

THE STATIC

NOVEMBER
2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

By: Leah Donnelly

- Dec 6 - Sidelines Fundraiser (Class of 2020)
- Dec 13 - MS Band/Choir Holiday concert (6-8 PM)
- Dec 16- HS Band/Choir Holiday Concert (3-5 PM)
- Dec 21- Early Dismissal (11:00)
- Dec 24- Jan 2- NO SCHOOL: Christmas Break

BROILER CONTESTS

By: Mallory Simmons

On Friday, November 2, the Whiteford Zoology classes competed in the state-wide broiler contest. The FFA sent out five high school teams, each with five chickens to be processed. The middle school sent three teams, "Chri\$ P. Chicken, The Chix, and Lil Nugz. The teams spent five weeks trying to raise the biggest, strongest, and most uniform birds. All the teams started with 25 chicks and selected the five best birds to showcase and process in the end. Whiteford competed against schools like Sand Creek, Byron, Dundee, and Saginaw. 144 teams competed on Friday with Whiteford's "Angry Birds" team placing 7th with a 92.71% and a gold award. The team consisted of freshmen Anna VanBrandt, Berlynn Keller, Zoe Bauman, McKenna DeBarr, Ellie Simmons, Kinzie Kohler, and Rachel Holliger, sophomore Seneca Desmond, and junior Shelby VanWormer. "Chicken Wing\$, "Whiteford Wild Wings", and "McNuggets" were awarded silver for the day and "Lil Peeps" placed 78th. Overall, Whiteford competed well and plans to sell their products before Thanksgiving.

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WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

By: Katlyn Taylor

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think of Thanksgiving is the food, then what I feel thankful for in my life. Thanksgiving allows people to reminisce about the year with family and friends. Relatives share stories to embarrass each other, little cousins run around excited to be together again, and the aroma of food floats through the air. Brainstorming for the November *Static*, my class and I thought of the idea to ask the student body

and staff what they felt thankful for this year. I received varied responses; some I knew I would hear, and some I never would have expected. While in Mr. Simmons room, I received the answer "bed" from four different people. I felt shocked at first, but then quickly remembered how hard it is for me to leave

my own bed in the morning. The most common response I received was family with 45% of the total responses. This made me realize how important of role family holds in other people's lives.

BLACK FRIDAY

By: Melanie Owen

Black Friday is an American shopping tradition that marks the official beginning of the Christmas holiday shopping season. The day after Thanksgiving, stores put on huge sales. Most people choose to go to their local mall to purchase Christmas presents for much cheaper than usual. Right before Black Friday, newspapers, magazines and online outlets are filled with the new and improved prices at various stores. This way of shopping is extremely efficient because the prices are available beforehand. But now that retailers make deals ahead of time in-store and online, customers have fewer reasons to try to be first through the doors after Thanksgiving dinner. Black Friday only comes once a year, so be safe and have fun shopping!

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THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

By: Macy Long

Thanksgiving is an American holiday that occurs on the fourth Thursday of November every year. It originated as a harvest festival between the Plymouth colonists (Pilgrims) and Wampanoag Indians. The feast lasted for three days with a total of 53 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. It went down in history as the first American Thanksgiving. This holiday was celebrated by individual colonies and states for two centuries. It was only declared a national holiday after Abraham Lincoln made the decision in 1863, during the middle of the Civil War.

In 1939, during the Great Depression, Thanksgiving was moved to the third week in November. This was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's attempt to spur retail sales to better the economy. The date was moved back in 1941 when Roosevelt reluctantly signed the bill moving it to the original fourth week in November.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

By: Caleb Walton

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, Ohio State barely beat Maryland with a score of 52-51. The game had to go into a suspenseful overtime due to the 45-45 score at the end of the 4th quarter. OSU managed to pull off the victory despite lacking defense this year.

Michigan won against Indiana with a final score of 31-20. Defensive end Chase Winovich was hurt after Indiana offensive lineman Simon Stepaniak grounded him, causing Winovich to land hard on his shoulder. X-rays show negative break results, but Winovich is unsure if he will play next week's big game against OSU.

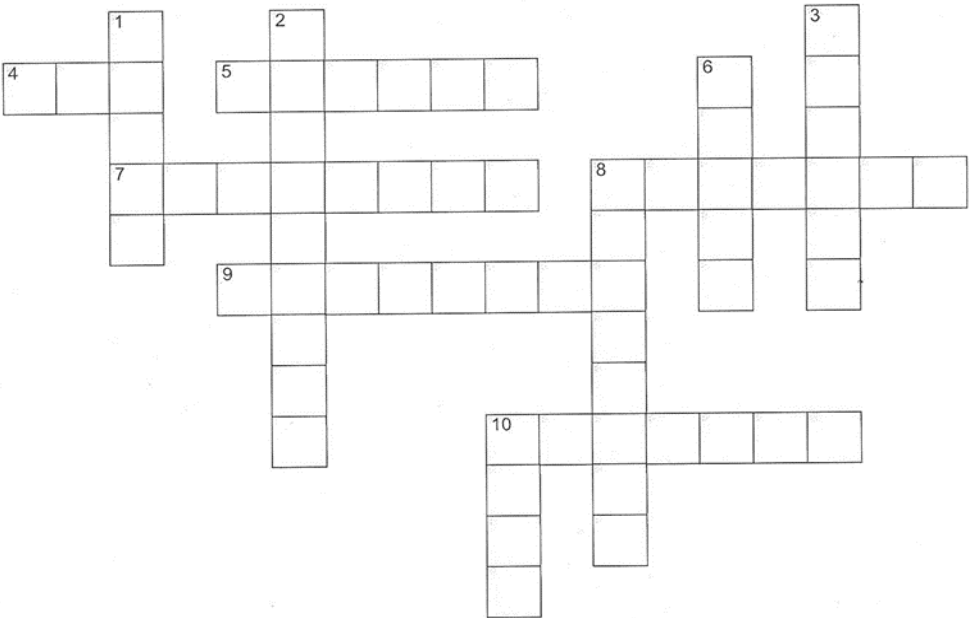
In other high-interest games, the Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the Citadel Bulldogs 50-17, retaining their spot at number one, Clemson beat the Duke Blue Devils 35-6, and Notre Dame beat Syracuse Orange 36-3.

THANKSGIVING PUZZLE

By: Kenzie Sybert



Thanksgiving!



- ACROSS
- 4 Dessert made of cherry, pumpkin, or apple
 - 5 Who do you spend Thanksgiving with
 - 7 Side dish made of mostly bread
 - 8 Fall decoration or you make a pie out of it
 - 9 fall sport
 - 10 Who else do you spend Thanksgiving with
- DOWN
- 1 What is another name for meal
 - 2 The ship that the Pilgrims rode in
 - 3 Main Dish
 - 6 What do you play after you eat
 - 8 First Thanksgiving Guests
 - 10 What do you eat



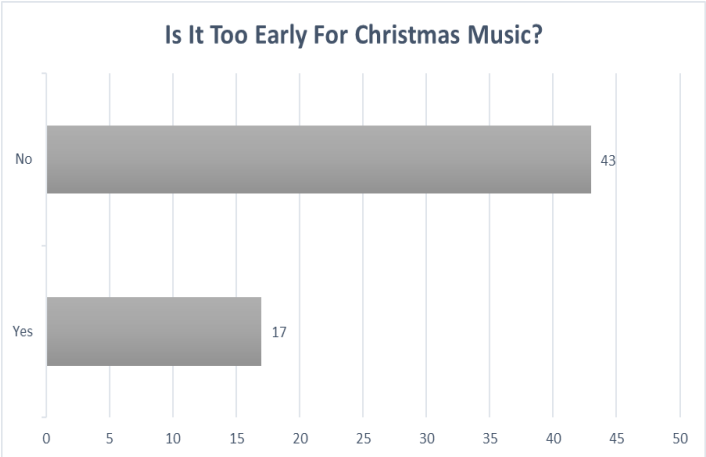
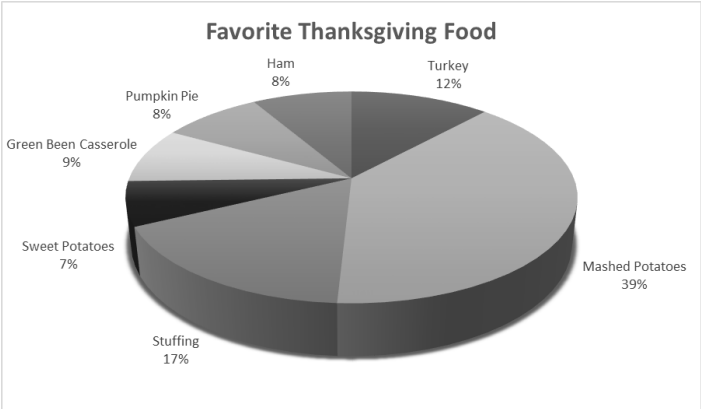
TALENT OF THE MONTH

By: Logan Murphy

A true talent is hard to come by in this day and age, but with a lot of hard work and dedication, some people are lucky enough to showcase their talent. On Monday, November 12th, Kasey Ebersole did just that; Kasey took a leap of faith and showcased his singing talent in Detroit, MI, at the America’s Got Talent auditions. “The worst part was the three hour wait after registration. There were a whole lot of emotions running through my body as I waited,” he commented. It was mostly a waiting game for the eager senior, as he couldn’t wait to hear his name called to live his dream. When the time came and he got called back, “I walked into the back room and the first thing I noticed was the ginormous camera shining in my face and a lady making sure my number correlated with the number in her hand,” Kasey stated. As we all figured, Kasey stole the show with his voice. When asked how he thought he performed, he said, “I sang a sad song, so everyone around me had tears in their eyes, but I think I did very well.” Now that the first part of the audition is complete, it’s back to a waiting game as he hopes to receive a phone call saying he earned a spot at the blind auditions, where he will then perform a song of his choice on live TV!

NOVEMBER POLLS

By: Zack Bertz



DIY THANKSGIVING CRAFT

By: Addie Hodgkins

Materials:

- Ribbon of different colors and sizes – I used 7 pieces that were about 4 inches long each
- Small piece of red rick rack
- Flip Clip
- Googly Eyes
- Hot glue gun and glue

Instructions:

1. Cut your napkin ring pieces. One piece 5 x 2 inches and another piece 1 x 2 inches.
2. Draw a line of glue along both short ends of the small piece and stick to the middle of the long piece.
3. Then draw a line of glue along one of the short ends of the long piece and attach it to the other end to form a ring. Make sure that your small piece is on the outside of the ring, this is how you will attach the turkey clip.
4. Cut out a turkey body piece and a second round piece, slightly smaller than the bottom circle of the turkey.
5. Fold your ribbons in half with the right sides out and glue the ends to form the feathers.
6. Draw a half circle of glue on the back (round) piece of felt and attach the “feathers,” adding more glue as needed. I had to do a couple layers.
7. Then add glue to the bottom round part of the front felt piece and place over the ribbons.
8. Run your piece of rick rack over a flame to seal the edges and then glue on the eyes and rick rack. What’s that gobbly thing called again?
9. Finally add some glue to the top of the the hair clip and attach to the back of the turkey.



BIRTHDAYS

By: Megan Wilson

Kasey Alcorn	11/2
Daniel Gapp	11/30
Jacob Gnida	11/23
Katlyn Hamen	11/29
Madelyn Hews	11/19
Berlynn Keller	11/23
Joshua Niederkohr	11/25
Melanie Owen	11/17
Jaden Smith	11/17
Paige Thomas	11/16
Adrianna VanBrandt	11/26
Cody Westfall	11/24
De'shaun Williams	11/2
Noah Wing	11/21

PUMPKIN DREAM PIE

By: Lainey Hillard

Ingredients:

- 1 small Vanilla pudding
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup cool whip
- 1 cup (can) Pumpkin
- 1 Pie crust

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients together. Scoop the ingredients into the pie crust. Let chill in refrigerator for 2 hours, top off with cool whip, and you're ready to serve and eat.

BLOOD DRIVE

By: Julie Lewis

On November 16th, the Senior class hosted a blood drive in the High School gym from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Overall, there were thirty-three participants. Twenty-five of those were high school students and eight people showed up from the community, including the teachers who participated.

"We were able to raise thirty-six full units when our goal was twenty-four," said Senior class advisor Mrs. Weygand. It was a huge success! The blood drive started about 20 years ago when the Red Cross wanted to have more blood drives. Whiteford volunteered to host one, and has been having one ever since.



MOVIE REVIEW: *THE GRINCH*

By: Olivia Murphy

Released on November 9th, ILLUMINATION

redid the classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* story. With a run time of one hour and forty-five minutes, you get to experience the same characters, songs, and feel good spirit; however, with all remakes, there are some minor differences. Going off the same plot as the original, *The Grinch* (2018) stays true to its origins. Introducing some new takes on music and dialogue, this version of the classic tale is new and old all in one. "This version of the Grinch's tale is well made, as clean as a crisp snow on a Sunday morning," says pluggedin.com. I agree with this, as I liked the movie very much.

I wasn't a fan of the rendition of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch", but besides that, I highly recommend this film. With the same corny humor and loveable turning points as the original, this is a great family movie for the holidays. If you're looking for a twist on the classic tale, a feel good flick, or a holiday-themed movie for the whole family, then you might want to buy a ticket to *The Grinch* (2018) next time you're in theaters.

THANKSGIVING PLANS

By: Milly Iott

Thanksgiving traditions date back to the very first Thanksgiving, which took place in November of 1621. I know my plans include going to my Grandma and Grandpa Iott's house to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner, watch football and spend time with my family. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year, so I was interested to see what my fellow schoolmates had planned for this wonderful holiday. Sophomore Macie Lee said that she planned to spend time with family and friends, eat a lot of food, and take a big nap after dinner. Senior Anna Hetzel explained that she plans to travel to Frankenmuth, Michigan for Thanksgiving and eat. Freshman Cole Crouch stated that he planned to watch the Detroit Lions football game against the Chicago Bears. Finally, junior Braedon Mills commented that his plans included having his grandparents and siblings over for dinner to eat some turkey. Happy Thanksgiving!

MEME OF THE MONTH

By: Hunter Lake

Looking at my closet that's completely full

My brain:

Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it
Don't say it

Me: I literally have nothing to wear

NOVEMBER 6TH ELECTIONS

By: Jessica Gozdowski

November 6, 2018 marked the date for Mid-term elections throughout the United States. What are Midterms and why are they important for a democratic system? Midterms come two years after a presidential election when people elect their representatives according to state of residence. Why are they important? Mr. Simmons, American and World History teacher at Whiteford explains, "Midterms are important because it can check the power of the president and allow new policies to be placed, but this only works if people actually go out and vote."

For Michigan voters, governor candidates were Democrat Gretchen Whitmer and Republican Bill Schuette. Whitmer won against Shuette by 403,920 votes, totaling 2,261,405 votes; however, Monroe County remained red-republican. Michigan also elected Palestinian American Rashida Tlaib to Michigan's 13th Congressional district. Most of the proposals on the ballots were passed, such as recreational marijuana use, the expulsion of gerrymandering, and automatic voter registration.

Voter turnout totaled 4,000,000 voters statewide out of the 7,486,225 voters registered in Michigan; however, this was the highest voter turnout since 1962. These numbers are astonishing in the sense that over seven million people are registered to vote in the state of Michigan, and yet the most amount of people to vote was four million. Voting is a civic duty that more people need to participate in. Next election season, go out and vote!



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

By: Ellie DuVall

Freshman Cole Giesige takes part in sports all year round. He plays football, basketball, and baseball, which is his favorite. Cole has played baseball for 10 years now and plans to continue playing for many years to come. Cole's favorite inspirational quote is, "The success a team has is dependent on how its members work cooperatively rather than individually."



STUDENT OF THE ISSUE

By: Ellie DuVall

Ty Eitniear is a senior this year and, throughout his years here, has taken part in many activities. These include being a part of our football team for the past four years and our baseball team for the past three. He is looking forward to being a part of the baseball team one last time this spring. At the moment, Ty is undecided about where to go for college, but is hoping to play baseball at the college level.



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