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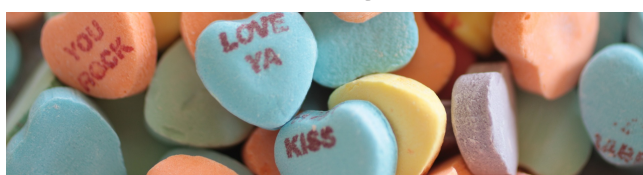
## LeBlanc to the Roadrunners



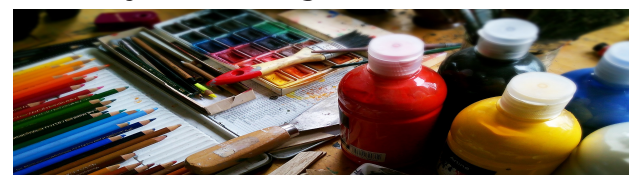
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### Senior Spotlight - One Act Play



Meet 2021 Seniors Williem Hobgood and Shea Clews!

Williem spends most of his spare time playing and practicing basketball, reading, and participating in theater activities. After high school, he plans to attend either Stephen F. Austin State University or LCU to pursue a career in business.

Shea currently participates in cheerleading, newspaper, theater, and band. Shea plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University to receive a degree in counseling in order to become an art therapist.

Williem and Shea are both members of National Honor Society. They are both Academic Excellence award recipients.

Williem and Shea have been actively participating in One-Act Play for two years. Williem has been a part of CHS theater for three years, while Shea has been a member for four.

Their current play, "Radium Girls," is under the direction of theater teacher, Sarah Funderburk.

*"It is an interesting play with a good group of actors and actresses."*-Williem

*"It's definitely a meaningful, true story. I can't wait to see where telling it takes us all as an ensemble."*-Shea

### Putting in the Work

Sa'Niya Fowler is a CHS Track and Field member who has shown intense dedication in her sport. She mainly focuses on shot-put and can be seen practicing just about every day!

"Even on days off, there is always work to be done. Hard work is important, especially with getting a 40 foot throw!" Fowler said.



Sa'Niya has gone to State in shot-put, and plans to make it again for her final high school year! There is no doubt that with her determination, she has what it takes.

### Baseball Scholarship



Cushing senior, Gabriel LeBlanc, signed an acceptance letter for a scholarship to attend and play baseball at Angelina Junior College this Fall. The National Junior College Athletic Association awarded LeBlanc with the scholarship on Tuesday. LeBlanc's parents (pictured above) looked on as he signed to play for

the 2021-22 season.

The scholarship will cover fifteen college hours, student fees, and even books.

LeBlanc says he looks forward to the opportunity to play for the Angelina Roadrunners and is thankful to all of his coaches who have shaped him along the way.

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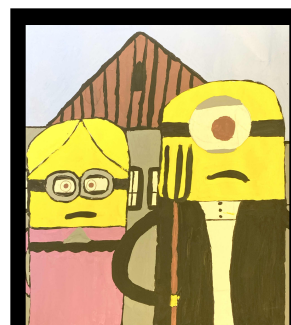
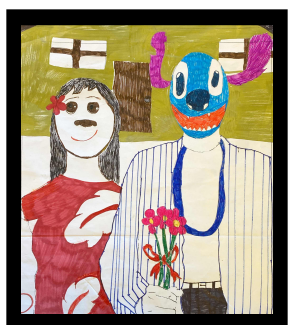


### IT Specialist Joins the Fam



Meet Matthew Ivy! Ivy is an information technology specialist who is new to the Bearkat family. Ivy started out in the Military operating computers in Iraq. After serving, he came home to Nacogdoches to continue his technological career. Ivy mentioned that Nacogdoches is also where he attended college at Stephen F. Austin State University.

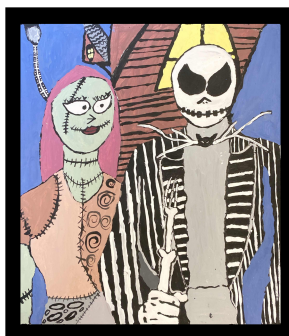
Ivy decided to tread onward in the field of IT where his wife, Sara Ivy, works- Cushing ISD! In his free time, Ivy enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing.



### Headed to State



At the solo and ensemble contest on February 6th, sophomore band member Cheyenne Morris competed on the French horn with a memorized class one solo piece, which allowed her to advance to state. Way to go, Cheyenne!



### Parody Art

High school Art 1 students created a parody of one of Grant Wood's most famous paintings, American Gothic. It is the familiar image of a farmer with a pitchfork and his stern-looking daughter in front of the Gothic window of their white, wooden home. The original pieces are displayed in the hall for all to see and enjoy.



**What is kindness?**

*"It is when you be nice to somebody."*- Raynii Lofton, Pre-K

*"Kindness is being nice to someone and liking the way they are."*- Jamie Fountain, Pre-K

*"Kindness is being nice to one another. If someone is having a rough day, you can be kind to them. It will make them happy and make them feel good because you were kind to them."*  
- Aalyah Gonzales, Fourth Grade

*"Kindness is like love because you help other people."*- Emery Hagemeyer

*"Kindness is like help because when you show kindness, you can hold the door open for others."*- Gabe Tamez

*"Kindness is when someone is very nice to you."*- Audrey McQueen

**What is one way you show kindness?**

*"You be nice, and you say sorry."*- Joah Kennedy, Pre-K

*"I help people hold stuff."*- Halo Duran

*"I hold the door for people."*- Jordan Driver

**How has someone showed you kindness?**

*"Mrs. Holly gives us snacks."*- Makayla Holland, Pre-K

**How does it make you feel when someone is kind to you?**

*"It makes me happy."* Abby Butler, Pre-K

*"It makes me feel good when others are kind to me."*- Kathleen Klokke

**Why should we be kind to others?**

*"We have to be nice so we can have friends."*- Johnathan Sadler, Pre-K

*"We should be kind to others because if you help them, they may help you when you need it."*- Cooper Gardner

*"In times when I struggle to be kind, I often think of a verse of the Bible that has guided me most of my life, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This means if you want to be treated kindly, you must treat others kindly. Kindness does not come naturally to everyone, but if you do persevere through the struggle, I believe it will help make you a better person in the end."*- Kaycee Wilson, Senior

**DAR: First Place Winners**

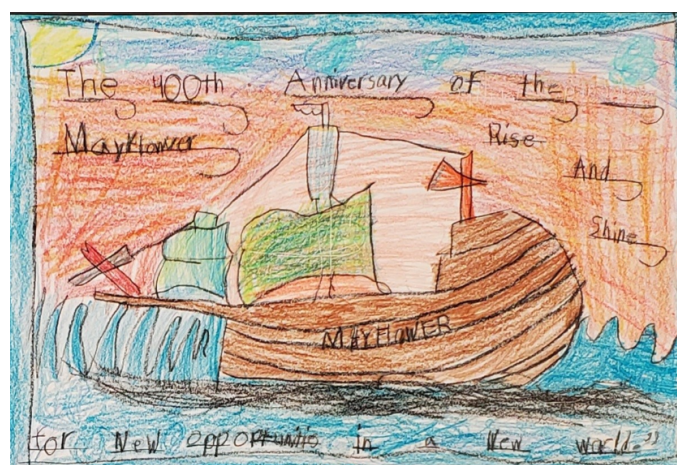
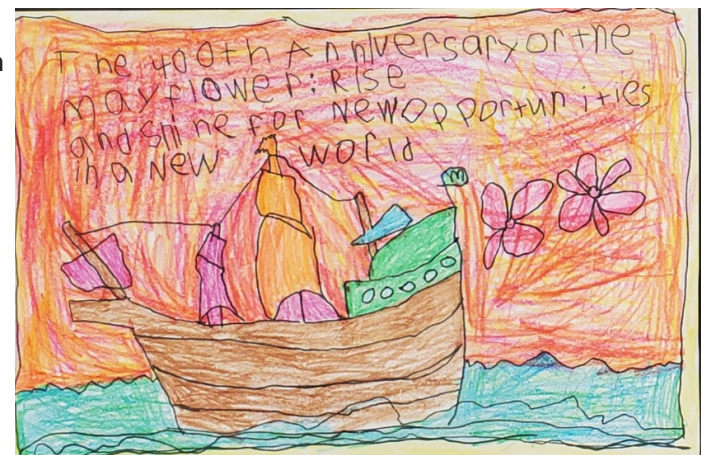
Every year Cushing Elementary Art participates in several art contests. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) created the Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee to promote good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history among every school-age child in the United States. The JAC Committee offers contests in art, creative expression, and community service.

This year's theme was "The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower: Rise and Shine for New Opportunities in a New World." The following first place winning students will be recognized Monday, March 1st at an awards banquet. Congratulations!



**Kindergarten:**  
Johana Quezada  
Bella Holland  
Conner Magee  
Bryan DeLaRosa

**First Grade:**  
Natalie Williamson



**Second Grade:**  
Kraig Willis

**Fourth Grade:**  
Halle Wheeler

