

Gator Growl

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Marathon in Action

WHS has made a special effort to encourage students to explore the world of books. Wednesday, January 25th, the school participated in the Million Minute Marathon. The Million Minute Marathon is an event in which each class spends at least part of their time reading. The Million Minute Marathon helps students explore new books and provides a sense of stress relief for all those students overwhelmed about upcoming exams. In this year's Million Minute Marathon, WHS Students read a total of 155,040 minutes. That's a lot of time! Good Job Gators!



Two WHS students enjoy a book during the marathon



So sad to see coach Tilman go! He was a great coach and we hope he does well at Rutherford.



No Pep Goes Unrewarded

The students of WHS earn so many "extras"! In a previous issue the Gator Tale Staff mentioned how the classes that earned specific pep rally points would earn a movie day. In order to get points, each class was judged by teachers on volume, attitude, and participation. The 7th, 9th, 11th, and 12th grades achieved a score high enough to earn the movie viewing. Pete's Dragon was shown. It is a movie about the relationship between a boy and his dragon. "I cried three times", Jessica Davis exclaimed. Thanks go to Mrs. Peak and NHS members who served popcorn and drinks. It seemed to be a fun event!

Don't smoke and encourage others not to smoke ☺

Cigarette smoking is the #1 preventable cause of death in the U.S.



1/2 of all those who continue to smoke will die from a smoking-related illness.

#GreatAmericanSmokeout

Sports

STEALING THE WINS

This has been a very interesting season for our varsity boy's basketball team. The boys have played very hard this year and did a pretty great job. On January 19th, they played RF Monroe, away, and earned a victory. The final score was 60-51. They followed up the next day by playing Bozeman and won that game with a score of 42-39. On January 24th, they played Blountstown and lost with a score of 78-56. On the 26th they travelled to East Point and battled the Franklin County Seahawks. Unfortunately, they didn't win. The score was 89-28. The next day, when they played the Altha Wildcats, they got the victory with a winning score of 66-33. On January 30, the boys played against North Bay Haven; they lost the game 88-58.



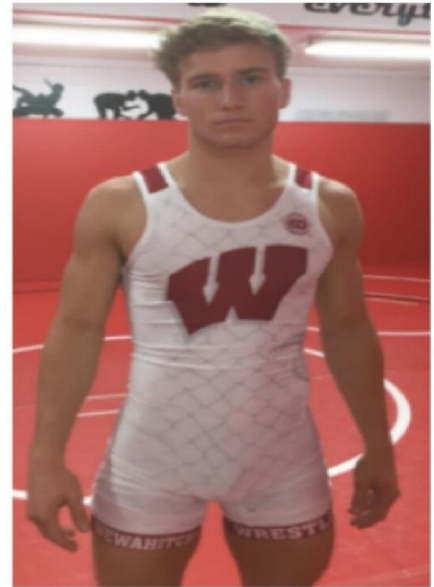
Jonah Bidwell attempts to pass the ball to one of his team mates.

LIFTING THE VICTORY

Wewahitchka High School decided to try something new this year and added a girl's weightlifting team. Most people at the school weren't sure how it would turn out, but it ended up being truly amazing! After getting through their first season undefeated, they attended both district and regional tournaments. Brooke McMillion earned first place in her weight class by lifting a total of 275 in both tournaments. She qualified for the state tournament held in Central Florida. Kylie Turner was in the top six in her weight class, Kaylee Easter and Lamiyah Granier earned 5th place in their weight class. As a team, the girls came out in 3rd place at district, and 6th place at regionals. Head coach David Peavy had this to say: "I've enjoyed coaching the girls this year, and it only being the first year, I thought they did amazing. I feel like it was a great coaching experience for me personally, I learned a lot. My goal for next year is that we will be able to get two girls to state from each weight class". When Brooke got to state, she earned 15th place. That is quite an accomplishment! Please congratulate the girls for their successful first season!

THE GIRLS FINISH THE SEASON

Here at WHS our sports teams always give it their all, especially the varsity girls' basketball team. The girls have played very hard this season. "The season has been pretty good for us" says Taylor Paige. "We have really bonded this year" Sha'Mario Cole added. The score against Holmes County was 73-46. On January 19th they battled against Monroe, which ended with a win for Wewa, with a score of 35-23. The following day the girls played against Liberty County and earned the victory, with a score of 47-31. The next week they played Blountstown and won with a close score of 27-21. On the 31st they met Port St. Joe for the first round of the district playoffs and unfortunately, lost the game. The final score was 51-15. This ended the girl's season, but it has been a great one indeed!



Burley Parker has had an exceptional season his senior year!

ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE

Our Gator wrestling team has been having a great season so far. Junior Michael Hensley said this about the team: "I have had a lot of fun this season; it's been the best so far". Recently, they had their annual Gator Brawl here at WHS. The scores were: 6-0 for both Burley Parker and Dylan Jacobs, 5-1 for Jackson Vines and Alex Edwards, 4-2 was earned by Jaden Moseley, 3-3 was Michael Hensley's score; Tyler Dubrey and Malachi Davenport wound up 2-4, and Matt Randig finished 1-5. The team went 3-3 and placed 6th in the brawl. When you see these wrestlers, please congratulate them for doing so well, and don't forget to come see the boys brawl!



This is the team that earned 6th place at regionals, please congratulate these girls!



Newly released songs

***Love You- Axwell Ingresso feat. Kid Ink**

***Chained to the rhythm-Katy Perry ft Skip Marley**

***Flip Phone- Fetty Wap**

***It Takes Two - Carly Rae Jepsen & Lil Yachty**

***Shape Of You -(Galantis Remix) Ed Sheeran**



EDITORIAL

Questions of the Day

Is there such a thing as an Instagram addict?

Should we use our phones in class?



Fun Fact!

A snail can sleep for three years.



Quote of the week

“Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little, day by day. Protracted and patient effort is needed to develop good character”.

-Heraclitus



A painting of Heraclitus

Word of the Day

Extremophile
noun ik-STREE-muh-fyle
Definition: an organism that lives under extreme environmental conditions (as in a hot spring or ice cap)

ENTERTAINMENT

COMIC - ALEX PITTS

The life of an average Joe.



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Zombies: Part 3 - By Brodience

Ascension

Richtofen, Dempsey, Takeo, and Nikolai arrive at the space station and receive intel to free Gersh, who is an ominous seeming scientist. After freeing him, they teleport away.

Call of the Dead

After teleporting, the four realize they were teleported too far into the future and are trapped behind a door on the set of a movie shoot. Actors Danny Trevo, Robert Englund, Michael Rooker, and Sarah Michelle Gellar help retrieve items for them to escape while they themselves have to avoid the movie producer, George Romero, who has been transformed into a zombie.

Shangri-La

All part of Richtofen's plan, they must find the steps to a temple while fighting the undead horde with new elemental zombies such as wind and fire. Once they retrieve the stone they're looking for, they teleport to the moon.

Moon

Once there, Richtofen leads the group into Oblivion by activating a cryogenic pyramidal cell that contains his old partner's daughter, who is in control of the undead.

Switching bodies with her, Richtofen is now in control and sends nukes down to Earth which resulted in a catastrophic explosion that leaves Earth obliterated.

To be continued...

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

This week's artist of the week is 9th grader Curtis Johnson. When asked when he started drawing, he told us "I drew a lot as a little kid but I didn't want to draw good until a couple years ago." Curtis said that he usually likes to draw with a pencil, then goes over it with a pen to prevent the drawing from fading. "I like drawing cartoon characters," he says, "And I like to draw human-based things." Curtis says that he would like to pursue an art career, "if you count game design as an art".

