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Ready To Get Your Band On?

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Ware County High School's Golden Gator Band had their annual Band Day this past Thursday at Memorial Stadium. Approximately 400-500 people showed up to the event to show their support for the band. For all who don't know, Band Day is a day where members of the marching band are able to showcase their talents for the upcoming season. Mr. Bussey is proud to announce that there will be about 140 students marching in this year's Golden Gator Band.

This year's showcase will be called "Great Classics" and will include, as the name implies, some great classics including "Malaguena," "Boogie Down," and "Yesterday." For Band Day the members of the band performed "Malaguena" for the crowd, but to hear the rest, be sure to head out to the football games this year. Many stellar performances are expected out of the band this year. In the words of Mr. Bussey, "The crowd was good, the kids were good, and this year is off to a good start!"



The Golden Gators marching a drill



Drums and woodwinds strut their stuff!

Fired Over Facebook

By HOLLY BENNETT
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Many people have no idea concerning all the details of social networks such as Facebook. 'Social' is the keyword in this instance as hardly anything you put on your Facebook account will stay private for very long, and the person who spreads your 'secrets' around may actually be someone you consider a good friend.

Recently Facebook has grown in popularity with adults and teenagers alike, and it's definitely being noticed by colleges and businesses all over. Certain colleges in the area make it a point to check the Facebook account of their applicants for various reasons, so that if anything is offensive or crude, it's instantly noticed and a student can be turned away just as easy as that. Some businesses, normally private or family owned business such as restaurants, are checking out Facebook accounts of their workers as well. Half the time, they aren't checking it specifically to find grounds on which to fire a person, but because they are simply friends with that person on Facebook. Teenagers may want to think again before adding their boss as a friend on Facebook.

Not too far away in North Carolina, a 20-something waitress, Ashley Johnson, lost her job as a restaurant waitress due to a single statement she posted on Facebook as her status. That day, Johnson had to work the shift of another employee who had called in sick that morning. Not only that, but just as closing time came around, another couple showed up to eat, causing her to have to stay two hours longer than she needed. Johnson, after that, did what most average people do when they've had a bad day...she went home and ranted about it on Facebook by posting a derogatory comment concerning the customers as her status. This statement was apparently 'seen' by someone and was reported to her employer the very next day. Johnson has no idea how they found out unless it was someone on her 'Friends List' who told her employer as she claimed to have her settings set to a strict privacy setting where only those she's accepted personally as friends can view her 'Profile Wall'. The business with which she was employed at claimed that she had broken a company policy about talking negatively about customers, as well as putting their business in a negative light over a social networking system.

Getting fired over Facebook can absolutely happen, and I believe that anyone who doesn't think so may want to think again. We live in a technology-based world, and we are always advancing to that next step. College applications, as well as many job applications, are now online as well. I believe that checking these outlets is just another method of finding the best and most honest people and workers.

Gators Are Bigger, Faster, And Stronger

By HANNAH BENNETT
Sports Writer

Everyone at Ware County High knows that weight training is a class offered here. What they don't know is that Ware County High School is a "Bigger, Faster, Stronger School". Bigger, Faster, Stronger is a weight-lifting program designed to be simple, practical, and efficient for athletes at the high school level.

This nationally certified program was designed in 1976 by strength and conditioning Coach Steve Carwell from Utah. Originally designed for football, this program is available for all athletes. It is a computer-based, revolving, four week program that includes a new printed workout each week. It kicks off with a workout consisting of low reps of high weight, and it ends with a work out of high reps of low weight. The amount of weight lifted is based off of a one repetition max. After the four week cycle, the program involving four core lifts, bench press, squat, power clean, and dead lift starts over.

Coach Campbell believes that this workout system will greatly benefit our athletic program. When asked about the program, he said: "I believe this program is appropriate for our high school, and it fits the needs for the amount of lift time we have." He says he has seen a tremendous growth in the athletes that participate in this weight training system. With the help of this program, our Gators are becoming better, faster, and stronger athletes!

A Fad That Never Fades

By ERIN COLLINS
Features Writer

Fashion trends and styles seem to change almost as much as the schedules do at the beginning of the school year! The world of fashion is constantly reinventing itself, going from one extreme to another, and then back again. Fads and trends are always going to leave and go out of style; however, there is one thing that has been around since the dawn of time and will never die: adding a personal quality to an outfit. It is said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Who says fashion cannot be likewise?

From just a glance of the WCHS student body alone, one can see the eclectic styles of clothing worn by individuals. Each person has his or her own style and makes it evident in the way they dress themselves on a daily basis. Dressing exactly like the model on the cover of *Elle* Magazine may be trendy and chic, but not exactly original. Adding a personal and creative touch to an outfit is always the key in making it great. Senior, Courtney Smith says, "I think accessories can make any outfit your own. Adding a good head band, a cute belt, or layered jewelry are all great parts of an outfit that can make it really pop!"

The way people dress makes a statement about them in a way nothing else can. Junior Timary Blount says, "Everyone seems to have his or her own style now, and I love the diversity I see in the school!" So though the sequin bags, leg warmers, and animals prints have essentially "gone out of style", if it is something that expresses a person's individuality, go for it! The 2010-2011 fashion forecast is officially to be one's own self!



Senior Spotlight: Bryant Hayman

By MART HOPKINS
Sports Writer

John Bryant Hayman (Bryant) was born on October 13, 1992, to John and Heather Hayman. Bryant has lived in Ware County all his life and has always been very active in Ware County sports. He attended Wacona Elementary and Ware County Middle School and is now a senior at Ware County High School.

Bryant's main sports throughout his life have been baseball, football, and basketball, though his favorite sport has always been baseball. During his time at Ware County High, he has played football, basketball, and baseball. Bryant has been a part of the Varsity Gator Baseball team during his entire career at Ware County High. He is a very important part of the team where he plays third base, catcher, and pitcher alternately. He was a part of the ninth grade basketball team his freshman year and the Ware County Gator Football Team for all four years of school. On the gridiron, his positions have varied from quarterback and fullback to tight end. This dynamic player is focusing solely on baseball and football his senior year in high school, hoping to pursue baseball in college.

Recently, his baseball career took him all the way to Long Beach, California, to play baseball with an Oakland A's Scout team. While on the mound in California, Bryant pitched in three different games; he had two hits, walked two batters, had one run scored off of him, and had one strikeout.

Upon graduation from high school, Bryant hopes that his baseball career will take him to college and possibly even farther. Bryant plans to receive a degree in education where he can go on to be a teacher and coach after his schooling is over.

Rising Above With AP

By HUNTUR SOPER
News Writer

Thousands of students from all across the country are striving to gain college credit by taking an Advanced Placement course, which is then followed by the AP test. Sadly, less than half of the students who take the AP test end up passing the test and obtaining at least one college credit. This year, a new rule may drastically change the quantity of passing grades of these tests.

Each AP course is different in its number of multiple choice questions, writing topics, essay requirements and even grading. Most AP test range from 60-80 multiple choice questions and two to four essays, depending on which test the student is taking. Before the new rule, for every multiple choice answer students get incorrect, they would lose .25 points, but if they skipped the question, it would not count against them. This year, students will not be penalized for their incorrect answers and will gain credit for each answer they get correct. This will allow students to attempt to gain more points during the multiple choice portion of the test, which should result in more students passing the test.

Ware County High School has a wide variety of AP courses taught in the classroom. These classes include Human Geography, Psychology, Environmental Science, Biology, World History, English 3 & 4, US History, Art, and Calculus.

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