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And So it Begins...

By Carissa Caldwell

August 11 marked the first day back at school for the 22-23 school year, and the last first day for seniors. High school so far is the same as you remember it, with a few slight changes.

As you can read later in this paper, the district has implemented a new cell phone policy. School is no longer as lax as you may be used to when it comes to phones.

WRHS has also welcomed two new high school teachers. Coach Moore now leads the girls' volleyball team

and has been doing quite well at it. Ms. Paskel has taken over some math classes and released some burden from Shelby.

Honestly, do your work on time and school will be okay. Things go a lot smoother when you don't stress and have respect for people. Meaning, walk right in the hallways. Walk on the right side of the hall, don't stop for no reason, and respect the upperclassmen.

Importantly, respect your teacher as well. Let's have a great year!

Students Survive without Phones

By Rafe Akins

Walnut Ridge schools has implemented a new phone policy this year which requires students to put their phones in a place selected by the teacher, away from students' reach at the beginning of every class. They are allowed to have their phones back only after class is over.

This policy is making some students go insane, especially the ones that need their phones to stay calm. Some people need their phones to

stop themselves from having meltdowns and this new policy isn't helping things.

The first time someone is caught with their phone out, it will be taken to Mr. Kersey the second the teacher sees it. The second time you're caught, you not only get it taken away, but you also get one day of ISS (In-School Suspension.) Gradually, more days are added the more times you break the rule.

The reasoning for this

Homecoming 2022:

A Netflix Original

By Madison Jones



This year's football homecoming theme is Homecoming 2022: *A Netflix Original*, at Sexton Field, Walnut Ridge High School. The date of homecoming is October 14, 2022. The original date was set to be September 23, 2022

Karlee Brewer is this year's Homecoming Queen, and her pages are Stryker Belcher and Remi Atkinson. Maid of Honor is Kinley Davis, and Senior Maid is Melanie Jones.

The rest of the royalty includes Junior Maid, Maggie Brinsfield. Sophomore Maid, Madison Blaylock, and Freshman Maid, Ally Watson.

The homecoming days are

Monday: *Outer Banks*- beachwear,

Tuesday: *Stranger Things*- retro,

Wednesday: *The Office* vs *Parks and Recreation*-
office attire or outdoor attire,

Thursday: *The Ranch*- western,

Friday: *All American*- Spirit day

Opinions on Andrew Tate

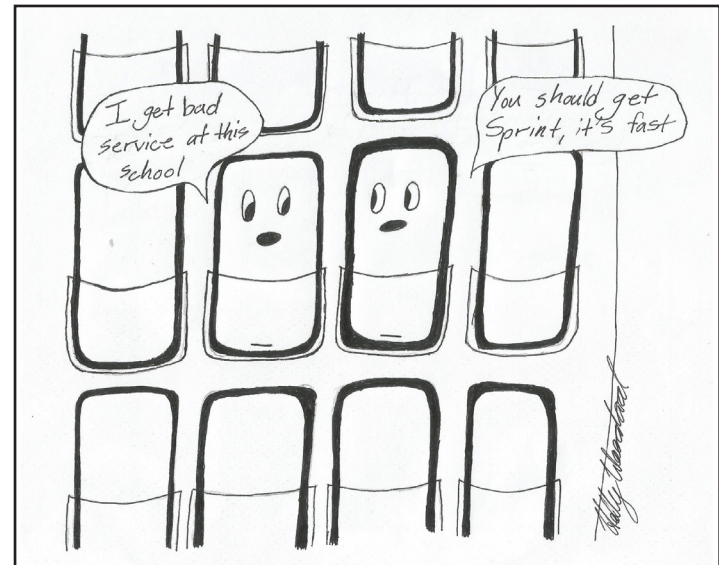
By Ethan Augustine

Andrew Tate is a kickboxer who gained notoriety by saying some wild stuff lately. As a result, he has blown up on social media, gaining a following of mostly males, since the topics he speaks on usually favor men in relationships or normal life topics.

He is now banned on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram after his comments went too far. Some say he scams people utilizing his fame, but others claim he has great advice.

Here is what Walnut Ridge students said when asked their opinions on Andrew Tate:

- Xander Crum and Walker Ward - Top G
- Robbie Tate - Best human alive *dabs intensely*
- Carissa Caldwell - Closeted
- Alex Prestidge - Agree with most he says, he's funny, some things are wack, kinda like when he says women can't do anything, they can.
- Also, Alex Prestidge- He's a rich, spoiled man
- Ayden George - I hate the dude, he scams people out of money with simple advice, he's a misogynist
- Candace Morgan - He should not be famous
- Madison Jones - Compensating
- Bo Kersey - Nasty sexist pig
- Brooke Brown - Wife beater, should...Sorry Brooke too graphic
- Eli Eldridge and Emerson Davis - He's bald, rich, and very inspirational. Love women situation.



Mystery Students

By Quinn Carson

*Short and mean, she twirls a flag.
May not be captain but she can still brag.
An artist at heart, with the choir by her side.
Lily Lewis is her ride or die.*

*Tall and lanky, curly hair blinds his view.
He's got earrings and a girlfriend, too.
Crocs on his feet, or Jordans will do.
His big sister is tall and better at basketball, too.*

Save the Dates:

Homecoming Day

Friday, Oct. 14

Senior Composite Photos

Friday, Oct. 21

ACT Testing

Saturday, Oct. 22

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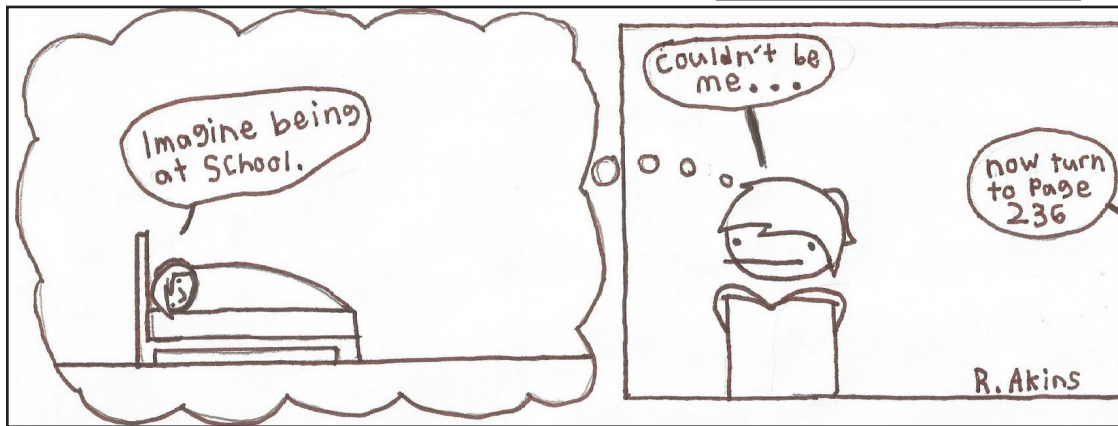
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The staff of *The Cat's Dispatch* dedicates each issue to the memory of David Brady, Editor 1991-93.



Change... For Better or For Worse

Roe V. Wade is History

By Bailee Witt

Roe V. Wade was a landmark decision made in the 1970's by the Supreme Court which court ruled that the constitution of the United States conferred the right of woman to have an abortion.

In June of 2022, Dobbs was passed overturning Roe V. Wade giving power back to the states allowing abortion to be legal or not.

The woman who brought up the Dobbs case recently stated she never had meat for it blow out of proportion and be handled by the Supreme Court.

As we are coming up on the 50th anniversary, we are no longer celebrating seeming as it has been overturned.

The Dobbs case it has its supporters (pro-life) and opponents (pro-choice). While the majority of southerners believe it will save lives, many in the North believe the government should have no control over a woman's body; I completely agree.

As a young woman, living in a southern state, this overturning really threw me for a loop, I still do not understand why a bunch of old men want to decide about my life and body,; it is sickening. I believe we should just worry about ourselves and mind your business and not be in everybody else's, especially for something so life-changing.

The Voice of the Voiceless

By Breanna Gibson

Putting a life in your own hands and taking away the ability to live and breathe is a selfish, self-centered thing to do.

If you know an action has potential to create a baby and you are not in the financial state to take care of one, or just over all don't want one, then don't participate in such actions!

Pregnancy is temporary; abortion is forever.

What's Your Toxic Trait?

By Alyson Woodard

Tanner Luttrell - If I know you don't like me, I'll make it worse

Nick Robinson - I talk a lot of trash

Madison Blaylock - Overly confident in myself
Lily Luster - Thinking I'm the best welder ever

Alyson Woodard - Ghosting people

Abby Lillard - Liking younger guys

Ayden George - Wanting world domination

Lily Lewis - Only hangs out with my boyfriend

Mrs. Rob - Overly demanding

Breanna Gibson - Getting into fights

Htaw Reh - Not caring about anything

M Htay - Showing my dominance

Baily Rorex - Way too carefree

Finally 29

By Madison Jones

On Thursday, August 18, popular singer/songwriter Demi Lovato released her latest single, *29*. The lyrics of *29* are speculated to refer to the age difference between her and her former boyfriend, Wilmer Valderrama, best known for his role in *That 70s Show*.

The actor was 29 when he began dating Lovato, who was 17 at the time. Lovato explained the lyrics during an interview with Apple Music, saying "the song says it all."

The lyrics include "Finally twenty-nine / Funny, just like you were at the time / Thought it was a teenage dream just a fantasy / But was it yours or was it mine? / Seventeen, twenty-nine".

In the song, Lovato claims that since she is now 29, she knows what happened to her is wrong. Lovato was a victim of grooming. Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust, and/or emotional connection with someone much younger so they can manipulate, exploit, and/or abuse them.

Children and young adults who are groomed can be abused sexually or physically and can sometimes even be trafficked. It is a slow process so that the abuser can completely manipulate and take control of their victim while they are still "in love."

Lovato and Valderrama met on set while filming a PSA. At the time, Lovato described it as "love at first sight." Lovato now describes it as "manipulation at first sight."

Since the release of the song, many people all over social media have shared their stories. Lovato sharing her story has given others the courage to share their stories.

As a Demi Lovato fan, I think I speak for all of us when I say we are so proud of her having the courage to tell her story and wish her the best of luck on tour.

Lady Cats' Volleyball:

New Face, New Team

By Michelle Moore

A new face has joined the Lady Cats' volleyball family - Coach Sarah Moore has brought new energy and excitement for the upcoming season. She is a fifth-year coach from Manila with a very competitive nature.

In addition to volleyball, Coach Moore is teaching health. She received her degree in English Education at ASU after graduating from Brookland in 2010.

She is ecstatic to be in Walnut Ridge with her husband and three kids, two of whom also play volleyball, Michelle (11th grade) and Haylen (8th grade).

She spent the summer driving to WRHS for practices. She attended camps in Branson and Cape Girardeau where she got to know the players and see their potential for the season.

She has a personal philosophy, "In order to be an effective coach, you must have a relationship with the players. They won't care if you don't."

She wants to leave an impact on her players in all aspects of life: their mentality, perseverance and hard work. She hopes this outlook and the team's skills will make them to have a deeper run in the state tournament this year.

Coach has a vivid personality as she believes, "Be yourself. Life is too short to not be original." She shows this in her favorite quote. "If there's a fork in the road, take it," by Yogi Berra. She enjoys watching TikTok, poetry reading, and going to sporting events from her kids' to the Razorbacks and Red Sox.

She loves TV shows like Handmaid's Tale and Stranger Things along with a healthy balance of Never Let me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro for books. You'll find her on the court or at her favorite places like Barnes and Noble, and JJ's Grill in Fayetteville.

She has undeniably good music taste: My Chemical Romance and older rock music.

If there's anything that would tell you about her personality it is her worst injury in high school. Before her Junior High District Tournament, she broke her arm by running into a pole while trying to get a save. She had a cast the next day, but slid it off to try to play in her district tournament. It is safe to say her attempt didn't work, but it showed unforgettable character.

The Bobcat family is excited to see this character bring new light to the volleyball program.



Sports Spotlight:

Kinley Davis, Volleyball

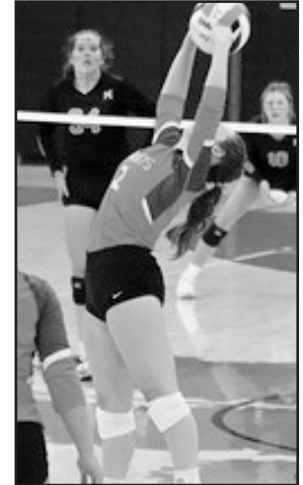
By Karlee Brewer

Kinley Davis is a senior Bobcat volleyball player and is a member of the Alleycats dance team. Her volleyball accomplishments include being named to the All-State -Tournament Team, All-Conference, and winning the Serving Award.

Pep rallies, bus rides, homecomings and sporting events are just a few of her most cherished high school memories.

Two things Kinley considers key to her success are working hard and keeping a positive attitude. Also, her parents help her succeed in everything she does.

She credits Coach Berry as the one who got her started playing volleyball.



A Promising Season for Lady Bobcats Volleyball

By Michelle Moore

The Lady Bobcats set the tone for the '22 season in volleyball when they won a four-set sweep against Salem during their first home game.

In the first set, 25-20. The KRU showed out with a supportive and loud student section-themed Hawaiian night. The energy carried throughout the game as the Bobcats showed their potential for the rest of the season.

There is a high chance of them getting into state and making a run. When they played at the Harding camp the previous week, they won 3-5 of their games against potential teams to be seen again at state. This includes the arch-rivals, Hoxie with a 26-24 set win.

The team wrapped the Salem game up faster in the 4th set with 25-16. Three hitters were double digits: Avery Anderson had an outstanding night with 15 kills and 6 digs; Middles, Mallie Jean, and Michelle Moore, each had 11 and 10 kills.

The backbones of the team, setters Maddie Burris and Kinley Davis had 20 and 19 assists. Emma Aaron also added 9 digs and 3 aces as a defensive specialist.

The weapons on the teams and competitive coach, Sarah Moore, give no doubt of a long season into the state tournament.

Sports Spotlight:

Hunter Colvey, Football

By Karlee Brewer

Hunter Colvey is a senior utility player for the Walnut Ridge Bobcats who he lives by the motto, "Do or do not, there is no try." – Yoda.

He received 2nd team All-Conference his junior year in football. His most cherished high school memories include winning districts in baseball and making playoffs every year in football.

He credits his parents for teaching him everything he knows, which has helped him succeed. The Bobcat alum he looked up to while growing up was Cade Burris.

Hunter plans to go to lineman school after graduation. His best advice for younger athletes is "keep your head up and work harder than everyone else. That's all that matters."



FBLA Goes to Chicago

By Lily Lewis

On June 23, 2022, WRHS graduates, Korwin Johnson, Mason Andrews, Andrew Prestidge and Noah Roark, along with senior Lily Lewis traveled to Chicago for the National Leadership Conference with Future Business Leaders of America with advisor Mary Smith.

Over the course of a week, the group explored the Windy City and competed in their competition against people from all over the country, some even world!

Together they got to experience attractions such as The Navy Pier, a Chicago Cubs game, and so much more.



WRHS FBLA students competed at the national level in Chicago this summer. Senior, Lily Lewis, along with recent graduates Noah Roark, Andrew Prestidge, Korwin Johnson and Mason Andrews traveled with Mrs. Mary Smith and her husband.

Boys' and Girls' State

By Lily Lewis

Boy's State and Girl's State are held for rising seniors to teach students about the American government and politics and how they work. In these camps, the students mock how the innerworkings of local and state government work, and even visit the state Capitol.

Late May of 2022, now seniors Walker Ward, Cam Buys, Braden Deese, and Maddox Jean attended Arkansas Boy's State at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Boy's State is hosted by the American Legion.

During the same week, seniors Kinley Davis, Caitlyn Sheets, and Lily Lewis went to Harding University in Searcy for Arkansas Girl's State. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts Girl's State.

Both Boy and Girl's state delegates say they had lots of fun and totally recommend it for any future delegates.



Remember When...

By Madison Jones

- ...Taylor Forrester played volleyball?
- ...Jaden Blaylock was in band?
- ...Jacob McQuay got cheated on with God?
- ...Madison Jones and Ethan McGinty dated?
- ...Alison Whitehead passed out after giving blood?
- ...Mrs. Rob wasn't scary? Me either!.
- ...Mrs. Shelby was the girls' basketball coach?
- ...Cam Buys wasn't obsessed with Melanie Jones?
- ...Covid was still relevant?
- ...Masks were required?
- ...Sonic rclosed to remodel for months?
- ...Avery Anderson was only known as "Tate's sister"?
- ...The middle school caught on fire?
- ...Ethan Augustine's sister made that game-winning half-court shot at Manilla?

The Journey Continues

By Maggie Porter



moment was going to Little Rock with FBLA. One thing she will miss about high school is football games.

The accomplishment she is most proud of is passing chemistry. Her advice to underclassmen is "Take the classes that you need, not the ones that don't matter."

The best excuse she had for being late was car trouble.

After graduation Jernie plans to move to Fayetteville and attend the University of Arkansas to study Marine Biology.

Jernie Laine Tyra, 17, was born May 14, 2005, to Paula Wilson and Donnie Tyra. She has three brothers, Josh, Jarrod, and DJ. Her best friends are Maggie Porter and Karlee Brewer.

Jernie has attended Walnut Ridge since third grade. Her favorite teacher was Ms. Beverly Hathcock because she made Jernie feel welcomed when she moved here.

Her most memorable

Jernie's Faves

App – Tiktok

Drink – Sweet tea

Holiday – Halloween

Tv show –

Vampire Diaries

Celebrity Crush –

Ian Somerhalder

Food – Japanese

Toxic Trait –

Overthinking everything

Book – *Life on the Refrigerator Door*

What Ex Would You Not go Back to?

By Daegen Spicer

Quinn Carson - Ashlie Burgess

Allyson Colvey - Kai Watson

Jay Jenson - Irissa Bounds

Lauren Perez - River Davis

Wyatt Davis - Jady Clark

Madison Jones - Emma Aaron

Jarro Black - Allyson Colvey

Gage Thielemier - Hayden Brandon

Jady Clark - Wyatt Davis

River Davis - Brianna Morgan

Emma Aaron - Madison Jones

Sheayann Prince - Tanner Luttrell

Maggie Porter - Mari Thomas

Easton Richey - Sarah McGuire

Melanie Jones - Andrew Prestidge

Golf Teams Complete Season

The WRHS Girls' and Boys' Golf Teams competed in the Regional Tournament last week.

Congratulations to Taylor Forrester who will compete in the State Golf Tournament.

Bobcat Bio: Madison Jones

By Bailee Witt

Grade - Senior

Favorite teacher - Mrs. Rice

Relationship status - It's complicated

Pet peeve - People who interrupt me

Last binge watch - *Glee*

Guilty pleasure - Toxic relationships

Favorite Sonic order - Chili cheese dog

Random fact about self - I'm part robot

Worst habit - Binge eating at midnight

Favorite fast food - Taco Bell

What would be your last meal? 4 for \$4

Toxic Trait - Ignoring people who care about me

Most awkward moment - When I peed my pants at Miss Bobcat

Freshman flop - Leaving that banana in my locker



FFA

NEA District Fair Fall Competitions

Wednesday, Sept. 29

FBLA Fall Conference

Arkansas State University

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Bubbly Bailee Bids Good-bye

By Holly Woodard

Bailee Faith Witt, also known as Bai, 17 born on March 18, 2005. She is the only child of Kyra and Michael Witt.

She has four dogs named Daisy, Biscuit, Nova and Franklin and her friend group include Amelia Guthrie, Holly Woodard, Gillianne Walker and Liz Hill.

She has attended Walnut Ridge all her life and her favorite teacher is John Long because his class has helped her grow during the last seven years.

The most memorable moment she had in school was when the school caught on fire and her most embarrassing moment was making an unfunny joke in a quiet class.

Bailee is proud that she has made it to her senior year and continuing her education in music.

Her advice for underclassmen is to “do your journals and do not skip class.” Her best excuse for being late is getting caught by a train.

The one thing she could never live without is her best friends. Bailee’s biggest pet peeve is having to repeat herself and the thing she will miss most about high school is being in the band. Bailee is involved in Trio, Pride band, journalism and Key Club.

Her favorite things to do outside of school are watching Netflix, writing, and hanging out with friends; she



works at Taco Bell.

If she could restart high school again, she would not procrastinate and do her homework. Bailee’s biggest fear going into high school was being shoved into a locker and what brings her the most anxiety upon leaving high school is where she will be living.

After graduation, she is looking forward to having more freedom. At college she wants to study biology and psychology and begin studying to be a lawyer or shark biologist.

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Bailee’s Favorites

Movie - *Scream*
 Singer - James Arthur
 Class - Band
 Food - Mashed Potatoes
 Drink - Cream Soda
 Celebrity Crush -
 Chris Hemsworth

Band -
 Sleeping with Sirens
 Song - *Trouble*
 Holiday - Halloween
 Ice Cream - Pistachio
 T.V. Show - *Euphoria*
 Entertainer - Markiplier

Moore Than Her Last Name

By Cristal Hill

Dakota Cheyanne Moore is the 17-year-old daughter of Ronnie Moore and Barbra Moore. She has three siblings Heidi, 19; Ashley, 18 and Austin, 12.

She has attended Walnut Ridge school since the fourth grade. She is in the 12th grade and goes by Kota. She has a cat, who is called Bestie.

She has four best friends, Daphne Ward, Amelia Guthrie, Hannah Granger and Cristal Hill. Her biggest pet peeve is people mumbling when they are trying to talk to her.

Kota joined band in sixth grade and has been marching with the Walnut Ridge Pride band since eighth grade. Kota’s most memorable moment was when she fell at a band competition.

She will especially miss marching on the field and playing in the stands on Friday nights. Her unpopular opinion is Taylor Swift is overrated.

Her biggest fear going into high school was not being able to graduate. If she could



restart high school, she would not change anything.

Having adult responsibilities is what scares her the most leaving high school, although she looks forward to sleeping in more.

Her advice to underclassman is “Do not underestimate your junior year!”

Dakota’s Faves:

App – Snapchat
 Pizza topping –
 Pepperoni
 Teacher – Mrs. Rice
 Movie – *The Nightmare before Christmas*
 Holiday – Halloween
 Singer – Kehlani
 Song – *Did I*
 Ice Cream – Oreos
 Band – I Prevail

Exchange Student:

The More the Merrier

By Dakota Moore



María Mouge-Hernida is 15 and in the 10th grade. Her hometown is Madrid, Spain. Mery lives in Walnut Ridge with her host parents Stacy Cavaness and Anthony Ludwig.

She speaks Spanish (her first language), German, and English. She began learning English when she was only five.

Mery chose to be a foreign exchange student because she wanted to improve her English skills and learn with a different education system. She also wanted to know if the American stereotypes she heard were true or not.

Her biggest fear about being an exchange student was that her host family would be disappointed if she wasn't what they expected her to be.

Her biggest surprise about America is that many people don't walk as

transportation but instead use cars. Their days "finish" at noon while ours finish at 9 p.m. They cook home meals more than they eat out.

Madrid is seven hours ahead of us. It took 11 hours for her to get here by plane. She texts her family daily and calls them three to four times throughout the week.

Mery says people here behave better than at her school in Spain. There they do most of their work online while we have more paper assignments.

In Spain they don't have some of the extracurricular classes that we have. Our biology is their chemistry. And they don't celebrate homecoming. She had lots of questions about that.

She admitted making friends is challenging for her because every class has a different set of students which is something she isn't used to.

Her first impression of our school was that it was the typical American school you see in movies.

Band Spotlight:

Daph Dawg's Final Tour

By Baily Rorex



Daphne Ward, senior, has been in the band for seven years. Her love of band, learning new music, and the trumpet is what has kept her an active member since 7th grade. Throughout her entire band career, she never switched instruments. "I love trumpet" she says.

Daphne, aka Daph Dawg, is the only person in her family who has been in band. Although you wouldn't know just from seeing her, she shows her mad music skills on Friday

nights.

Looking back, she remembers all her favorite concerts such as Colors, her least favorite was Christmas '22, McDonald's late nights after band concerts. Her favorite people in band are Madison Jones, senior, and Avery Anderson, junior.

Her favorite quote she has heard while in band is "Tune it or die." Her favorite advice for playing the instrument she's ever gotten is "Play it again, but better." Daph advises underclassmen in band to show up to practice and take nothing for granted.

The band is more than just playing an instrument and wearing a uniform, it takes loyalty, talent and dedication; all of which she has given from the beginning.

Come support Daphne and her mad trumpet skills at the next football game, Go 'Cats!

Mery's Faves

Food – Here, BBQ sandwich; Home, Gazpacho

Class – Here, PE/Math; Home, PE/Spanish

Teacher – Mr. Haynes

Store – Zara

TV Show – *Pasapalabra*

Holiday – Walking Jacob's Way

Restaurant – Gino's

Game System – Wii

Daphne's Faves

Favorite Food - Pizza

Favorite song -

Forever After All

Favorite hangout -

Backroads

Favorite artist -

Luke Combs

Favorite clothing -

Sweatpants

Horoscopes

By Dakota Riggs

Capricorn (December 22- January 19) Luck is going to be on your side.

Aquarius (January 20- February 19) You are going to become rich in 10 to 15 business days.

Pisces (February 20- March 20) You will trip on a hedgehog.

Aries (March 21- April 20) You will experience a lot more communication.

Taurus (April 21- May 20) You are going to have a plentiful harvest.

Gemini (May 21- June 20) Things are going to start looking up for you.

Cancer (June 21- July 22) You will hone your craft.

Leo (July 23- August 22) You need a lot of restraint.

Virgo (August 23- September 22) You are going to have some good change happen to you.

Libra (September 23- October 22) You will have no luck.

Scorpio (October 23- November 22) Your relationship will be healthy.

Sagittarius (November 23- December 21) You will experience some rockiness in your relationship.

What's the Perfect Date?

By Eden Curley

Rafe Akins said "the perfect date would be to go to McDonalds!" I truly do have to side with this, McDonalds is a good place to eat.

"Going to the movies" is a great idea, that Kaitlyn Milgrim stated to me! A good and traditional first date.

Madison Jones didn't hesitate when she said, 'Netflix and Chill' a rather bold move for the first date!

Mrs. Stacy Rice told me that going to Lazarri's and watching a movie" is her ideal date! I wonder how good the food there is!

Bailee Witt said that her perfect date would "just be at home!" Rather a good idea, be in the comfort of your house while on the first date.

Breanna Gibson's ideal date would be "anywhere but Walnut Ridge," can't blame you for saying that.

Samantha Diehm, a new student at WRHS, stated that the perfect date in her head would be "a picnic, then watching movies at home." What a beautiful idea.

Birthdays

September October

		1st	Alec Kapales
		3rd	Lillie Bell
			Alayni Moore
2nd	Lyla Woods	4th	Robert Haynes
5th	Kobe Smith		Nicolas Young
6th	Jared Carpenter	7th	Jarrod Fultner
7th	Carly Ashlock		Jodie Fultner
8th	Sarah Young	9th	Carlos Aguilar
10th	Aden Jones		Lauren Perez
13th	Katherine Skinner	12th	Reagan Moseley
14th	Irissa Bounds		Deron Raney
	Heidi Torres		Serenity Summers
16th	Maggie Porter		Madison Wade
17th	Shania Martin	13th	Zoey Farrell
18th	Carter McDaniel	16th	Quinn Carson
19th	Mark Hatfield		Trevor Tompson
20th	Zakary Highfill	19th	Alexus Riggs
21st	M Aye	20th	Cooper Smelser
	M Htay	24th	Cadence Summers
22nd	Jay Laxton		Dakota Timms
24th	Samantha Rose	26th	Jaydn Clark
26th	Danielle Wilson	28th	Karlee Broadway
28th	Alyson Woodard		Joseph Hampton
	Carissa Caldwell		Matt Hampton
30th	Kinley Fisher	30th	TJ Owens
		31st	Sebrina Hillis
			Abby Staples

Just a Minute Ago

By Kaitlyn Milgrim

...WRHS started the 22-23 school year.

...We got a new volleyball coach.

...Kinley Davis was crowned Miss Lawrence Co 2022.

...Ethan Augustine quit basketball.

...Madison Jones got a heart monitor.

...Someone got pulled over in front of the high school office.

...Will Weir was hired as a coach and elementary PE.

...WRHS announced a new cell phone policy.

...Walnut Ridge school got a new safety protocol.

...Walnut Ridge got a new math teacher.

...We had an earthquake.

...Homecoming Day was rescheduled

...WRHS held Parent-Teacher Conferences

He Said/She Said

By Emily Jones

"I feel so smart today!" – Baily Rorex

"How did Helen Keller fly a plane if she was stuck in the attic?" – Madison Jones

Mrs Rice: "Stop playing that flute" Madison Jones: "IT'S A PICCOLO!!"

"The capital of Arizona is Pennsylvania?" – Bre Tate

"I want a bubble bath" – Bailee Witt

"Twitter is soft" – Collin Andrews

"There's a fine line between being a cougar and a pedophile" – Kai Watson

"Just start saying dumb stuff so I can put it on here" – Emily Jones

"How's that even possible? There's no way he's better than me at anything!" – Bre Gibson, talking about her boyfriend, Dakota Timms' grade.

"The Princess and the Frog?" – Kyle Slusser. Jace Bennett replied, "No. That would be the Princess and the Hopper."

"Feet are the most disgusting part of the body!" – Mrs. Rice

"I would probably name my kid 'Mistake' – James Reed

What's Hot/ What's Not

By James Reed

What's Hot

Chevy
Crocs
Hinder
Youtube
Bruno Mars
Being at home
Madison Jones

What's Not

Ford
Burks
Tender
Spotify
Lil Tay
Being at school
Melanie Jones

WRHS Choir Concert

Wed., Oct. 12

at 6:00 p.m.

Walnut Ridge Community Center

Bobcats Bio: Amerikus Gonzales

By Summer Wilson

Class - Freshman

Club involvement - Cheer

Bffs - Alison Whitehead, Allyson Colvey, and Abby Rogers

Favorite teacher - Mr. Haynes

Relationship – It's complicated

Pet Peeve - Jay Jensen, Easton Richey

Last binge watch - *The Vampire Diaries*

Fave Sonic Order - Sweet tea and tater tots

Last person you texted - Alison Whitehead

Favorite fast food - McDonald's

Freshman Flop - Getting hurt in basketball



Fun Facts

By Serenity Summers

Here are some fun facts you probably didn't know!

- Did you know, at Walnut Ridge High School, in the 1970's students (18 and older) could smoke cigarettes under the "smoking tree" during lunch? The tree was near the ag building and is no longer on the property of the school.
- The heart of the blue whale, the largest animal on earth, is five feet long and weighs 400 pounds. The whale in total weighs 40,000 pounds.
- There are no muscles in your fingers: Their function is controlled by muscles in your palms and arms.
- It's impossible to hum while holding your nose (just try it!).
- There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57. Hint: Hit the glass bottle on the "57," not the bottom, to get the ketchup to flow.
- The tallest man ever recorded was American giant Robert Wadlow (1918– 1940), who stood 8 feet 11 inches. Wadlow's size was the result of an abnormally enlarged pituitary gland.
- The oldest person ever to have lived (whose age could be authenticated), a French woman named Jeanne Louise Calment, was 122 years old when she died in 1997.
- The Earl of Sandwich, John Montagu, who lived in the 1700s, reportedly invented the sandwich so he wouldn't have to leave his gambling table to eat.
- Bats are the only mammal that can fly.
- The different colors of Fruit Loops cereal all taste the same—they're not individual flavors.

SRO Added for Elem and Middle

by Bre Tate

Heaven Leigh Alcorn, also know Mrs. Heaven, has joined the Lawrence County School District as an SRO.

She has worked in law enforcement for a year and a half now. She has worked as a patrolman and SRO (School Resource Officer) and is currently a working as the SRO in WR elementary and middle schools.

Mrs. Heaven graduated from Hoxie High School and has completed the police academy. Her hobbies include gaming and anything music related.

This summer she worked and went to Florida for a week. She looks forward to building relationships with students and teachers and helping children that need resources or an extra hug.

Some words of advice from Mrs.

Heaven "you are the one thing in life that you can control."

Her personal philosophy is advocating for mental health. Her favorite part of her job is getting to be there for those who need it.

Her favorite quote is, "Push yourself -- because nobody else will do it for you."

Her family consists of her, her husband, Jason, her six-year-old stepson, Xander, and two cats, Eli and Copper.



Mrs. Heaven's Favorites

Food- Steak

Store- Target

App- Facebook

Restaurant- Porch and

Parlor (in Memphis)

T.V Show- *Stranger Things*

Artist- Breaking Benjamin

Book- *Divergent*

BFF's- Cheyann, Megan

WRHS Welcomes Ms. Paskel

By Lydia Sheets

Alyssa Paskel is a new teacher here at Walnut Ridge High School this year; she teaches Algebra A, Geometry, and College Algebra.

She went to Paragould High School and graduated from Arkansas State University with a bachelor's degree in math and a master's degree of science in math. She previously worked as a graduate assistant at Arkansas State.

Her hobbies include reading, crocheting, and spending time with her cats and dog. She has a boyfriend and their pets, and she looks forward to



Christmas break for a huge get together with her family.

Her words of advice are "Always try to do your best." Her personal philosophy about teaching is "no one person learns the same way."

Her favorite part of teaching is helping students understand math and to hopefully, eventually, love math.

$$E=mc^2$$

Ms. Paskel's Faves

Food – Cheeseburgers

Store – Barnes & Noble

App – Spotify -

Podcasts

Restaurant –

Avocado's Grill

TV Show – *The Closer*

Writer – John Gwyne

Book – *Malice*

Bobcats Bio: Dakota Timms

By Summer Wilson

Class - Sophomore

List your club involvement - Journalism

Bffs - Breanna Gibson

Favorite teacher - Mrs. Rice

Relationship - Taken

Pet Peeve - Stretching out my shirts

Favorite Sonic Order - Number 2 plain with cheese sticks or chili fries and orange soda

Last person you texted – Breanna Gibson

Favorite fast food - Taco Bell

What would you choose as your last meal?

Anything



KRUing it Up for Volleyball



Seniors Ethan Augustine and Madison Jones are always KRUing it Up.

National Drought Continues

By Alyson Woodard

Late June to early August, the southern states in the US experienced record high temperatures, putting many states under a burn ban and heat advisory warning.

By mid-July 51 percent of the US was affected by this drought. This means hundreds of farms over the affected states lost their crops, hay fields and even death of livestock.

Due to this major loss of hay production, many “high end” farmers began desperately buying hay causing hay sales to be at national record highs. With the scarcity of hay, many farmers started selling their livestock because they were unable to provide proper care.

Farmers had no choice but to send their cattle to local sale barns. Some stockyards began rejecting trailer-loads of cattle due to an overstock.

Many farmers waited to sell their livestock and were blessed with rain in mid to late- August. Now cattle prices are on the rise since farmers are trying to buy back their livestock.

Bobcat Bio: Zane Roberts

By Bailee Witt

Grade – Junior

Club Involvement – Basketball

BFF – Hayden Bagwell

Favorite class - Science

Relationship status – Taken

Pet peeve – Sassiness

Last binge watch – Dhar Mann

Guilty pleasure – I like milkshakes

Toxic trait – Hyper-critical

Favorite fast food – Burgers

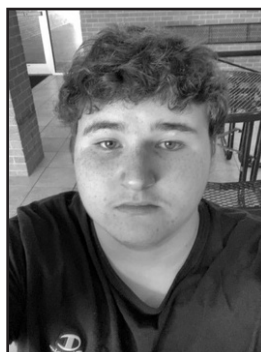
Most awkward moments – Hurting myself in basketball

Favorite Sonic Order – Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Random fact about you – I manage Taco Bell at night

Last person you texted – Natalie Jackson

What would you choose as your last meal - Milkshake



HOCO, from p. 1

policy change is some students use their phones during class, not paying attention to their work, and just being a general nuisance. In other words, they couldn't keep their faces off their screens, and indirectly everyone else are now being punished.

BAILEE, from p. 12

The hardest thing Bailee has ever done was go to cheer camp and her role model is Gillianne Walker because she always puts schoolwork first, gets amazing grades, and is the nicest person she knows

American Murder:

The Family Next Door

By Bre Tate

American Murder: The Family Next Door tells the story of the 2012 Watts family murders which occurred in Colorado.

This documentary is different because it includes real footage from both doorbell cameras and home video footage, text messages, law enforcement recordings and social media posts showing the events as they happened in real time.

It has been streaming on Netflix since September 2020 and 52 million household have begun watching.

The Watts, family of four, consisted of Chris Watts, his wife Shannan Watts who was pregnant, and their two young daughters, Celeste and Bella.

In 2018, Shanann Watts and her two young daughters disappeared. The timeline starts May 2018 as Shanann surprises Chris with her third pregnancy.

On June 27, Shanann takes her daughters to North Carolina. By July, while visiting family, Shanann starts becoming suspicious of Chris.

August began and everything went south after Shannan sent Chris an angry text message about their family. Soon after, Shanann tells a friend about their marital problems.

After she and the girls return home, Shanann goes on a business trip. On August 13, she and her daughters go missing.

Where did they go? Are they still alive? If not where are there bodies? And who killed them? There are so many questions.

Watch the 2020 Netflix film American Murder: The Family Next Door to find out.

Answers to Mystery Students



Michelle Hayes and Ethan Augustine