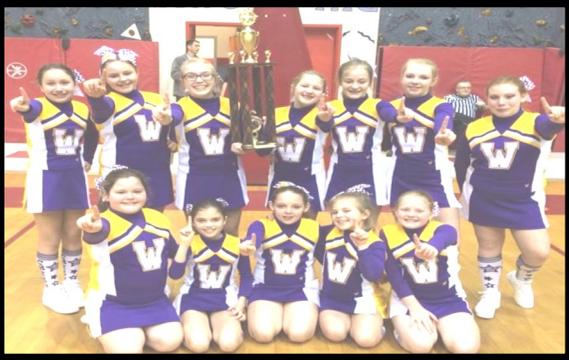


LOCAL SPORTS

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

5th and 6th Grade Cheerleaders

Taylor Spurlock and Noah D. Saylor



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO WIN?

"Winning this year's Cheer Championship with these amazing, little girls (the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders) was unreal, but at the same time, so well deserved! These girls have worked so hard and gave their *all* the entire year. It's hard to win any year but extremely hard when you're the reigning champions. This is the fourth year in a row that my little girls have brought home the championship and I couldn't be prouder!" Coach Susan Griffin.

"It felt wonderful!" Jacee Rouse "I was so excited." Tabby Johnson
 "It was emotional." Jaden Lane "I was so happy." Madison Rice
 "I was so excited." Madison Saylor "It felt wonderful." Jayle Lee
 "I was so excited." Emilee Eldridge "I was so happy." Catonya Gabbard
 "I was so happy. It was exciting." Abby Smith

"I was so excited to win! We were going for our 4th straight win. We worked so hard and it paid off in the end." Lyndsey Curtis.
 "I was glad to be a part of the team that won four times in a row." Taytum
 "When we won I was shocked and my jaw dropped to the ground." Rylie Maggard

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball

The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team won their Championship Game against Rosspoint 51-46. It would be the hardest game of their season, but they pulled it off with a five-point win. They started off with a strong lead, but as it got closer to the end of the second quarter, the lead decreased to two points. Coming back out to the third quarter, Wallins got their lead back. As time was running out, Devin hit a lay-up and Alex hit two free throws to secure the win.



HOW DID IT FEEL TO WIN?

"It felt amazing. It was the best moment of my life. We worked our tails off this year. Hard work pays off." Alex Nantz

"It was the greatest moment of my life." Jacob Bailey

"It was great! It feels amazing to hang a banner!" Trenton Thomas

"It feels great to go out of my last basketball game, winning my first championship." Noah D. Saylor

"I was so pumped! It felt great to achieve what we have been working for all year. I'm glad that I got my first championship at Wallins." Casey Lee

"It felt good to win my last championship, the last time I will ever play a grade school game and as a Purple Devil!" Taylor Spurlock

"It felt good knowing that I couldn't be stopped." Elisha Smallwood

"It felt great to beat Rosspoint for my last game." Devin Eldridge

"I was extremely happy. It felt like all that hard work paid off." Johnny Brock

"It all stared from the beginning, but paid off in the end." Hunter Mefford

"It was amazing and all the work in the season paid off." Gary

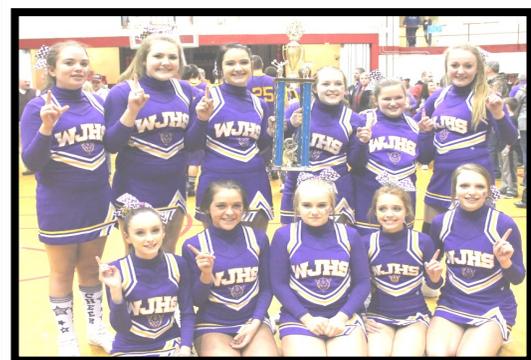
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"It was fun and it felt like all the hard work paid off." Cody Clayborn

"It felt good and that all of the hard work paid off." Tyler Cole

7th and 8th Grade Boys Cheerleaders



The 7th and 8th grade Cheerleaders also succeeded at winning their competition. They got first place, Cumberland with second, Rosspoint with third, and Everts with fourth.

Even after winning their Championship Game, the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team, ran out on the floor to celebrate with the girls. The cheerleaders were judged on the day of the first round of the tournament. Although they were under pressure, they didn't fail and their lifts were amazing. They have never failed to cheer on the Wallins Boys Basketball team to victory!

HOW DID IT FEEL TO WIN?

"I was overwhelmed with joy and excitement." Bailey Brock

"I was so estatic that I could have jumped to the sky." Tiara Lambert

"I was more than excited. It felt so good to be the County cheer champs for the third year in a row. It sure has been a great experience." Makayla Walters

"It was an awesome experience, especially for the 4th time in a row. As soon as Mr. Belcher said, "Wallins", all of the students, parent, teachers, and coaches were yelling and so excited for us." Savannah Saylor

"I felt very happy. We worked very hard and was please with the outcome. I was a little nervous and very emotional. We earned it and couldn't be no more excited than I am." Pooh Griffin

"We worked very hard. I was proud of our team. Susan is a great coach!" Hannah Wood

"Awesome." Madison Ward

"Very proud of myself and my team. I was really excited and happy we got 1st place just like last year!" Alyssa Adams

"As soon as they called our name (Wallins) all I could see was tons of girls just running for the trophy. It was an amazing feeling to win AGAIN! I'm so proud of myself and my team. There's nothing I love more than seeing teamwork, hard work, and effort finally pay off. Winning with ten girls is pretty awesome. Then....Mexican!!!" Kali Blevins

"It felt good." Meghan Murphy

"I'm extremely proud of my 7th/8th graders. They are the most talented bunch of girls I have ever coached. And I have had a lot of great squads! As excited as I am, it's a sad time as well. I'm losing seven 8th graders this year and these girls are irreplaceable! It makes it even harder knowing that I'm losing Pooh. She has been cheering for me since she was three years old. It's sure not gonna be the same! I just hope they've enjoyed cheering as much as I've enjoyed coaching them. I wish them the best of luck in high school and I will be right there to support them in whatever they choose to do." Coach Susan Griffin.

NATIONAL SPORTS

Broncos: Super Bowl Champs

Casey Lee and Elisha Smallwood

Well, it looks like the Broncos pulled the upset in Levi's Stadium when they beat the Panthers in a huge battle.

A wise saying, "Defense wins the game", rang true when the Panthers, who had the number one offense, couldn't top the Broncos and their number one defense. With the final score being 24-10, the Broncos got to

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Hannah Jones and Pooh Griffin

Right: Jordan Steele in San Antonio, Texas playing for the East Coast team at the Army All-American Football Bowl. "In the future, I would like to attend the University of Alabama or go to the Marines," he stated.



ARMY ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL BOWL

Jordan Steele is a 7th grader here at WES. He plays for the New Harlan Patriots football team. He was given the opportunity to represent Kentucky as the only 7th grader from the Commonwealth on the Army All-American football team in San Antonio, Texas.

After being asked, Jordan's family set up a gofundme account for people to donate money to help him have the opportunity to go.

Jordan was one of the only four players asked from Kentucky. Jordan said, "It felt good when I got asked."

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