

Chief Whispering Pine Finds a New Home

The carved Indian, which stood in front of Blue Ridge Chiropractic since 2007, has been donated to the school. All agriculture classes are working together to restore the Indian to its original beauty. Once the Indian is sanded and stained, it will be placed in front of the high school inside one of the brick planters.



Chief Whispering Pine received his name through a contest the chiropractic doctors held in 2007. A then sixth-grade student, Emily Ellis, won the competition and her name choice, Chief Whispering Pine, was given to the statue. Ellis is a 2017 graduate of RRHS.



▪Krystal Hill

Bloodmobile Makes a Stop at RRHS

Blood Assurance provides an easy way for students to help people in need and donate blood. A couple times per school year, the bloodmobile stops at RRHS to offer students and staff the opportunity to donate. The first blood drive of this year was held September 1. Twenty-three students donated, which will help nearly



70 people. Donors are required to be 17 or older, or 16 with parent permission, and weigh at least 110 pounds. If any student donates blood six times throughout their high school career, they will receive a red cord at graduation to recognize their generosity. The next blood drive will be Tuesday, November 28. See Mrs. Johnson for more information.



Junior, Olivia Salazar, donating plasma.

▪Kelsey Vannatter

Welcome, Mr. B. K. Walker!

We have gained a new assistant principal, Mr. B. K. Walker, who comes to us from Fort



Chiswell. In an interview, we asked him a few questions

about himself. Mr. Walker is a father of five children, he played sports in Powell Valley which is the high school he graduated from, he is an avid golfer, and was a football referee for some time. He is a family man and he loves to go camping and hiking with his family. Before becoming an assistant principal, he was a social studies teacher and guidance counselor. His reason for wanting to be an administrator is his desire to help the students and teachers. He said, "I love the idea of being able to send students to college or other places to be successful." Mr. Walker is very approachable and will help any student or teacher who needs guidance.

■Brandon Johnson



National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. (<https://www.nhs.us/utility/about-us>)



On September 7, 2017, a combination of 37 sophomores and juniors with a 3.6

GPA or higher were inducted into NHS. The meeting was led by President, Colton Goolsby. Senior members tapped all of our inductees. New members received their certificates and recited the NHS Pledge. After the ceremony, everyone gathered in the library and enjoyed celebratory refreshments. The RRHS NHS is proud to have such a large involvement in their club and would like to wish all inductees and current members good luck throughout the rest of the school year.

■Bryce Poole & Thomas Brown

Sports Spotlight Varsity Volleyball

The Lady Indians Volleyball Team has started the season strong. Their current record is 3-2; they have had the battle for some wins and suffered from close losses. One of their season highlights is winning against county rival, George Wythe. Other wins on the board include



Northwood and Patrick Henry. Hannah Roberts (Jr.) and Abby Musser (So.) look like twin towers on the court. Both on the verge of 6 feet tall, they are intimidating to opponents. They have had several kills, digs, and aces this year. This team is young across the board except for three seniors Allie Pertee, Latasha Akers, and Brenna King. The team has improved tremendously in the last few years, since they are so young, they can only improve. Way to go, ladies!

■Lucas Hagerman, Lance Rakes & Ben Sowers

New Librarian Rings a BELL

Mrs. Kristin Bell

Mrs. Bell is our new library media specialist here at RRHS. She loves working with students and helping others use online resources. She had the opportunity to be the library media specialist for the RRES last year and grew to love our community and the people living here. That's why she was so excited when she was offered the opportunity to be our librarian. Mrs. Bell is always seeking new knowledge and is excited to share her love of learning with others. Be sure to go down to the library to say hello and thank her for the amazing work she does here at the high school.



▪Lucas Hagerman

Welcome Home, Mr. Crigger



Mr. Dillon Crigger graduated from RRHS in 2012 and continued his education at Radford University, where he obtained a degree in English education. After teaching one year in Carroll County, Mr. Crigger has finally returned home. When asked how he feels about teaching at his home school, he says, "I enjoy being back at RRHS. The staff has made me feel at home. I know how to teach my students and how others teach, because I know what it takes to be a student at Rural Retreat." He teaches English 9 and is an assistant football coach. He tells us coming back to coach, "It brings back memories. It's fun coaching the kids that enjoy playing the sport, just like I did in high school." We are glad to have you home, Mr. Crigger!

▪Laura Midkiff & James Meredith

Community Calendar

Date	Activity
October 2-7	Homecoming Week
October 3	Business Development Training Program for Seniors, WCC Financial Aid Meeting, Auditorium, 7 PM
October 11	Last Day of Quarter 1
October 12	Early Dismissal, 12 PM
October 18	Senior Formal Makeup Pictures Underclassmen Makeup Pictures
Homecoming Week Dress-Up Themes	
Monday – Class Distinction Day	
Tuesday – Celebrity Day	
Wednesday – When I Grow Up Day	
Thursday – Sports Team Day/Homecoming Class Shirt Day	
Friday – Big Orange Day	