



The BLOB

Best Literature on the Block

WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SPIRIT WEEK AT W.M.S.

During the week of October 25-29, students at WMS participated in spirit week.

The choices of dress were sports or blast from the past. It seemed that there was a lot of participation with the students and the teachers as well. Most people chose sports but the students



who chose "Blast from the Past" looked amazing. Manaia Wolf dressed

as Michael Jackson and went all out.

On Tuesday the choices



Manaia W. dresses as Michael Jackson during WMS spirit week

were "twin day" or "crazy hair and socks day". Lots

of people did both but it was mostly crazy hair and crazy socks.

On the 3rd day the theme was "Fancy or PJs". Most people chose to wear pjs but the people who did fancy went all out. Thursday the theme was "Emo or Neon" and we had a big variety.

Friday was the last day of spirit week. Students could choose to wear costumes or clothes with school colors. Most everyone wore costumes but some chose to wear our school colors.

- Megan McLouth

A BRIEF HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

This is the history of Veterans Day. The first ever Veterans Day was celebrated November 11th, 1947. It began in Birmingham, Alabama, and was created to celebrate all the veterans who served. Veterans Day is on November 11th each year to celebrate "The elev-

enth hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918" which signaled the end of World War 1. At that time it was known as Armistice Day which was later changed to the name Veterans Day.

Veterans Day and Memorial

Day are often mixed up but are very different. Memorial Day is about honoring all who have died serving, while Veterans Day is about honoring people who have served including people still here with us.

-Hazel Hammersla

Creative Writing

The Sunken Ship (Pirates Aboard)

When we arrived we immediately realized, THE SHIP WAS GONE! ... "What should we do Brooklyn?" asked Conya. I had no clue what was happening. "W-we should walk down the shore line and look. Maybe it got washed down the shore." We walked down only to see the ship repaired, it was no longer damaged. "Brooklyn there it is! Let's go explore." said Conya. "Conya, I'm not so sure that it's a good idea. It's all repaired and looks brand new." I replied. Conya was determined to go and grabbed my arm and pulled me over.

As we walked in, there was brand new furniture and things that had not been there before. It looked almost like a ship from the 1600's. Then, while we were in the office we heard voices and hid. They almost looked like pirates, after all it was

Halloween. Then BAM! Something grabbed us; it felt like a hook of some sort. Conya and I both screamed in terror. "Arrrgh! What have we got here? Looks like some carpenters." said the captain. "But sir I'm the carpenter." replied one of the crew members. Then the captain said, "Then ye shall walk the plank!", and pointed at us.

Conya and I were terrified. They were pirates! "We have to get out of here," I whispered to Conya. She agreed. "I'll count to three and we'll run." I said. I started counting, "One... two... three!" We ran as fast as we could down the ramp that was dug into the sand and then into the trees. Conya was panting like a dog that just ran a mile. "I told you we shouldn't have gone!" I said. "We are going back tomorrow." she replied. To be continued...

-Megan McLouth

P O E T R Y

Veteran's Day

As soldiers are at war
And we await by the phone
We can barely contain
The thought of them coming
home.

As gunshots are fired
And as red sparks a-fly
They don't cower in fear
They're not afraid to die.

When soldiers come home
We are happy as can be
For they are the reason
America is free.

-Charlotte Hansell

Thanksgiving Poem

Thanksgiving is coming soon,
so get your spoonful of
Thanksgiving food.
Gather around the table
be ready to see your Aunt
Mable.

Turkey is cooking and every-
one is looking
at ol' Aunt Mabel.
She is dancing on the table
top
with her thanksgiving prop.
Turkey is done and everyone is
having fun.
Thanksgiving is a wonderful
time of the year.

-Hailie Burns



Athletes of the Month

- Annika H., Michael W., Megan M.

Cross country: David Murphy is athlete of the month for cross country. He tries very hard! He has improved so much. David improved a lot on endurance and speed.



Volleyball: Maddi Beach is athlete of the month for volleyball! She tries hard and has improved a lot since the start of volleyball season. Maddi has improved by getting the pass right to the setter.

Football: Wyatt Parsons is the athlete of the month for football! He works really hard and has improved a lot since the beginning of the season. He has improved on tackling and catching.



Cross Country Times and Placement (Last meet) 3000 meters = approx. 1.9 miles

Tristan Wiseman: Tristan Wiseman ran a race with a time of 12 minutes and 21 seconds. That means he ran a 6 minute mile!

He placed 2nd place and recieved a medal.

Arden Shaul: Arden Shaul placed 5th. He ran a race time of 12 minutes and 52 seconds. He placed 5th and this was the best race he has run yet.

David Murphy: David Murphy placed 25th with a race time of 14 minutes 35 seconds. At the end of the race he had bigger strides and sprinted.



Alethea Bond: Alethea Bond placed 28th and ran a race with a time of 16 minutes and 49 seconds. She has improved a lot over the season.

-Michael White

Weston TigerScots vs. Heppner

Football season is over! Weston middle school played three games. Our final record was one win and two losses. It was our last game, Hepner versus Weston, and we lost, 32 to 0. We started off the game strongly. Our offense was good, but theirs was better. They kept getting around us, they were just too fast. Additionally, we were missing four starters which made things more difficult.



During the second half, we did a lot better. Our defense was stronger and they didn't get around us as much. Our offense was pretty good, there were quite a few plays that we got a lot of yards. I think we did pretty good for the little amount of game time that we had. We had only had 2 games before that, and I think we did pretty well.

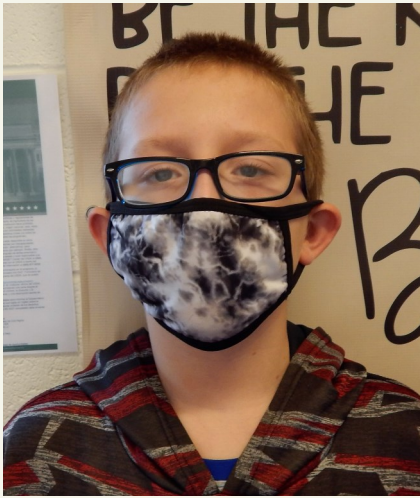
-Theo Sprenger

Students of the Month

(For the month of October)



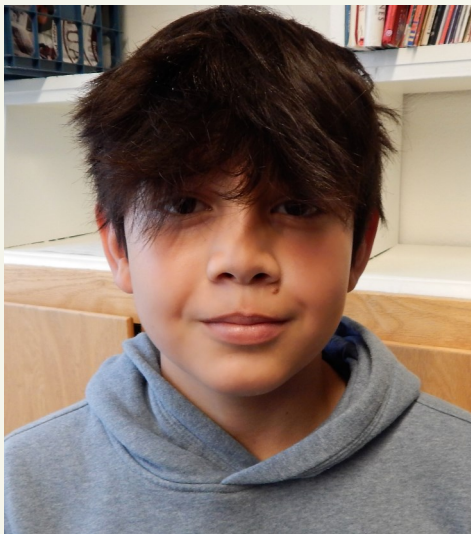
Amara McNeal 4th Grade



Colton Brummett 5th Grade



Tanner Jones 6th Grade



Angel Romero 7th Grade



Tasha Thomas 8th Grade

Students of the month consistently demonstrate Weston Middle School's values of being safe, being respectful, and being responsible. Congratulations!



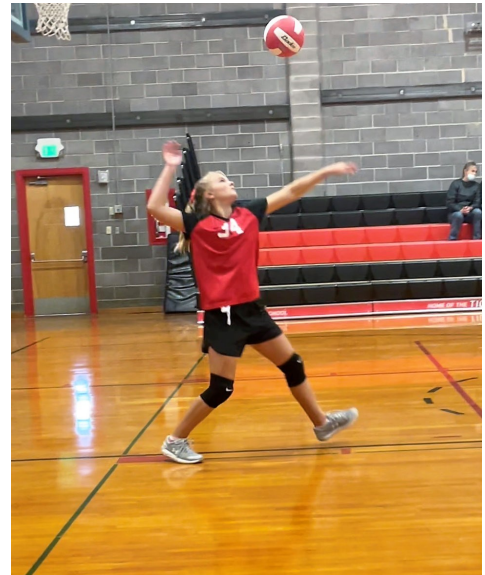
WMS SPIRIT WEEK

October 2021



Girls' Volleyball

October 21, was the C team's last volleyball game. They played Helix and lost their first set 20 to 25 along with the second set. They worked very hard and Haileigh Shuening and Maddi Beach served very well. Haileigh served and scored 3 in a row. The B team played Helix as well that night. They also lost all their sets but worked hard and had some amazing plays. Jaidyn Beach had a tipping battle with the Helix setter. We lost the point but it was very entertaining.



On October 23, A team and B team had their last game. It was a tournament at Central middle school and Mac-Hi high school. The teams we played were Pilot Rock, Echo, Central, and Stanfield. The A team's record was 2-2. The A team lost to Pilot Rock and Echo but won against Central and Stanfield. The B team won all of their games. They all played hard and had great team work!

-Annika, & Megan

I really like pumpkin pie because it's delicious and is a great pie for Thanksgiving. I like it also because you can have as big a piece or as small as you want. You can pile loads of whip cream on top. Pumpkin pie is one of the most popular pies to have during Thanksgiving. -HB



Ingredients:

3/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 can (15 oz) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)

1 1/4 cups evaporated milk or half and half

2 eggs, beaten

1 crust from 1 package (12 oz) frozen Pillsbury™ Deep Dish Pie Crusts (2 Count)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425°F. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F; bake 40 to 50 minutes longer or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool 2 hours. Serve or refrigerate until serving time. Store in the refrigerator.

Recipe sourced from [pillsbury.com](https://www.pillsbury.com)

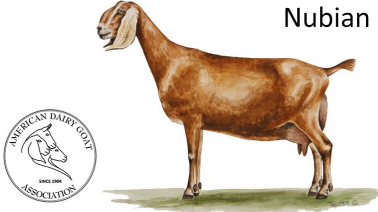
-Hailie Burns



Making a Pumpkin Pie

All About Goats

I find goats to be fascinating and am going to tell you about the 8 different ADGA goat breeds.



Nubian

Our first breed is a very large floppy eared goat. This breed is called a Nubian. They have very long ears and are around 30 inches tall and 135 pounds. These goats have a super pretty pattern and are overall a great goat to own.

The next breed is also a very large breed. They are around 30 inches tall and 135 pounds as well. This breed is the Alpine! They have a more specific color standard and have erect ears, meaning they stick straight out. The breed is also a great goat but are in my opinion not as pretty.

Breed number three is the LaMancha. The breed you might know as the earless goat. Yep, I said it. They have very tiny little ears. This breed again is very large being about 28 inches high to the withers and 140 pounds. It is a very calm breed and has an easy going nature.

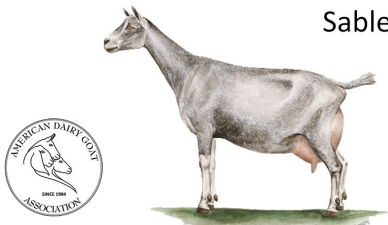
Next is our fourth goat. This breed is the breed I raise, they are the only ADGA dwarf goats! The Nigerian Dwarf stands at only 17 inches high. They are small but they have the biggest personality out of them all. They weigh only around 75 pounds and they are one of the best breeds to keep as pets.



Nigerian Dwarf

Number five is the Oberhasli. This breed is definitely not a common goat. They aren't pretty colored goats; they have a strict color standard for the breed. They stand at around 28 inches and weigh an average of 120 pounds.

Time for our all white goat! This goat has to be all white to be able to compete. It's the Saanen and they are a large all white breed with a funny temperament. They grow as tall as 30 inches and 135 pounds like most of the large breeds.



Sable

Lucky number seven is the Sable. These goats are very pretty and large. They can be any color but solid white or cream. They weigh around 135 pound and 30 inches tall. They have a bit of a dish-inned nose but that still makes them the awesome goat they are!

The last goat is the Toggenburg. This goat is a little more on the shorter side for a big dairy breed but they are still quite a large goat! Toggenburg goats were one of the first purebred dairy goats to be imported to the United States. They are around 26 inches tall and weigh around 120 pounds.

Those are the 8 breeds that are registered with ADGA!

-Addy Hall

Riley Borge



13 years old

Tom Holland



13 years old



Chance Reid

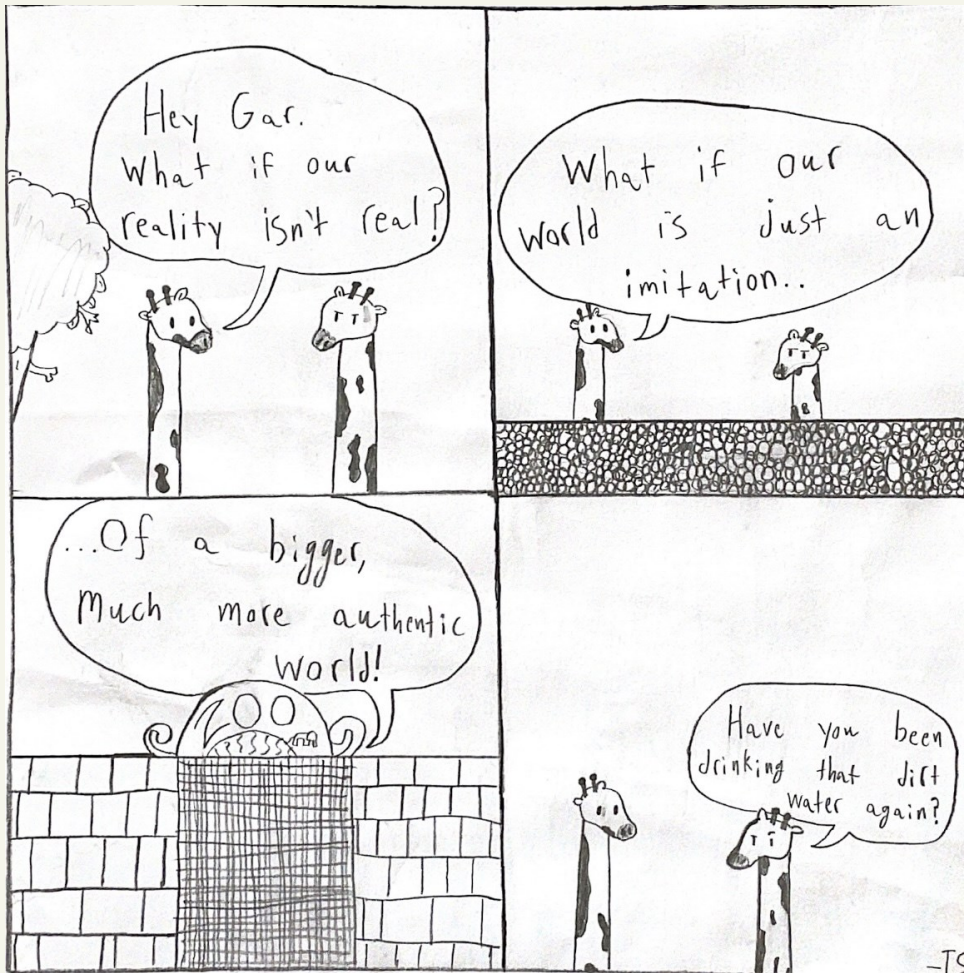


Luke Bryan

Celebrity Look-a-Like

Theo's Thoughts

Original Comic Strips by Theo Spreger



GAME REVIEW & POLL

Halo 2 Game review

Halo 2 had a huge amount of hype when its launch was announced. It worked on improving its sound and game play and for good reason since the Combat Evolved update was such a smashing success. The developers of the game had a huge amount of stress and worked very hard to make Halo 2 just as good as the last, but did they succeed?

First of all, one of the things added was a dual wielding feature,

allowing the player to dual wield smaller weapons. This makes for some great gameplay and it allows you to feel like the awesome Spartan that you are.

They also added some brand new weapons, like making the energy sword. The enemies had a huge overhaul as well making big changes to the A.I and overall design. Other enemies were added making it just a bit more enjoyable.

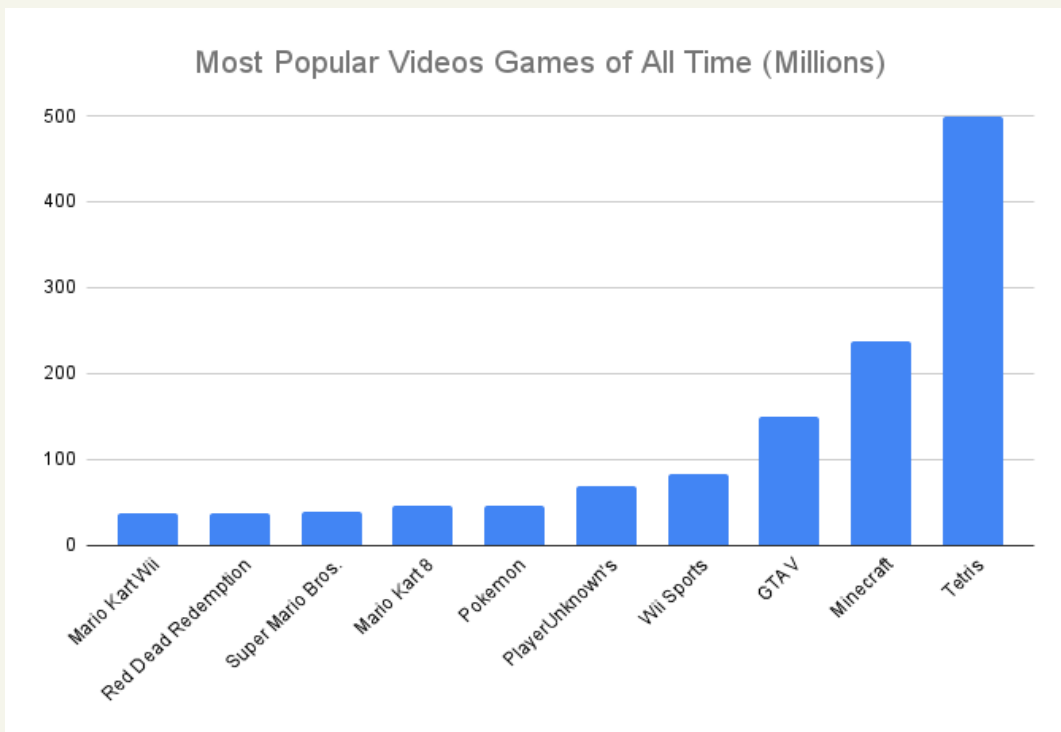
One of the most controversial features was that you could play as Elites. Not everyone likes this but I think that it was pretty inter-

esting and added some more variety to both the campaign and multiplayer modes.

Halo 2 also added some lore showing us the sides of the Covenant and giving us some compassion for the alien creatures. It also makes the Arbiter feel a bit more human. I hope you can make time to play this excellent follow-up game.

-Hunter Carey

Best Selling Video Games of All Time





When you turn in your homework but you didn't know there was a back page:



Top Ten Lists

Top 10 Singers

- 1: Billie Eilish
- 2: Justin Bieber
- 3: Jennifer Lopez
- 4: Kanye West
- 5: Camila Cabello
- 6: The Weeknd
- 7: Dua Lipa
- 8: Ariana Grande
- 9: Ed Sheeran
- 10: Britney Spears

Top 10 Movies

- 1: Dune
- 2: No Time to Die
- 3: Barb and Star
- 4: Pig
- 5: The Green Knight
- 6: Zola
- 7: In the Heights
- 8: Cruella
- 9: Venom
- 10: Free Guy

Top 10 Animals

1. Margay
 2. Red Pan
 3. Elephant Shrew
 4. Meerkat
 5. Quokka
 6. Flapjack Octopus
 7. Fennec Fox
 8. Klipspringer
 9. Numbat
 10. Japanese Weasel
- Hailie Burns & Charlotte Hansell

Creative Writing

Oscar's Travels.

(My experiences in Venice, Italy)

When I had last journaled, I had just gotten off my flight at the airport in Venice, Italy. I made it! Finally, I was in Venice. I went to get my luggage, and at first I was a little worried because I thought "What if they forgot my luggage, or something went wrong?" With the luck I've been having, I wouldn't be surprised if something had gone wrong. But to my surprise, my luggage was there!

I got my luggage, and then I went to go to my hotel. Along the way to my hotel, I stopped at a couple little shops. I bought a really pretty glass turtle, because Venice is really famous for their glass work. I got to ride in a gondola* to my hotel.

When I first saw the hotel, I didn't know that it was a hotel. "Um, I think you took me to the wrong place.. this looks like an abandoned house, not a hotel." I said to the guy rowing the boat. When I stepped inside, the roof and floor were all torn up, there was water dripping down from the second floor, and there was water running down the stairs. There were towels all over the floor because of the water, and there were buckets underneath the holes

in the second floor catching the water. I walked over to the man at the counter and asked him "Um, is this the Sunny Venice Hotel?" "Yes, it is the hotel." he replied in a very heavy Italian accent. "Well, the pictures on your website made me think the place would be a lot nicer.." "Oh, you not like? Well if you not like, you leave!" The man yelled at me. I decided to just keep my mouth shut, and to go to my room.

The man escorted me to my room and along the way he must have seen me give the place weird looks, because he yelled at me "What, you never seen a place under repair?!" When I opened the door to my room it was actually really nice. There was a nice bed with these really pretty pillows, and there was a little TV that was on a news channel.

In the corner of the room was a pretty chair with a flower pattern on it. "Wow! This room is really cool!" I exclaimed. "Well yes, we did rooms first, now we do rest of hotel." he said in his Italian accent. After I settled in, I went to look around Venice, and get the full experience. I walked around, looked at the cool houses, wandered through the shops, and I stopped for lunch at this pizza place. The pizza was amazing! It was very different from American pizza, but still kinda the same. It was so good, and authentic. I love their pizza. After

that I continued my walk, and I got to go across the Rialto Bridge. It was amazing, and apparently it is the third most popular attraction in Venice. The rest of my trip went very smoothly, except when I fell into one of the canals. I was there for a week, and when it was over I was not very happy from going to Venice to going back to my apartment in New York. I grew up in New York, and I grew up eating New York pizza, and then I tried Italian pizza and now I can't decide which one is better ... To be continued.

-Theo Sprenger

*gondola (A long narrow flat-bottomed boat with a high prow and stern used on the canals of Venice.)



Missing Person (Cont'd)

When I got home I was happy to be home until I saw my lights on in my house...

I ran inside, worried. My heart was pounding like a drum. But all I saw was my brother, although something was off. I have two brothers, we're triplets but our youngest triplet was declared dangerous because of his actions, so it felt like I just had a twin. No one could tell us apart except ourselves, and I knew who this was. But, it wasn't my brother who felt like a twin. It was my brother who hated me.

Then it hit me, almost. My brother tried to whack me with the shovel and missed. It was then that I realized he was the reason I was in the hole in the woods. I grabbed the home phone quickly and I called the cops. "911 what's your emergency?" The 911 operator answered. Out of breath I spoke, "My brother is trying to attack me, I'm at 345

Brother St."

Then I dashed out of the house and to my neighbor's. "Lock all the doors!" I screamed. "What is happening?" My neighbor screamed back. I replied with "My brother is out to get me!" Once the doors were locked we hid. We heard sirens. "Tap, Tap, Tap." A bone chilling tap came from the window closest to us. We looked up to see my face in the window but it wasn't mine, it was my brothers. Then the face of cops accompanying him in the window. Then I saw them trying to break down the window. "What is happening!?" I screamed. "They think you're your brother. Go outside and explain what is happening." my neighbor screamed back. That was my biggest mistake. I should have never trusted my neighbor. The minute I stepped out I got handcuffed and sent off to jail, and now I'm serving 20 years of prison time until I get proven innocent.

-Hazel Hammersla



Wacky Laws

Theo, Branson & Charlotte

Arizona

You are not allowed to spit on the sidewalk in Good Year, AZ.

You can't dig up and move a cactus in Arizona.

You can't feed garbage to a pig.

You are allowed to have your donkey sleep in your bathtub.

Nebraska

If a child burps in church, his/her parents will be arrested.

Barbers are forbidden from eating onions between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

It is illegal for a mother to give her daughter a perm without a state license.

Texas

In Houston, it is illegal to sell Limburger cheese on a Sunday.

In Texas, you must give oral or written notice 24 hours in advance of robbing someone.

If you sit on a sidewalk in Galveston, you could be fined \$500.

It is illegal in Mesquite to give your kids unusual haircuts.

You can't ride your horse and buggy through a town square.

Ohio

You cannot kill a housefly within 160 feet of a church unless you have a license.

Police officers can bite dogs to quiet them.

Bad Animal Haircuts



The Farm Dog

One morning I woke up and I went downstairs to eat breakfast. My dog was laying on the ground. She never got up! My mom was already at work and I did not know what to do. The vet was about 10 miles away and my dad was off at work as well.

A couple hours later my sisters sprinted downstairs "What's wrong?" I did not know what to say. I found the house phone and I called the vet. The vet came rushing to our house and they put our dog into the truck. We called our dad and mom. Our parents came to the vet clinic.

A couple days later our dog was having surgery. They found that our dog had a heart problem. The next couple of weeks she spent all day laying down to rest. After the recovery everything was back to normal and it was amazing.

-Charlotte Hansell

The Basketball Playoffs

Once upon a time in a land not that far away, there was a basketball team. Their team was the Golden State Bulls. The best player was named LeBron Curry. Basketball season was really easy for the team...That was until the New York Trailblazers came to town.

This was the game that would determine if the Golden State Bulls would go to the playoffs. There were 10 seconds left and the Trailblazers were up by one point. The Bulls passed the ball to LeBron Curry. He shot the ball, making the basket and winning the game! The ending score was 85-81.

Three weeks later, the Golden State Bulls were ready for the game against the worst team in the playoffs, or so they thought. The team was named the New Orleans Spurs and their best player was an old man named Obi Wan Skywalker. During the second half the Spurs were crushing the Bulls by 30 points. At the end of the game the Bulls were down by three points, they passed it to LeBron Curry he shot a three as the buzzer went off. As the ball started to ring around, the ball rolled and bounced off the rim and into the crowd. They lost the game to what they believed was the worst team ever!

-Anonymous

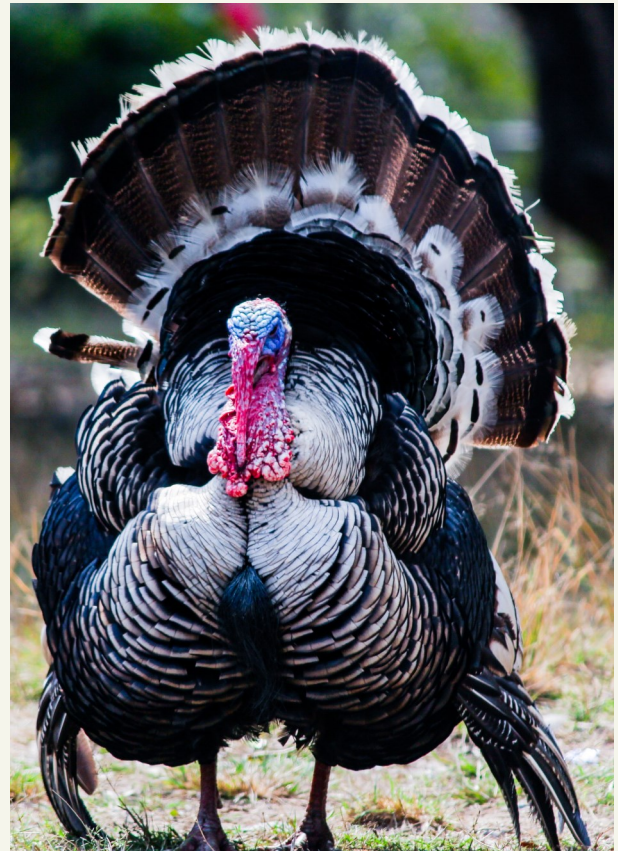
The Runaway Turkey

One day Farmer Brown went out to go feed his animals. He started with his turkey, Tom, and he thought he would eat him for dinner tonight with his family. The turkey might have heard him because he started to freak out. The farmer was wondering why the poor turkey was in such a fright. So he decided to go inside.

Then, the turkey found a way to get out. He ran for his life but tripped and fell on a rock. Farmer Brown was not happy with that turkey and so he thought to himself "I am most likely going to kill that turkey". So the farmer made a wire fence so that the turkey couldn't get out.

All of a sudden, the turkey got out again and the turkey ran even further. The farmer ran after that turkey and said he was going to shoot it because it kept getting out. So he shot the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Brown invited his family over to eat a nice dinner. (RIP Tom The Turkey)

-Hailie Burns



Creative Writing

Dear Bloberta

(Advice Column for Weston Middle School)

Dear Bloberta,

I have been struggling with school. I am playing a sport and I will not be able to play this week if I do not get my grades up. What should I do?

Sincerely,
"Struggling"

Dear Struggling,

I have been through the same thing you are going through. My solution for this was I went right to the teachers' classes that I was failing in and I asked them what to do. They gave me options. "Would you like extra credit?" You can also redo the assignments, or focus on one assignment with the most points.

Dear Bloberta,

My friend group is having a hard time getting along. They keep leaving me out of the group. What should I do?

Sincerely,
"Left Out"

Dear Left out,

You should talk to them about how you are feeling. It is likely that they don't mean to make you feel that way. If they continue to make you feel this way you should find some friends who enjoy hanging out with you and care about your feelings. Good luck!

Sincerely,
Bloberta



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North American Turkey

<u>Common Name</u> Wild Turkey
<u>Scientific Name</u> Meleagris Gallopavo
<u>Diet</u> Omnivores
<u>Average Life Span</u> Three to Four Years
<u>Body Size</u> Three to Four Feet
<u>Wingspan</u> Four to Five Feet
<u>Weight</u> Five to Eighteen Pounds



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BLOB Staff Now & Then



Hailie Burns (Age 1)



Hailie Burns (Current)



Megan McLouth (Age 5)



Megan McLouth (Current)

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“The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us.”

— James E. Frost