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Students Present at EASTCon

By Natalie Jackson

EAST Conference recently took place in Hot Springs at the Embassy Hotel.

WRHS students who attended were Nic Young, the student champion, Natalie Jackson, Breanna Gibson, Jasmine Jackson, Alex Hudson, Harmon Haynes, Jared Carpenter, Caleb Grooms and Jay Jensen.

The conference itself was extremely stressful because we had to talk to the judges. We presented our projects to them which included sewing, the Walnut Ridge Podcast, painting the park and dog houses.

However, while the prep for the conference was happening, we got to do extra activities. We went wall climbing, ziplining and go-karting.



It was an overall fun experience and a way to learn more about the other schools and their project ideas, which gave us more ideas. Mrs. Schelley Davis teaches EAST classes at WRHS.

Learning from the Best

By Karleigh Clements

On Tuesday, March 12 the WRHS Journalism and Criminal Justice classes attended a lecture at BRTC. This was the third annual First Horizon Lecture Series featuring George Jared, investigative journalist and author, George Jared.

Jared discussed several cases he worked on including the infamous West Memphis Three and the Rebecca Gould case. He went through timelines and thought processes that helped him write his books about the cases.

He spoke about how the popularity of true-crime podcasts often provide a forum for individuals who closely follow a case, and with a bit of luck, might even help the police identify the killer, like in the case of Rebecca Gould.

This was a very informative lecture that coincided with both classes' interests and helped both learn information and techniques to take back to the classroom.

Jared has been working in the field for around 20 years, written numerous books, worked alongside the FBI, helped in the making of movies, made appearances at "CrimeCon", talked to killers face-to-face and even created his own podcast: *Dimond State: Murder Board*. He is also the husband of WRMS sixth grade science teacher, Tracy Jared.

This was an excellent experience for all students and teachers involved to bring what was learned back to the classroom and was definitely an opportunity worth remembering.



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End of Year Dates:

Seniors Last Day: May 1
 Senior Semester Tests:
 May 2 (1,3,5,7) and May
 3 (2,4,6,8)
 Submit Senior grades:
 May 6
 Awards Day: May 7
 Athletic banquet: May 20

Prom:

April 20 at The Studio.
 Senior Walk will start at
 6:30 p.m.
 Prom starts at 7:00

Baccalaureate:

7:00 p.m. at
 Manley Chapel at WBU.
 Seniors meet at 6:30 p.m.
 at WBU Annex

Graduation:

7:00 p.m. at Terry Belchler
 Gymnasium.
 Seniors meet at 6:00 p.m.
 in the Field House



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

New Alleycats Dance Team and Cheerleaders

By Zoey Shields



The 2024-2025 Senior Cheerleading team members include returners Bre Gibson and Sadie Privett. The new members that made tryouts in February were Dakota Riggs, Paul Ferrell, Morgan Berry and Carrie Mashburn.

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The 2024-2025 Alleycats Dance Team members include returners Irissa Bounds, Kinley Fisher, Carlie Priest, Mary Collins, Alley Waston, Emma Clements, and Abby Staples. The new members that made tryouts in February were Eden Garland, Kodi Thielemier, Katherine Skinner, Bella Ward, Hayden Black, Henley Black and Jazlyn Broadway.



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

Don't Take TikTok Away

By Jaysey Grooms

Some people are obsessed with TikTok! When I say obsessed with it, I mean on it all the time! You know who I'm talking about! Most teenagers use TikTok every day! While many, maybe most, American politicians think it should be banned because of security risks and international dangers.

I am against it being banned. Why? Because it is a form of entertainment for teenagers and adults. Although people younger than 13 years old get on TikTok and post unwanted content.

I get why they want it to be banned... but why take the fun out of teenagers' lives? Local teens and adults provided reasons they disagree with its banning.

Students don't want it banned because it's their form of entertainment and ways of keeping people updated on the latest life events. They post about their daily lives 24/7. I mean, it gets annoying but it's their idea of entertainment.

Some teachers say it comes down to freedom of information. Now, it's not just the entertainment that gets people; it's a creative outlet. Users can express themselves through their own content, such as dance, comedy and education.

TikTok is an excellent way to build brand awareness and engage with your audience and participate in live streams which builds relationships with your followers.

Does the government really want to take the fun out of our daily lives? I asked several adults their thoughts and most felt it wouldn't change anything

My older brother, a 2014 WRHS grad, said, "It don't (sic) affect my health or my family, so I don't really mind." My sister-in-law observed, "It wouldn't necessarily affect the world, but it would affect the creativity of expressing feelings and using this platform as one's voice."

Whatever...

By Sammie Diehm

After asking my fellow classmates about a troubling topic, I have a new perspective on how the word "whatever" is viewed and used at WRHS.

Madison Blaylock said it is used rudely like, "UGH! Whatever!"

Dakota Timms said it can be used to calm, like the word cool, "It's whatever."

Trinity Killough said it is mostly used in a bad tone with sass. "UGH, whatever, I'm tired of you anyways."

"It's whatever, we'll talk later." Do you see the difference?

While this word is simply used to "emphasize a lack of restriction in referring to anything or amount, no matter what," our generation adds the sass. It is quite interesting to see how words change as attitudes change.

The main way "whatever" is used is as a snotty response to someone you want to show disagreement with. but it can also be

Should TikTok be Banned?

By Skylar Cagle

You all obviously know about the huge video platform, TikTok. At least once a year, there has been word of it being banned in the U.S but it has never actually happened. Well, this time, it's seemingly serious.

I've read into various articles about the ban, most point back to China. TikTok was created there, after all. These articles explain that the platform may be used to spy on Americans.

Despite the legal issues, I've recently been seeing more and more inappropriate content: mothers exploiting their own children on the app, fights breaking out, people sharing private information, extremely explicit content and the normalization of racial inequality.

I am on the app frequently and I do understand lots of small businesses will be shut down and many will lose their jobs as influencers, which is extremely upsetting, but if these issues continue to worsen, then I believe shutting down TikTok isn't the worse decision.

Superior Social Media

By Lillie Bell

Many teens and adults around the world use social media, including the sites Instagram and Snapchat. The superior site between the two is Instagram. There are many different reasons why Instagram is better than Snapchat, but a few of my reasons are: you can post on Instagram, Snapchat uses Bitmoji, and Instagram has many interactive features.

Snapchat is used to send pictures and texts back and forth between people and has a feature to share stories. However, Instagram can share posts created by users. These posts are seen by each person's followers who can like and comment on them. Snapchat has the same features as Instagram does, besides the capability to post.

Instagram is more personal than Snapchat. Snapchat uses Bitmoji, which is an avatar a person can create to represent them. Instagram instead has profiles that show what a person looks like. It is easier to know about a person on Instagram than on Snapchat because of Instagram's bio information a user can add, and the feature to see posts of a person.

Interactive features are another reason Instagram is far superior to Snapchat. On Instagram a user can create a live video for people to join and watch. Also, Instagram has a new feature called "note," where a user can add a thought next to their profile picture for people to read. The note stays for only 24 hours, or until the user deletes it.

All in all, Instagram is a better social media app than Snapchat. It is more interactive, personal, and includes posts. Teenagers and adults need to comprehend that Snapchat is a waste of time when they could be on Instagram that has more features.

used nicely (less likely). No matter the way the word is used, it does not really matter because it is not a big deal, it's whatever.

There's Always Two Sides...

By Lydia Sheets



Holly Gabrielle Woodard is the 17-year-old daughter of Tammy and Adam Thompson. She has four siblings Christian, 23, Daniel, 22, Lillian, 14, and Trenten, 4. She has a dog named Rudy, and two cats, Snowball and Bitsy.

Holly's best friends are Amelia Guthrie and Cristal Hill. She has attended Walnut Ridge for nine years and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Linda, "because she always tells both sides of the story."

Holly's favorites:

App – TikTok
 Entertainer – Kurtis Conner and Danny Gonzales
 Pizza Topping – Bacon
 T.V. Show – *Gilmore Girls*
 Restaurant – Fuji's
 Drink – ½ Cut Tea
 Book – *A Child Called "It"*
 Ice Cream – Chocolate

Her favorite year in high school was sophomore year because it was the easiest. Her advice for underclassmen is "Do not procrastinate your schoolwork," and her best excuse for being late to class is she "was in the bathroom."

See 'Holly' on pg. 7

Bobcat Bio: Brice Bullard

By Lillie Bell

Grade – Freshman

Club involvement – Student Council, FBLA
 BFFs – Ruthie Bell, Riley Richey, Jace Blake, Brogan Tate, Jersie Cunningham, Ayden Binkley, TJ Owens, Landon Holland, Collin Andrews and Lillie Bell

Favorite teacher/class – 4th, with Coach Blake

Pet Peeve – Sometimes Jace Blake

Favorite TV show – *Stranger Things*

Guilty Pleasure – Playing *Fortnite*

Immediate "ick" – Talking bad about others

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

Random fact about yourself – I like to draw

Favorite fast food – Burger King

Where do you work – With my dad on the family farm

What would you choose for your last meal – BBQ wings from Wings to Go



Brayden Keeps his Circle Small

By Michelle Moore



Brayden Feezor is the son of Jeannie Gipson with four siblings Joshua, 27; Austin, 24; Jacqueline, 19 and McKenza, 16. His more distant family or what he calls his friends are Henry, Houston, Landon L, Landon H, and Mark.

He has been going to Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. Once he got into high school, he became the class clown making eleventh grade his favorite year to goof off in class and make people laugh.

His favorite class, Mrs. Rob's, still doesn't stop him from trying to

be funny - until Mrs. Rob lights up with joy in telling him to "be quiet!" This doesn't embarrass him. No, that would be when Avery Anderson gave him the "One, two, Mayweather," breaking his glasses.

Asking Brayden any question usually ends in a headache, so his excuse for why he is late to class was tying his shoe outside of the door, and listening to his advice for the underclassmen, "Cheating does not help when you get caught." Unless it was NBA YoungBoy, then in his eyes all is justified. If it's Henry, though, then

Brayden's Favorites:

Food – Pizza Rolls
 Entertainer – Jynxzi
 Red Flag – He's a Taylor Swift fan
 Biggest "ick" – Taylor Swift fans
 Drink – Sweet Tea/Picnic Powerade
 Restaurant – Wings to Go
 Song - *I Know* – NBA Young Boy

See 'Brayden' on pg. 12

Bobcat Bio: Ruthie Bell

By Lillie Bell

Grade – Sophomore

Club involvement – FBLA, Key Club, StuCo

BFFs- Emma Clements, Selbi Muradova, Kinley Fisher, Lillie Bell, Kenzie Milton, Maddie Milton, Maddie Burris, Karlee Broadway, Lyla Woods, Sarah McGuire and Brice Bullard

Favorite teacher/class – Mr. Haynes

Pet Peeve – Chewing with their mouths open

Favorite TV show – *Gilmore Girls*

"Go-to" order at any restaurant – Chicken

Favorite fast food – Chick-Fil-A

Random fact – I have lymphangioma

What would you choose for your last meal – Texas Roadhouse



All About Ave

By Sadie Privett



Avery Camille Anderson also known as Ave or Abe, is the daughter of Rob and Stephanie Anderson. She is 18 and was born on January 10, 2006. She has a brother, Tate. She also has two dogs, Ruby and Sassy, along with a fish named Felix.

Avery has gone to Walnut Ridge for 15 years. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Rob because they are amazing at their jobs. Avery's favorite year has been her senior year because it's bittersweet. "I'm having the senior

slumps" is her go-to excuse for being late to class.

She will miss band the most after she graduates and her advice to the underclassmen is, "use a planner because it really helps!" During high school, Avery has been involved in Key Club, FBLA, Band, Volleyball, Softball and Mu Alpha Theta.

After graduation, Avery plans to go to UCA and get a bachelor's in exercise science, then get her master's in Athletic Training. But, before that, she plans to go visit Lise in Paris.

Her biggest role model is her dad. She admires his faith in God and his love for his family. Her biggest fear after high school is leaving her friends. Her favorite quote is "Don't worry about it, everything's gonna be fine," -Harry Styles.

History Walking the Halls

By Karleigh Clements

Recently, historic figures roamed the halls of WRHS. The reason for this was Mrs. Courtney Smith's AP classes' history project. The students were assigned a character and then had to research them to create a PowerPoint, handout, and visual, and dress up as the character they received.

The students received characters relevant to what they have learned in class or will learn. The students seemed to enjoy the project and some of the costumes dressing up. For me, I dressed up as Herbert Hoover and wore a suit the whole school day; it was fun.

The project was highly successful and unlike anything we

Avery's Faves:

App – Spotify

Store – Michael's

Celebrity Crush – Tom Welling

Pizza Topping – Pineapple

T.V. Show – *Smallville*

Drink – Diet Coke

Food – Sushi

Movie – *The Sound of Music*

Jodie's Last Dance

By Natalie Jackson



Jodie Reese Fultner is part of the senior class of Walnut Ridge High School. She was born on October 07, 2005. Her parents are Dwayne and Cindy Fultner. Jodie has three siblings, one being her twin brother, Jarrod, Hannah 30, and Britney, 36. She has six cats.

Jodie's best friends are Zoe Whitlow, Bradley McQuay and Marley Coleman. She has attended Walnut Ridge since pre-school. Even though her work is exhausting, Mrs. Rob is her favorite teacher because "she's funny." Her least favorite year in high school was her junior year because it

was so hard.

Her most embarrassing moment in school was when she had to read her boast for the Medieval Feast, and her advice for underclassmen is "Keep up with your schoolwork and DO ROB'S WORK, but have fun!" Her best excuse for being late to school was, "I was in band."

One thing Jodie cannot live without is her phone. Her biggest pet peeves are loud people and slow walkers. The things she will miss most are football games and homecoming. She is a member of the National Honor Society and band and works at Sonic.

Jodie's favorite quote is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." Her biggest fear going into high school was getting bullied or failing. If she could start high school again, she would change the way she tried to be someone she's not and be herself.

While she is leaving high school, her biggest fear is the real world. Her plans after high school are to go to college at BRTC, get her LPN license, and work at a clinic. Her role model is her mom because she is smart, brave, kind, and strong. Her unpopular opinion is that piercings and tattoos do not make you any less of a Christian.

When she was little, she wanted to be a teacher, now she wants to be a nurse.

have done in the past. Mrs. Smith is making exciting new traditions for WRHS and leaving her mark on the school!

Jodie's Favorites:

App – TikTok

Pizza Topping – Pepperoni

Movie – *Flipped*

Store – Target

TV Show – *Chernobyl*

Song – *Kiss It Better*

Restaurant – La Casita

Ice cream – Cookie dough

Class – History

Drink – Dr. Pepper

Band – He is WE

A New Dawn for Zoey Dawn

By Sadie Privett



Zoey Dawn Shields is the daughter of Erika and Israel Shields. She was born on June 1, 2006 and is 17 years old. She has two siblings Landon and Charlie along with six pets: four dogs, Buttons, April, Dutchess and Chance; and two cats Posey and Oakley.

Zoey has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten. Irissa Bounds, Maggie Brinsfield, Bo Kersey and Madison McVay are her best friends.

Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice. Zoey has taken her classes almost every year and always loved them. She often learns

something new and they always have a friendly conversation.

Senior year has been her favorite year because she came back from being home-schooled last year. Zoey's favorite excuse for being late to class is either "There was a train," or "I was in Mrs. Lindy's."

While in high school, Zoey has been involved in Key Club, FBLA, Alleycats, National Honor Society, Book Club and Journalism.

"A girl should be two things: who and what she wants" - Coco Chanel; this is Zoey's favorite quote. If she could change anything about high school, she would choose the right friends/boyfriend first.

Going into high school she was scared she wouldn't have good grades. Now, her biggest fear leaving high school is that she will lose the good friendships she's made in school.

Her advice for underclassmen is "do not care what anyone thinks of you and stay true to yourself."

Zoey's role model is her mom. She never gives up on anything, doesn't care what others have to say about her and she's selfless. Her unpopular opinion is "boys from other schools are just better."

When Zoey was little, she wanted to be a vet or teacher, but now she wants to be a cosmetologist. After high school, Zoey is going to attend beauty college in Jonesboro then work at Jagged Edge Salon and eventually take it over.

Zoey's Favorites:

App – Tik Tok

Class – English

T.V. Show – *Vampire Diaries*

Drink – Diet Coke

Movie – *The Bee Keeper*

Ice Cream – Mint Chip

Book –

To Kill a Mockingbird

Biggest 'Ick' – Making a celebrity your personality

Livi is Loving Life

By Onyx Sullens



Olivia Grace Leipert, also called Livi, is 18 years old. Her birthday is March 10, 2006, and her parents are Vicki and Darrell Leipert. She has two siblings, Tamara Wright and Melanie Burge. Olivia has attended Walnut Ridge since kindergarten; Remi is her best friend.

Her favorite year in high school is her senior year because she only has one class and it's with her favorite teacher, Mrs. Rob. Olivia's most embarrassing moment happened when she passed a school bus while at school and got a

ticket. The best advice she has ever received is "Try your best in everything you do," from her dad.

Her advice to underclassmen is "do your work and enjoy high school while you can." Olivia's best excuse for being late is that she was talking and the one thing she can't live without is her mom. Her biggest fear going into high school was taking harder classes; her biggest fear upon leaving high school is getting distracted from college.

Her biggest pet peeve is when people talk to her when she's obviously in a bad mood. If she could restart high school again, she wouldn't change anything. Olivia's role models are her parents because "they have worked hard to get what they have." She'll miss Mrs. Rob the most after she graduates.

She is involved in Student Council, Key Club, FBLA, National Honor Society, Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Crown Club and Trio. Olivia also works at First National Bank. Her unpopular opinion is "the stop signs on buses are just suggestions."

Olivia's plans after high school include attending BRTC then transferring to ASU to pursue a career as a Prenatal Ultrasound Technician, although when she was younger, she wanted to be a dentist. She is looking forward to starting her life journey after graduation.

Olivia's Favorite:

App – Tik Tok

Class – English

T.V. Show – *That 70's Show*

Pizza Topping – Pepperoni

Restaurant – 501 Steakhouse

Drink – Strawberry, cranberry, Mello Yello

Book – *Reminders of Him*

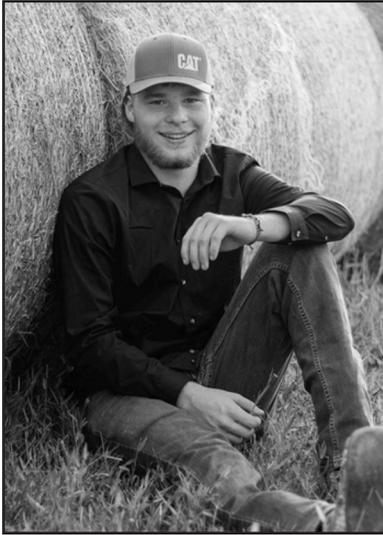
Ice Cream – Twist

Beach Vibes: Some of the softball girls enjoy an evening out during their tournament.



Forced To Be Here

By Jordan Vanover



Zakary Cole Highfill is 18 years old. He was born September 20, 2005. He is the son of Crystal Wade and Robert Highfill. His siblings are Kiley Highfill and Emiley Highfill. He's attended WRHS for two years.

His favorite year of high school was his senior year because he did next to nothing. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob because he learned a lot in her class and his advice for the underclassmen is "Do your work and show up to school."

He played football

in his junior year of school. The biggest fear he has is graduating from high school and if he could restart high school, he would not change anything.

His favorite quote is, "Don't drive faster than your guardian angel could fly" – words of wisdom from dear ol' dad. His plans after high school are: work at Greenway, get a new truck and then get a house.

Zakary's Favorites:

App – SnapChat
 Store – Academy Sports
 Class – Tommy Ford's
 Food – Steak
 Song – *Summer of '69*
 Restaurant –
 Texas Roadhouse
 Drink –
 Mountain Dew or Red Bull
 Movie – *Smokey and the Bandit*

The One and Only Caitlin Clark

By Colben Pettus

Caitlin Clark made history on March 3 by breaking the one and only Pete Maravich's all-time scoring record during the first half against the Ohio State Buckeye. I know that I am a little late on this subject, but I feel that I need to recognize this college superstar.

That was the best team to break the record against because no one likes Ohio State.

There is just not much that has been talked about the fact that the record has been broken and it bothers me for some odd reason. She made history not only in the women's NCAA, but in the men's league as well that is impressive.

I think she will make history in the WNBA one day and I will be ready for that day. Caitlin Clark has amazing work ethic, remarkable playmaking skills and incredible accuracy from the three-point line which makes her a dangerous weapon on the court.

She deserves all the support in the world after working her tail off and making something of herself.

Not Here For a Long Time, Here For a Good Time

By Zane Roberts



Colben O'Neil Pettus was born on August 17, 2005. His mom is Jennie Janes. Colben has a 15-year-old brother named R.J. Pettus. His best friends are Abby Lillard, Carter Williams and Izaiah Hollowell.

Colben has attended Walnut Ridge for only one semester. His favorite teacher is Linda Smith, who he describes as a "chill and understanding teacher." His advice for underclassmen is do not take high school for granted -- it will be over before you know it.

"I was doing some work for Hallman," is Colben's best excuse for being late. His biggest pet peeve is liars. He will miss football the most after high school. He cannot live without Diet Coke.

If he could start high school again, he would put in more effort. His biggest fear going into high school was not graduating; his biggest fear upon graduating is not having any support and being an adult.

Colben looks forward to college and work after graduation. When Colben was little, he wanted to be a superhero, now he wants to be a fireman. His plan after high school is to obtain a degree in fire science. He works at KFC.

Continue 'Holly' from pg. 4

One thing she can't live without is her family and her pet peeve is when people have an attitude. Holly is in FBLA and journalism, and she works at Dairy King in Portia.

The best advice she has ever received is, "Your comfort zone will kill you" by her grandmother. If given the chance to start high school again and change anything, she would play a sport.

Her biggest fear going into high school was the teachers and her biggest fear upon leaving high school is leaving her family. She is looking forward to college the most after graduation.

Holly's role model is her mother because somehow, she always knows and does what is right. She wanted to be a vet when she was little, but now, she wants to be a criminal defense attorney.

Colben's Favorites:

App – Facebook Marketplace
 Song – *Burning House* by Cam
 Restaurant – Chili's
 Band –
 Pecos & The Rooftops
 Entertainer – Owen Wilson
 Drink – Diet Coke
 Random Fact – $9+10=21$

Gage Takes the Stage

By Cristal Hill

Kenneth Gage Thielemier, who goes by Gage, is a senior at Walnut Ridge High School. His birthday is January 6, 2006; making him 18. The grandson of Tina Horn, he has a dog named Rocky and a cat named Smokey. Gage's best friends are Jared Black and Zane Roberts.

He has attended Walnut Ridge since the fourth grade. Gage's favorite teacher is Mr. Price, who he describes as, "the only teacher that is as chill as a normal person."

His favorite time during high school was his 10th grade summer, when he had fun with friends and had a good girlfriend, too. These are the times he will miss after graduation: going to see his friends every day after school.

His most embarrassing moment in school was when his old YouTube channels got exposed." The things he cannot live without are his guitars and his biggest pet peeve is "fake" people.

The best advice he ever received was "Never change who you want to be" from his grandma. His advice for underclassmen is, "Don't let someone keep you from being yourself; always keep it real."

His best excuse for being late to class is he "slept in." His favorite quote is "I signed on as the clown, and by golly, I will keep my end of the bargain!" by Chris Farley.

If he could start high school over, he would simply try to have more fun. His biggest fear going into high school was work. His biggest fear upon leaving high school is not getting hired somewhere to go to work.

When he was young, he wanted to be a famous guitar player and now that he is older, he plans and wants to be a truck driver. His plans for after high school include getting his CDL to drive a big truck; however, he always plans to keep playing guitar whenever he can.

Time to spend with family is what he is looking forward to most after graduation. His role model was his great grandpa, who was always doing stuff for others. His unpopular opinion is that heavy metal music is good.



Jenna Dances to her Own Beat

By Natalie Jackson

Jenna Morgan Wallin, 18, was born on August 26, 2005. Her parents are Zip and Lindsey Wallin. She has four siblings, Mari Michael, eight, Ridge, seven, Ava and Ella, both five. Her two dogs are Hulk and Coco.

Her best friends are Avery Anderson, Maddie Burris, Holly Berry, Hayden Brandon, Katalina Ziegler and Henry Stowers. She has attended Walnut Ridge since first grade.

Her favorite teacher is Mr. Haynes because he not only teaches her math, but life lessons. Her favorite year in high school is senior year because she gets out early.



Jenna's most embarrassing moment was competing in the talent show last year with Madison Jones and Avery Anderson. Her advice for underclassmen is to make A's while classes are easy.

One thing she cannot live without is music. Her biggest pet peeve is not walking in a straight line. After high school, she will miss being on the sidelines. Her best excuse for being late was "there was a train."

She is a member of Key Club, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Alleycats, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She teaches dance at Studio H Performing Arts. A random fact about Jenna is: "I almost died in dance class!"

One of her favorite quotes is "To the stars who listen – and the dreams that are answered," by Sarah J. Maas. Another favorite quote is, "You don't have to have a lot of friends as long as the ones you have are good," these wise words are from her mom.

Her biggest fear going into high school was doing badly and not understanding the work. Her biggest fear upon leaving high school is failure. After graduation, she is most looking forward to exploring new places.

Her plans after high school are to go to U of A to get a degree in International and Agri-business. Then, she plans to become a pilot. Her role model is Katalina Ziegler because she pushes her and inspires her to dream big.

Her unpopular opinion is bread is overrated and does not taste good. When she was little, she wanted to be a crop dusting pilot, now she wants to be a commercial pilot.

Jenna's Favorites:

App – TikTok

Pizza topping – Pepperoni
Store – Target

Book – *Fourth Wing*

Song – *Watch Me Work*
from Trolls Band *Together*

Restaurants – Sumo

Ice cream – Chocolate

Class – English

Drink – Dr. Pepper

Band – Jungle

Food – Crawfish

Celebrity Crush – Hozier

Red Flag – Procrastinator

Biggest ick – Things being
due at 8 a.m. (Mrs. Rob)

Gage's Favorites:

App – YouTube

Store – Spencer's

Song – *Ascendancy* by
Trivium

Entertainer – Fulcrum

Pizza Topping – Pepperoni

T.V Show – *Rick & Morty*

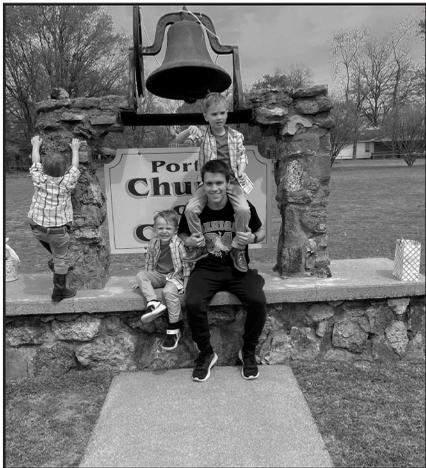
Restaurant – Pier 88

Drink – Mountain Dew

Ice cream – Moose Tracks

Bryson's Going EAST not South

By Hailey Jensen



Bryson Joseph Parker was born June 19, 2006 and is 17. His parents are Erin and Justin Parker, and he has a little brother, Jori, 11. He has two dogs and two cats. He considers everyone his best friend, including the late Noah Morris.

He has attended Walnut Ridge for just one year. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Davis, who teaches EAST; he loves EAST. He appreciates Mrs. Davis because she is willing to listen on his bad days.

His favorite year in high school is this year because "it's a new

state, a new school, and a new me." His advice for underclassmen is to make friends, not enemies and "Keep your head up!"

This year has been his favorite year because he has met so many people. He will miss talking to his favorite people the most after high school. If he could start school again, he would be more talkative.

The best advice he has ever received is, "just mind your P's and Q's" from his stepdad and "Don't let people talk you down." His biggest fear going into high school was homework. He is looking forward to working and making his own money after graduation when he plans to go to work with his dad.

His role model is his stepdad because he is always teaching him and encouraging him to try new things. When he was little, he wanted to be in law enforcement, now he wants to be a hard worker. His unpopular opinion is, "Just be yourself."

Bryson's Favorites:

App – TikTok
 Pizza Topping – Cheese
 Store – Sam's Club
 Song – *Where the Wild Things Are*
 Ice cream – Vanilla
 Class – EAST
 Drink – Dr. Pepper
 Food – Tacos, Burgers, Pizza
 Random Fact – Friendly
 Biggest ick – Liars and disrespect people



More Softball Fun:
 All dressed up and the options are endless at the beach.

Last, but Not Least

By Katherine Skinner



William "Matthew" Mullen was born December 21, 2005, to Matt and Michele Mullen. Matthew has six siblings: Garrett Crisler 28, Danielle Wall 28, Martin Crisler 26, Jon Mullen 25, Madi Mullen 23, Lola Mullen 21. He has two dogs, Hank and Portia.

Matthew's best friends are Kaden Martin, Wyatt Davis, Davis Callahan, Sebastian Hoffman, Nolan Belcher and Rex Tedder. He's been a student at Walnut Ridge for 13 years and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Rob.

Freshman year was his favorite year of high school because they went to state finals in baseball. He will miss sports

the most after graduation.

Matthew is involved in Key Club secretary, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council Executive Board president, Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society and football.

His advice to underclassmen is "take college classes while you're in high school." His best excuse for being late to class was he got stopped by a train. Matthew can't live without his phone and his biggest pet peeve is people smacking.

If he had to start high school over again, he wouldn't change anything. After graduation, he is looking forward to going to Arkansas State University to study Agri Business.

His biggest role model is his brother, Martin Crisler. He works on his family farm. His unpopular opinion is Riley Green is the best country singer right now. When he was young, he wanted to be a cop and now he wants to be a farmer.

Matthew's Favorites:

App – Snapchat
 Store – DNW
 Song – *Break Up More Often* by Riley Green
 Class – Lindy's teacher aide
 Pizza topping – Pepperoni
 T.V. Show – *The Office*
 Restaurant – Texas Roadhouse
 Drink – Coke
 Food – Steak
 Movie – *Top Gun*
 Book – *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 Ice Cream – Chocolate
 Band – Migos
 Biggest "ick" – Smelly people

Who's Who



**Most Likely (to take home)
to Meet the Family**
Jaxton Brady
Sarah McGuire



Most School Spirit
Sadie Privett
T.J. Owens



Best Personality
Brogan Tate
Candace Morgan



Most Likely to Win an Argument
Kennedy McVay
Eli Eldridge



Most Athletic
Jersie Cunningham
Candace Morgan



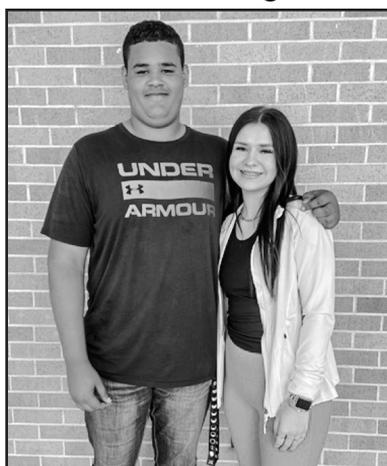
Biggest Gossipers
Amerikus Gonzales
Dakota Riggs



Over-achievers
Ruthie Bell
Jaxton Brady



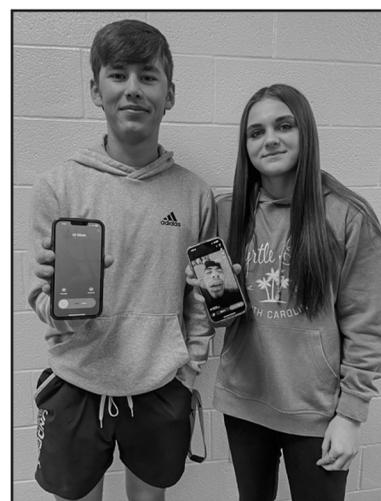
Most Changed
Emerson Callahan
Kinley Fisher



Drama King and Queen
Ryan Rainwater
Ally Watson



Most Likely to Leave Walnut Ridge
Jersie Cunningham
Sadie Privett



Most Likely to Never be Single
T.J. Owens
Candace Morgan



Teachers' Pest
Jagger Brogdon
Amerikus Gonzales



Best Dressed
Brogan Tate
Mary Collins



Class Clowns
Emerson Callahan
Jalynn Hughes



Girls Best Friends
Sarah McGuire
Lyla Woods



Boys Best Friends
Eli Eldridge
Cristian Gonzolas



Teachers' Pets
Jaxton Brady
Kennedy McVay



Best Glow Up
Easton Richey
Katherine Skinner



Most Creative/Talented
Calista Robins
Harmon Haynes



Best Listeners
Grayson Thatcher
Lyla Woods



Most Likley to Change the World
Calista Robins
Grayson Thatcher



Best Wheels
Selbi Muradova
Cristian Gonzolas

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Who's Who

By Karlee Broadway
and Lillie Bell

In Her Graduation Era

By Baily Rorex

Senior Alli Caroline Bramlett will graduate from Walnut Ridge High School after 12 years. She plans to attend William's Baptist University, majoring in biology with hopes of becoming a pharmacist. Her loving parents, Derek and Brooke Bramlett continue to stand by her side as she prepares to take her next step in life.

Alli is a member of Key Club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Quiz Bowl, Junior Auxiliary Crown Club, Book Club and Annual Staff. She is also active with the Alleycats dance team, Walnut Ridge Volleyball, Softball, and Track teams.

Alli's Favorites

Store – Barnes and Noble
 Song – *So American* – Olivia Rodrigo
 Entertainer – Taylor Swift
 TV Show – *Dance Moms*
 Restaurant – Chick-fil-A
 Movie – *Tangled*
 Book – *Fourth Wing*
 by Rebecca Yarros

Even as a dedicated student-athlete, Alli finds the time to relish the high school experience with her best friends Avery Anderson (senior), Taylor Forrester (senior), Maddie Burris (senior), Jenna Wallin (senior) and Carlie Priest (sophomore).

The teacher that made the biggest impact on Alli is Mrs. Rob, because of her caring nature and dedication to the success of her students. Alli's go-to

excuse for being late for class is that she was helping Mrs. Lindy. Her advice for underclassmen is: "Enjoy every last minute, it goes by way too fast."

Although Alli is excited for college, she is sad to say goodbye to her friends, and to all of the memories she's made along the way.

As a child, Alli dreamt of becoming a professional dancer. Although those plans have changed with time, her role model remains her mother. "She is the strongest person I know and she always encourages me to do my best."

With the support of her peers and her parents, Alli prepares for the future. She's ready to take on any challenge standing in the way of her dreams.

Continue 'Brayden' from pg. 4

Henry will get on his nerves telling him what Brayden needs to do as if he doesn't already know!

Brayden trusts his judgement which is evident by his quote, "The smaller the circle, better the people," (from Fortnite). Coach Moore might agree with him on that part.

Brayden is focused on making money and being happy after high school. He wishes he wouldn't have stressed as much on assignments, and not feared girls when he started high school. Instead, Brayden is going to stand for something otherwise, "If you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything," -Hot Boii.



Goals: Killing it at Hendrix

By Baily Rorex



Senior Michelle Moore has attended Walnut Ridge High School for two years. She is involved in many clubs and associations such as: FBLA, Key Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and she is the reporter for the senior class. She is also the Sports Editor of The Cat's Dispatch.

She plays middle blocker for the senior high varsity volleyball team. She started playing volleyball in 8th grade at Manila and has played ever since. Michelle has always been determined to be a key player in every sport in which she participates.

After her mother, Coach

Sarah Moore's career led her to Walnut Ridge, Michelle continued to shine both academically and athletically, no matter the difficulties moving schools typically has on teens. She has two pets, a cat named Oliver and a dog named Niko.

She's made great memories at WRHS, including her favorites: Taking Doc's physics class her junior year, and sitting on the edge of the field, watching football games with her friend, Baily Rorex (also a WRHS senior).

Outside of school, Michelle loves running, spending time with her friends (Mark Hatfield, Baily Rorex, Avery Anderson and Daphne Ward), reading, "going on adventures," and spending time with her family.

After high school, Michelle plans to continue her athletic journey at Hendrix College in Conway. Majoring in biochemistry, she will continue to explore the world's possibilities, as she determines what her future holds.

Michelle's Favorites:

Book – *The Silent Patient*
 Music artists – Hozier, Korn, and Deftones
 Color – Green
 App – Pinterest
 Teacher – Mrs. Wheelless and Mrs. Courtney Smith
 Sport – Volleyball
 Food – Chinese food
 Show – *Big Bang Theory* or *Shameless*
 Comfort movie – *The Notebook* with *Forrest Gump*