



4th quarter packed with events

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As COVID restrictions lessen, there are big plans in place for events for



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Students participate in a Throwback Week lunch activity, one of many activities planned for fourth quarter.

the fourth quarter. Carly Stratton, Exec. Council advisor, as well as the Exec. Council members have been working hard to come up with events to make up for the lost time this school year and give everyone an amazing fourth quarter. Some of the events for fourth quarter include Throwback Week, the Throwback Week dance, the Exec. Council election for next year's student

council, the Talent Show, Prom Night, the Ballroom Team dance performance, the Spring Dance, the Dream Festival, and the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The Spring Fair was planned for May 5, but has been cancelled.

Tess Nielsen, Exec. Council member, when interviewed, said, "We have a lot of events planned! It was a little bit challenging to figure everything out but we all kinda threw out ideas and worked together which made it a lot easier. The event I'm most excited for is Prom because I think it's going to be really fun. The goal is to end the school year with a bang."

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Throwback week brings first dance

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The first dance of the school year took place on Friday, March 26.

With COVID happening in the world, having a school dance was next to impossible up until a few weeks ago. The Exec. Council worked hard to strategically plan a throwback dance to end throwback week.

It was a casual, glow-in-the-dark neon dance and everyone was given glow sticks at the door after paying the \$2 entrance fee.

Half of the gym was blocked off and the other half was decorated with a graffiti style art on all of the walls.

There was a disco ball hung up in the center to bring it all together.

Ice cold water was offered as a refreshment to anyone that wanted it.

Tess Nielsen, Exec. Council member, said, "It was

pretty fun to set up for the dance. We just kinda winged it and it only took about three hours to get it done. It wasn't hard because we all worked together."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLY STRATTON

Students wear light clothing and glow-in-the-dark accessories at the Throwback Dance March 26. This was the much-anticipated first dance of the school year.



Homecoming with a COVID twist

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Homecoming is a week full of fun events that ran from February 1 to 5. At WCHS we saw activities such as ping pong, an ice cream social, Connect Four, and others.

At the end of the week, we even had many activities in one day. One thing students may have missed, however, is the meaning of Homecoming Week and why it happens every year.

Homecoming Week is all about school spirit and connecting



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Students play games during Homecoming.

students with sporting events that are happening in the school. "It is basically a big celebration of our school, our community, and our

students," Carly Stratton, Exec. Council advisor, said, "It is a way to show support and a common connection between our students and everything they are involved in."

The Exec. Council had a goal of getting students involved and each finding an activity they enjoy.

One thing the Exec. Council does with every event, is try to celebrate the students. Each event may seem like a celebration for the school or a sport, however, they always find a way to make everyone feel included and feel comfortable expressing themselves.

They also try their best to get students to participate in general.

Usually, with Homecoming Week, there's a homecoming dance. This request was denied this year, so the Exec. Council did their best to make up for it.

"It was interesting to see what they did differently this year," a student said, "I was expecting something that they usually did every year, but they made this one seem super different."

One thing Exec. Council wants students to take from Homecoming Week is that it's always about the students.

Everything is made and designed to be a safe space for you to participate and enjoy yourself and others.

Exec. focuses on lunch for spirit points

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The Exec. Council is trying to build up the school spirit with lunch activities.

The Exec. Council figured they'd give kids that don't have anything to do after they eat lunch some fun activities to participate in at lunchtime.

Lunch activities also have another purpose -- spirit points. If you participate you get spirit points and the grade level with the most spirit points at the end of the year gets a huge party thrown for them.

Right now the ninth graders are winning. The eighth graders are pretty close because of participating in the activities. The ninth and eighth graders are ahead

right now because they have the best GPA.

When asked about what her favorite lunch activities were, Carly Stratton,

Exec. Council advisor, said, "Mr. Showalter purchased a bunch of yard games like corn hole, Connect Four, and Jenga. We are in the process of getting more yard games. A lot of students choose to participate, because you can get spirit points and just because there is nothing to do."

Some upcoming lunch activities are a big scavenger hunt coming up next quarter.

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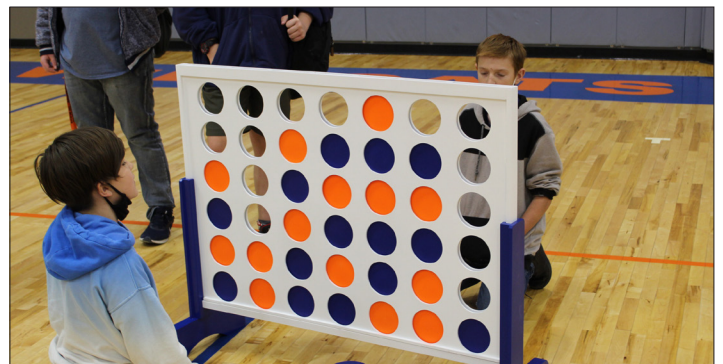


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Students play Connect Four during a Homecoming lunch activity. The Exec. Council hosts activities where students can earn spirit points for their grade.



It's time for college planning

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With the end of high school getting closer and closer, it might be about time to start planning for college. Even if you are a freshman or sophomore, having a plan for college will help relieve some of the stress in your senior year. There are many different things that you must plan for when you are thinking about attending college. Firstly, you must consider where you are most likely going and where you will be staying. There are many options for housing, including whether you will rent, buy or share, and whether you will stay in an apartment, house, or dorm. The next thing you need to consider is the cost of transportation, from buying you a vehicle to taking the bus. Lastly, you must consider the overall cost of attending college, from tuition to living expenses. With all of the most important factors planned out now, you must think about the less important things, such as what

classes you will be taking and what degree you will be going into.

Every step of the way, it is important to get feedback from your counselors at your school.

Kirsten Swindlehurst, finance secretary, when asked about what they wished she had known when planning for college she said, "I wish we would've had someone that could've helped us."

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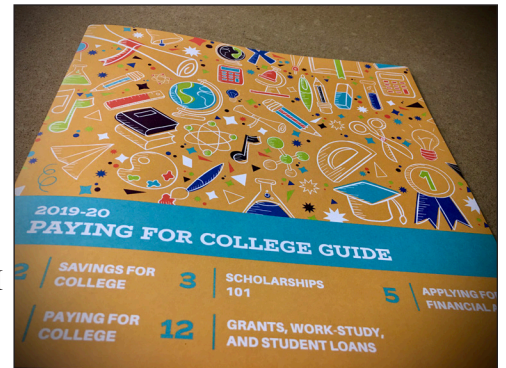


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Students may use books like this one to help them plan for college. It's a good idea to start planning early.

Students help at Ironman

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Saturday, May 1, the Iron Man Race was held in St. George, Utah. Iron Man is a triathlon containing many events.

For the racers, the race starts as a swim, goes on bicycles, and crosses the finish line on foot.

FCCLA usually volunteers by helping feed the racers and FBLA generally goes and collects bicycles. However, Iron Man isn't an event just for those clubs.

Kathleen Haggard, FCCLA advisor, and David Mackey, FBLA advisor, shared flyers for any students to pick up that include how to sign up for volunteering. All it involved was

parent permission and registration online to go down to the race. For students who volunteered for

"There are just a few places around the world that host the Ironman Race, and St. George just happens to be one of them."

the whole day, the school provided a bus in the morning and the evening. Volunteers who helped for a shorter amount of time had to provide their

own transportation.

It's an experience to see the mountains and canyons while witnessing the intense race. Plus, Iron Man is a great opportunity to serve our community, but also to interact with people from all over the world.

Kathleen Haggard is a captain, which means she gets to overview the food.

The Iron Man Foundation offers grant money to schools that have a significant number of volunteers. Haggard has used the money from this event to pay the travel expenses for FCCLA members to attend conferences hosted up North.

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Squad brings “Hope” to Water Canyon

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The Hope Squad is a suicide prevention program created to help comfort anyone who needs it.

Members try to make sure the students know that they are there for them and that they can talk to them whenever they need. The Hope Squad members also want to build unity throughout the school.

When asked why the Hope Squad was created, Wendee Wilkinson, WCHS counselor who advises the Hope Squad along with Maha Layton, said, “I put it together because it is an important

subject that needs to be taken very seriously. It means a lot to me and the subject touches my heart. Everyone should have someone to go to.”

Wilkinson loves the Hope Squad. She said she loves having all the students being happy and together.

Unlike most clubs, members get nominated in by their peers or by other members of the club.

When asked if they are nominating more members, Wilkinson answered with, “We are keeping it small.

The current members will

get peer nominated every year, meaning their peers will vote them in. If we need more members than we will do a nomination to get more people.”

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PHOTO COURTESY OF **CARLY STRATTON**
Hope Squad members pose for a picture.

Students get Valentine serenades

By **TERRY MUSSER**
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Valentine’s Day has passed and those who were subjected to being sung to may have a memory they may never forget.

For two weeks, the Aria Treble Choir sold Singing Valentines at WCHS. These Valentines allowed you to buy a song to be sung to anybody of your choosing, whether it was a crush, a friend, or some teacher you wanted to distract.

Each Valentine had five songs and the chance to buy a chocolate or a rose along with it for a little more money.

These sales went faster than expected and almost everyone had the chance to witness someone get sung to or get overwhelmed with harmonies.

While some may think this was just a way to get something interesting to

happen during Valentine’s, there’s a lot more to the story.

Usually, every sports team, FFA, FCCLA, and other clubs or activities have some sort of clothing to show pride in their groups. The Aria Treble Choir and their teacher, Kaitlyn Ipson, felt like they needed a piece themselves to show their group pride.

However, custom hoodies, shirts, or other apparel are expensive, so Ipson came up with the idea to do a fun

fundraiser.

Ipson and a selected number of choir students had a booth during lunch for two weeks selling the Valentines. At the end of the second week, they sent out the singers to go serenade some students.

There were students who were embarrassed and a student even ran out of the room. The teachers even got some sort of embarrassed.

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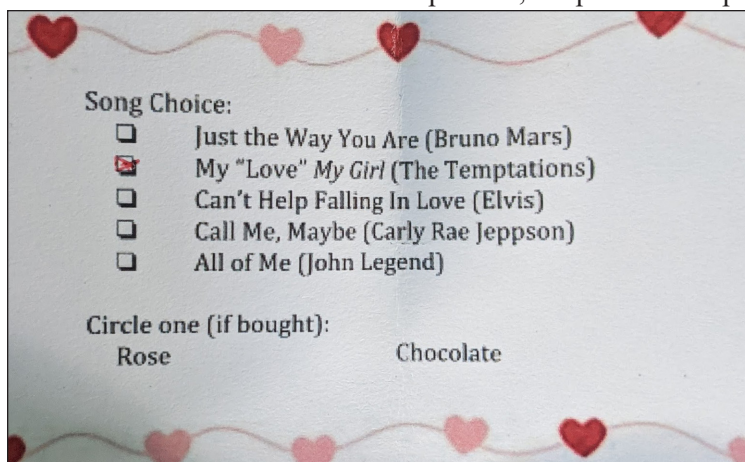


PHOTO BY **TERRY MUSSER**

A card shows the song options for the Singing Valentines.



Athlete Spotlight: Makenzie Jessop

By **THOMAS KEATE**

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Track season is upon us and the athletes are getting prepared. One outstanding athlete is Makenzie Jessop who is a senior at WCHS. Jessop has participated in track and field since his freshman year, showing his diligence in the sport.

Jessop says that he enjoys participating in track and field as long as he doesn't have to run. Jessop currently holds the school record in discus and is tied in shot put. He is also the best discus thrower in the WCHS track and field region.

If you talk to anyone who knows Jessop they will tell you that he takes his athletic prowess seriously. He is practicing two different activities this year – discus and shot put. Hunter Wixom, WCHS track and field coach, said, “[Makenzie]

tries his best and was the team captain last year.”

Jessop said he started participating in track, “Cause I wanted to learn how to throw a spear, like my ancestors, and because I wanted to assert my dominance on the 7th graders.”

He plans on participating at state this year in discus and shot put. With the new track season comes the chance for athletes

to prove their metal.

Jessop's goal is to beat every record the school has in the events he is competing in this year.

Many athletes that participate in track and field speak about the effect that exercising can bring. Exercise has been proven to help you live a longer and healthier life. If this has given you some motivation to participate in track and field, or you already wanted to participate, then talk to Wixom.



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Makenzie Jessop (left), WCHS track and field athlete, gets his trophy in May 2019 at the state 1A track and field meet.

Wrestling team bring medals home

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The 20-21 wrestling season has officially come to an end.

Wrestling is a sport that focuses solely on each individual competitor and the combined scores from how each athlete performed is where you place as a team. The senior student-athletes were Luella Darger, Meg Fischer, and Merci Jessop. The wrestlers headed off to the State Tournament to compete. Those who qualified were Lester Barlow, Terence Cooke, Luella Darger, Meg Fischer, and Merci Jessop. Lester Barlow took 4th place, Luella Darger placed 5th, Meg Fischer placed 3rd, Merci Jessop placed 2nd, and the Girl's Team took 10th place overall.

Drew Mills, WCHS wrestling coach,

when asked how this season was different from last year, said, “It was super weird because you had to wear a mask all the time at the tournaments until you were up next to compete, and having to COVID test every 2 weeks.

It was just way different.” Lester Barlow, WCHS student and wrestler, said, “My season was great. My favorite part was learning new moves that were used on me so that I won't be put in that situation again.” When asked what

his goal for the season was, Mills said, “My goal for the season was getting everyone to place at state, but mostly to just have a fun time and enjoy the experience.”



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School administrators pose with the girls wrestling team and their coach after the state wrestling tournament where each wrestler earned a medal, and WCHS took 10th place.



Girls B-ball ends, seniors celebrated

By ROSA JESSOP
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This school year's basketball season that was full of ups and downs came to an end and was wrapped up by Senior Night. Senior Night is a night that celebrates the senior athletes on the team, typically set on the last home game of the season. The coaches thank the parents and recognize the senior athletes' hard work, accomplishments, and dedication to their sport. This year went a little differently, however. Senior night for the Lady Wildcats was celebrated

early on Thursday, February 4th.

The next night, Friday, February 5th, the Boys Basketball

team celebrated their Senior Night, and the girls played a home game as well. The graduating athletes were Barb Alkema, Shamron Jeffs, and Aunika Johnson. Due to Covid-19, the basketball season was unable to start until December, though it usually starts in November. The two-week mandate issued by former governor, Gary Herbert, pushed tryouts all the way to the 24th of November.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLY STRATTON

Senior members of the Basketball team pose with their coaches during WCHS Girls Basketball Senior Night at the end of the season.

Boys end season with 6-11 record

By THOMAS KEATE
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It is the end of basketball season and it went great! The basketball season went well and the varsity team had an average of 54.1 points per game. This year's team did well compared to the varsity 2019-2020 team's 50.6 points per game average but the team did worse in terms of percentage of wins. The boys basketball team ended the season with six wins and 11 losses overall which, when you consider the bracket our basketball team is in, is a good figure. Despite the difficulties of having a global pandemic occurring during this season the team did their best. Brad Garrett, WCHS basketball coach, said, "I expected this year to be awesome. We had a lot of players

returning so expectations were high." Garrett continued, "We didn't do as well as I thought we would have but the boys worked hard and there were still plenty of successes during the season." The basketball team had to get tested for COVID every two weeks. Joe Jessop, WCHS student and basketball player, said, "The testing didn't affect us as much as I expected it to." Garrett agreed, and said, "Luckily COVID didn't affect us too much. We only had a few issues with it but overall it was not bad." If you didn't get the chance to watch them play I would highly recommend watching the new varsity team next winter. Many of this year's basketball players are seniors and graduating this year. Garrett said, "We will surely miss the seniors that are graduating this year

and wish them the best of luck! Thanks boys!"



PHOTO COURTESY OF YEARBOOK STAFF
WCHS boys basketball players attempt a shot during a game earlier this year.



Track and field shoots for first place

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The track and field season is in full swing and WCHS is having its best ever season in the history of the school.

The team is split into two sections: the track segment and the field segment. Track is anything and everything done on the track which encompasses all running and hurdling events.

Field is everything that is done off of the track; it includes all throwing and jumping events.

Our track segment is doing well this year due to our exceptional student athletes' hard work and WCHS track and field coach Hunter Wixom's excellent coaching.

Wixom said, "We are doing well, we are doing better than I thought we would."

Wixom also said, "The boys right now are sitting second in state and first is not too far away."

The team placed first at the Bryce Valley meet on April 23.

The team is still available to join if you want to test yourself physically or just enjoy hanging out with friends in a competitive environment.

Our school has numerous track records which are all beatable if you put in the effort. Makenzie Jessop, WCHS Senior, said, "Beat me if you can you freaks."

See current school track records in the chart below.

Event	Athlete	Record	Event	Athlete	Record
100M Mens	Hyrum Fescher 2021	11.47	100M Womens	Krista Holm 2018	14.22
200M Mens	Jesse Barlow 2019	24.67	200M Womens	Krista Holm 2018	29.60
400M Mens	Jesse Barlow 2021	53.24	400M Womens	Krista Holm 2018	1:05.17
800M Mens	James Jeffs 2019	2:07.32	800M Womens	Krista Holm 2018	2:33.10
1600M Mens	James Jeffs 2018	4:57.22	1600M Womens	Merci Jessop 2021	6:25.19
3200M Mens	Theil Cooke 2021	11:01.38	3200M Womens	Luella Darger 2021	15:50.71
110M Mens Hurdles	Hyrum Fescher 2021	16.88	100M Womens Hurdles	Merci Jessop 2021	18.14
300M Mens Hurdles	James Jeffs 2019	42.98	300M Womens Hurdles	Merci Jessop 2019	53.79
4X100M Mens Relay	2021 Relay Team	46.67	4X100 Womens Relay	2018 Relay Team	57.30
4X400M Mens Relay	2019 Relay Team	3:53.72	4X400M Womens Relay	2019 Relay Team	5:24.50
SMR Mens (2-2-4-8)	2021 Relay Team	3:56.66	SMR Womens (2-2-4-8)	2021 Relay Team	4:57.97

Athlete Spotlight: Moroni Holm

By **MAKENZIE JESSOP**

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Moroni Holm, WCHS senior, is a natural at throwing shot put and discus. He has been doing field for two years and has already thrown over 110 feet in Discus and 33 feet in shot put. Like many throwers his best throws are in practice, but he is working day and night to increase his throwing ability as he gets closer and closer to crossing the distance required for state.

Holm said he joined field because, "the thought of Wixom running

intrigued me, so I had to see it for myself."

Holm joined for the appeal of training with Wixom but stayed for the joy of improving himself through practice, exercise, and testing his capabilities.

Holm's goal with discus was to qualify for the state meet, which he has accomplished, and now he hopes to place at the state meet.



PHOTO BY **MAKENZIE JESSOP**

Moroni Holm throws a discus at a meet at Desert Hills this season. Holm hopes to place at the state meet this track and field season.



Festival focuses on Fantasy Art skills

By **TERRY MUSSER**
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On March 24, the Fantasy Art Festival was held at Hurricane High School. This event is an art competition where a selected group of students from nearby Utah schools go to HHS and have four hours to create a piece of art. Some categories of art fall under Myths and legends, imaginary worlds, technology, sculptures, and cosplay. The judging takes place on the same day as well, letting students take home awards the day they make the art. However, the biggest catch is that every piece must be made at the event; students aren't allowed to bring their own references, aren't allowed to look up references, and can't sketch anything beforehand. Recently, students from WCHS,

including myself, went over with canvases in hand ready to make the

most of the event.

We arrived at 8 a.m. and created a

piece within four hours. Afterward, the judging began and I came back to school with an Honorable Mention ribbon. It was an experience of seeing other schools come together to show off what they were capable of. Hopefully, some went home feeling inspired and hopeful of what they were capable of.

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The author poses with their piece for the Fantasy Art Festival, which garnered an Honorable Mention ribbon. *More photos on page 10.*

Juniors earn top ACT scores in WCHS history

By **THOMAS KEATE**
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March 23 is a day that many juniors will remember; it was the day the ACT was administered at WCHS.

The ACT is a standardized test to gauge a student's academic ability and knowledge.

The testing at WCHS went well. The librarian, Nancy Wikan, who is also the school's testing coordinator, said, "I thought it went really well."

This year's juniors performed better overall than any other year in the school's history, with an average score of 17.8.

The school was let out for all the other high school grades during testing hours on the day of testing as required by testing policy. After testing, students were allowed to go to school and get help from teachers if they needed it.

Drinks and snacks were provided during the break between the tests. The test lasted from the opening of school to lunchtime, where the juniors were allowed to go home. Hunter Wixom, WCHS math teacher, said, "it went okay," talking about this year

versus last year's ACT testing.

Wixom continued and explained that there weren't any technical difficulties, which he was grateful for. Many people had heard of the SAT, but not many have heard of the ACT. The main difference between the ACT and the SAT is the ACT is focused more on knowledge, whereas the SAT focuses more on ability.

The acronym ACT originally stood for American College Testing, showing the main reasoning behind having a standardized test.

Standardized tests help to gauge one student's academic prowess using the same scale as another student who lives on the other side of the country. Standardized tests are often used for college admissions and class prerequisites.

However, because of COVID and studies coming out showing the biases, and unreliability of standardized tests, many colleges are removing the requirement for the ACT or SAT scores, replacing them with GPA requirements.

It still is to be seen what will happen to standardized testing, but I bet the juniors are happy to be done with it.

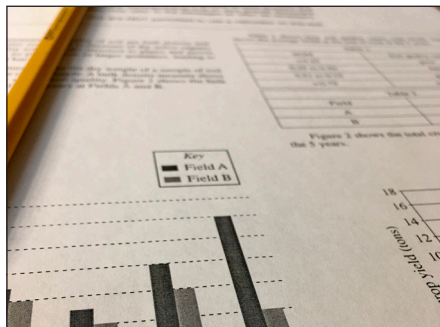


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Photo illustration shows an ACT practice workbook.



The history of Valentine's Day

By **MORONI HOLM**

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What is Valentine's Day and why do we celebrate it to this day?

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the entire world a variety of gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

In Rome in the year 268 A.D., Emperor Claudius II wanted a fierce team of brave, young, bustling, sterile men to fight in his armies. He thought that when young men were in love or sharing their lives with a wife and children, they tended to be more cautious and worse soldiers.

In the pursuit of ensuring large numbers of soldiers for his armies, Claudius outlawed marriage for those poor young men.

Thomas Keate, WCHS student, said, "I love women and they love me, but I have also never fought in a war."

Claudius outlawed holding hands, but he could not stop it. Young men still fell in love and wanted to get married in the eyes of the church.

A priest named Valentine thought the law was horribly unjust. Being the brave and gentle soul he was, Valentine continued performing marriage ceremonies in secret and hidden from the eyes of authorities.

Rumors of Valentine's secret ceremonies made its way back to Claudius' ears. The priest was found, tarred and feathered, and then put to death on February 14th.

Centuries later, the Catholic Church made that priest a saint.

Every year we celebrate the death of The Saint Valentine and we do it with a smile.

At WCHS we celebrate Valentine's Day with hordes of singers and chocolates. William Wixom-Burdick, WCHS English teacher, said, "I was at a swim meet with my wife on Saturday and by the time we had returned home it was too late to have a fancy dinner, but I had a good time."



PHOTO BY MORONI HOLM

Wil and Nataly Wixom-Burdick pose for a Valentine's Day-themed picture. The history of the holiday originates in third-century Rome.

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Wilkinson said that having peers available to help students is important to provide support beyond what the counselors offer. "The most valuable thing about the Hope Squad is that they watch out for their friends/peers," she said. "Most times when students are having issues they don't want to talk to an adult so having the option of a peer makes most students more comfortable with opening up."

Tess Neilson, a senior and Hope Squad member, joined because students and staff nominated her, because people feel safe telling her stuff.

Her favorite thing about the Hope Squad is helping people get through hard times. The most valuable thing she learned from the Hope Squad is ways to learn how to help people get through tough times.

Annie Jessop, a junior, is also a member and her favorite thing about the Hope Squad is to learn ways to help people and communicate with people, reach out and make connections with people and help people feel noticed and involved.

Right now there is a website for counseling with the Hope Squad. The website is wchscounseling.weebly.com. When you enter their website, click the "Sign up to talk with a Hope Squad member" button underneath the summary of the Hope Squad.



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Alli Farrar, WCHS art teacher, took the students down herself to compete. "There were a lot of inspiring things about the competition," Farrar said. "Everyone was on level ground for the competition and everyone walked away with new thoughts of creativity. Another thing was that everyone was supportive of each other no matter what school you represented. I heard several times 'Wow I love your Art; it's awesome!'"

One big thing many kids and teachers took from this day was how unique and creative people can be. Everyone there had an idea in mind and set their hearts out to create it.

Elizabeth Aldrich is a WCHS student who attended.

She has been to a few before, and enjoyed it this year as well.

"It was a fantastical experience. I was so happy I could go with some of my friends," Aldrich said. "For people who would be interested in the future, especially people who love to do art, it's a great memory and fun trip to just chill with other weirdos."



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A few of Carly Stratton's, Exec. Council advisor, family members and some of the Exec. Council members helped with the dance. Barb Alkema and Kaitlyn Stubbs led a line dance, which got people excited to be there.

Domonic Layton, WCHS freshman, said, "It was lit. My favorite part of the dance was the decorations and the blacklights. The funnest song to dance to was probably the country line one." Terence Cooke, WCHS freshman, said "The music and blacklights made it really fun."



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OPINION

Students, use intervention time well

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Intervention time is the return of advisor time from many years ago. The WCHS administration decided that students needed more time to work on their homework so they implemented an intervention time.

Intervention time lasts for 25 minutes, but if you weren't tardy for more than five classes and you don't have any grades below a C, you can leave early for lunch.

When you leave early for lunch, you leave ten minutes early allowing you to skip the big line at lunch.

The rules during intervention time are much the same for a normal class time

such as no phones, and no going to other classrooms.

Intervention time is helpful because it allows students to have the time to keep on their schoolwork.

Many students probably think that intervention time isn't helpful but for many it is.

To have the ability to work on homework at school helps to limit the amount of homework that students have to do at home.

Many students don't have the time after school to do homework so having the time in school to do can make a difference.

I think the faculty did the right thing in creating intervention time, but take

my opinion lightly because I will be leaving this school in May.

I do not know if intervention time will be here next year, but if it is then it will be up to the next year's students to critique this event.

The more time you have to do schoolwork at school the better because I think that the virus has affected the course loads of students.

The teachers have less time during each of their classes but overall I don't think intervention affected classes very much. If you don't have anything to do during intervention time it can be quite boring but as long as you use your time wisely you will find some use of intervention time.

Netflix is failing its teen viewers

By ROSA JESSOP
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Right off the bat this topic sounds extremely controversial, and that's because it is.

This is just my opinion and you don't have to care so don't be offended.

Once upon a time, Netflix had good movies -- movies that people enjoyed watching.

And now, with each new movie Netflix releases, I lose a few more brain cells.

They already took off *Gossip Girl* and *The Office*, how much worse can it really get?

Have all of the show writers lost their credibility? The only reason I still use Netflix is because I like to binge watch *Greys Anatomy* on the weekends, and watch *Stranger Things*, and because I'm still waiting for *Outer Banks* season 2.

But anyways... the sequels to the *To all the Boys I've Loved Before* movie...absolutely horrible.

I mean the first movie was cringe enough, but tolerable, and then they came out with a second one, and then a third one. It

actually causes me physical pain. And they did my boy John Ambrose so dirty.

But the worst one of all is *The Kissing Booth*. The cringiest movie ever made, and then they came out with a sequel. Rumor has it that a third movie is in the works, which is actually horrible news.

Let's not even talk about experiencing the triumphs and defeats and the epic highs and lows of high school football. Also the 35-year-old actors playing 16 year olds in *The Vampire Diaries*. You're not fooling anybody. Nothing against my dudes cause that show is pretty litty, but I would not mistake Stefan and Damon for teenagers if they were a mile away.

I actually have a lot of pent-up rage towards a lot of these shows, but you probably couldn't tell because I hide it so well. Also the *After* movie...uhh! The acting is well... "acting," and it's definitely a movie. And they came out with a sequel for that one too, but both of the movies were equally horrible, so I guess it's not that big of a deal.

However, if you ever catch me watching one of these shows that I just crapped on, it's fine, everything will be fine.

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Hygiene is vital; wash your dang hands

By **MORONI HOLM**
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Water Canyon High School has a variety of students from different cultural and economic backgrounds. Despite the differences between our students the majority agree on one thing: good personal hygiene. It is important and practicing it will only benefit you. Good personal hygiene prevents illnesses and other medical issues, like being stinky, and it helps foster personal relationships as well.

Proper hygiene practices reduce the spread of illness and risk of medical conditions that are the result of not taking care of oneself.

Good personal hygiene increases one's self-confidence and positively impacts personal relationships.

Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to maintain personal hygiene and to halt diseases in their

tracks. Be sure to wash your stained foul hands frequently and especially after tasks such as taking out the garbage, using the restroom, blowing snot out of your nose, coughing and coming into contact with someone who may be sick.

You need to make sure you are washing your hands properly. Human hands are what have afforded us our amazing ability to craft both impressive skyscrapers and miniature motherboards.

Treating humankind's most useful tool poorly is nothing short of savagery and disgusting.

To wash your hands properly you must wet your hands with clean water and apply soap, lather your hands by rubbing them with soap. Scrub your hands for the duration of how long it takes to recite the alphabet, rinse your hands well then dry your hands with a towel or air dry.

Be sure to bathe, if you decide to skip

bathing you will smell like you look and look like you smell, which is to say horrible.

It is recommended to shower or take a bath at least three times a week. Washing your body, like washing one's, hands removes dead skin cells and dirt and is a preventative measure to reduce the risk and spread of disease.

Wear clean clothes and be sure to wash them with a detergent. Dirty clothes harbor bacteria that leads to body odor or could even result in a skin infection.

Brushing and flossing daily matters, a smile in which teeth look like a city skyline and smell sewer-like is never attractive. Brush your teeth often preferably twice a day, once in the morning and once at night, and to floss at least once a day.

An award winning smile is like a strong handshake; it lets people know that you take care of yourself without ever having to see your daily routine.

Pros and cons of graduating early

By **TIFFANY COOKE**
CANYON CHRONICLE STAFF

I am going to graduate this year and I would love to inform you on what I think of it.

I think if you despise school just like myself you should look into it.

Although you have double the classes and a ton of pressure, you're going to get done faster than everyone else and have your high school diploma.

You can get your life started sooner than everybody else and get the long 12 years of school out of your way.

I think the most important pros of graduating early would be the fact that you can get your high school diploma and get a

job and get started with your life.

Without the stress of school you have the time and opportunity to fully spend on working and earning as much money as you possibly can.

Once you reach the financial goal you are going for you can leave this town and get a taste of the world.

The cons of graduating early would be leaving your friends behind.

If you don't have any friends then you're golden.

Their pros for graduating early outweigh the cons because you're already ahead in life. You have your high school diploma and you're ready to start living.

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Friday intervention: a proposal

By **TERRY MUSSER**

CANYON CHRONICLE STAFF

Everyone in the school seems to agree with the idea that Fridays are the best part of the week; it's the end of a five-day-long period of learning and an upcoming weekend to finally rest.

However, I personally think that the way Fridays are set up is somewhat time-wasting.

Every Friday, each class only has a short amount of time to do their work, and you go home, feeling like it was a catch-up day or a day where a teacher shoved homework into your weekend because they didn't have enough time for the lesson.

This is even more noticeable with the new COVID plan of having Fridays being shorter than they used to be.

I propose the idea that Fridays, instead of just removing the day in general, be an intervention day.

Think of it like this: you go to your homeroom class for the roll, and you go to a class you need to catch up on for the whole day.

This could allow clubs to come together and plan their projects and plans, and work on what they need. This could be helpful for the Exec. Council as well.

Every time they have an assembly, they wouldn't have to speed up the teacher's teaching and do it when they

can for as long as they need.

This could be one big tag day too. If a teacher needs you for a class, but many others do as well, with intervention day, you can go to each of them for as long as you need.

The only opposition I can find with this is a teacher that needs to do lessons on these days.

We can fit in lessons for teachers if they absolutely need to, like taking tests and finishing something from the last class. However, once they're finished, the students can go on to work on what they need and ask teachers for help if needed.

One big downfall from this can have students roaming around hallways or wasting time, thus proposing another idea.

Each student has their own list that's assigned to them of assignments that they must do or are behind on.

There may be students that are on top of everything, and they can get benefits like going to a room to just hang out or be more ahead, having early lunch, or if they're super achieving, to have the day off.

This may seem like a huge thought that is super hard to achieve, however, it is just an idea to help Fridays not feel like traffic in Salt Lake City.

Why join track and field?

By **MAKENZIE JESSOP**

CANYON CHRONICLE STAFF

Track and field is the best sport because you have the ability to throw projectiles at children, and it's OK -- in fact, they encourage it.

According to myself, Wixom 1 can bench 800 pounds, while Mr.

Garrett can only bench a measly 300.

In my four years of track, I have personally seen Wixom 1 giving love advice while throwing a shot put 50 feet.

Pros of joining track include:

Wixom is essentially our father;

Wixom 1 will challenge you to a 100 meter race and then make Hyrum race for him; Wixom 1 will fill you in on all the exotic foods he's inhaled over the years. The most important pro, of course, is that you get new experiences with your homies.

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Having a helping hand can improve your planning for college, so take advantage of the opportunities you have.

Donna McIntyre, office registrar, said, "Make sure you're in touch with your counselor. Be proactive."

Being proactive can help you in your progress to attend college and graduate with a degree. Always take advantage of the help available to you, and you will be successful.

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Otherwise, it would be extremely difficult to attend. Haggard said she knew about this triathlon race but had no idea that there was one held in St. George until her daughter volunteered 4 years ago.

Haggard helped her and her school and was a captain the next year.

"I want the people of Hildale to understand what a unique experience this is," Haggard said. "There are just a few places around the world that host the Ironman Race, and St. George just happens to be one of them. I hope to see more and more participation each year."

Some of the members of FCCLA have stated how much of a unique experience it is. Luella Darger, a member of the club, said that her favorite memory was when a racer gave her a bracelet because they thought that she was charitable to them. "I would recommend students to volunteer because it is a fun experience."

If you're interested in volunteering next year, see Haggard or Mackey next spring for more information.

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Once it warms up, the Exec Council will be doing a lot more things outside like lawn bowling, kickball, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, chalk contest, flag football, spike ball, and volleyball.

Stratton says from her experience that people that participate in lunch activities have more fun in school because they have a little bit of fun, instead of working the whole time.

If there are any games or suggestions for lunch activities please inform the Exec. Council or Stratton about it and they will see what they can do.

The Exec. Council challenges students to convince more teachers to come participate so you can get more points and the opportunity to beat them and have bragging rights for the rest of the year.

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In the end, they made enough for each choir student to pay less for a hoodie than they would have before.

"It was super exciting for sure," a choir member said. "I was really nervous for a minute but being with my group helped a lot."

A lot of students had a great time and many said that they want to be able to do it again next year.

The group came together to talk about the pros and cons of the fundraiser and found many great things from it.

While it was the first time for them, they felt like they did very well. So, when next year rolls around, prepare yourself to be serenaded to; or prepare to serenade someone you wish to attack with kindness.

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COVID testing every two weeks and limited seating and masks at the basketball games is what made it possible for athletes to play.

For the first few games of the season, athletes were given two tickets that they were able to give to any adult age 25 or older to watch them play, because those most at risk for spreading COVID were people between the ages of 16-25.

As the season went on, athletes were given a few more tickets that they could give to anyone to watch them play.

There were also a few games that all WCHS students were invited to watch with a ticket from the office and/or an athlete.

Ben Klepper, WCHS agriculture teacher and Girls Basketball coach, said, "The senior night went really well. It was nice to honor the seniors and thank their parents for their time and commitment."

When asked how the season went overall, Klepper said, "This season was really different from last season due to COVID and having only a varsity team because of our small number of players. We had a few girls that couldn't play for two weeks at different times because they were quarantining, which ultimately made it harder to get together as a team to practice. It was a good season and we're expecting a lot more people to join next year."



Student spotlight: Hyrum Fescher

By MORONI HOLM
CANYON CHRONICLE STAFF

Senior track athlete, Hyrum Fescher is one of WCHS's top athletes.

Hyrum excels in every event he participates in to the point where his peers feel inadequate.

Omar Barlow, WCHS student, said, "Hyrum is a good athlete; that is all."

Hyrum holds the school records in the long jump at 22 feet and 3 inches, the high jump at 6 foot 1, and the 100 meter dash at 11.47 seconds.

Hyrum has collected an



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impressive 5 first place finishes this track season alone.

Despite his successes this season, he is not taking it easy for what is left of it. Fescher said, "The season is my best yet, but I am still working to improve because I think I can take my events further than I thought possible."

When asked if Fescher was a resplendent athlete, Hunter Wixom, track and field coach, said, "Hyrum this year has set 4 individual records and one relay record. He has won first in the long jump in every meet he has participated in this year."

4th Quarter Events	Dates
Throwback Week	March 22-26
Throwback Week dance	March 26
Exec. Council election	April 6-9
Talent Show	April 23
Prom Night	April 24
Ballroom Team dance performance	April 28-29
Spring Fair	Cancelled
Spring Dance	May 7
Dream Festival	May 14
3 on 3 B-ball Tournament	May 19-21
Graduation	May 24
Last Day of School	May 26

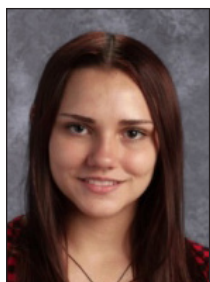


Student of

CTE



Perris Cooke is a junior in Garrett's class. He chose her for student of the month because she is a good example and works hard in class. "The world could use more Perris Cookes," Garrett said.



Nancy Dutson is a sophomore who was picked by Garrett for her good attitude and for always being on task in class. "Wish I had more Nancy Dutsons in class," he said.

English



Terry Musser, a junior, was picked by Wixom 2 for student of the month because of their excellent academics. "Terry has the highest grade percentage of all Language Arts 11 students and is always willing to participate in class discussions," he said.



Sandra Black, a junior, was chosen for her hard-working attitude. "Sandra is a dedicated student who is focused on her classwork. She is self-driven and always does her best," Wixom 2 said.

Fine Arts



Keenan Johnson, a freshman, is in Ms. Farrar's photography class. He was picked because, "he is great always gets his assignments done early and then helps students if they are struggling without being asked. All around great student!"



Braken Johnson, 7th grader, is an art student in Farrar's class. Farrar chose him because, "he is a great student, is always working on his assignments and is always willing to try new things! He is nice to everyone he meets and tries to be friends with everyone."

Math



Robin Rohbock, 8th grader, was chosen because Ms. Layton said she "is one of the hardest working students I know. She will work the whole class, gets caught up if she misses a day, and will ALWAYS ask questions if she had any!"



Brandi Holm in 8th grade is a student of the month. Ms. Layton said, "she works harder than others, asks for help when she needs it, and most importantly, she gives her best!"



the Month

Physical Education



Lester Barlow, sophomore, was chosen by LeBaron because of his happy and hardworking attitude. LeBaron said he is, "always in a great mood. Always the hardest worker in class."



Esther Nielsen, 7th grader, was picked because she is a go-getter. She "always goes above and beyond expectation. Gives her best at everything she does," LeBaron said.

Science



Johnathan Timpson is a sophomore who was picked by Hagerty because he "is always willing to help his classmates understand the material."



Vanessa Jessop, a senior, was picked by Hagerty because she works so hard. "She is a very determined student who wants to be sure that she understands the material and takes the time to come in and get help if there is anything that we weren't able to go over in class," Hagerty said.

Social Studies



Chris Jessop, a sophomore, is a pick from Mr. Mackey for student of the month for World Civ. Great job!



Travis Spendlove, a sophomore, is a student of the month in sociology for Mr. Mackey's class. Awesome!

Spanish



Lorin Allred, a sophomore, is a student of the month for Spanish 2. He received the highest score on the AAPPL Spanish proficiency test. Wixom 3 said, "overall, this class exceeded my expectations on this test and Lorin especially killed it."



Amber Harker, a junior, is a pick for Spanish 2 because she works hard to understand new vocabulary and terms. "You can always tell she is focusing on what we're talking about in class and it pays off with how much she can understand," Wixom 3 said.



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Birthdays

- May 1 -- Brian Harker
- May 3 -- Rulea Steed
- May 8 -- Deanna Harker
- May 8 -- Jacob Musser
- May 8 -- James Musser
- May 9 -- Debbie Jessop
- May 11 -- Shaylee Holm
- May 12 -- Wendell Barlow
- May 12 -- Jared Harker
- May 14 -- Emily Woodard
- May 16 -- Terence Cooke
- May 18 -- Carolanne Barlow
- May 19 -- Bryony Timpson
- May 21 -- Ashlee Timpson
- May 22 -- James Hammon
- May 24 -- Alexander Barlow
- May 24 -- Mahonri Barlow
- May 24 -- Paula Barlow
- May 25 -- Teque Cooke
- May 28 -- William Steed
- May 30 -- Robin Rohbock
- May 31 -- Nathanael Allred
- May 31 -- Domonic Layton



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The newspaper staff will approve any entries, and there will be a small prize for any entries that make it into the newspaper.



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