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by Bella Blind

The WHHS Key Club volunteered at the Ability Ski Event that was held at Lake Silver on September 25. Key Club members participated in various tasks including set-up of ski ropes and ski equipment, assisting others with arts and crafts, making sure skiers got out of the water safely, and overseeing the corn hole toss game.



Junior Piper MacCalla and Cypress Gardens Water Skier Travis Voiard assist a disabled participant.

"I love to see people trying something new that they are not able to usually do," stated Kathryn MacCalla, WHHS teacher and nine-year water skier. MacCalla is also a part of the Cypress Gardens Ski Team.

"I found out [about the event] through the lovely Mrs. MacCalla," stated Robert Brown, Key Club Advisor.

Brown stated that it was MacCalla's idea for Key Club to participate in the event. There were no requirements for members to participate; however, students were required to sign a waiver due to the close proximity of water during the event. Brown eagerly added that twenty-four members volunteered at the event.

"I think it is important for the club to participate because it allows members to see areas of the community who need support," stated Brown. "The goal is to do it [Ability Ski Event] every year, as long as Cypress Gardens Ski Team does it."

Key Club President Hunter Mathews similarly stated, "I think it's important for Key Club to be in all parts of the community."

Mathews attended the event where he aided skiers to shore safely and removed ski equipment out of the water.

Mathews excitedly stated that the event went well; however, he advised that next year, the club should limit the amount of people to attend.

"You wouldn't think too many people is a bad thing because it isn't," stated Mathews. "There were just too many people... We also need to make people aware that getting wet is a part of the job."

Sophomore Piper MacCalla, MacCalla's son, also attended the Ability Ski event as a skier. He is a sixteen-year water skier, and this was his first year helping out at the event.

"I always wanted to help new skiers and people with disabilities," stated P. MacCalla with a smile. "It was a great opportunity for those to learn to ski... It was my first time helping skiers out at water and I really enjoyed that."

The Ability Ski Event was one of Key Club's first projects of the year, but it won't be their last.

"I am looking forward to see how Key Club will turn out this year," stated Mathews with a smile.

Winter Haven's Future Debaters in the Making

by: Kiarah Reyes

This summer a few sophomores attended a 10-day debate camp at the University of Florida. Because there were multiple camps, students selected the camp they were available to attend and which events they were most interested in pursuing. Two students, Rashown Vilfranc and Maya Twyford, attended the camp at UF.

Rashown Vilfranc, now a sophomore, attended the camp as a freshman. "It helped me prepare leadership skills." With Rashown being the debate team's captain, this will come in handy. "It will help me prepare the team with different tactics on properly setting up speeches."

Incubate Debate, a Student Congress debate competition, is staffed through Congressional Speakers, think-tank researchers, and visionaries who want to help shape debate events in schools across the U.S. This non-profit organization, based in Florida that helps specifically Title 1 schools, led the camp.

The camp consisted of starting the day with group discussion and the proper way to research. Students researched for a couple of hours, preparing their "claim warrant impact," which are the main points of their speech. Later in the day, the students would have debates.

Rashown plans on being a lawyer and pictures himself continuing debate further into his future. "It's a skill that's going to help me in every step of life." He thoroughly enjoyed the research aspect of the camp because he believes it's a different way to understand perspectives on certain situations.

Ms. Layne, debate and Cambridge instructor, has led the schools' competition team. She is starting fresh this year as her two competitors of last year's team have graduated. She specifically put the camp out to freshmen so that they could come in trained as sophomores.

Ms. Layne has promising goals for this year's competition team, which include getting a sustainable team who are able to care and train each other along with getting to competitions so students have that experience. "I'm not worried about winning right now. I want the team to be cohesive and to be able to work together."



Key Club members help skiers with crafting picture frames for their skiing photos.



Sophomore Rashown Vilfranc prepares his rebuttal.

Senior Calendar

**HERFF JONES (CAP AND GOWN)
TENTATIVE CALENDAR 2022**



Senior Cap and Gown Announcement Meeting –
Friday, November 12th 8 am –in the gym
(Seniors will receive order forms and information on cap and gowns, rings, all items pertaining to graduation)

Senior Order Dates in the cafeteria during all lunches - Thursday, November 18th and 19th

Senior Parent Order Night - Thursday, November 18th 4-6 pm in the cafeteria

La Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA) ha emitido una regulación final, 40 CFR Parte 763, Materiales que Contienen Asbesto en las escuelas, comúnmente referidos como AHERA. Esta regulación requiere que todas las Agencias Locales de Educación (LEA's) identifiquen los materiales que contienen asbestos (ACM) en los edificios escolares y que se tomen todas las medidas adecuadas para controlar la liberación de fibras de asbesto.

Todas las inspecciones de Winter Haven Sr. High han sido completadas y un Plan de Manejo describiendo los resultados de la inspección, donde fuese aplicable, ha sido sometido al Gobernador para aprobación. Una copia del plan está localizada en la oficina administrativa de esta escuela y en el Departamento Ambiental y de Seguridad del Distrito de la Junta Escolar del Condado de Polk y está disponible para revisión si así se solicita.

Congratulations

Senior Holly Fritz instructs the younger students in the play **Hansel and Gretel**.

Congratulations to Sophomore Luci Lippelgoos for winning the **Ledger's Tremendous 10 High School Athletes** for the week of September 13.

Congratulations to Senior Natalie Williams for making the first round of the Florida Vocal Association All State Choir auditions.

Congratulations to Joshua Johnson for winning the DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) award for citizenship.

Congratulations to Seniors Edward Kavajian and Anderson Garner for being recognized as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to Senior Holly Fritz for directing **Hansel and Gretel** for the Lake Wales Little Theatre stage.

Congratulations to Dr. Jaime for completing her doctorate degree in educational leadership.

Congratulations to Ms. Walker for being inducted into the Winter Haven Rotary Club for her work with the Interact Club.



Sophomore Luci Lippelgoos serves the ball.

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Living in China

by Mr. Robert Brown

Imagine waking up one morning and deciding that today was the day you would hike the Great Wall of China. I got to have this experience on Christmas day 2019 because of a fantastic opportunity I received that summer. I had just finished teaching my second year at Winter Haven High School when a chance of a lifetime presented itself to me. I was awarded a job to teach in China during the summer, possibly even the entire year. I never expected that I would want to live in China one day, but there I was in the summer of 2019, living in a two-bedroom apartment the size of my classroom.

Life in China was quite different from life in the United States. People moved about the city by biking, riding the subway, or walking. There were many malls for shopping and places to eat; one could not go hungry but broke for sure. I was able to do a lot of traveling both before and after COVID arrived. I spent most of my time teaching English as a foreign language and learning about the Chinese and Cantonese cultures. I tried some very unusual dishes that consisted of items we typically would not eat here in the States, such as pigeon. Overall, I had a spectacular time and would recommend everyone to visit at least once. “Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller” – Ibn Battuta



Mr. Brown explores the Great Wall of China.

Winter Haven Welcomes Mr. Nkuah

by Kristal Stubbs

Mr. Nkuah, originally from West Africa, is our new environmental science teacher this year. Mr. Nkuah grew up in Juaboso, Ghana, where he developed a love for integrated Science.



Mr. Nkuah assists a student with his assignment.

Trident: How would you pronounce “Nkuah?”

Nkuah: In-qua

Trident: How does education differ in Ghana compared to here?

Nkuah: At the senior high school level, students will get the West African Examination certificate instead of a high school diploma. We have programs so a group of students study general science and the electives like chemistry, biology, and physics. Then we have sections of student reading. We have people reading business and accounting, visual art

students; we have a whole lot of sections, but we have four core classes that everyone does. They are mathematics, English, integrated science, and social studies. If you are successful, you get the certificate. Then you can take it to college.

Trident: What was school like when you were younger?

Nkuah: When I was a kid, I actually liked going to school very much because I have eight siblings who were going to school. So basically because my siblings were going to school and my mom would go to work, I'd have to go with them. I would be in the senior class with my siblings.

WHHS Is Nutty For Knitting

by Faith Chichetto

Winter Haven High School has a new club around campus, the knitting and crochet club. This club teaches students how to crochet and knit handmade items while having fun with friends.

The club sponsor is Mrs. Keep who has a passion for knitting herself. Her goals for this club are “to help people learn a new craft and to have fun,” said Mrs. Keep. This club welcomes everyone from beginners to experts.

Freshman Serenity Lewis said, “I love coming to crocheting club because it’s a fun activity to come to after a boring day at school.”

Learning how to do a new craft can be very fun and interesting. This is also a great way to enjoy free time.

“I love the teacher and the people so it’s a great thing to do,” said Freshman Jurnee Smith.

Knitting is also very relaxing and calming after a stressful day of school. Mrs. Keep is most excited to teach the club “the love of making things with your own hands.”

The knitting and crochet club is open to every student at WHHS and meets every Wednesday in room 34-124.



Freshman Serenity Lewis knits octopus tentacles.

WHHS Welcomes New Teachers and Staff

One recognizable new face on the WHHS campus is new culinary instructor, **Jordan Isaacs**. Isaacs is a WHHS alumnus who returned to teach the culinary levels 2-4. Isaacs stated that the levels go into detail on sanitation, safety in the kitchen, the study of gastronomy, and the science of cooking. He also stated that he assists students when they are in the process of getting their ServSafe Certification, and his goal is to have at least 75% of his students ServSafe certified. This is Isaacs' first year as a teacher; however, he has done demonstrations at middle schools such as Westwood and Mc Laughlin Middle School. Isaacs enjoys teaching culinary. "My favorite thing [about teaching culinary]," expressed Isaacs, "is how you can take students who don't enjoy or know anything about the subject, but you can make them enjoy it and want to go to college for the subject." He hopes to encourage students to further their education in the subject of culinary arts. "I decided to teach to pass down my knowledge. I previously went here [WHHS] and I didn't take the program seriously. But Joy Maynard persuaded me to pursue the subject [culinary]." Isaacs stated that he hopes to affect the lives of young people just as Joy Maynard affected his life. After attending Johnson & Wales University in North Miami and graduating with a culinary arts degree, Isaacs decided to come back to WHHS. "I like the school spirit and how together the teachers are," smiled Isaacs. "All of the teachers get along and help each other out." Besides culinary, Isaacs also has a deep passion for modern fashion and sports, such as football and basketball. He plays basketball three days a week in his free time, and Isaacs participates in a martial arts training five days a week at Tigers World with other WHHS staff members.



Jordan Isaacs instructs the class on procedures in the kitchen.



While directing traffic, Robert Holby leads the cars safely out of the school.

Every morning, **Robert Holby** resides in front of the North Parking lot, where he directs traffic and waves to incoming student drivers. Dr. Holby, new assistant principal, has a list of tasks, which consists of overlooking the science, social studies, and medical departments at WHHS. He is also the "Covid Liaison," which means that Dr. Holby must ensure that the district's Covid policies are being followed. Dr. Holby's previous experiences include teaching and serving as a science coach at Lake Region. Dr. Holby stated that Lake Region is very similar to WHHS. "It's like going from one great school to another," smiled Holby. "My goal is to help everyone get through this year," stated Holby. "Last year was not stellar, but I hope to get everyone closer to normal. Getting high schoolers back to doing work is like pulling teeth but we'll get there." Most recently, Dr. Holby received his PHD from the University of South Florida. Dr. Holby was previously the advisor of Key Club at Lake Region, so he was very familiar with Mr. Brown (WHHS Key Club Advisor). Mr. Brown was not the only familiar face to Dr. Holby because Holby's son, Senior Jackson Holby, also attends WHHS. "I am an endless series of bad jokes, but I think everyone already knew that," chuckled Holby. Despite his jokes, Dr. Holby frequently encourages students to "Always do great things."



Mrs. Mays leads her students in stretching exercises.

Winter Haven High School has a new exceptional student teacher around campus, **Mrs. Mays**. She had been subbing for six years and taught for two years all around the central area. Teaching at Winter Haven High School is a homecoming for her. "I graduated from Winter Haven High School, and I wanted to come home." Teaching is something Mrs. Mays always wanted to do because she loves being able to help and teach her students.



Juliana Jackson informs students on upcoming assignments.

Mrs. Coriano is the new ESOL instructor at Winter Haven High School. She came to WHHS because teaching at her previous school meant a longer commute or drive. Mrs. Coriano likes the eagerness and energy that her students express, whether it is about academics or sports. The community at Winter Haven High School is something she never experienced before, with each student having unique personalities and style. Ms. Coriano wants others to know that she aims for academic excellence in all students, regardless of the color of their skin. She also wants her students to take on life's opportunities and for them to be true to themselves. "It doesn't matter how many times you fall; what does matter is how many times you get up."



Rebecca Coriano displays her Angry Bird balloons.

Mr. Birdsong is a new teacher here at Winter Haven High School. He teaches world cultural geography. This will be his fourth year teaching. "I went to Lake Region in high school so I feel that this is my chance to be a Blue Devil." Birdsong went on to say "I love kids! I also feel a lot of students need a positive male role model in their life."

One of the many new teachers that we have is **Mrs. Bean**. She teaches math for college readiness and liberal arts math. I taught at Lake Region for ten years and then became a nurse and decided to come back to teaching." Her favorite part of being at WHHS is the positive atmosphere. "I like the vibe I get from administration, and most of the kids are very respectful."

Our new dean, **Kimberly Reddick**, is not new to dealing with students. The Michigan native and Florida Southern College alumni has taught for around 15-16 years before making her mark this year at Winter Haven High School. She desires to be helpful and understanding towards the students here while gaining as much experience as she can. "I am very understanding because I really listen to the kids first. I will always hear them out." Her mission at Winter Haven High School is to build up relationships and be a major advocate for students.



Squatting down to his level, Kimberly Reddick chats with a student.

One of the new teachers this year is **Mr. Videll**. He is a college graduate from Warner University located in Lake Wales. Mr. Videll teaches English I and was a former substitute here at Winter Haven High School. Coaching baseball is what brought him to Winter Haven. "The amazing admin(istration)" is what Mr. Videll enjoys about teaching at Winter Haven High School.

Some of you may know her from elementary school and some of you may not. She's our new LEA Facilitator, **Ms. Myers**. After teaching at Brigham Academy for 19 years, Myers decided it was time to try something new. The LEA Facilitator is the person in charge of all things ESE, making sure all students receive their services so students can be successful. Myers is a WHHS alumni as a class of 1994 graduate. "My door is always open for students who need help and I always enjoy seeing my kindergarten and first grade students around campus and hope they'll stop by." Her room is right in the media center in room 22-203, if you'd like to stop by.



Elizabeth Moore demonstrates helpful examples to students.

Mr. Nelson is not only one of WHHS's new P.E. teachers, but he is also a new assistant baseball coach. He attended Palm Beach Atlantic University and majored in physical education. Mr. Nelson enjoys being able to impact high school students and promote a healthy lifestyle. For Mr. Nelson, Winter Haven "feels like a family." He likes how the staff are so supportive.

Although this is **Ms. Moore's** ninth year teaching; this is her first-year teaching students who aren't half her size. She taught elementary students for the past eight years and is now as an English teacher, adjusting to the school's campus, class sizes, and taller students. As she works towards her doctorate, he aspires to be a college professor. She loves the ability to create assignments that are engaging and educational but also motivating to students. "I'm excited to see what the year brings me and hope to stay at Winter Haven for many years to come."

Ms. Carifi is one of many new teachers. She teaches Pre-AICE and AICE Chemistry. This will be her first year teaching. She came to Winter Haven because she was a former student and would like to experience being a Blue Devil again. In addition, her mother, Mrs. Carifi, also teaches here. "I had really impactful teachers. They didn't really mold me just for science or just as a student but also as an individual. So, I want to be able to have just as big of an impact on students as well," stated Ms. Carifi. Outside of school, she likes to go running, and she also coaches for her son's soccer team.



Students take notes while Haley Carifi lectures.

Ms. Cole is one of the new English teachers in Building 34. Over the course of 17 years, she has taught in both elementary and middle school. She has also worked as a reading coach. "I feel like as I get a little older, I need an older age group. I get bored doing the same thing." Growing up she had many inspiring teachers throughout all of school. They had helped developed her as a person. "They kept me on the straight narrow and kept me wanting to do the right thing. I just want to be like that to the students too. I love English and I love sharing the stuff that I love to other people," she said. At Winter Haven, she likes the block schedule since it allows teachers to have a longer period to give students all the information they need. Furthermore, she also adores the atmosphere of high school due to students having the opportunity to be more involved with the school.

There are many new teachers on campus this year. One of those teacher is **Mr. Riedel**, a college graduate from Southeastern University located in Lakeland. He's originally from southern Florida but moved to central Florida for college. He teaches business class and sponsors clubs such as FBLA and DECA. He looks forward to rebuilding those clubs, and he wants to be an outlet for students to talk to and trust no matter what their life situations they might be in. This is his second year of teaching but first at a high school. He's previously taught at a middle school school. One of the things that made want to teach at WHHS is "the outstanding staff and school spirit." He loves to make "the boring classes fun" and "hearing individual students' perspectives on life and school."



Blake Riedel guides a student with a task.

Coach Burnham is joining us after coaching at Polk State last year. He graduated from Southeastern University with an undergraduate degree in exercise science in April, 2020. Burnham likes it here. "The best part of Winter Haven High School is just the family aspect of it. I've noticed that Winter Haven is a very close-knit community." Burnham is enthusiastic about teaching weightlifting and looks forward to building a relationship with all of his students. He specifically noted that all of his students are important to him. "I want my students to know they aren't just another name on a roster."

Mr. Bunting, a new English teacher, is joining us for his first year of teaching. He graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University with a Bachelor's degree in theatre arts performance. His goal in teaching is "to give back to the public education system that did a lot for me growing up." Winter Haven is Bunting's Alma Mater. "My favorite part of WHHS has definitely been being able to communicate with the other staff and getting to know the students." He stated that what motivates him to teach is, "the care that I can give to my students and the ability to change hearts and minds."

A Ghoulishly Warped Holiday

by Grace Corkins

Halloween is a holiday dedicated to all things which can be scary to small children. They're taught all year long about "stranger danger" and that strangers should not be offering them candy. Halloween is then shown as the exception. For teenagers the holiday offers a day when it's acceptable to dress up with their friends and watch movies or go somewhere "haunted." But where does the holiday actually come from?

The holiday's actual name is "All Hallows Eve," a holiday observed on October 31 and is the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day. The celebration marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints. This celebration also initiates the season of Allhallowtide, which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day.

The holiday comes from an ancient pagan festival celebrated by Celtic people, the Irish and Scottish, over 2,000 years ago called Samhain or "summer's end." The Celts believed the festival was a time when the veil between the living and the dead was thinner, and that spirits of the dead could walk on Earth. Bonfires were lit to ward off the coming winter darkness. The Celts would also wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Around the year 1000, the day was adopted as a holiday by Christianity in an effort to reframe Pagan celebrations as their own. However, many traditions of Samhain remained. The holiday and following days mark a celebration of saints. The season is now used to honor and pay respects to the dead.

So when little kids go out dressed as ghouls and when teens celebrate by scaring themselves, they are just looking for some candy or an adrenaline rush.

Voices of the Campus (VOC)

Who is the best Disney Villain and why?

(101 Dalmatians) "Cruella de Vil, I really really really really like her leopard print." - **Isabella**

Bogle 12th

(Aladdin) "Jafar, he had a plan and he accomplished it. A lot of Disney villains just pursue without a plan. With him he was very focused and risked everything to do what he needed to get done." - **Coach Burnham**

(Toy Story) "Sid from Toy Story, he's a menace to society. He carries black air force energy." - **Matt Vaughn 11th**

(Tangled) "Mother Gothel, I like her dynamic and how she kept Rapunzel locked up." - **Josiah William 10th**

(The Little Mermaid) "Ursula, she's very sneaky and manipulative." - **Tiana Everts 12th**

(101 Dalmatians) "Cruella because she had a lot of money, and was extravagant and boujee." - **Arianna Santos 10th**

(The Hunchback of Notre Dame) "Claude Frollo because he's realistic and his actions to get what he wants are horrible and terrifying. His song 'Hellfire' is so good!" - **Bettina Madhavath 10th**

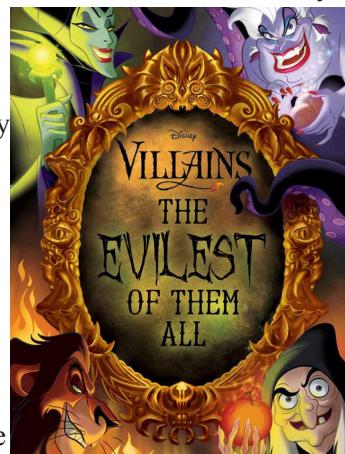
(Sleeping Beauty) "Maleficent because she is pretty cute." - **James Aguilar 9th**

(Cinderella) "The evil stepmother from Cinderella because her hair is always crazy." - **Faith Chichetto 9th**

(The Little Mermaid) "Ursula, because she's self centered and at the same time helped Ariel be with the prince." - **Kamyria Clark 11th**

(Hercules) "Hades, his motive is different and has more he wants to conquer than other villains." - **Sam Kemp 10th**

(Disney Junior - Sofia the First) "Boswell because I love Sofia the First but I do not like Sofia." - **Tyler Timmons 9th**



(The Lion King) "Scar because he is the most evil of them all." - **Logan Wakeman 12th**

(The Little Mermaid) "Ursula because I do not like musicals and she took Ariel's voice away so she could not sing." - **Kade Rabern 11th**

(Tangled) "Mother Gothel, she reminds me of my mom." - **Mariska McLaughlin 10th**

(Maleficent) "Maleficent because she wasn't a villain; she was turned into one." - **Rachel Ruiz 12th**

(Maleficent) "Maleficent had the best character development." - **Camryn Harris 11th**

(The Little Mermaid) "Ursula, she was the first villain I watched with my grandmother." - **Mr. Horne 9th**

(The Lion King) "Scar, he killed his family for power." - **Zoe Clevenger 9th**

(Creator of Disney®) "Walt Disney because he stole our land and ruined the environment." - **Mr. Bogan 10th**

(Maleficent) "Maleficent because she has cool powers and is a strong woman." - **Roselyn Sciacca 12th**

(101 Dalmatians) "Cruella de Vil, she's creepy but in a classy way." - **Sadie Beavers 11th**

Halloween Word Search

Word Bank:

HOST	PUMPKIN	SPOOKY	SCARY	OCTOBER	JACKOLANTERN
WITCH	MUMMY	SPELL	CANDY	BOO	TRICKORTREAT
SKELETON	MONSTER	POTION	VAMPIRE	HAUNTED	BATS





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Homecoming Season Comes to an End

by Lani Kemp

Winter Haven High School celebrated Homecoming with week long activities during the week of October 11-15. Some actives included dress-up days. On Monday the dress up day was movie character day where students dressed up as their favorite movie character. Tuesday was teacher twin day where students matched their favorite teacher and dressed like them. Then Wednesday was Blue and Gold Day. Thursday was class seasons day where each grade dressed as a different season. Finally Friday was cowboys vs. aliens day. On Friday the Football team demolished East Ridge 57-14.

Another activity for Homecoming week was the annual parade. The Homecoming court were introduced by riding in cars starting in downtown Winter Haven to Lake Silver. After the parade, everyone enjoyed a wonderful ski show and a large variety of food trucks at the Festival organized by Key Club.

"We have 20 girls and 20 boys running for Homecoming King and Queen this year," said Mrs. Archambault.

Of all of those students, Jackson Davis won Homecoming King and Isabella Bogle won Homecoming Queen.

"It felt good. I was really nervous at first...until they said my name," stated an excited Davis after winning.

The Homecoming dance was held in our school's courtyard on October 16, the day after our football game. At the dance there were food trucks so that way students could have a good snack while dancing and having fun. There were also plenty of fun and exciting games to play while at the homecoming dance. Masks were available at the entrances along with hand sanitizer.

Due to COVID concerns, "The Polk County School Board would not allow our dance to be indoors and we wanted to stay on our campus. Most schools are having their dance at their stadium, but we wanted ours to be on campus," said Mrs. Archambault, who was in charge of our homecoming dance this year.

"I wish it (the dance) were inside, but yeah, I'm glad we had it," said Senior Sarah Gibbs.

(From Left) The first runners up were Remington Parker

and Heather Castro.

Homecoming winners of King and Queen were Jackson Davis and Isabella Bogle. The second runners up were Xander Sikorski and Tayler Wright.



The winning float, made by the senior class, brings winter to the parade.



Seniors Nicholas Garber, Quinn Scarbrough, and Colton Stewart twin with Mr. Hughes during Spirit Week

[This bar graph represents over 25% of the student population, including teachers.]

Why I Choose to Wear a Mask

by *Trident* staff member

Wearing a mask has become the norm for me. This pandemic has lasted since early 2020, and the coronavirus is still rampant. Since then, I haven't stopped wearing it.

It feels too bare without the face-covering, like I'm naked or missing a part of my outfit. Masks, or any type of face-covering, help make my outfits shine or pop out more if I'm honest and I'm thankful for that.

Plus, it helps with the body dysmorphia since no one really gets to see what I look like unless I'm eating or drinking something. I'm not saying I always have appearance issues, but I do some days.

The mask really helps with daily life especially in situations where I can't help but make disgusted or funny faces. Even during school, if a class is too boring, sometimes my mouth kind of stays ajar due to boredom.

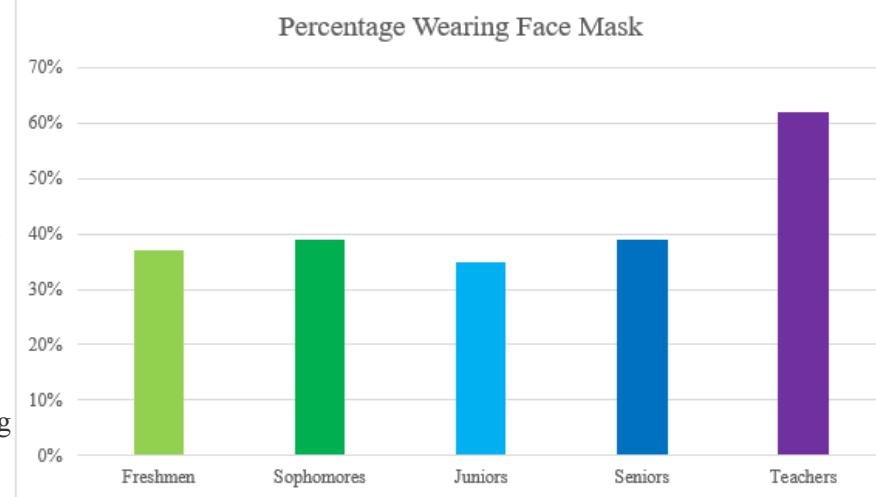
However, it makes smiling or expressing other emotions or gestures really difficult. In addition, it can get really annoying when it fogs up my glasses or, they slip down every time I talk.

Mainly, the reason why I wear a mask is that I have a family member who has an immune-medicated disease, meaning their immune system is very weak and could fail.

With my being surrounded by countless people, I believe that wearing a mask can help a tiny bit. It may not help much, but I want to play my role, along with getting vaccinated, to help reduce covid spread by lessening the amount of germs I can spread, or people spread to me.

My family member is strong, and I know that I don't have to continue wearing it, but I choose to, out of respect for them.

Wearing a mask doesn't define a person; it's just a person's preference or circumstances. Truthfully, I'm not sure if I ever want to stop wearing it.



Why I Choose Not to Wear A Mask

by *Trident* staff member

At Winter Haven High School, we are given a choice between wearing a mask and not wearing a face mask. Many students around campus have chosen to wear one, but I have not. I do not wear a face mask because without one I feel more free, and without one I feel like I can breathe more clearly. If the masks were mandatory

though, I wouldn't have a problem wearing one. My parents' opinion on wearing a mask is that I can go without one but I have to be cautious around other people, and if I were to have any symptoms to take a Covid test. Last year the masks felt suffocating and made me feel restricted. Many of my friends don't wear face masks but are still cautious. I think that there's pressure on students from politics and the world outside of school to make what others believe is the right choice, whether it's wearing a mask or not wearing one.

Dollison Reaches New Heights

by Bella Blind

Austin Dollison is the new teacher of the year, but Dollison is not labelled as a “teacher,” necessarily. Dollison is the Network Manager, and his job consists of managing all IT and technology of the school. This involves computers, laptops, printers, projectors, and anything consisting of technology. Whenever there is a technical problem, he is the person called.

“[My favorite thing is] that I’m able to fix people’s problems,” stated Dollison with a smile, “so whenever something goes wrong, I’m able to fix it.”

This is Dollison’s first time to win Teacher of the Year.

“I feel honored to know that I’m not a classroom teacher, but I was still recognized by my peers,” Dollison proclaimed. “It makes me feel like what I do matters.”

Even though Dollison’s current position is the Network Manager, Dollison started off as a classroom teacher. Dollison taught math and “game design” (cyber security class) at WHHS. This is Dollison’s third year as the Network Manager.

Dollison’s love for computers and technology started when he was very young. Though there were not many computer courses for Dollison to take in high school, he stated that he began to take computers apart as early as eight or nine years old.

“Once I had a screwdriver, I started to take things apart,” laughed Dollison, “even if I couldn’t always put it back together.”

Dollison is very committed to WHHS. He is both an alumnus and class president from 2008.

“I am really passionate about technology,” stated Dollison, “and I love kids and the relationships with the kids, but I have the biggest effect in technology. Mrs. Williams always knew I wanted to do it [Network Manager position], so she offered it to me around COVID time, which was the worst time.”

According to Dollison, when he first got the position, he had a difficult time adjusting since everyone was quarantined. He had to help set up the e-learner computers, and he stated that there were a lot of “late nights and long weekends.”

Additionally, Dollison was a part of the Blue Devil Television (BDTV) during his high school career. He stated that he pioneered the idea of the music video on BDTV, and he has been making his own R&B, rap, and pop music ever since.

Dollison also does a lot for his community. He does video and photography at his local church, First Missionary Baptist Church. He also sets up the online streaming of the church, where his father is the pastor.

Staff Support Person of the Year

by Zaria Walker

Congratulations to Ms. Cea for winning staff support person of the year! As the school’s financial secretary Ms. Cea is responsible for ordering items for administration and teachers, making deposits for money teachers collect, organizing student obligations and athletics, and ordering busses, handling physicals and temporary duty assignments.



Cea has been at Winter Haven for 21 years, she is a WHHS graduate, and her three children all graduated from WHHS.

Cea said the best thing about her job would be to deal with and be around the staff and students. The worst thing about her job would have to be having to tell students and parents about their obligations because most students and parents don’t like knowing they have to pay a certain debt off in order to graduate.

Ms. Cea loves Winter Haven because she is able to interact with staff and students. “Something I would say to someone who wants to work at Winter Haven would be that you would love it here. Mrs. Williams is a great principal to work for.”

Ms. Cea is thankful that the staff and faculty thought so much of her that they voted for her as staff support person of the year.

New Classes: Cambridge Economics

by Ty Nguyen

Cambridge Economics is one of two new classes this year. In the class, taught by Mr. Cooper, students learn topics such as microeconomy, government intervention, and macroeconomics. In addition, two courses are being taught in one class, AS and A Level.

While teaching economics in Cambridge U.S History, Mr. Cooper mentioned to Mrs. Jordan that he liked teaching the topic. Mrs. Jordan suggested that he try the class and he agreed.

The class is weighted and only juniors and seniors in the Cambridge program are allowed to take it.

Mr. Cooper stated, “It’s going good so far. Everyone in the class has had me before, and the class is pretty different from U.S History. A lot of students are having to adjust their expectations. It’s fun, I like it.”

Mr. Cooper believes the class is important since it teaches the “foundation of how money and markets work.” It also allows a chance for students to earn more points in Cambridge and college credit.

If students pass the Cambridge paper and earn an A, they do not need to take macroeconomics or microeconomics for most colleges, since they will earn two college credits.

“The class is pretty interesting to learn about. I only took it because I had to, but I do have a couple of friends in that class that makes things easier,” said Mandy Nguyen, a senior in the class.

World Culture

by Kassandra Robinson

World Culture has come to WHHS as a class taught by Mr. Brown. This is Mr. Brown’s first year teaching world culture. Mr. Brown also teaches geography.

World culture counts as a social studies credit. It is not a weighted class, but anyone can take it as there aren’t any requirements for this class.

Mr. Brown’s world culture class consists of geography, cultures and different parts of the world. Mr. Brown likes the culture aspect of his class.

Mr. Brown likes to “open the minds of students” about the cultures. Mr. Brown also likes to teach his students about the different



Austin Dollison is appreciative of the Teacher of the Year Win.



What's New with the Blue Devil Battalion?

By JROTC Cadet Janessa Thomas; JROTC PAO

A Fresh New Start

Every new school year the Winter Haven JROTC Blue Devil Battalion welcomes first year cadets with open arms and aims to teach all the necessities when it comes to leadership and responsibility. Now having completed a full year with Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Kevin Reeves, Senior Army Instructor, is taking charge, aiding in the teaching, and guiding of young cadets alongside Sergeant First Class (retired) Ronald O'Bryon, Army Instructor, in hopes of producing a well-structured program for the future. While Covid-19 may have thrown most for a loop the program stayed strong and was able to make the best and most of the inconvenient situation and take regard for the health and wellness of others. With that being said many service opportunities that the program regularly partake in were canceled, but with patience new cadets will get to experience giving back to the community in events such as Junior Achievement, Special Olympics, and many more as the year progresses. The program's main goal is to instill a sense of leadership into everyone of the new cadets that step though our doors.



Male/Mixed raider team with their first place trophy.

Victory!

The Blue Devil Battalion provides cadets with the chance to take part on teams including drill team, rifle team, color guard, and our raider team. Recently our raider team brought home their first trophy! Our male/mixed team brought home first overall at Teneroc Highschool when competing in a series of events including team 5k, rope bridge, cross country rescue, tire flip, and the fitness challenge. Training most days of the week our raiders strive and work as a team to achieve greatness. We encourage cadets to branch out and try all the teams they can so they can experience true teamwork and understand the structure and what JROTC is about. Our raider team is easily the most physically demanding extracurricular activity in JROTC. The time and effort that our cadets put into this team hoping to achieve greatness will pay off in the end with one first place win under their belt for the year.



Past cadets helping in our Veterans Day event hosted at Applebee's.

Aerospace Flies Above the Rest

by Aiden Mastapha

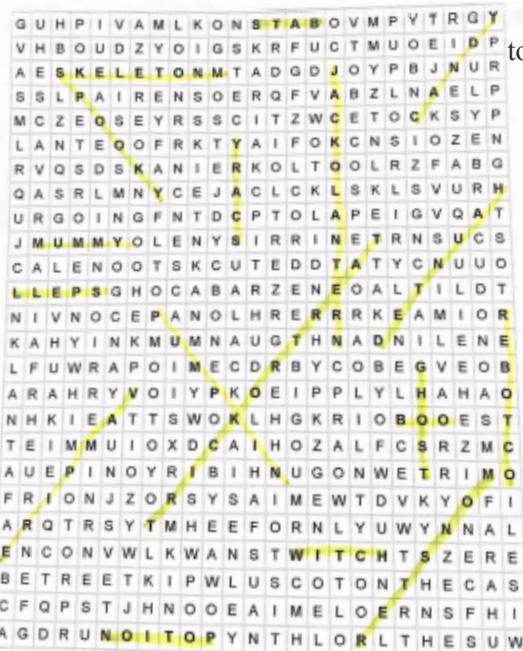
The Aerospace Club has received a 1951 Aeronca Champ Aircraft. They are hosting a fundraiser to help with the cost of maintenance. Aerospace works to restore classic aircrafts, including the Aeronca Champ. The Aeronca Champ is an aircraft that was made for commercial flight in 1945. Its purpose was to compete with other Pit aircrafts at the time.

 "This is an incredible thing," club sponsor Mr. Hughes said, "that will allow our students to have access to a flying airplane." One problem is that the airplane needs to be worked on, and restoration is expensive. The Aerospace Club intends on solving this by holding their second Annual Airways to Fairways Charity Golf Tournament. The event takes place on January 15, 2022. It is a golf tournament that raises money for Aerospace. Members at WHHS can contribute 30 dollars to help the cause.

Working on classic Aircrafts is fun for many Aerospace members. Freshman Jonathan Lynch said, "I like to rebuild these aircrafts and help to get them running again."

Freshman Blake Emanuel, who likes going to the meetings in general, added, "My favorite part is going to the Winter Haven Airport on Thursdays."

In addition to repairing aircrafts, Aerospace prepares students to become pilots. Senior Jonathan Gauthier, one of the club's members, recently passed his Private Pilot Knowledge Test. This means that he is very close to becoming a licensed pilot in high school.



Aerospace has many projects that need funding. By raising money through fundraisers, they get to continue to restore airplanes and prepare their members to become pilots.



Creative Corner

For this issue's Creative Corner, we're publishing a tabloid version of a news story about Peter Pan. If you are a creative writer and would like to have something published in the next issue of the *Trident*, give it to Miss Schubele in room 35-224. Include your name, grade, and 5th period teacher's name. Your original poem, story, or drawing MAY be selected for publication.



Artwork by Elijah Faircloth

Peter Pan's Shocking Engagement!

by Aiden Mastapha

The boy who would not grow up has certainly made a new grown-up decision. An anonymous source tells me that Peter Pan has been engaged to Tinker Bell! Our source has also uncovered a secret conversation between the two lovers.

"I love you Tinker Bell," Peter said, "and want to spend the rest of my life with you."

This comes as a shocker as for the last couple of months, our sources spotted him with Wendy. More information provided from an unnamed source points to a wedding that can occur as soon as next spring. Someone reportedly saw Wendy crying outside of her home, on the phone with Peter. There is also a rumor about pictures that show the expensive engagement ring that our team estimated at 1.2 million dollars! Peter Pan definitely did not go cheap on expressing his love for her!

Something that potentially may be more outlandish than the engagement itself is the widely held belief that Captain Hook has given congratulations to the newly engaged couple upon receiving the news of the engagement.

Smee, Hook's right-hand man because Hook doesn't have right hand, will attend the wedding, serving as an ordained minister who will marry Peter Pan to Tinker bell.

"I feel honored to marry the two and wish them the best of luck after they get married," Smee said in an oddly cheerful voice.

Tinker Bell and Peter Pan have surprisingly been silent during these past weeks. They are most likely are preparing for the wedding.

Boys' Golf Tees Up

by Grace Corkins

This year the boys' golf team was coached by Coach James for the third year in a row. This season the team hoped to go to state together. An obstacle that the team faced this season was Florida's rainy season.

James shared his reason for coaching the team and stated, "The thing that caused me to coach golf is I love the game, and when the opportunity came I was more than willing to step in."

The team was made up of 11 players. Two notable players this year were Nicholas Garber, senior, and Edwin Lugo, junior. This was Garber's fourth and final year on the WHHS team, and Lugo's first year.

For his final high school golf season, Garber wanted to accomplish qualifying for regionals. He stated that he has been "playing golf for basically my whole life." Currently, his personal record for nine holes is 37. His favorite part about golf is having success after putting in hours of hard work into it. Garber added, "My favorite thing about being on the team is hanging out with the coaches and players and just playing golf."

For his first golf season, Lugo wanted to accomplish becoming more consistent in both his shot distance and accuracy. He has been playing golf for 11 years, remembering the exact date he started as May 27, 2010. His personal record for nine holes is 45. He plays golf because it makes him happy, and he claims it is the only thing he's ever been good at. His strongest point in the game is driving and putting. His motivation to join the team this year was that he had not yet joined a sports team in high school. Lugo added, "I enjoy being on the team because I have the opportunity to play with people who have a similar interest in the sport."

Girls' Golf Drives The Competition

by Grace Corkins

The girls' golf team started their season in August with their first game on August 31. This year the team was coached by Coach James, who has coached the team for the past two years. An obstacle that the team faced this season was the lack of female golfers. James shared that the easiest part of coaching the team this year was that "most of the players have a swing coach."

This year the team was made up of three players. Due to the small number of players, they were unable to qualify as a team and must go to games and advance postseason as individuals. The team consisted of Kendall Hobbs, sophomore; Kaylie Arnold, senior; and Mariah Dawkins, junior.

For her final high school golf season, Arnold wanted to accomplish beating her record for both 18 and nine holes. She has been playing golf for over six years. Her personal record for nine holes is 44. Her favorite part about golf is the friendships she has made from playing for so long. Arnold added that the reason she joined the team was that, "I wanted to keep my streak of playing the game going."

For her first golf season, Hobbs wanted to accomplish improving her game so she can play again next year. She began playing golf at the beginning of the season. She does not yet have a personal record for nine holes.

She plays golf due to the similarity to softball. Her strongest point in the game so far is driving. Her reason for joining the team this year was her mother informing her of the team's existence. Hobbs added, "The girls are fun to hang out with so it's more fun playing on the team."



Junior Edwin Lugo swings to make the shot.

Boys' Cross-Country Runs Towards Victory

by Haleigh Reimer

The boys' cross-country team has had multiple meets beginning on August 28. Their meet at Sebring High School on September 4 produced a great team outcome. So far, Antonio Vargas, a senior varsity runner, is taking the lead for the team with a time of 19 minutes 35 seconds in a 5000-meter run. The team wants to push themselves even further.

"It's going good. We are working our times back up to what they were last year and aim to push past that for each race we have," said Dashiell Warren, a sophomore and second-year runner.

The boys have set goals for themselves and are getting closer to achieving them as their varsity ranks stay high in the twenties and thirties. The core of the team are returning runners with playoff and regional experience including sophomores Payton Stewart, Manuel Miranda, Calen Nowroozi, Dashiell Warren and upperclassmen Christian Vasquez and Josiah Lenarz.

Coach Woodsides explained, "What we try to instill in our runners is that doing your best, not quitting, and sticking together will be the bonds that fuel team success."

Coach Woodside stated that the greatest help has been the quality coaches, Coach Donohue and Coach Glenn. The greatest challenge of the team has not disappeared as the 90-degree weather in Florida has the team truly pushing their limits. Both coaches and runners claim that the greatest competition of the team is themselves.

JV is keeping up. They have high ranks in their division. Most of the team are freshman with very few upperclassmen. Their goal stays the same as varsity's, that being to improve by the end of the season in categories such as time and strength.

As the season continues, the team is expected to keep sweating their way to first place.



The team runs together in a pack to push each other all the way to the end of the race.

Boys Swimming and Diving

by Elijah Faircloth

This year's WHHS boys' swimming and diving team has started off their season placing second behind Bartow at a recent meet. The dive team plans on working hard so the boys can qualify for the state championships. Amanda Shelby, coach of the team, stated, "We're hoping to get the boys to medal in the top three." The swim team's biggest rival is in the Lakeland area.

Senior Quinn Scarbrough, one of the two divers on the team, is looking forward to "going to states and seeing the competition." He loves diving because "it's a fun sport I enjoy doing every year."

The dive team has one big obstacle this year they would like to overcome. "Looking for a coach which might be the only obstacle we are facing," noted Senior diver Joey Cea.

The swim team's Coach Amanda Shelby has goals. "Since our team's only nine members and winning relays are very hard, we are working on individual swimmers' goals."

Junior Juan Rodriguez, who is a returning swimmer, commented, "The swim team is another group of friends I can hang out with after school."

This year's team might be small, but they are happy together and fighting hard this season.



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Girls' Cross-Country Takes the Path to Success

by Bella Blind

After every race, members of the Girls' Cross-Country Team can be heard announcing encouraging statements of "good race," to other teams.

Throughout this season, the team has focused on good sportsmanship as well as encouragement and support to other runners.

"It's so hard to find people to run cross-country and those that do [run cross-country] already exhibit good sportsmanship," stated Coach Brian Donohue, more commonly known as Coach B. Coach B stated that there is a connection between runners because there are not that many people who run. This causes a positive, friendly environment in the sport and promotes supportive runners.

On September 10, both the Girls' and Boys' Cross-Country teams went to Holloway Park in Lakeland to support younger cross-country teams. Team members Sophomore Ruby Miranda, Senior Azylyah Awer, and Freshman Morgan Craft stood at various check points on the trail to help guide both elementary and middle school level runners through the hills. Even through the rain, the girls shouted encouragement.

"Middle schoolers represent our future," voiced Coach B. "They [younger runners] will be our teammates. Regardless of if they run at Winter Haven, it's still good to have our face out there because middle schoolers see high schoolers as heroes." According to Coach B, when high school runners support younger runners, this promotes younger runners to continue the sport.



At the George Jenkins race, the girls take off immediately after the gun shot.

The girls also have shown tremendous improvement throughout this season.

At the Sebring meet on September 4, Sophomores Dreana Simpson and Ruby Miranda took the lead and placed first and second.

Miranda set a personal record for herself with a time of 25 minutes for a 5k (3.1 miles) at the Frost Proof meet on September 11.

According to Coach B, his goal is just to have a team. The minimum requirement to qualify as a team is five runners, and a full team is seven.

"An interesting reason why this goal is so hard to reach," expressed Coach B, "every sport uses it [running] as punishment. It takes a certain type of person to decide to run... the main competition is ourselves. That's a part of what makes it so hard, it's the ultimate competition. From start of the gun, you're going against yourself."

Coach B wanted to also encourage others to join cross-country because since the sport is based on individual achievement, this can help in a school environment.

"If you put something into it, you will get something out of it," stated Coach B.



Senior Cadence Odom often wins with her breaststroke.

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JV Football Kickoffs New Season

by Aiden Mastapha

JV Football is having a unique and special season. The team has many different endeavors and challenges this season. With strong leadership and ambitious players, the team can expect promising results this year.

The team started 0-2 with their biggest opponent being Lake Wales since the two schools have an unofficial rivalry.

Ryan Burnham, an assistant coach on the JV team, explained the team's goals for this season. "Obviously, we want to win as many games as possible, but we want players to enjoy playing as well," Burnham said.

The coaches plan to achieve their expectations by making sure the team is disciplined, determined and passionate. Some of the players have their own goals as well.

Freshman lineman Bryce Christian said he wants a lot of playing time. "I just want to get as many minutes in as possible." He set a personal goal for himself to perform well and succeed in academics simultaneously.

Adarius Phillips is a freshman defensive back who loves performing well in their practices. "I like whenever I get tackles in practice," Adarius stated. Adarius is aiming for a spot on the varsity team next year by standing out on the JV team this season.



Blue Devils line up to make a defensive play.

Varsity Football Fights On

by Zaria Walker

Despite a very challenging season, the varsity team continued to improve, work hard, and won its first game of the season against East Ridge 57-14 on October 15, after starting off with five straight losses.

After the resignation of Coach Tate, who's been coaching for Winter Haven since 2005, assistant Coach Cannon took over as head coach for the rest of the season.

After being on junior varsity last year and being new to varsity this year, Sophomore Trey' on Ellington stated, "To improve we need to come together as a team because everyone tries to do individual work. We also need to do better during the second half because during halftime we start to get tired of not work as hard."

After numerous seniors left the school, new faces were added to the team. "We have a lot of guys that are inexperienced and young, so that makes it tough, but if we can get them to buy in and play together, then we can finish strong," said assistant Coach Ellis.



Junior Tori Martin sets the ball for Sophomore Luci Lippelgoos to kill.

Varsity Volleyball is Smashing the Competition

by Lani Kemp

Girls varsity volleyball has started their season off very strong this year, going 10-4, and remaining undefeated in the county. They continue to rise in rankings reaching eleventh in the 6A state of Florida. They have both new players and some returners on varsity this year.

Freshman Rylee Tanner stated, "A challenge of being a freshman on varsity is definitely showing that you can be a leader, and handle the hard work that comes with being on varsity."

Junior standout Carissa Michel said, "I think our team is coming along pretty well. We have a pretty young team, but our chemistry is great."

Head coach Dylan Sechrest led the varsity girls to a District title last year and is looking to win the District Championships again this year. This is his third year coaching at Winter Haven High School but his sixth year overall coaching.

"We are looking forward to defending our home court," says Dylan. "We don't want to lose this year at home. Our program has high expectations. We expect to win and want to make winning more of a tradition," said Sechrest. "This season I am most looking forward to playing Lakeland." Coach Dylan Sechrest's mom and sister both help coach volleyball at Lakeland. "I am excited for the rivalry."

JV Lady Blue Devils Hit It Hard

by Faith Chichetto

This season's Junior Varsity Lady Blue Devils are off to a great start with a record of 7-2. This team consists of thirteen players who bring a lot of intensity to the court.

Freshman setter Sofia Alvarado said, "I think our team's season has been pretty strong so far. Even with two losses, we are a great team."

This season's team has been working and learning together on and off the court. Sophomore Lani Kemp, who is an outside hitter, has started this season very strong and has become a great leader.

"I feel that we are all starting to come together as a team, not so much as individual players," said Kemp.

The Winter Haven volleyball program is filled with an amazing group of girls. JV head Coach Mariah has many goals for this season.

"My goals for my girls this season are to play each game with confidence and to believe in their skills and ability," as well as "being able to teach the girls about the amazing opportunity they have to be able to play a sport we love" said Coach Mariah.

With much love and encouragement, this year's JV Volleyball team will continue to see more victories.



Players get direction from a coach during half time.



Sophomore Arianna Santos serves the ball.



The team huddles up to celebrate a successful game.