

## Rebel Sports Mania

by: Casey Burnette

### Baseball

#### 1st Round of Playoffs

##### Game 1

The Bessemer Academy Rebels and Escambia volleyed the lead six times on Saturday, April 20, 2014, but the Rebels came out on top for a 6-3 win. B.A. finally managed to grab the lead after a strong fifth inning. The boys went up for good on a two-run single by junior Lowell Brook, plating sophomore Justyn Barnes and senior Noah Napier. Sophomore Brodie Medders was hot from the plate for the Rebels. Brodie went 2-3 and scored one run, and he doubled in the second inning and singled in the fourth inning. Bessemer Academy Rebels jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. After a quick strike from Escambia, Bessemer Academy Rebels Varsity responded with two runs in the third inning. B.A. scored on a walk by 10th grader Seth Hartley and a fielder's choice.

##### Game 2

Escambia didn't stand a chance on Saturday, April 20, 2014, as Bessemer Academy Rebels Varsity captured a blowout 13-6 win in seven innings. The Rebels scored five runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Justyn Barnes, an RBI by Noah Napier, a wild pitch, an RBI by Seth Hartley, and steal of home by Noah. Sophomore Mike Williams racked up two RBI's on three hits for B.A. He singled in the first and fourth innings and home ran in the seventh inning. The varsity boys easily handled Escambia pitching as seven hitters combined for 16 hits, 9 RBI, and 9 runs scored.

#### 2nd Round of Playoffs

##### Game 1 and 2

The varsity boys lost the first game 10-0 and the second game 11-1 battling Glenwood on the road. It obviously was not the way to end the season, but with all but two players returning next season, the team should only get better. Coach Boyd said, "The players worked hard, and this was the first year that Bessemer Academy advanced past the first round of playoffs since 2007." How ironic, that was the same year Coach Boyd played in the playoffs for the Rebels. It looks like he is reliving the glory days! He also says that he is proud of the team, and he can't wait for next year.

### Softball

#### 1st Round of Playoffs

##### Game 1 and 2

The Lady Rebels defeated Fort Dale in two consecutive games 5-2 and 10-4. With those wins, the girls qualify for the State tournament! For all those sports fans and supporters, the girls will play Friday against Glenwood at 12:00 p.m. at Lagoon Park. Coach P is immensely proud of his girls, and he looks forward to the game they bring to state.

The girls also played in a regional tournament losing to Morgan but beating Monroe, and they finished third in the regions.

Congratulations to the girls and guys! The Bessemer Academy family has your backs.

## Male Athlete of the Week:

### Lowell Brook

by: Casey Burnette



This week's male Athlete of the Week is junior Lowell Brook. He closed game two during the first round of playoffs against Escambia on the mound, and he had a game changing two run single which gave Bessemer Academy the lead. Coach Boyd said that Lowell is a tremendous baseball player, but he needs to be careful around his girlfriend because she has quite an arm on her, referring to Katie Barnett, third baseman and pitcher for the softball team.

Lowell is not only a great athlete, but he is also a scholarly athlete. Lowell is currently a straight A student, and he tries his best to score higher than Katie on every test which is pretty much impractical. Outside of school, Lowell like to hang out with his friends, even if some do dwell in Mcadory territory, and he likes to eat at Milo's often as well.

## Having God's Support

by: Tila Vines



We all face issues in our lives that we think some people may not understand. In fact, sometimes we do face issues that people may not understand. The fact remains though that we all face huge issues. Although, what is important to remember that everybody faces problems everyday and most likely might be bigger than yours. One thing to remember is that God gives his toughest battles to his toughest warriors. He will never give you a challenge that you cannot handle, and He will always be there with you even when you forget his presence. If our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us than what could stand against?

**"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."Philippians 4:13**

## Ask Angie

by: Angie Guererro

I really enjoy answering your questions, guys. Keep them up! No question is too big or small for Miss Angie Guererro. Remember, if you don't ask, you'll never know.

Dear Angie,

**There is a kid in my class that's super annoying and always has to be the center of attention. What is your advice on how to handle someone like that without being rude or getting in trouble?**

**-It's getting old**

People who are usually that desperate for attention-good or bad- have self esteem issues. I know at times it's easy to go along with the rest of the class and say "Shut up" or roll your eyes, but DON'T. Some people don't realize just how annoying they're acting. Weird, right? I mean, you would think it would click with some people that the class is annoyed with their dumb remarks, but most of it is just habit.

No matter how annoying that person may be, just drop it. I'm not telling you to befriend this person because let's face it, you'll go crazy, but a simple gesture like a smile, wave, or "how was your weekend?" will get them to drop the "attention act."

Dear Angie,

**Me and my best friend aren't friends anymore. It's complicated but it's for the better. Now all she does is talk bad about me, what should I do?**

**-Abandoned**

I'm not really interested in what lead you and your friend to go your separate ways, but sometimes it is for the better. In this time you get to know people's true colors, and you also get to learn a little about yourself. Before you accuse of someone you used to trust and admire of something so juvenile, make sure you have proof. Don't trust someone who will manipulate your emotions in a time like this. If, however, you have written proof like in texts, social media, etc., try talking it out. There has to be at least one good quality about this person that started your friendship with them. You have two options here:

**1.** Ignore it. Sounds like a lot of petty girl drama. Be the bigger person and shake it off. DON'T tell another person or make any comebacks. It's not defense if you're weakening yourself.

**2.** Confront them privately and in person. If they are half of the person you thought they were, then there would be a good explanation. If you do, ask them what you did to bother them. Playing victim will only make people hate you more. Lastly, own up to anything you might of said to make your friend mad at you. Honesty helps.

### Lunch Menu

#### Monday, May 5

Hot Dog, Tots, Dessert

#### Tuesday, May 6

Chicken Sandwich, Chips & Dip, Dessert

#### Wednesday, May 7

Crispito, Nachos & Cheese, Corn, Dessert

#### Thursday, May 8

Potluck

#### Friday, May 9

Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

### April Birthdays

John Wood – April 30<sup>th</sup>

Tanner Stinnett – April 30<sup>th</sup>

### May Birthdays

Coming next issue

### What's Coming Up

#### May 7

Honors English 10, 11, 12 classes field trip to Alabama Shakespeare Festival

#### May 9

Elementary Field Day  
Junior-Senior Prom

#### May 12

Mr. McWaters classes field trip to Georgia Aquarium

#### May 15

Awards Day 6th-11th  
Senior Picnic

#### May 16

Exams begin

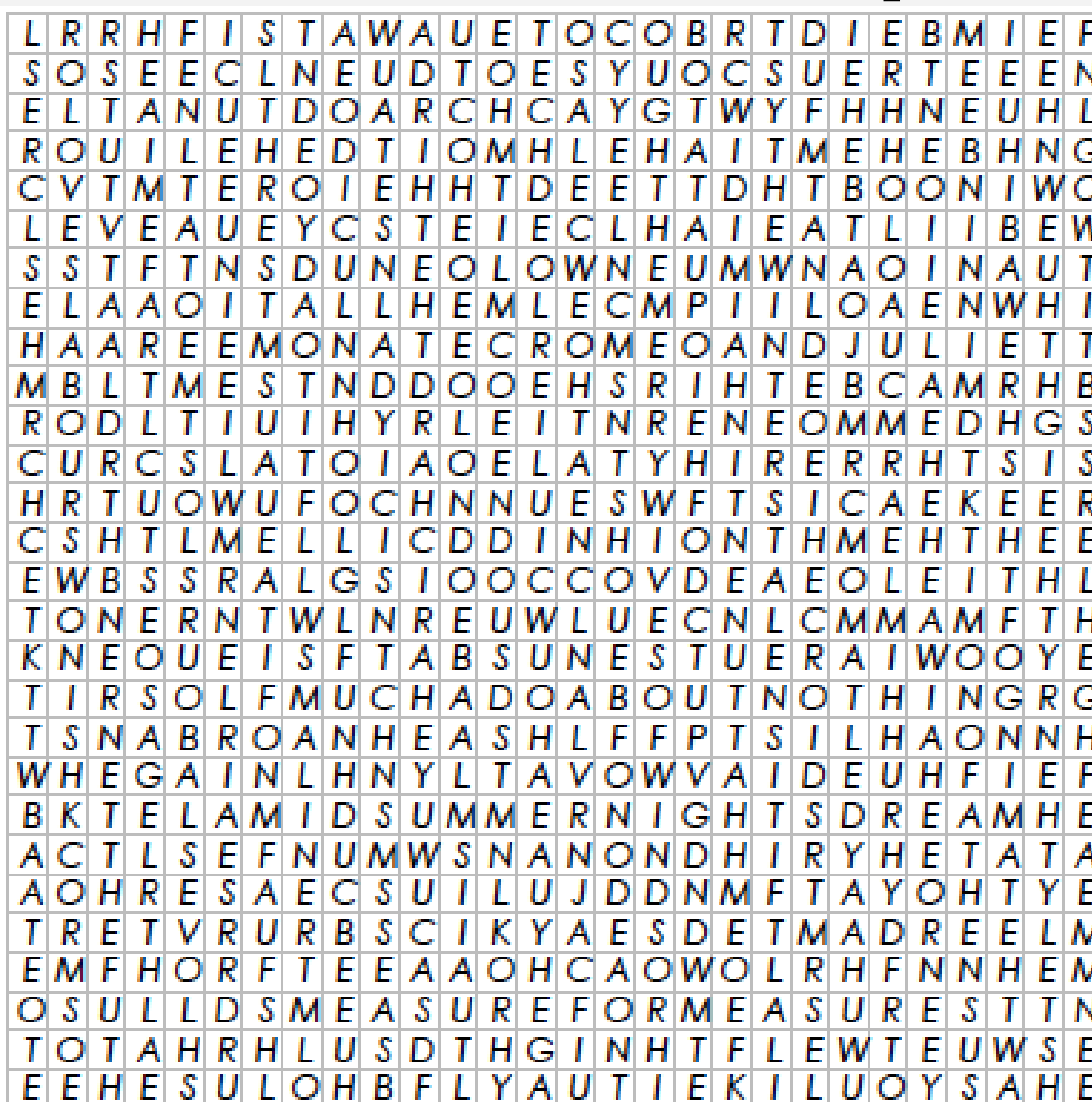
#### May 22

9 am Senior Awards Day  
12 pm Senior Luncheon  
7 pm Graduation

**CONGRATS TO  
ALL OUR  
SENIORS!!!**

### Word Search by: Warren Rocksvold

## The Works of William Shakespeare



All's Well That Ends Well  
As You Like It  
Hamlet  
King Lear  
Macbeth  
Othello  
The Tempest  
The Merry Wives of Windsor  
Timon of Athens

A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Coriolanus  
Henry The Eighth  
Love's Labour's Lost  
Measure for Measure  
Richard The Third  
The Comedy of Errors  
The Taming of the Shrew  
Titus Andronicus

Antony and Cleopatra  
Cymbeline  
Julius Caesar  
Love's Labour's Won  
Much Ado About Nothing  
Romeo and Juliet  
The Merchant of Venice  
The Winter's Tale  
Twelfth Night

### Awards Day is on its Way by: RJ Coleman

Our middle school and high school Awards Day is Thursday, May 15. For new students that have no idea of what to expect from Bessemer Academy's Awards Day, here is what happens. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> will go to the gym and sit down on the bleachers. The teachers will be there to grant awards to students who have excelled in their classes. The teachers give awards to the students who have had the highest grade in the class the whole school year. Sometimes, the teachers will give a citizenship award to a certain student who has shown great character in the classroom. Also, Mrs. Higgins, the counselor, will give awards to students who have maintained an A average and A and B average. Many students work very hard all year long to earn awards, so we congratulate all of you who have shown exceptional scholarship, leadership, and citizenship!

## EXAM SCHEDULE

Friday 5/16 - 1st @ 8:00/ 2nd @10:00

Monday 5/19- 3rd @8:00/5th@ 10:00

Tuesday 5/20- 4th @ 8:00/ 6th @10:00

Wednesday 5/21- 7th @ 8:00/ Make up @ 10:00

Students with an A average or a B average and no absences for the second semester are exempt. Teachers will let you know ahead of time if you are exempt in their class. You are responsible for knowing where you stand come exam day.