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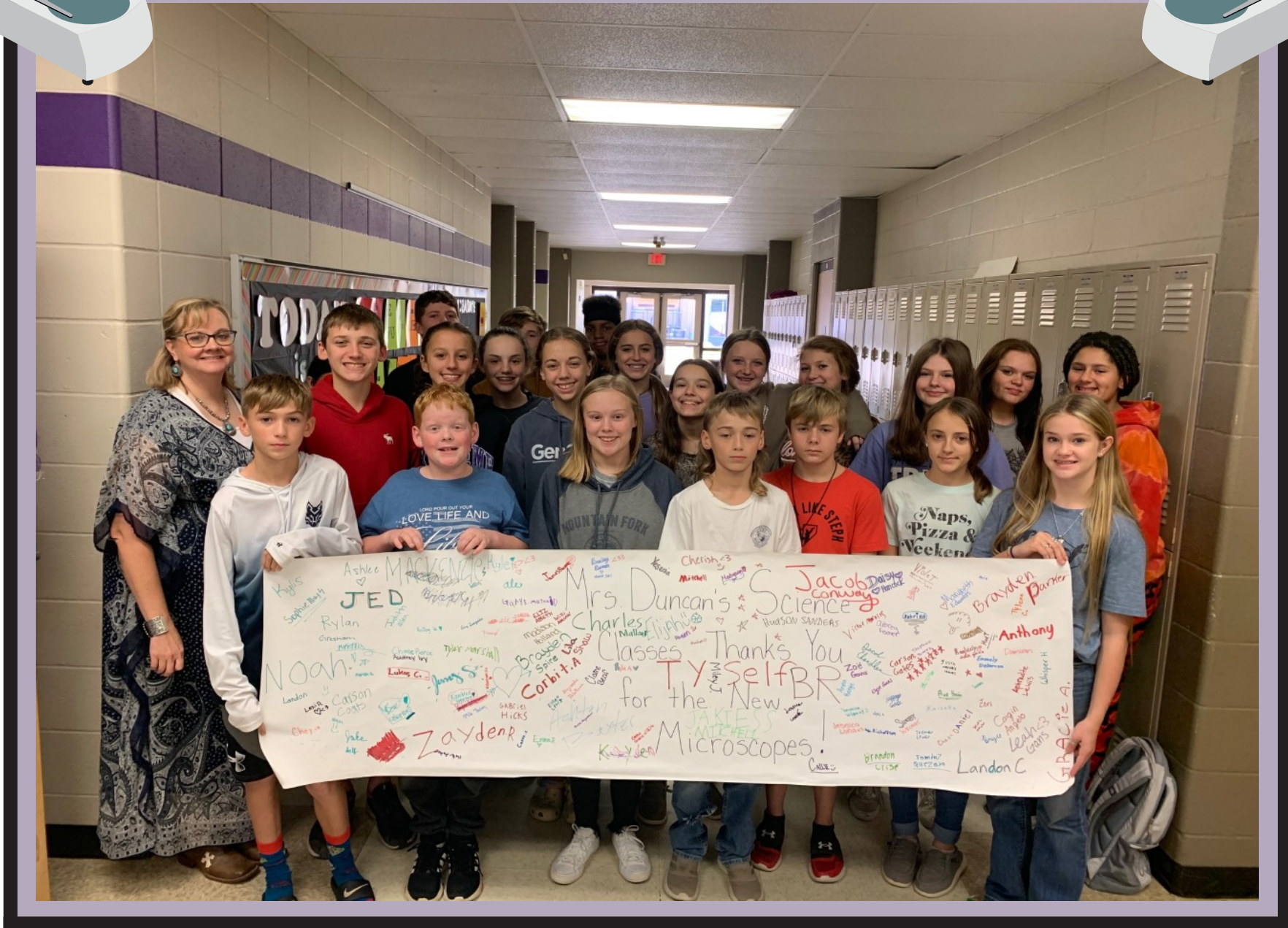
Christmas Break!
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Caden Barrios: Featured Player!

Caden Barrios is the featured player of this issue of the Bearkat Buzz! He had a career high of 22 points in the JV game against Arp.



State Officers Visit Cushing!

A team of twelve Texas FFA State Officers represent each of the twelve area associations within Texas FFA. These student officers work in partnership with the board of directors to develop policy for the Texas FFA Association and provide student leadership to Texas FFA members. Each area association selects one candidate to serve on the state officer team during the annual state FFA convention. Once all areas have selected a representative, the delegates then elect a president and first vice president from the final twelve candidates. The remaining ten officers serve as vice presidents from their respective area associations. All officers have responsibilities to the state association and leadership duties in their areas. State officers serve a one-year term.

The President and First Vice President defer 1 year of college and spend most of the year visiting schools across the state. They visit schools daily and spend the night in the home of an Ag teacher or Chapter FFA Officer. This is called the travel team. Sometimes the representative for the area in which they are visiting will join the travel team.

We were fortunate to have Ember Reyes, Area VII, President and Emily Dreyer, Area X, First Vice President as well as Brady Neuman, Area IX visit us on Monday morning. They spent the night in the home of Brandon French, Cushing FFA President and Area IX Secretary. They gave a workshop over making an impact.

GETTING TO KNOW COACH GARRETT:

1. Where did you attend college, and did you play basketball while attending?

I graduated from SFASU.

2. What was your most successful moment as a coach?

Winning the school's first district championship in 64 years, back in 2016.

3. Outside of coaching and teaching, what are you passionate about?

I'm more passionate about spending time with my three grandgirls than probably anything in the world.

4. What is your favorite sport to coach?

I really enjoy coaching every sport. Basketball might have a slight edge just because it's indoors.

5. What are your expectations for the upcoming basketball season?

My expectations for this season is just to come in each day, work hard, get better daily, and hopefully we will be in the playoffs again. I feel really confident that we will get it done!

Coach Garrett



Basketball

The varsity boys team participated in the annual Wells tournament and took victories over West Hardin (58-56) and Gary (31-29).

The varsity girls team participated in the Slocum tournament and got 5th place. They took victories over Martinsville and Garrison.

Elementary FUN!

December 13th- "LET IT BE CHRISTMAS DAY"

December 14th- "GRINCHY GAMES DAY"

December 15th- "POLAR EXPRESS AND PJ DAY"

December 16th- "MISTLE TOE AND CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY"

December 17th- "CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY"



Junior High PRESSURE Point



1.6 seconds left in fourth quarter ...down by three... fouled at the three point line... Seventh grader, Carson Coats, walks up to the free throw line. He knows that if he makes three baskets, he ties the game. First shot..."swish." Next shot... drains it- piece of cake. The third shot could determine the outcome of the game. He looks at the goal, takes a deep breath and shoots. Time slows as the ball soars through the air... He misses.

When asked what was going through his mind the moment before that third shot, Coats replied, "I knew my parents would be so proud of me if I could just make it a third time."

Athletes who have played a sport for any extended amount of time can relate to this moment. Often times it's not about the moment of glory but about the recovery from failing that is remembered most. The ability to pick yourself back up and continue. This is just one of many valuable life lessons that comes from playing sports. Having a team to pick you up is also a plus.

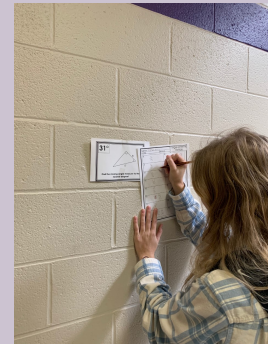
Despite the loss of game one, Coats recovered and scored 20 of the 30 points two games later against Mount Enterprise taking his team to victory.

FAST MATH!

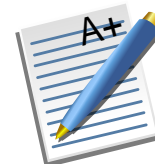
Mrs. Clark's geometry classes did a fun hallway math activity/game the Friday that school let out for Thanksgiving break. The students were given a strip of paper with an answer on it. They would then have to find that answer on a paper in the hallway. Finally the students would have to solve the present math problem. After that, they repeated the process until they were finished.



Chance Pierce



Katelyn Green



Bearcats Make the Grade

3rd Grade

All A's
 Xoezy Berry
 Jacie Cole
 Levi Langham
 Morgan Crisp
 Axel McCarthy
 Stella McClendon
 Elizabeth O'Hanlon
AB Honor Roll
 Tracie Arreguin
 Tegan Arreguin
 Cason Burnett
 Jessica Carrillo
 Talon Castillo
 Mason Chandler
 Korbin Coats
 Cash Cole
 Selena Farmer
 Milo Franklin
 Greysi Gordon
 Addision Heart
 Brady Moore
 Colt Procell
 Grace Rollinson
 Emma Royer
 Dawson Sitton
 Ireana Townson
 Adrian Valencia
 Carlea Williams
 Kriag Willis

4th Grade

All A's
 Karter Arreguin
 Allie Bengé
 Jace Channel
 Tait DuVall
 Charles Gardner
 Zoey Gary
 Emery Hagemeyer
 Lily Ham
 Brynli McCarthy
 Audrey McQueen
 Kailea Moore
 Christain Reeves
AB Honor Roll
 Emily Adams
 Evelyn Donnell
 Troy Griffith
 Ryan Hart
 Brileigh Johnson
 Daegon Lee
 Jay Lostrocco
 Chance Mallord
 Shelby Ross
 Zane Salinas
 Kamryn Seales
 Gabriel Tamez
 Coraline West
 Halle Wheeler

5th Grade

All A's
 Lance Copeland
 Cason Leishman
 Willaim Owens
AB Honor Roll
 Kaitlynn Arnold
 Kaylon Cole
 Will Durrett
 Esther Flores
 Elena Gans
 Gavin Hassell
 Clay Kerss
 Gage Matlock
 Morgan Neal



NEW NEW NEW

Boe Coleman & Sophie Alvy

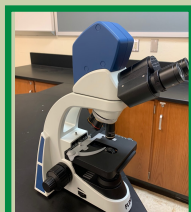
Mrs. Duncan's 7th grade class

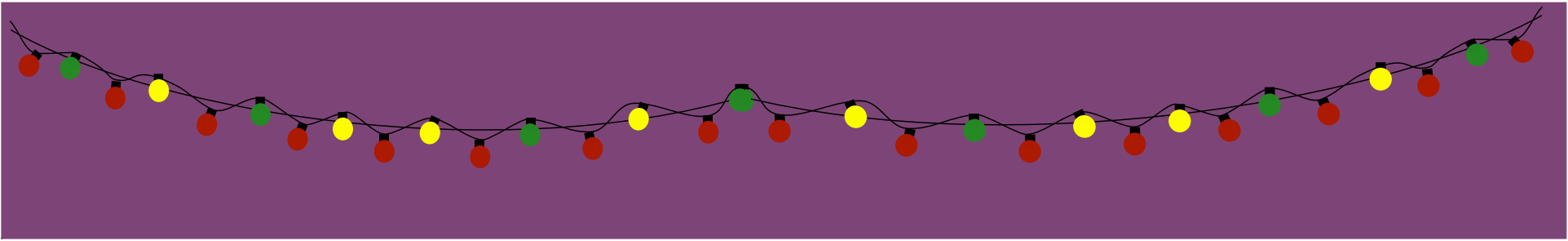
Mr. Steussy's bass



FROM OLD TO NEW!

Mr. Steussy and Mrs. Duncan both recently received brand new binocular microscopes. They love them and so do the students! They both stated that they will be using the microscopes a lot in upcoming activities. Mr. Steussy also stated that the microscopes are double focal so students will be able to see the slides a lot clearer and better.





ANTIGONE NOW

It's officially One Act season for our high school theatre students. The play they will be performing is called "Antigone Now" which is set in a post apocalyptic world, where two sisters of opposing views are faced with a challenge that ends in tragedy. Their contest may be months away, but these stars must get all the practice they can. Stay tuned for more dates about the contest and behind the scenes.



JH OAP Contest

On Wednesday December 1st, the junior high theatre students performed their show "This is a Test" at the 2021 JH One act Play contest. While they did not place, these students did a wonderful job and have bright futures ahead of them. Many members of the cast won awards but they couldn't have won without their fellow cast members. Theatre is all about teamwork and support!

Honorable Mention All Star Cast
Claire Ham (Ally) and Elizabeth Williamson (Teacher)

All Star Cast
Kayden Hollingsworth (Voice)

Honor Tech Crew
Justin Maynard

CAST LIST

Antigone- Alexis Moore
Ismene- Cheyenne Morris
Creon- Emma Johnson
Chorus
Hallie Matlock
Chloe Jones
Bethany Lehman
Jadeanna Morris
Stage manger- Julia Colquitt
Chorus/crew
Ty Brown
Roby Westell
Griffen Arnold
Wyatt Sharp

Reppin' at the Congressional Level

Mistie Birdwell and Callie Eddins both had the opportunity to attend the Congressional Art Contest Award Ceremony. They were the only two students representing Cushing at this event. We had the honor of interviewing them and their experience.

Interview with Mistie

What did your Piece aim to say?

Friendship can preserve tough times.

What is art to you?

It helps me relieve stress, like therapy.

Was this your first time participating in an art contest?

Yes, this is actually my first time in art.

Interview with Callie

Who influences you?

My grandma, because she always pushed me to do my best in everything.

How long did it take to come up with your idea?

Two days, which were stressful because we got the form five days before it was due.

Who/what motivated you to get into art?

Mrs. Spencer! She always believes in me and my art.



Area-Check Next Stop... STATE!

Tanlei Williamson, Lexie Nichols, Bethany Willis, Lexi Moore, Janessa Rosada, Ava Buuck, Olivia Buuck, Emily Schroeder, Yadira Ortiz, Randi Beasley, Madison Fenton, Perla Morales and Havin Oliver.

TAFE Life with Emily Schroeder

How long have you been in TAFE?

I have been in TAFE for three years now. I began my freshman year.

What do you feel like TAFE could do for you in the future?

It will give me the experience I need to become the teacher I desire to be.

What project did you do and how long did it take?

I wrote and my partner Yadira illustrated a children's book. It took us four months.

Do you feel like this has been your best work in this contest?

Yes, we put a lot of time and effort into it.

What is the best part about being in TAFE?

Definitely taking trips with Mrs. McClure!

