Early Homecoming proves successful

By Cardinal Staff, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG—When Waitsburg High School students returned to school during the first week of September they were all shocked to hear Homecoming Week would happen during the last full week of September. The usual October activities being moved up a few weeks put the seniors into immediate planning mode. Even though they did not have much time to plan, all of the activities during Homecoming Week were fun and well received. A big shout out to the WHS Class of 2023 and their activities advisor, Ms. Pradere.

Members of the Class of 2023 put all their effort into the championship round of Tug-A-War. Unfortunately, for the seniors, their best effort was bested by the Class of 2025. The seniors did earn enough overall points to win Field Night.
WAITSBURG--The 2022 Homecoming Week Dress-up days were held September 19th through September 23rd.

Monday was Pajama Day. This day did not award any points or have any winners. Tuesday followed with Twin and Character Day. Wednesday was “Anything but a Backpack Day. Thursday was Senior Citizen Day. Friday ended Homecoming Week Dress-up Day with Spirit Day: Class Color Wars.

Staff and students of Waitsburg High School participated in the different Dress-up Days during Homecoming Week.
Waitsburg High School Buff Puff

By Bailey Standring, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG- Homecoming activities are so much fun for all students, whether you are competing or just watching. At Waitsburg High School we take Buff Puff very seriously, especially our seniors. Just like most years the seniors took the win, juniors came close in second place.

The first round of the tournament was the freshman versus seniors: the seniors took the victory. After that the juniors played the sophomores, and the juniors won. The very last round was seniors versus juniors: it was a very exhilarating game. They were toe to toe at the end of the game, but the seniors took the win and were overall champions!

After speaking to seniors Garrett Palmer and Andrew Rosenberger they both said it felt amazing and like they were champions. When asked what their favorite part of Buff Puff was Andrew said, “Watching the other teams lose” and Garrett said, “Winning was the best part.”

The traditions of volleyball Buff Puff during HOCO week is something everyone is looking forward to next year. Will the tradition of Buff Puff continue in 2023? I guess you will just have to wait and see.
New games at Field Night a hit

By Kylee Henry, *The Cardinal*
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WAITSBURG--This year Field Night was the best night of the school year so far.

Waitsburg High School students got to hangout and compete in a bunch of different activities during the Wednesday, September 21 Homecoming activity. This year’s new games, which were introduced to Field Night, were Knockerball and Connect 4 Basketball along with the games that have been played at Field Night for years, like powder puff and tug of war.

“The new games we had this year were definitely an awesome idea,” said junior Alyssa Segraves. Knockerball is a game, like soccer, except it has a twist: you get into a ball that kind of resembles a hamster ball and you knock each other around. Each person is the soccer ball and the goal is to get someone from the other team knocked into your goal. To start off the night, the boys played Knockerball, following with a round where the girls got to jump in and play against each other. The juniors took the win from Knockerball.

Then the class competitions moved on to Connect 4 Basketball, which was also a new game introduced to us this year. In this game, two people from each class played: the seniors took the win for Connect 4 Basketball.

After the new games, the classes moved to Powder Puff. The girls got into class groups to play flag football against the girls from other classes. The seniors took the win in Powder Puff.

To end the night off, the classes ended with a tug of war game where the sophomores took the win. This was a fun night of new and old Field Night games.

The Class of 2025 was successful over the seniors in the annual Tug-A-War game at Field Night.
Tuesday assembly lots of fun

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WAITSBURG—Tuesday’s assembly was the first activity in a week packed full of activities. The assembly start with four heats of Wheel Barrow Races. The seniors won this event. Next, different members of the four classes participated in an energetic game of Musical Chairs. Senior Claudia Benavides used her senior wisdom to be the last participant sitting. Finally, a fun-filled game of Hungry, Hungry Hippo took place on the tennis courts. The sophomore team won this event. These three activities were a great way of starting off the 2022 Homecoming Week.

Many Waitsburg High School students have a great time running Wheel Barrow Races, playing Musical Chairs, and competing in Hungry, Hungry Hippo.
Homecoming parade returns in 2022
By Hendrix Groom, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG—On Friday, September 23, Waitsburg High School held a parade in downtown Waitsburg celebrating Homecoming Week and the DW Homecoming football game later that evening.

The parade consisted of all the WHS students and some staff members too. District 2 firetruck led the parade driven by WHS Class of 2022 member Brayden Mohney. Following the firetruck was the DW football players wearing their uniforms and the DW volleyball team wearing their jerseys.

The main event followed the volleyball team: WHS's very own band playing the Fight Song. The band was followed by the rest of the students of WHS.

The students sang the Fight Song as they walked down Main Street while the Elementary students sat outside, cheering on the high school students.

The junior class already has plans for an even bigger and better parade next year.

2022 DW Homecoming Court
By Dia Adkins, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG—On the morning of September 16, 2022, all Waitsburg High School students voted on who would be the Homecoming queen or king for this year. Later that day they announce who was on the Homecoming Court, but they would not announce who would be queen or king until halftime of the September 23rd football game. The Homecoming Dance was on September 24, 2022, and it was in the Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room.

Hendrix Groom was interviewed concerning the Homecoming Court and the people on the court. She was asked if the school picks the same people every time. Hendrix Groom said, “The school picks the court.” Then she was asked who picked the masquerade theme? Hendrix answered, “It was Dayton's choice.”

Ten Waitsburg students were voted to be on the 2022 Homecoming court
Freshman: Bea Karl and Blake Benavides
Sophomores: Alyssa Hollingsworth and William Daves
Juniors: Makenna Barron and Jasper Morrow
Seniors: Claudia Benavides and Jay Dimak
Hendrix Groom and Garrett Palmer

Claudia Benavides and Garrett Palmer were crowned Queen and King at the DW football game. They reigned over the 2022 Homecoming Dance.

Seniors
Jay Dimak and
Hendrix Groom
&
King Garrett Palmer
and Queen Claudia
Benavides

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LOCAL
Heap of the Month
By Aubriahna Araya, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG—Waitsburg High School has a pretty small parking lot, which means it gets pretty packed. While looking around and seeing how every parking spot is used up, one may notice a particular car. And it is not because it is appealing, but because it is, “A nuisance to the parking lot” as stated by Hendrix Groom.

This car is a 1995 Ford Escort. It appears to be an old and rusty vehicle with a damaged steering wheel. The owner is Kason Fortune, a senior at WHS. Kason, who owns this ’95 Ford Escort, was asked if he could pick one good quality about his car, he went speechless.

Senior band students go to Mass Band
By Brandon Leroue, The Cardinal
October 26, 2022

ROSALIA—Waitsburg High School seniors attended the Mass Band event, Wednesday October 26 at Rosalia High School. The seniors who went were Alex Dahlby, Natalie Teal, Dia Adkins, Sarabeth McGowen, and Brandon Leroue. The songs they played at the Mass Band concert were “Into the Clouds”, “Mazama”, and “The Red Covered Bridge.”

Mass Band is an event in which schools from the east side of the state gather to play a number of songs in a large scale concert.

The seniors’ day began at 9:00 a.m when they headed towards Rosalia, along with Dayton band students. The seniors returned to Waitsburg around 10:00 p.m.

Some of the senior students who attended Mass Band this year were asked how they felt about going to this event. They said that they were looking forward to going because it has been four years since Waitsburg has gone. Alex Dahlby said that he was excited to go to Mass Band.
Basic Combat Training: What it’s like

By Alex Dahlby, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG-After your recruitment process at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), Basic Combat Training (Basic) is the first step you take into your actual military career. While Basic is lengthy and a lot happens during Basic, I am here to give you firsthand experience of Basic Combat Training.

Basic is meant to be challenging for anyone who goes through it. The Drill Sergeants are there to guide and mold you into the American soldier you joined to become.

Basic Training is split into three different phases: Red Phase, White Phase, and Blue Phase. Red Phase is the most difficult phase mentally and physically. In Red Phase, you get physically challenged the most and the worst. You also go over the most basic of soldier tasks.

White Phase is when you get into rifle marksmanship and more tactical formations. You also qualify with your weapon and perform your first land navigation course. This phase is usually when morale in your company is getting low and everything bad is happening.

In Blue Phase, you perform Buddy Team Live Fire, aka Omaha. You also throw and employ your first two M67 fragmentation grenades. After all that and passing End-of-Cycle testing (EOCT) and the final Army Combat Fitness Test, you perform your final Field Training Exercise. The final Field Training Exercise ends with the 10 mile tactical foot march to the Soldier Ceremony. This is when you are officially called a soldier and don your Black Army Beret and wear your U.S. Army star patch.

Basic Combat Training has changed over the years. In the next edition I’ll have a firsthand account of this experience from a soldier who went through Basic training in the early 2000s and compare it to Basic in 2022.
SPORTS

D W Football and Volleyball Recap

By Alyssa Segraves, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG - Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack–how are volleyball and football this season? Here are your October game statistics for football and volleyball with features of a player from each sport.

This volleyball season has not been the best with a win to loss record of 3-10 with a couple close calls. However, the girls are having fun and getting to play a sport they are passionate about, and that is what matters.

The games in October have been a home game against River View High School which was a 3-0 loss, an away game against Walla Walla Valley Academy which was a 3-0 loss, a home game against Tri-Cities Prep which was a 3-0 loss, an away game against Columbia High School (Burbank) which was a 2-3 loss, and an away game against Warden High School which was a 3-0 loss.

Interviewed about this season was Kylee Henry, a junior who wears #8 and is a setter on the volleyball team. Kylee has been playing volleyball for six years and her favorite thing about this sport is diving. When asked about how the season was going, she replied, “It’s going good, I think we’ve grown a lot together as a team.”

On the upside, the football team has done pretty well with an overall win to loss record of 6-2. The games in October have been an away game against Mabton High School with a win of 58-0, a home game against Columbia High School (Burbank) with a loss of 55-8, and an away game against Warden High School with a win of 12-7.

Interviewed about this season was Garrett Palmer, a senior who wears jersey #58 and a lineman on the football team. Garrett has been playing football for two years and his favorite thing about this sport is hanging out with his friends. When asked how the season was going, he simply replied, “Good”.

As the October goes to press, the volleyball team has one game left. The final game of the season is on Thursday, October 27th and it is an away game against Liberty Christian High School.

The football team also has only one game left. The final game of the season is a home game on Friday, October 28th against River View High School.

With the end of October comes the end of fall sports. Soon basketball players, wrestlers, and cheerleaders will be preparing for the D W basketball and wrestling seasons.