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WRHS Welcomes Students Back to School

By Hunter Henry

On Wednesday, August 18, 2021, WRHS students returned for the 2021-2022 school year. Everyone went to the old gym where Mr. Kersey and Mrs. Findley talked about this school year, rules, and all the usual back to school things.

Melanie Jones, a junior at WRHS talked about the new hygiene closet available in the high school office. Melanie's pageant platform is: Everyone Deserves a Fresh Start; through which she has set up a personal hygiene closet for high school students.

We've had some staff changes this year, and most students are excited about them. Mr. Haynes is teaching math again, we have a new EAST teacher, Ms. Copeland, and Mrs. Linda Smith is teaching Pre-AP and AP History classes. Other than that, everything is just about the same as last year.

At first, we were all thinking that the school was going back to normal, but it's not quite there yet. For the first month, we weren't asked to wear

masks, and it was up to each individual person. Recently though, the school board has mandated masks again, but hopefully all this Covid stuff will be over soon.

Speaking of Covid, students are now required to Zoom into all their classes if they are absent or quarantined. The only exception to this is if the student is too sick to do the work. Overall, the first day of school was an exciting start to the year, and if that is anything to go by, then the rest of this year is going to be one of our best yet.

To Mask or Not to Mask...

By Ashley Moore

There are over 487,000 cases in Arkansas alone. Over 5,000 of those are in Lawrence County, and the number is increasing every day. Many students at Walnut Ridge have experienced Covid on a personal level. Because so many students were being quarantined daily, the School Board decided to return the mask mandate on Sept. 15.

Jacob Kersey, principal of WRHS, said, "We started the year hoping to be as 'normal' as possible but unfortunately due to rising cases and quarantine numbers, primarily in the elementary and

middle schools, the board made the decision to mandate masks for the good of our students. This policy will be reviewed every thirty days at the board meeting and with cases seemingly on the decline in Arkansas, hopefully this will be a short-lived issue."

There are many controversies about the mask mandate. Some wonder, what is the point of the mask? No one really knows. Some people feel very passionate about all the mandates going on. Some are even losing their jobs over them.

Over 600 United Airline employees got fired because they did not have the vaccine, which goes back to "what is the point?" Why do people have to lose our jobs over a brand-new vaccine that some are skeptical about?



WRHS HOCO

is Friday, Oct. 8
*Presentation of
Royalty at 6:30
Kick off at 7:00*
see p. 9 for photos
of royalty

AJ's Last First Day

By Alex Jones

Well, it is finally my senior year, and I cannot believe I finally made it.

My last first day of school was for the books. I had to wake up at 5:10 so I could get dressed and go out to eat with a few people in the senior class. Somehow, I was still late....

We sat there and just caught up since most of us had not seen each other all summer.

After breakfast, I went home to see my momma. You already know she had to take two million pictures. I got to school, listened to everyone's speech and went on with my day. By lunch, I was in desperate need of a nap. I survived the day - barely; I don't know how I made it.

Senior year is going to be a breeze; it is already going by very fast. It feels weird to only have one year left of school; It feels like I was in kindergarten taking a nap last week. It is scary to grow up, but I got this.



Senior Volleyball Lady Cats...
Hannah Hatfield, Holly Bery, Chloe Davis and Emma Gipson are In it to win it

The Beginning of the End

By Chloe Davis

Waking up at 5 a.m. was my least favorite part of the day because I need as much sleep as I can get. Some of the seniors ate breakfast at Moni's at 6 a.m., so I got a Red Bull drink at The Ridge before heading to school.

It was a long day and hard trying to get back into a routine, but we did it. I took the fattest nap when I got home and then went and ate with my friends.

Senior year should be the best yet!

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



Mystery Students

By Kel Slusser

He drives a hummer
He hurt his neck and it was a bumper
He got jacked over the summer (Shoutout to K2 Fitness)

She drives a Blazer,
Senior year is the only thing to faze her,
and Ian Somerholder can amaze her

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



Mental Health: The Struggle is Real

By Madison Wade

People everywhere have different levels of sanity. For every person out there, mental health could potentially be an issue. Someone you know could be either thriving in their head or slowly rotting away due to the health of their mind.

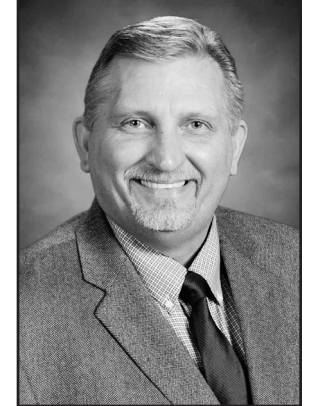
You might feel like one day is your worst day, even if nothing bad has happened to you. Maybe you're angry for no reason; maybe the little things make your blood boil. This could be a sign that your behavior is mirroring your mental health.

On a day-to-day basis, many people succumb to the way their minds think. One may have intrusive thoughts, or one may have past trauma that floats around and follows them wherever they go, but some people cannot fix what's wandering around in there.

There's a plethora of things you could do to help improve your mental health. One of the most basic actions is simply taking care of yourself. Self-care could be taking a shower, eating a small snack, or getting dressed for the day. Others may look to therapy or other professional help.

Most therapists are amazing at their jobs, especially when you form a bond with them. Everyone needs to take care of yourself; life is worth fighting for.

Bobcat Yearbooks Are Here



The 2021 Bobcat yearbooks have finally arrived. It is dedicated to Jerry Haynes, math teacher at WRHS. Annual Queen is Savannah Andrews and Annual King is Korwin Johnson. See Lindy Baker to purchase yours. Cost is \$50 each.

It's Complicated

By Hannah Granger

Everyone wants to find that one person who makes them feel special, the person they can spend their life and grow with...right? Personally, it's never been that easy.

When it comes to choosing someone to be my person, it always comes down to two questions; "Will they hurt me?" and "Will I stay interested?"

If I'm being honest, I don't have the best judgement when it comes to choosing the people I want in my life. It's hard to determine if they'll stay loyal, especially if they have a history of bad past relationships.

How do you know whether those relationships went bad because of this person who claims to be loyal? When I allow someone in, I trust them with everything. Breaking that trust is the worst thing a person can do, therefore deciding if you can give this to them is a difficult contemplation.

As for staying interested, I have a bad habit of thinking I'm falling for someone and eventually deciding that the love I built for them was not in a romantic aspect; it was simply platonic.

In fact, my best friend and I established a rule during our sophomore year that if I couldn't stay interested in someone in a romantic aspect for more than three weeks, I must friendzone them. By making this executive decision so early on, it keeps me from hurting someone else in the long run.

However, directing the relationship after the three-week rule is the hardest part, especially in high school. Many teenagers are simply not ready to be in a relationship, so they avoid placing a title on it.

The problem with this is that it leaves you vulnerable. Be-

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It's Complicated

What's Hot ~ What's Not

By Olivia Farmer

What's Hot:

Ridge Coffee Co.
Class of '22
Covid Vaccine
Masks
Math Hall
Football
Coach Middlebrooks
K2 Fitness
Sitka
Titletown High
Logan Sain

What's Not:

Busy Bean
Class of '21
Flu Shot
No Masks
English Hall
Volleyball
Coach Coffman
K1 Fitness
Banded
All American
Anyone Else

Let's Lower Teen Pregnancy Rates

By Kimberly Willis

Many teenage girls are full of baby fever and the thought of starting a family when they are in high school. I know my friends have thought about it quite a few times. Always hearing, "Take one for the team and have a baby."

As often these girls are talking about teen pregnancy the more it happens and most of the time, it happens to the girls who do not even want it to happen. So, how do we get this to stop before everyone you know in high school is pregnant and on government help?

One way to prevent teen pregnancy is to go into more depth about all the negative that goes into it. It's not just the fact that they will have to handle school and judgement from other teenagers. They have heard that all before.

The cost of having a baby is outrageous; and I'm not even talking about the doctors' visits and hospital stay. The crib, car seat, and stroller together are over \$300 alone. Plus, the diapers, clothes, and bottles that you would have to buy.

The fact is most teens have an unsteady income, at best. Most teens have will find it difficult to buy the majority of what is needed for a baby. Some teenagers do not even have support from their parents or another family member because the family is so strict about those things.

Teen pregnancy changes the way people look at you and they always see you as a welfare-living, going-nowhere teenager.

Another way to stop teen pregnancy is to have better access to birth control options. Some kids cannot go to the health clinic and ask for birth control.

They either do not have a way or are too embarrassed to ask for it or do not want to ask their parents to take them.

If we made it easier to access, there would be fewer chances of teen pregnancy.

Teen pregnancy rates go up every year and cause girls to end up as single moms with no income. It's hard to finish school and get a decent job that will provide a stable income, especially when they have no help or come from an unstable home themselves.

Therefore, we need to do what we can to help teens who have had this life-changing experience or help them prevent it.

What Song do you Play on Repeat?

By Shayna Currington

Carissa Caldwell – *I Hate Everything* by 3 Days Grace

Gunner Johnson – *Bullet* by Lil Peep

Cade O'Brien – *Better off* by Hayden Coffman

Jessie McLaughlin – *Ghost* by Bad Flower

Trenton Ditto – *Fancy Like* by Walker Hays

Ashlyn Moore – *After All* by Luke combs

Cameron Ellis – *Make it Out* by Lil Migo

Jared Black – *Ever Long* by Foo Fighters

Xander Crum – *SRT* by Money Bag Yo

Hailey Baker – *Rockstar* by Dababy

Jonathan Curtis – *Yeah* by Usher

What's the Most Expensive Thing You've Bought?

By Breanna Gibson

Dakota Timms: iPhone 11

Maggie Gibson: Swimsuit

Abbigale Rounsavall: My car

Elias Loggains: A burger

Nick Robinson: A four-wheeler

Riley Henry: \$400 remote control car

Jadyn Clark: My iPhone

Kai Jones: A tv

Sebastian Ramirez: A gaming pc

Christin Crony: A four-wheeler

Logan Kesler: A pack of pencils

Save the Date
December 11, 2021
WinterBall
returns to WRHS campus
Van Ellis Cafeteria

Big Daddy Abby

By Julie Vance

Abbigale “Abby” Grace Rounsavall was born November 6, 2003, to Neil and Lisa Waddell. Abby is 17-years-old and has two siblings, Seth, 16, and Sophia, 12. She has a turtle named Coco Jumbo and a dog named Jersey. Her best friends include Hunter Henry, Jacob McQuay, Julie Vance, Skyla Henry and Quinn Carson.

Abby has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. Her advice to underclassmen, in a word, is “leave.” The one thing Abby can’t live without is juice, which is also her best excuse for being late to class. Her biggest pet peeve is people who buzz their lips together and the thing she will miss the most about high school is seeing all her friends.

Abby is a member of Student Council, FBLA, Science



Club and Jazz Band. Her biggest fear starting high school was failing and her biggest fear leaving high school is also failing.

After graduation, Abby looks forward to going to college, specifically A-State, and studying speech pathology. Her unpopular opinion is “people are not popular, they are just annoying, and others pretend to like them.”

Abby's Faves

App – TikTok

Pizza topping – Mushroom, spinach and extra cheese

Movie – *Grantham and Rose*

Drink – Cranberry-apple juice

Band – Cigarettes After Sex

Store – Walmart

TV Show – *Good Morning Call*

Book – *It's Kind of a Funny Story*

Food – Chinese

Restaurant – Burger King

Ice Cream – Cookie dough

YouTube Star – Patty Mayo or ASMR eating videos

Celebrity Crush – The Welsh Iwan Rhean

Not Your Typical Teenage Girl

By Raelea Vampran

This is Heidi Lee Moore, she is 18 years old, and her birthday is on August 27, 2003. Her parents are Ronnie and Barbara Moore. Heidi has three siblings, Austin who is 11, Dakota who is 16, and Ashley who is 17.

Heidi cannot live without her family. Her best friends are her cousin, Daphne Ward, and her two sisters. Heidi’s favorite teacher is Mrs. Linda because she has been there through a lot.

Her advice to the underclassmen is “The English teachers are right, even if you don’t like it.”

The best excuse she



could come up with for being late to class is being in the bathroom.

One of Heidi’s favorite quotes is “...alcohol is the destruction.”- Bob Marley. The best advice Heidi has received was from her dad who told her, “Don’t worry about what people think about you.”

If Heidi could start high school again, she would actually try. The thing Heidi is looking forward to the most after graduation is “not having to wake up at ungodly hours.”

She has two unpopular opinions: Females should be able to take a girl to prom at Walnut Ridge and pineapple is a pizza topping.

Heidi's Faves

Class – Debate

Drink – Red Bull

T.V. – *Shameless*

Food – Steak

Song – *Write this Down*

Restaurant – Fazzoli’s

Ice cream – Double chocolate chip

Remember When

By Holly Woodard

Remember everyone played *Club Penguin*

Remember when iPods were popular

Remember when people read *Dairy of a Wimpy Kid*

Remember when people played games on DS’s

Remember when people wore silly bands

Remember when everyone liked to eat candy bracelets

Remember when Vine was popular

Remember when everyone had feather extensions

Remember when people wore slap bracelets

Remember when low waisted jeans were popular

Remember when TikTok was Music.ly

Remember when everyone liked pink with zebra prints

Senior Portraits Composites and Casual

by Bowden's

Friday, Oct. 15

\$25.00 sitting fee

Hey! It's Hannah Hatfield

By Maggie Porter

Hannah Ann Lynn Hatfield, daughter of Bobby Hatfield, is 17 years old; her birthday is March 19, 2004. She has a younger brother, Mark, who is a sophomore at WRHS.

She has attended Walnut Ridge school for four years. Her best friend is Chloe Davis; her favorite teacher is Mrs. Mary.

Her advice for underclassmen is "enjoy every day because it really does go by fast". One thing Hannah cannot live without is her phone.

Her biggest pet peeve is being late. One thing she will miss most after high school is the easy work.

Hannah is in FBLA, Key Club and Student Council. She plays volleyball and basketball.



The best advice she has ever received was from Coach Middlebrooks who said,

Hannah's Faves

App - Snapchat
 Movie - The Notebook
 Store - American Eagle
 T.V show - The Vampire Diaries
 Restaurant - Outback
 Ice Cream - Moose Tracks
 Drink - Strawberry Lemonade
 Food - Pizza



"Stop worrying about the people above you and find out how to get there."

If she could restart high school, she would apply herself more. After high school, she fears being on her own. After graduating, she plans to go to ASU and rush. She wants to major in nursing and become a travel nurse.

Bobcat Bio - Zoey Shields

by Asher Ellis

Class - Sophomore
 Clubs - FBLA, Key Club
 BFFs - Avery Anderson, Mallie Jean, Bo Kersey, Madison McVay, Emma Aaron
 Favorite Teacher - Mrs. Rice
 Relationship Status - Taken
 Last binge watch - *Barbie*
 Pet Peeve - When people lie
 Favorite Sonic Order - Sprite with raspberry
 Random fact about myself - I'm an Alleycat



What's Hangin' with Holly

By Jayden Hollister

Holly Brett Berry is the daughter of Janna Kelley and Clint Berry. She is 18 and her birthday is September 17, 2003.

Holly has one brother, Drake Berry, who is 22 and a half-sister, Samantha Weir, who is 29.

Holly's best friends include Jack McFerrin, Avery Anderson, Emma Aaron and Maddie Burris.

Holly has attended Walnut Ridge since she was in kindergarten. Holly cannot pick a favorite teacher because she likes them all.

Her most embarrassing moment in school was when she shot a three-pointer in junior high basketball, and it went five feet over the goal.

Holly's best excuse for being late to class is "I was talking to Mrs. Mary..." Her biggest pet peeve is loud chewing and people not making eye contact when talking.

The biggest thing she will miss about high school is "bullying Avery and Emma."



She is involved in Key Club, FBLA, FFA, journalism, volleyball and softball. Her biggest fear going into high school was not fitting in with the "incrowd" and upperclassmen.

Her plans for college include possibly playing volleyball at CRC. She has many nicknames such as Holls, Holly Bugs, Bugsies, Nugget and Festus. Her unpopular opinion is "Post Malone is actually hot."

Holly's Faves

App - TikTok
 Pizza Topping - Pineapple
 Movie - *Django Unchained*
 Drink - Water
 Band - Greta Van Fleet
 T.V. Show - *Outer Banks*
 Book - *If I Was Your Girl*
 YouTube Star -
 Nicacado Avocado
 Celebrity Crush - Rudy Pankow, Drew Starkey and Jake Kiszka

~ No School ~
Friday, Oct. 22
 Parent - Teacher
 Conferences

Head of the Band

By Dagan Lillard

Madison Grace Jones is 16 years old and has been in Pride Band since sixth grade. She plays alto saxophone in concert and marching season and baritone saxophone in the Jazz Band.

However, she does not get to exercise her incredible sax skills often in marching season, as she is the Pride Band's newest drum major – what an honor to have!

Many people praise her for her laid back and friendly attitude in band, which translates into respect from the band when we go to perform.

Speaking of, Madison says her favorite band activity is going to the football games because of the silly chants the band does.

Surprisingly, Madison says that the reason she joined band was because her older sisters forced her to, but is ultimately glad that she did.

Her favorite person in band is the one and only Jacob McQuay.

Madison recalls her favorite band memory as when we stopped at the McCain Mall on our way to state, and almost being launched into the stratosphere by the trampoline.

She says that her favorite marching show she has been a part of would have to be Colors, and least favorite was Generation X.

Her best advice for underclassmen is, "Don't be annoying and follow directions." Pretty good advice, if you ask me.

One thing that keeps band interesting every day for Madison is "The weird eighth graders." Her favorite season of band is marching season because she is the drum major.

Madison says that she would love to play in a D1 band or a college marching band but doubts it will happen.

The best advice she has received in band is "What happens on the band bus stays on the band bus."

Madison says, even if she could start over in band, she would not change a thing. Some quotes she has heard randomly in the band room include: "You're not black, you're caramel!" - Seth R.



He Said/She Said

By Karleigh Clements

- "Well, I didn't know journalism was about writing!" – Anthony Hughes (to Mrs. Rice)
- "Well, I didn't know what it was about either"-Dakota Timms (He didn't know Journalism was about writing)
- "It tastes like meat but its cheese"- Hunter Henry
- "You guys need to have all your materials, on another note I don't have my megaphone"-John Long
- "So why is Mrs. Linda always in cemeteries?"- Mrs. Linda Smith
- "I'd look real nice with a goatee just saying!"- Hunter Henry
- "I've never been so happy to see us win a sports ball game in my entire life"- Alayni Moore
- "Here's a cool fact manatees and alligators are bros"- Sebastian Ramirez
- "My grandma called me a heathen heretic"- Xander Robins
- "He looks like a homeless elf"- Ella Caldwell
- "Is that a raccoon? ...In the ceiling?"- Riley Henry
- "You guys should give the raccoon another donut"- Kaylee Slagley
- "Oh my gosh we finally got a class pet guys!"- Alayni Moore

Who's Your Best Friend?

By Dakota Timms

- Dakota Moore - Hannah Grander
 Breanna Gibson - Dakota Timms
 Hunter Henry - Quinn Carson
 Aaron Ferrell - Dakota Timms
 Maggie Gibson - Eli Loggains
 Jeffery Whitlow - Anthony Hughes
 Linda Smith - Doc Holloway
 Jady Clark - Breanna Gibson
 Kai Jones - Logan Kesler
 Dagan Lillard - Kaiden Stormes
 Ethan McGinty - Rylie Archer
 Madison Jones - Mrs. Rice
 Heidi Torres - Haley Malewski

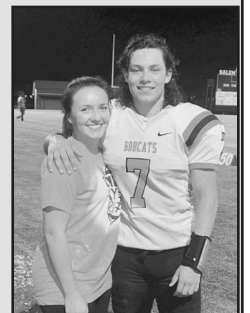
Liner Notes

- Describe your band experience in three words or less: life-changing
 - Nickname in band: Maddog
 - Are ou more outgoing or reyserved: Outgoing
 - Fave place to eat on band trips: Taco Bell
 - How often do you practice: every day
- Former band member you miss: Seth Rounsavall
- Instrument you wish you played instead: kazoo

Bobcat Bio - Jayden Saulsbury

by Asher Ellis

- Class - Freshman
 BFFs –Kaleb Miller, Enrique Perez
 Favorite teacher/Class – Coach Ford
 Relationship Status – Taken
 Pet Peeve – Being poked
 Most Awkward moment – Accidentally falling in football
 Last person you texted – Kaleb Miller
 Worst habit – Falling
 Favorite fast food - Sonic



Who's Who in Horoscopes

By Maggie Gibson

Aries (*March 21 – April 19*) – impulsive, initiative, courageous, determined. Aries have a highly competitive spirit, they are naïve but have a good reputation for being trustworthy

Taurus (*April 20 – May 20*) – intelligent, sarcastic, stubborn, rebellious. They are great problem solvers, loyal, patient, and determined

Gemini (*May 21 – June 20*) – curious, intelligent, clever, two- faced, irresponsible, ungrateful. Gemini are very curious and quick- witted people.

Cancer (*June 21 – July 22*) – sensitive, nurturing, emotional, helpful. Cancer's are very sympathetic, imaginative people, however, they tend to be very manipulative, lazy, and negative

Leo (*July 23 – August 22*) – determined, creative, loyal, warmhearted. Leo's are very ambitious and generous people, that can also be stubborn, overbearing, autocratic, and childish.

Virgo (*August 23 – September 22*) – efficient, fact-finding, perfectionist, reliable. Also skeptical, petty, critical, worries

Libra (*September 23 – October 22*) – sociable, cooperative, persuasive, artistic, communicative. Libra's can also be very indecisive, apathetic, pouty, but persuasive, and peace- loving

Scorpio (*October 23 – November 21*) – intuitive, passionate, resourceful, determined, loyal, clever, brave, protective, mysterious

Sagittarius (*November 22 – December 21*) – optimistic, straight forward, religious, scholarly, enthusiastic, social and charming. However, can be blunt, impatient, exaggerative, talkative, pushy, and procrastinators.

Capricorn (*December 22 – January 19*) – ambitious, responsible, determined, organized, cautious, serious. Can also inhibited, unforgiving, fatalistic, stubborn, and brooding

Aquarius (*January 20 – February 18*) – inventive, creative, artistic, original, independent, tolerant, logical, intellectual. They can also be cold, radical, impersonal, rebellious, unpredictable, fixed in opinions, and shy

Pisces (*February 19 – March 20*) – compassionate, charitable, sympathetic, emotional, intuitive, but also melancholy, pessimistic, timid, impractical, procrastinative

Newest Weber Baby is Here!!

By Lily Lewis

Nick Weber, the WRHS choir director of two years in counting, and his wife Megan Weber brought their third bundle-of-joy into this world on June 14, 2021, at 7:24 p.m.

Judah Taylor Weber, now two-months-old, has two older siblings, Eli Robert, three, and Selah James, two. Both of which adore their baby brother.

Who's Your Favorite Freshman?

By Dakota Moore

Lily Lewis – Breanna Gibson

Ethan McGinty – Breanna Gibson

Hunter Henry – Riley "The Legend" Henry

Maggie Gibson – Breanna Gibson

Jared Black – Ma Aye

Breonna Fears – Breanna Gibson

Jared Carpenter – Ma Aye

Kimberly Carter-Walton – Ma Aye

Layne Workman – Emory Davis

Braden Feezor – Ma Aye

Hannah Granger – Jonathan Hughes

Antonio Romero – Madison Blaylock

Covid Aftermath Continues

By Carissa Caldwell

A lot of students and faculty have been quarantined for being exposed to corona, but not many have actually tested positive. In case you have not, I can tell you right now, it sucks, to be blunt.

Every case is different. For me, I had severe chest congestion, a cough, sneezing, nausea, body chills and fatigue. I stayed in bed most of my quarantine because I was too sick to do anything.

Now that I am recovering, I have found it very hard to catch my breath and stay awake. I also have something referred to as "covid brain."

It has been extremely difficult to retain information and do any kind of critical thinking. Schoolwork has been harder for me than it typically is.

Ultimately, I am grateful that I did not have to be hospitalized. If you test positive for covid be sure to take care of yourself, and I hope you recover quickly.

Bobcat Bio - Ethan Augustine

By Eli Loggains

Class – Junior

BFFS – Alex prestige, Alyssa Baker, Ava Root, and Alivia Croll

Favorite class – Athletics

Relationship status – Single

Pet Peeve – Hot classrooms

Last binge watch – Attack on titan

Guilty pleasure – Eating on snack food 24/7

Most awkward moment – When coach says go sit in the locker room

Toxic trait – Laugh at serious moments

Favorite sonic order – Cherry water extra cherry

Random fact about yourself – Growing a flow





Chloe Davis
Maid of Honor



Savannah Andrews
Queen
Ava Manning and Ridge Wallin, *pages*



Hannah Hatfield
Senior Maid



Melanie Jones
Junior Maid



Taylor Forrester
Sophomore Maid



Karlee Broadway
Freshman Maid

Laughing Out Loud

By Cristal Hill

"I think I want a job cleaning mirrors. It's just something I could really see myself doing."

"Do not trust atoms, they make up everything."

"My wallet is like an onion. When I open it, it makes me cry."

"Teacher: How can we keep our school clean? Student: By staying at home."

"Have you ever heard the joke about butter? I better not tell you; it might spread."

"How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie on it."

"What kind of key opens a banana? A monkey."

"What did the police officer say to his tummy? Freeze you're under a vest."

"What do cats call mice on skateboards? Meals on wheels."

"What do you do if you see a spaceman? Park your car, man."

"Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb."

Mystery Student Answers



Olivia Farmer and Logan Sain

Describe School in One Word

By Amy Price

Prison – Hyatt Willis

Crazy – Jabe House

Boring – Cole Ball

Fast – Keaton Scott

Educational – Carmen Lane

Fun – Makenzie Easton

Slow – Drey Hibbard

Entertaining – Jonathan Curtis

Toilet – Carson Mcnatt

Interesting – Kai Jones

Stressful - Talawna Newman

Hard - Nolan Belcher

Complicated - Emma Yarbrow

Depressing - Hunter Parker

Delightful - Ashley Upchurch

Ms. Copeland Takes on EAST

By Ray Yang

The first-year EAST teacher is Anna Marie Copeland aka Ms. Copeland. In addition to teaching EAST at WRHS, she also teaches anatomy.

Ms. Copeland went to Mayflower High School. She has a bachelor's degree in biology along with a minor in STEM education from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Her previous job was a pharmacy technician.

Ms. Copeland's favorite part about teaching is seeing the creativity of students. Her words of advice would be "It's okay to not know, but it's not okay to not try." Something Ms. Copeland looks forward to is seeing Ray Yang, Jared Black, and Ryann Douglas every day.

Some of her hobbies and interests include crafting, outdoors and traveling. This summer, she and her family enjoyed a trip to the beach.

Her family includes her parents, Johnny and Ruth, and her little sister, Victoria.



Ms. Copeland's Faves

Food – Spaghetti and Deer Chili

Store – Target

App – Tik Tok

Restaurant –

Texas Roadhouse

TV Show – *Supernatural*

Singers – George Strait and Koe Wetzel

Book – *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow

BFFs – Hailey, Rachel and Danielle

Quote – "Live and Learn"

EAST Continues to Grow

by Abby Rounsavall

EAST, Environmental and Spatial Technology, is an educational program that uses elements from technology education, collaborative teamwork, and other educational activities that stresses student engagement.

Designed for students to choose their own projects and the activities based on their interests, EAST focuses on strengthening the relationships and making an improvement for our schools and community's fu-

ture

EAST allows learners to make a positive improvement or impact on their school or community. Some previous highlighted projects are as follows:

- One Way Street project, learners worked with the city of Walnut Ridge to help solve the issue of the one-way streets throughout town,

- Safety Mapping: learners created a safety map for the district. This project (Safety

Mapping) is actually still in the works.

- WRHS News: Creating an online version of the beginning of the year paperwork
- Middle School Hygiene Closet
- Muddy Water Bridge

Jerry Haynes, former EAST facilitator, has returned to the math department and now Anna Copeland has taken over, finishing up old projects and starting new ones, helping our community and school one project at a time.

Alleycats Sparkle on Beale

By Olivia Farmer

Our very own Alleycat dance team attended a Memphis Redbirds baseball game on Friday, September 17 including a performance after the game ended. We danced to a remix of *I Love Rock 'n Roll* by Joan Jett.

A big crowd of people attended from teachers to students, to members of the Walnut Ridge community came out to support us. We had a great turn out and we had a bunch of fun.

Alleycats Maggie Porter, Jernie Tyra, and Avery Anderson along with drum major Madison Jones, were chosen to participate in a game of musical chairs down on the field during the game Maggie was the last one standing in the game.

We even had a group of mini-Alleycats from elementary dress like us and come to the game to support. Overall, it was a really fun experience and I hope the Alleycats continue the tradition in future years.

It's Complicated

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cause there isn't a label, you're more likely to question the stability of the relationship. Another problem is people who would rather have the aspects of a relationship without the loyalty, sometimes referred to as a 'situationship.'

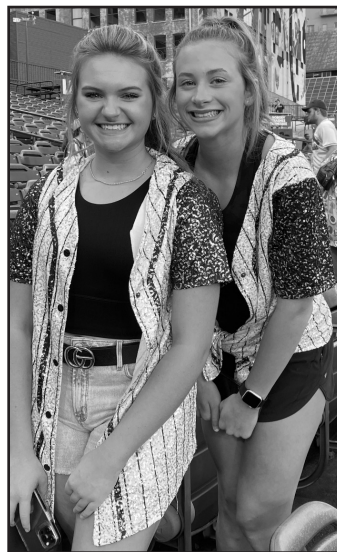
Any experience I've had with these may go well for a while, but they always end the same. Eventually it either fizzles out or ends with a bang.

Maybe I'll have a little more luck with the next one; maybe I've already met them and we've yet to reach our full potential. Until then...

Who is the Craziest Teacher at WRHS?

By Ashlyn Moore

Mrs. Milton – Hyatt Willis
 Mrs. Steele – Jabe House
 Mr. Price – Cole Ball
 Mrs. Milton – Makenzie Easton
 Mrs. Milton – Keaton Scott
 Mrs. Milton – Carmen Lane
 Mrs. Milton – Drey Hibbard
 Mrs. Sarah – Jonathan Curtis
 Mrs. Holland – Carson McNatt
 Mrs. Milton – Kai Jones
 Mrs. Heard - Gage Thielemier
 Mrs. Fowler - Hunter Parker
 Mrs. Holland - Gage Barnes
 Mrs. Essman - Tanner Luttrell



Taylor Forrester and Maggie Brinsfield waiting to take the field!!

Kiss the Pig

By Dagan Lillard

The high school choir is hosting a fundraiser the week of homecoming (Oct. 4th - Oct 8th) called "Kiss the Pig." Anyone can vote, but students especially are encouraged to vote for any of the teachers or coaches that signed up. There are flyers in the hallways and on the TV displays dispersed throughout the high school that list the teachers who are participating.

Each vote costs fifty cents and must be placed inside an envelope with the name of the teacher or coach that the votes are for on the outside. The envelope must be sealed, and the handwriting must be legible, or the money will be taken as a donation to the choir.

There are two ways to vote: the first way is to go to Mr. Weber's room and talk with him and place your envelope in the pink box. The other way is to take your envelope to the office and put it in the pink "Kiss the Pig" box – you cannot miss it.

Yes, the pig is real; and yes, the poor soul that has the most votes by twelve o'clock October 8 will have to kiss said pig – no holding back. The teachers and coaches cannot back down, so cast your votes! To the teachers and coaches, may luck be on your side.



Before and After: Maggie Porter and Jernie Tyra race to win while competing in musical chairs!

By Ty Flippo and Chloe Davis

Farm Bureau Players of the Week

Lawrence County Farm Bureau is pleased to present the Farm Bureau Player of the Week to student athletes in the county. Currently, we recognize football and volleyball athletes weekly during the season and sponsor MVP awards for the Lawrence County Basketball Tournament.

Farm Bureau is strictly the sponsor of the award and is not involved in the selection of the student athlete.

We partner with coaches, administrators, and EAST programs. East has been a great partner and is responsible for creating the graphics and photos for publicity each week.

When selected the athlete receives a ball with a WRHS Bobcat logo, as well as the Lawrence County Farm Bureau logo. I come to the school each week on Monday mornings to make the presentation.

It is always a bright spot in my week to get an opportunity to visit our county schools. We are proud to recognize student athletes and support our students and schools.

Player of the Week is a statewide program offered by Arkansas Farm Bureau.

Walker Ward

What's your favorite sport? Football
 What's your favorite position to play? Safety
 What's your favorite drill? Oklahoma Drill
 Who's your favorite coach? Coach Ward
 Describe your pregame ritual? Get something to eat or take a nap.
 Least favorite bus trip? Palestine Wheatley
 Favorite sports memory? Jaden Blaylock getting smoked against EPC



Logan Sain

What's your favorite sport? Football
 What's your favorite position to play? Middle Linebacker
 What's your favorite drill? Oklahoma Drill
 Who's your favorite coach? Coach Blake
 Describe your pregame ritual? Get something to eat and listen to music
 Least favorite bus trip? Palestine Wheatley
 Favorite sports memory? Throwing a touchdown pass in junior high



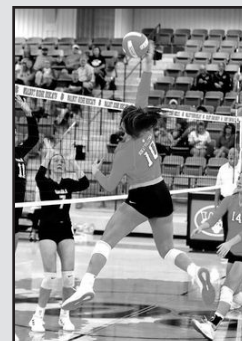
Kai Watson



What's your favorite sport? Football
 What's your favorite position to play? Wide Receiver
 What's your favorite drill? Oklahoma 1 on 1's
 Who's your favorite coach? Coach Ward
 Describe your pregame ritual? Pregame pee
 Least favorite bus trip? Manila
 Favorite sports memory? Jaden getting ran over against EPC

Chloe Davis

What's your favorite sport? Volleyball
 What's your favorite position? Outside hitter
 What's your favorite drill? Queens
 Who's your favorite coach? Coach Berry because we in season (Middlebrooks and Coffman don't get butt hurt)
 Describe your pre-game - Salad from Dons or a Banana Split from Polar Freeze
 Least favorite bus drive? Piggott
 Fav sports memory? Hannah getting smoked in the head from Chariah before heading to district tourney



Avery Anderson



What's your favorite sport? Volleyball
 What's your favorite position? Middle
 What's your favorite drill? Box
 Who's your favorite coach? Coach Berry
 Describe your pre-game- Get a happy meal and chocolate chip cookies from McDonald's
 Least favorite bus drive? Cave City
 Fav sports memory? Coach Duncan comparing me to a chihuahua in the seventh grade when I could never stop moving

Holly Berry

What's your favorite sport? Volleyball
 What's your favorite position? Libero/ Defensive specialist
 What's your favorite drill? ASU drill, box
 Who's your favorite coach? My mom
 Describe your pre-game- Listening to music and getting McDonald's with Avery and Emma
 Least favorite bus drive? Palestine Wheatly
 sports memory? Sunnie Cunningham taping me to a chair and throwing me into the bleachers



Maddie Burris



What's your favorite sports? Volleyball
 What's your fave position to play? Setter
 What's your fave drill? Fast force
 Who's your fave coach? Berry
 Describe your pre-game ritual? Listening to music and getting a happy meal from McDonalds.
 Least favorite bus trip away? Palestine Wheatley
 Fave sport memory? Duncan almost backed us into a big pond in Batesville

Photos provided by Ashley George