



The Wildcat

Welch Public Schools Monthly Newsletter



August/September 2019

By Desktop Publishing Class

September Students of the Month

by Landry Layton

The September Students of the month have been selected by a vote of the faculty. The elementary students are Teagan Walker and Marley Goodwin, the middle school student is Easton Schaefer, and the high school students are Haley Kagy and Korbin Booth.

Elementary

Teagan is in first grade. She is the daughter of Glen and K.C. Walker. Her favorite subject is Math because she loves numbers. Her role model is Ree Drummond. Teagan's favorite thing to do outside of school is to be with her family. When she grows up, she wants to be a chef.

Marley is in second grade. She is the daughter of Shawn and Ashley Goodwin. Her favorite subject is reading, because she likes to read good books. Marley's role models are her parents and her sister. Her favorite thing to do is play in her backyard. When she grows up, she wants to be an art teacher.

Middle School

Easton is in 7th grade. He is the son of Clayton and Christie Schaefer. His favorite subject is Math because he has always been the best at it. In the future, Easton plans to get a job.



Back l-r: Haley Kagy, Korbin Booth, Easton Schaefer;
front: Marley Goodwin and Teagan Walker

High School

Haley Kagy is a sophomore. She is the daughter of Deanna and William Kagy. Her favorite subject is chemistry because she enjoys the Math involved. Haley's extracurricular activities are NHS, Art Club, Archery and Student Council. She plays basketball and slowpitch softball. Haley says her biggest inspiration is Maddie Schaper because "she showed me how to be a leader, not only in sports but in everyday life."

Her future plans are to graduate high school, go to college at ORU, earn a Ph.D in science and become a science teacher/professor.

Korbin is a junior and is the son of Jesse and Deserae Booth. His favorite subject is Jam Band. When asked why, he replied, "because I get to jam, man." His extracurricular activities include band and jam band. Korbin's biggest inspiration is Dave Grohl. His future plans are to be a rock star or an Indiana Jones-style historian.

**Congratulations Lady Cats Fast Pitch Softball Team
District Champs! Good Luck at Regionals!**

Middle School Cheer

The middle school cheer squad is made up of Jasmine Anderson, Myka Blalock, Simone Bias, Jamee Watson, Katilin Wright, Cheyenne Vaughn, and Naomi Collins. They are coached by Hannah Haraughty.

Get To Know Your New Teachers

By Kelli Tucker

Name: Joseph Bryson

Where do live? Miami, OK

Where did you graduate college? MSSU

Are you married? Yes

Do you have any kids? No

How do you feel about our school so far? "Great. Our students know how to strive for success."

What subject do you teach? High School Social Studies

What was your favorite subject in school? PE

What is one thing you tell your students? "Don't get in trouble on a Friday, it ruins your weekend!"

Name: Susan McDonald

Where do live? Welch

Where did you graduate college? University of Arkansas

Are you married? No

Do you have any kids? Yes

How do you feel about our school so far? "I'm really enjoying the students."

What subject do you teach? Agriculture/FFA Advisor/ Trap team Coach

What was your favorite subject in school? Science

What is one thing you tell your students? "Make the most out of your opportunities."

FFA News

By Aubrie Lester

This year our FFA Chapter has been very active. On Friday, September 6, we read to the elementary to increase Ag awareness for National Read a Book Day. On September 10, the officer team attended COLT Conference for leadership training and also on that same day we met with the owner of Green Country Ford in Vinita to thank him for his continuous support and deliver an Oklahoma FFA events poster.

Organization Officers

By Jaci Clinton

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Secretary- Brady Chenoweth

Reporter- Reagan Etzel

Treasurer- Kelli Tucker

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MS TSA

President- Lucas Layton

Vice President- Jenna Burgess

Secretary- Mason Clinton

Treasurer- Deighton Pigeon

Reporter- Cruz Gonzales

Sgt-At-Arms- Tyler Webster

2019-2020 Class Officers

By Jaci Clinton

6th Grade

President- Jaylee Castle
Vice President- Trapper Johnson
Secretary- Kade Burgess
Treasurer- Grady Gatewood
Stuco -Addison Keith and Jake Haraughty

7th Grade

President- Camy Etzel
Vice President- Easton Schaefer
Secretary- Cheyenne Vaughn
Treasurer- Gage Buchanan
Stuco- Belinda Zacarias and Mason Clinton

8th Grade

President- Jenna Burgess
Vice President- Cruz Gonzalez
Secretary- Deighton Pigeon
Treasurer- Olivia Ashworth
Stuco - Dalani Tucker and Nolan Haraughty

9th Grade

President- Kailey Hall
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10th Grade

President- Avery Brannon
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Treasurer- Seth Schaper

11th Grade

President- Korbin Booth
Vice President- Jessie Pitcher
Secretary- Chloe Hitz
Treasurer- Landry Layton

MS Gt Officers

President- Serenity Jordan
Vice President- Cruz Gonzalez
Secretary- Dalani Tucker
Treasurer-Jenna Burgess
Reporter-Lucas Layton
Sergeant at Arms- Kaylee Welch

JUUL Is Not Cool

An Editorial by Rachel Rife

What started as an alternative to cigarettes has unfortunately turned into the hot new thing among teenagers everywhere. Vaping, or more commonly JUULing, is taking over and because of how new it is, scientists have little knowledge of the long term effects of it.

However, what we do know is scary enough: there have been as many as 530 vape related illnesses and seven vape related deaths. The cause? Vaping is highly addictive and under-regulated. The average JUUL pod contains as much nicotine as a whole pack of cigarettes. As we already know, nicotine is very addictive and when it comes into contact with young lungs and underdeveloped brains, the outcome cannot be good. In fact, research indicates that nicotine could even have a negative impact on attention span and mental health.

Vapes are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration, which means when someone vapes they are unknowingly exposing themselves to unidentified and potentially harmful chemicals. So, if someone asks you if you want a hit, ask yourself is it really worth it?

Google Survey of the Month

“What is your goal for the new school year?”

By Haley Kagy

Participants are entered into a drawing each month; this month's winner is Dylan Johnson.

Thanks for completing our survey!

Rachel Rife..... Get an A in College Algebra.
Haley Kagy Be less stressed about school.
Cruz Gonzales Better academics.
Charlcie Gatewood..... Maintain my 4.0 GPA.
Tea Haws I want to have the best year of MS ever.
Austin Haskell..... Win at least 8 games in basketball.
Gage Buchanan I hope to get a 4-game winning streak
Jenna Burgess..... Have good grades all year & become a better leader & get the Star 8th grader in FFA.
Justin Haskell Win state for working cattle.
Chloe Hitz Maintain all A's in my classes and get better in the sports I do.
Kacee Stoner To try and get all A's and be as active as I can in my activities.
Jasmine Anderson All As for one full 9 weeks.
Flora Edens I hope to accomplish getting good grades and work on my social skills.
Sailor Hlebasko..... To have all A's and to not get a detention.
Noah Barton I want to get better grades and win some games and prove to people that we are not a joke.
Dylan Johnson Get a scholarship for school.
Reagan Etzel To maintain straight A's and have good sportsmanship.
Nolan Haraughty Be the best at the sports that I play and learn more about that sport.
Kaylee Johnson..... I hope to get all of my classes to a good passing grade.
Sayler Hayward To stay positive.

Welch Girls Chosen for Summer STEM Camps

By Landry Layton

Fifty seventh-grade girls, including Tea Haws from Welch Public Schools, were accepted to the second annual Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts/Humanities and Mathematics Camp at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford this summer. More than 150 girls were nominated by a teacher and interviewed as part of the selection process. Campers participated in hands-on activities on the SWOSU campus, interacted with role models from a variety of fields, and traveled to Oklahoma City to experience STEAM in the real world. The camp also provided exposure to college life, increasing girls' confidence and interest in pursuing degrees in STEAM fields. The SAGE STEAM team added Arts and Humanities to the STEM camp in 2018. The program, which ran June 9-15, also emphasized communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

Zoey Walker, current 4th grader at Welch Elementary, spent a portion of her summer at Envision: Pathways to STEM camp. Mrs. Hall chose her during the previous school year due to her communication, leadership skills and academic capabilities. With the help of the community, fundraisers and hard work Zoey was able to accept her nomination for camp. It took place at University of Texas, Dallas during July. During camp, she was introduced to the program theme "STEM Island – Case of the Missing



Ancient Map" where Zoey and her teammates served as part of a crew of "explorers", who had to overcome a multitude of challenges using the STEM training they acquired in Medicine, Engineering and CSI. They did this in an effort to solve the Case of the Missing Ancient Map. Zoey served as an expert witness on the medical team and gave vital information for the "jury" to decide the fate of the defendant in the case. Zoey gained leadership skills, an excitement for learning, as well as some new pen pals in our region. Thank you, Welch Public School, for allowing Zoey to represent our community. She truly enjoyed her adventure.

High School Quiz Bowl

The high school Academic Team is comprised of Rachel Rife, Charcie Gatewood, Kacee Stoner, Gage Miller, Ethan Costerisan, Seth Schaper, Seth Hayward and Brady Chenoweth. They will be participating in a local conference sponsored by Vinita High School as well as the OSSAA conference. Each month the team will practice against area schools including Vinita, Grove, Miami, and Commerce. Their first match was held on September 26 where Welch competed against Vinita A&B and Miami. Welch beat Vinita B & Miami. The OSSAA District tournament will be held on October 14 at Oilton. The team is coached by Gala Miller.

Cross Country News

By Rachel Rife

Cross country is in full swing and so far the team has been successful. Senior Jaci Clinton has placed 2nd at Claremore, 3rd at Adair, 5th at Foyil, and 13th Wyandotte. Chloe and Gabe Hitz placed 12th and 17th at Wyandotte, respectively. Raegan Etzel placed 10th at Claremore. Marley and Whitley Goodwin placed 3rd and 6th at Wyandotte, 9th and 10th at Foyil, and 10th and 9th at Adair, respectively. Also running are Rachel Rife, Alex Zacharias, Marcus Fonseca, Grady Gatewood, Andrew Stoner, and Cade Burgess. Good luck with the rest of the season!



NHS Clothing Drive

The NHS Clothing Drive is available September 30-October 11 during school hours.

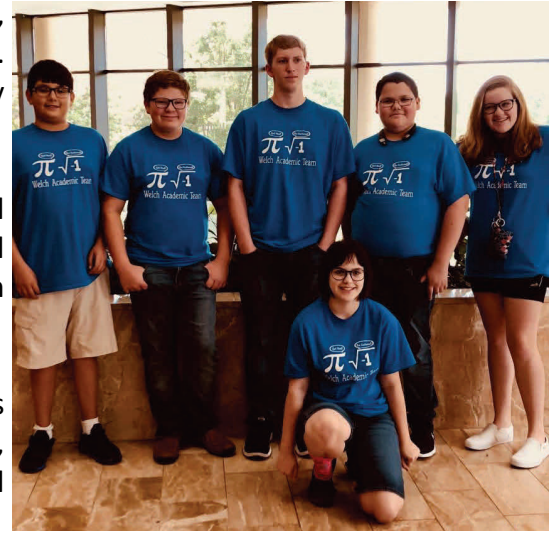
Welch Represented in Washington, D.C. for National Tournament

The Welch Middle School quiz bowl team was invited to Washington D.C. to compete in the 12th annual National Academic Championship on May 31-June 2. Even though the format was different than Welch has practiced or learned, they adapted quickly ending the tournament with a 3-3 record. The team was coached by JJ Seigel.

The team won against Rogers Middle B International of Stamford, CT, Knox County Middle of Edina, MO, and Hollidaysburg, PA and lost to Trinity-Bynes Collegiate of Darlington, SC, Sandy Run A of Philadelphia, PA, and Aspen Creek of Gretna, NE. Unfortunately, after an intense battle, Welch lost the last round of the day 175-225 which prevented them from advancing to finals.

Welch (national record 3-3) did not compete against Vici, OK (national record 1-5), who took the Oklahoma state title, during the National Academic meet. Vici Middle School was the only other team from Oklahoma to attend this national meet.

The quiz bowl team would like to thank the following for the generous donations that helped in the travel and hotel expenses: Quiz Bowl Parents, Welch Community Members, Dr. McKeon, Mrs. Hall & the Welch School Board, Welch State Bank, the Welch Enrichment Foundation, The Cow, Vinita Walmart, Martha McAffrey, Satterwhite Farm Bureau, Cherokee Nation, Wyandotte Nation, The First National Bank-Miami, Miami Nation, Cross 7 Veterinary Center, Eye Associates of Miami, Keith Ferris, Alicia Ferris, KAMO, Electric Coop, REC, C & L Supply



Back (l-r): Cruz Gonzalez, Lucas Layton, Gage Miller, Mason Weigand, Kacee Stoner; front: Tea Haws

WPS Receives STEM Grants

By Haley Kagy

This year Welch Public Schools got a fifteen thousand dollar grant called the Title 4A Student Support in Academic Achievement Award. The grant was split between the three schools; the high school, middle school and elementary. It was put towards the school's S.T.E.M. program. With the money, the elementary purchased supplies and stem activities for grades pre-K through fifth grade. The middle school purchased chemistry supplies, a sixth through eighth-grade curriculum, and microscopes. The high school bought three small 3D printers, and also bought 3D pens. Each class in the elementary tries to use the S.T.E.M. classroom, and engage in the activities once a week. The fifth grade used resources that they found in the playground to build shelters, like Brian in the novel Hatchet. The fourth grade studied sound waves using two cups and string. In middle school, 8th graders were learning about chemical reactions. The 7th graders made glue while studying the chemical reactions that the glue underwent. One of Mr. Chenoweth's classes used 3D printers to make different objects. When asked how she thought the new S.T.E.M. room would benefit the elementary students, Mrs. Hall replied, "They are being exposed to more than just out of the book material; they get to be more creative and use critical thinking."

October Events

Cattle Grading.....	1
JH FB @ Bluejacket 6:30 P.M.....	1
Stuco Districts @ Miami	1
HS SB Regionals	3-5
Fall Sports and Retake Picture.....	4
HS FB @ Medford 7 P.M.....	4
HS SB State.....	10-12
Jr. Leadership-Shawnee.....	10
Employee Flu Shots.....	10
HS FB vs. Covington-Douglas 7 P.M.....	11
JH FB vs. Copan 6 P.M.....	14
HS Quiz Bowl Districts @ Oilton	14
Cross Country Conf @ Wyandotte 4 P.M	15
Fall Break	16-18
Homecoming.....	17
HS FB vs. Coyle 7 P.M	17
RYLA	17-20
Cross Country Regionals	19
HS FB @ SW Covenant 7 P.M	25
Cross Country State @ Shawnee	26

The middle school / high school book fair will begin the night of October 15 at parent/teacher conferences and will continue

Meet the Desktop Publishing Class

On the first day of school, Desktop students interviewed each other. Get to know the students who work very hard to produce the newsletter each month, the end-of-year slide shows and the sports programs.

Name: Landry Layton
Birthdate: 7-23-03
Place of Birth: Tulsa, OK
Number of siblings: 2
Favorite thing you did this summer: I went to London
Favorite TV show: Friends
Favorite song: Paper rings by Taylor Swift
Favorite movie: The Princess Bride
Favorite subject in school: History
Favorite book: Red, White, and Royal Blue
Favorite food: Pasta
Name something about yourself you're proud of: 5th overall in Coffeyville cattle showing
Describe your hobbies and interests: Traveling, showing pigs and cattle, public speaking
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Italy, they have a cool history

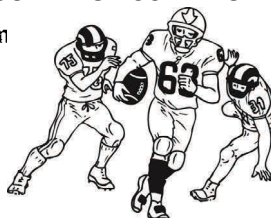
and good food
What three words describe you best? kind, hardworking, helpful
What is something no one knows about you? I like musical theatre
What is your favorite dessert? ice cream

Name: Rachel Rife
Birthdate: 03/26/03
Place of Birth: Joplin, MO
Number of siblings: 5
Favorite thing you did this summer: I dabbled in the art of staying at Jessie's house and was extremely successful at doing so
Favorite TV show: Jeopardy!
Favorite song: It Wasn't Easy to Be Happy for You by The Lumineers
Favorite movie: Dead Poets Society
Favorite subject in school: It's a toss up between Art and Computers
Favorite book: The Book Thief

Favorite foods: popcorn and sushi
Name something about yourself you're proud of: My impressive ability to eat food
Describe your hobbies and interests: I love reading, collecting books, records, knick-knacks, and pestering my friends (particularly Jessie)
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Portland, Oregon, because their motto is "Keep Portland Weird".
What three words describe you best? My friends describe me as weird, dorky, and hyper
What is something no one knows about you? I'm actually a Russian spy sent to infiltrate the school newspaper
What animal would be the most terrifying if it could speak? A Bird

High School and Junior High Football Team

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High School and Junior High Softball Team

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| Boone | Brady | Chade | Addison | Avery | Belinda |
| Carter | Cash | Daniel | Bryndl | Cameron (Camy) | Cheyenne |
| Clayton | Dakoata | Dylan | Gracie | Halle | Jaci |
| Deighton | Douglas | Gage | Jasmine | Jenna | Jessie |
| Eric | Ethan | Justin | Kacee | Kailey | Kevi |
| Jagger | Jonathan | Mason | Lydia | Maddie | Myka |
| Lucas | Marcos | Nolan | Olivia | Reagan | Saylor |
| Nate | Noah | Tyler | Simmons | Taryn | Taylor |
| Seth | Trapper | | | | |
| Zachary | Caleb | | | | |

Name: Corinthian Bowin
Birthdate: 9/5/01
Place of Birth: Joplin, MO
Number of siblings: 2
Favorite thing you did this summer: I went to Bass Pro Aquarium and Wildlife Museum
Favorite TV show: The Great
Favorite song: You Will Be Found by Ben Platt
Favorite movie: Doctor Horrible's Sing Along Blog
Favorite subject in school: AP Computer Science
Favorite book: The Grimm Legacy
Favorite food: Chicken Alfredo
Name something about yourself you're proud of: I went parasailing two summers ago
Describe your hobbies and interests: Reading, walking, and pin collecting
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Athens, I love the scenery
What three words describe you best? Forgetful, NERD!!!!!!!, Dork
What is something no one knows about you? I'm bad at remembering to check my tires
What's the most recent show you've binge watched? The Great British Baking Show

Name: Ethan Costerisan
Birthdate: 8/1/04
Place of Birth: Miami, OK
Number of siblings: 2
Favorite thing you did this summer: Going to church camp
Favorite TV show: Gotham
Favorite song: Twisted Transistor
Favorite movie: Talladega Nights
Favorite subject in school: Sports
Favorite book: What If
Favorite food: El Monterey microwave burritos
Name something about yourself you're proud of: Bench pressing more than Seth
Describe your hobbies and interests: Sleeping, eating, and sports (football

and baseball)
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Australia, get a kangaroo named Joey
What three words describe you best? Extroverted, outspoken, and tired
What is something no one knows about you? I don't like spaghetti
What scares you the most about graduating? Taxes

Name: Haley Kagy
Birthdate: 1/25/04
Place of Birth: Southern CA
Number of siblings: 4
Favorite thing you did this summer: Swam at a hotel with my grandparents
Favorite TV show: Riverdale
Favorite song: I Do Adore
Favorite movie: A Silent Voice
Favorite subject in school: Math
Favorite book: Fan Girl
Favorite food: Coconut shrimp
Name something about yourself you're proud of: Got student of the month
Describe your hobbies and interests: I like reading, listening to music, archery, basketball, and softball
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Greece, because of the amazing views
What three words describe you best? Friendly, happy, and unique
What is something no one knows about you? I'm terrified of letting people down
If you could charge anything about the world what would you change? World Peace

Name: Jaci Clinton
Birthdate: 6/20/02
Place of Birth: Joplin, MO
Number of siblings: 2
Favorite thing you did this summer: I almost got hooked while swimming

Favorite TV show: Dragon Tails
Favorite song: Let It Go by Idina Menzel
Favorite movie: The Bee Movie
Favorite subject in school: Nap time
Favorite book: The Bible
Favorite food: String cheese
Name something about yourself you're proud of: Running
Describe your hobbies and interests: Running, and Nate
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Antarctica, to go see a penguin
What three words describe you best? Fast, slow, and tired
What is something no one knows about you? I live in Mrs. Miller's back room
What would a world populated by clones of you be like? "Those poor people"

Name: Kelli Tucker
Birthdate: 9/29/03
Place of Birth: Miami, OK
Number of siblings: 2
Favorite thing you did this summer: Went on a cruise
Favorite TV show: Friends
Favorite song: I Love you by Billie Eillish
Favorite movie: The Notebook
Favorite subject in school: Math
Favorite book: The Hired Girl
Favorite food: Crepes
Name something about yourself you're proud of: I'm excelling in school
Describe your hobbies and interests: Dance, cooking, & eating
If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why? Australia, just because
What three words describe you best? adventurous, fun loving, and hardworking
What is something no one knows about you? I have traveled to six different countries