

# Student workers not yet feeling effects of recession

By Megan Giffin and Danielle Kenyon

\$700 billion. Most people will never see that much in their entire lives. Yet in one fell-swoop that much of American tax-payer money went to bail out several major financial establishments including banks, loan companies, and insurance firms. Because of this families are anticipating a huge financial deficit and therefore cutting back on spending to save money. Then, of course, since we are no longer spending as much money on merchandise, vendors, retailers, and manufacturers are seeing a shortage in business forcing them cut back on employees, mak-

ing families short on income. Naturally, the cycle starts all over again.

The West Franklin Voice surveyed several students and staff members and asked them how they thought the bailout would affect them at their current job.

"I don't think it will really affect me at my job," said junior Steven Lemons, who is working at Poncho's. "Business is pretty steady."

Sophomore Hayden Fowler, who works at the Crystal Plaza Theater, was still unsure of the effect. "It might affect me," he said. "I don't know for sure. It's sort of a slow season anyway."

We also interviewed students and staff

asking them how they thought WFHS would be affected by the bailout. Betty Greer, WFHS Secretary, said, "It'll put us in even more of a crunch, both with the parents and the state." Kyle Warner, English Teacher, said, "Fund-raisers won't do as well and we will receive fewer donations. In turn, organizations won't bring in as much. Our school organizations help us out quite a bit and they won't be able to continue to as frequently without proper funding."

Lastly, students were asked how many zeros were in 700 billion. Freshman Paul Williamson said, "Eleven, right?" Sophomore Grace Duda said, "I don't know off

the top of my head... eleven?" Go ahead, write it out, there are indeed eleven zeros in 700 billion.

*So what's your opinion? We would love to know, so shoot us an e-mail at wfv@usd287.org or go to our online news source on the school web site to question or comment.*

## Publications class launches online news source

By Danielle Kenyon

Staff of WFHS Publications classes have created an online news source to serve the school and the community. The West Franklin Voice web site will be updated biweekly with articles covering school and community news, sports, clubs and organizations.

The printed edition of the West Franklin VOICE will be published only four times during the 2008-2009 school year. The current plan is to distribute the VOICE to every household in the district.

Publications +|adviser Roger Sims said he thought it was a great step for the Publications program.

"Creating an online news

source is in step with contemporary trends in journalism," he said, "I think it is very exciting that this class has the opportunity to bring the school a web site that has current news."

The live web site is hosted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

To reach the site, go to the high school web site at [www.usd287.org/wfhs](http://www.usd287.org/wfhs), then select the West Franklin VOICE icon. The site has pages for news, sports, opinion and features.

## WFHS senior voters follow national trend in casting their ballots for Obama

By Anna Davis

According to a poll of students who were eligible to vote in the presidential election Nov. 4, Obama received the majority of the 19 students who voted.

The day after the election, West Franklin Voice reporters surveyed all the students who were old enough to vote the and who they school would vote for president.

It was the first chance to vote for the many of the seniors, who had to be 18 to cast...

During the recent election the students at West Franklin have been talking amongst themselves about who they would vote for president. Being a high school not all the students are eligible to vote.

Out of 55 seniors 21 were eligible to vote in the election and 19 students actually did vote. The



President-elect Barack Obama

VOICE asked senior, Chris Mills why he wanted to vote, his response was "because I'm 18."

The VOICE also asked senior Nick Bryant who was eligible to vote but didn't, his response was "because I didn't have time".

When the VOICE asked senior Cherokee Starbuck why she voted for Obama and she said because, "I think that he can do things better than McCain would have done with America, and I also think he was too old to run."

When the VOICE interviewed senior Justin Simms why he voted for McCain and his response was "Because I didn't like Obama's abortion Policy."

With the numbers we got from WFHS Obama would have won our schools election verses McCain. In Franklin County however McCain won against Obama with a 60% to 38% lead. McCain also won the state of Kansas with a 57% to 41% lead.

Nationwide Obama won both the popular vote and the Electoral College vote.

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