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than the sword!

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chance of tricks and
treats.

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Hummingbird in flight

Animal Facts by Saji Assi

1. Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
2. Polar bear skin is black.
3. Starfish do not have a brain.
4. The only mammal capable of flight is the bat.
5. Cats have 32 muscles in each ear
6. The Basenji, an African wolf dog, does not bark in a normal way but may yodel or scream when excited.
7. A newborn kangaroo is the size of a lima bean.
8. Crocodiles can't stick their tongues out.
9. Otters "hold hands" while sleeping, so they don't float away from each other.
10. The shortest living animal in the world is the Mayfly. Its entire adult lifespan is just 24hrs.



WJHS Girls Basketball team won 3rd place in the county tournament.

Off To A Great Start by Alexis Pentecost

The Westville Junior High School Girls Basketball team has had a great start to their season. Every game has been won by the WJHS Girls basketball team except against Pairs Mayo. Their last game will be a home game on November 9 against Rossville.

The rosters for both teams are as follows:

8th Grade: Lani Newell, Dailyn Campbell, Chloe Cox, Lexi Newell, Taylor Valangeon, Layla Walbley, Cheyenne Maquet

7th/6th Grade: Sophia Bays,

Denim Zaayer, Ella Douglas, Kennedy Sanders, Danica Fox, Mackenzie Russel, Miley Henry, Mia Varvel, Krislen Cook, Charlee Spezia, Lauren Lawless, Brooklynn Cheeseman, Phoenix Nagrodski, Kinley Barney

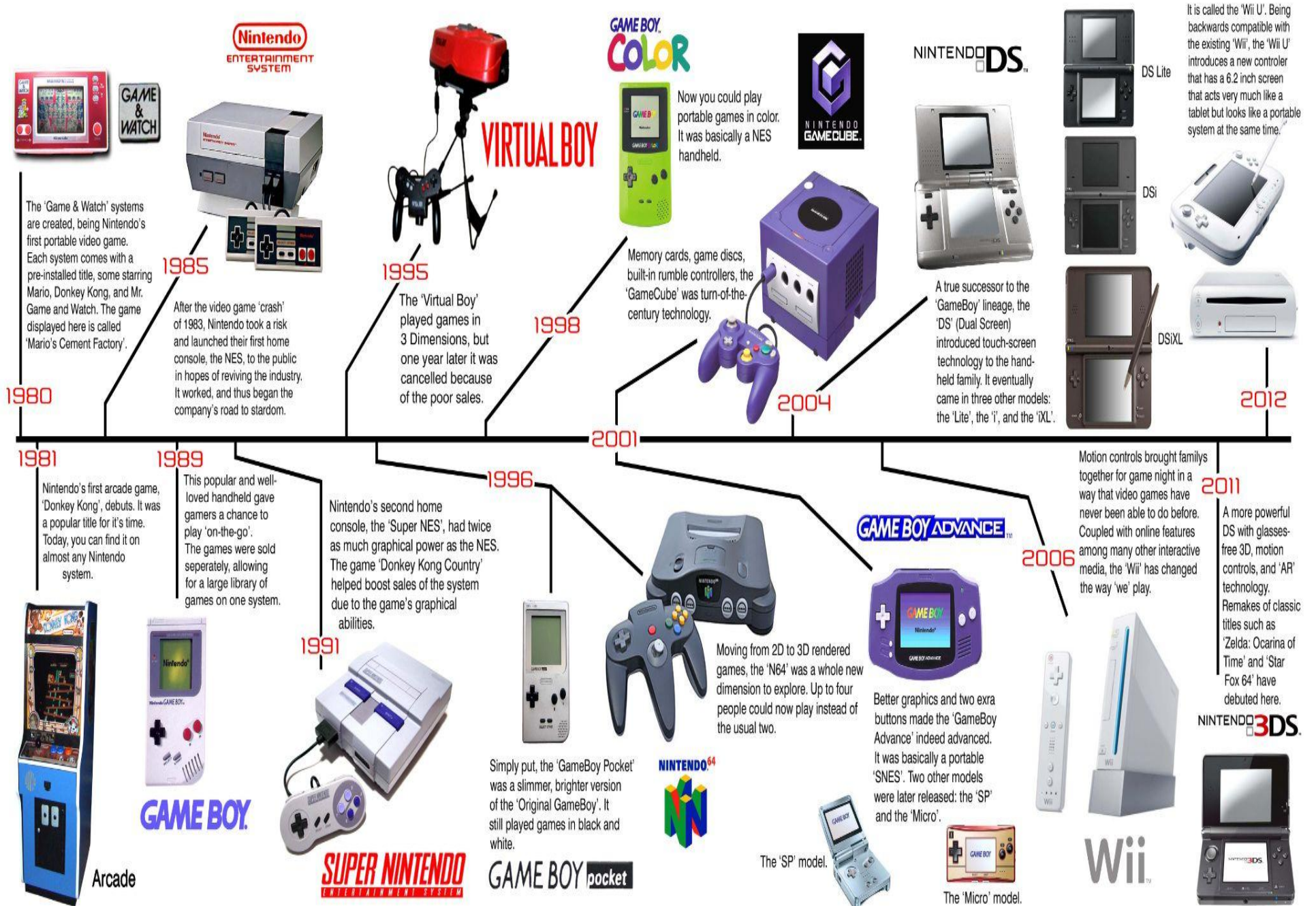


The only flying mammal and Halloween mascot



we ARE WJHS





Video Game History by Deven Tutwiler

Did you know the concept of video games started in 1958? Over this series of articles, I will be discussing the evolution of video games from a simple tennis game to the modern video game systems of today.

In the 1950's computers were as big as a room, but were capable of running very complicated math problems. William Higginbotham (the father of all games) wanted a way to display this to the general public in the upcoming exhibition, and came up with the concept with a simple "tennis for 2" video game with the help of a technician named Robert Dvorak. The entire process took 3 weeks to build. However impressive

this was, the concept was limited to computers the size of rooms.

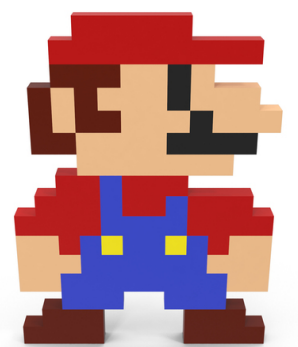
With this mindset a group of MIT students were challenged to create a demonstration program in the 1960's. Due to their love of science fiction and space itself, the MIT students made "SpaceWars". Because of the cost and size of the computer it was made on, space wars never made it out to the general public.

The true start of video games wasn't from a programmer, but from a television set named Ralph Baer. Baer and his team were able to design increasingly complex prototypes. After a few years Baer and his colleagues developed the

first multiplayer, and multi program video game system which was sold to Magnavox. In 1972 The Magnavox Odyssey was released to the public. Due to poor marketing, the Magnavox only sold about 200,000 units. This is because the salesman that represented Magnavox made the consumers believe that it only worked on the Magnavox television set. In the end it was not a success.

In 1958 William Higginbotham created the game tennis for two. In 1958 a group of MIT students on campus were challenged to make a program, making space wars in the process. In 1972 Ralph Baer and his team created the Magnavox

Odyssey all had no marketable success ending in failure, but did light the way for the modern day console. In my next article, Atari makes its way to the market as well as NES.



History of Sports (Volleyball) by Kate Ricketts

Though the history of volleyball comes from a wide range of sports. The ball comes from basketball the net comes from tennis and the idea for using hands comes from the game handball. Volleyball didn't become an official sport until 1949. On July 7th 1896 the first official game of volleyball was held at Springfield College. All though the person that had made the game was William G.

Morgan. Beach volleyball was included in the Olympic Programme for the Atlanta games in 1996. The game volleyball originated from the United States of America. Brazil is the most successful at this event with a total winning of twelve gold medals. There's so many other things about volleyball that are interesting. You can visit this website to find out more about volleyball

<https://www.britannica.com/facts/volleyball>.



Halloween in Westville

by Abby Winget

People have put up their Halloween decorations, stores have started selling their candies, and everyone's ready for this month's Halloween. This year, it's on a Tuesday!

Fun fact: Halloween is the eve of "All Saints Day", where people, usually Christians, remember and honor the dead.

In Westville, there will be a few things for Halloween!

The earliest is on the 14th, being the 10th annual K9 Walk and

Costume event, being in Zamberletti Park. It is on Saturday, through 3:00 and 4:30 pm.

The two others are on the same day, on the 28th. One of them is the trunk-or-treat, for the Westville Lions club, and is also at the Zamberletti park, on Saturday from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

The other one on the 28th is the BHRACHS Halloween 5k, in Bismark. It's at 3:30, so if you wanna do that don't be late!

The most popular Halloween costumes, at least in the US, are:

- 1. Witch**
- 2. Spiderman**
- 3. Dinosaurs**



Forgotten History- The Attack of the Dead Men

by Roland Chambers



Also named, The Battle of Osowiec Fortress. A battle between the Russian and German Empires. August 6th, 1915 went down in history as a battle of confusion. This World War One battle has since become forgotten and overshadowed in history due to other popular battles. The Battle of Normandy and Stalingrad from World War Two, are two examples of that.

Osowiec, a Russian Fortress, was a strategic area and in the fire of the German offenses. The German officer's planned to use poison gas on the Russian infantry to create an easier battle. This would allow the Germans to use less supplies than they needed.

After the Germans gassed the Russian infantry, they advanced towards the Fortress. As they got closer they discovered the Russians charging out of the Fortress. The men were foaming at the mouth, covered in burns and blisters. The Germans felt extreme fear from seeing the men that they retreated from the battle.

The retreat of the German's allowed the evacuation of the Osowiec Fortress to take place. Only 100 Russians survived this attack. This battle then became known as the

'Attack of the Dead men', due to the Zombie-like appearance of the Russians.

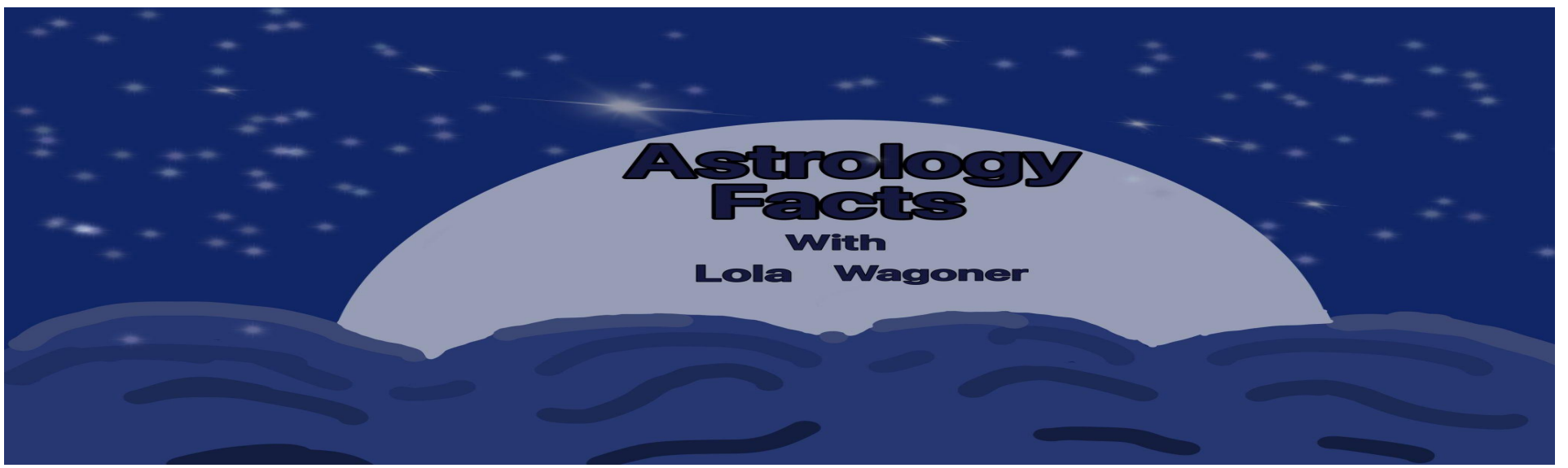
The 'Attack of the Dead Men' succeeded in only a few hours of keeping the Osowiec Fortress in Russian hands. A Bayonet charge of the Russian infantry, especially the men furthest away from the gas made this possible.

The Germans have tried obtaining the Fortress twice before. During this battle they brought the gas mixture of Chlorine and Bromine. The moisture in the air turned the gas into Hydrochloric Acid. This acid is what caused the Zombie-like features of the Russian Infantry.

The Russians were not the only living things to die from this attack. Animals, plants, and insects all suffered the same fate.

As one of the most grotesque battles in our history there is still some mystery behind it.





This months astrology signs

{September 23-October 22}

- ★ The Libras symbol is the scales
- ★ The scales symbolize fixation, balance, and harmony

The libras are known for

- ★ Extroverted
- ★ Nice
- ★ charm



Things to look out for, for the month of September

- ★ Throughout the month - The constellation of Pegasus.
- ★ Throughout the month- The Andromeda Galaxy.
- ★ September 19-Neptune at opposition.



This or That by Leah Miller

Dogs or cats

90% picked this

Fall or summer

70% picked this

Early bird or night owl

70% picked that

Math or reading

60% picked this

Football or basketball

60% picked that

Grade school or Jr. high

60% picked that

Home or school

100% picked this

Inside or outside

60% picked that

Eating at home or out

60% picked this

Hot or cold

50% picked this

50% picked that



Urban Legends by Kassidy Mitchell

The bunny man is an urban legend that probably originated from two incidents in Fairfax county, Virginia, in 1970, but has been spread

throughout the Washington D.C area. There are many variations to the legend, but most involve a man or a ghost wearing a

rabbit costume (Bunny suit) who attacks people with an ax. 🐰 Some are brave enough to go to virginia, and go to Bunny Man Bridge! Go at your own risk!





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Band and Chorus by Bristol Laird

All in the week of Oct 1 -Oct 12

In Band, we are practicing “Carols of the Kings”, “Christmas March”, and warm ups. Otherwise, we are going to have a concert on Dec 3. 🎵!

In chorus we are practicing “Frosty Snowman”. We are also doing “Welcome Christmas” from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and the National Anthem. We also have a concert on Dec 3. 🎵!

Here are the new Singing Wildcats! Congratulations to all!

Taryn Boland
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Layla Walblay

Jakub Wasson

Ryan Brown

Kassidy Mitchell

Mia Varvel

Kara Wasson

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Chloe Semonick

And that's all for the chorus and band. Have a good rest of your day!

Staff Interview:

Mr. Frye

by Kendra Johnson

Wildcat Life: Do you like your job?

Mr. Frye: Yes, I like my job.

Wildcat Life: If could be any animal, what would you be?

Mr. Frye: A bear.

Wildcat Life: What is your daily routine?

Mr. Frye: Wipes down cafeteria tables

Wildcat Life: What is favorite part your about job?

Mr. Frye: Watching the students grow.

Final thoughts from Mr. Frye: Stay respectful and don't throw trash on the ground.

WILDCAT PRIDE

Favorite Lunch

Poll by Carson Lewis

