

# The Cat's Dispatch

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## Changes in the Library

By Karleigh Clements

On October 31, new WRHS librarian, Mary Smith, hosted an Open House to re-introduce the A.W. Rainwater Library as the library/media center. She has been working all fall to focus more on the media center aspect.

Students got a quick overview of the new library additions, including games, music and snacks. Highlights include new computers, new books, and a new student center, providing students easy access to printers, staplers, hole punchers, posterboards and more.

In the past three months, Mrs. Mary replaced the old computers with new ones and weeded out (discarded) more than 1,100 books. The discarded items included 60- to 10-year-old books that had not been checked out in several years, or the material was no longer relevant.

New books and more current materials are arriving daily. She is no longer using the Dewey Decimal System in the non-fiction center to make categorization and finding books easier.

The changes, which are only getting better, began this summer as Mrs. Ross retired and Mrs. Mary's responsibilities moved from teaching business classes (and sponsoring FBLA) to librarian/media center specialist and Book Club sponsor.

Halloween activities were led by Mrs. Mary and her teacher's aides and refreshments were served.

WRHS is so excited to see the changes coming to the library, and the big plans Mrs. Mary has in store.

## Bobcat Artists Paint Courthouse

By Onyx Sullins, Guest Writer

On Monday, December 4, I had the honor of painting the Bobcat panel of the windows at the LawCo Courthouse along with seniors Allyson Colvey, Kiley Pinkston and Maddie Burris.

We painted the school mascot on the courthouse windows representing our school, Walnut Ridge High School.

Jamie Farrar is the advisor for the Art Department at WRHS.

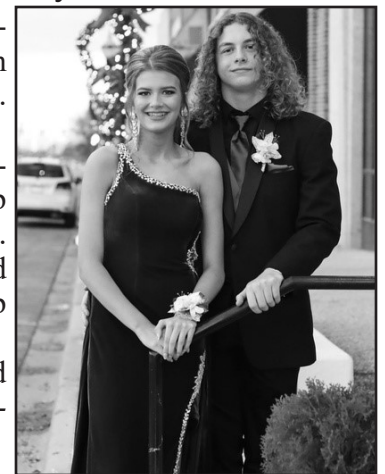
## Winter Ball: Back to December

By Sydney Henry

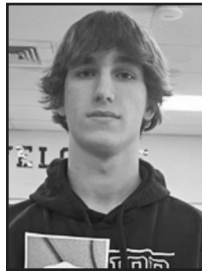
Marlee Lady and Gunner Thielemier were crowned at Winter Ball on Saturday in the Van Ellis Cafetorium. The theme was *Back to December*.

First runners up were Mary Collins and TJ Owens, second runners up Karlee Broadway and Brogan Tate. Third runners up were Jenna Wallin and Henry Stowers and fourth runners up were Irissa Bounds and Cash Baker.

Look for additional story and photos in the next issue of *The Cat's Dispatch*.



Walnut Ridge students Onyx Sullens, Allyson Colvey, Kiley Pinkston and Maddie Burris painted the courthouse windows to support the Bobcats.



## Basketball Homecoming Royalty Announced

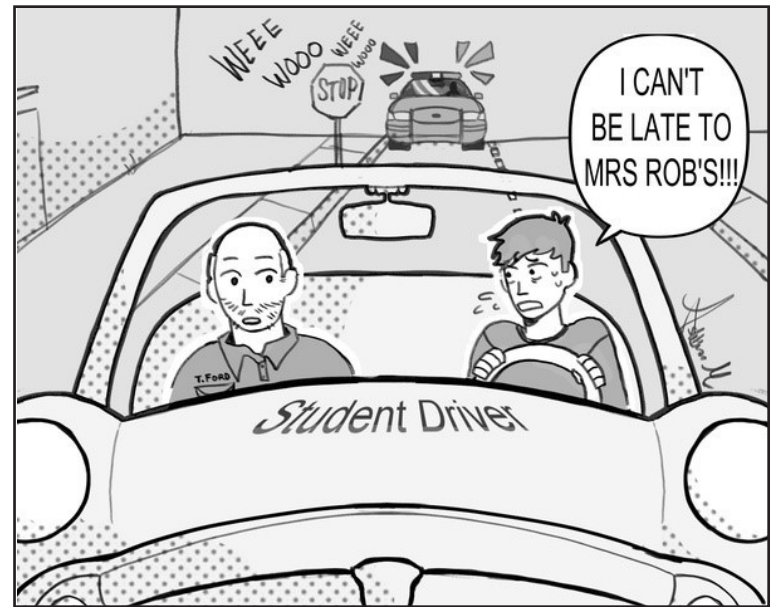
*Basketball Homecoming is Tuesday, Jan 9*

(Left to Right, from top) Queen - Zoey Shields; King - Sebastian Hoffman; Maid of Honor - Alli Bramlett; Knight of Honor - Mark Hatfield; Senior Maid - Maddie Burris; Senior Knight - Bo Kersey; Senior Maid - Jenna Wallin; Senior Knight - Rex Tedder; Junior Maid - Lillie Bell; Junior Knight - Collin Andrews; Sophomore Maid - Candace Morgan; Sophomore Knight - Brogan Tate; Freshman Maid - Kodi Thielemier and Freshman Knight - Brice Bullard

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



## When is Decorating Too Early?

By Dakota Riggs

It's that time of the year. Everyone starts turning on Mariah Carey and putting up the tree. People start drinking Peppermint Mochas and wearing those "ugly" Christmas sweaters. Yet even though Christmas is a happy holiday, many think it shouldn't be celebrated so early.

Some people even think that decorating early for Christmas is wrong. They say, "What about Thanksgiving?" Why do we skip Thanksgiving? However, decorating early isn't the worst thing ever.

Studies show that early Christmas decorators are typically happier throughout the year. As a person who loves Christmas and decorates early, I can say I'm happier when those Christmas decorations are up.

Decorating for Christmas early doesn't mean some people are trying to skip Thanksgiving. Some people like to decorate and be jolly before and after Thanksgiving. So don't be a Scrooge when you see a tree up on November 1.

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

## Artificially Ending Us

By Rafe Akins

Artificial Intelligence (AI) stands as the transformative force of the digital era, reshaping industries and redefining daily life. Unveiling a realm of possibilities, AI harnesses data, algorithms, and machine learning to enable computers to perform tasks that typically necessitate human intelligence. Its applications span diverse fields, from healthcare to finance, automotive, and beyond.

That entire first paragraph was generated by AI. More specifically, ChatGPT. Just over the last year, AI has invaded our lives seemingly out of nowhere. It seems like only yesterday we were looking at AI generated images, laughing at how bad they were, and using it to cheat on homework. But now, AI is a real threat to thousands of people's jobs.

Creating art, for example. Why pay a real human artist to make something for you, when you can just get a computer to do it for free? Why hire writers when you can get a computer to write for you? Down in our own Walmart, a man there for loss prevention, was fired and soon replaced by "AI cameras."

This, and other contributing factors, are why strikes have started happening. Writers and actors in Hollywood are both on strike in an effort to protect their jobs. People are getting replaced by AI, simply because it's cheaper.

There are even more things that AI can do, that might very well end up replacing human workers in the future. Music making, singing, voice acting, even therapy, all things that AI can do for free. You can put samples of anyone's voice into an AI, and it can replicate it near perfectly. There are hundreds of videos on YouTube where people take either the voice of a real person, or fictional character, and have it sing a pre-existing song.

Now, all of this shines AI in a pretty negative light, but despite everything said here, AI can still be a good thing for humanity. As long as we stop trying to REPLACE people with AI, it can be used as a tool to help with our everyday lives, like Siri, or Alexa.

## Favorite Christmas Song

By Sammie Diehm

*Hallelujah* – Haley Malewski

*Feliz Navidad* – Juan Aguilar

*Let it Snow* – Aubrey Monroe

*All I Want for Christmas Is You* – Charlie Tribble

*Mistletoe* (Justin Beaber) – Riley Loftis

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas* – Cristal Hill

*Feliz Navidad* – Carolina Young-Winfrey

*Oh, Holy Night* – Ashtyn Bradley

*Let it Snow* – Jodie Fultner

*Up on the Housetop* – Jaysey Grooms

*Mele Kalikimaka* – Kaylee Slagley

*Underneath the Tree* – Ruthie Bell

## What was Your Silliest Childhood Fear?

By Sammie Diehm

Scared of the bath drain -Kaitlyn Milgrim

Scared of Mike Wasowski -Jarrod Fultner

Scared of LOL dolls -Amerikus Gonzales

Scared of spiders -Johnathon Hughes

Scared of going outside by herself at night -Summer Wilson

Scared of facial hair -PanPan

Scared of Nigel from *Rio* -Skylar Cagle

Scared of sleeping alone -Jaysey Grooms

Scared of people -Kai Jones

Scared of *Dora the Explorer* -Sadie Holland

Scared that a snake would come out of the toilet -Matthew Van-Brook

Scared of clowns -Sarah McGuire

Scared of Whip-poor-will birds -Jadyn Clark

Scared of zombies coming out of the floor in her second story of the house -Kayla Woodard

Scared of Alayni Moore -Legend Moore



## Opinion vs. Fact

By Hailey Jensen

What is an opinion? How do we know which ones are right and wrong? If we know one's 100% right, wouldn't that make it a fact? And if we know one is wrong, then why do people have it? They might be misinformed, or plain dumb, or anything else.

Or it could be that you're the one who's wrong. Sometimes this fosters a conversation that ends up benefiting everyone involved. Sometimes opinions change, or you agree to disagree on the topic. Other times, it causes a fight. Nothing is solved and more problems are made.

Either way, the question's still there. The opinions still form opposing sides of every argument, usually all locked in controversy, polite or not. The only way to settle these fights is by announcing one opinion the victor, the proven fact of the group. But most of the time that can't be done, and so everyone declares themselves to have the 'correct' opinion, and it continues.

When is it okay to start playing Christmas music? Is a famous person guilty or innocent of a crime? Do you like Taylor Swift or not? So many arguments are caused by opinions, simple or complex. Sometimes it gets hard to tell when an opinion actually matters.

## Elite V-ball

### Alli Bramlett, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Right side/back row

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Moore and Coach Duncan

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Going to Sonic, listening to Taylor Swift music and praying before every game

*Least favorite bus trip:* Sitting in the very back of the bus and going to Cave City

*Favorite sports memory:* Winning on senior night and finding out we were seeded first in conference right after the game



### Jadyn Clark, Junior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Defensive Specialist

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Moore and Coach Vanessa

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Going to get food and listening to music and getting my hair braided or taking a nap.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Piggott or Manila because they are very long.

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating Manila in their gym and beating CRA



### Michelle Moore, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Middle blocker

*What's your favorite drill?* Five hits off the box

*Who's your favorite coach?* My mom- Coach Moore

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Listen to DNA by Kendrick Lamar and dynamic stretches.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Driving to Cave City, too many curves and hard to not get carsick.

*Favorite sports memory:* Riding my first roller coaster with the team and when a hitter hit an opponent in the head.



### Mallie Jean, Junior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Middle Blocker

*What's your favorite drill?* Queens

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach V and Coach Moore

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Eating a pickle with Jadyn and Karlee

*Least favorite bus trip:* Manila

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating CRA and Manila in three sets



### Avery Anderson, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Outside

*What's your favorite drill?* Three in system before two out of system

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Moore

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Bailly Rorex and I go to Sonic and get drinks and listen to hype music.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Branson

*Favorite sports memory:* singing "All Too Well" 10-minute version with Coach Moore on the bus.



### Maddie Burris, Senior

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

*What's your favorite sport?* Volleyball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Setter

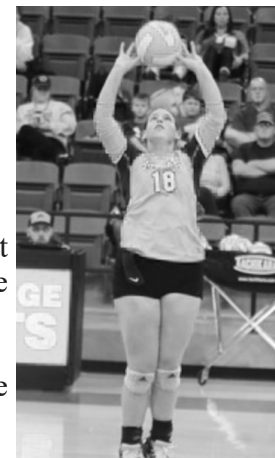
*What's your favorite drill?* Queens

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Moore

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Sonic run to get mozzarella sticks and a root beer with Karlee Broadway

*Least favorite bus trip:* Bald Knob

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating CRA in three sets at home



## Post-Season Volleyball Honors

By Michelle Moore

The Sr. High Lady Cats' volleyball team finished as Co-Conference Champions (14-2) with multiple players being awarded at conference and state-level.

Maddie Buris (Senior) #18: All-Conference, All-State, All-State Tournament Team, Glenn Sain Nominee/Winner twice, and Farm Bureau Player of the Week twice. The team's captain, she led in stats with 68 aces, 586 assists for the season, the school record for most assists, and reached 1000 career assists during the last conference games.

Michelle Moore (Senior) #3: All-Conference, All-State, Glenn Sain nominee twice, and Fam Bureau Player of the Week twice. She led in stats with 248 kills, and 70 blocks, and reached 500 career kills during the season.

Avery Anderson (Senior) #14: All-Conference and Farm Bureau Player of the Week. Avery was a leading outside hitter with 175 kills.

Alli Bramlett (Senior) #7: All-Conference and Farm Bureau Player of the Week. She was a utility player with 49 aces, 62 kills, and 220 digs.

Karlee Broadway (Junior) #4: All-Conference and Farm Bureau Player of the Week. The team's libero led in digs with 319 and holds the school record for most digs in a game after breaking her own record from her sophomore year.

Mallie Jean (Junior) #1: All-Conference and Farm Bureau Player of the Week. Mallie was a strong middle with 193 kills and 41 blocks.

**Christmas Break  
starts December 20!**

Students returns on the 3rd of January

## Karlee Broadway, Junior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Softball

*What's your favorite position to play?* Shortstop

*What's your favorite drill?* Slapping drills

*Who's your favorite coach?* My dad and Coach Moore

*Describe your pre-game ritual:*

Sonic runs with Maddie, eating a pickle and stretching with Mallie

*Least favorite bus trip:* Mountain View

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating Manila and CRA in volleyball and making state



## Bobcats Wrap up Football

By Michelle Moore

The Walnut Ridge Bobcats finished their last game of 2023 at home against Junction City in the second round of state. They kept the game close with one or two touchdowns throughout the game to take the lead, but they couldn't come back in time finishing the score 50-63.

Before all of this, they only lost to Hoxie in conference finishing as runner-up 3A Conference Champs and earning a spot in the state playoffs. They won the first round 54-35 against Quitman while having a few players out due to injuries the previous week against Hoxie.

Some players were recognized in All-State, All-State Honorable Mention and First and Second Team All-Conference team (shown in box.)

Dawson Ward and Robbie Tate were also selected as Blue Collar Player of the Year Semifinalists, and Mark Hatifield committed to Hendrix College to continue his football career.

## WRHS Bobcats Earn Post-Season Honors

### All-State

Enrique Perez

Dawson Ward

Collin Andrews

### All-State Honorable

### Mentions and

### First Team

### All-Conference

Mark Hatifield

Robbie Tate

Sebastian Hoffman

Jersie Cunningham

Brogan Tate

### 1st Team

### All-Conference

Wyatt Davis

River Hancock

### 2nd Team

### All-Conference

Mathew Mullen

River Davis

Tanner Lutrell

Gunner Thielemier

Jonathan Hughes



**Brogan Tate, Sophomore**

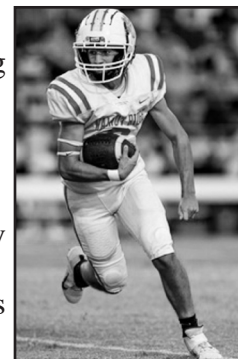
By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football  
*What's your favorite position to play?* Blocking Back  
*What's your favorite drill?* Coach Ward's Defensive Conditioning  
*Who's your favorite coach?* All of them  
*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Wear the same outfit to school on Friday, then listen to music before the game.  
*Least favorite bus trip:* Going to Salem this year (felt like it took forever)  
*Favorite Sports memory:* Going undefeated in junior high football in 9th grade

**Enrique Perez, Junior**

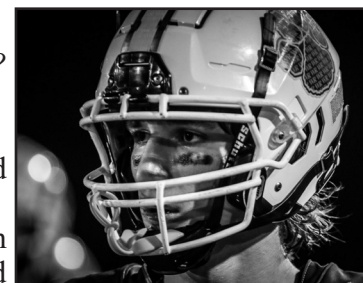
By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football  
*What's your favorite position to play?* Just running the ball  
*What's your favorite drill?* Running routes  
*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Ward  
*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Zoning in  
*Least favorite bus trip:* Palestine got a crick in my neck  
*Favorite sports memory:* Rushing for 287 yards against Palestine-Wheatley

**Mark Hatfield, Senior**

By Lydia Sheets

*What's your favorite sport?* Football  
*What's your favorite position to play?* Linebacker  
*What's your favorite drill?* Rabbit drill  
*Who's your favorite coach –* Coach Ward or Coach Weir  
*Describe your pre-game ritual –* Listen to NBA-Young boy to get ready and psych "himself" up  
*Least favorite bus trip -* To Palestine Wheatley or Osceola  
*Favorite sports memory –* "My" last catch against Junction City

**Jersie Cunningham, Sophomore**

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Track  
*What's your favorite position to play?* Quarterback  
*What's your favorite drill?* NASCAR  
*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Moore  
*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Listening to music and thinking about my responsibilities on the field.  
*Least favorite bus trip:* Going to Melbourne or Mountain View  
*Favorite Sports Memory:* When Coach Ward told Wyatt to shut up and Coach Belcher told Collin to quit.

**Matthew Mullen, Senior**

By Dakota Riggs

*What's your favorite sport?* Football  
*What's your favorite position to play?* Corner  
*What's your favorite drill?* Oklahoma drill  
*Describe your pre-game ritual?* Get spotted, get lose with throwing and catching, listen to music  
*Least favorite bus trip?* Camden or Harmony Grove  
*Favorite sports memory?* Beating Osceola and making second round of playoffs

**River Hancock, Junior**

By Jarrod Fultner

*What is your favorite sport?* Football  
*What is your favorite position to play?* Defensive end  
*What is your favorite drill?* 1 on 1s  
*Who is your favorite coach?* Coach Ward  
*Describe your favorite pre-game ritual?* Listening to music.  
*What is your least favorite bus trip?* Camden or Harmony Grove  
*What is your favorite sports memory?* On the way to pad camps and listening to Wyatt sing *Sittin' at a Bar*

**Robbie Tate, Senior**

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

*What's your favorite sport?* Baseball  
*What's your favorite position to play?* 3rd base  
*What's your favorite drill?* In and out  
*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Weir  
*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Drinking a Red Bull  
*Least favorite bus trip:* Mountain View  
*Favorite sports memory:* Beating EPC at the 'Ridge



## Collin Andrews, Junior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football

*What's your favorite position to play?* Offensive Tackle

*What's your favorite drill?* Sled drills

*Who's your favorite coach?*

Coach Weir and Coach Fisher

*Describe your pre-game ritual:*

I listen to music.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Salem

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating EPC



## Dawson Ward, Senior

By Dakota Riggs

*What's your favorite sport?* Football

*What's your favorite position to play?* Defensive End

*What's your favorite drill?* Going out trap and counter for defense

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Ward

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Pregame prayer with Coach Blake and with the team

*Least favorite bus trip:* Manila

*Favorite sports memory:* Having a winning season with my brother during his senior season



## Wyatt Davis, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football

*What's your favorite position to play?* Center

*What's your favorite drill?* Walking over plays

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Belcher and Coach Blake

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Listen to music, get taped up, get stretched and drink a Monster.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Going to Corning my freshman year

*Favorite sports memory:* Going to state my freshman year with my brother.



## Tanner Luttrell, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football

*What's your favorite position to play?* Inside tackle

*What's your favorite drill?* Offensive-end

*Who's your favorite coach?* Every one of them

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Eat, go to the locker room, then get focused for the game!

*Least favorite bus trip:* The Harmony Grove game

*Favorite sports memory:* Beating Osceola my freshman and senior year.



## Sebastian Hoffman, Senior

By Natalie Jackson

*What's your favorite sport?* Football

*What's your favorite position to play?* Right Guard

*What's your favorite drill?* Oklahoma

*Who's your favorite coach?* Coach Blake

*Describe your pre-game ritual:* Listen to music and get mental reps before the game.

*Least favorite bus trip:* Camden Harmony Grove

*Favorite sports memory:* When Wyatt beat Will in Oklahoma freshman year



The offensive line Tanner Luttrell, Sebastian Hoffman, Wyatt Davis, Dawson Ward and Collin Andrews were all recognized for their amazing performance of protecting their quarterback.

## I Love Choir

By Sammie Diehm

Choir is the best elective class a person can be in. There are many reasons I find this to be true including family, confidence, and fun.

When I first came to Walnut Ridge I was scared and alone. I moved across the country to a small school with not a single person knowing my name. I was skeptical about choosing choir as an elective because I was told how small of a group it was, but I am extremely grateful I checked that box.

It took me a bit to get comfortable with the group, however, after a couple months I felt like I had known them for years. The

choir became a second family for me. I now have a place to be myself and not feel judged.

Mr. Weber has been one of my biggest inspirations since I moved here. I always feel like I can be honest and have a person

to turn to when something good or bad happens.

He makes choir a comfortable atmosphere for every person no matter their situations or past, everyone is welcome and free of judgment. I have seen people come into choir the same way I did, and they too have grown and found a place to call home.

Not only is the choir one big family, but it helps increase personal confidence. I went from never singing in front of anyone



but friends and family, to having a four-minute performance in front of a crowd by myself.

From the first concert of last year, to now, I have grown as a person in my voice, the way I present myself, and how I feel

about who I am. I never imagined I would be comfortable enough to sing



in front of strangers or especially my classmates. Speaking and especially singing in front of people are some of the biggest fears around the world. Getting over this fear for me never would have happened without choir.

Finally, being in choir is fun! Singing with people who want to actually sing and learn makes the class enjoyable. Yes, we have our lazy days of not wanting to do anything, but we can go from singing a serious or sad song, to almost crying from laughing too hard.

There are many activities throughout the school year that anyone in the choir can get involved in; I personally love the fact that we get to attend a live play in Little Rock every year.

During class we don't only sing, we tell stories, randomly comment, try new warm-ups, and overall try to make it fun.

The Walnut Ridge choir is a place to feel safe and comfortable. It seems scary at first, but everyone wants you there to grow

and enjoy your high school life.

Maybe this is me trying to get more members, especially sopranos because we only have four (please, we need more so-



pranos), or I and everyone else wants you there (it is mostly this one), either way, choir at Walnut Ridge has changed my life for the better and I hope it can for so many more individuals to come.





## HiJoe says YOLO

By Dakota Riggs



Heidi Izabelle Torres, who is also known as HiJoe is 17. She was born on September 14, 2006, to Amanda Torres. Heidi has a chihuahua, Sophia. Her best friends are Haley Malewski and Dakota Riggs.

She has attended Walnut Ridge for 12 years. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Long because he is “funny, caring, and does not act like a teacher.” Her favorite year of high school has been senior year because she has been more involved in school events.

Heidi's single most embarrassing moment in school was “when the cheerleaders were doing the orange, white yell it. I thought they said orange, white yellow, so I screamed yellow.” Her advice to underclassmen is to not get into drama.

Her best excuse for being late to class is “I was in the bathroom.” The one thing Heidi cannot live without is her dog. Slow walkers are her biggest pet peeve. Heidi will miss her friends when she leaves.

She is in the Band, Key Club and Softball. If Heidi could start high school again, she would change herself. Her biggest fear going into high school was not graduating. Heidi's biggest fear leaving high school is growing up.

She is looking forward to college after graduation. She plans to go to A-State and to study to become a doctor. Heidi's role model is her mom because she is responsible and caring. Heidi wanted to be a police officer when she was younger, now she wants to be a doctor.

### Heidi Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Store – Target  
 Song – *Don't Stop the Music*  
 by Rihanna  
 Class – Band  
 Celebrity Crush – Ryan Reynolds  
 Pizza Topping – Pineapple  
 T.V Show – *Grey's Anatomy*  
 Restaurant - La Casita  
 Drink – Lemonade / Gatorade  
 Food – Spaghetti  
 Red Flag – “Catching feeling to fast”  
 Movie – *Culpa Mia*  
 Book – *Wonder*  
 Ice Cream – Cookies 'n Cream  
 Band – NSYNC  
 What's your biggest “ick” – “talking too loudly”

## The Future Girl Boss

By Zoey Shields

Carrie Elizabeth Louise Denton is 17 years old. She was born February 2, 2006; her parents are Stepanie and Weldon Denton. She has attended Walnut Ridge for 13 years. Her best friends are Taylor Forrester, Bo Kersey, Alli Bramlett, Kinley Fisher and Sebastian Hoffman.

Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Mary because “she gives great advice even when you don't ask for it” and Carrie's advice for underclassmen is “the due date is the DO date” and “have some fun.”

The best advice she has ever received is “anything Jaxton Brady tells me.” Her favorite year of high school was this year because it's her last and what she will miss most about leaving school are the Alleycats and the sophomore class.

Carrie's most embarrassing moment in school was almost burning down the cafeteria because of not putting water in her mac and cheese cup. She says that she wouldn't change anything she did in high school though.

Her best excuse for being late to class is that she would be on time if she didn't stop for coffee. She works at Snow Brew in Walnut Ridge.

Her biggest fear going into high school was Covid and now her biggest fear leaving school is her future. She is looking forward to meeting new people at college and being more independent after graduation.

Carrie's plans after her graduation are attend the University of Arkansas and major in business marketing. When she was little, she wanted to be a ballerina and now she wants to be a Girl Boss.

Her role model is Taylor Swift because she is amazing and her favorite quote by Taylor Swift is “If you never bleed, you're never gonna grow.”



### Carrie Favorites:

App – Pinterest  
 Celebrity Crush – Miles Teller  
 T.V Show – *Scandal*  
 Red Flag – “I'm Dululu”  
 Movie – *Top Gun*  
 Ice Cream – Cookies 'n Cream  
 Random Fact – I love Hockey  
 What's your biggest ick – Saying “We good, right?”



Congrats to Rex Tedder who signed to play baseball at University of Central Ark!



“See no evil, Speak no evil, Hear no evil”

## Kaden's Last Shot

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

Kaden Martin was born on December 7, 2005. His parents are Karley and Brandy Martin. His best friends are Davis Callahan, Nolan Belcher, Matthew Mullen, Rex Tedder and Sebastian Hoffman.

He attended school at Walnut Ridge for ten years. Mrs. Mary is his favorite teacher -- "She knows everything."

His dad is his role model; he always wanted to be like him. He told him "Never do drugs" -- the best advice he's ever received. His own advice for underclassmen is "Don't think you can run the show."

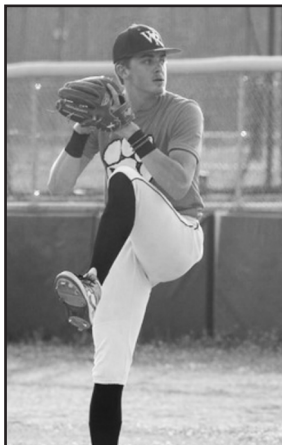
"I was helping Mr. Haynes" is his best excuse for being late. He can't live without his phone and his biggest pet peeve is nonstop talkers. Kaden will miss seeing his friends the most after high school.

He is in Key Club, FBLA, National Honor Society, and he plays baseball and basketball. He has a job farming. Kaden's favorite quote is "Statistics are like bikinis; they show a lot but not everything," from Lou Piniella.

Freshman year was his favorite year of high school -- he cheated the whole year. His most embarrassing moment was dressing up for the Medieval Feast a few weeks ago.

Doc's class was his biggest fear going into high school. Having to start paying his own bills is his biggest fear upon leaving high school.

After graduation he is looking forward to going to ASU. If he could re-start high school, Kaden would try to be an Honor Grad. His unpopular opinion is LeBron James is the GoAT.



### Kaden's Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Celebrity Crush – Addison Rae  
 Pizza Topping – Sausage  
 T. V. Show – *Sport Center*  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Food – Pasta  
 Ice Cream – Vanilla



Congrats: Nolan Belcher signed with ASU!

## Kicking up the Dust

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

Emma Grace Yarbro was born on July 6, 2006. Her nickname is Ems or Erma. Albert and Candi Yarbro are her parents. She has one sibling, Levi Yarbro. Emma has two dogs, America and Princess. She also has a cow named Bandit and a chicken named Dually.

Emma's best friends are Kelly Collins, Destiny Gosha and Cristal Hill. She has been going to Walnut Ridge school since January 2021. Emma's favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob; she is "down to Earth and takes no nonsense."

Sophomore year was her favorite year of high school when she had less work. Her most embarrassing moment was when she ripped her pants on Mrs. Rice's whiteboard. "Keep up with your work" is Emma's advice for underclassmen.

Her best excuse for being late to class was "a train" and the one thing she could not live without are her boots. People talking to her when she has both Air Pods in is her biggest pet peeve. Emma will miss her friends the most after high school.

Emma plays basketball. She works in her parents' shop doing diesel work. Her favorite quote is "Do or do not -- there is no try" from Yoda. The best advice she has received is "Don't trust anyone" from her mom.

Emma would try for better grades if she could start high school again. Her biggest fear going into high school was getting judged or made fun of. Not knowing what to do is her biggest fear upon leaving high school.

When she was little, she wanted to be a cheerleader. Her plans after high school are to become a diesel mechanic. The after party is what Emma is looking forward to the most after graduation.

Her nana is Emma's role model: she's sweet and takes no nonsense. "Chevy over Ford" is Emma's unpopular opinion.

### Emma's Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Store – Pete's Western Wear  
 Entertainer – Theo Von  
 Celebrity Crush – Alan Jackson  
 Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 T. V. Show – *The Ranch*  
 Restaurant – Colton's  
 Drink – Sweet Tea  
 Food – Steak  
 Movie – *Monster Truck*  
 Ice Cream – Chocolate  
 Band – Brooks and Dunn  
 Random Fact – She accidentally drifted her truck into a levee  
 Biggest Ick – Boys who think they are all that

Have a great Christmas Break  
 and a Happy New Year!

-- The Cat's Dispatch Staff

## Emily Has Faith

By Lydia Sheets

Emily Faith Jones is the 17-year-old daughter of Casey and Rodney Jones. Her birthday is June 5, 2006. She has three siblings, Hunter Wadkins, 26, Drake Jones, 25, and Grace Jones, 23. She has a Teacup Yorkie named Rosie, and a Shih-tzu Poodle mix named Roscoe.

Her best friends are Antonio Romero, Daegen Spicer, Lydia Sheets, Destiny Gosha and Jarrod Fultner. She has attended Walnut Ridge for 2.5 years and her favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because she likes making him mad and because he is a funny guy. She will miss annoying Mr. Haynes the most upon leaving high school.



### Emily's Favorites:

App – TikTok  
Store – Bath and Body Works  
Song – *Stick Season*  
by Noah Kahan  
Celebrity Crush –  
Ryan Gosling  
Movie – *The Notebook*  
Book – Colleen Hoover  
Books  
Band – One Direction

Her favorite year in high school was 10th grade because that is when she moved here and met all her friends. Her most embarrassing moment in school was slipping on the wet bleachers and almost falling during a pep rally.

Emily's advice for underclassmen is "just do your work!" If Emily could start high school again, she would change how she treats people.

One thing Emily can't live without is her dog, Rosie. Her biggest pet peeve is being interrupted. Emily participates in the yearbook staff and journalism. She works at the Subway in Bono and the best advice she has ever received is "Watch out for idiots" from her mother.

Her biggest fear going into high school was seniors looking down on her as a freshman and her biggest fear upon leaving high school is going into debt with college.

When Emily was little, she wanted to be a veterinarian, but now she wants to be a therapist. She is looking forward to going to college and to studying psychology.

Her role model is her mom because she is the most important person in her life.



## Zane's Making Gains

By Hailey Jensen

Zane Roberts was born on May 25, 2006, and is 17. His parents are Matthew and Stephanie, and he has two younger siblings, Gage, 15 and Luke, 9. He has a Rottweiler, named Sebastian. His best friends are Weston Whited and Chrystian Arnold.

Zane has attended school in Walnut Ridge since preschool, but this year is his favorite because he gets to leave early. Mr. Price is his favorite teacher because he is also a police officer. His most embarrassing

moment was singing songs in middle school. His advice for underclassmen is "Just talk loudly so everybody can hear you."

Strangely, his best excuse for being late to class was "I'm new here." He can't live without his guitar and the gym, and his biggest pet peeve is people who don't go to the gym.

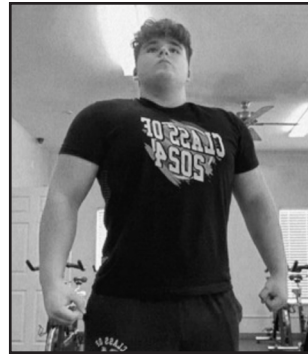
He will miss talking to people the most after high school. He is involved in National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, and CSI. He works at KFC in Pocahontas.

Zane's favorite quote is "Seize the day, or die regretting the time you lost." – Avenged Sevenfold. The best advice he's received is "Never back down, never give up," The catchphrase of Nick eh 30, a popular streamer. Bodybuilder Sam Sulek is his role model, because he is huge.

If Zane could start high school again, he'd change his haircut sooner, since his biggest fear going into high school was his haircut. His biggest fear about leaving high school is not seeing his friends every day, although he is looking forward to not going to school.

He wants to study exercise science and play the guitar. He thinks playing guitar is cool (metal). Zane wanted to be a doctor when he was younger, but now he wants to be a lead guitarist.

**Thank you to Gwen Mullen for your time decorating our WRHS Christmas tree. Also thank you Karen's Flower Shop for the decorations!**



### Zane's Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
Song – *Unholy Confessions*,  
Class – CSI  
Drink – Propel water  
Band – Avenged Sevenfold  
Food – Subway



## Little Drummer Boy

By Dakota Riggs



Dylan Gage Morris also known as Dyl-nad is 17. He was born to Erin and Jacob Morris on March 24, 2006. His siblings are Noah 16, Rozlyn 12, and Jameson, four. Dylan's best friends are Riley Martin and Jaxton Nunally.

He has given us the best years of our lives since kindergarten. Dylan most favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob because "She is a kind soul wrapped up in a hardened exterior." His favorite year of high school is his "Senior year because he only has four classes and there is less drama."

His most embarrassing moment was when he got a buzz cut in 8th grade. Dylan's professional advice to under-

classmen is "Don't get behind on Rob's work!" His excuse for being late is "My car broke down (it didn't)."

The one thing Dylan cannot live without is his girlfriend, Willow. His biggest pet peeves are clarinets. Dylan expects to miss marching band the most after high school. He is on Band Council and works at Pizza Den.

His favorite quote is by Mrs. Rob, "If you don't act right, I'm gonna make you pick your own switch." The best advice he received in high school is "Not again, but better!" by Mr. Long.

If he could start high school again, Dylan would have more confidence. His biggest fear going into high school was getting bullied. Dylan's biggest fear leaving high school is being forgotten. He is looking forward to "seeing the world" after high school.

Dylan plans to go to college and continue marching band after high school. His role model is Mrs. Rob because she is a great teacher.

His unpopular opinion is that Olive Garden is actually a good restaurant. When he was younger, he wanted to be a drummer and he still wants to be a drummer.

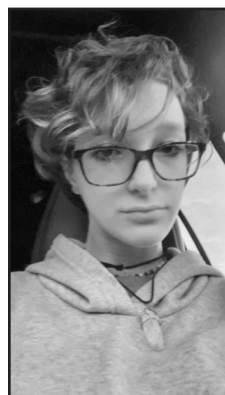
Good job, dreams really do come true.

### Dylan's Favorites:

App – TikTok  
 Store – Target  
 Song – *Dive-in*  
 Class – Band  
 Entertainer – Vic Fuentes  
 Pizza Topping – Chicken Bacon Ranch  
 T.V Show – *Adventure Time*  
 Restaurant – La Casita  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Food – Chicken Alfredo  
 Red Flag – High Snap score  
 Movie – *Coco*  
 Books – *Spider-Man* Comics  
 Ice Cream – Cookies and Cream  
 Band – Pierce the Veil  
 What's your biggest "ick" –  
 When people cannot keep time

## The Last of the Jarretts

By Kaitlyn Milgrim



Madison Shay Jarrett, was born November 4, 2005. Leanna and Junior Jarrett are her parents. She has a big sister, Nicole Cole, and two dogs, Dinkie and Duke.

Madison has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. Her best friends are Savannah Sartin, Abby Kary and Seb Hillis. Mrs. Linda Smith is her favorite teacher because she has learned so much from her.

Senior year has been her favorite year of high school. "Talk less, smile more," a line from Aaron Burr in *Hamilton*, is her best advice. If she could re-do high school, she would be more outgoing.

"Don't procrastinate and don't worry about what people think" are two more pieces of her advice for underclassmen. Her best excuse for being late to class was, "I saw a dog and I had to pet it."

She is in Book Club and National Honor Society. Music is the one thing she can't live without. Her biggest pet peeves are people smacking, tailgating and slow walkers. She works at her parents' business, Jarrett's Auto Sales.

Bullies were her biggest fear going into high school; paying for everything is her biggest fear upon leaving high school.

Madison is looking forward to "No more drama" after graduation. Her plans after high school are to go to college, major in Psychology, then become a clinical psychologist.

Her unpopular opinion is pineapples don't belong on pizza.

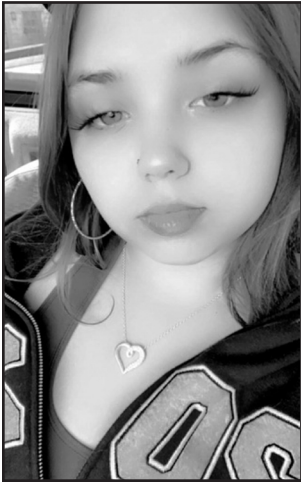
### Madison Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Song – *Something's Gonna Kill Me*  
 Class – Psychology  
 Entertainer – John Mulaney  
 T. V. Show – *Big Bang Theory*  
 Restaurant – Sonic  
 Drink – Dr. Pepper  
 Food – Rice and shrimp  
 Red Flag – Passive aggressive and anger issues  
 Movie – *Forest Gump*  
 Book – *It Ends with Us*  
 Ice Cream – Mint chocolate chip  
 Band – Slipknot  
 Random Fact – She is double-jointed  
 Biggest Ick – "Pick-me" people



## It's All Downhill from Here

By Kaitlyn Milgrim



Cristal Summer Danielle Hill was born May 25, 2006. Her nickname is Sissy. Melissa Hayes and Alan Ripley are her parents. She has seven siblings, Raven, Elizabeth, Alyvia, Austin, Jackson, Michael and Remington. Cristal's grandma is her role model.

Cristal has two dogs, Pugly and Odie, and a cat, Cid. Her best friends are Emma Yarbro, Antonio Romero and Destiny Gosha. She has attended WR since 8th grade.

Mrs. Rob is Cristal's favorite teacher because she learned a lot from her. Her favorite year of high school was her senior year. "Do your work" and "Don't drink" is her advice for underclassmen.

She cannot live without her family, especially her grandma. Cristal's favorite quote is "Truth is better than a lie," from her grandma. The best advice she has received is, "Be yourself no matter what," from her sister.

People who intentionally make her mad are her biggest pet peeve. She will miss her friends the most after high school. She works at Dairy King.

She would change her grades and the people she was friends with if she could start high school again.

"The work" was her biggest fear going into high school. Missing her friends is her biggest fear leaving high school. She is looking forward to the after party after graduating.

Her unpopular opinion is that pajamas should be allowed at school.

### Cristal's Favorites:

App – Snapchat  
 Store – Dollar Tree  
 Song – *Moon Walker*  
 Class – EAST  
 Celebrity Crush – Ian Somerhalder  
 Pizza Topping – Pepperoni  
 T. V. Show – *The Vampire Diaries*  
 Drink – Sprite  
 Food – Chicken  
 Red Flag – Self-Centered  
 Movie – *The Age of Adeline*  
 Book – *The Vanishing Game*  
 Ice Cream – Vanilla  
 Random Fact – She loves sleep



## Bobcat Bio: Aubrey Monroe

Sydney Henry

Grade – Sophomore

Club involvement – Key Club, Choir

Favorite teacher – Mr. Price

Pet Peeve – Scratching

Guilty Pleasure – Playing guitar

Immediate "ick" – Men

"Go to" order at any restaurant – Steak

Last person you texted – My dad

Favorite fast food – Wendy's

What would you choose as your last meal?

Lasagna

Freshman flop – Cut my hair



## Bobcat Bio: Marley Coleman

By Sydney Henry

Grade – Freshman

BFFs – Sydney Henry, Henley Black, Carley

Ashlock and Decoda Riggs

Pet Peeve – Henley Black

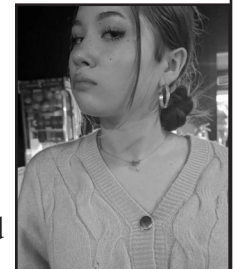
Favorite TV – *RuPaul's Drag Race*

Most awkward moment – Being alive and serving

Random fact about yourself – I give everything and more

Favorite fast food – Taco Bell

What would you choose as your last meal? – A single almond and gumbo



## Banned Books Limit Freedoms

By Natalie Jackson

If you disagree with the contents in a book, then simply don't read it. If it is not comfortable for you or it does not fit your liking, then you do not have to read it.

Banning books is an attempt to control how others grow and think. Each author takes their time and effort to write their books. I do not think that it is right to ban an author's work because you do not agree with what is in it.

By censoring the availability of books discussing race, discrimination, gender and sexuality, children are being taught that those topics are abnormal and unimportant.

Each person should be able to read what they want. Banning books can have detrimental effects on students' educational experiences. History has shown that banning books can limit exposure to different perspectives and critical thinking.

It can also limit their understanding of important societal issues. It makes people think that they cannot read what they want just because other people have an issue with it.

## January Birthdays

By Reagan Loftis

1st	Ashtyn Bradley	16th	Chrystian Arnold
2nd	Erfan Hosseini		Maggie Brinsfield
4th	Collin Andrews		Gabby Pritchett
	Haylen Moore		Ashley Upchurch
5th	Brielle Gall	18th	Matthew VanBrook
6th	Gage Thielemier	19th	Zoey French
8th	Jersie Cunningham		Mallie Jean
10th	Avery Anderson	23rd	Kaylee Slagley
11th	Anthony Humes	27th	Samantha Cook
13th	Whitley White	29th	Arianna Morgan
			Brianna Morgan

## It's Not That Difficult

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

How hard can it be to fill out a senior spotlight? It is one page, front and back. You are answering simple questions about yourself.

If you get a senior spotlight, it should only take a period -- at the most, a day.

I get that you're a senior and you have other more important things to worry about, but the senior spotlight is what I'm worried about. I'm getting a grade for it.

The longer you take to fill it out, the longer I have to wait to type it and my grade goes down. While the senior spotlight is about you, it is just the first step of a process. You also have to think about the other people it has to go through.

If I can get it all typed out in a period or less and it is in story form, it isn't hard to fill it out. They are easy questions.

Do you have to take a whole week or more to think about yourself? That's all it is: questions about you. When you don't return it quickly, it affects the entire paper.

After each story is written, Mrs. Rice suggests edits and returns it for corrections, before approving it for publication.

We, the journalism students, edit and greyscale all photos, write captions and then our editors, Summer Wilson and Bre Tate, create the entire layout using Adobe InDesign software.

Once completed, the paper is then sent to the editors at the *TD/Jonesboro Sun* a week before publication. There, the professional editors review it and finally, it must cross Mr. Kersey's desk for final approval.

When you want to take your time for something so simple, remember you are affecting everyone. It's not hard get it done.

## Fun Fact About USA

By PanPan

Washington, DC is not a state.

Americans write the date as Month/Day/Year instead of Day/Month/Year.

Alaska is the largest state in the US.

Big cities and regions have their own style of pizza.

There are over 5,300 universities in the US.

The US is the only country to have all five major climate zones.

Americans are the first and only people to walk on the moon.

Texas, California, and Florida are the most hated states in the US. Americans say "soccer" instead of "football/futbol," and "American football" is its own sport.

The first Christmas tree was set up in the White House in 1856.

The USA ranks number one for hosting international students.

You don't need a driver's license to race in NASCAR.

## Bobcat Bio: Erfan Hosseini

By PanPan

Grade – Senior

List your club involvement – Football team

BFFs – Mark Hatfield, Jayden Saulsbury and

Robbie Tate

Pet Peeve – Cold Classrooms

Most awkward moment – The moment of separation from my family in Iran

Your Red Flags (personally) – Liars

Immediate "ick" – Excessive intimacy with other friends (of the opposite gender)

Last person you texted – My grandma

Favorite fast food – Fried Chicken

Favorite food - Steak

What would you choose as your last meal? – Cheeseburger



## Bobcat Bio: Natalie Jackson

By PanPan

Grade – Junior

List your club involvement – Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society and Journalism

BFFs – Kim Yang and Abby Malewski

Favorite teacher – Mr. Haynes

Pet Peeve – People interrupting me

Favorite show – *Grey's Anatomy*

Guilty pleasure – Eating ice and listening to Taylor Swift



lor Swift

Your Red Flags (personally) – I don't like surprises

Immediate "ick" – People being cocky

"Go to" order at any restaurant – Chicken strips and fries

Last person you texted – Jarrod Fultner

## Cheer Spotlight: Amerikus Gonzales

By Bre Tate

Amerikus Gonzales is a 16-year-old sophomore who participates in the Bobcat cheer team. She started cheering because of her sister, who was also a cheerleader for two years then became an Alleycat.

Her plans after Walnut Ridge High School are to go to college at ASU and cheer along with getting a degree in teaching.

Mrs. Amy (Amy Privett, her cheer coach) prepared her the most for success by pushing her to be the best she possibly can. Her advice to younger cheerleaders is, "Always smile when you are cheering" and "Never give Mrs. Amy a bad look!"

Her most cherished memories at WRHS are the Friday mornings greeting the littlest Bobcats. Her biggest accomplishment in sports is winning the Herkey Award at cheer camp.

The athletes she most admires are her sister, Brooke, and her brother, Josh. She draws her inspiration from her mother. The best advice she was ever given was "Never give up."

The motto she lives by is "God puts us through so much pain to see how much we can take." Growing up, the Walnut Ridge athlete she remembers looking up to was her brother Josh -- even though he was always hurt, he never gave up.

Two things on her bucket list include going to Hawaii and becoming an A-State cheerleader. Fun fact about Amerikus: her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-9.



## Basketball: Davis Callahan

By Michelle Moore

Davis is a starting guard for the Bobcat basketball team. When he was younger, he got into shooting basketball from his Uncle Micheal and soon became interested in being more committed and joining a team.

Since then, he has improved by "being coachable" during practice and not being scared to shoot. From this, he has learned that for every shot he does not take, he misses.

He looks up to how Ja Morant plays for the Memphis Grizzlies - his favorite NBA team. When Davis was growing up, he remembers looking up to Cade Burriss for playing all the sports while being good at them, too.

Davis is thinking of going to Arkansas State University and majoring in agriculture to become a farmer or crop duster.



## Band Spotlight: Abbigail Malewski

By Skylar Cagle

Abbigail Porcheana Malewski plays a big role in the Pride band, as well as our color guard. She is our beloved co-captain and who also plays trumpet.

Abbi is 16 and a junior in high school. She has played trumpet for six years and been on color guard for four. Abbi's older sister Haley and her younger brother Jeremiah are also in the band.

Her favorite band activity is spinning at football games. She is always full of joy when she has a flag and a crowd. Her favorite memory in the band is when Haley pee'd herself on live television.

Abbi's advice to underclassmen is to pay attention and ALWAYS READ THE BOARD! Obviously, her favorite person in band is the one and only Skylar Cagle or me, duh. Abbi lives by "Not again, but better," words of wisdom from our lovely band director, John Long.

Marching keeps Abbi interested in band so, of course, marching season is her favorite. She has thought about trying out for Drum Major and plans to continue with band in college, too.

Her favorite band show ever is American Sketches by Randall Standridge and her least favorite was the year we didn't have a show. If she could change one thing, she would've chosen flute instead of trumpet for concert season.

Abbi says, "Our band is definitely one of a kind." Everyone in the band calls her "Abs" and she always lightens the mood with her outgoing attitude.

Eating at Burger King on our way to a football game or competition never fails to make Abbi's day. Her favorite former band members are her oldest sister, Leah, and Maggie Gibson.



FBLA Meeting: (Left to Right) Madison McVay, Rhealyn Schmidt, Zoey Shields, Carrie Denton, Alli Bramlett, Carlie Priest, Emma Clements, Mary Collins, Kinley Fisher, Ally Watson, Irissa Bounds

## Basketball: Rhealyn Schmidt

By Michelle Moore

Rhealyn participates in many school clubs including Alleycats and basketball. She started basketball during peewee in elementary, and since then, she has learned to always do her best through perseverance and respect for her coaches.

When she isn't on the court practicing and preparing for the game, she likes spending time with her friends, doing community service, helping with clubs and watching sports for her school and her favorite college team, the Razorbacks. A lot of her inspiration also comes from the Razorback's successful careers and UConn women's basketball player Paige Bucckers.

Her personal goal is to be the hardest worker and for her team, to beat Salem and win conference. Last year, she was proud of her team's accomplishments of being third in the conference. She's also proud of the Lady Cats receiving the Sportsmanship Award from the NEA Tournament.

Rhealyn has spent her high school years setting herself up to be prepared and successful in college. To nobody's surprise, she plans to attend the University of Arkansas to major in political science.

Rhealyn will continue to live by her motto of, "If you don't take a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu."



## Crafting a Better Community

By Rafe Akins

Some time ago, I had an idea that I think could've been really beneficial to the school and the students in it. Hear me out. a Minecraft server. Maybe even multiple. Separate servers for separate grades.

Think about it. Minecraft is the most popular game of all time, it's pretty universally liked, because there's something for just about anyone! It could be a good way for socially awkward kids to talk to and make friends with people we never would usually talk to!

Minecraft is the kind of game that can be played forever, without the need for restarting, because there's always something you can do. And that's even more true when there's other people involved.

Plus, it's a great self-expression tool for those of us with tons of creative juices. The game is fun while you're on your own, but having other people really heightens the experience in every way. Perhaps most importantly, if there's someone you don't like or that you just don't want to talk to, you don't have to.

I really do think, if we did this, it would be a good thing for everyone. The world is a stressful place right now and just being with your friends and having fun seems like the perfect way to help everyone relax, and forget the struggles of the outside world, and all the conflict it has going on.

## Over-Rated/Under-Rated

By Sammie Diehm

### Underrated

Red Solo Cups  
Pajama Pants  
Plants vs. Zombies  
Sneakers  
Takis  
After Parties  
Sweaters  
Recliners  
Hulu  
English  
Winter  
Dutch Bros  
Pink  
Papa's Freezeria  
Quiet Music

### Overrated

Stanley Cups  
Leggings  
Subway Surfers  
Heels  
Hot Cheetos  
Main Events  
Long Sleeve Shirts  
Couches  
Netflix  
History  
Fall  
Starbucks  
Purple  
Papa's Pizzeria  
Loud Music

## WR Class of 2023 Class Song, Flower and Motto

Class Song - *Five More Minutes*

Class Flower - White Rose

Class Motto - "We'll keep one foot in the past,  
as we take our next step into the future."

## Football: Sebastian Hoffman

By Michelle Moore

His success is only possible by his faith in Jesus for motivation. Sebastian has been playing football for nine years. He was inspired to play by his brother, who was a starting quarterback in 2018.

During Sebastian's career, he is most proud of his team for being the 2023 3A Conference runners-up and going to the playoffs back-to-back years.

For younger athletes who look up to his mentality of, "If you ain't first -- you're last" he encourages them to show up and put in the work every day at practice or games to be the best.

Many people know Jason Kelce as a center for the Eagles in the NFL, or the brother of Taylor Swift's boyfriend, but for Sebastian, he is a role model of how a unit football player plays.

Sebastian plans on going to BRTC to become a paramedic and staying close to home to support future Bobcat football teams.

