



**The Wellington-Napoleon**

# **Prowl**

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## **Weekly Score Recap**

### **Girls Basketball:**

JV/Varsity @

JV/Varsity @

### **Boys Basketball:**

JV/Varsity @

JV/Varsity @

### **Girls vs Oak Grove**

Varsity: (W) 55-35

JV: (L) 21-30

### **Girls vs Crest Ridge**

Varsity: (W) 54-37

JV: (W) 11-9

### **Boys vs Oak Grove**

Varsity: (L) 46-75

### **Boys vs Crest Ridge**

Varsity: (L) 53-65

JV: (W) 40-29

## **To Cancel or Not to Cancel**

By Elliot Zeiler

Whether or not a school calls a snow day impacts students as well as their parents, making a decision that affects so many people is not an easy call. When the school decides that the roads are too dangerous, kids don't come to school, and parents either need to stay home or find a babysitter on short notice, this problem is exacerbated when it is called early in the morning. A student expressed this sentiment.

"... they should make it a PM decisions only"

Though it would be more convenient for students' families and the staff, it would result in not coming to school for several days, days that we could be at school. Predicting road conditions ahead of time is nearly impossible, so they must test them in the mornings, which is the reason why we often have school called in the morning. One staff member explained this.

"You never can predict what the temperature will do in a few hours or how much traction the roads will receive to make them better to travel on."

The administration has the students' best interests at heart and makes decisions to ensure our safety but also that they provide us with a quality educational experience. When the roads are bad in the morning, but later in the day the temperature is supposed to get above freezing, they must decide to do a late start. I heard many grumblings on Tuesday when we had an early start, but sometimes an early start is necessary. This was put into words by a response to my survey.

"I think it keeps us from being on unsafe roads-especially on days when the temperatures improve road conditions from the morning commute to later in the day-and it helps us maintain seat time."

Whether you believe that we should or shouldn't have late start days, we can all agree that the administration has a tough decision. I hope I've quelled any of my readers' discontent towards our admins, and that you might understand the position that they are in a little better.

## **Upcoming Schedule**

### **Girls Basketball:**

1/30 V vs. Excelsior Springs @

Richmond @6 pm

(Richmond Tournament)

2/3 V vs. Carrollton @ Home @5:30 pm

2/4 JV/V @Concordia @5 pm

2/7 V vs. St. Paul @ Home @5:30 pm

2/11 JV/V @Santa Fe @4 pm

2/13 JV @ St. Paul @6 pm

### **Boys Basketball:**

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(Richmond Tournament)

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## ~Sports Section~

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### **Coaches' Corner**

By Blake Peterson and Nick Molle

#### **Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Report With Coach Mefferd**

Question: What can be learned from your previous games vs. Oak Grove and Crest Ridge?

Mefferd: "Most importantly against a quality opponent like Oak Grove that we must be focused for four quarters. We played even with them for two quarters and lost focus for two."

"Crest Ridge was similar except we battled back to get the win. Again, if we would have been focused and ready to play, we may have won by more points and felt better about our performance."

Q: Did the recent snow days have an impact on the performance?  
Mefferd: "I think it is difficult with the holidays, snow days, and during varsity tournaments to keep the JV team focused. But those are all things that we can't control so there's no point in worrying about them. We concern ourselves with what we can control and that's our effort and attitude during practice and games."

#### **Varsity Boys Basketball Report With Coach Hughes**

Question: What can be learned from your previous games vs. Oak Grove and Crest Ridge?

Coach Hughes: "We learned from the Oak Grove and Crest Ridge games that if we play with passion and play together on both ends of the floor we can be successful."

Q: Did the recent snow days have an impact on the performance?

Hughes: "The snow days allowed us to install some different things on offense that we needed to work on. We also needed to get our focus back on defense, which we are starting to do."

Q: Did the recent snow days have an impact on practices?

Hughes: "When there is a snow day, we open the gym for anybody that can make it in. If they are unable to make it into the gym it is not held against them in any way."

#### **JV Girls Basketball Report with Coach Shannon**

Question: How do you guys prepare with snow days and how does it affect your routine?  
Coach Shannon- "We prepare on snow days the same as a regular day with practice. If we can practice, we make it optional, but the girls come in and we do business as normal."

Question: When you guys started the season, did you think that you guys would still be undefeated all the way through January?  
Shannon- "Being undefeated is not something that I thought was a possibility. We have had some tough opponents but the girls have shown up ready to play."

Question: What are your current thoughts on the Richmond tournament?

Shannon- "Besides one conference school the opponents in the Richmond Tournament are new to us which will be nice to play against new players and systems."

#### **Varsity Girls Basketball Report With Coach Hampton**

Question: How do you guys prepare with snow days and how does it affect your routine?

Coach Hampton- "We always have to wait until we get the ok from the administration if we can practice on snow days. Some days we are allowed, and some days we aren't. It does mess with our routine, but the girls have done a good job of responding".

Question: When you guys started the season did you think that you guys would still be undefeated all the way through January?  
Hampton- "No I didn't, the girls have really done a nice job so far of competing and answering the challenges we have set for them."

Question: What are your current thoughts on the Richmond tournament?

Hampton- "It is a different tournament for us, which is good because we are playing several different teams that we don't see. It's always good to see some different teams since most of our conference schools are in our other tournaments."

## ~Sports Section~

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP

BY NATE FLORENCE

#### CONNOR WEEDMAN

**Q** How is your senior basketball season going so far?

**A** “It’s going really good this year; we stay in a lot of games.”

**Q** What is your favorite memory in basketball?

**A** “When we won districts my sophomore year.”

**Q** What is the one thing you are really going to miss after basketball is over?

**A** “Playing the sport.”

**Q** How do you show your leadership to your team?

**A** “I think I lead by example.”



#### LILY MCCLAIN

**Q** How is your senior basketball season going so far?

**A** “Pretty good, I enjoy cheering for everybody and playing with my team.”



**Q** What is your favorite memory in basketball?

**A** “My favorite memory was last year for me and when we lost sectionals. We all were sad but everybody ended up cheering each other up.”

**Q** What is the one thing you are really going to miss after basketball is over?

**A** “How the team comes together in practice, practice is always fun with the team and I just love how we can always laugh and make practice fun even when it sucks.”

**Q** How do you show your leadership to your team?

**A** “I shout out plays so everyone can hear. I cheer them up on the sidelines, I like making people feel better about a simple mistake because in a close game a mistake can change the whole team mood and I like being able to let them know that it’s ok and we can do this together.”



**GO TIGER BASKETBALL  
WELL-NAP**

### Leading Left-Handed

By: Maximus Caton

Bree Shannon is a very important part of the team here at Wellington-Napoleon. She has a total of 218 points in the season so far, and she leads the team with a total of 72 rebounds. But The one thing that stands out the most is her left-handed layup and how good she is at it. Other players on the team say: “it’s her signature move, and she finishes strong with it”. This layup is her go to in many games. If you want to see this for yourself come and watch the Lady Tigers dominate the court.

# **~Clubs Check~**

## **Artist Feature: Savana Scarborough**



By Lily McClain

Savana Scarborough has many artistic talents including performing arts and visual arts. She not only has amazing talents in

her sketches and drawings but she does exceptionally well in the school drama club and has picked up many major roles in past musicals. "I really like drama and band. My favorite is probably drama though, because it is a lot more laid back," said Savana. This year in the musical *Shrek*, she plays a minor role as one of the pigs which I am sure will be amazing! In band she plays quads and alto sax for concert band. Outside of school Savana spends her time working on her piano skills, "It's the only real instrument I have stuck with and enjoyed through the years". It's clear to see that Savana is one talented person and I look forward to seeing her artwork and concerts soon!

## **Courtwarming is Coming**

By Jacob Middleton

STUCO is hard at work preparing for courtwarming coming up from February 10th through 14th. STUCO has also been handed out the matchmaker surveys for students to fill out. Students have the option to pay three dollars for the results of their survey and see who their match is. The money from the surveys will be going towards the club as a fundraiser.

## **Cenny's Komplaints Korner**

This week's complaint is about the Cenny's Komplaint's Korner and how annoying Nathan is trying to get content from him. **"You're being annoying and I need you to leave me alone" -Kenny**

## **Drama is Swamped**

By: Nathan Davis

This week's focus was on the drama club and their preparations for the upcoming show, *Shrek: the Musical*. Coming fresh out of tryouts, Whitney Bachman-Twombly, the Drama Director, had this to say about the tryouts, "I am particularly excited coming off of auditions. Students did a great job and really made it difficult to choose, in the best way possible. I am also really excited for the younger cast members trying leads for the first time and we even have a few that are totally new to the stage!"

She also gave me permission to post the audition results this week so listed below are all the parts that the students are playing:

Shrek: Elliot Zeiler  
Donkey: Annie Milligan  
Fiona: Chloe Young  
Lord Farquaad: Andrew Travis  
Dragon: Charli Lewis  
Gingy: Avery Todd  
Pinocchio: Aaron Maples  
3 Pigs: Savannah Scarborough and Haileigh Piepmeier  
Humpty Dumpty: Jared Stevenson  
Fairy Godmother: Aletha Mansell  
Wicked Witch: Audrey Garrett  
Big Bad Wolf: Ava Todd

The fairy tale characters will pick up more parts so some may end up going by different characters if they choose.

I also talked to Whitney Bachman-Twombly about her maternity leave and if it affected the club in a negative way and she responded with, "Not at all, I think, if anything, being on leave has given them more confidence. They did a great job on Haunted Hallway and finishing the set without me. Seeing they can do that without me here, hopefully shows them how phenomenal they are and helps boost their confidence."

The cast and the school has high hopes for this upcoming performance and it is certainly going to be a night you won't forget.



## ~A Slice of Student Life~

### Introducing Staff to Community

#### Interview with Mrs. Jarman

By: Amber Merritt & Kara Walters

**Q: What's your favorite color?**

A: "All of them, but I'm partial to earth tones"

**Q: What's your favorite art project to teach?**

A: "A tie between teaching the use of texture and value in artwork because the use of both transform the way we produce a finished product."

**Q: What's your favorite part about being a middle school cheer coach? Do you plan to continue coaching?**

A: "My favorite part is building relationships with the cheerleaders and other middle school athletes."

**Q: What do you like most about being an art teacher?**

A: "I love the variety of students and their abilities. I love the creativity I personally get to use, and I love seeing the creativity that students have to offer this crazy world."

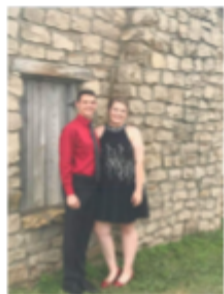
**Q: What are your hobbies outside of teaching?**

A: "Playing with my daughter, artwork of course, photography, gardening, camping & exploring nature and spending time with family."

### Senior Spotlight: Jacob Middleton

By Lily McClain

Jacob Middleton may never have as many views on TikTok as his brother, but I don't think his brother can do a backflip into a parkour move while throwing a knife. No roast intended. Although parkour and knife throwing/collecting are extreme hobbies of Jacobs, he also involves himself very much in school. He is a varsity Esports and track player and also is a member in the following clubs - FFA, FCA, FBLA, NHS. Junior year track, Jacob received a gold medal in high jump which led him to his first letter here in Wellington-Napoleon. He loves video games and actually last year brought the attention to the staff (with the help of Nathan Davis) of starting an Esports club for the school. His favorite game to play is Call of Duty, typical for a highschool boy I would assume. One thing I am sure of his skills will take him very far in his future career. Good luck Jacob Middleton!!



## Hobbies on the Homefront

**This week: Ava and Avery Todd**  
**Written By: Presley Barker**

Here in the WN Yearbook Staff we were out hunting for interesting hobbies that our students have, and this week we found out that the Todds have very opposite hobbies. Ava's hobby is knitting and Avery's is working with technology. We were interested to find out more about both! We went to interview them and this is how it went:



**Q: Can you tell me a bit about your hobby?**

Ava: "I got interested in knitting because my Aunt made me a blanket and I wanted to learn more about it. I only know how to do a knit stitch but I am working on learning purl stitch. I have made a few collars for my dog and a pretty long scarf."



Avery: "Currently my hobby includes 3D printing, fixing phones and computers, working on servers, and creating and configuring internet networks with my home internet network. I usually find things I'm interested in through the internet, and put together projects based on things I see others doing, mainly."

**Q: How long have you been doing this hobby?**

Ava: "I started knitting around early November so I'm pretty new to the hobby."

Avery: "I've been fixing phones and computers since the start of middle school, so about 5 or 6 years. But I've always had a thing for computers and tech really forever."

**Q: Why do you like your hobby?**

Ava: "I enjoy knitting because it acts as a stress reliever and I genuinely like the hobby since there are so many different patterns and things to create."

Avery: "I'm not sure the exact reason I enjoy these things, but I think it's because I like seeing how I'm able to create things. Being able to have a physical device and set it up via software, then see it

run is just really exciting and cool to me. My parents like to do things themselves rather than hiring someone, so that probably goes into why I do, too.”

## Home of the Brave: Jacob Dillon

### Q: What made you decide to join?

Jacob Dillon: “I have always wanted to serve and some of my family was in the army.”

### Q: Is anyone in your family in service or was?

Dillon: “My grandpa and my uncle were both in the army.”

### Q: Have you done anything to ready yourself for the Army?

Dillon: “I have gotten into better shape and been working out more to get myself ready.”

### Q: How long do you plan/want to serving?

Dillon: “I am taking a 3 year contract and depending how I like it at the end of that I will decide if I want to be in it longer.”

### Q: Have you always wanted to join or is this a recent decision?

Dillon: “I have been serious about joining for the last 2 years.”

By: Olivia Pence

### Important Notices

- Senior Class will be hosting a blood drive, Wednesday February 19 in the elementary gym from 1-6.
  - We need 33 more donors to get \$500 in scholarship money!
- FCCLA will start selling carnations January 24th! Carnation sales go through Feb 10th! Carnations are \$1.50 each. See an FCCLA member or Mrs. Fahrmeier to place your order.
- Seniors interested in applying for the Kids First Education Foundation Scholarship note the date change. The due date for this is now February 12.
- All sophomores interested in attending Lex La-Ray please make sure you turn your applications in by Feb 3 to Mrs. Shannon.

## ~Community Quarter~

### Cancellation Information

Column by: Gracie Hager

### Have you ever wondered how and why weather related cancellations happen?

They are a total of 300 square miles in our district. Our buses have a combined 107 stops each way, totaling 214 stops a day. Out of those 214 stops, 146 are on a gravel road, which means about 70% of our bus stops everyday are on gravel. This is usually the reason we have additional snow days compared to other schools. With all of the square miles to cover across our district boundaries, Mrs. Hampton works with many different departments across several towns and counties including, MODOT, Wellington Road District, City of Wellington, Wellington Road District, City of Napoleon, and Odessa and Lexington Road District.

### Late Starts

A late start is a 2 hour late start and the buses would be on the roads at 8:40 am, so the road conditions would have to greatly improve from the normal departure time at 6:40 am. Late starts are only effective in situational conditions. Generally a late start is used for temperature purposes or black ice, where sunlight would help with visibility.

### Cancellations

During bad weather days, Mrs. Hampton drives a 70 mile route that runs through Wellington and

Napoleon hitting on highways, blacktop and gravel. Sometimes she will drive in the evenings and sometimes in the mornings around 4:30 am. Ideally, she would like to make a decision to cancel by 8 pm the night before. If bad weather comes in overnight, she will drive the roads in the morning and try and make a cancellation by 6 am if possible. When the decision is made to cancel, she will send a Tiger Text out first, then a Facebook post is made. Finally, the news stations are contacted to scroll our school name. From the time a decision is made by her to the time it is published through all of the sources in less than 10 minutes. No news means School is in Session!

### Upcoming Elementary Events

By Leighann Briggie

WNES has several events coming up in the next month!

- 2/3 Little Cheer Night
- 2/4 5th Grade Garden Club
- 2/6 Rainforest Animals Assembly
- 2/11 4th Grade garden Club
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 2/18 3rd Grade Garden Club
- 2/25 2nd Grade Garden Club

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