

BA Today

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Rebel Sports Mania

by: Casey Burnette

Varsity Boy's Basketball

In the past couple of weeks, our basketball teams have played tough with Jeremy Perkins in his new role as head coach, and in some cases they were victors at the sound of the final buzzer. The season opener on Dec. 3 against Evangel Christian saw Jaylon Winston leading the scoring with 7 points on the board. Juan Allen had 5, and Joshua (JB) Boles, Tyler Carroll, and Mike Williams all played their best by putting their contributing points on the board. Unfortunately, the team was unsuccessful in this game 67-56.

The boys brought home a big win (58-30) when they played Pickens Academy on Dec. 12. Other players contributing to the W are listed with points scored- Jaylon Winston(14), Will Mason(10), Bailey Stephens(11), JB(4), Trent Jordan(2), and Sam Bowie(2).

On Dec. 13 the boys brought their game when they won against Coosa Valley. Juan was the leading scorer again with 25 points against the fake rebels. However, Juan did not win alone. Jaylon(22), Will(5), Ronnie Diggins(5), and Trent(2) fought for victory as the true Rebels brought home a win on the last day of the semester.

At a tournament over Christmas break, the Rebels once again met up with Evangel Christian. They fought hard but lost. However, Kardarius Roberts and Jaylon were true leaders for their team by scoring 11 points each. Scoring recap includes the following contributing points: Juan(8), Trevor Flack(4), Sam(4), Will(3), and JB(2).

At the tourney, the boys brought home another victory when they played Meadowview Christian. Jaylon led the scoring with 25 points. Juan(11), Will(7), Kardarius(5), Trent(2), Sam(2), and JB(1) all played hard to become victors.

Hosting the visiting Pickens Academy, the Rebels would not be denied a win on their home court. Juan(16) was the leading scorer, and helping to seal the victory were Jaylon(11), Will(6), Sam(5), Kardarius(4), JB(4), Bailey(3), Trent(3), and Mike(1).

Unfortunately, the boys lost against perennial rival Tuscaloosa Academy on Jan 7. Juan scored 17 points in hopes of beating the dreadful Knights. Kardarius(6), JB(5), Tyler(3), Sam(2), and Trevor(1) all fought hard.

The boys took a little trip past TA in order to play North River. The boys played their hearts out, but they were not triumphant. Juan put a total of 20 points up on the board. The following boys also scored: Jaylon(13), Will(2), and Sam(2).

Rounding out the recap, the boys played a game far far away in Glenwood. Unfortunately they lost 86-31, but maybe it was the time change that messed with their game. Juan scored 14 points which was the most from the BA side. Though they lost, the Rebel fans cheered their team on, and as a result many players put points on the board. Jaylon(10), Sam(7), Will(5), Mike(4), Bailey(3), Kardarius(2), Trent(2), and JB(2) all played their best.

Varsity Girl's Basketball

On January 7, 2014, the Lady Rebels played Tuscaloosa Academy. Even though the team lost 39-37, the girls fought a hard battle. Hannah Kitchens scored 25 points, and she had 17 assists and 6 steals. Rebekah (con't)

Kick-Off Contest

by: Warren Rocksvold

Do you like a good scary story? A chilling tale to get the heart racing and the adrenaline pumping? These stories are a fun way to pass the time on long trips or around a campfire. However, time doesn't always allow for a Stephen King novel, so we'll try the next best thing.

All that is required of you is 2 sentences...

Get creative and write (or type) the best 2 sentence horror story you can think of. It can be anything from the paranormal to a twisted reality. Imagine the spookiest thing you can think of and start from there. Here are the rules:

- Only **2** sentences! No more, no less.
- Please **do not** use excessive gore.
- Please **do not** use vulgar language (profanity, racial slurs, indecent innuendos, etc.).
- Plagiarism will **NOT** be allowed.

Entries not conforming to the rules will be disqualified. Please put your name, grade, and homeroom teacher on the entry. If you wish to use a pseudonym (pen name) instead of your own name, include it on the entry as well.

The top 10 stories will be featured in the next issue. There will be a prize to the best story submitted. To get the creative juices flowing, here are some examples:

- It's 3 a.m. when you are awakened by the light in your hallway turning on. You live alone.
- You're looking in the mirror one morning before school making sure you look decent enough to be seen in public. You turn your head, but your reflection just smiles.
- Your mom loves sculptures and one day brings home this gigantic angel statue. She sets it up in your living room, but one night you wake up to find it hovering inches from your face.
- I usually love rainy days. But today it's raining blood.

Submit your Two Sentence Scary Story to batodaycontest@gmail.com

Ask Angie

by: Angie Guerro

I'm using this column to give advice on any range of topics. It's your choice! Having trouble in a certain class? Wondering if you should try out for football? Having relationship problems? Your questions will be kept completely anonymous through the "Ask Angie" box in the counselor's office, or you can send me an email at batodayaskangie@gmail.com. **Keep everything anonymous.** You are allowed to use a pseudonym if you wish. Feel free to ask me anything!

Your answer can appear in the next issue!

Just email your question to batodayaskangie@gmail.com or drop it in the box in Mrs. Higgins' office.

Tech Talk: Scientists Develop Self-Healing Stretchable Wires

by: iZac

Imagine if you didn't have to worry about breaking your cell phone by accidentally dropping it. Wouldn't it be great if your phone just fixed itself if that happened?

According to North Carolina State University's website, researchers at North Carolina State University have developed elastic, self-healing, stretchable wires. The wires are made by pouring liquid metal into microfluidic channels inside of a commercially available self-healing polymer. When these wires are severed or cut, the liquid metal then oxidizes to prevent itself from leaking out. After which, the wires can be reconnected and they will reattach to one another.

While this may seem like a simple advancement in technology, it will prove to be very useful in situations where a wire may be under great stress or could easily be damaged. It also will allow for circuits to be easily reconfigured by just splitting wires and reconnecting them without having to solder them back together. With such amazing technology in the works, we will also have more durable appliances and devices. Perhaps in the future it will be possible.

Now if they will just invent a self-healing glass screen...

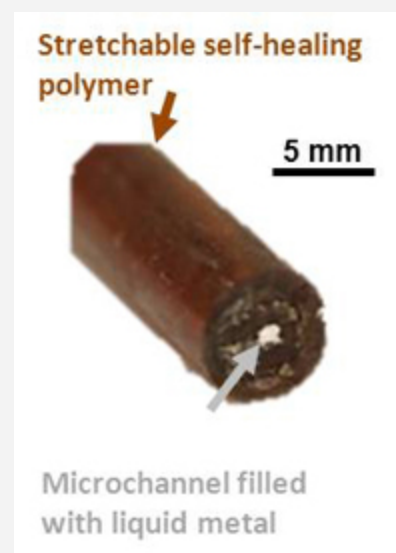


Image courtesy of NC State University

Questions for our tech guru? What would you like to see in the next issue? Email batodaytechtalk@gmail.com

What Headphones Can Teach You about Church

by: Tila Vines

There are so many different types of headphones. For instance, you have to decide what color, brand, price, etc... As buyers, we have a lot of options for a good choice of headphones. An important thing that headphones do is connect to our iPods, iPhones, and other mp3 players. If headphones aren't plugged in, they don't work very well, right?

Well, that's a lot like church. To get the best benefit out of church and the best person you can be, you've got to be "plugged in." A lot of people not only go to the main service but also volunteer in the nursery or (con't)

Kitchens scored 10 points, and she had 16 rebounds.

On January 10, 2014, the girls played North River and ended the night with a win! The girls became victors at the final buzzer with the score being 54-12 Bessemer Academy. Hannah(24) led the point total again, and she had 13 assists. Erin Harrison scored 8 points and had 8 steals. Rachel Worthey(14) was quick in the paint with 17 rebounds. Congratulations, girls!

On January 14, 2014, the varsity girls played Glenwood Academy, and they played their hearts out. Hannah drained it for 32 points, and she had 13 assists and 16 steals. Erin scored 12 points and had 5 steals. Rachel(6) was fast under the basket with 16 rebounds. Rebekah got 11 rebounds.

JV Basketball

Recap coming next week. Stay tuned!

Varsity Baseball and Softball

Practice has officially started! Welcome to alum Jesse Boyd returning to the Rebel diamond as Head Baseball Coach!

Track Team

The sign up sheet is in the office. If you have questions, see Coach Jon. Although our campus doesn't have track facilities, we will do our best with willing hearts at a few meets this Spring.

Weightlifting Team

What's going on in the weight room? The Rebels were a force to be reckoned with last year. Can we do it again?

Want to let us know what's going on with your team? Email batodaysports@gmail.com

Trending Around BA

by: Donna Knight

The UGG boot is a comfortable and fashionable boot and has begun to symbolize those who loved sports and a relaxing, active lifestyle. The boot became very popular first in California.

There is something most people don't know about the UGG boots- this unique boot is made from sheepskin. These boots are mostly worn in cold weather, but a lot of people wear them in the summer time with shorts or a skirt. The UGG products are also seen on runway now. They have styles for women and men. UGG has other footwear as well including slippers and shoes.

So what about the "knock-off" brands that look like UGG? They are usually made from the skin of raccoon dogs which are a form of domestic dog rather than sheepskin. The fake UGGs are still very popular and just as comfortable and stylish as the real UGG boot.

UGG boots cost \$150-\$300 whereas the "fake" UGGs cost about \$75-\$100. You can find out more about UGG boots at http://www.uggaustralia.com.

What trends do you see around BA? Email batodaydonna@gmail.com

GO REBELS! GO!

join small group bible studies.

Whatever it is you do, get involved. You will get the most of what Christ has to offer at church by getting involved, and your relationship with Him will only get stronger.

“...not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25

Weekly Poll

by: Staff

What's your favorite lunch in the Rebel Cafe?

Results posted next week!

Email your response to batodaystaff@gmail.com

THANKS for reading our inaugural issue! Have suggestions? Something you'd like to see in an upcoming issue? Let us know! Email batodaystaff@gmail.com or see Mrs. Ludvik



Gamer's Corner

by: RJ Coleman



Image courtesy of Wikipedia

BA Song Sampler

by: Staff Writers

Do you enjoy discovering new music? Check out these tracks!

- 1. Poets of the Fall – “Lift”
- 2. TobyMac – “Burn For You”
- 3. Favright – “Nerve”
- 4. Of Monsters and Men – “Dirty Paws”
- 5. Breaking Benjamin – “Breath”
- 6. Zac Brown Band – “Knee Deep”
- 7. Will Smith – “Parents Just Don't Understand”
- 8. 3 Doors Down – “It's Not My Time”
- 9. James Blunt – “You're Beautiful”
- 10. Echosmith – “Cool Kids”

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What if our greatest heroes became our greatest threat?

Warner Brothers has successfully launched a new incredible DC Comics based game *Injustice: Gods Among Us*. The creators of NetherRealm, who are known for *Mortal Kombat*, also participated in creating this game. Injustice: Gods Among Us is a DC Comics-based fighting game. This game features some of our favorite DC heroes including Superman, Batman, Green Lantern and other DC heroes as well as classic DC villains such as The Joker, Doomsday, Sinestro, and other DC villains.

The gameplay involves one- on- one matches on a two-dimensional plane. The player is able to choose any DC comic book character and the location. The location options feature the Fortress of Solitude, the Batcave, Themyscira, Metropolis and other well-known locations. The player will experience epic battles on a massive scale as players control the most powerful beings in the universe in destructible, interactive environments. Also, the player will be able to unleash each character's unique super powers with individual move sets and environmental interactions. For instance, The Flash's abilities are superhuman speed and faster attacks. Whereas, Solomon Grundy or Bane have superhuman strength but have slower attacks. The player will be able to experience an authentic DC Comics storyline created in collaboration with DC Comics and NetherRealm. *Injustice's* main single-player mode is an eight-hour campaign told from multiple perspectives. Each chapter puts you in control of a different character in the story. Players will discover and do battle in numerous iconic locales pulled from DC Comics lore. If you like both gaming and comics, this is the perfect game for you.

Agree? Disagree? What game would you like to see reviewed in the next issue? Email batodaygames@gmail.com

Private School Probs

by: guest cartoonist McKenzie Ludvik

