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Baxley, Heffron win 'name' contest

Once upon a time, a school newspaper gained a name! Sophomore Taylor Baxley and freshman Rose Heffron tied for first in the "Name the Newspaper" contest after both students submitted *The Torch* as their first choice in names.

"... I thought of the picture on the car decal, and I thought it would be a good symbol because we are to lead the way and be His light, shining His Word through the newspaper," Taylor said.

After 15 middle and high school students submitted name ideas, a panel of teachers and administrators voted for their top choice. Some of the

other entries included *The Warrior Press*, *The Way of Life*, and *Life Way Times News*.



Taylor Baxley, 10th, and Rose Heffron, 9th

Rose said, "The idea initially came from the show, *Smallville*...but I thought (*The Torch*) related well because the news-

paper is a light to the school, and as Christians we are to be a light to the world."

Each participant received a thank-you gift for entering the contest.

Students who entered the contest include the following: sixth grade, Devon Halstead, Justin Kem, Madison Morris and Brynn Elliott; seventh grade, McKenzie Brinkley, Whitney Gibbs, Logan Hartman, Anna Kate Taylor, Levi Clay, Victoria Bussierre and Danielle Argueta; eighth grade, Kyle Lembke; ninth grade, Rose Heffron and Alecia Gutche; tenth grade, Taylor Baxley.

Science fair coming this spring

Dear Parents & Life Way Friends,

The Science Department, grades nine through twelve, will present our first "High School Science Fair." The date has been set and is on the calendar for March 15, 2012.

Students and parents will be receiving more information on the structure and organization of a good science project.

This notice is to let all students and parents know that participation will be required, and it has been scheduled.

Dr. Clarence Holland
Department Chair

Computer lab offers new technology



Mrs. Grisham stands beside "COW," the new mobile computer lab.

By Victoria Bussierre

"Out with the old, in with the new" appears to be the motto when it comes to Life Way's computer lab.

Brand new computers fill the room, along with 15 laptops and a printer that make up "COW" or Computers on Wheels, the new mobile computer lab available for teachers to reserve and use in the classroom. A variety of classes, from history and algebra to language arts, have already made use of the mobile

lab this year.

"The mobile lab has allowed teachers to have greater access to computers and the ability to use web-based programs to enhance learning," Mrs. Ashley Grisham said.

The computer lab is used by students from kindergarten to twelfth grade, and each class is taught by Mrs. Grisham. In addition to classes, the lab is often used for special needs of the school. Mrs. Sullivan's drumline members are planning to design

the band tee-shirts in the computer lab.

Even though so many upgrades have been made, there is always room for improvement. Mrs. Grisham hopes to upgrade the lab even further by purchasing and installing Adobe Illustrator on the lab's computers in the future. She also said the school is exploring exciting technology possibilities for the future that may be announced at a later date.

LWCS to participate in ACSI events

The ball is rolling in three of the Association of Christian Schools International events LWCS participates in each year. Those events include Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, and Speech Meet.

The initial testing recently took place for Math Olympics and Spelling Bee. Many students in grades three through eight completed Math Olympic testing

Oct. 7 which determines who will advance to district Oct. 27. After district competition, students who advance will participate in the Area Level scheduled Nov. 10 in Conway, Ark.

Three top spellers in each class, grades three through eight will compete in the school spelling bee Nov. 14. The two winners of the school bee will advance to the district meet in

Little Rock, Jan. 13.

Students in grades one through 12 may participate in Speech Meet. Life Way will again host the school meet, scheduled Jan. 26, as well as the district meet with other schools. Those interested in speech meet may contact Mrs. Beth Gourd for categories and information. Mrs. Crystal Lawrence is the contact for the other events.

Mark Your

Calendar! Parents

prayer times:

Moms-

Monday at 8:15 and

Friday at 1:15

Dads-

Tuesday at 6:30 AM

Mrs. Tidwell

and other teachers "high five" students after the game.



Teachers topple students

Life Way teachers toppled elementary, middle, and high school students 8-2, Sept. 25, in the second faculty versus students kickball game on the soccer field.

The students' loss this year brings the students' record to 1-2 in faculty vs. student games. Last spring, it was the

teachers who fell to student domination in the first student-teacher kickball match-up, while teachers squeezed a victory over students last fall in the faculty-student flag football game.

Dr. Bowers promised the winning team a trophy and a jeans day. The "silver cup" rests

in the office window.

Jeans day for teachers is Wednesday, Oct. 12. However, Dr. Bowers agreed to allow students to share in the victory so that everyone can enjoy "Friday dress" that day.

Lady Warrior volleyball wins award



JV and Varsity lady warriors warm up before a home game.

Varsity Volleyball is nearing the end of its season. The lady warriors are currently 8-8 on the season. They recently received the Sportsmanship Award at the Columbia, Mo. tournament.

Two seniors, Grace Heffron and Emily Cade, lead the team.

The lady warriors have three games and three tournaments left. The ladies defeated Ridgeway of Pine Bluff in home games

Oct. 8.

The TriState Tournament is in Oklahoma Oct. 13-15, while district is Oct. 21-22, and state is Oct. 28-29. Coach Jane Hesse said she is proud of the hard work and dedication the team has put in this season.

“I am proud of this group of girls and what they have accomplished. I am excited to see how we finish this season,” Coach Hesse said.

...Heard it in the classroom! “I have an addiction to jalapeno chips.” - Mrs. Daniel

Boys’ and girls’ golf teams fair well

The Life Way Golf teams competed in the Christian Ministry Invitational at the Coronado Golf Course in Hot Springs Village Oct. 6.

In the boys match, Life Way finished first with a 129. Columbia Christian of Magnolia took second with a 142, and Ridgeway Christian from Pine Bluff took

third, shooting a 146.

Regin Reginio from St. Josephs (Pine Bluff) was low medalist with a 37. Life Way’s, Michael Cogan, finished second with 39.

In girls action, Life Way was number one with an 86. Ridgeway finished second with a 91. Life Way’s, Rylin Cogan, was low medalist with a 41.

To close the season, both teams will return to Hot Springs on Thursday, Oct. 13, to compete in the AACCS State Tournament. The girls are coached by Lisa Bowden, and Todd Ring coaches the boys.

Cross Country ends season at OSU Jamboree

The junior varsity and varsity cross country runners finished a successful season Saturday, Oct. 1, with the Cowboy Jamboree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

The LWCS junior varsity boys team placed 7th out of 17 teams. Three team members earned medals: Dylan Goates, 7th, Grif-

fin Mattews, 22nd, and Logan Baxley, 23rd.

Approximately 120 junior high and senior high teams from several states competed. The Cowboy Jamboree is the oldest and largest cross-country event in the nation.

Michaela Patton, 9th, and Anna Kate Taylor, 7th, wait to race at the Cowboy Jamboree.



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"...As for you, continue in what you have learned and become convinced of."

- 2 Tim. 3:14

CALENDAR CORNER

**Oct. 10-12 - New Life Ranch Middle School
Science Field Trip**

Oct. 13-14 - Teacher inservice, no school

Oct. 13 - LWCS night at Chic-Fil-A, Rogers

Oct. 17-18 - Fall school pictures

Nov. 14 - School Spelling Bee

Correction: Cameron Wagner was mistakenly omitted from the list of new students in the September issue.

Our apologies, Cameron!

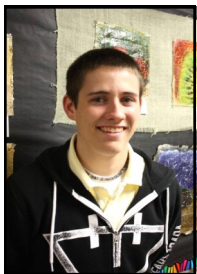


Senior Spotlight...

Seth Barrett

Seth has attended Life Way for three years. Playing the drums is a favorite hobby of Seth's, and he has played with the chapel worship band the last two years.

After graduation in May, Seth is planning to attend Northwest Arkansas Community College for two years, then transfer to the University of Arkansas and major in marketing.



***Seth
Wesley
Barrett***

Kristen Renee Barfield



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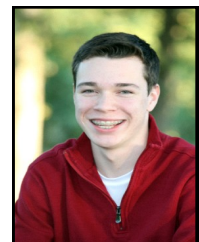
During her time at Life Way, Kristen has been involved in Quiz Bowl and enjoys riding her horse and hanging out with friends.

For her senior project Kristen is planning something special at an area nursing home. After graduation, Kristen plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in applied animal science. A favorite memory at LWCS was a fashion show with best friend, Kristen Conway in tenth grade.

Zachary Ryan Bearden

Zach enjoys Rock climbing and playing soccer. He has been involved in student council and has helped with LWCS computer network security. Zach also plays soccer for Life Way. For his senior project, Zach plans to build a school email exchange server.

Zach is planning to attend radiology school to become a radiologist after graduating from Life Way.



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