwin Johnson, 25, and Asher Johnson, nine. He has two dogs named Samson and Sandy.

He has many friends, but

Arkansas De Brazil

By Claire Fisher



Arthur Loch is one of two foreign exchange students at WRHS. A 17-year old junior from Brazil, he is currently staying in Jonesboro with his host mom, Suzann Wilson.

Arthur wasn't shell-shocked when he came to America, mainly because he's been here twice already. He speaks both Portuguese and English. One of the reasons he chose to be an exchange student was actually to improve his English.

School in America compared to Brazil is quite different. There, he studied in a large private school, whereas WRHS is a small, public school.

his main friends are Dalton Nelson, Drew Brewer and Jaden Darris. He has attended Walnut Ridge High School for 13 years and his favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because "He is dedicated to teaching."

His most embarrassing moment during school is when he tripped and fell during the football runout in eighth grade. He's come a long way since then.

Kolton is extremely

At his school in Brazil they do not use lockers, so that was a hassle to learn. Also, they start school in February, have a two week break in July, then school ends at the beginning of December; it's a little different here.

Sports in America compared to Brazil is also quite different. In Brazil, sports are not as heavily encouraged as they are here. Soccer is the most popular sport of Brazil, but not so much in America. The lack of soccer here doesn't stop Arthur from playing soccer, because he has joined the Bobcat football team as a kicker.

With the help of his host family and friends at school, Arthur has settled into his routine pretty easily. As for communication, he doesn't have much trouble understanding people's southern slang, but sometimes he will ask them to repeat themselves.

He talks to his family at home almost every day. The time zone isn't really an issue, Brazil is only two hours ahead of the time here.

Favorites:

Food: US – Pizza
 At home – Sushi
 Class: Here – Art
 At home – History
 Holiday – Easter
 Teacher – Mrs. Linda
 Store – Vans
 TV show – *Suits*
 Restaurant – Outback
 Ice Cream – Vanilla
 Video Game – FIFA

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Pfc. Walters is Ready to Leave

By Erin Hicks



Stephen Kyle Bissitt-Walters (aka Shortie) is leaving Walnut Ridge this year to join the National Guard. He is more than ready to leave, having been at Walnut Ridge since 6th grade.

Kyle, 18, was born March 12, 2000, to Kenya Bissitt and the late Bob Walters. He has three siblings: Zack, 20; Hunter, 18 and Lexi, 9. He also has two dogs Zeus, a German Shepard, and Scruffy, a Shih Tzu.

Kyle's life practically revolves around band which he will miss most along with his best friends, CJ Couch, Tate Anderson, Lily Lewis and Lilly Maple. His advice to underclassmen is "Join

band. It's fun." His go-to excuse, if running late is, "I was helping with band."

His favorite teacher is Mr. Long, who has a lot in common with the kids. Other than the joining the military, band is his greatest accomplishment. Kyle's most memorable moment was getting hit in the face with a gong.

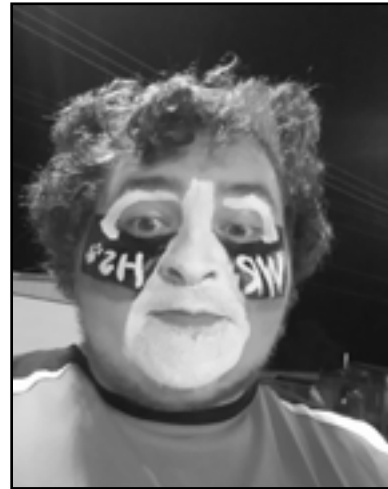
When he began high school, he was afraid he would not fit in, but now he is afraid to die. After graduation, Kyle is looking forward to deployment. Instead of college, he is planning to make the military a career.

The most helpful advice Kyle ever received was "Be yourself" from his role model (and cousin) Cole Hicks, who has always been there for him. His favorite memory is being told by AJ Whitlow he wasn't "smart enough to shoot people."

His favorite year has been his senior year, but if he were to do it all over again, one thing he would do differently is take two math classes instead of just one. His only change is getting a little taller in the last four years.

You Can't Have Thunder Without The Stormes

By Trishton Wilson



Kaiden Delane Stormes, born October 25, 2000, to Sammy Stormes and Danielle Stuart, is 18 years old. He has attended school at Walnut Ridge his entire life. He is in Key Club, StuCo Executive Board, Quiz Bowl, FBLA, Science Club and Journalism, where he serves as editor of *The Cat's Dispatch*.

His best friends are Garrett Gunn, Tate Anderson, and Krischan and C.J. Couch. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice because she tolerates his "tyrannical control over the paper."

He would be lost without his friends. His biggest pet peeve is loud coughing and his favorite

quote is "I ain't scared of livin'" by EDEN.

He says (hopefully) graduating will be what he's most proud of about high school. When asked what the best advice he has received, it was to actually "try in school."

His advice for underclassmen is to "pay attention to your friends and be kind. Depression isn't always obvious." The hardest thing he ever did was "realizing being lonely is not everyone else's fault."

Since his freshman year he has "actually started trying." He will miss the people most after high school. His favorite year of high school has been his senior year.

If he could restart high school he would be more outgoing. His biggest fear upon entering high school was that there would be too much work. His biggest fear about leaving high school is leaving everyone behind. Ironically, this is also what he is most looking forward to.

His future plans include going to college to study astrophysics, and he'll go wherever he can.

Favorites:

App - Snapchat
 Pizza topping - Pepperoni
 Movie - *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
 Class - Band or Science
 Drink - Sprite
 Band - Panic! at the Disco
 T.V. show - *Law and order (SVU)*

Book - It

Entertainers- Matt Damon and Ryan Reynolds
 Store - Buckle
 Food - Spaghetti
 Holiday - Halloween
 Song - *The Scientist* by Coldplay
 Restaurant - McDonald's
 Ice Cream - Vanilla

Favorites:

Pizza Topping - Pineapple
 Movie - *Looking for a Friend at the End of the World*
 Class - Journalism
 Drink - Peach Nehi
 Artist - EDEN

Book - *The Book Thief*

Food - Mac & Cheese
 Holiday - Halloween
 Song - *rock and roll* by EDEN
 Ice Cream - Cookie Dough
 Celebrity Crush - Dave Franco

Nate Can't Wait to Graduate

By Tristin Hart & Haley Smart



Nathan Hadley Brown, also known as Nate or Nay Nay, was born November 6, 2000 to Becky Brown and Billy Brown. Nathan has three siblings. Taylor Taylor, 24; Dylane Beard, 22; and William Brown, Jr, 27. His best friends are Landon Hamilton, Garrett Brown, Dalton Nelson, Drew Brewer, Kolton Oglesby and Grady Privett. He also has a dog named Iris.

Nathan has attended Walnut Ridge for 11 years and loves every bit of it. He plays football and is in the band. The one thing Nathan can't live without is

football. He has recorded more than 28 blocks for the year.

His favorite moment in high school was beating Piggot in football for his senior homecoming. Coach Jason Belcher's quote, "It just takes one," are words he lives by.

So far, his favorite year of high school has been his senior year. Mrs. Holland is his favorite teacher because she is fun in class and is really good at helping.

Nathan is a part of FFA and the Yee Yee Brothers. His biggest pet peeve is when people chew with their mouths open (Trevor Teel)...

If Nathan could start high school again he would actually show up and do his work.

When asking Nathan what he would miss most about high school, he said, "being with my friends."

The hardest thing he has had to do is grown up and his biggest fear upon leaving high school is becoming an adult.

One piece of advice Nathan would give to the underclassmen is, "Do not slack off."

Favorites:

App – Snapchat

Band – 88rising

Store - Academy Sports

Song – *History* by Rich Brian

TV show – *Big Mouth*

Drink – Pink Powerade

Class – Ag Metals

Pizza Topping – Cheese

Ice cream – Vanilla

Celebrity – Sommer Ray

Restaurant – Sumo

Entertainer – Louis C.K.

Holiday – Halloween

Food – Subway

Book – *Unstoppable* by Tim Green

The Colin Parker

By Hannah Wade



Colin Andrew Parker, born September 5, 2000 to Maelynne and the late Joe Parker, has attended Walnut Ridge for 13 years. Colin's siblings, Zachary, Cody, and Steven Parker have all attended Walnut Ridge as well.

Colin's best friend is Hannah Wade and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Sarah. Colin and some of his friends are involved in Bobcat Brew, a new business on campus.

After asking about the hardest thing to ever have to do, he replied simply, "Losing my dad."

Favorites:

App – Snapchat

Pizza Topping – Sausage

Drink – Pepsi

Food – Cheeseburger

Holiday – Halloween

Song – *Break Free*

Celebrity Crush – Ariana Grande

Ice Cream – Cookies & Cream

Getting to Know McGinty

By Olivia Bickers



Taylor Brook McGinty, also known as "Tay", was born on June 6, 2000, and has attended Walnut Ridge for 13 years. Her parents are Rebekah and Billy McGinty. Taylor takes part in Key Club, FBLA and the Health and Wellness committee. Her best friends are Sheridan Smith, Olivia Bickers and Liley Holsapple.

Taylor's favorite quote is one from LeBron James, which says "Don't be afraid of failure, this is the way to succeed." This motto helps her out in the classroom as well as in cheer, which is what she'll miss most about high school. If Taylor got the chance, she wouldn't change anything about this year because her senior year has been her favorite so far.

Sleeping in is what Taylor looks most forward to after graduating. Her role model is Liv, because she's funny and is just as sassy as she is. Her only advice for underclassmen is short and simple: "Just enjoy it."

Favorites:

App – Snapchat

Pizza topping – Peperoni

Movie – *Me before You*

Drink – Mountain Dew

TV show – *Blacklist*

Holiday – Christmas

Mr. "12-Gage" Nelson

By Grady Privett



Senior, Dalton Gage Nelson (aka Nelly) is 18 years old. He was born on June 24, 2000 to Mike and Sherry Nelson. Dalton has two siblings Savannah and Tyler (aka Bo Bo). He has four pets Riley, Cooper, Hippie and Midnight.

Dalton has attended Walnut Ridge his entire life. His favorite teachers are Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Rob because they are funny. Dalton's best friends are Grady Privett, Drew Brewer, Jaden Darris and Casey Ginn. He

is involved in FFA, FBLA, band, football and Key Club.

Dalton cannot live without air and his biggest pet peeve is loud people. One major change he has had is becoming a lot more talkative since freshman year. His favorite year of high school has been his senior year. After high school he will miss seeing his friends every day.

Dalton's favorite quote is "It's not about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward" – Sylvester Stallone. His biggest fear going into high school was the work being too hard. If Dalton could start high school again, he would have played football freshman year.

After graduation, he is looking forward to going to college and getting a better paying job. He plans to attend BRTC for a certificate in Industrial Maintenance.

His role model is his grandpa, because he was the type of "loving family man that I strive to be."

Bobcat Bio: Jace Turner

By Lillian Maple

Class - Senior
 BFFs – Tristin Hart, Nash Gill and Andrew Brewer
 Relationship status – Single
 Political view – Mitt Romney
 Should Run
 Pet peeve – people who don't try
 Last binge watch – *Game of Thrones*
 Favorite meme – All of them
 Last person texted – Nash Gill



Last meal – Lobster with corn and a side of crab legs
 Freshman Flop - (stupidest thing you did in 9th grade) – Did not try

Bobcat Bio: Brandon Bethany

By Parker Brand

Class – Freshman
 Club involvement - FFA
 Bff's - Payton Lee, Parker Brand, Logan Dickson, Korwin Johnson and almost everyone
 Favorite class/teacher - Mrs. Holland
 Relationship status - Single
 Political view - Trump train
 Pet peeve - My brother, Matt
 Last binge watch - *Paradise P.D.*
 Guilty pleasure – I like food
 Tech addiction - Snapchat
 Most awkward moment - When I wore my wife beater/white muscle shirt
 Last person you texted - Logan Dickson
 Least favorite artist - Any rap music
 What would you eat for your last meal – Taco Bell
 Freshman flop - Not studying for FFA creed



Bobcat Bio: Mollie Blackshear

By Parker Brand

Class – Sophomore
 BFFs – Bryleigh Morris, Anna Claire, Hailey Jensen and Jaden Darris
 Favorite teacher – Mrs. Rice
 Relationship status – Single
 Pet peeve – Hailey Jensen in class
 Last binge watch – *The Office*
 Favorite meme – "This ain't it chief"
 Tech addiction – Snapchat
 Most awkward moment – 9-10-18
 Last person you texted – Jaden Darris
 What would you choose as your last meal – Cheddar's Chicken Alfredo
 Freshman flop – *cough cough* Goat boy



**Thanksgiving Break:
 November 19-23**

Cade Burris: Man of the Month

By Holly Berry

Seventeen-year-old Cade Burris plays football, basketball and baseball for the Bobcats. His friends and siblings are the reason why he plays. His choice of college is undecided at the moment, but his plans for the future are to become an athletic trainer.

He plans to play college sports and is being recruited by Three Rivers Community College to play baseball. Cade's advice for younger athletes is "have a passion in playing sports." The most cherished memories he has WRHS is getting to play with his close friends.

One of Cade's biggest accomplishments in sports, specifically baseball, is getting the Jonesboro Sun's Best Under the Sun First Team recognition. The keys to his success are hard work and his passion in succeeding.



Jalen Hurts, quarterback for the Alabama Crimson Tide, is the athlete he most admires.

The best advice that Cade has ever received is "go all out and the results will take care of themselves." His favorite sport is baseball and his favorite college team is Alabama. Roll Tide.

The Mystery Man

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proud of passing the Air Force MEPS exam. His advice for underclassmen is "enjoy the short time you have in high school."

His best excuse for being late to class is, "The Bronco was being ornery this morning." One thing he absolutely cannot live without is his phone.

Kolton's biggest pet peeve is when people keep repeating jokes that weren't funny the first time.

Kolton's Favorites:
Pizza Topping – Buffalo Chicken
Movie – *Hacksaw Ridge*
Band – Breaking Benjamin
Store – Academy Sports
TV show – *The Ranch*
Food – Lasagna
Holiday – Halloween
Restaurant – Who Dats
Quote – "Courage is fear holding on a minute longer."
 -- George Patton

Bobcat Bio: Victoria Swindle

By Lillian Maple



Class - Senior
Club Involvement – Choir, Journalism
BFFs – Haiden Haynes, Chase Moseley, Mason McGinnis, and Skylar Louthan
Favorite teacher – Mrs. Moore
Relationship status – Taken
Pet peeve – Hypocrites
Last binge watch – *Grey's Anatomy*
Favorite meme – Spowoky owoky pumpkin
Guilty pleasure – Drawing
Tech addiction – Music
Last person you texted – Skylar Louthan



You're Gonna Miss This:
Senior Nathan Brown takes the field for senior night.

Teacher Spotlight: Michael Halbbrook

Maggie Gibson

Walnut Ridge welcomes the new coach for the girls' basketball team and teacher for elementary P.E. class. He has previously worked at Piggot High School, Delta C-7 High School, and Benton Junior High. His piece of advice for people is that you should try to be a better version of yourself every day. His favorite part of teaching is setting a goal and working hard to accomplish that goal.

He attended Arkansas State University for his education, and over the summer he coached and traveled with his wife, Emma Halbbrook. His personal philosophy is that he should be a positive influence on his players and his students. His hobbies include playing video games, watching sports, and playing fantasy football.



Favorites:
Food - Steak
Store - Game Stop
Website/app - ESPN
Restaurant - Jerry's Steakhouse
TV show - *Game of Thrones*
Band - Red Hot Chili Peppers
Book - *Teammates*
BFF(s) - My wife
Quote - "Life is too important to be taken seriously." – Oscar Wilde

Malachi: More Than Just A Biblical Name

By Max Hibbs

Malachi Sean Tinker was born July 8, 2001, making him 17 years old. His parents are Margretta and Richard Tinker. He has one brother, Tripp, who is eight. He has three dogs.

Malachi's best friends are Austin Stover, Peyton Callahan, Bo Johnson and Roger King. He has attended Walnut Ridge School for six years. His favorite teacher is Mr. Rice because "he's just Rice." His most memorable moment is riding a helicopter last year before the Hoxie game.

The accomplishment he is most proud of is getting first place in Impromptu Speaking at FBLA State.

Advice he has for underclassmen is "just be yourself". His best excuse for being late to class is "I had a thing."

The thing he cannot live without are his dogs. His biggest pet peeve are bullies. He has changed during high school in that he is a lot taller and more social. His "squad" is what he will miss the most after graduation.

He is in FBLA, Key Club and FFA. His favorite quote is "the worst I can be is the same as everybody else, I hate that" by Arnold Schwarzenegger. The best advice he has ever received is "Do your work!" from Mrs. Holland.

Malachi's favorite school year was his freshman year. If he could go back and change anything about high school he would change his study habits. His biggest fear entering high school was fitting in. College is what Malachi is looking forward to the most.

His biggest fear for leaving high school would still be fitting in. He plans to major in Plant Science. The hardest thing Malachi has ever had to do was put down his horse. Malachi's nickname would be Tink. Malachi's role model is Arnold Schwarzenegger because he always pushes forward.



Favorites:

App: Snapchat

Movie: Terminator

Drink: Redbull

Book: Hunger Games

Entertainer: Rodney Carrington

Food: Deer Meat

Holiday: Halloween

Restaurant: Main Street Pizza



The WRHS Chapter: As always in recent years, Walnut Ridge is one of the largest chapters in the entire state! It can be accredited to the large amount of work Mrs. Mary puts into recruitment and fundraising for everyone in the club!



FBLA photos by Sheridan Smith

Create, Lead, Inspire

By Krystin Wallace and Shelby Whitehead
WRHS FBLA Chapter

Members of FBLA attended the Future Business Leaders of America District II Fall Conference on October 11 at Arkansas State University First National Bank Arena. Walnut Ridge has the largest FBLA chapter membership in the district consisting of 122 members. The club has grown so much this year that we had to take three buses to the conference.

Members heard guest speakers from organizations such as the March of Dimes, the Arkansas Children's Hospital, and the Ronald McDonald House.

The main speakers were Dr. Shane Hunt from ASU College

of Business and Miss Arkansas Claudia Raffo. President Dylan Aaron presented a check on stage to the FBLA-PBL Foundation and some members were inducted into office.

WR FBLA attended an Industry Tour Bass Pro Shop and the Pro Sports Career Day in Memphis on November 7. FBLA's motto this year is *Create, Lead, Inspire!*

Special thank you to Chris Harper, Sonya Orrick and Sarah Hoffman for chaperoning.

November

1st Men Make Dinner Day
 2nd Look for Circles Day
 3rd Book Lovers Day
 3rd Housewife's Day
 3rd Sandwich Day
 4th King Tut Day
 5th Gunpowder Day
 6th Marooned without a
 Compass Day
 6th Saxophone Day
 7th Bittersweet Chocolate with
 Almonds Day
 8th Cook Something Bold Day
 9th Chaos Never Dies Day
 10th Forget-Me-Not Day
 11th Veteran's Day
 12th Chicken Soup for the Soul
 Day
 13th Caregiver Appreciation Day
 13th National Indian Pudding
 Day
 13th World Kindness Day
 14th Operating Room Nurse
 Day
 14th World Diabetes Day
 15th America Recycles Day
 15th Clean Your Refrigerator
 Day
 15th National Philanthropy Day
 16th Button Day

Bobcat Quotes

By Hannah Beary

“Drink from the trough, my sweet child.” – Jacob Buxton
 “I need a knee-ologist.” – Garrett Brown
 “I’m Irish and Native American. That’s why I can tan really well and grow
 facial hair.” – Logan Blackwood
 “Was Medea the Bible?” – Bryson Farmer
 “The holding cell at the new jail is nice.” – Nash Gill
 “I am in college English.” – Slade Dalton
 Mollie Blackshear, talking about the Wright Brothers — “They made a lot of
 good movies.”
 “I won even without my painful love life.” – Tate Anderson
 “The last time I heard yelling like that, my parents got a divorce.” – Ezra
 Villarreal
 “X-rays... If you take chemo you can’t be in the same room as x-rays!” –
 Mollie Blackshear
 “They don’t have Thanksgiving, they wouldn’t know what black Friday is.”
 – Grady Privett
 “I was on a roll; I was on number 2!” – James Belew
 “I don’t know where coach is, but I want my freaking cupcakes.”- Hannah
 Harper
 “You know it’s gonna be a great day when you step down and hear a
 scrunch.” – Kyle Russell
 “White is worn at weddings to show the bride’s purity.” – Mrs. Rice “... And
 men wear black because that’s the end of their life!” – Sam Lewis
 “I am SO dramatic.” – Kate Cole
 “Hey, can you vape crack?” – Dalton Nelson
 Talking about Bruce Jenner, “He was on the Wheaties box!” – Mrs. Rice
 “And now he’s on Fruit Loops!” – Blane Wade
 “How did I miscalculate that in my brain-head?” – Tate Anderson

Holidays

16th Have a Party With Your Bear
 Day
 16th National Fast Food Day
 17th Homemade Bread Day
 17th National Adoption Day
 17th Take A Hike Day
 18th Occult Day
 19th Have a Bad Day Day
 20th Absurdity Day
 20th Beautiful Day
 21st False Confession Day
 21st World Hello Day
 22nd Go For a Ride Day
 22nd Thanksgiving
 23rd Buy Nothing Day
 23rd National Cashew Day
 23rd National Espresso Day
 23rd You're Welcome Day
 24th All Our Uncles are Monkeys
 Day
 24th Evolution Day
 25th National Parfait Day
 26th Shopping Reminder Day
 27th Pins and Needles Day
 28th French Toast Day
 28th Make Your Own Head Day
 28th Red Planet Day
 29th Square Dance Day
 30th Stay At Home Because You
 Are Well Day

Key Club

“Caring – Our Way of Life.”

By Abbigail Rounsavall

Key Club isn’t all talk; their actions are speaking louder than words.

October was a busy month for the Key Club. They have held many events to help out the people of our community and raise money for public events and charities.

One of the things Key Club did this past October was help at the “Fallin’ into Fun Festival” at Lake Charles Park on the 20th for the Children’s Shelter. They also helped with the Kiwanis Radio Auction on the 20th as well. Then, on October 15th — our Homecoming day — they sold pizza and drinks to raise money for the Backpack Program.

October isn’t going to be their only busy month. In November, Key Club sponsor Jerry Haynes has many more events planned, such as the Blood Drive on November 13th and helping serve the Thanksgiving Community Meal at The Studio on Main Street on November 21st.

Sox Take the Series!

By Cade Burris

On October 27, the world gained a new baseball champion. The Boston Red Sox defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in a best of seven series to win the Major League Baseball World Series.

The Red Sox started the series with back-to-back games at home where they were able to come away with wins with big performances from former Arkansas Razorback, Andrew Benitendi. After which the series moved across the map to Los Angeles.

When the Dodgers got to play their first home game of the

series they were able to come away with a one-run victory. The win came off of a solo homerun in the bottom of the 18th inning. The game lasted a total of seven hours and twenty minutes. This made the series a 2-1 stand with Boston still in the lead.

The Red Sox would come away with another set of wins in Los Angeles to finish the series 4-1. The Red Sox would become the World Series Champions. With this win it marked their fourth World Series since 2000.



Actual. Legend. Tyler. Ditto.

Harry, Meghan, and Baby Makes Three!

By Claire Fisher

Have you heard the royal news? The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are expecting a baby!

The Kensington Palace official Twitter account released a tweet October 15 announcing that Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess, are expecting a baby in the spring of 2019.

The royal couple appreciate all of the support from everyone. The couple have received nothing but good news since their wedding in May.

Dallas Cop Charged in Harding Alumni's Murder

By Mattie Craig

On September 6 a black man was killed in his apartment by an off-duty cop in Dallas. Amber Guyger, a Dallas police officer, arrived at South Side Flats and mistakenly walked into the wrong apartment thinking it was her own.

Guyger had walked into Botham Shem Jean's dark apartment, not realizing that she was supposed to be one floor down. When she saw Jean, believing him to be an intruder, she

pulled out her service weapon, and shot Jean twice, hitting him in the chest and abdomen.

Immediately after shooting, she called 911 and finally turned on the lights in the apartment to find Jean and realized her fatal mistake. Jean was rushed to the hospital where he died a short time later. Jean had moved to Texas after he graduated from Harding University in Searcy in 2016. He began a job at

PricewaterhouseCoopers, an accounting and auditing firm in downtown Dallas.

Guyger was taken into custody a few days later and charged with manslaughter, only to be released the following Sunday on a \$300,000 bond. She was fired from the Dallas Police Department on September 24.

Banksy Shreds Painting Worth \$1.4 Million

By Skyla Henry

Banksy, an anonymous graffiti artist, recently gained the attention of the media when the so-called political activist pulled a stunt that left the witnesses shocked and confused.

A print of his work Girl with a Balloon was being auctioned off at Sotheby's, a world famous auction house in London. The work was sold for \$1.4 million before beginning to shred itself.

"Going, going, gone..." was the caption of an Instagram post he made after

the event. Since then, the work (now titled Love is in the Bin) has doubled in value.

Afterward Banksy posted a video revealing that he had secretly built a shredder into the frame of the piece years ago. Sotheby's claims to have had no knowledge of the plot. A spokesperson explained they were explicitly told not to tamper with the frame in any way because it would ruin the work.

Soon enough, people began speculating that the stunt was fake or that Sotheby's was in on it. Banksy released

another video denying the claims. The video showed "rehearsals" of the testing the shredder. When the actual painting was shredded, it stopped halfway. According to Banksy, it malfunctioned and should have completely shredded itself.

Whether or not the stunt was real, Banksy certainly succeeded at catching the public's eye. A video from Banksy posted on Instagram was captioned, "the urge to destroy is also a creative urge." - Picasso

Day In The Life

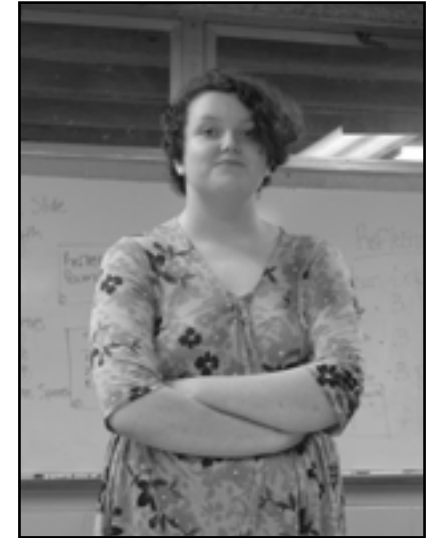


Brew Crew: The maverick minds behind the entrepreneurial enterprise, "Bobcat Brew".

Editor's Note:

Every month, *The Cat's Dispatch* will end with a photospread depicting the students of WRHS in their "natural habitat". *The Cat's Dispatch* cannot be held responsible if those depicted dislike the photos here because they have a negative image of themselves or think they look goofy. Sorry! Everyone is beautiful; it's okay to be goofy. With that said, please enjoy a day in the life of the WRHS Student.

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Power Stance: Irene Hood *demand*s respect and exudes confidence with an iconic pose.



Success: Dakota Girard grins with awards in hand as a concerned looking Mrs. Smith watches... *Something*.



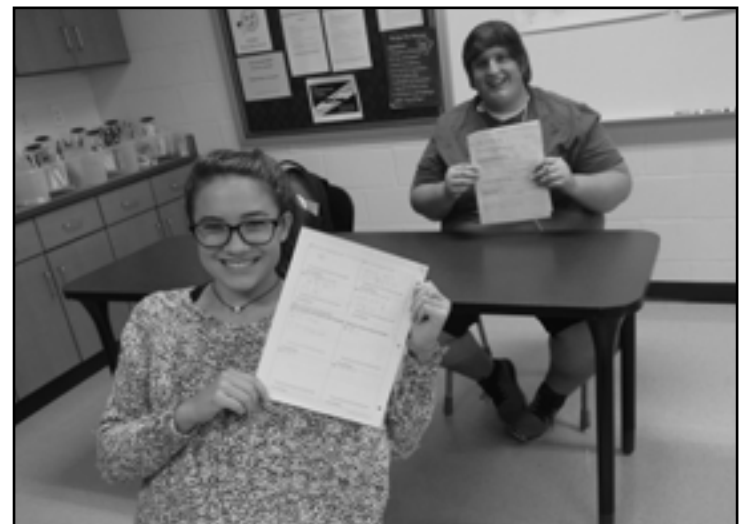
The Three Musketeers: When Colin Parker, Harmony Wells and Brittney Travis are not up to trouble, they can be found reading (for enjoyment or furthering education!)



Sass: Skyla Henry is having none of that right now; she'll fight you.



Brotherhood: Peyton Callahan and Austin Stover work tirelessly in tandem, searching for the final digit of pi. Tyler Hudson schemes just behind them, shouting numbers at random to throw them off.



Genius: Olivia Bickers and Zack Osburn flex their brain for the camera.