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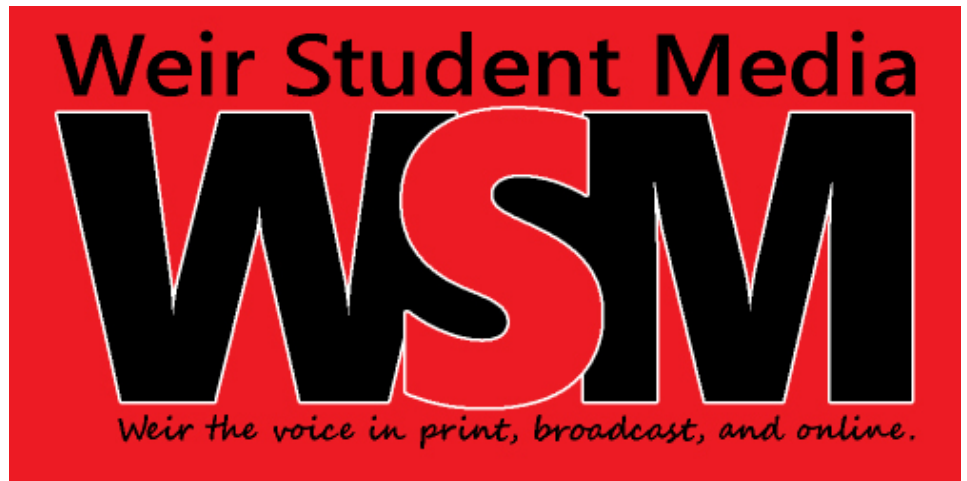
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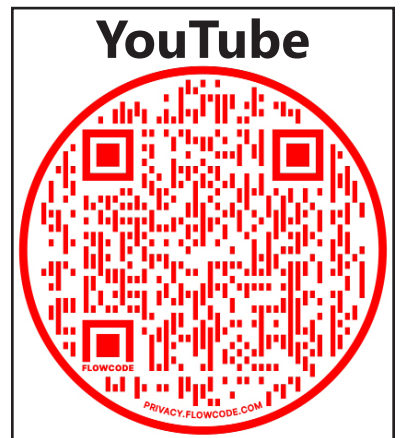
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November Ballot Issues: What you need to know

By Paisley Tice

Early voting for the general election is already underway with Election Day scheduled for Tuesday, November 8.

This year, Hancock County residents, including Weir employees and 18-year-old students

who are registered, will vote on three issues that could critically impact Hancock County Schools and the state's public education in general: the Hancock County Schools Excess Levy, Amendment 2, and Amendment 4.

Before heading to the ballot box, here's a breakdown of the issues:

The HCS Excess Levy

Locally, the HCS excess levy is up for renewal. This levy has been in effect for 75 years since the 1940s and has never been voted down.

The levy, last approved by voters in 2018, would last five years beginning July 1, 2024 and bring in \$8,644,774, according to Joe Campinelli, chief financial officer of Hancock County Schools.

Because it is a renewal, it will not add new or additional taxes; it will simply continue the existing taxes. The levy provides funds to the school in addition to regular funding. On this year's ballot, the levy proposes that funding go towards free school lunches, counseling and therapy services, maintenance, CTE classes, and staff and coach salaries. It also proposes cuts toward technology, safety measures, and medical services, because the state now provides some funding towards them.

If the levy does not pass, those services and more will be cut, which stands to impact the entire county, not only schools but also the population, economy, and more.

State Amendment 2

Amendment 2 is the Property Tax Modernization Amendment. If passed, it would give state legislature control over 27% of funds brought in through personal property tax.

According to Ballotpedia, in 2018, revenue from these taxes gener-



ated \$523.9 million – 65.3% allocated to schools, 27.2% to counties, 7.1% to municipalities, and 0.4% to municipalities.

The amendment would change Article X of the West Virginia Constitution to exempt tangible personal property (machinery, equipment, and inventory) used for business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxes.

Currently, the state constitution exempts "property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers" from taxation.

Supporters of Amendment 2 say that eliminating taxes on personal vehicles, equipment, technology, and inventory will help families and grow the state's economy.

On the other hand, opponents worry that there is not a clear plan to replace the lost revenue and that eliminating these taxes would cause a loss of millions of dollars that fund local public schools and many other public services. Schools, fire/police departments, libraries, parks, and other publicly funded organizations would bear the weight of the tax cuts. For schools, these cuts in funding could result in pay cuts and layoffs for teachers and other staff as well as loss of instructional materials, technology, equipment, building supplies, and other needed resources.

A "yes" vote supports amending the West Virginia Constitution to authorize the state legislature to exempt personal property (machinery, equipment, and inventory) used for business activity and personal motor vehicle property tax from ad valorem property taxes.

A "no" vote opposes amending the West Virginia Constitution to au-

thorize the state legislature to exempt personal property (machinery, equipment, and inventory) used for business activity and personal motor vehicle property tax from ad valorem property taxes.

State Amendment 4

Amendment 4, the Education Accountability Amendment, proposes the WV Department of Education be added to this law. Legislature then has the power to change or reject the policies.

According to Ballotpedia, West Virginia's constitution currently states "the general supervision of the free schools of the State shall be vested in the West Virginia board of education." And the board shall perform "such duties as may be prescribed by law."

This amendment would add that the board's authority over general supervision of public education is subject to a requirement that its rules and policies must be submitted to the legislature for review and approval, amendment, or rejection according to a process determined by the legislature by law.

Teacher training, student discipline, and curriculum would all be in the hands of the state legislature if Amendment 4 passes.

One argument for the amendment is that education is a crucial part of children's lives and should be monitored.

Opposers of the amendment are worried that state legislators with no background in education and no knowledge of local dynamics could abuse their power and restrict the freedom of local boards of education and teachers to make the best decisions for their students.

A "yes" vote supports requiring the State Board of Education to submit its rules or policies to the legislature to approve, amend, or repeal.

A "no" vote opposes requiring the State Board of Education to submit its rules and policies to the legislature to approve, amend, or reject.

Halloween Has Gone to the Dogs (and Cats, too)

By Nataleigh Snarey

Halloween for Hounds has been a tradition in Hancock County Schools for ten years to benefit the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

This year, the event ran from Thursday, Oct. 27 through Monday, Oct. 31. Five schools in total across the county took part in the charity event and raised \$3,872. Weir held their event on Oct. 27 as part of Brooke Spirit Week. Approximately 250 students participated and raised over \$708.

This generosity will help provide food, bedding, and other necessities for the animals.

Principal Kristin Bissett said, “Weir has participated in Halloween for the Hounds for the past five years, when possible. It is a great way to collaborate with other schools in the county to raise money for a great cause.”

Senior Ty Lyon stated, “I dressed as Jack Sparrow because it was the night before and I found the wig for \$10 and had to get it!” He also said, “It felt good to donate because it is a good cause and made me feel like a good person.”

Freshman Liam Williamson said,

“I chose to be Luigi because his name starts with ‘L’ and so does mine.” He added, “It made me feel like a better person [to donate] because it’s a good cause, and I love dogs.”

In interviews with WTRF Channel 7 News, those involved said this event does so much for the kids and the animals.

Weirton Elementary School assistant principal Carla Carinci-Bell, who has helped organize the event since the beginning, said “Rescue’s the way to go to help all these animals that die across the country in animal shelters and it’s so important to teach young children compassion and empathy and humane education and to teach them how important it is to be kind to not only people but to animals and to do the right thing.”

Carinci-Bell got the idea in her first year as an administrator at Weir Middle School.

She said, “It represents a love for students, community service, kindness, compassion, and animals.”

Director of the Hancock County Animal Shelter said, “I love it. It’s wonderful, it’s great that they’re thinking of us and supporting us. I think it’s great to show the



Lyons long locks were similar to social studies teacher Jason Angle, who dressed as his prediction for the future version of Harry Olenick.

kids that you can give back and you can do something fun.”

In the ten years of the event, Hancock County Schools students and employees have raised close to \$15,000 for the shelter, and organizers plan to continue the charity event for years to come.

Those interested in adopting a pet can contact the Hancock County Animal Shelter by visiting their Linktree (scan the QR code) or calling (304) 387-4102.



Snow White Preview A behind-the-scenes look

By Tanner Finsley

The cast of Snow White has been working for weeks to be ready to perform the show. Thus far, many actors, actresses, backstage crew members, and the director each have had a chance to develop an opinion on the production’s progress. The Director, Corey Miller, has maintained a high level of confidence in the production’s progress, stating, “We are midway through the process. I think people will be surprised by the student talent involved. We have a lot of first time performers and they are doing an excellent job.”

One of the first time performers, Leila Schwer, who is taking the reigns as Snow White, said, “I am very happy and excited I got Snow White! I have a huge amount of responsibility on memorizing lines and blocking, but I think I am doing well!”

Performing isn’t the only aspect of creating a show, however. Much work comes from the people working back stage. One such person is this year’s stage manager, Channing Swear-

ingen, who is taking on the role for the first time. When asked how it felt to fill this role for the first time, they stated, “It feels strange. I’m so used to having Abby (the stage manager for last year’s show) help that I don’t know what to do or think.”

However, all is not bad for them, as evidenced when they were asked about their favorite things about rehearsals. They said “My favorite thing about rehearsals is that I get to see the progress that all the actors are making with their characters.”

Through it all, the show continues to rapidly approach the deadline, which has elicited a reaction from the cast and crew.

When asked her feelings on opening night, Schwer responded, “I am very excited for opening night! I think it is going to be amazing and the theater will be packed!”

Likewise, Channing was asked this same question, with this being their response, “I’m fairly excited, as well as nervous.”

The Snow White Cast List	
Role	Cast Member
The Magic Mirror	Eve Swearingen
Snow White	Leila Schwer
The Queen	Lillian Roberts
Queen's Alter Egos	Leanna Bissett
Huntsman/Prince	Jason Lipovich
Grumpy	Maxwell Bilodeau
Sleepy	Makenzie Stear
Happy	Savhanna Swidowski
Dopey	Tanner Finsley
Bashful	Carly Campbell
Doc	Caden Runkel
Sneezy	Brianna Swain
Stage Manager	Channing Swearingen
Stage Crew	Emma Underwood, Logan Wagner, and Eltzabeth Lawton
Sound	Gracie Beagle
Lights	Bethany Berry

Finally, Miller said, “There is always a certain energy that happens during a live performance. It is like electricity in the air. The only way to experience it is by being in attendance. So, buy your tickets before they are gone!”

A New Band Director

What are her plans for the year?

By Nick Parker

A new band director is finally here.

Samantha Lash, the new band director, was impacted dramatically by music. High school band and other musical activities made her want to be someone who could be involved with music every day. She originally went to college for music technology, but she realized it was not the career path for her. After Lash volunteered to help her high school band, she knew she wanted to teach music. She went to Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for three and a half years and graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education.

Lash then moved to Yuma, Arizona for one year and taught the high school band program there. Feeling homesick, she returned home and searched for a job. When she saw the opening for the Weir High Band Director position in September 2022, she applied and was hired. Her first day on the job was October 3rd.

With Marching Band coming to a close, the band must tran-

sition to Concert Band season. Lash has many plans for concert band and the overall learning of the band, including “establishing a culture of learning and fun within the band, producing successful performances that the students can be proud of, and building intermediate technique across the ensemble.”

The band is currently working on Christmas music for their Christmas Concert. The songs they will be performing are African Bell Carol, A Christmas Festival, and more!

Lash stated, “I am willing to go outside my comfort zone in order to grow as a teacher and a person. ‘Hug the cactus’ take that risk and become better for it.”

Lash is helping the students improve their skills every day. She has created many new warm-ups for the band and is teaching students new skills.

Now that the students have had a chance to transition from the former director and interim substitutes, they have developed their own opinions of Lash.

Senior

S a v a n n a Moore stated, “I think that she is going to bring lots of new and good things to the band.”

Junior

Jordan Wiseman stated, “I think Mrs. Lash brings great energy to the band.”

Junior

Kylie Bartoli



Lash instructs her Music Appreciation class at Weir High.

stated, “I like how she gives us time to practice what we need and she seems to know what she is doing.”

Senior Matthew Jagela stated, “As an aspiring music teacher, Ms. Lash believes in me as well as the rest of her students. I will definitely copy and paste some of her methods into my curriculum.”

Now that the band has a director, its members feel more comfortable and confident working toward upcoming performances and competitions and will continue to grow.



A professional head-shot of Lash.



The band performed at Weir High's senior night.



weir caffeinated

By Angela Paull

Teacher Carrie Gillette started a coffeeshop, Weir Caffeinated, with her students in early December of last year to help students with work skills they'll need in the future as part of a statewide initiative to improve workplace readiness skills in the high school curriculum.

Bradley Price, a senior who attends JDRCC for Graphic Designs, designed the logo (seen above) for Weir Caffeinated.

Gillette said, "We partnered with WV DRS (WV Division of Rehabilitation Services) through a grant, which provided us with the funds to start and maintain a coffee shop."

Along with teacher Kayla Violet, they help their students run Weir Caffeinated, selling coffee to about 35-40 teachers at both Weir High and Weir Middle on Tuesdays and Fridays.

They sell hot and iced coffee

with or without flavoring from different sauces and syrups. The picture to the left of the menu has the different flavors. They have an option of a sweet cream foam topping for the iced drinks. They also sell a variety of hot and iced teas.

Gillette said, "We charge \$1 for tea and black coffee and \$2 for iced coffee or coffee with flavoring. This basically helps our coffee shop operate and allows us to pay students to work Weir High Basketball games or other activities outside of school when we open the coffee shop."

In addition to Basketball games, they sold coffee at Meet the Teacher this year and provided coffee for the winning of Halloween for Hounds.

There are about 30 students this semester who are involved in some way with the coffee shop. The students wash dishes from the coffee shop, deliver or



First, Justin drops off and picks up order forms for each staff member.



Jason fills up the pot with water so the coffee can be brewed.



Wellington prepares to make the coffee by measuring out the grounds.



Gillette, Jason, and Shawn set out cups and label teacher last names on them.

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der forms to teachers, collect order forms, prep cold coffee/make cold foam the day before coffee day, make ice in their ice maker, record orders for the week of billing information, write out billing slips for teachers, deliver billing slips to teachers, write out labels for coffee lids for Tuesday and Friday, sort orders per coffee/tea, clean the coffee shop, and put clean dishes away once they are washed.

The jobs are distributed among students from Gillette, Violet and Sarah Alkire students. Gillette is responsible for getting schedules and supplies together.

When asked in an interview about what the best thing about doing this project Gillette said, "It is a great way to teach workplace skills in the real world. All of the students involved get a Food Handler's Card through the Hancock County Health Department that they can use if they get a job in the community. Stu-

dents also gain a greater respect for their responsibility within the coffee shop."

She added, "Some students specifically do not miss school on coffee day because of their jobs in the coffee shop. Students learn how to be part of a working team."

These students gain skills that they'll use throughout their lifetime.

When asked about students' responsibilities, Camari Howard said, "Basically like making sure everyone gets what they need and everyone has a special part in the coffee shop."

When asked if work-

ing in the coffee shop is difficult, Lucas Waugh said, "Not really I do mess it up sometimes but is not that hard."

Violet said she decided to collaborate on the project because "it was a good opportunity for my students to learn skills that would be good for them to learn for after high school."



Finally, Lucas delivers the beverages to each staff member. Above, he gives secretary Michelle Petrella her drink.



Bianca puts syrups and sauces in the coffee cup according to the order sheets.

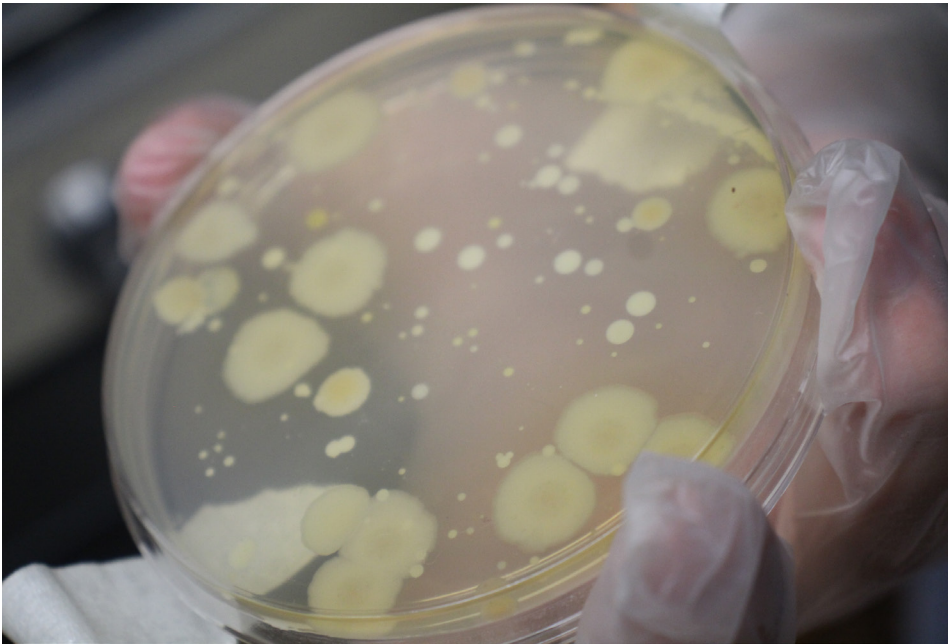


Victoria pours coffee into the cups to fulfill the orders.



Isabella places the coffee in a holder so it can be delivered.

WEIR Cleaning Up



The petri dish above contains staph as well as unknown microorganisms swabbed from G-Building trash can.

By Izzy Bernola & Jordyn Ferguson

With the help of biology teacher Deanna Williams, Weir Student Media staff conducted a microscopic investigation experiment to see what kind of bacteria resides at Weir.

Inspired by a session during a recent journalism field trip, students wanted to test the theory that most bacteria are not harmful. They swabbed nine different items around the school and incubated them for 24 to 48 hours (about 2 days) at around thirty-seven degrees Celsius. Williams was able to help them identify the types of bacteria found on each item. A proper disposal technique was used at the end of the experiment.

“While it was pretty evident from the plates that you did, that we saw a lot of staph and

strep species bacteria that grew on those plates, its important to keep in mind that healthy, normal humans carry a lot of strep and staph species , as well as a lot of other things that have other yeast and bacteria on their skin...” said Williams.

A keyboard in the library of G building was swabbed. There were many forms of bacteria found on it. In the experiment, the forms of bacteria that were found were streptococcus, staphylococcus, a form of fungus, and an unknown microorganism.

Another item swabbed was the main office door that leads into the building. Let it be known that this door is open to the public, meaning everyone can touch this door. The door held bacteria such as streptococcus, staphylococcus, and fungus.

Furthermore, a locker in

G building was swabbed and the bacteria that we had found on it were streptococcus and staphylococcus. There was nothing else found on this locker due to the fact that only one person touched it.

On the copy machine in the library, there were many unknown microorganisms, along with streptococcus and staphylococcus. The reason for this is because there are many teachers that come to the library looking to use this copier.

Found on the G Building Railing was the same strep and staph that is found all around the school. A lot of this bacteria is bacteria that travels around with us on our hands. When the bacterium from our hand touches the railing, it gets transferred over to the railing.

Unbelievably, the vending machine was one of the cleanest things that was swabbed. Found was a little bit of strep here and there, but it contained mainly of staph. Being that this is one of the most touching things throughout the day, it is being cleaned well.

Credibly, the red roll on the paper towel dispenser was one of the items swabbed that carried the most bacteria. The agar plate was uncountable for staph. There was extraordinarily little agar showing. Found on the plate was also the tiniest bit of strep.

Lastly, a trash can was swabbed. Believably, it was the thing that showed the most bacteria. Found were five different microorganisms that were not able

A microscopic investigation of bacteria around the school

“Healthy, normal humans carry a lot of strep species and staph species, as well as a lot of other things that have other yeast and bacteria on their skin...”

- Deanna Williams

to be identified by students or Williams.

None of these results reflect on the cleanliness of the school necessarily. Weir’s maintenance and custodial staff work extremely hard to keep this school clean and to provide a healthy environment for our students and staff. Most bacteria found in schools, and elsewhere, are completely harmless to humans, and we just carry it around with us on our skin in our day-to-day lives. According to the National Human Genome Research Institute, bacteria can be found everywhere on Earth, including inside schools.

The two most prevalent bacteria found throughout the students’ experiment around Weir High School were strep and staph.

Strep, otherwise known as streptococcus, is a bacteria found

on many surfaces that can cause many diseases, such as strep throat, scarlet fever, impetigo, necrotizing fasciitis, cellulitis, streptococcal toxic shock syndrome, rheumatic fever, and post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis. Let it be known that the strep bacteria found in our school is not in any way harmful to our students.

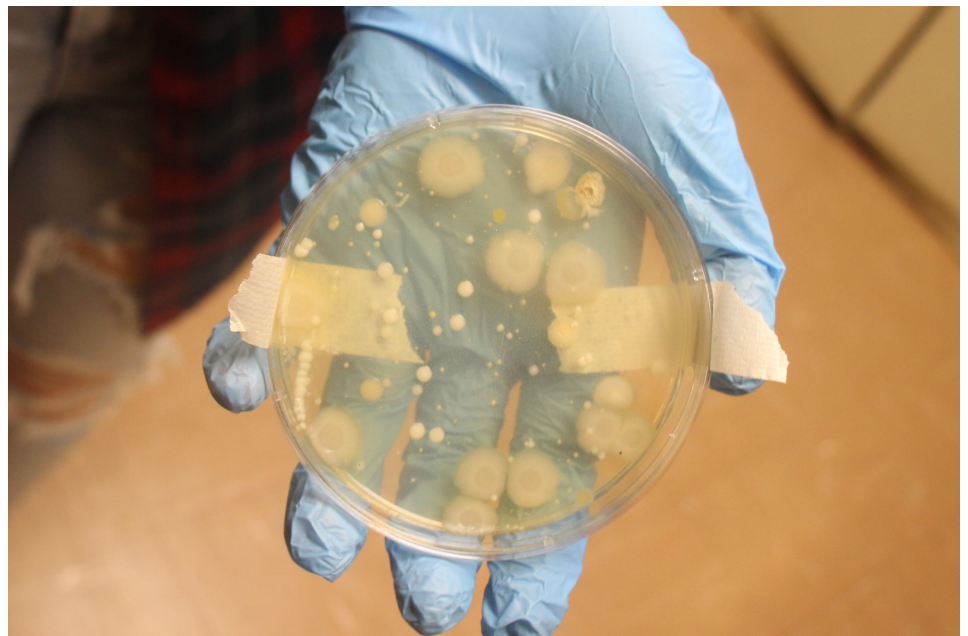
Some symptoms of streptococcus infection include a rapid onset throat pain, painful swallowing, fever, headache, and rash. There, also, may be red and swollen tonsils; that may feature white patches or pus; swollen, tender lymph nodes in your neck; and tiny red spots on the area at the far back end of the roof of your mouth.

Staphylococcus aureus, more commonly known as staph, is another bacterium found in public areas. It is not harmful to

the students, but it can cause skin and tissue infections. These infections include abscesses or boils, furuncles, and cellulitis. Staph infections can lead to bloodstream infections, bone, and joint infections or even pneumonia.

There are many symptoms of a staph infection. According to the National Health Service, these include a painful red lump or bump on the skin; hot, red and swollen skin; sores, crusts, or blisters; and red, sore eyelids or eyes.

To prevent staph and strep infections, keep your hands clean by washing them regularly and keep any wounds or cuts covered and washed at all times. Hygiene is especially important when it comes to getting rid of these types of bacteria.



The petri dish above contains staph and strep as well as unknown bacteria along with a small amount of fungus swabbed from a keyboard in the library.

From Freshman to Senior:

A View from Ninth Grade

By Johnny Kirlangitis

Going from middle school to high school can be a tremendous change for most students, and it is an even bigger transition for athletes, as high school and middle school sports are vastly different.

One key difference between middle and high school sports is the level of seriousness. In an interview freshman volleyball player, Illionna Kirlangitis said, "Something I miss most about middle school sports is messing around at practice be-



cause you don't mess around in high school practice."

Others explained that it can be particularly challenging playing a high school sport. Mainly because of the difference in age between a freshman and a senior. A freshmen student could be 14 years old while a senior could be



18 years old.

Freshman soccer player Lorenzo Liberto explained, "The upperclassmen tend to have more



experience than us, they are usually better so when we scrimmage them, they beat us."

Most of the freshmen students seem to face similar challenges with strength, speed, and experience. Freshman soccer player, Dawson Evans stated, "They have more experience and sometimes, or almost always bigger and stronger"

Many freshmen asserted



that one of the best things about high school sports is the lifelong friendships you create with their teammates.

Freshman soccer player Kalen Kuhns said, "Being able to play with my friends and being

with upperclassmen is one of my favorite things about playing a high school sport"

Some of the other freshmen had a similar response to Kuhns.

Freshman volleyball player, Amalia Kirlangitis explained, "Even though the upperclassmen tease us a lot of the time, they have become some of my best friends and I'm so grateful for the friendships I have made."

The freshmen class members had a lot to say about their relationships with their teammates.

Hopefully the freshmen class has been enjoying their time here at Weir and continues to participate in extracurriculars in future years.

An Exchange Student Perspective



Though he isn't a freshman, not only is Albert Scheibel a first year athlete, but it is also his first time in United States.

Scheibel is studying abroad from Denmark. He said he is enjoying his time here in America a lot.

He added, "Playing soccer here in the U.S. is very different from playing soccer in Denmark, but it is way more fun."

Albert also joined the football team as their kicker.

Weir athletes share their experiences



A View from Twelfth Grade

By Elijah Anderson

As the fall sports season draws to a close, Weir's senior athletes are facing the end of their high schools' careers. The school offers many sports such as Cross Country, Golf, Football, Cheerleading, Marching Band, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Dance Team, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Bowling, Boys Track, Girls Track, Wrestling, Tennis, Swim, Softball, and Baseball.

Many seniors expressed how they felt about their seasons coming to an end.

Gage Hawkins Varsity football player, and member of the boys' track team said, "I will miss the memories and playing with my teammates." Madison McDonald, a member of the dance team, says she will miss dancing with everyone, and dancing at the sports events.

Izzy Bernola, member of the cheerleading squad, and the girls track team says she will miss connecting with people that she wouldn't be able to connect with without that sport.

As these seniors play for the



last time, they start to think of all the memories that they made.

Madison McDonald, a member of the dance team, said, "My favorite memory is performing our

routine from Christie for the first time at Meet the Team."

Lindsey Fayak said, "My favorite memory on the soccer team was when I scored a goal at Edison last year."

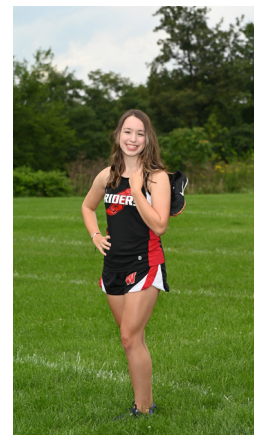
Some of seniors expressed their advice for the underclassmen.

Aries Bennet says, "Get along with everyone, do what you are told, and be kind'.

Izzy Bernola said, "My favorite memory is when I went to the states for track my sophomore and junior year".

Tanner Finsley says he can't pick just one memory because he's made so many.

Many of the seniors at Weir have been playing these sports since they were kids. When they had their last games and matches, they realized that it meant a lot to them. Here are some photos and memories from their seasons.



Fall Sports Post-season & OVAC Overview

A look at the accomplishments of each sport this season

By Alexander Orris

As fall sports come to an end, many Weir teams earned OVAC and post-season accolades. Here's a look at their achievements.

Cross Country - For the boys cross country team Josh Duffy finished in 20th with a time of 16:54 in OVACs, then at regionals he finished 4th with a time of 16:47.5. For the Girls team Naomi Young placed 25th with a time of 20:49 at OVACs, and placed 8th at regionals with a time of 21:15.7. Both Duffy and Young competed at the West Virginia WVSSAC Cross Country States Championship on October 27 at Cabell Midland High School. Young finished 23rd with a final time of 22:18, and Duffy finished 19th in 17:47. When asked what it was like to place so well at OVACs, regionals, and states Duffy said, "OVACs I was kind of expecting to place where I was, but at Regionals I was really impressed with myself with how well I did, placing fourth there. States was kind of a letdown where I placed, I think I probably could have got like tenth."

Football - The football team beat Brooke on Friday 10/28 with a final score of 14-7, for the deciding game to make it into WVSSAC playoffs. The playoff game is scheduled to be on No-

vember 11th against a yet undetermined team. Their current record is 7-3 as of 10/31/22.

Golf - Four members of the golf team qualified for the OVAC tournament, Jude Smith, Anthony Earley, Owen Totten, and Mikey Lytle. Smith shot a 78 to earn fourth place overall and an All-OVAC team spot. As well as his great performance at OVACs Smith also played at states finishing eighth overall shooting an 86 both days. When asked how it felt to achieve success at both OVAC's and States Smith said, "It felt really good to see my hard work pay off."

Boys Soccer - The boys soccer team (#4 seed) won the OVAC championship against beaver local (#1 seed) with a 3-1 win. Albert Scheibel was able to score twice and Antonio Pittman once. To secure the trophy for the boys, goalkeeper John Wansack made an impressive 18 saves. This was the second year in a row that the boys soccer team have brought home a championship trophy. Senior, Dominic Guiddy said this about the OVAC win, "We did surprisingly well, I was not expecting us to make it that far, but we did. It was really rewarding." They ended their season with a record of 6-8-5.

Girls Soccer - Following their win against Beaver Local, the girls soccer team (#2 seed) faced Oak Glen (#1 seed) in the OVAC championship finals but lost 1-0 in an overtime shootout. They ended their season with a record of 12-5-2. Junior, Olivia Baker had this to say about their OVAC experience, "Overall it was a great experience, and the game was very competitive."

Volleyball - This was a year of big change and transition for the volleyball team as many players had to adapt to new positions and teammates. The team finished second in the Sectional tournament behind Oak Glen, earning them a spot at Regionals. They will compete on Saturday, November 5 at Oak Glen beginning at 2 pm.

The cheerleaders will also compete in their Regional tournament the same day at East Fairmont beginning at 6 pm.

Playing sports while in school requires a lot of dedication, time management, and work. These achievements and stats all show the amount of work each team and player gives in their respective sport. Congratulations to all fall sports athletes for a great season and good luck to all those going into post-season.



Josh Duffy and Naomi Young following their OVAC races.



Jude Smith drives the ball against Oak Glen. Photo used with permission of Newbrough.



Cam Jones, Corey Lyons, and Da'shjuon Smith celebrate a touchdown against Oak Glen.