Earth Day 2022: How to stay green

By Keon Lindley, *The Cardinal*
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WAITSBURG—Earth Day, a time when everyone is encouraged to take care of the world and the things it provides us with in the healthiest condition. Some may ask why you should celebrate Earth Day and the answer to that is because we can’t revert some damage we cause. So, if we prevent ourselves from making those mistakes, our Earth will stay in great condition.

Earth Day falls on the twenty-second of April and even though most every country celebrates Earth Day; most didn’t start acknowledging this celebration until the 1990s.

Earth Day started in spring of April 1970. Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a result of there being no Environmental Protection Agency, no Clean Air Act, and no Clean Water Act to help protect our environment. Once the celebration of this holiday took off is when these organizations and acts were created. Earth Day also started as a way to aid teaching on how to keep the Earth clean. It’s a common holiday that is celebrated within schools with little to no religious background or controversy surrounding it.

Spring 2022 was the twenty-second annual national celebration of Earth Day. Earth Day is also not really called “Earth Day”; its official name is International Mother’s Day.

Some ways you can promote Earth Day while at school is when you eat lunch make sure you properly dispose of your garbage or maybe even recycle your cans and plastic bottles.

DW senior baseball players honored

Dylan Bledsoe, Keon Lindley, and Evan Allen are honored by their families.

Class of 2022 seniors Evan Allen, Keon Lindley, and Dylan Bledsoe were recognized at Senior Day.
LOCAL

Prom is coming soon

By Alexis Reeves, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG--This year prom is back to normal with the option to wear a mask. The dance will be located at Preston Hall Middle School in Waitsburg, on Saturday, May 7th, from 8-11 PM. This year the theme will be “Cloud Nine” with metallic colors. David Long - Walla Walla DJ—will provide the music.

If you would like to pre-order tickets singles will be $15 and couples will be $25. If you forget to buy tickets ahead of time tickets at the door will be $20 for a single and $30 for couples. Tickets should be available in the office April 20th.

Court voting will take place the last week of April. There will be ten members on court with three senior couples and two junior couples. Court results will be announced after voting takes place and king and queen will be announced the night of prom.

ASB to elect new officers

By Brayden Mohney, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG--Starting April 18th, Waitsburg High School student will have the chance to submit their declaration of candidacy for the 2022-2023 ASB Election to Ms. Gould. Students will have the chance to run for any officer position: President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter or Treasurer. Upon submitting their declaration of candidacy, students will be asked to give a speech in front of the entire WHS student body on Tuesday, May 3. After each student has had the chance to give their speech, the student body will vote on the ASB officers for the 2022-2023 school year.

ASB (Associated Student Body) is a major part of each and every school. This leadership team is responsible for planning activities and leading assemblies, with the end goal of making students feel more involved and connected to each other and the school.

Each individual office of an ASB is responsible for its own tasks, however all offices share some of the same requirements and responsibilities.

- Members must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Members must abide by the Waitsburg High School athletic code of conduct.
- Members must understand that the term of office shall begin on the first day of fall term, and end on the last day of spring term.
- Members must meet with the ASB leadership team and its advisor at least once a week. All classes and other meetings will be planned around ASB Leadership.
- Members must be willing to attend a leadership training at the beginning of the fall term.
State FFA trap
By Caleb Barron, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG--The Waitsburg FFA Trap Team traveled to East Wenatchee in the state FFA Trap Shoot Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. Members of the team included Caleb Barron, Garrett Palmer, Abbigail Paolino, William Daves, and Hagen Taylor.

First a little knowledge about Trap shooting: Trap shooting is a competitive shooting sport. The shooter must call pull then follow up by shooting at the clay pigeon. You shoot a full box of shotgun shells (25 shots), five at each post and there are five posts. Best score wins.

This was a fun, rewarding year-end shoot for the trap team. The team went to West Wenatchee Friday, played games, and spent the night. Then Saturday they got up and shot.

This experience is good for shooters because they shoot at gun clubs, but they may never have gotten the opportunity to see a competition like this.

Because of FFA Trap Team competitions, they got to travel to some cool gun clubs and cool places to shoot.

This year the trap team has gone and participated in two shoots: one in Colton, Washington, where they brought home 3rd place, and a second shoot in St. John, Washington, where they did not place, but were in the top eight teams.

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SPORTS

Spring sports: Updates on the field
By Jessie Atteberry, The Cardinal
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DAYTON--With the arrival of April came new players joining the DW Wolfpack softball team. Eighth graders have been added to the Junior Varsity team to make it possible for them to have games designated for them. Amy Cox, the assistant coach says, “This year we have the ability to bring five 8th grade girls up to participate in high school softball. This is a great learning experience for both groups of girls. The older experienced girls will get the chance to be leaders and help the younger girls learn and the younger girls get a once in a lifetime experience.”

Left: Seniors Megan Forney and Jessie Atteberry take the field for the DW Wolfpack softball team. Right: Junior Hendrix Groom steps into the batter’s box.

Karen Huwe
Spring Sports: Baseball

By Ben Ingram, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG--I interviewed returning DW baseball player, Keon Lindley, about his time playing for the DW baseball team. I asked how he felt about the sport, season, upcoming games, and experiences he would like to share.

What drew you to baseball, and what makes you re-sign every year that you have? “Well, I’ve always been drawn to the sport, it kind of just happened, and I like to think I’m pretty good at it. To top that off, it’s my senior year, and last chance to play,” Keon said.

How is your season going so far? “We’re starting out the season 0-4, which isn’t too surprising. We have a new coach, and a young core without many veterans,” he responded.

Is there any advice you would like to give to new players, or people thinking about playing next season? “Find the fun moments: whether you’re in a game, at practice, or on a bus. Those moments need to be cherished because they’re what make it worth playing,” Keon shared.

That concluded our interview and gives us all some insight on how the season is going for the team.

DW senior golfers

DW seniors Caleb Barron and Theo Anderson participate in many golf matches during the month of April.

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Waitsburg FFA at state trap shoot

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