

## News

# Harry Potter Hurricane?!

On September 2, around 1:30a.m. Hurricane Hermine became the first hurricane to make landfall in Florida in 11 years. Hurricane Wilma, in October of 2005, was the last one. Starting off as a tropical storm, Hermine became classified as a Category 1 hurricane when wind speeds reached up to 80 mph. Hermine arrived early Friday morning, bringing with it strong, battering winds, many inches of rain that caused flooding, and tornadoes. Hurricane Hermine claimed one life, the life of a homeless man that died when the wind knocked a tree over and he was under it. **The power went out for thousands of homes and many did not regain power until a week after the storm passed.** Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency for 51 counties. Gulf county was excused from School on Thursday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Sept. 2.

### THE GATORS ARE COMING

Homecoming is coming up, Gators! Homecoming starts on Monday, October 17th and ends with a football game against Graceville on Friday, October 21st. SGA is currently working on a theme for this exciting week! They are planning on continuing door decoration contests, a Homecoming dance, and our hallway wars. Start planning for anything and everything to make this one of our best Homecoming weeks yet!



### Check Your Progress!

On September 13, WHS gave students their first progress reports for the year. These reports were given out in 7th Period. The purpose of progress reports is to let students and their guardians know how they are doing in their classes. It's kind of exciting **because progress reports are a sort of checkpoint for every nine weeks.** This time it means that after about a month, the first nine weeks will be over! Time sure flies fast, doesn't it? So we hope you look forward each time to seeing how you can potentially improve your **grade and class room experience!**

### Come and Get Your Class Rings!

WHS Juniors and Seniors: Herff Jones was set up in the commons on September 7, 2016 from 10 AM- 3 PM to take orders for class rings. If you missed it and want to purchase a class ring from Herff Jones, you can place your order at any time on the website at [WWW.Herffjones.com](http://WWW.Herffjones.com). Rings will be delivered **sometime is December Herff Jones will contact you before arrival.**

## EDITORIAL/ENTERTAINMENT

### GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!

Today we'll be discussing the brand new coffee makers we got just this year here at WHS. This is a really good idea and helps the school make money. The downside of this is that some kids don't have enough time to drink coffee they paid for. To help with this situation, maybe we could have a little time in class to finish coffee before it gets too cold. We do understand that some students can be a little messy and not clean up after themselves; we also know that having the coffee makers is a privilege. If teachers don't want the students to drink in their classrooms, it would be a nice idea for students to sit their drinks on a table by the door until the end of class; the students could even put their names on the cup.



"Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone".

Andy Biersack

### WORD OF THE WEEK

*bumptious: self assertive or proud to an irritating degree*

### SENIOR SPECIAL

This week's special seniors are Kathy Faye Powell and Blake Harrison. Both are excited for this school year, and are looking forward to their future plans. By working hard in Gator sports and clubs they have shown outstanding leadership. Blake has been working hard in his senior year of football. Kathy has attended every home volleyball game to take pictures for the yearbook. The school is lucky to have these great students and we sure are gonna miss them next year. Keep up the good work you guys!



### Club Corner

*This week here at WHS we'll be talking about a club called S.W.A.T. S.W.A.T stands for Students Working Against Tobacco and is a very good club to get into. S.W.A.T teaches us the effects that smoking can have on your body and health. S.W.A.T is run by Mrs. Lana Harrison and meetings are during senior high lunch in Mrs. Harrison's room every Friday.*



## Clash of the County Rally Peps Students Up!

Is there pep in your school? In Wewahitchka High School, there's no doubt about it! Wewahitchka alters the schedule for a day, so that they have enough time to get the students excited about the upcoming events, or to acknowledge certain students or faculty and give them the credit they deserve.

On Friday, September 2nd, WHS focused on the volleyball team, football team, faculty and classes. One thing the students love is how the school focuses separately on each individual class. The seniors won the screaming competition, so they get to leave for lunch 5 minutes early. During pep rallies at WHS, the cheerleaders lead games for people from each class to compete against each other. Friday, all of the school got fired up for the game against the rival school, Port St. Joe.

Varsity Cheerleaders perform their dance at the Clash of the County pep rally



The band works hard and performs throughout the pep rally

Everyone got excited and showed spirit.



## Entertainment

**Mitza, Mitza Everywhere! - Fun Fact**  
*Did you know that your eyelash hair has mites? Yep, it's true! We all know about head lice, unfortunately, but I bet you didn't know about mites. Mites are tiny, wormlike parasites living in the eyelash follicles. The mites feed on waste products, including sebum, which is an oily secretion of the sebaceous glands. The rates of colonization increase with your age, and wearing eyeliner or mascara usually can increase their numbers. Over population can loosen and force out eyelash hairs, too. Having eyelash mite infestation can cause discharge, impaired vision and eyelash loss in a severe case, but being a host to some mites is just one of the very many bizarre things about the human body.*



### ARTIST OF THE WEEK

This week's Artist of the Week is the lovely Hailey Melvin. She is a senior here at WHS and is a very talented and gifted artist. When asked what she likes to draw the most, she replied "mostly anime, well, definitely anime".

### Comic - Fishies





# Sports

## Volleyball Bumps Up Its Game

Wednesday, September 14, the Gator Growl had the chance to catch up and ask a few questions of one of the captains of the WHS varsity volleyball team. Her name is Ireland Hamm, she is a senior and has been playing volleyball for WHS five years. When asked how she felt about it being her senior year she replied, "I'm absolutely pumped, couldn't be more excited". **Recently the varsity team has been struggling with games and this is what she had to say, "We have our weak points and our strong points, more strong then weak and we are learning to rally together and that's the most important thing"**. She also said "We need to work on communication with each other and listening to our coach". That was the perfect gateway to ask her about how her coach, Mrs. Brittany Smith, influences her. "She really pushes us to be our best and she is honestly the best coach I have ever had here at Wewa, it seems like she always knows what's best." Another thing that has happened to the team is that they have a new player that was moved up. Ireland stated, "Aleah Wooten, she is really good for her age, she hits the ball over the net almost every time, I'm extremely proud of her." Unfortunately we had to stop the conversation, she had to go warm-up for the game against Franklin



Middle school has been working hard and has won a few different games.



Varsity has around 6 or 7 games left, and they're looking forward to the rest of their season.

This past week has been very eventful for the WHS Volleyball team. All three of our volleyball teams played this week representing WHS and their love for the game. The JV team has played two games: Tuesday, September 6th, they played against the Holmes County Devils and sadly, lost the game; on the bright side they won their game against the Cotondale Hornets on Thursday, September 8th. Middle School also had their first game of the season against Tolar on September 6th, but lost after a good fight. As for our Varsity Lady Gators, they lost against the Holmes County **Devils on Tuesday, September 6th, and then** lost to the Cotondale Hornets on Thursday, September 8th. Friday, September 9th, they travelled all the way to Bethlehem for an in-school game and, unfortunately lost the game, but are keeping high spirits for upcoming games on Tuesday, September 13th, and Wednesday, September 14th. After asking Lexi Morrill, a player on Varsity, she said "We could have a winning season if we all work together as a team."