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Bearkat Blackout



Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed a "blackout" pep rally Friday, October 7th as the Bearkats prepared to take on the Overton Mustangs.

The cheerleaders and football boys performed a popcorn style dance skit for the crowd led by Mrs. Leslie Nichols and Officer Ross.

Kicking off the game later that evening, the elementary Tunnel Kats busted onto the field with enough energy to fuel a train.

The Spirit Crew enjoyed snapping shots with the "Bearkat Cam," and the Bearkat Band kept the crowd going with energetic stand tunes.

After an exciting overtime-win, the community shouted, "It's a great day to be a Bearkat!"



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UIL Marching Competition

By Hallie Matlock

The Cushing band, led by director David Applegate, received a 2 on their UIL Marching Contest performance at Lobo Stadium in Longview, Texas on October 15. The 23 member band performed with approximately 40 other schools. Music included: Precision Fanfare, Miss Liberty, and Activity March.

Students marched for three independent judges, each of them giving the performance a score on a scale of 1-5. The performance must last at least five minutes but no longer than eight minutes.

Ratings:

- 1: Superior
- 2: Excellent
- 3: Good
- 4: Fair
- 5: Poor



BEARKAT CAM WINS FANS



Blackout Game

By Kade Jones

The mighty Bearkats entered the game with brand new black jerseys at the district opener on Friday, October 7.

The "Bearkat Blackout" was a success as the Bearkats pulled off an overtime win with a final score of 22-15. The Bearkats racked up a total of 314 yards whilst the Mustangs only amassed 223.

Bearkat defense was led by Israel Martinez who had 11 tackles and 1 interception, and Gavin Crumpton had 9 tackles. Crumpton also led the team in rushing with 19 carries and 147 yards.



"BEARKAT CAM" CREATORS MILA HARVEY AND MARY BETH EDWARDS POSE FOR A SHOT.



THE STUDENT SECTION SHOWS THEIR BEARKAT LOVE & SPIRIT AT HOME GAMES. SIT CLOSE IF YOU DARE...

Keeping up with the Lil' Kats

5TH GRADE FEELINGS

By Jacie Fitzgerald & Perla Morales

The Bearkat Buzz visited fifth grade teacher, Tracy Crumpton, to find out what students were up to this month.

What are your students currently learning?

"In math we are learning about Prime and Composite numbers, and in science we are learning about types of energy." **Prime numbers** are numbers with one factor pair. **Composite numbers** are numbers with more than one factor pair.

What is one of your strengths as a 5th grade teacher? "I consider my strength patience and being a visual learner."

Students were excited to share their thoughts on being the "top dogs" at the elementary campus:

What is the best part of being in 5th grade?

"Having the best teachers." - Anna Phillips
"Math because it is my first year at Cushing and I get to experience a new way of learning it." - Bridger Ethridge
"Eating lunch." - Hayden Crawford
"Almost being in junior high." - Kailea Moore

What is most interesting about what you are learning?

"The (50) states." - Anna Philips
"Science because of the different ways you can change the physical properties of salt and water." - Bridger Ethridge
"The long division." - Hayden Crawford
"How sand can't dissolve in water." - Kailea Moore

ALUMNI CORNER: BETHANY WILLIS

By Eddie Davis

Bethany Willis graduated last year from Cushing ISD. She cheers at SFA and is majoring in interior design.

How was your transition from high school cheer to the collegiate level?

"Honestly it's been different from anything else I've done in the past. My practices are much earlier and everything we do is so new and different while still feeling familiar. So far it has been one of the most fun experiences. Getting to be able to grow as a family with my new team and coaches has been a blast. I'm still learning how to manage my time correctly around all of the things I have to do. I've learned a lot and continue to learn new things every day!"

FARM TO CLASSROOM

By Madalyn Whitaker

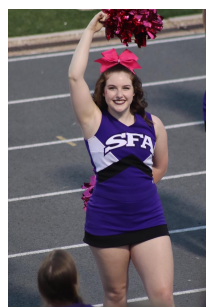
This fall, young students across Texas can once again virtually visit farms and ranches right from their classrooms through Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Farm From School program.

Farm to classroom is an opportunity for kids to learn about different aspects of agriculture virtually. The students get the chance to have a greater understanding of every topic the organization brings.

Each month a zoom meeting is held where students are able to engage with a farmer. This month's zoom call was titled "horses" providing the students an opportunity to learn about horses and their roles on the ranch.

We asked second grader, Carlee Weems, what she has learned about the four legged friends. "Horses are prey animals, so their eyes are on the side of their head."

We look forward to sharing what our elementary students learn about Texas Agriculture through this unique program.



What would you say your most memorable moment at SFA is?

"Probably the first volleyball game I cheered at. It was my first experience as a cheerleader at SFA, and everyone at the game was super into the game. The crowd cheered with my team a lot. I loved the energy in the gym!"

On behalf of Cushing, we wish you luck!

BLUEBONNET CHALLENGE

By Carter McClure

After a recent decrease in the participation of the Blue Bonnet program, Coach Stacey Willis challenged students to read by creating a competition. This competition involves her attempting to read all 20 Blue Bonnet books before the students can. The Bearkat Buzz visited the elementary campus to get an update on the status of the competition.

How do you feel about Coach Willis' movement?

I think it's really good, I mean it's motivating the kids to read more because they are seeing it as a competition. They are like, "Oh, we have to beat Coach Willis," so it's one of those contests I like, and I even joined in myself just because there is just something about competing. - Talia Galindo, Library Aide
Coach Willis, what made you decide to pick up reading?

Well I loved reading whenever I was a kid. I would read a series of books over and over again.

How is this affecting the students?

Well, those that like competition, it's really encouraging because they want to beat me. Although it is making some of them mean because they don't want me to get the books.
What made you want to challenge these students?

When it came time for the Blue Bonnet voting party, there was only one fourth grader. So, I challenged them this year. If I read all twenty books and passed all the tests, they would have to read at least fifteen books.



Scary Word search

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The SHAC committee (Student Health Advisory Council) is led by Charity Alvy, the nurse at the Elementary. SHAC also has student members including: Landon Owens, Carter McClure, Brayden Mobley, Jake Bunn, and Bethany Lehman.

“Our plan is to advocate for the support of the community, students, and staff in making good decisions to manage their social, physical, and emotional health needs,” Alvy said.

Even though the committee has only been active for a little over a year, it already has accomplished several goals. It started counseling and emotional support groups. SHAC also started nutritional services and improved the fitness gram pacer test in the JH. This year the committee will help students at Cushing ISD reach their full potential through knowledge gained in health education classes and active lifestyles.

New this year is "Breathe for Change," a program that aims to transform education from within school communities. High school English teacher, Jill Moore, graduated from the 200-hour program this summer and is working to support teachers in being champions of well-being in their lives, classrooms, and school communities.



SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER

Meet Profesora Shelton By Avery Cruz



Susan Shelton is the Spanish teacher at Cushing High School. She attended Stephen F. Austin State University. This is her first year at Cushing High School.

Why did you choose to become a teacher?

“ I have always wanted to be one. I come from a family of teachers. My Great grandmother taught in one elementary school for 40 years and my dad has been a Spanish teacher his entire career as well.”

What was your first impression of our school?

“ The first thing I thought was, wow

it's very small, but that's not a bad thing. You can get to know people a lot better in small schools. Since I am the only Spanish teacher here, if I have a student in Spanish I then I will have them again for Spanish II.”

What do you like best about our school?

“ The people are very nice. All my coworkers they have been so sweet they will drop in and ask me how I am doing. They have been so helpful and so nice.”

Why did you choose Spanish?

“I always wanted to study a foreign language and because I went to SFA,

that's the language that they offered. At the time they didn't really offer anything else. They had French but I've never wanted to learn French. I've always thought that it sounded very ugly.”

Do you have any pets?

“I have two cats. They make my life difficult constantly, but I still love them despite it.”



CROSS COUNTRY

THE VARSITY, JV, AND JH CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TRAVELED TO NEW SUMMERFIELD LAST THURSDAY TO COMPETE IN THE DISTRICT MEET.

THE GIRLS' VARSITY TEAM WAS THE DISTRICT RUNNER UP. GABBY ANGELO PLACED 8TH, LEIGHAH DECKARD PLACED 9TH, DIANA GARCIA PLACED 12TH, KENZIE PARKER PLACED 14TH, KAYLEI DOWNS PLACED 16TH, AND KRISTY LEE PLACED 24TH. THE TEAM ADVANCED TO REGIONALS.

FRESHMAN TROY ENOS COMPETED IN THE BOYS' VARSITY RACE. ENOS PLACED 7TH AND ALSO ADVANCED TO REGIONALS NEXT MONDAY AT SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY.

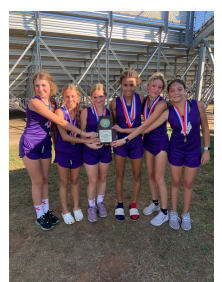
FRESHMAN WILLIE DECKARD

COMPETED IN THE BOYS' JV. DECKARD PLACED 1ST AND WAS NAMED DISTRICT CHAMPION.

THE JH GIRLS' TEAM PLACED FIRST AND WAS NAMED DISTRICT CHAMPIONS. THE TEAM INCLUDES 8TH GRADERS: JUDITH ALLEN AND SHELBY WRIGHT; 7TH GRADERS: SABRINA DECKARD, KAMBREE JOHNSON, KADEN HOLLINGSWORTH, AND MADISON HOLLAND

REPRESENTING THE JUNIOR HIGH BOYS WAS 8TH GRADER HANK WHEELER. HE PLACED 7TH INDIVIDUALLY.

COACH SHELBY GRESHAM IS PROUD OF THE TEAM AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WHAT THEY WILL ACCOMPLISH IN THE REGIONAL MEET.



Library News By Laney Cook

- * In the library, the month of October is mystery month.
- * Science takes over in the HS library! Stop by to see all of the amazing student projects.
- * The nonfiction sections in both HS and Elementary libraries are getting new markers.
- * In the Elementary library, the book club set a goal of 1,000 books by Christmas.
- * Bluebonnets are waiting on labels and processing to be shipped; the paper industry needs our positive thoughts and prayers!

