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On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine with full force in an escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War that began in 2014. Vladimir Putin's true motives are uncertain, but his army is truly getting a run for their money. The world is cracking down against Russia with big corporations like Coca-Cola and Starbucks suspending their business in the country. The ruble (Russian currency) is getting less valuable as the days continue. Will Putin continue this for much longer? Ukraine's military is not as big as their enemy's, but their efforts are exceeding all expectations. Even their president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, is bearing arms with troops and survived three assassination attempts. In the midst of all the chaos, this destruction is reaching all points of the world with the help of a social media platform, TikTok. TikTok is a short video sharing app that allows users to create and share videos on any topic. Soldiers and civilians from both sides are documenting their experiences while the rest of the world is watching.

Even a village like Woodlawn can be involved in situations like these. Will Drake, a 2019 graduate from WHS, is currently serving in the Air Force and is stationed at Ramstein Air Base in southwestern Germany. He will serve an additional three years as base security and has been enjoying his time in service. As for the United States' stance on the war, Drake indicated that the US is deploying more troops eastward preparing for the worst, along with distributing more artillery and funds to Ukraine. The community is proud to have one of our own serving in the military and wishes the best for Will and others' futures.

Wriffer by: Alyssa Pedtke

Each month, WHS's Newsletter Team will choose a student to spotlight and, along with that, we will tell you about their

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DEBOARD OF QUOTES

Meet Jacy Knox! She is a junior with a very interesting schedule. 1. American History: Currently, she is learning about Social Darwinism and Social Reform in the late 1800s with Mr. Trill. 2. College Trigonometry: Mr. Witzel is teaching the class about trigonometric identities. 3. English: Ms. Rapp is preparing students for the SAT. 4. Resource Management: Mrs. Montgomery is explaining the different kinds of taxes. 5./6. CNA: CNA stands for Certified Nursing Assistant, Jacy takes this class at MVTHS. She is currently

learning about fluid intake/output and nutrients. Thank you, Jacy, for taking us through your day!

Mriffer by: Alli Downes

If you're looking for a fun career to express your creativity, cosmetology could be for you! There are many perks that come with being a cosmetologist. To start, you could schedule appointments based on your personal schedule. This could be helpful when THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING THE NEST

making sure you could attend any other important events coming up. If you wanted, you could own your own business and work for yourself, which is what some people prefer. This is a great job if you love interacting with others because you would likely meet tons of new people. In this business, you have the opportunity to make others feel confident in their own skin and feel good about themselves. You also have the chance to express creativity and show off any of your artistic abilities. There are many different options for what you might do when entering the cosmetology field. Some examples are hair cuts and styles, manicures/pedicures, and non-permanent hair removal such as waxing. There are some classes you could take at WHS to get you on the right track to be a cosmetologist. By taking chemistry, you learn to mix chemicals which could come in handy when mixing hair color or dyes. If you plan on owning your own cosmetology business one day, taking some of our offered business courses could be helpful for getting you on the right track for your career. After high school, you could attend Rend Lake College and earn an Associate's Degree in cosmetology, all while being affordable and close to home. If you think this could be the career for you, don't let the opportunity of becoming a cosmetologist slip through your fingers!

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Wriffer by: Gracie Loss



Having a total of nine seniors, the Lady Cardinals began their softball season with a full and seasoned roster. With seven of their nine starters returning, the team looks to be defensively strong and also an offensive threat. Additionally, the Lady Cardinals have made a few changes to their coaching staff. As Coach Matt Patterson resigned after 12 years, Wes Harris took the position as head coach, and joining him on the coaching staff are Kyle Ritchey and Jacob Frick.

With opening day on March 14, the Lady Cardinals faced the Lady Redbirds from West Frankfort. After eight long innings, the Lady Cards fell short 7-6. Sadie Mellott pitched four innings, giving up zero walks and having two strikeouts. Caitlen England pitched three innings with zero walks as well. The team had a rough game at the plate with only four hits but drew nine walks. Izzy Frick led the team with a 0.400 batting average and two stolen bases against the West Frankfort Lady Redbirds.

As they continue on with their season, they are creating goals for not only themselves, but for the entire team.

One of them is to bring home a regional title.

Come out to Woodlawn High School and support your Lady Cardinals as they go deeper into their season! You can find their schedule online at woodlawnschools.org.

Mriffer by: Kodie Van Eycke

BEHIND THE SCENES



Every month, WHS's Newsletter Team is going to take a behind-the-scenes look at an aspect of our school—from roles played to history made. This can be a person, place, or thing in the school.

There are many parts of WHS that so many of us know and take for granted. This can be found in the classrooms, teachers, and the general facilities. However, there may be something that has just been burning you with curiosity: why is there an extra girls' bathroom but not an extra boys'? Why do guys have to cross Freshman Hall just to use the restroom?

The answer is fairly simple: space restrictions. Years ago, the high school went through a remodel of facilities that included the oncepresent boys' restroom where the now-present Freshman Hall is located. Since at that time there was only one gym, they had put a boys' and girls' bathroom on either side of the gym. Now that there is the hallway with the new gym, they had to take out that bathroom. Due to a lack of space, they did not reinstall a second boys' bathroom and simply kept the second girls'. However, despite that lack of second restroom, there are still ideas and rumors floating of expanding the current restrooms in the building. The lack of a second bathroom, while miniscule compared to other things, is still a part of WHS's history.

Wriffer by: Ben Garner

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WHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

This month, our WHS newsletter team has chosen to focus on Future Farmers of America (FFA). This club is for anyone interested in farming and agriculture. They have monthly meetings with their club sponsor, Mrs. Morgan. Gracie Lowery says, "The meetings are

great. They are relaxed, but we still get through the info we need to and it is overall a fun environment." They recently celebrated FFA Week in which our school had an exciting week of recognizing different elements of the club, such as Western Day and Wear Your Favorite Tractor Color Day. They also celebrated Drive Your Tractor to School Day in which students participated and parked together at the back of the parking lot. FFA has participated in many activities this year. Some members competed in a bowling tournament against area schools where they won 1st and 3rd. Gracie Lowery, Trenton Loman, and Daven Flota went to a freshman quiz bowl where they answered FFA trivia questions. Sadie Mellott and Sarah King received their State Degrees, which is a big deal in the ag business. You must reach certain tough requirements to earn this degree. Sadie Mellott also placed first in Section 21 Proficiency in Beef Entrepreneurship and 3rd in District Proficiency. Daven Flota says "I have enjoyed almost everything about FFA so far. My favorite thing was probably Drive Your Tractor to School Day. I also like doing the ag-related stuff I am actually interested in doing." FFA is a great club to have fun and learn more about the agriculture business!

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