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NEWS FROM THE NEST WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WHS

This month has surely been busy as the little village of Woodlawn is experiencing several public works projects - one of those being at our very own school! Within the high school walls, it's been decided that things need to be changed. Those changes won't be drastic, but they will be improvements to the everyday quality of life of our students and staff.

The current project in front of the school is a circle drive for buses to drop students off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. Along with the circle drive, they are putting in five staff parking spaces, five handicapped spaces, and two visitor spaces; this will make it easier for some people to get into the building. Also a part of the projects will be a flag pole in front of the school and a digital marquee near the entrance/exits to the new drive.

Near the current teacher's parking area will continue to be a path for parents to drop off students. There will still be parking there, but buses and parents won't be fighting each other anymore. A huge problem is when parents try to go around buses that are stopped with their lights on; it's a bothersome thing to have to remind people that buses' stop signs are as legitimate as the ones you see on the road. Students will be able to leave the main parking lot without worrying about buses.

In addition to the circle drive, the student/main parking lot is getting an upgrade! The parking lot is going to be laid with asphalt and lines are going to be painted on the lot, making it much easier to discern parking spots and keep things neat and tidy. Because the parking lot has never been paved, this upgrade will not only make the lot look better but will also be safer in the long run. No more worrying about hitting big potholes as you're entering or exiting the parking lot!

Written by: Benton Garner

Each month, WHS's Newsletter Team will choose a student to spotlight and, along with that, we will tell you about their day and their high school experience.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW A LOOK INTO STUDENT LIFE



MEET Taylor Poorman; Let's go through his day together! **1 P.E:** Taylor thinks that P.E. is a fun class for him to take. In his opinion it is a good class to start the day with which helps him to wake up. He especially enjoys playing volley-tennis. **2 College Algebra:** Taylor takes this class to get college credits. It is a hard class but it also makes him feel very smart when he knows how to do the tasks. **3 Sociology:** This is a very laid-back class taught by Mr. Trill. Occasionally, Taylor finds himself watching movies or documentaries about sociology-related topics, and he thinks that this is a very good way to get a different perspective on daily life situations. **4 Rhetoric & Composition:** Taylor likes this class not only because this class helps him get college credits but also because Ms. Rapp is very good at her job: at both teaching the material and explaining it in further detail. He likes writing and when he gets going, he gets done with the assigned essays pretty easily. **5 Economics:** Taylor is interested in economics and also thinks that it is a very fun class taught by Mr. Smith. Economics digs deep into the workings of different countries' economies- a very interesting topic to some. **6 School Pub:** Because Taylor likes to design things, especially on the computer, School Pub is the class he likes the most. It's a relaxed yet exciting atmosphere makes it a class easily enjoyed. **7 Baking:** After taking Food Services last year, he decided to take Baking, which is a fun treat after a long day. After school, Taylor usually gets all his chores done and then plays video games and relaxes. He plans to go to college and wants to study Computer Science and Video Game Design after graduation because he wants to connect his hobby with his future career. Taylor now also has a job at the Shoe Stop; he occasionally works after school. Thank you, Taylor, for taking us through your day!

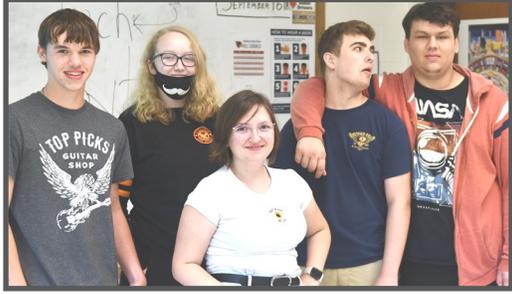
Written by: Anna Goeke

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$12 \times 4 = 48$ $12 + 12 = 24$
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" Find your ROY G. BIV. "
 $2(8+2) = 20$ $(29a+3) = 90$
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Created by: Amelia Neabuhr

CARDINAL CLUBHOUSE WHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



There is a multitude of clubs at WHS. One club that is often overlooked is Tech Bytes. Tech Bytes (TB) is a club about- you guessed it- technology!- that meets every Wednesday during lunch period. The club is mostly centered around video games, but all kinds of technology can be explored in this club. In years past, TB has gone on a multitude of trips, including going to Edison's Entertainment Complex in Edwardsville and watching movies like Star Wars: The Force Awakens and Avengers: Infinity War in theaters. Every year, TB also hosts a game night at WHS where club members bring game consoles, set up game rooms around the school, and play games into the night.

When asked to describe TB, senior officer Taylor Poorman said, "It's somewhat chaotic right now, since we have a record number of members, and we are trying to get it under control. Due to us having so many people, we're trying to do more than we have in years past, and it has potential to become a greater club than ever before."

So far, TB has been fairly inactive when it comes to club activities, but things are looking up for this previously small club. Officers and the club sponsor are in the process of planning a fundraiser and trips for the club. There is still much time for Tech Bytes to become a great club, and a fundraiser may be the push the club needs.

Written by: Carolyn Wallace

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Woodlawn Happenings

- Oct 20 Two-week parking lot closure
- Oct 28 Homecoming Parade — 1 pm
- Oct 30 Homecoming @ The Granada
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

GOOD EYES, BETTER TIMES

WOODLAWN CARDINALS BASEBALL

This fall is a season of vision for the Woodlawn Cardinals' baseball team. With the loss of 11 seniors from last year, as well as Coach Root, the team definitely doesn't look similar to last spring. Their new head coach is Scott Smith, former owner of the Batter's Box. The boys started their season back in August with opening day being a Saturday double header against South Central, but unfortunately that game took an unexpected turn when a downpour came about in the fourth inning, and it got rained out.

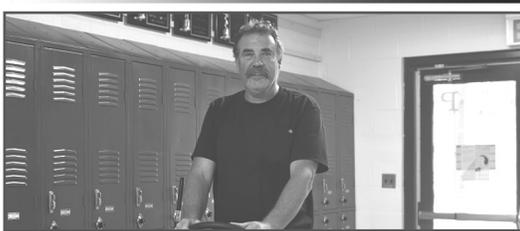
Sophomore Jackson Kirkpatrick claims that the team "definitely passes the eye test" due to their immaculate pitching staff. Most of the pitching is supplied by Sophomore Talen Lee, who doesn't let many batters have a chance to even get past the plate. Other pitchers able to help Lee out by dosing include Ethan Smith, Greyson Bridewell, and Kirkpatrick himself. "There are two main things we need to work on," Kirkpatrick states. "Defensive errors and team chemistry- those are probably the two places that have the room for the most growth." As for the offensive side, a different story is told. "Our hitting definitely carries us most of the time." Some of the strongest hitters include Kirkpatrick, Lee, and Quaid Odum.

Some of their most memorable games include both the Wayne City and South Central games. The Wayne City game got very exciting when the Cards scored three runs in the top of the seventh in a two-out rally, but unfortunately took the loss at 5-4 in a down-to-the-wire contest. South Central was memorable due to their level of difficulty and especially fast pitching. A win against South Central (if seen again) is a definite goal of the team's, because South Central has only one loss, and "we would love to give them their second" remarked Kirkpatrick. When asked what would have to improve to be able to reach that goal, Kirkpatrick said that the team would just have to be able to time up their pitcher faster, because they were very behind when seeing them back in August. "It was just that no one could catch up." Also, South Central was the first game of the season, so it's no surprise that the bats were a little slow. If seen again, Woodlawn's bats will for sure be faster not only because of seeing fast pitchers throughout the season, but just by taking so many swings and so many at bats. Also, the boys have already seen the South Central pitcher, so they know what speed is provided for them at the plate, and exactly what they're getting themselves into.

When the team played their last home game against Wayne City, they pulled out an impressive 8-6 win – their only win for the season. The season concluded shortly after that since there is no postseason in the fall for baseball. Overall, it looks like if the boys clean up their defense and build team chemistry, their spring season could be a great ride!

Written by: Izzy Frick

BEHIND THE SCENES



Every month, WHS's Newsletter Team is going to take a behind-the-scenes look at an aspect of our school- from roles played to history made. This can be a person, place, or thing in the school.

For the most valuable people, life takes work involves making something new. At WHS, no one constructs more new projects than Robb. Robb has worked at Woodlawn High School for a little over seven years. Being a custodian is not something that's necessarily a hard job, but rather a time-consuming one. There is pressure to finish tasks that have been set before you in a time that seems nearly impossible- especially during the summer.

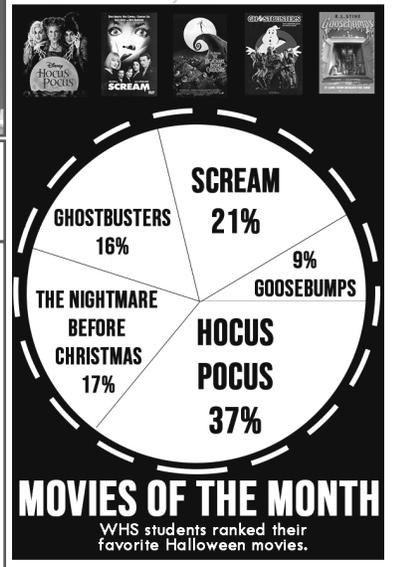
Robb loves to work on projects that are more personal to teachers; for example, when he redid Mrs. Coalson's classroom a couple of years ago, she was extremely appreciative. The teacher's appreciation makes him feel accomplished.

When asked what improvements he would like to see at WHS, Robb wishes that the school had more funding so it could have more additions and needed updates for the school. More funding would mean more projects that would benefit our students.

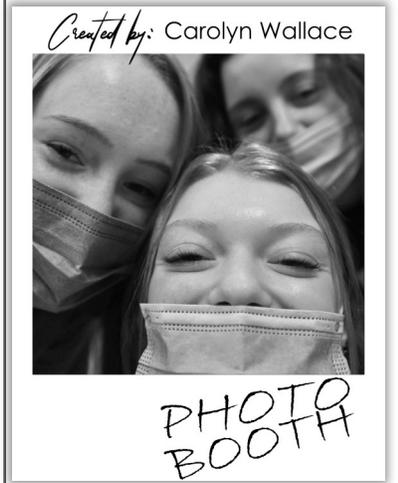
Before Woodlawn, Robb also lived an interesting life. He is a retired veteran and some interesting projects that he got to work on were the B-2 Bomber and the Stealth military airplanes. Robb's life and military experience are two things that he is able to bring to WHS. He has always been here for us when we need him with his good ideas and effort at making WHS better.

Written by: Kalli Wheeler

Created by: Ella Bequette Monthly Poll



Created by: Carolyn Wallace



WHAT IN THE WORLD

Written by: Kennedy Odum

GLOBAL LEARNING AT WOODLAWN HIGH

Anna Goeke is on a journey of self-discovery. She has joined a long line of international students that have made their way to Woodlawn. Anna's journey in Woodlawn started only a few weeks ago, yet when asked how she likes it here she says "There is not one particular thing I like about Woodlawn; I think it is a mixture of everything." She has also told us that this is her first time in America and that so far she likes it very, very much. Anna came to Woodlawn, originally going to stay for the first semester, but her adventure in Woodlawn can't be that short! Anna is going to be staying in Woodlawn for awhile! After considering everything that is involved, she has decided to stay for the school year. Anna has played volleyball for three years back in Germany, but wants to expand her knowledge of sports and try basketball and softball because those sports aren't as common in Germany. Anna has also told us she is very thankful for her host family and everyone that takes her to see unique things about America. Anna came from a small town in West Germany, almost like Woodlawn. She told us "most people don't know what or where my hometown is, so I just say western Germany." She left a small town in Germany to join a small town in Illinois. Sometimes, the farther you are from home, the closer you are to finding who you are.

