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Burgin Reigns at Legends: Homecoming 2019

By Olivia Ford



Sydney Burgin (center) will be crowned Homecoming Queen when the Bobcats face the Harrisburg Hornets on October 25. Katie Kersey is honored as Maid of Honor and Hannah Wade as Senior Maid. The remaining homecoming royalty includes Chloe Bounds as Junior Maid, Chloe Davis as Sophomore Maid and Karlee Brewer as Freshman Maid.

Sydney's pages are Macy Rose Broadway, daughter of Chad and Amber Broadway, and Kam Theielemier, son of Jeremy and Hollie Theielemier, all of Walnut Ridge.

The theme for homecoming is Legends. Homecoming themed days include: Monday, Camo vs. Country Club; Tuesday, Throwback Day; Wednesday, Workout vs. Lazy Day; Thursday, Cowboys vs. Aliens; and Friday, Orange and White.

Leading up to the pep rally the day of homecoming, Key Club will sponsor the annual parade around the school and end on the track. Presentation of royalty will begin at 6:30. The game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Gaming Design Workshop 2019

By Dagan Lillard

On Tuesday, September 24, students Zach Caspall, Rome McEntire and Mason McGinnis attended a workshop at the NEA Education Co-op.

After learning the basics, they learned how to create their very own video games in the game engine Unity that had interactive characters, physics, and other various aspects such as ponds, trees and mountains, etc.

To their amazement, they then uploaded their own student-created games to the Oculus Rift – a virtual reality headset – where they could walk around and explore the world they had just developed from scratch.

These students attended this workshop because they are currently enrolled in a video game designing class here at Walnut Ridge.



Zach Caspall, Rome McEntire and Mason McGinnis work in the Unity platform to build their very own video game worlds.

Homecoming Chili Supper

By Abby Rounsavall

October 25, the night of the Bobcat's homecoming, the sophomore class will host a chili supper in the Van Ellis Cafeteria.

The supper will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and you can choose to either dine in or carry out. The tickets are \$8 per person with the proceeds going to the WRHS sophomore class to pay lots of expenses associated with our junior and senior years.

If you need any more information, contact a member of the sophomore class or a sophomore class sponsor.

The Devil is Real...

By Livvie Howard

In today's society, there are so many evil and demonic people. The choices that people make really make me wonder if Jesus is coming back soon.

Recently in Arizona, a 31-year-old man drowned his son, saying the boy was "possessed by a demon" and he "saw something evil inside of the boy."

He held the child under the faucet, in the bathtub for five to ten minutes, letting scalding hot water burn the boy's throat, face, arms and hands.

When the mother heard gurgling noises from the bathroom she found the door locked and quickly made her way into the bathroom.

When she found her husband doing this, her first instinct was to call a pastor, who didn't answer, and then 911.

The Truth about Climate Change

By Bryleigh Morris

What is climate change? Climate change, also called global warming, is the rise in the average temperatures on Earth. Climate change is the result of the use of fossil fuels, the gases trap heat within the atmosphere. Which can affect the ecosystems, severe weather events, rising sea levels, and droughts potentially leading to wildfires.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says that climate change is indeed occurring due to human activity. Even the smallest increases in Earth's temperature can have severe effects. The Earth's average temperature has gone up 1.4 degrees over the past century and is expected to rise 11.5 degrees over the next century.

Rising sea levels due to the melting of the polar ice caps contribute to greater storm damage. The Arctic Ocean is expected to become essentially ice free during summer months, before mid-century.

Economists agree that acting to reduce fossil fuel emissions would be a lot less expensive than dealing with the consequences of not doing so.

What's your Favorite Beatles Song?

(Teacher's Edition)

by Gavin Davis

Mr. Harper – *I Want to Hold Your Hand*

Mrs. Mary – *Let it Be*

Mr. Haynes – *Yesterday*

Doc Holloway – *Let it Be*

Ms. Pattin – *Yellow Submarine*

Coach Ward – *Imagine*

Mrs. Rice – *Blackbird*

Mrs. Wilcoxson – *Yellow Submarine*

Mrs. Findley – *Yesterday*

Mrs. Ross – *Long and Winding Road*

Mr. Ford – *Twist and Shout*

Mrs. Rob – "I don't like The Beatles"

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Mystery Students

By Kayleene Long

He plays football,
And is very tall.
He has brown hair,
But is a big teddy bear.

She always has her bible,
You'll catch her at revival.
She's a good flier,
But a really bad liar.

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

The Voice of the Bobcats

By Hannah Wade



If it wasn't for TJ, football games would never be the same. The cheer, dance and football teams say a big thank you for announcing and keeping up with us! We know it isn't a job just anyone could do. He has never failed to get everyone pumped and help cheer on the Bobcats.

Terrell J. Richardson graduated from Hoxie High school in 2003. He attended

college at UAFS (University of Arkansas Fort Smith) for applied science. TJ has worked at Walnut Ridge School for five years as maintenance tech.

Over the summer TJ worked to repair and improve our school. His word of advice is to always do your best and be the best version of yourself.

Wife and best friend, Christie and their sons, Jeramiah and Braxton, and daughter, Kathryn are his everything.

TJ's hobbies include fishing and spending time with his family. He is looking forward to Thanksgiving because it's his favorite holiday.

TJ's Favorites

Food – Tacos

Website/App – Anything sports

TV show – *Big Bang Theory*

Book – *3 Little Pigs*

Store – Academy Sports

Tyler is WRHS Career Coach

By Dagan Lillard

Abby Tyler is the new career coach. She's employed by BRTC and splits her time between Sloan Hendrix and Walnut Ridge campuses.



As career coach, she helps students figure out what they want to do after school. Mrs. Tyler is a former first grade teacher at Pocahontas. She and her husband Scott have a one-year-old son, Eli.

Mrs. Tyler looks forward to watching little Eli grow up. Her words of advice are, "Enjoy high

school, these are the easy years!"

Her personal philosophy about teaching is "Teaching and education isn't just one size, fits all." Mrs. Tyler's favorite part of teaching is helping students. So don't be afraid to ask for her help.

She enjoys shopping, being in the water, and spending quality time with family. This past summer she went to the beach and had plenty of river and lake days, with friends and family.

She graduated from Pocahontas High School. She then attended Arkansas State University and received a Master's in Education.

Mrs. Tyler's Faves

Food – Mexican

App – Pinterest

Show – *The Office*

Book – *Where the Crawdads Sing*

Quote – "Cherish the simple things"

Store – TJ Maxx

Restaurant – Skinny J's

Band – Fleetwood Mac

BFFs – (siblings) Claire, Drake, and her twin sister,

Adrienne.



Leah Malewski and Lilly Lewis take a break at the pep rally.

Apple's Fall Event

By Parker Papi

At its fall event, Apple announced new technology. Apple released a new iPad, Apple Watch Series 5, iPhone 11, iPhone 11 Pro, and iPhone 11 Pro Max.

In addition to new devices, they also released new services including Apple TV Plus and Apple Arcade.

The iPad price starts at \$329. Series 5 price starts at \$399. The price of the iPhone 11 starts at \$699. iPhone 11 Pro price starts at \$999. iPhone 11 Pro Max starts at \$1,099.

The services prices are \$4.99 for Apple TV Plus and \$4.99 for Apple Arcade.

Apple TV Plus is a service that allows users to watch movies and TV shows on a video on demand.

Apple Arcade, available September 2019, offers unlimited access to 100 plus games. Planned release of Apple TV Plus is November 2019.

Apple Watch Series 5 also became available in September 2019.

Remember When...

By Ray Yang

...Andrew Prestidge played football?

...We got Scooby Snacks in kindergarten?

...Ray Yang broke his hand?

...Barack Obama was president?

...Kel Slusser got a perm?

...Mrs. Susan Doyle was a sub in middle school? (now she's the middle school secretary)

...Drey Hibbard busted Ray Yang's head open with a stick?

...Cannon Baker was short and chunky?

A New Chapter for the Sheets

By Jamie Patrick

Dylan Jacob Sheets, son of Bret and Michelle Sheets, was born May 17, 2002. He has a younger sister, Lydia, 13.

He has attended Walnut Ridge his whole life, and his best friends are Jamie Patrick, Peyton Callahan and Jonathan Alba. His favorite teacher is Mr. Long, who "is always calm, but knows when to be serious."

Dylan's most embarrassing moment happened during a half-time band performance, when he slung his trombone and his music scattered all over the field.

He has accomplished a lot these past four years, but the one thing he is most proud of is learning how to play different kinds of instruments. Dylan can't live without his drums.

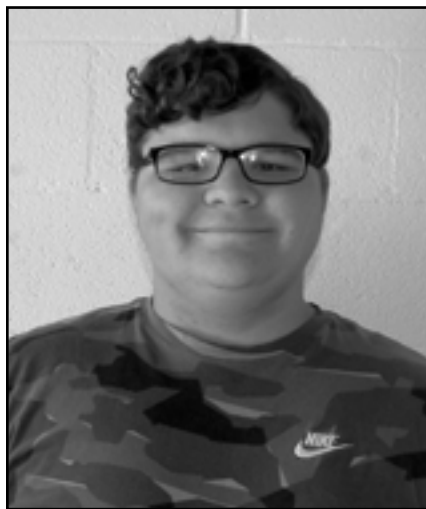
Band is the only thing that he will miss about high school. It's the only organization he is in. He hasn't changed much since freshman year, besides becoming more intelligent.

His advice for underclassmen is, "Turn in your homework for Mrs. Rob; it's your only hope!" Dylan's best excuse for being late for class was "I was locked in the band trailer."

Dylan's favorite year has been his senior year; however, if he could do it all over again, he would apply himself more. His biggest pet peeve is, "People who act like they know something, but in reality they don't have a clue."

His favorite quote, by Mark Twain is, "The two most important days of your life is the day you are born, and the day you find out why." His biggest fear going into high school was simply "passing." Now, his biggest fear about leaving is losing connection with his friends.

Dylan is looking forward



to graduation because he "gets to be free." His plans to go to college and major in music. The hardest thing he will have to do is saying "Good bye" to his friends after graduation

Dylan looks up to comedian Gabriel Iglesias because, no matter what he has been through, he always makes a joke out of it.

Dylan's Favorites

Movies – *Dead Pool 2*
 Class – Band
 Drink – Dr. Pepper
 Band – Shine Down
 Book – *Bleachers*
 Entertainer – Gabriel Iglesias
 Food – Chicken
 Holiday – New Year's Eve



Gill Farms is the Best Farm

By Grady Privett

Nash Logan Gill, 18, son of Greg and Kim Gill, was born on September 13, 2001. He has two siblings, Gary Gill and Jennifer Faldon. He also has a cat, named Cheetah and a dog, named Molly.

Nash has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. His best friends in school are Logan Blackwood, Tristin Hart, Jace Turner, Johnathan Alba, Cole Manning, Cannon Baker, Will Davis and Zay Money (Isaiah Mabry). Nash's favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob because she makes life fun and jokes around.

The advice that Nash has for underclassmen is "Do your work and don't make Mrs. Rob mad." The accomplishments he is most proud of are getting All Conference in basketball and baseball. The best excuse he has for being tardy is "I was icing my knee."

Nash has matured since freshman year growing facial hair and breaking out of his shell. Clubs Nash is involved in are Key Club, football, basketball and baseball. The things he will miss most about high school are his friends and sports.

The hardest thing he has ever had to do is complete English 11. If he could start high school again, he would actually study and do his homework. His biggest fear going into high school was Mrs.



Rob, and his biggest fear leaving high school is that he will fail at farming.

Nash has learned everything he knows from his dad, Greg including his favorite quote, "Gotta spend a little money to make a little money." The best advice Nash had ever received is also from Greg who said "Never be down on yourself."

After graduation, Nash is going to attend BRTC and get his basics then transfer to Arkansas State to get a degree in Ag Business. He is looking forward to "The Farm" after graduation.

Nash's Favorites

App – Snapchat
 Pizza Topping –
 Mushrooms
 Class – Journalism
 T.V. Show – *Friends*
 Entertainer – Kevin Hart
 Holiday – Christmas
 Restaurant – Polar Freeze
 Ice Cream – Strawberry

Once a Bobcat, Always a Bobcat

By Anna Saffell

Jacey Cadence Jones was born on November 8, 2001. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Jayme and James Gibson. Jacey has three siblings: Jordyn Jones, Kai Jones and Khloe Gibson. Her best friends are Bailey Augustine, Anna Saffell, Reece Archer and Shyanne Foley. She cannot live without her friends, because of all the support they give to her.

Jacey attended Walnut Ridge School until second grade, when she moved away, but then she came back in ninth grade. She loves all her teachers. Her advice to underclassmen is "Be outgoing, but don't be too much to where you're always in the spotlight."

Her biggest pet peeve is when annoying people never stop talking. The way Jacey has changed since freshman year is by having fewer friends, but also a different outlook on life.

Junior year was Jacey's favorite year of school. Her biggest fear going into high school was not fitting in or being smart



enough; her biggest fear upon leaving high school is that she didn't do enough in high school and now fears that college will be much worse.

Jacey plans to go to college to be a radiologist. After graduation, she is most looking forward to beginning a career and then starting a family.

"Life goes on; keep your head up," is the best advice Jacey has ever received from Mama J (her mom.) Mama J is also her role model because she has fought against all odds.

Her favorite quote is, "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be" -Douglas Adams.

...And Then There's Bo

By Chris Gullede

Bo James William Johnson Jr is a 18-year-old senior at Walnut Ridge High School. He was born March 4, 2001. His parents are Tina and Michael Hulen and he has no furry pals. Bo has three siblings Tanisha 24, Falesha 21, and Palesha 25. His best friends consist of Austin Stover, Chris Gullede, Peyton Callahan and Roger King.

Bo has been going to Walnut Ridge for five years and his favorite teacher is Joey Rice, and the only club he is involved in is FFA. When he is late, his favorite excuse is there was a lot of people in the bathroom. He can't live without his phone, and his biggest pet peeve is annoying people.

The hardest thing he has done in high school is sit through three days of ISS. Passing the 11th grade is the accomplishment for



which he is most proud. The advice he has for the lowerclassmen is "don't procrastinate."

When asked what he would miss most about high school he said "He would miss all his friends." His favorite quote is by Peyton Callahan, "Success cannot be won but one with success cannot be lost."

The best advice he got was from Mrs. Rob "Do your homework." His favorite year has been his senior year. His biggest fear entering high school was upperclassmen and now his biggest fear leaving high school is starting the real world.

He is looking forward to college after high school, and he wants to be pipeline welder. Bo's only nickname is Chucky Finster. Look at all his sisters' names and then it's just Bo.

Bo's Favorites

App - Snapchat
 Pizza Topping - Pepperoni
 Movie - *Mac and Devin go to High School*
 Class - Agri
 Drink - Monster
 Food - Shrimp
 Restaurant - McDonalds
 Ice Cream - Chocolate

Jacey's Favorites

App - Pinterest
 Pizza - Chocolate Chip
 Movie - *Five Feet Apart*
 Class - EAST
 Drink - Pink Lemonade
 Favorite Color - Pink
 Store - Thrift Stores
 T.V. Shows - *Vampire Diaries*, *13 Reasons Why* and *Riverdale*
 Food - Toaster Strudels
 Holiday - "HallowThanksMas"
 Song - *Older* by Sasha Sloan
 Ice Cream - Vanilla Bean



GO CATS!!



Super Syd Named Queen

By Maddie Flippo

Sydney Paige Burgin was born on October 16, 2001. Her parents are Leslie and Richie Burgin. She has one brother, Chaz Burgin and a dog, Cricket. She has attended Walnut Ridge her whole life and is active in Key Club, FBLA and Student Council.

She has four best friends, Katie Kersey, Maddie Flippo, Shyanne Foley and Chloe Davis. Her favorite teacher is Lindy Baker because, "she lets me do whatever I want." Sydney's best excuse for being late to class are trains. One of her biggest pet peeves are slow drivers. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11.

Since freshman year, she has changed because she is taller and her hair is longer and blonder. Her advice for underclassmen is "be respectful and nice." One thing she will miss the most when she graduates is getting to see her best friends on a daily basis.

Her great work ethic and determination led her to one of her proudest accomplishments which was being invited to the AVCA Volleyball Phenom in Minnesota her junior year.

After high school, Sydney has verbally committed to attend University of Arkansas at Little Rock to play D1 college volleyball.

The best advice she has ever received was from her dad; however, her role model is her mom because she works hard at everything she does.

Sydney has been a leader and great contributor to the volleyball team and Alleycat dance team. After she graduates, students and teachers will miss her witty and sarcastic comments



as well as her hard work and being a great friend to anyone who knows her.

Sydney's Favorites

App – Snapchat
 Drink – Water
 Store – H&M
 TV Show – *The Bachelor*
 Food – Guacamole
 Song – *No Hands* by Wakka Flocka
 Restaurant – Sumo
 Ice Cream – Cookie Dough



The King of WRHS

By Andrew Hill

Roger Garrett King, 17, was born on March 1, 2002. His parents are Shawn and Tammy King, and he has two brothers, Cyrus, 22, and Dawson, 21. He has two dogs, Boston and Coal.

He has attended WRHS for four years. His best friends are Austin Stover, Ethan Willis, Peyton Callahan, Bo Johnson, Andrew Hill and Jon Alba. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rouse because she taught him a lot.

His most memorable moment happened when he tried to jump across a drainage ditch with Nash Gill. The hardest thing Roger ever had to do was not drop out of school, making the accomplishment he is most proud simply, "making it to 12th grade."

Roger's advice to underclassmen is "don't grow up." His best excuse for being late is, of course, "I got pulled over." His biggest pet peeve is, "VSCO. That's literally all."

Since freshman year, his favorite year at WR, he has realized his true potential. Roger will miss his friends most after high school. He is involved with FFA and Trap. If Roger could start high school again, he wouldn't change anything.

Roger's favorite quote is "If you're not first, you're last." – Ricky Bobby.

His biggest fear going into high school was not making any friends, but his biggest

Bobcat Cheer represented by Mady McGinnis, Maci Smelser, Hailey Jensen and Kayleene Long.



fear upon leaving high school is losing all of his friends. Roger isn't certain about what his plans for college, but after graduation he looks forward to going to work out of state.

Roger's nicknames are Smokey, Rog and McKing. His role model is Kevin Gates because he doesn't get tired.

Roger's Favorites

App – PhotoMath
 Pizza Topping – Bacon
 Movie – *Mac and Devin Go to High School*
 Class – Psychology
 Store – Footlocker
 Book – *Looking for Alaska*
 Holiday – Thanksgiving
 Song – *Paper Chasers* by Kevin Gates



Trevor Smith and Gavin Davis lead the trumpet section.

Mady's Just Ready to Graduate

By Maggie Gibson

The stunning Mady McGinnis has a brother, Mason, age 16. They are the son and daughter of Stacy Dudley. She has two dogs, and one cat (Snowball, Anna and Graycie).

She has attended Walnut Ridge School for eight years and throughout that time she developed strong friendships with Hannah Ponder and Kailey Blazer. She's had many amazing teachers throughout her experience, although her favorite is the beautiful, Jamie Pattin.

She is currently a cheerleader, she is in Key Club, FBLA, NHS and plays softball. She is also taking Journalism II. However, she is most proud of her becoming a cheerleader and Mu Alpha Theta.

She had probably one of the greatest glow ups in history since her freshman year.

Her biggest fear going into high school was upperclassmen, and her biggest fear leaving is becoming an adult.



However, she's really looking forward to college.

Mady's Favorites:

Pizza topping – Pepperoni
 Drink – Lemon tea
 T.V. show – *Supernatural*
 Food – Ravioli
 Ice cream - Moose Tracks

Bobcat Bio: Kinley Davis

By Kel Slusser

Class - Freshman

Favorite Teacher – Mrs. Shelby

Fave Class – Algebra

Club Involvements - Key Club, Student Council and FBLA

BFFs – Kennedie Weldon and Maggie Porter

Relationship Status – Single

Political Review – Republican

Last Binge Watch – *The Ranch*

Worst Habit – “Biting my nails.”

Pet Peeve – Not knowing the answer to a question



Album Review:

How It Feels to Be Lost

By Jacob Slankard

The rock band Sleeping with Sirens released their sixth album, *How It Feels to Be Lost*, in September 2019. The album was recorded through the record label, Sumerian Records.

The album is their first release on Sumerian since departing from Warner Bros Records. It also marks a return to

the band's post-hardcore roots.

How It Feels to Be Lost is their final album with drummer, Gabe Barham, as he departed from the band shortly before the album was released.

My favorite tracks on this album are: *How It Feels to Be Lost*, *Leave It all Behind* and *Agree to Disagree*.

What Do You Want to Be When You Grow up?

By Rhoni Riggs

Kaylan Decker – RN

Andrew Hill – Mechanic Diesel

Ryann Douglas – Air Force

Raelea Vampran – NICU or Labor & Delivery Nurse

Ashley Moore – Interior Designer

Hannah Russom – Pediatrician

Hunter Stafford – Construction Worker

Alex Jones – Dancer

Faith Mills – Vet

Sydney Robinson – Dentist

Kyle Russell – Famous

Austin Rushing – Pipe welder



Jenny Davis and Hannah Wade

What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?

By Kaylan Decker

Ray Yang – Snickers

Kristina Thomas and Leah Malewski – Candy Corn

Zoey Wilson – Kit-Kat

Mia Roberson – M&M's

Madison Jones (10th grade) – Gummy Body Parts

Cody Gray and Jacob Slankard – Reese's Pieces

Parker Papi – Crunch Bar

Zachary Parker – Snickers

Jonathan Alba – Twix

Carmen Lane – Pixie Sticks

Roger King - Butterfinger

Bobcat Bio: Olivia Ford

By Kyle Russell

Class: Senior

Club involvement – FBLA, Key Club, National Honor Society
BFFs – Claire McCord, Gracey Collins and Marguerite Gill.

Fav teacher – Mrs. Rob or Doc

Pet peeve – People invading her space

cough Kailey Blazer, Holly Berry *cough*

Last binge watch – The Office

Most awkward moment – Falling at the alumni volleyball game and Marguerite dragging her across the gym floor

Worst habit – procrastinating and staying up late.



The Amazing Cole Manning

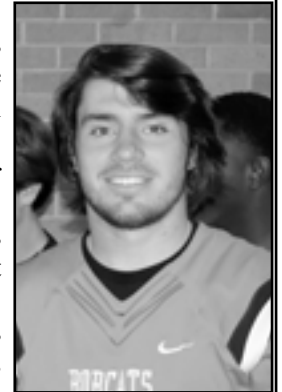
By Isaiah Mabry

Cole Manning is 16 years old and has been a major athlete at Walnut Ridge for a while now. Cole participates in baseball and football and these happen to also be his favorite sports. He earned All-Conference in both sports last year and also received outstanding pitcher in baseball. Manning's most cherished moment in these sports was going 9-3 last year in football which hadn't happened in years.

Cole's advice for the younger athletes is "Always do your best and work hard." He feels you should never let anyone stop you from doing what you want to do. Cole feels you should trust in God and play hard no matter how bad Grady's snaps are.

Watching his cousin, Michael Bounds, made Cole want to play football. He feels that knowing that if he does his best, that everything else will fall into place.

Cole's favorite football team is the Cowboys, his favorite athlete is Julio Jones. He admires Jalen Ramsey the most because of his competitiveness.



The Meltdown of Antonio Brown

By Ty Flippo

Antonio Brown has been all over the news lately, because of numerous problems and controversies. It all started when the Pittsburgh Steelers signed Brown to a big contract. ESPN analyst Lois Riddick, said this "contract created a monster."

After a disagreement with QB Ben Roethlisberger, skipping a week of practice and a missing a team meeting, Brown was benched for the final game of the season.

He was found guilty of reckless driving and did not show up to court in February. A month later, he was traded to the Oakland Raiders, but the problems didn't stop there.

He vowed to be a good teammate and bring good energy to the team. Then he started missing practice with the Raiders, because of foot injuries. It was later revealed that Brown was suffering from frostbite because he didn't wear the right footwear in the cryotherapy chamber. He

also missed several training camps as well.

A few days later the league banned him from wearing his old helmet because it was 10 years old and no longer met the NFL's new equipment rules.

Brown threatened to retire from the NFL because of this. He received notice from the general manager that Oakland had the right to fine him for missing practices. They got into a heated confrontation where Brown called the GM a "cracker." Brown was fined \$219,000 then asked to be released. Within hours of his release, he signed with the New England Patriots, just days before week one.

That same week, he was accused of sexually assaulting one of his former trainers in 2017-2018. He played one game with the Patriots before being released. Shortly after, he tweeted that he was done with the NFL. He lost all of his endorsements as well.

NBA 2k20 is Here

By Austin Stover

If you're a gamer and love basketball, then *2k20* is just for you. *NBA 2K20* is the newest, and arguably the best, basketball game created to this day.

This year's *2k* is the first to include the WNBA. All 12 WNBA teams and players are featured. This year's game also has the best-in-class graphics and groundbreaking game modes. The most popular of the game mode's is MyCareer.

There are more than 100 archetypes and 50 new badges, so the combinations are nearly endless. Allowing you to create

the most unique MyPlayer of all time.

2k20 also features an upgraded motion engine with signature styles, advanced shooting controls, a new dribble size-up system, refined off-ball collisions, and a new read and react defensive game. Additionally they added 10 new legendary teams.

Mrs. Rob is lovin' every minute of it when Nash Gill and Tristin Hart show up.



Isaac Biggers Earns All-Conference

By Maddie Flippo

The WRHS Bobcat golf team finished second place overall in the District Golf Tournament held in Blytheville. Senior Isaac Biggers was named All-Conference.

By placing as one of the top two teams, the Bobcats earned an invitation to compete in the State Golf Tournament, also held at Blytheville.



Debating the Second Amendment

By Roger King

In today's world, the availability of guns is widely debated. People talk about a ban of fully-automatic assault rifles – or guns, in general. Debates like this date back to the late 1700s when our Founding Fathers created a written set of rights, known today as the Constitution.

Our Founding Fathers agreed that every American citizen had the right to bear arms. The right to bear arms was created during a time in which our country had no military, no army; just people from all areas of Europe who had said they had enough with Great Britain's tyranny and unjust laws.

We no longer have a need to bear arms to form militia because our government has a military. The question is: Should we still have the right to bear arms? After all, 30 percent of Americans own guns, while 43 percent live in households with guns.

Do private citizens need guns if we have the US military to fight on behalf of all of America? Not all military personnel have the

same beliefs. The military cannot protect every American, in our country or a foreign land.

This explains why 48 percent of American gun owners cite self-protection as their need for weapons. You never know when you are going to get mugged, robbed, kidnapped, or worse.

People carry guns for their own personal safety; however, not everyone uses a gun to protect themselves, and some people know this, all too well.

Fifteen of the 25 worst mass shootings in the last 50 years have taken place in America. In most cases, the shootings ended before police arrived. Yet, a small number of mass shootings have been stopped by armed civilians.

People will always have different opinions about the 2nd amendment; however, gun ownership is our right and any effort take our guns away would be illegal. American gun owners should be free to carry without others lashing out at them because of differing views. After all, they have every right to own one.

Highly Illogical Behavior

By Dagan Lillard

Solomon Reed's behavior is a problem to everyone but him. He stays in the safety of his house 24/7. Solomon has started to take classes online to space himself from the horrors of the outside world.

This new lifestyle has solved all of his problems: No more anxiety attacks, no more trying to figure out how to coexist with his "peers". This behavior arose after a perfectly normal day of school; when suddenly he was overridden with an anxiety attack. Causing him to strip down to his tighty-whities and go for a dip in the school's fountain.

Solomon has an anxiety disorder known as Agoraphobia. This causes the person to absolutely despise open environments, and in severe cases, causes the person to never want to leave the comfort of their home. His family is supporting and loving to him, though they are very scared for the future their son can possibly have.

Then came Lisa Paytor, a smart, determined high school junior who has her heart set on getting into a top of the line psychology program. To earn a scholarship for this, she knows she has to write a top of the line essay about her personal experiences with mental illness.

Suddenly Solomon Reed – the kid who's very public mental breakdown swept the school like a virus – pops into her head. She plans to cure him and get a killer essay in the process. She recruits her boyfriend, Clark, into the plan. An unlikely friendship forms among the trio. They learn a lot about what is important in life. Don't be a stranger.

Highly Illogical Behavior is by John Corey Whaley.



TEAM: Parker, Blane and Tristin are Bobcats.

Bobcat Bio: Chris Gulledge

By Kyle Russell

Class – Junior

Club involvement – Journalism

Relationship status – Single, but talks to a lot of girls

Pet peeve – Stupid people

Last binge watch – *The 100*

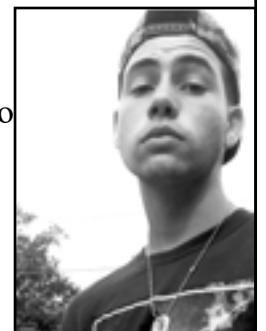
Favorite meme – "Ight, Imma head out."

Last person he texted – Austin Rushing

Least favorite artist – Cardi B

Worst habit – "I don't do homework."

What would you request as your last meal? "Fried chicken with hot sauce."



The History of D & D

By Jacob Buxton

Dungeons and Dragons is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. Derived from miniature wargames, where people would re-enact historical battles, Gary Gygax, the author of *Chainmail*, a medieval-themed wargame, partnered with Dave Arneson to make the 1st Edition ruleset of *Dungeons and Dragons*.

Since then, Wizards of the Coast has published five more updated rulesets, leaving us at 5th Edition, along with an Open Game License, which lets

players write their own campaign, making several offshoot rulesets like *Pathfinder*, *Shadowrun*, and *Call of Cthulhu*.

D&D differs from traditional wargames by letting the player create a singular character, rather than having them control military units. Piloting this character, the player will dive through a diverse adventure, written by the Dungeon Master. The DM serves as a storyteller, actor and referee.



Jernie Tyra, Stormy and Katie Jones enjoyed the KFIN pep rally.

D&D Players:

Jacob is looking for players to run a campaign.

If you are interested, call Jacob at 870-421-6040

Beware the *Blair Witch*

By Connie Lane

Halloween is coming up and people of all ages are getting ready to get dressed and get candy from random strangers. Others, however, want to sit back, relax and play video games. I'm one of those people most of the time – but I don't play any games. I play horror games. You know, the ones that tend to have a cliché or two inside of them or are unique on their own – like the game *Blair Witch*.

This game actually came before the movie 20 years ago called *The Blair Witch Project*, a one camera point of view type of movie (almost like Paranormal Activity) based on three college-aged students go into the forest and get toyed or messed with by the *Blair Witch*. *The Blair Witch* game is based on a man named Ellis and his German Shepard,

Bullet, who help the police look for the missing boy.

The game tends to get slightly confusing – but only when it's nighttime and you've forgotten which way to go. It does tend to make you jump when you least expect things like sudden flashbacks from being in the war or being divorced.

The Blair Witch is not the only antagonist in the game. You have to survive monsters that look like lanky, twig-like demons.

You'll know when they're near because 1) the music gets intensely loud and 2) Bullet, the dog, growls.

The game gets tense, but it's perfect to play in the dead of night with a blanket around you and a big bowl of candy at your feet.

Understanding the Classics

by Casanova

“Ars longa, vita brevis” *

<< “For whence did Dante take the materials for his hell, but from this, our actual world?” >>.

Arthur Schopenhauer -The world as will and idea.

Art (Neoclassicism): William Adolphe Bouguereau-Dante and Virgil (From the Divine Comedy). Musée d'Orsay, Paris.

The *Divine Comedy*, written by Dante Alighieri is one of the greatest works of world literature. Undoubtedly a classic among the classics. An imaginative vision of the afterlife divided into three parts: Hell, Purgatory and Heaven.

Hell definitely is the deepest and most enjoyable part.

Nine circles of hell, in which sinners are punished for all eternity, the first circle is for those minor sins and the last one for the most serious crimes.

About the piece of art, it is a one-off, meaning the artist never returned to this theme; maybe the intensity of the scene brought hell too close for comfort. The picture shows Dante, accompanied by Virgil, wandering through the eighth circle of hell, the sector reserved for counterfeiters and

falsifiers.

They stop to witness an infernal combat, an unending fight to the death; the desperation and the agony is strongly evident in the tense, straining muscles and the determined, combative



faces. Yet, there is beauty here: the perfect, muscular bodies are depicted in harmonious lines which suggest a bold, supple strength. There is nothing static about the positions of the bodies, the scene is a fleeting moment of the combat - we fully perceive the movement and the fury of the fight.

* *Ars longa, vita brevis*: “Art is long, life is short.”

It takes a long time to acquire and perfect one's expertise (technique) and one has but a short time in which to do it.

Casanova is an exchange student from Colombia. He returns home in December.

Heaven Can Wait

(A Short Story)

By Skyla Henry

It was a quiet night at the Rounsavall household. Sixteen-year-old Abbigale was lying awake in her bed. No crickets were chirping, no leaves were rustling and no cars were in the road. It was silent.

She decided to get up and fetch some water. The sounds of the floorboards creaking echoed through the dark house. But when she stopped walking, the sound continued.

She froze in fear as her mind went to all the worst possible scenarios. Maybe it was a burglar. Or perhaps a blood-hungry murderer. No. It was probably just her dad, Neil, in the living room. After a moment, the creaking stopped. She laughed at herself for freaking out like that.

After she was back in bed, just about to fall asleep, she heard the sound again. Convinced now that it was just Neil, she yelled, "What are you doing?" No reply.

Annoyed, she swung her legs off the side of the bed and stomped to the living room. Right before she entered, the creaking stopped and no one was there. Confused, she went to her dad's room. She slowly turned the doorknob, opened the door and peered inside.

Her father was facing away from her, asleep under the blankets. She walked over to him and tapped his shoulder. He didn't move.

She rolled him over and was met with red, cold, dead eyes. She let out a horrified scream and stumbled back. It looked like he had been strangled. Tears welled up in her eyes. But the sadness

soon turned to fear.

The thing that did this could still be here.

The creaking sounded again. It was coming from the living room. She cautiously walked toward the source of the sound. When she entered the room, she saw a ghostly figure dressed in a white gown. It was facing away from her. She gasped in shock and fear, which alerted the apparition. It turned its head around first, revealing an evil smile and eyes, black as tar.

Abby was paralyzed with fear now. She wanted to run, but her feet wouldn't move. The ghost rushed at her, screeching and grabbed her by the throat. She was being lifted into the air, she couldn't breathe.

She was panicking. And the black eyes of the pale woman were staring into her soul. Her lungs stung and her vision blurred. Everything slowly faded to black.

Then she woke up. It was all a dream. Just kidding, she woke up in Heaven.

There's More to Mrs. Moore

by Ethan Willis

Darlene Flippo Moore has been teaching long enough to enjoy her second generation of WRHS students. Her favorite part of teaching is the positive changes she sees in her students.

She started as a teaching assistant at A-State before coming to WRHS. She teaches seventh and eighth grade music, and is the high school choir director. She also teaches concurrent college Fine Arts Musical, taught through A-State and BRTC.

Her hobbies are traveling, knitting, reading, genealogy, and lastly, history and its preservation. Over the summer, she traveled to New York with her family where she visited Carnegie Hall (where her WRHS choir performed in 1993) and saw Aladdin, the Musical.

Her personal philosophy on teaching is "Teaching is a special calling because not everyone you teach will be open to your way of showing knowledge, however it takes a lot of patience, persistence, and professionalism to survive in today's teaching environment.

Mrs. Moore advises,

"Enjoy each day and constantly strive to be a better person regardless of your situation. Don't be afraid to reach out and give a helping hand." She looks forward to continuing her career, making a difference and sharing the gift of music.

An interesting fact is she never had a middle name, so she now uses her maiden name. She has two sisters and a brother. One of her sisters teaches kindergarten and the other does marketing; her brother works in finance.

She graduated from Black Rock High School and continued on to graduate from A-State with both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education.

Her best friend is also her husband, Tom. They have a son, Matt.

Fun Facts

By Cameron Robertson

- The candy M&M was named after the surnames of the company's founders: Forrest Mars and William Murrie.
- You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from two miles away
- A baby puffin is called a puffing
- The lyrebird can mimic almost any sound it hears
- The speed of a computer mouse is measured in Mickeys,
- About seven hundred grapes go into one bottle of wine
- An apple seed contains cyanide
- A frigate bird can sleep while it flies
- Alaska is the only state whose name is on one row on the keyboard
- A group of hippos is a bloat
- Punctuation wasn't always a part of the English language.

Bobcat Bio: Jayden Hollister

By Kel Slusser

Class – Sophomore

Favorite Teacher– Mrs. Shelby

BFFs - Ty Flippo, Kel Slusser and Mason Andrews

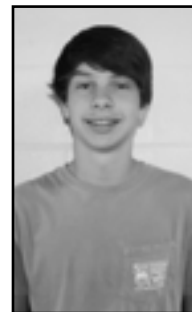
Club Involvement – Key Club and FBLA

Political View – Republican

Last Bing Watch – *The Walking Dead*

Most Awkward Moment – "When Ray kicked me in the shin in middle school."

Least Favorite Artist – Cardi B



What's Your Favorite Place to Eat in Jonesboro?

By Sydney Robinson

Nash Gill – Sumo
 Bryleigh Morris – Zaxby's
 Mollie Blackshear – Cheddar's
 Kyle Russell – Sumo
 Mady McGnnis – Chili's
 Austin Stover – Red Lobster
 Hailey Jensen – Chick-fil-A
 Kayleene Long – Steak-N-Shake
 Adam Murdock – Papa John's

Madison Jones (10th grade) – Chick-fil-A
 Andrew Brewer – Long Horn
 Karlee Brewer – Olive Garden
 Kel Slusser – Zaxby's
 Jayden Hollister – B-Dubs
 Jenny Davis – Long Horn
 Bailey Augustine - O'Charley's
 Mason Ashlock - Steak-N-Shake



Isaiah Mabry, Paxton Layton and Korwin Johnson get their game faces on.



Mix 'n Match... Paws, Cheer and an Alleycat.



Sam Lewis, Isaiah Mabry, Daveon Fisher and Eli Bigger bond during the Bobcat pep rally.



Mady and Mattie support the 'Cats.



The PRIDE playlist is always upbeat.



Sydney Robinson...Oh, the Orange and the White overall.



Katie and Kaci keep Paws on his toes.



Parker Papi spends his time chillin' with the cool kids.

Myster Students: Jon Alba and Hailey Jensen