



# PAW PRINTS

WA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year!!!

Report Cards - Thurs., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

NO school - Fri., Jan. 9 - WA Deer Hunt

## 41st Annual WA Deer Hunt

On Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, hunters from all over the United States will arrive in Camden for the 41st Annual WA Deer Hunt weekend. Not only does this hunt benefit Wilcox Academy, but the economy of the whole area is positively impacted. If you are not already committed to help in some capacity, please contact William Malone. If you can help at the skinning shed (there are lots of jobs other than skinning deer), please contact J.T. Dailey.

***Thank you so much to the guides, landowners, cooks, volunteers, and all who make this event great each year. Special thanks to William Malone for all his efforts!!!***

## BETA CLUB FRUIT SALE

Thanks to everyone who supported the annual Junior and Senior Beta Club fruit sale. Top salespeople were rewarded for their efforts....

Junior Beta - 1<sup>st</sup> Ava Chapman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Easton Jenkins; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jackson Thornhill

Senior Beta - 1<sup>st</sup> Harrison Travis; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Marley Henderson; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Andrew Malone & Jim Vick

**Congratulations to our Varsity Football All-Stars!** The West Team won 53-52! Julian Curry received the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award, and Marvin Moultry was recognized as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

**MANDATORY MEETING** - ALL CHEER CANDIDATES - MONDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:15 IN THE LUNCHROOM. The candidate and one

parent must attend. Mock tryouts – open to the public – February 26. Tryouts will be held on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Creative Writing Contest** – We recently held a writing contest for all grades. The following students were selected as winners in each division:  
Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> – Allie Sheffield, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harrison Black  
First Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> – Isabella Stone, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia Dumas  
Second Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> – Nick Dolbear, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brentley Blackwell  
Third Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> – John Michael Rushing, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christopher Jordan  
Fourth Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Grady Tait, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sutton McGraw  
Ninth & Tenth Grades – 1<sup>st</sup> Blaine Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clayton Morgan  
Eleventh & Twelfth Grades – 1<sup>st</sup> Lily Pugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson Tait  
John Michael Rushing, Blaine Allen, and Lily Pugh will advance to the AISA State Creative Writing Competition.

**ACT** - WA is participating in the school day ACT testing program and will administer the ACT to all juniors on **March 10th** during school hours. No registration is required.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

- Simpson scholarship deadline – March 1 – online application available later in January
- Allyrae Wallace scholarship deadline – February 16 – applications available soon
- Updated transcripts and GPA's will be available on Monday, January 12.

## Basketball Schedule - \*Region games

January 8	South Choctaw
January 13	@ Sparta
January 16	Escambia
January 20	Patrician
January 26	@ South Choctaw
January 30	Sparta
February 2	@ Escambia
February 3	Fort Dale
February 6	1 <sup>st</sup> round of state – girls
February 7	1 <sup>st</sup> round of state – boys
February 10-11	Elite Eight
February 12-13	Final Four

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