

### Going on a Bear Hunt

The week of October 2-7 proved eventful for the Rural Retreat Indians. The spirit-filled week began with Monday's Class Distinction Day; followed by Tuesday, Celebrity Day; Wednesday, Career Day; Thursday, Favorite Sports Team Day; and Friday, Big Orange Day. The annual carnival was held on Thursday afternoon for all students and staff. Carnival goers enjoyed corn hole and volleyball tournaments, dance contests, many games, and lots of great foods.

The Powder Puff game was held on Wednesday night at Community Stadium. The seniors and sophomores proved victorious.

Friday was met with enthusiasm, which only escalated throughout the day! The parade began at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation of the Homecoming Court, and wrapping up with the nail biting battle against the Bland County Bears. The week ended with the Homecoming Dance in the high school gym on Saturday night.



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▪ Krystal Hill

### Dress Up Day Results

#### Monday-Class Distinction Day

- 1<sup>st</sup> Juniors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seniors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Freshmen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sophomores

#### Tuesday-Celebrity Day

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophomores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Juniors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Freshmen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seniors

#### Wednesday-Career Day

- 1<sup>st</sup> Freshmen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seniors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Juniors
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sophomores

#### Thursday-Favorite Sports Team Day

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophomores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Freshmen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Juniors
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seniors

#### Friday-Big Orange Day

- 1<sup>st</sup> Juniors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seniors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Freshmen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sophomores



Carnival Day Results

- Seniors took 1st place with 28 points
- Freshmen 2nd place with 19 points
- Juniors & Sophomores tied for 3rd place with 16 points each



Alexis and Tara Blankenship represent the Junior class in a carnival game.



Freshman Justin Pugh battles Sophomore Hannah Stuart in a friendly game of corn hole.

Float Winners

- Seniors: 1st place
- Juniors: 4th place
- Sophomores: 3rd place
- Freshmen: 2nd place



Seniors (above)

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Sophomores (above)



Juniors (above)



Freshmen (above)

# Homecoming Court

The senior class met to nominate court candidates. The boys that were nominated for the 2017 RRHS Court were **Dalton Arnold, Colin Crigger, Tyler Fiscus, Jacob Glenn, Colton Goolsby, Charlie Haun, Wyatt Henley, Brandon Johnson, Lane Ketner, and Josh Wynn**. This year's girls that were nominated were **Latasha Akers, Ashlin Childress, Berklee Huffard, Brenna King, Catey Mlynski, Brooklynne Mullins, Bryce Poole, Brooke Smith, Kaitlyn Trivitt, and Lakin Wyatt**.

The king, queen, prince, and princess were crowned before the Homecoming game against Bland on Friday, October 6, 2017. The King was **Wyatt Henley**. The Queen was **Lakin Wyatt**. The Prince was **Charlie Haun**. The Princess was **Kaitlyn Trivitt**.

- Bryce Poole and Brandon Johnson



(Pictured Left to Right) First Row: Brenna King, Latasha Akers, Catey Mlynski, Ashlin Childress, and Brooke Smith. Second Row: Bryce Poole, Brooklynne Mullins, Kaitlyn Trivitt, Berklee Huffard, and Lakin Wyatt. Third Row: Tyler Fiscus, Dalton Arnold, Charlie Haun, and Wyatt Henley. Fourth Row: Colton Goolsby, Josh Wynn, Lane Ketner, Jacob Glenn, Brandon Johnson, and Colin Crigger.

(Pictured Left to Right)  
King, Wyatt Henley  
Queen, Lakin Wyatt  
Princess, Kaitlyn Trivitt  
Prince, Charile Haun



### **Business Luncheon**

Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber Commerce organized a business development training program for students in Wythe and Bland Counties. Twenty of Rural Retreat High School's students attended the program on Tuesday, October 3. The students participated in six different sessions on various topics. During the first session, the students learned how to create résumés, complete job applications, and how to interact during an interview. The second session was a fun energetic lesson on social media and the correct way to use it. At the third session, the students were taught about the necessity of strong work ethics and how to be a hard working leader/volunteer. A buffet lunch was provided by Debra's Catering. During lunch students learned proper dining etiquette. After lunch, the fourth session began in which students learned how to find job opportunities, vocational training, and obtaining professional licenses. The last session was about financial awareness, credit cards, credit scores, money management, and payroll taxes. All students in attendance felt the information was very important and the event was worthwhile.

▪ Lakin Wyatt

### **Help Save The Next Girl's Self-Defense class**

On November 13 and 15, there will be a self-defense class taught at Shanaki Karate in Wytheville, sponsored by HSTNG. It will be taught by Scot Shannon and will hopefully reach the attendance of 20 to 30 people. You do not have to be a member of HSTNG to attend the class and it will primarily focus on teaching attendants how to defend themselves effectively against an

attacker. Knowing these effective self-defense skills could save your life one day and is a valuable resource that is definitely worth attending. See Mrs. Lyon or Mrs. Carter for more information about signing up for the class.

▪ Grace Jarrett and Kayla Crigger

### **Hunting Season Has Its Absentees**

Saturday, October 7, marked the opening day of deer hunting season in Virginia. With its presence now on most young boys' and girls' minds, there's always a long list of absentees at school. Starting with archery season all the way through to late muzzleloader, kids in Wythe County miss quite frequently. If it's a snow day the kids catch a break, but the last few winters have provided few snow days. Students should be excused a certain number of school days to allow hunting, like Grayson County Schools allow on opening day of rifle season. Some families depend on hunting season for meat to last the winter months. Kids having to go to school limit their time of good hunting. It is how some families live and some just enjoy hunting.

▪ Kade Davenport and Ben Sowers

### **Rural Retreat High School Youth League Cheer Night**

On Friday, September 29, children from RRES joined the RRHS cheerleaders at the game to cheer during the first quarter. The youth league girls participated in a camp starting on Monday, September 25th and ending on Thursday, September 28th. At the camp girls ranging from 1st grade to 6th grade learned stunts, jumps, cheers, dances, and of course ate snacks. The grades were separated into three groups. Each of these groups learned a stunt/cheer combination. The three different groups showcased their combinations during the

bandwagon at RRES before the game on Friday. They ended their showcase by joining all of the RRHS cheerleaders in the “Cha Cha Slide.”

▪ Cailie Pollard and Kori Frye

### **Attention ALL Seniors...It Is Scholarship Time**

It's the time of the year where applying for scholarships is in full swing. Knowing how and when to apply for scholarships is an important key for seniors. Below are some steps to follow when applying for scholarships.

1. If the word money is involved, it is a scam.
2. Follow instructions for applying to the scholarship.
3. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the guidance office about scholarships, pop in anytime to get deadlines or even a scholarship to apply to.
4. A Google Doc in all seniors' emails also has a list of scholarships.
5. Check out [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more information, as well as an extensive list of scholarships.

See Mrs. Reardon or Mrs. Aymer for all scholarship and college application questions.

▪ Laura Midkiff

### **Are You at Risk? Senioritis is Contagious!**

Have you lost all your drive to be a good student? Don't want to come to school? Then you might have senioritis. It is a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance ([www.theodysseyonline.com/what-is-senioritis](http://www.theodysseyonline.com/what-is-senioritis)). Most people

think senioritis is a myth, but as most students can attest, it is quite real. One anonymous senior said “I used to have the drive of a normal student until I got senioritis.” Most teachers do not understand the senior class' struggle. The reason it's mostly a senior ailment is because kids have attended school their whole lives and they get tired of it. If any of these symptoms relate to you; you may have senioritis.

▪ Chris Dunford and Jesse Burton

### **Teacher Spotlight: Coach Moore**

Coach Moore is a passionate History teacher who is loved by all students at RRHS. His favorite part of the day is seeing all the kids in the hall and the classroom. Coach Moore is an avid reader and loves sharing books with his students, especially historical fiction. He uses these books to help him teach his lessons to bring more fun into the classroom than just looking at textbooks and review sheets. The students love that he handles things head on and as consistent as possible to make his point clear.

▪ Lucas Hagerman

Do you have a favorite teacher who you would like to be interviewed? Let us know!  
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# Staff Original

Lance Rakes, Sophomore Staff Member

I have been doing drawings, rough sketches, and poster art for about three years. Most of my artwork is concept designs of my book series, *The Slayer*, which consists mostly of character portraits. Character portraits are my favorite concept designs because it gives me the ability to show my imagination to others, and it's not just the character portraits, but all of my concept art for the book series have caught people's eyes!

I do my concept art by hand; I start with a lead pencil and make a rough sketch, I then go over the rough sketch with a pen to outline the area I wish to keep and I erase the rest. Now that I have the full sketch finished, if I choose to color I use conceptual colored pencils, or I take a picture of the sketch and transfer it to my computer in order to color it in, and possibly animate it.

I hope to publish my book, *The Slayer*, and my artwork later on.



(Above) A rough sketch concept piece by Lance Rakes.

**Underclassmen and Senior Formal Makeup Pictures were taken on October 18. Be on the lookout for picture proofs soon!**  
▪ Thomas Brown

## Dates to Remember

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| November 9             | Career Fair  |
| November 16            | Clubs, Class Officers, and Senior Superlative Pictures |
| November 17            | FCCLA Trip   |
| November 22-24         | No School – Thanksgiving Break                         |
| November 27-December 7 | CTE Credential Testing                                 |

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