

Phillips Named Big Winner!



Article by Jeannie Hite

Kaelyn Phillips got a chance to go to the Franklin County 4-H speaking contest held at the UT Extension Office and came out on top with a 1st place speech. Alejandra from North Middle got 2nd and some of you might know the 3rd place winner, Will Myers, former WCA student.

Kaelyn Phillips picture here (middle) after winning first place. Will Meyers (right) former WCA student won 3rd place.

The Unknowns

written by Kaelyn Phillips

He pushed me into a dimly lit room with one wooden table and two rickety chairs. It looked like something out of a cheap crime movie. He handed me a map and told me to point to where I was from. I told him I didn't see it on the map. He wanted to know if I knew the coordinates. I did. I wrote them down on a scrap of paper he handed me. He entered the coordinates, 25.0000 degrees N, 71.0000 degrees W, and ran screaming from the room. *To be continued....*

Continuation... I was confused. What was so wrong? I waited for hours in that small room. Then a woman walked in. She looked like someone who worked for the government with her suit, dark sunglasses, hair that was so neat it looked sharp enough to cut you, and her all too sweet smile. She said in a thick southern drawl that was too sweet to be real, "Hey honey, I understand your name is Voel? I nodded warily. She continued, " Well, Voel, honey I'm gonna make sure everythin' is all right." She pulled a long instrument out of her briefcase with a light at the end. "Now, you jus sit tight." She put the thing in front of my face.

I wondered, "What is going on?" She whispered real low, "This ain't gonna hurt if you'll jus hold still." I woke up in a perfectly white room with a killer headache. I sat up slowly to see the same lady. She smiled her fake smile, "I hope you're feeling all right." I wasn't and we both knew it. She said, " You jus get some rest, honey. I'll be right back." She never came back. I sit here in this white room. They pass flavorless food through a small window in a locked door three times a day along with some water with a strange taste. Each day I remember a little less, and each day I grow a little more tired. I can't speak anymore. I don't even remember my name. Then one day I give into the exhaustion and go to sleep. Before I do I hear a whisper outside the door, " She's ready."

LETTERS TO EDITOR



Hot or Cold

Editorial By: Jeannie Hite

As we all know January is cold. Some people love the cold. They love hot chocolate, the snow, the warm jackets, and the missed school days. Other people just like to go outside in t-shirts and shorts in the middle of January. (This is probably not the safest option, and I would not recommend it.) A lot of people on the other hand hate the cold. They can't stand being cold and they wait for summer to come so they can get a tan and swim in the pool. Anonymous is one of the people who loves the cold. This person (who wishes to remain anonymous) says that they are usually hot, so when the cold comes around, they are, and I quote, "content." I cannot stand the cold. I'm so ready for summer. So, what do you guys think? Do you prefer hot or cold? Write to us at thelionledger@wcaedu.net and let us know. We'll put your responses in our next editorial.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Lion Ledger wants to thank all of you as teachers for your support in our new endeavor. We also would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Josh and to Mrs. Caroline for the go ahead and all of their support. I would also, at this time, say that we are currently not accepting any new staff members, but submissions are welcome through our new email: thelionledger@wcaedu.net! Thank you for reading! We look forward to your feedback.

-Will Childers, Editor

January and February Birthdays

Abbey 1/7
Alex 1/23
Madison 2/8
Garrison 2/6



Presidency Poll

Joe Biden was inaugurated on January 20th, and we took a poll from 5-8th grade. We asked, "Do you think Joe Biden will make a good president?" These are the stats from our results:

In 6th grade, 10/18 say no and 0/18 said yes (8 abstained)
In 7th grade, 8/11 say no and 0/11 said yes (3 abstained)
In 8th grade 1/7 say no and 1/7 said yes (5 abstained)



WHAT'S UP MIDDLE SCHOOL?

BY JAYDEN HANNELL



The Lion is our WCA mascot and represents strength, courage, might and pride. We also look to the Lion of Judah when thinking of our lion mascot.

NEWS

In middle school, students race to get ready for the upcoming Tae Kwon Doe test in three weeks. Also, in band, students are rushing to get their songs perfected for the winter concert coming up in a few days. As always, The Lion Ledger staff hopes you have a great week.

Bible

In the 7th grade, our very own will Childers is being baptized on Saturday the 23 at Monteaagle church of Christ.

COMICAL CORNER by Will Childers

Two pickles are arguing
One says *"stop touching me"*
The other says *"dill with it"*.

Jhon: yesterday I saw a guy spill scrabble letters on the road.
Mike: *What did you do?*
Jhon: I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"



What building is most like a library?
The empire state building because It has so many stories!

What do you get when you cross holy water and prune juice?
A religious movement!



LION SPORTS

SPORTS SECOND

Kaeyln Phillips

What's new in sports? WCA says goodbye as basketball season draws to a close. We are proud of all our teams. This year we were pleased to announce our first ever Middle School Basketball Team. Congratulations to all our basketball players for a very successful season. We would like to thank our coaches and players for their commitment and hard work through this entire season. All of the players performed wonderfully, and we are all very proud of them. College football has also ended with Alabama winning the championship by twenty-eight points. Sorry Buckeyes fans! There's always next year. This year the Heisman Trophy went to Devonta Smith, the wide receiver for the Alabama Crimson Tide. The upcoming sports are baseball, soccer, and tennis. That's all for this week!



Coach Cory calls a timeout during the Monteagle game.



Girls fight for a win at Monteagle.



DID YOU KNOW: A BLAST FROM THE PAST

By William B Childers

Just imagine, it's the night October 8th, you are lying in your bed in the south west side of Chicago, it's hot and dry, and the year is 1871. All of a sudden you smell smoke from your neighbors, Caroline and Patrick O'Leary that live at 137 DeKoven Street. Their barn is on fire! Within minutes your house and all of your friends' houses are ablaze. The fire will go on to destroy an area of Chicago that's 4 miles long and almost 1 mile wide. Burning 17,000 structures, fatally wounding 300 people, and leaving 100,000 people homeless. How did this all start? Legend has it that the O'Leary's cow knocked over an oil lamp that was alight and started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The good news is that it only took the city of Chicago two years to rebuild. As of today the great Chicago fire remains to be one of the most devastating fires in Chicago history.

Random Upcoming Holidays/Events

January 2021

January 2021 is National Bath Safety month.
Don't slip on that bar of soap!

January 20th: Penguin awareness day
National buttercrunch day

And National cheese lover day for all you people (like me) that love
cheese!

PRAYER REQUESTS

compiled by Jeannie Hite

Atlanta's stepbrother, Memphis's family during this time of loss, Bryson's great grandfather, Jayden's friend Robin with brain cancer, Abbey's mom was in a car wreck, WCA, all who have Covid-19, and our government

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

LION LEDGER STAFF

Student Editor In Chief



Will Childers

I've been in 4-H for four years. I also like to write short stories for my little brother. I am excited about working with the Lion Ledger Staff. The LL is all I dreamed it would be, and I cannot wait to see where it takes us!

Journalist



Kaleyn Phillips

I LOVE reading, my favorite color is purple, and I love to cook. I am also in my second year as Mr. Josh's class librarian. I am looking forward to bringing you many news stories and works of fiction.

Reporter



Jayden Hannel

I am 12 years old, and I'm funny, smart, and love gaga ball. Writing for The Lion Ledger is so much fun. Bringing news and prayer requests helps us all to stay current and connected to God.

Photographer and Journalist



Jeannie Claire Hite

I love archery and camping. I do two clubs: drama and student council in school. I love taking pictures and writing for The Lion Ledger!

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