

Athlete Signings

by: Tiffany Hibbs, Staff Writer

Congratulations to the following skilled senior athletes who recently signed for the 2008-2009 school year!



Baseball signings from left to right:
Bennett Smith, Adam Adkins,
Tyler Lovell, Turner Cripps



Softball signings from left to right:
Devon Schmidt, Tiffany McNamee



Golf signings from left to right:
Joe David, William Potts

I Object!

by: Chelsey Tompkins, Assistant Editor

The Mock Trial Team is a new addition to this year's after-school activities. Many people wonder what the Mock Trial Team is all about. The team is a group of bright students who practice everyday after school to transform themselves into witnesses and lawyers. The team must "get into character" as one would say. The members of the Mock Trial Team are led by a fantastic coach, Mrs. Darnell. The team has an actual lawyer present during practices who helps the lawyers tremendously. There are 10 members on the team. Some of these members include Gale Robinson, Sarah Lockett, Jenny Roden, and Burton Walker. Some may ask, what's the point in Mock Trial? Mock Trial teaches students how to act, debate, and be quick-witted. It helps students conquer their fears if they are shy or lacking self-confidence. Also, it teaches the members about the law. The competition will be held on February 15th and 16th at a courthouse in the area. There are many different schools within the county in which the Mock Trial members will be competing. Personally, I can't wait to see what the Mock Trial Team can do! ☺

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Student Life

Science Labs, Ready for Use

by: Sara Luckett, Staff Writer

For the past 2 years, research, planning, and construction for the new science labs have been going on at Goodpasture. Recently, the new chemistry and biology labs were opened for use. The science labs have several new features. The tables in the labs are bar-height and have burn-resistant tops. Each table has electrical outlets for use with microscopes and other electronic equipment.

Each lab is equipped with a smart board. The labs also share a set of laptops for individual student use. Another feature that is very helpful is the added storage, which allows equipment to be stored when it's not being used. This also means more open counter space. Mrs. Honeycutt said, "Using microscopes and other electronic equipment is a lot easier." She also commented, "I like all of the open work space. It makes doing labs much easier."

Mrs. Honeycutt said that her favorite part of teaching in the new lab was being able to see all the students learning. On January 28th, parents have been invited to an open house to see the new science labs. Hopefully, the parents will like the new labs as much as the students and teachers.



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A few Goodpasture biology students enjoying the "cookie mitosis/meiosis project" in the new science lab

The Coffee Shop

by: Luke Hartman, Assistant Editor

Goodpasture's new Coffee Shop had its grand opening on January 18th. Many students as well as students' parents rushed to retrieve a free cup of coffee and samples of muffins and other assorted treats that morning. The Coffee Shop is now open every morning, and it costs only \$2 for a cup of amazing coffee! The assortment flavors range from vanilla to mocha, and hazelnut to caramel! Goodpasture's new café is located in the eighth grade hallway adjacent to the gym. It is run by student employees who want to make the school a better place. The shop also has a wonderful lounge with chairs donated to the school by the Grand Old Opry. If you find yourself tired in the mornings, give yourself a boost of caffeine and stop by The Coffee Shop!



Caleb Vivio, Mary Elise Barrett & Dillan Petty working shifts at the grand opening of Goodpasture's Coffee House

Student of the Month

by: Shane Williams, Staff Writer

Joseph Barefoot: do you know him? Have you ever heard of him? Well, here is what I found out about Joseph Barefoot. He has attended Goodpasture for almost 2 years. He transferred to Goodpasture in the middle of his 8th grade year. Currently he is a freshman. I personally knew him for longer than this because he attends the same church as me, which is Lebanon Road Church of Christ. Not many people know about Lebanon Road Church of Christ. Most people have never even heard of it. Out of the entire population of Goodpasture Christian School, there are 6 people that attend this church including Joseph.



Joseph plays football here also. Joseph uses his free time to play Gears of War, Halo 3, and Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare. Besides school related activities, Joseph has helped the town of Pearlington, Mississippi. Pearlington was deemed "The Forgotten Town," after Hurricane Katrina hit. Lebanon Rd. took a group down to Pearlington to help the community and build a church. Joseph went along and worked all week down there, doing everything from cleaning up, working with rebar, digging trenches, roofing, and dry walling. So next time you see Joseph in the hallway, say hey, or get his Xbox name, and just maybe you can beat him!

Social Life

Video Game Review by: Chris Willis, Staff Writer

New Year's Resolutions

by: Hillary Smith, Staff Writer

Many people make New Year's Resolutions. Everyone has their own thing they want to get better at or things they want to do. These are ten resolutions of a few people at Goodpasture:

"I don't want to fail my junior year."

- Megan Bryant

"I want to make sure I wear a different pair of socks everyday."

- Anonymous

"I want to help save the world!"

- Kendall Elord

"I want to stay away from stalker pirates."

- Autumn Woodard

"I want to try to be less dramatic."

- Anonymous

"I want to get an A on a Calculus test before I graduate."

-Chelsey Tompkins

"I want to grow a real man's beard."

- Luke Hartman

"I want to be a better person in 2008 than I was in 2007."

- Coach Bix

"I want to get bigger."

- Chris Gray

"I want to branch out, meet new people, and get the full college experience."

- Chandler Alteri

Assassin's Creed was one of the most highly anticipated games of 2007, released on November 13th, but did it live up to all expectations? The simple answer to that question is no, but it is hard to criticize a game that does so many difficult things right. The presentation of the game is phenomenal, the graphics are beautiful, and the controls are set up well. The concept and setting of the game are great. You play as Altair, a member of the Hashshashin (or Assassins), a real-life group that performed politically-motivated murders between the 11th and 13th centuries. Set in the Middle East during the third crusade, Assassin's Creed is fused with some historical fact.

So what went wrong? To begin with, there is a big twist in the game. That would be acceptable and almost expected, but the problem is that the "big twist" in the game happens about 5 or 10 minutes into the game. A comparison that has been thrown out there to show how that could affect the story is this: imagine you are watching the Sixth Sense and find out 10 minutes into the movie that Bruce Willis is dead. That could take away from the story a bit wouldn't you say? Next, certain things you have to do can become repetitious and surprisingly easy. Despite these things though, taking out your target and the pursuit that follows is fun and entertaining. Assassin's Creed even leaves the door wide open for an awesome sequel. I rate this game an 8/10.



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Falling Up

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Maggie looked down at the slight scar on her arm and blushed. It had been a while since Travis had pulled her from in front of the speeding car, but it had left a mark.

"Maggs? You coming?" She looked up to see Nate watching her with impatience evident on his face.

"Yeah. Where are we going, anyways?" Nate just grinned at that. They'd been hanging out for a while now so she should expect that from him - she should know when it's coming. But she'd grown so used to being around Travis,

she found herself rolling her eyes at many of his comments.

"Whatever," she said as she followed him to his car.

When they got to the Diner, she wasn't surprised. When they entered and were greeted with a restaurant full of grins, she felt her cheeks turning red. She still wasn't used to all the attention. They went to the normal table in the back and when she saw that Sarah and Derek weren't there, she asked, "Where are the others?" Nate blushed and mumbled,

Social Life

Monthly Bible Verse:



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

• Hebrews 12:1



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"I thought maybe it could be you and me tonight." This comment brought on an awkward silence and they sat there like that until he asked,

"Are you going to come and watch me play sometime?" She thought about it and all that she had going right now, painting, a paper due in History and English, and a major project due in Science. But then again, being the good student that she was, she'd already finished both papers and Sarah was her partner in Science so what they didn't understand, Travis could help them with.

"Maybe, yeah." The conversation continued with things being said about almost every subject. She tried once or twice to lead a conversation about things she liked to do but could never get anywhere with them. Just when she thought the conversation

they were having couldn't get any worse, Nate asked,

"So what's going on between you and that Travis guy?"

"Nothing. I don't think of him except as a friend, Nate," she was surprised how well she lied.

"You've been hanging out a lot."

"So? Friends do that. Kinda like what we're doing right now." She frowned at her own tone. She was being defensive and she didn't know why. She'd liked Nate since she'd met him with her little crush growing

until now, where it seemed to stop. She didn't want to be talking about another guy with Nate, that was beyond wrong in her book.

"I was just watching out for you."

"Why would you have to do that? Travis is a good guy."

"You haven't had him in the same school with you since you were seven, either." Maggie almost laughed. Nate was holding grudges from second grade?

"Come on, Nate."

"So he hasn't told you what he's done?" She ground her teeth together.

"No, he hasn't and I don't want to know from you, either." He raised his eyebrows at this and was about to say something else when out of the corner of her eye she saw a familiar figure. She felt her mouth turning up in a grin when she turned to look at Travis but then it faded when she saw who he was with.

"He's with Ashley?" She asked out loud.

"Who?" Nate turned to see what Maggie was looking at and made a face. Maggie wasn't alone. Sitting beside her was Nate, looking terribly ticked off. They both watched as Travis and Ashley sat down, the latter laughing loudly at something that had been said,

"What are they doing together?" Nate asked.

"Looks like a date to me," Maggie grumbled as she tried not to glare in Travis' direction.

"I was just wondering," Nate began, "um... considering that... um... next month...is... well, you know..."

"Come on Nate, spit it out," she grinned some.

"Will you be my valentine?"



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