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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Meet Kaitlyn Hyett

Kaitlyn Hyett is a senior who is passionate about softball. Hyett plans on furthering her education by attending Angelina or Panola and finishing her major at SFA. Wherever she ends up, she plans on playing ball.

Bearkat Buzz reporter, Kelsey Moore, interviewed Hyett about her future plans.

KM: *What do you plan on becoming?*

KH: I think I want to pursue something with physical therapy or athletic training

KM: *What is your favorite part about school?*

KH: Definitely the bonds I build with friends and my school family.

KM: *What's your favorite class?*

KH: Pathophysiology because I love Mrs. Nichols

KM: *What advice to do have for the upcoming seniors?*

KH: Don't procrastinate! Do it early so you will have free time later. Never take ANYTHING for granted.

Meet Gabe LeBlanc

Senior, Gabe LeBlanc, has been playing baseball since he was in tee ball. LeBlanc is hopeful his dedication and discipline to the sport will allow him the opportunity to play college ball. Leblanc plans to attend Angelina

Community College where he will play baseball and pursue a major in Civil Engineering.

His favorite thing about school is having a good time with his friends and, of course, baseball.

"PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS, BE RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS AND YOUR TEACHER, HAVE FUN....BUT STAY OUT OF TROUBLE" - GABE LEBLANC

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Junior High Football

The Cushing Junior High football team remains optimistic about their season.

Coach, Jason Davis, commented, "For our eighth graders, this is actually their third year to play junior high football due to our player shortage two years ago."

The now eighth graders had the opportunity to play when they were only in sixth grade; something that doesn't happen very often.

"The extra year of experience has helped their performance all the way around," Davis said.

Number 26, Gavin Crumpton, has been playing football since first grade. When asked his favorite part of the game, Crumpton replied, "Hitting people." This does not come as a surprise. Fans from both sides often let out a low "ooooooooohhhh" in unison following a Crumpton tackle.

The junior high team takes on the Mustangs in Overton on Thursday, October 15th.



Cross Country

The Cross Country team competed at LaTourneau University on Saturday, September 26th.

Jose Garcia placed 18th out of forty-eight in the varsity race. Caden Barrios placed 24th of thirty-two in the junior varsity race. Leighah Deckard placed 3rd out of thirty-six in the varsity race; running a PR of 13:45. Lexie Nichols placed 23rd.

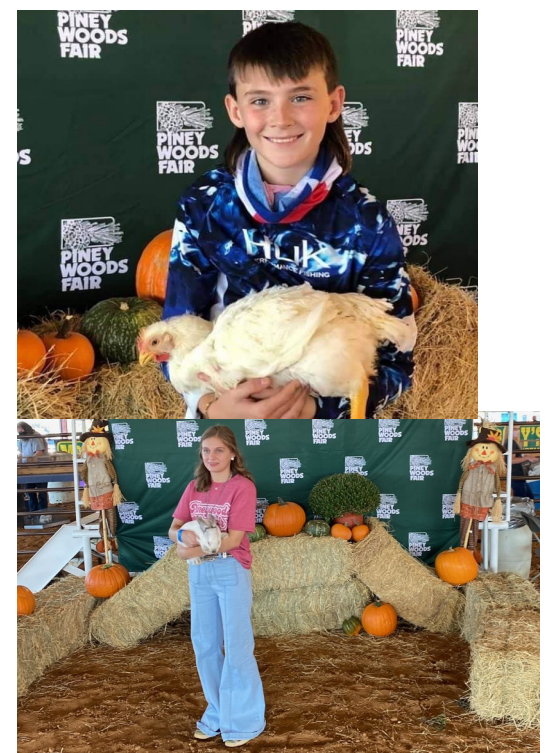
On Saturday, October 3rd, the team traveled to Hudson where Deckard beat the previous weekend PR with a time of 13:33 and placed second in her heat. Garcia finished second in his heat of varsity boys.



Pineywoods Fair

The Pineywoods Fair looks very different from years past without vendors and the midway. While spectators are not allowed at the fair, a live stream is available on the Nacogdoches County Expo Center Facebook page.

The following students are representing the Cushing FFA with animal exhibits: October 6- Rabbits: Lauren Anderson (4th place) and Jay Lostrocco; October 7- Chickens: Dixie Downs (9th place) and Troy Griffin; October 8- Pigs: Brandon French, Lexi Arreguin, Boe Coleman, Jed Coleman, Sophie Alvy, Mekenna Boger; Lambs and Goats: Lexi Arreguin and Ally Boger.



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CUSHING ELEMENTARY GT

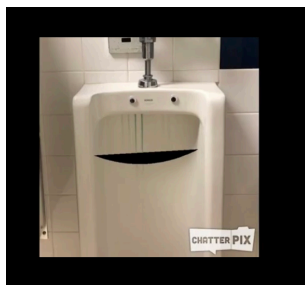
"Eye Bombing"

The Cushing Elementary Gifted and Talented students used their imaginations to find new perspectives. Students placed googley eyes on objects and pretended to "see" things from a different point of view. A stapler, a pencil sharpener, and a box of Keenex are just some of the objects that were given a voice using the ChatterPix app.

GT Coordinator, Dee Cruz, said, "We wanted to do something creative and fun to make people laugh and spread joy."

Mrs. Jackson, principal, even got in on the fun giving eyes and a voice to her trusty paddle.

Be sure to watch their eye-bombing project, "The Objects Around Us," on the Cushing Elementary Facebook Page.



INTEGRITY

Choosing to be truthful in
whatever you say and do



"Mr. Mac, Mr. Mac, How Does Your Garden Grow?"



Students have been busy planting different types of vegetables in the school garden. This season's crops include three types of lettuce, broccoli, onions, radishes and turnips.

Walter McGarrett, better known as "Mr. Mac," teaches science and is over the 4-H program at the elementary. The garden is part of a research project for fifth graders.

"They are recording data about fertilization, water, and weather for their project as well as gathering information for the county extension, AgriLife," McGarrett reported.

Students from Pre-K all the way to fifth grade have had their hands in the dirt these past few weeks. McGarrett hopes to harvest the radishes and turnips in November, the lettuce and broccoli mid December. The onions will be ready in the spring.



**Congratulations
to the following
students for their
academic
performance the
1st Six Weeks**



**Bearkat
Honor Roll**

Third Grade

Karter Arreguin
Kamryn Barfield
Charles Gardner
Zoe Gary
Emery Hagemeyer
Daegon Lee
Jay Lastracco
Brynli McCarthy
Audrey McQueen

Fourth Grade

Kaylon Cole
Lance Copeland
Cason Leishman

Fifth Grade

Reese Hagemeyer
Mila Harvey
Ava Harvin
Stephen Tamez
Bryce Upshaw

A/B Honor Roll

Third Grade

Allie Bengé
Tait DuVall
Troy Griffith
Lilly Ham
Kaiden Kelsey
Chance Mallord
Kailea Moore
Christian Reeves
Kamryn Seales
Gabe Tamez
Coraline West
Halle Wheeler

Fourth Grade

Kaitlynn Arnold
Esther Flores
Elena Gans
Bella Harvey
Clayton Kerres
Morgan Neal
William Owens
Ryder Pierce
Luke Royer
Jhonen West
Paul Wyatt

Fifth Grade

Anna Bengé
Lukas Castleberry
Emily Cosby
Elyse Gans
Jace Gresham
Madison Holland
Emy Quezada
Emma Willhite

Honor Roll

Fifth Grade

Corbit Aaron

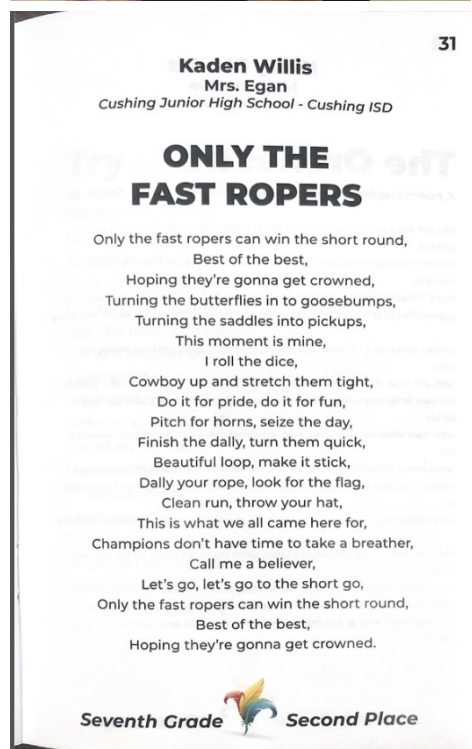
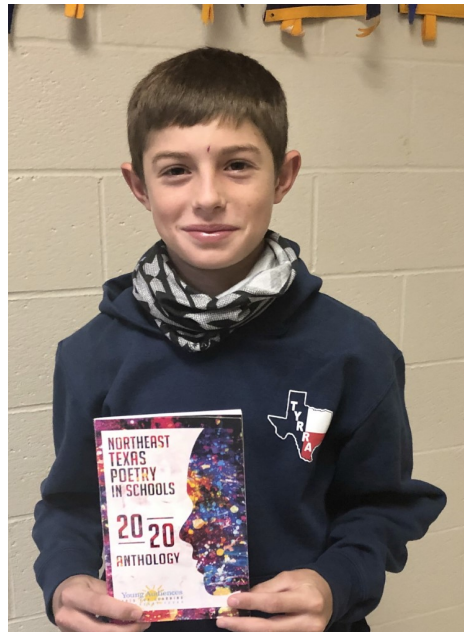
Poetry Contest Winner: Kaden Willis

Cushing eighth grader, Kaden Willis, placed second with his poem, "Only the Fast Ropers," in the Northeast Texas Poetry in Schools Contest last spring.

The contest is sponsored by the Rusk County Poetry Society. The tradition of Poetry in Schools began more than forty years ago when the Rusk County Poetry Society decided to celebrate National Poetry Month each April by honoring local student poets in Henderson, Texas, with a contest and awards ceremony.

Today, that celebration has grown to include hundreds of students and teachers in schools and home school groups across East Texas. Each year, the contest provides an opportunity for students currently enrolled in grades 7-12 to nurture academic growth through the literary arts. Classroom and language arts teachers are encouraged to submit original poems from their students to be judged by local poets and writers. All winning entries are published in the Northeast Texas Poetry in Schools Student Anthology.

The anthology is a presentation of the 2020 winning poems. Judges chose poems that best utilized the many aspects of poetry- imagery, sound, metaphors, and universal themes.



Theater Production: Lafayette No. 1 Oct. 17

Lafayette No. 1, the first theater production of the 20-21 school year, is Saturday, October 17th. Show times are at 2 and 7 p.m.

Lafayette No. 1 is a historical drama of the story The Poydras Orphan's Rest Memorial.

Summary of Show :

As the yellow fever epidemic takes over the streets of New

Orleans in 1816, no one thinks of the orphans known as The Forgotten- except for Lizzie Landry. Lizzie brings bread from her mother's employer, the bread lady, to the band of orphans whom she has befriended. But when Lizzie's mother passes from yellow fever, she truly becomes one of The Forgotten. The police and politicians are working together to clear the orphans from the streets. Lizzie finds out that the main politician is actually her father. After one of their

closest friends dies in front of her very eyes she pleads with her father that something must be done. This is when he makes major changes to the city of New Orleans.

(Summary by Ms. Funderburk)

Tickets will be available at the door for a donation. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

