



# WILDCAT LIFE

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## Lady Wildcats Softball *by Rowdy Vick Phelps*

Let's give a round of applause to the girls softball team making it to the elite eight. Beating the Bismarck Demons for the Regional championship.



Then taking a monstrous win on the road at Le Roy which was an awesome win to get into the elite eight. Then on Champions Field in Normal, IL, having the lead by two until the sixth inning then with two fighting innings the Wildcats lost 4-2.

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# WJHS Staff Interviews

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## Mr. Ellison *by Jacob McCool*



Wildcat Life conducted an interview with Mr. Ellison.

Mr. Ellison is the principal at our school.

**Wildcat Life:** Why did you become a principal?

**Mr. Ellison:** "I love to teach and I like being at school as well and helping people and like working with the kids here at WJHS."

**Wildcat Life:** How long have you been Principal at Westville?

**Mr. Ellison:** "I have been the principal of WJHS for 11 years and before that I was the assistant principal at Judith Geocoma the grade school as well."

**Wildcat Life:** What was your favorite subject in school?

**Mr. Ellison:** History was my favorite subject because I liked the teachers.

**Wildcat Life:** Do you have any pets?

**Mr. Ellison:** I have no pets

**Wildcat Life:** If you could have any pet what would it be?

**Mr. Ellison:** I would want a dog because one of my daughters wants a dog.

**Wildcat Life:** What is your favorite kind of food?

**Mr. Ellison:** I would say food you get on special occasions or food you don't get on a regular basis.

**Wildcat Life:** Do you enjoy your job at Westville as the principal?

**Mr. Ellison:** Yes, I said yes because I like the people I work with and I enjoy working with the kids.

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## Mrs. Smith *by Jacob McCool*

Wildcat Life conducted an interview with Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith is the secretary at our school.

**Wildcat Life:** Do you enjoy your job as the secretary at our school?

**Mrs. Smith:** I like working at WJHS because I like working with the staff.

**Wildcat Life:** Why did you become a secretary at WJHS ?

**Mrs. Smith:** Because there was a job opening.

**Wildcat Life:** Would you consider your job easy?

**Mrs. Smith:** No because it is difficult to keep everything in line.

**Wildcat Life:** What is your favorite part of working at WJHS?

**Mrs. Smith:** Being with the kids.

**Wildcat Life:** What is your favorite color?

**Mrs. Smith:** I would say red.

**Wildcat Life:** What is the easiest part of your job?

**Mrs. Smith:** Coming to work or showing up to work.

**Wildcat Life:** Would you rather have a cat or a dog?

**Mrs. Smith:** Dog because I have never really been a fan of cats.

**Wildcat Life:** How long have you been the secretary at WJHS?

**Mrs. Smith:** This is my 3rd year here at WJHS.

Mrs. Smith has also helped out with WJHS for 6 years before becoming a secretary at WJHS.

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*With Ally Mackiewicz*

## Visiting Paris, France

Paris, classified as one of the most romantic and beautiful countries. It has its own separate line on people's bucket lists. Most people fantasize about what to do there and how much fun it will be, but most people don't know what is in Paris,

or where to go. Here are some places to go and things to do when you go to Paris.

One of the most famous museums lies in Paris. The Musée du Louvre first opened its doors in 1793, and quickly spread its wings to be quite popular. The Louvre has much variety for everyone from ancient Egyptian mummies to Greek sculptures. They have thousands of paintings of all kinds from the Mona Lisa to anime masterpieces. It features Jojo's bizarre adventure manga panels on walls. In the next room lies the Mona Lisa. There is something for everyone at this museum. They even have some of the most famous sculptures such as Venus de Milo and Winged Victory of Samothrace. Overall if you love art and have some time to kill, this is a great place to visit.



I think we all can agree that if we visit Paris we have to go to the Eiffel tower. Why wouldn't we? It has a great view that shows all of Paris and when we get back home from the trip we get to show all the pictures we have from being on the Eiffel tower. If you go to Paris you have to go there with no questions asked. The Eiffel tower was built in 1889 and became the symbol we all think of when we think of Paris. So when you go to Paris make sure you take some time out of your day to see the Eiffel tower.

Do you like creepy or scary things, or watching horror movies close to halloween. If you are bored of going to all the museums and want to do something to get your blood pumping. There is an hour-long escape room you can do. I personally love escape rooms, finding keys to unlock doors or climbing around to find a code. This place is called Panik Room, most people see paris as peaceful place you can go to enjoy yourself, but I would get bored pretty easily if all I did was go to museums and walk around. That is why I wanted to add something different for those in the audience who love a thrill.

So if you were wondering if you wanted to go to Paris, here are some things you can look forward to on your trip. Don't forget to stay safe and have lots of fun.



## LADY WILDCATS BASKETBALL

By Rowdy Vick Phelps & Zach Sloan



Let's talk about the opening of girls basketball. I interviewed Layla Atwood about the 7th grade basketball game. I asked her, "Do you think that the team played well for their first game?" She said, "Yes but we need more practice to play to our full potential." I asked, "Is that

because of the girls softball team making it to the elite eight?" She said, "Yes, that definitely sets the team back but we are gonna come back from it."



Wildcat Life asked Coach Stephenson how he thought the game went, he said, "I loved the way the girls battled, obviously have things to work on but I'm proud of them tonight."



## TIGER FOOTBALL HOMECOMING

By Rowdy Vick Phelps

Man! The homecoming game was so close! Oakwood was just fighting back the whole game. You already know who



pulled it off, of course Westville got the win 14-12. 4th quarter ten seconds left of the game, the Comets had the ball at the Tigers 40. The Tigers forced a turnover to win the game with three seconds left and the quarterback took a knee to run the clock out.

## NFL- WEEK 9 MATCHUPS

By Rowdy Vick Phelps

We are half-way through the NFL season here are some games from week 9 of 18. We have **Jets** vs the **Colts** at 7:20 pm cst on Nov. 4th then we will have the **Raiders** vs the **Giants** at 12:00 pm cst on Nov. 7th. We also have the **Bills** vs the **Jaguars** also at 12:00 pm cst on Nov. 7th. Who will you watch? The **Titans** vs the **Rams** at 7:20 pm cst on Nov. 7th, the **Bears** vs the **Steelers** at 7:15 pm on Nov. 8th. The **Chiefs** vs the **Packers** at 3:25 pm on Nov. 7th. There are just some games from week 9.





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Astronomy is the branch of science which deals with celestial objects, space, and the physical universe as a whole, according to Google. Astronomy is my favorite hobby, you don't realize how beautiful the moon, the stars, the planets, constellations, meteors and many more things are until you look up at the night sky! There are so many beautiful things you can see with just the naked eye, of course you can purchase a telescope or binoculars to see more objects in the sky, but I promise if you go out at night a little after sunset there are so many stars and planets you can see with the naked eye. If you are someone like me that is very interested in astronomy and looking at the sky at night, I would definitely recommend purchasing a beginner telescope or even a nice pair of binoculars, you can find these on Amazon or just search them up on Google.

The easiest thing to see in the night sky is of course, the moon. It is easiest to spot when it is a full moon because it is the brightest and the biggest. According to Google there are eight phases of the moon: new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, last quarter, and waning crescent. The full moon in October is on the 20th and it is known as the Hunter's Moon. The Hunter's Moon was given its name because it was at this time when tribes gathered meat for the long winter ahead according to Google. The full moon in November is on the 19th and it is known as the Beaver Moon. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the November full phase is called the Full Beaver Moon, because it is when beavers usually went into their lodges for winter. Hopefully I have inspired you to go out and observe the night sky because there is so much to see and it's a magnificent experience.

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# Local Community Events

*By Zach Sloan*

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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Nov. 9: Family Skate Night @ Illini Skateland 5 - 7 PM

Nov. 11: Anything Tech for Teens

@ Danville Public Library 4 - 5 PM

Nov. 13 - 17: Festival of Trees 2021

@ David S. Palmer Arena

Nov. 20 - 21: Elf the Musical

@Fischer Theatre 2 - 4 PM

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## SPORTS EVENTS

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Nov. 5: V.C. Bobcats v. Evansville Thunderbolts

@ David S. Palmer Arena 7 - 9 PM

Nov. 6: Vermilion County Bobcats v. Quad City Storm

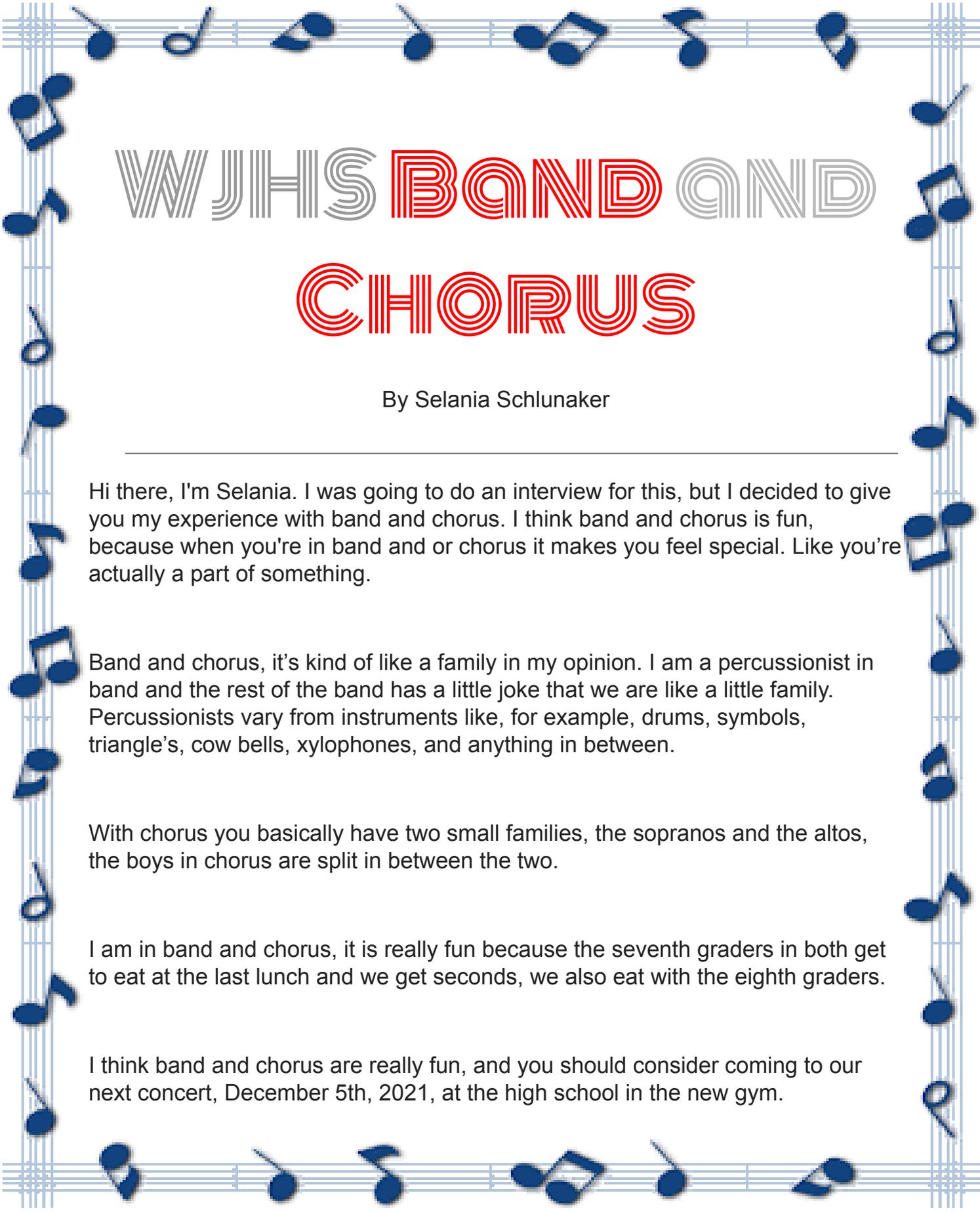
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Nov. 20: V.C. Bobcats v. Knoxville Ice Bears

@ David S. Palmer Arena 7 - 9 PM

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# WJHS BAND AND CHORUS

By Selania Schlunaker

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Hi there, I'm Selania. I was going to do an interview for this, but I decided to give you my experience with band and chorus. I think band and chorus is fun, because when you're in band and or chorus it makes you feel special. Like you're actually a part of something.

Band and chorus, it's kind of like a family in my opinion. I am a percussionist in band and the rest of the band has a little joke that we are like a little family. Percussionists vary from instruments like, for example, drums, symbols, triangle's, cow bells, xylophones, and anything in between.

With chorus you basically have two small families, the sopranos and the altos, the boys in chorus are split in between the two.

I am in band and chorus, it is really fun because the seventh graders in both get to eat at the last lunch and we get seconds, we also eat with the eighth graders.

I think band and chorus are really fun, and you should consider coming to our next concert, December 5th, 2021, at the high school in the new gym.



# HALLOWEEN STUFF

## HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

By Zach Sloan



1. *"Jack O'Lantern" comes from the Irish Legend of Stingy Jack.*



2. *Candy corn was originally called Chicken Feed.*



3. *Michael Myers' mask is actually a William Shatner mask.*

4. *Halloween folklore is full of fortune-telling and magic.*

5. *The White House is haunted.*

**October Jokes** By Jacob McCool



What is a Vampire's favorite dog? *A bloodhound.*

How do you know when grandpa is getting old? *When he farts dust comes out.*

**Student:** Hey teacher do you have holes in your underwear?

**Teacher:** No!

**Student:** Then how do you put them on?

# A Peek Inside Wildcat Life

*By Lenneth Poston*



The paper you're reading now is the first issue of this year's Wildcat Life newspaper, but how was it made? Well, I thought I would give you all a little portal into the process of how this is done.

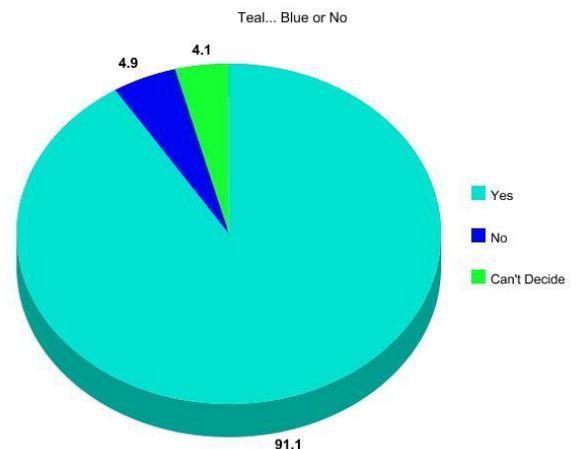
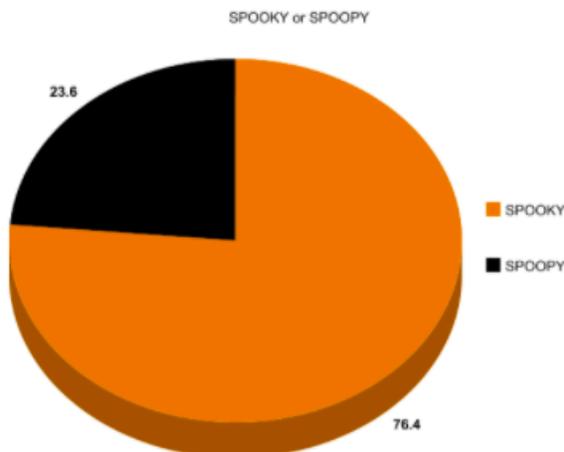
First, we start by having a meeting to give ideas and assign work. For example: I made the idea of having something about the newspaper staff themselves, later I was assigned the job of writing that. Next, we figure out what work is needed. Some staff will finish before the second meeting, so they will be assigned extra.

Say I finish my work and want to do polls, then I'd pick that and get started. If we do have a third meeting we will pick topics for next month or months.

Of course that's not all, we do other things but that's the main gist of what goes on behind the scenes.

## STUDENT POLLS

**By Lenneth Poston**



# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



By Laney Cook

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-  **October was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar. It comes from the Latin word "octo" meaning eight. Later, it became the 10th month when January and February were added to the Calendar. The Saxons called the month Wintirfyllith because it had the first full moon of the winter season.**
  
  -  **October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.**
  
  -  **October is here, and in the Northern Hemisphere, that often means the days are flush with falling leaves, chilling weather, and growing anticipation for the holiday season.**
  
  -  **As we all know Halloween is in October but do we know the origin behind it? The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.**
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# STAR STUDENT

*By Laney Cook*

Whitley Wheeler is the **Star Student** for this issue because she has something awesome that she is interested in, honey bees. She says that the bees are located in her flower field. They are a very gentle group of bees so they usually don't find a need to sting. She says she has never worn bee protection and has never been stung by a bee. While helping with



them a lot by cleaning the honey and making beeswax. The bees are useful in helping to pollinate her pumpkins. If bees are located near a certain type of flower that can dictate how sweet the honey is.

Bees are not yet on the endangered list but scientists have reasons to believe they will be soon because of the harsh winters, and the lack of care for them. It is very important that they are protected to help pollinate our flowers and with food productions.

# WILDCAT LIFE STAFF

## **8th Grade**

**Laney Cook**

**Jacob McCool**

**Ally Mackiewicz**

**Zach Sloan**

**Olivia Troglia**

## **7th Grade**

**Lenneth Poston**

**Selania Schlunaker**

**Rowdy Vick Phelps**

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PRIDE**