

Cougar's Paw

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Fellowship & Fun

by: *Tiffany Hibbs, Staff Writer*

FCA got off to a great start this year! On just the first day of sign ups, there was around 150 in attendance! Their first official meeting was held at the home of Whit Mahan. With over 100 students in attendance, it was a very enjoyable experience for everyone who was there. "It was a totally awesome time," said junior Hillary Smith, "there were no cliques or anything. Everyone was all smushed in one room but it was still really fun." The next FCA event will be held on October 3rd from 6:30-8:30 P.M. Even if you're not a member of the FCA, everyone is welcome to come!



The 2007-2008 FCA officers from left to right: Blake Storts, Lauren Gregory, Thomas Rhett Akins, Tyler Lovell, Whit Mahan, Ashley Gaines

Big Changes in Girl's Ministry!

by: *Chelsey Tompkins, Assistant Editor*

Over the years, girl's ministry has been great; however, Girl's Ministry 2008 wants to become a major part of Goodpasture. There are many activities GM would love for every girl at GP to become a part of. "It's all about glorifying God, and getting girls of all ages to join." said Jenny Roden, a member of GM, "If we want this to really work, then we have to do it right." Girl's Ministry hopes to have Bible Study weekends at the senior member's homes as well as a Sunday night worship service at least once a month. "I am extremely excited about this year's turn out for Girl's Ministry. It is encouraging to think about the changes God is going to bring about on this campus through GM."

Even though over one hundred girl's signed up for Girl's Ministry, they would love to have a large variety of girls to attend. Most of the girls that signed up are in high school, but middle school girls are strongly encouraged to join. There are many big ideas circulating throughout GM, but it takes you to make it happen. Come join Girl's Ministry every other Friday morning to become a part of all these exciting activities!

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Student Life

Student of the Month

by: *Bridgette Schwarz*

Bobby Joe Blackwell has attended Goodpasture for the last 13 years of his life, but how much do we really know about him? Do we really know him as well as we think we do? We sat down with Bobby to find out the things that most people don't know about him. Now, most of us know he goes to Madison church of Christ and has a long time girlfriend of almost 10 months named Ericka, but what are some of the things that the student population of Goodpasture might not know? He is a die hard Red Sox fan. His favorite animals are penguins and his favorite video game is Rainbow Six: Vegas. He is planning to attend Lipscomb University next school year. Here are some other of Bobby's favorite things:

Superhero: Batman

Fast food restaurant: Wendy's

Cartoon: Family Guy

Movie: Anchorman

Color: Blue

Band: Haste the Day

Food: Monterey Chicken from Chili's

Class you have ever had: 9th Grade Physical Science



Editorial

by: *Matthew Johnson, Editor-In-Chief*

I happen to be someone guilty of not saying the Pledge of Allegiance some mornings in school like someone should say the pledge. However, lately I have been thinking what the Pledge of Allegiance means and what it really stands for.

Many of us take for granted the freedoms that we have in the United States of America. If we look at each statement in the pledge and break it down, it really is a pledge that is inspiring. The first part, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..." means obviously that you give your allegiance to the flag and the country which it stands for.

The second part, "...and to the republic for which it stands..." means in addition to pledging your allegiance to the flag you also pledge allegiance to the republic of the United States of America. To pledge allegiance to the flag and the republic means pledging allegiance to the nation as a whole. To pledge allegiance to this country essentially means that you, as citizen of the United States of America, in time of war or peace, agree to affirm your loyalty to the country and to stand up for the rights and liberties of ALL our fellow citizens of this country.

"One nation under God..." is one line in the pledge that has become controversial over the years. It is still a very important part of the pledge not only because it states that the nation recognizes and pledges its allegiance God, but also that He is the basis on which this country was founded.

The final line in the Pledge of Allegiance, "...in-divisible with liberty and justice for all.", states that you affirm allegiance to a country that is indivisible and that liberty and justice are rights of every citizen of the United States of America. The ethnicity or religion of any person does not matter. If a person is a citizen of this great country, then he or she has the same rights as anyone else.

I believe we should all stand up and think of the rights we have and the sacrifices people have made because this country is one of the best in the world. After reading this, I hope you do not think of the Pledge of Allegiance as only just words, but think of it as a deep and meaningful devotion that you pledge to this great country.

Student Life

♪ In Tune ♪

by: *Katie Sealy, Staff Writer*

This year, the Goodpasture Choruses are starting off on the right note. In addition to our A Capella chorus and split seventh and eighth grade choruses, we have Select Choir. The members of the Select Choir were chosen by audition, singing "April is in My Mistress Face" and those who were selected agreed to be focused on their music and to move through their pieces quickly.

Some big news this year is that the high school Chorus will be flying to Orlando, Florida this year to perform. They will be performing two shows with a full orchestra in EPCOT. They have also sent a videotape to Disneyland for an audition to sing in the Christmas candle light processional and concert. They would be wearing robes and carrying candles and a celebrity would narrate the nativity. And while they sang, they would also have sign language interpreters accompanying them. Their audition tape consisted of a video of them singing "Joy to the World" - the song required by Disney - and "Swing Down Chariot" - Mr. Johnson's selection.

Some other news about the chorus is that the seventh and eighth grade choruses will be performing in the Middle School Mass Chorus Festival held at the Allen Arena at Lipscomb the evening of October 2, 2007 at 6:30. The high school choruses will also be going to Lipscomb on November 11th and 12th. Their concert will be at 7:00 p.m. also in the Allen Arena.

Then annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 6th this year, four days after they return from Florida. The Christmas Concert will be the 6th-12th grades performing at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium.

It looks like the Chorus is going to have its hands full this year and we wish them the best of luck! We also wish Allison Griffin and Josh Lumpkin luck in their auditions for the Freshman Honors Choir and Jessica Burton, Megan Duke, Bri Campbell, Jennifer Spann, Kristine Keith, Riley Bowers, and Ladd Kuykendall luck in auditioning for the Mid State and All State Choirs. GOOD LUCK!!!



Baker's Band Takes Second

by: *Hillary Smith, Staff Writer*

So far this season, the Goodpasture Marching Cougars are doing great. Their first contest was at HHS on the 15. They came in second place out of six bands which is great. The color guard - instructed by Jonathan Mann Alumni - also did an amazing job at the



competition. The guard won second and only missed first by four points, and the drum line totally owned by winning first place by 14 points. The Marching Cougars would like to thank everyone who came and supported them at the Hendersonville contest. The cougar's next contest is September 29 and we wish them luck and hope to see you there.

Annie: From Broadway to GP

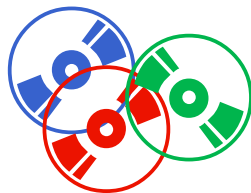
by: *Bridgette Schwarz, Staff Writer*

As a child, most everyone remembers seeing the movie Annie. Well, on October 16th this classic tale is making its way to Goodpasture. Annie is a heart warming story of a young orphan girl who forms an unusual relationship with a billionaire named Oliver Warbucks. This exciting story includes a look into what life is like at an orphanage in New York City during the 1940's and the trials that Annie and Oliver Warbucks have to overcome. Some of the Goodpasture cast includes: Leah Senibaldi as Annie, Riley Bowers as Oliver Warbucks, Kristine Keith as Grace, and Heather Saunders as Ms. Hanagan. We really encourage everyone to come to support the play for the evening shows on October 16th and 18th. The cast and crew have put a lot of time and dedication into making this play a fun and exciting show, so please come out and join us in supporting our school and reliving this classic tale.

Social Life

CD Review

by: *Tiffany Hibbs*



This month's CD Review comes from a band that has been a major influence on the punk rock scene for 10 years now. New Found Glory has just released their fifth album entitled *Coming Home*. This album displays the more grown-up aspect of the band, unlike the previous four albums which have had a more youthful upbeat type sound. *Coming Home* has already had chart topping singles including the songs "Hold My Hand" and "It's Not Your Fault." So if you're looking for a meaningful album with songs you can relate to, *Coming Home* is for you. But if you're into more punk/hard-core type tunes, I suggest you give *Catalyst* and *Sticks and Stones* a listen. You can find most of these albums where ever CDs are sold. Check it out at:

www.newfoundglory.com
www.purevolume.com/newfoundglory



Restaurant Review ☪ "The Yard"

by: *Hillary Smith, Staff Writer*

Looking for a relaxing café in Inglewood? Then The Yard is the place for you. The Yard has many different events, food, and unique items for sale.

The Yard supports many local performers and this past Saturday, September 15, The Yard held a concert for their first employee, Emily - who performed to raise money for her trip to Europe. Also, The Yard is holding a CD release party for Leroy, a local mechanic, on Thursday, September 20 and on the 21 they will have a Celtic Bluegrass band on stage. On September 29, they plan to have a late night where they will be open from nine to nine and will have the Bidnessmen performing on stage.

The Yard also has awesome food such as cold cut and hot sandwiches, breakfast items and sweets. If instead of lunch you're looking for something to satisfy your sweet tooth, The Yard is the place for you to go. In their bakery, they have a wide selection of sweets. Your choices range from muffins to cookies to biscotti to go with your coffee. They have over ten flavors of coffee to choose from that you can drink hot or on ice.

The Yard is famous for one special sweet: their frozen custard. The custard flavors include chocolate and vanilla and is home made in the shop. If you want to know more about the menu, hours, or activities, you can go to their website www.theyardshops.com.



Two of the owners of The Yard.

Video Game Review: "Guitar Hero Encore: Rock the 80's"

by: *Chris Willis, Staff Writer*

Guitar Hero Encore: Rock the 80's, the sequel to Guitar Hero 2, is Harmonix and RedOctane's latest installment in the hit series. Rock the 80's uses the same style and setup of Guitar Hero 2. For those of you unfamiliar with the series, it is about living out your rock star fantasies. You play with a controller in the shape of a guitar, and hit color coded notes as they scroll across the screen. As you move through the game the songs become more difficult, and there are various difficulty levels.

Guitar Hero 2 was a huge success loved by virtually everyone. Sadly, Rock the 80's will most likely only be enjoyed by fanatics of the series and fan of 80's music. The graphics aren't an improvement and neither is the price, the only difference is a new track list, but with only 30 songs and no bonus tracks the game seems like more of an expansion pack at the price of a game. If you can look past the price and lack of improvement, then the game isn't too bad, but given the circumstances it's hard to recommend to anyone other than a hard-core fan. If you are new to the series, I would advise you play Guitar Hero 2 first and then go from there.

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Rating: 6.5/10

Social Life

Photo Contest!

by: Shane Williams, Staff Writer



Requirements:

- 1 photo per person
- Scenery photo only
- Cannot have anyone in the photo

1ST PLACE: 2 free movie tickets

2ND AND 3RD PLACE: your picture published in the Cougar's Paw

*All 3 photos will be used in devotional song backgrounds

*The Wednesday after we get back from Fall Break (October 12-15)

Monthly Bible Verse:

"I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

• Galations 5:16



Just one winning photo could land you in a movie theater watching an exciting movie.! There's only one catch. YOU MUST WIN! All you have to do is submit 1 picture that you have personally taken on a vacation. Turn it into the office before **Wednesday, October 17.*** Turn in the photo to the high school office (we will scan the photo and give it back to you) along with the form or send an e-mail to shaneracefan48@comcast.net and put your name, grade, place where the picture was taken, when you took it, and your 3rd period class.

A Look Ahead...

by: Chelsey Tompkins, Assistant Editor

October 2007					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 College Fair @ TN State Fair Grounds 4:00-8:30	3	4	5 LU Friday @ Lipscomb; Visit Day @ Auburn	6 Visit Day @ Ole Miss & Sanford University
8 Chiodos, Alesana @ Rcktwm 7PM \$10	9 Secondhand Serenade @ Rcktwm 6:30 PM \$13	10	11	12 Fall Break	13 Fall Break
15 Visit Day @ Ole Miss & Auburn Fall Break	16	17	18	19 LU Friday @ Lipscomb	20 Preview Day @ Belmont Cougar Day
22	23	24 Austin Peay comes to GP!	25	26 Homecoming	27 Preview Day @ Evansville
29	30	31 Halloween			

Music Events:

September 29th: Atreyu @ Rcktwm 6PM \$18

October 6th: A Plea For Purging CD RELEASE @ Rcktwm 7PM, \$10

October 8th: Chiodos, The Devil Wears Prada, Alesana @ Rcktwm 7PM, \$15

October 9th: Secondhand Serenade, Blindsight @ Rcktwm 6:30PM, \$13

October 13th: Saosin, Norma Jean, Alexisonfire @ Rcktwm 6:30PM, \$15

College Events:

October 2nd: College Fair @ TN State Fair Grounds

October 5th: LU Friday- Visit Day @ Lipscomb
War Eagle- Visit Day @ Auburn

October 6th: Visit Day @ Ole Miss (Homecoming)
Samford University Preview Day

October 8th: Visit Day @ Freed Hardeman

October 15th: Be an Ole Miss Student Visit Day
War Eagle Visit Day @ Auburn

October 19th: LU Friday @ Lipsomb

October 20th: Belmont Preview Day

October 24th: Austin Peay @ Goodpasture

October 27th: Evansville Preview Day

Sports

Athlete of the Month

by: Eric Meador, Staff Writer

This month's athlete is Wilson Emebunor. He is an exceptional student and the anchor of Goodpasture's offensive line. When asked what his thoughts are on the "team" this year, he replied, "I think our only weakness this year will be ourselves." As a starter on last year's offensive line, which was said to be one of the best Goodpasture has seen, Wilson has the most experience for the position. When asked why he thinks he is a great asset to the team, he replied, "My leadership, heart and drive not to give up." All of Goodpasture can't wait to see Wilson and the rest of the Cougar's play this season!



Wilson Emebunor is the athlete of the month for September



The Unstoppable Cougars

by: Eric Meador

The Goodpasture Cougars pushed their record to 5-0 after a dominating victory over Ezell-Harding, with a final score of 42-7. Now rated number 1 in 2A football, it's safe to say all the skeptics were wrong. "We are far from being the football team we need to be, but we are making progress," said, Coach Martin. Although we haven't been beaten, we still have a long road ahead, and the team as a whole would agree with Coach Martin and will strive for excellence in the games to come. Offensive line

Coach Ballard would agree that the offensive line surprised everyone, coming short thirty-four yards of the all-time school rushing record set by last year's team. With two tough wins against two 5A schools, Ravenwood and McGavock, the Cougars set a record being the only 2A football team in history to accomplish this. The future looks bright for the Cougars and hopes of a state championship are running high.



Small Scale Football

by: Luke Hartman, Assistant Editor

Middle School Football is looking good this year. The 5th and 6th grade are rumbling through this season just like last year's, but that won't stop it from being competitive this year. All the coaches this year have been working hard and the boys say that they've benefited from it. While the 7th and 8th grade, on the other hand, is having a little bit more of a struggle. Although most opposing teams shouldn't be much of a threat, the biggest problem for our boys was probably Brentwood Academy. Unfortunately, the 7th and 8th grade lost against them. However, with all of the players improving each day in all grade levels in the middle school, it looks like the Cougars will be better than ever this year.

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Sports

Lady Cougar “Juggernauts”

by: *Luke Hartman, Assistant Editor*



from left to right: *Laura Lamberth, Julie Nabors, Chandler Alteri, Kiella Junior*

The Lady Cougars are dominating girls soccer. They have already won 5 out of 7 games and tied Lipscomb. The returning talent this year is amazing. Captains like Laura Lamberth, Julie Nabors, and Briley Collins lead the team on and off the field. There's a lot of new talent too, such as few 8th graders like Rachel Petty, and Fayla Junior, and some Freshmen. The returning Seniors this year are Julie Nabors, Chandler Alteri, Kiella Junior, Laura Lamberth.

Laura Lamberth has been playing on the varsity girls team since 8th grade. On Wednesday, September 12 in the game against Rossview, Laura broke the school record for goals in a career. The old record was held by Daniel Payne, who had 72 goals in his career. Now Laura is far past that goal, as next year she will be playing at Middle Tennessee State University.

During games the girls show high levels of skill and determination. Their ability to work to together brings a lot of power to their team. Most people would agree that Chandler Alteri brings a lot of energy to the team, making the girls play with more enthusiasm. Just this past Thursday, September 20, the girls put a solid effort against CPA. It was an extremely close game, with the final score 0-1.

The Marathon Men

by: *Gale Robinson, Correspondent*



Gale Robinson of the cross country team

With six returning runners, including the fourth year veteran Michael McDonald, and the additions of Carter High, Han, and the incomparable Stephen Gragg, the only place to go for the cross country team is up. At their first meet, which took place at the USN river campus, the team finished third from last, which was the first time in a LONG time the team has ever accomplished such a feat. Coach Estep has wasted no time getting the cross country members prepared for the tough season ahead. Trying to avoid running in the heat of the blazing afternoons, Coach Estep has had the cross country members arriving at the school at 6:00 in the morning for practice. Stephen says he enjoys the morning practices because, “It gives me time to eat my cereal.” The second and most recent race was the statewide race at Steeplechase park. The Cougars ended the race with everyone finishing under 24 minutes, the first time that has ever happened in a varsity race for the Cougars. Runner Mitch Bowman said concerning the season ahead, “I have more confidence in this year’s team than ever before, because we have more runners... that are faster.” With records being broken and team members reaching their potential, we can only imagine what the rest of the season will bring!

Volleyball Continues Successful Season

by: *Sara Luckett, Staff Writer*

The Lady Cougar volleyball team continues to build on a great season. In the recent Page Tournament in Franklin, Goodpasture played several close games with some very talented teams from all across the state. The Lady Cougars showed their determination on the court by forcing a third game in a best two out of three match with Memphis Harding in the weekend tournament. After losing the first game of the match, the Cougars fought hard to win the second. Finally, Memphis Harding won the third game of the match eliminating Goodpasture in the semi-finals. The team was led by senior Jessica Williamson, Who had several kills in all the matches in the tournament. Senior Tiffany McNamee had several digs during the weekend tournament. The team was led in assists by junior Kristyn Edwards. Although the Lady Cougars still have some tough competition, they are hopeful they will win the district tournament. Judging from the heart shown by the Lady Cougars in the Page ournament, it is obvious that the team will go very far this season.

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Chapter I: "False Pretense"

Maggie Smith tried to smile as she entered the wide double doors. Another summer over and she would be entering a new high school. Crowds of students swarmed around her. She could see all the different cliques joining in their separate corners and she wondered silently to herself which she would soon be situated with. It was her first year at Crescent Falls High and her first year in the state of Montana.

She caught herself before she fell when a large group of girls pushed their way around her. She bit back the sarcastic remark she wanted to throw at them. The small map she'd studied the night before didn't help her as she tried to find her way to the office, neither did the one drawn on her hand. Before too long, the halls started looking exactly the same. Red lockers surrounded her and claustrophobia sank in. As she spun around to head back to the lobby, she ran headfirst into the chest of Crescent Fall's heartthrob.

"Watch it!" he said, his face turned away. He turned to look at the annoying person that had just run into him and his expression changed. "Oh. Sorry, are you okay?" Maggie could feel her face turning red as a panic attack threatened. She nodded because she couldn't speak in fear of saying something stupid, and anyway, she didn't think she could speak even if she tried. Recognizing the look, the heartthrob's mouth drew up in a smirk as he held out his hand.

"I'm Nate Anber." She still couldn't find her voice as she shook hands with him. She sucked in a breath and gulped.

"Smith. Maggie Smith." He smiled and his ocean blue eyes cut into hers. She let go of his hand to cross her arms around her notebook.

"Where are you going?" he asked as her blush deepened.

"I'm lost. I was headed towards the office." He nodded, pointed to her hand, and said,

"I guess the makeshift map didn't work out." she forced a laugh but she was actually humiliated.

"Yeah, You wouldn't happen to know where it is?" He pointed directly behind her and she turned to see a big sign posted beside the door that said "High School Office." With an almost audible "thanks" she left. Nate let out his laugh as the door closed behind Maggie. When he turned back down the hall towards his locker, his smile instantly left his face. Ashley Manders - his ex-girlfriend and the captain of the dance team - was standing directly in front of it, laughing loudly with her friends. He knew by the way she became louder that she was aware of his presence. Her friends quieted when he approached and scattered.

"Am I in your way?" she asked as she popped her gum obnoxiously. He didn't say anything. He'd rather get a detention for not having his book than to speak to her. He turned to go but she grabbed his arm.

"So how's Christian?" she asked politely. Shock made him turn back. She was being nice? That was his first thought when he turned, but he could still see the dislike for his brother in her eyes. The reason they were no longer together.

"I really miss you, Nate," she said as she pulled him closer, "Come on! We're supposed to be together. Captain and captain. You won't look as good with anybody else." He kept his snide remark to himself, but the hatred for her could be seen in his eyes. She turned her face away, looking hurt and felt sorry for an instant. She gently kissed his cheek before she spun quickly on her heel. As she slipped into the classroom beside them the bell rang. It seemed he would be getting a detention anyway. But Nate wasn't the only one late to class.

Find out who was late to class in next month's issue!