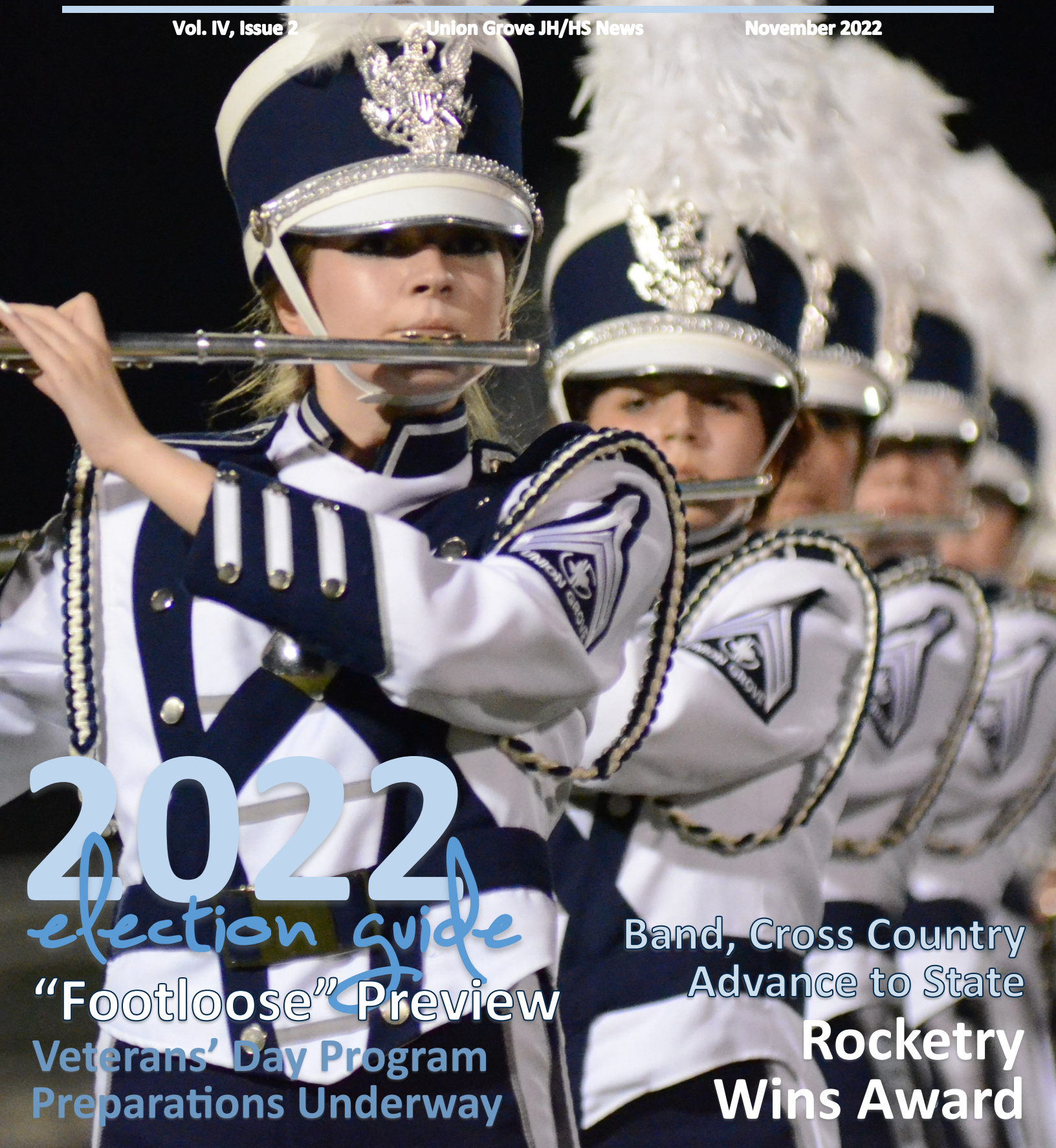


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Left: Greg Park; Analeice Jones (12); Gracie Winn (12); Gracie Stanford (12); 2022 graduates Jolea Robertson, Adam Hanson, Harlee Kirbis, and Sabetay Fernandez; and Rhonda Baker accept the Newton Award for their record launch during the Oct. 10 school board meeting. Photo by Rachel Evers

Below: Coach Park's SystemsGo2 class works on the math needed to make this year's rocket launch even higher. Photo by Daytona Vaughn



To 50,000 Feet and Beyond Rocketry Wins Newton Award

Daytona Vaughn

One rocket. One one-pound payload.

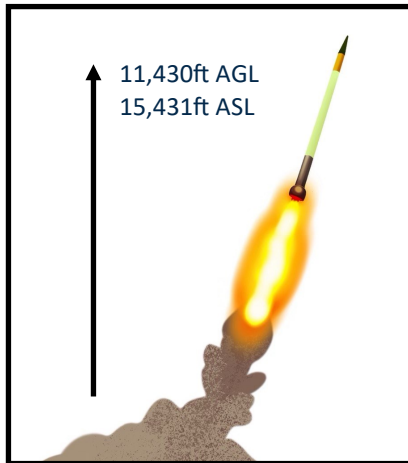
One chance to see how far they'll launch.

SystemsGo rocketry students successfully launched their rocket "Big Bertha" 11,430 feet at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico on Saturday, June 25. The launch earned the team a Newton Award, which representatives from SystemsGo delivered to the October school board meeting.

"It was fantastic to watch the kids be rewarded for their hard work," sponsor Rhonda Baker said. "The strongest point of the Systems Go program is the fact these rockets are STUDENT built. Teenagers are completing these rockets, and it is not easy. When you have seen the frustrations, seen the tears, seen the challenges they have faced and overcome to even get the rocket to White Sands - you are already excited. But then to see it ignite and leave the ground - to watch them watch with such trepidation - and hear the yell in such pure glee - fantastic!"

At the beginning of the school year, the class split into three groups with specific jobs: propulsion, avionics and recovery, and airframe.

"In every group there is a manager and a few workers, plus a program director and assistant director which are over all different things like PO orders, emailing companies, and integrating all systems," senior Gracie Stanford said.



Graphic: Emma Holder

The team presented their designs to NASA and Boeing engineers and built and adjusted "Big Bertha" throughout the year, finishing preparations in May to make the 11-hour trip to White Sands. There, they had one day to work on their rocket on

site, so the team went to the missile range to assemble their ignition system, the screws, and the avionics technology. The next day was time to launch, and UG was first on the rail.

"We left the hotel at 4 a.m. to travel to the range once again and to a safety spot while launching," Stanford said. "We all sat in a small control room and heard the



countdown while we watched our fabulous launch on camera."

After the launches, the teams returned to the launch site to find what was left of their rockets, which new technology made easier than in previous years.

"2022 was the first year that there was radar that could track the rocket, along with cameras to video part of the flight," Stanford said. "Normally, we just have to wait until SystemsGo gives us the altitude."

Even with the new record in the books, for sponsor Greg Park, the goal remains the same.

"Target altitude is 50,000 ft with successful deployment of recovery system," Park said.



The band left after their 9:45 a.m. send-off on Oct. 31 and headed toward Waco. That night, members enjoyed the arcade and ropes course at Main Event before prepping for the Nov. 1 contest. Photos by Faith Woodall



Sydney Pritchett wins Best Paper of the Day at Pine Tree. Photo by Kimber Smith

UIL Teams Medal At Invitational Meets

The journalism team won second place overall and earned 11 medals at the Pine Tree invitational. Sydney Pritchett (11) won first place in News and Feature, fourth in Editorial, sixth in Headlines, and the Best Paper of the Day award. CreeAnn Bozarth (9) won first in Headline, third in Feature, and sixth in News. Jamie Russell (10) placed fourth in Feature, Emma Holder (10) placed fifth in Editorial and sixth in Feature, and Nick Scavone (9) placed fourth in Headlines.

Pritchett also won first place in Feature at the Lindale meet, where Lucky Woodard (11) placed fifth in Headlines, Brayden Carter (11) placed fifth in Computer Science, Kameron Townsend (11) placed fifth in Computer Applications, and Emily Lynch (12) and Thomas Navarro-Gonzalez (9) placed first and fourth in Ready Writing.

The speech team also competed well at the Lindale meet, with Shane Deaton (9) placing fifth in novice congressional debate and Addison Manos (10) and Hunter Rogers (9) winning novice cross-examination debate. Manos earned the Golden Gavel top speaker award.

Preston Woodall (12) placed sixth in varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate. Partners Kyler Littlejohn (12) and Brendon Fuller (12) placed fourth and Parker Haley (9) and Colton Mead (10) placed sixth in varsity cross-examination debate. Russell placed third in prose interpretation, Littlejohn placed fifth in informative speaking, and Fuller placed second and Mead sixth in persuasive speaking.

33 and Counting Band Returns to State Contest

Faith Woodall

The high school band will compete at the state military marching contest at McLane Stadium of Baylor University in Waco on Nov. 1. The band will perform in the preliminary round at 11 a.m. against 10 other bands. Although head band director Andy Thompson expects competition from Beckville and Carlisle, who he says have “solid marching shows”, he is confident the band will perform well.

“We have made steady progress and have had two fantastic run-throughs,” Thompson said. “I expect the band to advance as one of top 5 finalists in Class 2A and march again in the evening.”

To prepare, band members have been working on the details of their drill and building endurance to perform twice.

“This year’s drill is very complex and has challenged each individual in the sharpness of their turns,” Thompson said. “We

must stay consistent in the uniformity of ALL turns.”

However, the group’s hard work hasn’t dampened morale.

“This marching season has been intense due to weather and nerves, but all of that has been upstaged by the amount of fun and talent our band has,” drum major Sarah Clowers said.

This is the band’s 33rd consecutive year to earn straight ones in contest and third trip to state. After two years of driving just a few miles down highway 80 to the Pine Tree stadium for state, the band will finally get the chance to have some fun and show off their skills on a larger stage.

“I know we can walk away from state with a gold medal,” drum major Briyanna Blalock said. “Win or loss, we still made it to state, and we should be super proud of that.”

Runners Advance to State Meet in Round Rock

Cross Country Wins Big at District, Regional Meets

Faith Woodall

Union Grove's varsity cross country teams traveled to Huntsville Oct. 24 to run in the regional meet, where the varsity girls placed fourth out of 24 schools and earned a trip to the state competition at Round Rock on Nov. 4. This will be Coach J.B. Littlejohn's eighth consecutive trip and the girls' third as a team.

"It makes me really proud to see these girls keep pursuing this goal because it's very hard to go to state," Littlejohn said. "The girls' athletic culture is full of driven and competitive-minded athletes, which makes it easy to coach. I don't spend a lot of time having to pump them up."

REGIONAL RESULTS

Gracie Stanford (12) led the team by placing 16th out of 178 girls. Sophie Pyle (11) came in 20th, Kenia Velazquez (12) 47th, Analeice Jones (12) 61st, Keira Taylor (10) 64th and Jenna Scott (11) 74th. Gracie Winn (12) could not compete with the team due to injury.

The boys team placed seventh out of 22 schools with Will Wilson (11) earning 35th place out of 162 boys. Brendon Fuller (12) placed 36th, Celson James (9) 38th, Preston Woodall (12) 49th, Lane Turner (11) 62nd, Isaiah O'Neal (11) 93rd and Jaxson Daniels (11) 134th.

DISTRICT RESULTS

Each of Union Grove's cross country teams traveled to Hawkins for the district meet on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Both the varsity Lions and Lady Lions won their district championships. The Lady Lions earned four top-ten medals with Stanford finishing in second place, Pyle in third, Winn fifth, Taylor 12th, Velazquez 16th, Scott 17th and Jones 20th. The Lions also earned four medals with James in third, Wilson sixth, Fuller seventh, Woodall ninth, O'Neal 11th, Turner 13th and Daniels 27th.

The junior varsity girls' and boys' teams both won first place overall. Madyson Lowe (9) and Mason Stanley (9) each finished in first place individually, earning each the official title of district champion. Gracelyn Head (9) came in second, Ava

The junior high girls won their division, as well. Landry Harris (7) led the team by earning first place individually. Rachel Potter (8) came in fourth, Danica Vestal (8) sixth, Hailey Griffin (8) seventh, Emma Wadle (7) 14th, Jill Taylor (8) 17th, Hannah Pillow (7) 24th, Averi Cook (8) 26th, Miley Nono (8) 29th, Rebekah Downing (7) 31st, Alana Cox (8) 36th, Bree Cox (7) 41st, Auora Pavlovsky (7) 44th and Brinley Campbell (7) 47th.

The junior high boys left as district runner up with three top-ten medalists. Kody Nutt (8) finished in fourth place, David Shaver (8) ninth, Ryder Martindale (7) 10th, Hudson Wightman (8) 18th, Easton Head (7) 19th, Liam Mayhan (7) 28th, Kolby Nutt (8) 34th, Waylon Cliff (7) 35th, Connor

Mead (7) 36th and Conner Stanford (7) 37th.

"I'm super proud of all of their efforts, and the results speak for themselves," Littlejohn said.



Photo by Daytona Vaughn

Wightman (11) third, Moriah McTyre (9) fifth and Allie Calhoun (10) sixth. Kenneth Flanagan (9) finished second, Colton Cowan (12) third, Cason Cowan (9) fourth, Josiah Sturkie (9) seventh and Josh Baker (12) eighth.



All four high school teams—varsity and junior varsity boys and girls—won their district championship meet at Hawkins Oct. 5, as did the junior high girls. Junior high boys finished in second place. Photos by Daytona Vaughn



Kody Nutt (8) pushes through the Harleton line after a hand-off from quarterback Hudson Wightman (8). Photo by Ashlyn Heard



Above: Konner Long (7) runs past his Wildcat pursuers for a first down; Long played the white team's scrimmage then cheered for the blue team. Landry Harris (7) yells "Blue and White" to pump the crowd. Cheerleaders finish "Hey Crowd". "I like cheer because it's really fun," Charlotte Wright (7) said. "Stunts are my favorite thing." Photos by Ashlyn Heard

JH to Finish Football Season at Beckville

Ashlyn Heard and Autumn Loven

Junior high football will play their final game of the season Nov. 3 at Beckville.

"The young men are playing hard," athletic director Bobby Chadwick said. "We have had to fight through some tough breaks in recent games, but overall, we are getting better."

On Thursday, Oct. 6, the boys played Harleton at home. Both the blue and white teams made strong plays against the Wildcats, including a 47-yard kickoff re-

turn by Easton Head (7), Daniel Fernandez's (7) tackle for loss, a quarterback-keeper touchdown from Hudson Wightman (8), and Christian Bowling's (8) recovery of a Harleton fumble.

"The game was a challenge for our junior high," Chadwick said. "We battled well and got better."

The boys went on to defeat Hawkins 6-0 in the white team's scrimmage and 14-8 in the blue team's home game Oct. 27.



Above: Kayden Day (10) escorts great-grandfather Ralph Graham to the Oct. 20 game. Bree Cox (7) laughs with her mini-majorettes during the "Out, Out" routine. Photos by Jamie Russell

Lions Lament Loss of Rivalry Winning Streak Special Guests Attend Big Game

Jamie Russell

The October matchup between Big Sandy and Union Grove, a rivalry with Lion victories the past two years, ended in a 42-0 at-home loss for the Lions.

Jace Roberts (10) completed ten tackles, Carter Cooper (9) earned six, and Brayden Pirtle (11) and Mason Byers (11) added four tackles apiece. Will Wilson (11) sacked Wildcat quarterback Kayden Smith and assisted on five tackles. Quarterback Cooper Vestal (12) passed 34 yards to Peyton Laake (11) and rushed 28 yards. Jacob Griffin (10) rushed 26 yards, Jaden Chavers (12) 25 and Jesse Fulmer (10) 14.

But even with the loss, the game was special for sophomore Kayden Day, whose great-grandfather, 100-year-old WWII veteran Ralph Graham, attended to

see Day play for the first time.

"He's never got to do this before," Day said. "I was happy he was there to see me. I was nervous, hoping I could do good for him and make him proud."

It was also a big day for the elementary students who performed as part of their mini-majorette camp.

"Working with the mini-majorettes was a great experience," seventh-grader Natalie Spruell said. "They were really positive and outgoing. We taught them four eight-counts of a routine and how to do a one-turn. It was harder than I expected."

The Lions will face Beckville at home on November 4th at 7:30 for the boys' final game of the season.



Sarah Prince jumps to spike a Brady Colby assist during the home match against Overton Oct. 18. Photo by Faith Woodall

Catfight

Lady Lions Pick Up District Win Against Big Sandy

Daytona Vaughn

The Lady Lions took on the Big Sandy Wildcats Thursday, Oct. 20 and came away with their first district win.

The girls fought through five close sets ending 25-18, 20-25, 24-26, 25-18, and 15-6.

Alison Yohn (12) tallied 13 kills and four aces; Brady Colby (11) three kills, 12 digs, three aces, and 35 assists; Taylor Campbell (10) 12 kills, 10 digs, and three aces; Sarah Prince (10) 12 kills and three blocks; and Gracie Lawrence (10) 12 digs.

They played their last game of the year Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Beckville High School and kept the Lady Bearcats on their toes with scores of 25-21, 25-9, 25-17. Yohn scored five kills, six digs, one block and an ace, and Colby earned six kills, seven digs, and 15 assists. Campbell tallied four kills and a block, and Hannah Coulter pitched in two kills and five digs.

Lion Pride Should Mean More Than Daily Cheer Contest

Op./Ed. Staff

Each day, the halls resound with screams of “Lion Pride” during Coach Chat’s announcements, and with three student groups already achieving state or national recognition this year, there’s plenty to be proud of at Union Grove.

Yet at the black-out pep rally Oct. 28, students pelted one another and littered the performance space with glowsticks, then left trash throughout the gym, lobby, and breezeway. Chrome-books are damaged or neglected daily. Students answer one question on a homework assignment in order to avoid lunch detention, not caring about the grade they receive as long as they can sit with their friends. The dress code may as well be nonexistent because so many students break it regularly.

Where is that Lion Pride?

Pride is more than a cheer during announcements or celebration of special occasions. Pride is pleasure in self-discipline and integrity of actions. It’s dignity in the mundane. It’s respecting ourselves, our peers, and our campus. It’s satisfaction in being the best version of ourselves.

Let’s have some.



Left: Seventh-graders Brinley Campbell, Keagan Deary, and Mia Mullican attempt to block a Beckville hit during the Oct. 24 game, the girls’ final game of the season.

Below: Aubrie Coulter (7) saves a shanked pass.

“Losing to Beckville taught us to be humble,” eighth-grader Jill Taylor said about her team’s loss to the Bearcats.

Photos by Hannah Haggard

Let's Hear It for the Boys (of Theater)

Drama Dept. to Perform "Footloose" Musical

Emma Holder

The theater department will perform "Footloose" Sundays Nov. 13th & Nov. 20th at 2 p.m.

"I'm excited about this production," director Sandy Spears said. "'Footloose' is one of those musicals you wait to do when you have the kids to play the roles."

Those kids are seniors Preston Woodall and Kyler Littlejohn and juniors Daytona Vaughn and Jeremiah McGee. Freshmen Shane Deaton and junior Owen Matthew have also been double-cast for a significant role.

"Directing the production was fairly easy," Spears said. "I tried to utilize all parts of the stage. This is challenging for our tech crew because that makes their job harder, adding more cues to the show."

Cast members coordinated choreography to provide input in the production and save the department money, and at the end of October sophomore Colton Mead said the group was about 75% done with initial blocking.

"My favorite song is 'Holding Out For A Hero', mainly because I helped choreograph that one the most," Mead said. "I also think that the best part about this production is the dancing."

John Pollard of Pollard Music World in Longview, who comes in at least once a week, helps students polish their songs, including junior Daytona Vaughn in her leading-female role as Ariel Moore.

"I love my character and all the songs she is a part of," Vaughn said. "I am very excited about this production and performing 'Holding Out For a Hero'. I can't wait

to perform to the public and my peers."

For Spears, the musical performance will also serve as an audition for the spring's One-Act Play.

"Doing the musical gives me a chance to view a person's work ethic and how well they get along with others," Spears said. "This year there will be more roles in the OAP for underclassmen because we graduated eight seniors last year."

"The Glory Theirs, The Duty Ours"

Student Groups to Honor Vets

CreeAnn Bozarth and Daytona Vaughn

Poet Wallace Bruce reminds readers of the importance of honoring veterans in his poems "Memorial Day" and "Veterans", something several groups plan to do, and soon.

Students will present the annual Veterans' Day program on November 11th, including presentations from theater, band, FFA, and cheerleaders.

"This year [theater students] are going to tell the story of Francis Scott Key and 'The Star Spangled Banner'," senior Kyler Littlejohn said. "Also, we will sing and dance to 'Bugle Boy', which was a very popular song during World War II. We are all very excited to use our talents to honor the veterans of our community!"

The majorettes will perform to "Sounds of Sousa", and the band will play 'Veterans Salute', 'National Emblem', and 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'. The band will also play the processional and recessional.

"I am looking forward to performing for the veterans," freshman Parker Haley said. "After watching the Veterans Day program for years in the audience, I'm excited to perform in this program for the first time, as well as the Veterans Day programs to come in the future."

NHS members, student council members, and cheerleaders will escort veterans to their seats at the beginning of the program, and the cheerleaders will perform to "God Bless the USA".

"I love watching [the veterans] smile and knowing that they enjoy it," senior and cheer captain Gracie Winn said. "I also just love being a part of something that can celebrate people that should be constantly celebrated. We owe these people so much for all they fought for, so just doing this simple thing for them means very much to me."

Seniors Brendon Fuller, Lainey Ledbetter, and Preston Woodall will provide open-



Theater students Izzy Gregg (10) and Jamie Russell (10) rehearse Veterans' Day choreography. "I'm glad I was chosen for the program," Russell said. "I've never done anything like this before."

ing remarks, introduce guests, and close the program on-stage, but students also put in behind-the-scenes work before and during the event. Keeley Rust (11), Anna Flanagan (11), and Hannah Coulter (10) will run the media booth, Print Shop students will design and print programs, and Culinary Arts students will prepare the veterans' luncheon.

"I am helping make a variety of dishes like enchiladas, authentic red rice and beans and a whole bunch of our famous desserts like bundt cakes, cookies, gooey bars, and pies," junior Itzayana Sanchez said. "For breakfast, we will be providing cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, and hot coffee. The 3- and 4-year kids in culinary are very excited to be able to provide food for the people that have provided us with protection, freedom and rights."



Seniors Kenia Velazquez and Angelina Leyva exhibited their TV stand at the Yamboree. Photo by Daytona Vaughn

FFA Plans to Build On Yamboree Success

Lucky Woodard

Fresh Country will deliver fundraiser products Nov. 1, and FFA students will sort for pick-up after lunch. All orders must be picked up Nov. 1, as the Agriculture building does not have freezer space to store products.

FFA students will also compete in LDE contests Nov. 5, 11 and 16 and conduct a Greenhand ceremony Nov. 14. The teams hope to build on success from October's Yamboree, where Josh Baker (12) won Champion Hereford Heifer and Champion AOB Heifer, Chloe Brooks (9) won Champion Red Brangus Heifer and Champion Intermediate Heifer Showman, and Bre Reynolds (8) won Champion Intermediate Swine Showman. Katherine Potter (11) earned Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog, and sister Rachel (8) earned Reserve Beefmaster Heifer. Maddie Byers (10) gained the Reserve Hereford Heifer title. Additional students showed goats, steers, rabbits, hogs, broilers, and heifers.

"We increased our numbers [from last year]," Ag teacher and FFA sponsor Joshua Shafer said. "It was cool for us since we're a small school."

Students brought home a total of \$34,750 from the sale and \$2,725 from Ag mechanics projects, including a deer stand, shop table, rocket stove, grinder rack, TV stand, plant hanger, coffee table, and various firepits.

"It's very subjective," Shafer said. "The judges look at it, not looking for anything in particular. One project got a red ribbon and the rest got blue ribbons. [The senior boys'] deer stand got third in their division at the Harvest Festival."

Finney's Football Phase Injury Tears SRO from Arena

Jamie Russell



Quad torn. College not happening.

A dream deferred. A challenge accepted.

Officer John Finney played high school soccer and football until his senior year when he tore his quad; he knew then he couldn't play football in college.

"I was devastated at first," Finney said. "All I had ever done was sports."

Not playing football in college shut down opportunities for an NFL draft, so he became a firefighter and coach.

"Then I moved to East Texas, and I have been coaching soccer in Longview since

2001," Finney said. "I coached at LeTourneau for about 2 years. I played a little bit of, I wouldn't call it semi-pro, just football for adults."

He eventually became an SRO, and, while working at Gilmer, helped coach.

"I taught the kickers how to kick off and kick field goals," Finney said. "That's when we did the punt, pass, and kick. I made a bet with the kids if I won the truck or the car or whatever I would go try out [for the NFL]."

Finney, who could kick approximately 55-yard field goals at the time, was the oldest man at the tryouts. He scored 8.99 of the 9 points required to make it to the national combine, but that wasn't the end of his football career.

"I did D3, which is right under semi pro," Finney said. "I did a little arena. I liked it. It was fun. It was really fast. I got offered a pro deal but I couldn't play. Too far away and my daughter was here."

He kicked for the Arlington Aviators until he tore his ACL. Now, Finney advises students not to pass up opportunities they might want to reject.

"When I got hurt, [scouts] wanted me to go to a junior college. I thought I was too good for junior college," Finney said. "I wish I would have gone instead of throwing a fit. So that's what I tell kids today."

Did You Know?

By Nick Scavone

- McDonald's first drive-through was created for military personnel in Arizona.
- Sunglasses were originally designed for Chinese judges to hide their facial expressions while questioning witnesses.
- Most pencils are yellow because the inventor wanted buyers to associate the quality of his product with Chinese emperors who wore yellow.
- Healers used spider webs as bandages in ancient Greece and Rome, believing they had antibiotic properties.
- At popular breakfast restaurants like Denny's and IHOP, customers have to specifically ask for real eggs. Otherwise, the cooks will use powdered or liquid eggs.
- Horses pulled the original vacuum cleaners through town.
- Children of identical twins are genetically siblings, not cousins.

What's on the Ballot?

2022 Election Information

UGISD Trustee Place 1

- ⇒ Karey Barbee
- ⇒ John Cannon

UGISD Trustee Place 4

- ⇒ Tim Turner
- ⇒ Robert Campbell
- ⇒ Edward Ledbetter

UGISD Trustee Place 5

- ⇒ Brian Cox
- ⇒ Bennie Norris

U.S. Representative District 1

- ⇒ Nathaniel Moran—Rep., Attorney
- ⇒ Jrmarr Jefferson—Dem., CEO

Governor

- ⇒ Greg Abbott—Rep. Incumbent
- ⇒ Delilah Barrios—Green, CST
- ⇒ Beto O'Rourke—Dem., Organizer
- ⇒ Mark Tippetts—Lib., Consultant

Lieutenant Governor

- ⇒ Mike Collier—Dem., Accountant
- ⇒ Dan Patrick—Rep. Incumbent
- ⇒ Shanna Steele—Lib., Consultant

Attorney General

Mark Ash—Lib, Attorney

- ⇒ Rochelle Mercedes Garcia—Dem., Attorney
- ⇒ Ken Paxton—Rep. Incumbent

Commissioner of General Land Office

- ⇒ Dawn Buckingham—Rep., Physician
- ⇒ Jay Kleberg—Dem., Businessman
- ⇒ Alfred Molison Jr.—Green, Teleservice Rep.

Comptroller of Public Accounts

- ⇒ Janet Dudding—Dem., CPA
- ⇒ V. Alonzo Echevarria-Garza—Lib., CFO
- ⇒ Glenn Hegar—Rep., Farmer

Commissioner of Agriculture

- ⇒ Susan Hays—Dem., Attorney
- ⇒ Sid Miller—Rep. Incumbent

Railroad Commissioner

- ⇒ Wayne Christian—Rep. Incumbent
- ⇒ Hunter Wayne Crow—Green, Library Tech.

- ⇒ Jaime Andres Diez—Lib., Self-Employed

- ⇒ Luke Warford—Dem., Self-Employed

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

- ⇒ Debra Lehrmann—Rep. Incumbent
- ⇒ Erin Nowell—Dem., Judge
- ⇒ Thomas Edward Oxford—Lib., Attorney

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

- ⇒ Rebeca Huddle—Rep. Incumbent
- ⇒ Amanda Reichel—Dem., Supreme Court Justice

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

- ⇒ Julia Maldonado—Dem., Judge
- ⇒ Evan Young—Rep. Incumbent

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5

- ⇒ Dana Huffman—Dem., Attorney
- ⇒ Scott Walker—Rep. Incumbent

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6

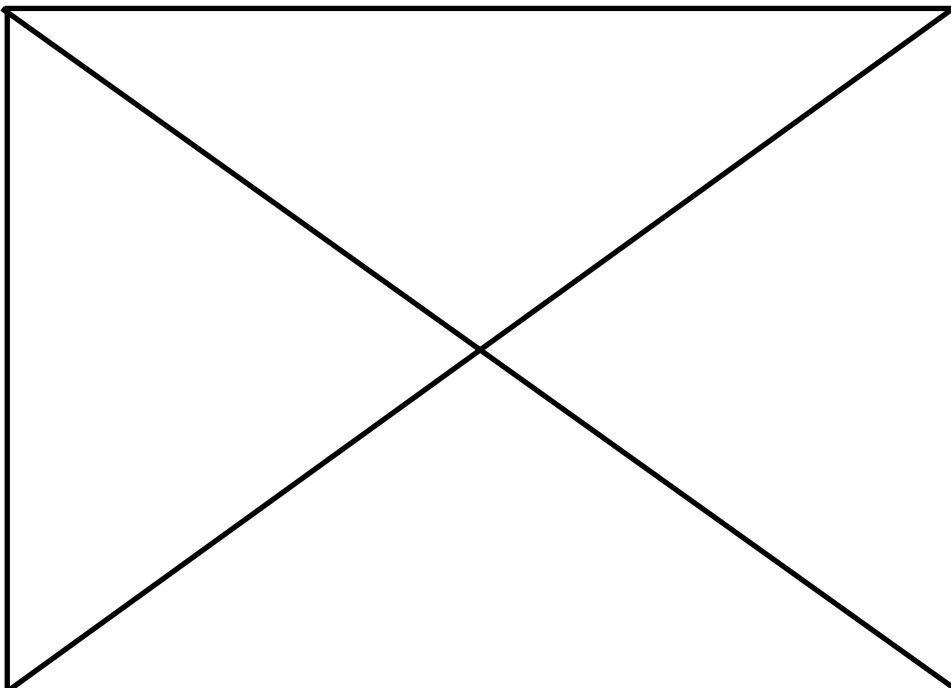
- ⇒ Robert Johnson—Dem., Judge
- ⇒ Jesse F. McClure III—Rep. Incumbent



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Voters may cast their ballots Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at any of these locations:

- Indian Rock Baptist Church
- East Mountain Community Center
- Glenwood Water
- Ashland Masonic Lodge #1138
- Assembly of God Church
- Walnut Creek Baptist Church
- Ore City Community Center
- Frontier Cowboy Church
- Big Sandy ISD
- Pritchett Community Center
- St. James Baptist Church
- Enon Community Center
- Oak Hill Baptist Church
- Simpsonville Fire Station
- Rosewood Baptist Church
- Upshur County Library



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Right: Mrs. Anita Ferrell's seventh period class pose with their Halloween projects. Each of her Principles of Business classes completed the Business Graveyard project, which required students to re-search a brand that no longer exists. "There are so many businesses that are gone, some from management issues, some from technology, and some just because they simply got tired," Ferrell said.

Photo by Jamie Russell

Far right: Carson Bogue (11) is a French zombie for Halloween.

Photo by Emma Holder



Left: Seventh-graders wear their costumes to class Oct. 28. Photo by Kimber Smith

Below: Emma Diviney (8) and Autumn Loven (8) commit to costumed personas. Photo by Ashlyn Heard

Bottom: Hannah Haggard (7) and Briana Bowling (7) wear neon for the pep rally, but Asphen Cannon (7) and Brinley Campbell (7) wear matching "League of Their Own" uniforms. Photos by Arianna Gibboney



Halloween Fun

On the final day of Red Ribbon week, students could choose to wear glow-in-the-dark, neon outfits or Halloween costumes for the black-out pep rally.

Monday, students wore red to jumpstart Red Ribbon week, followed by Tuesday's "Team Up Against Drugs" dress-up day of sports jerseys.

Wednesday, students and staff wore camp, and Thursday, for "Leave Drugs in the Past", students dressed as their favorite decades.

Student Council members chose the dress-up days to raise awareness about the importance of choosing a drug-free life.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 1
Band UIL State Marching Contest @Waco

Nov. 3
NHS Induction — 8 a.m.

Twenty juniors will officially join the National Honor Society during this ceremony. Only juniors and seniors with an overall average of 90 or above are invited to complete the NHS application.

JH Football @Beckville — 5 p.m.

Nov. 4
White Out Dress-Up Day
State Cross Country @Round Rock
Hooves and Halos CBI Trip @Leesburg
UT Tyler Nursing Presentation — 9:45 a.m.
V Football v. Beckville — 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5
UIL Twirling Solo & Ensemble
FFA @Waskom LDE

Nov. 7
FFA Major Show Entry Night

Forms and fees for the Ft. Worth Stock Show, Texas Elite Gilt Show, San Angelo Stock show, San Antonio Livestock Expo, Houston Livestock Show, or Rodeo Austin must be completed and submitted to Ag teachers Joshua and Andrea Shafer, who will communicate with show coordinators and exhibitors and their parents about individual events.

JH Girls' Basketball @Harleton — 5 p.m.

Nov. 8
HS Girls' Basketball @Cumberland Academy

Nov. 11
Veterans' Day Program
FFA @Daingerfield District LDE Contest
Early Release
HS Boys Basketball @Rains — 5 p.m.

Nov. 12
HS Girls' Basketball @Gladewater — Noon



Freshmen Callista Reeves, Madyson Lowe, and Natalie Pritchett learn to take a patient's blood pressure during the Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, and Health Science classes' field trip to LeTourneau University October 14. Students visited labs in the campus's nursing and engineering wings. Photo by Faith Woodall

Nov. 13
HS Theater Performance of "Footloose" — 2 p.m.

Nov. 14
FFA Greenhand Ceremony
JH Girls' Basketball v. Linden-Kildare — 5 p.m.
JH Boys' Basketball @Linden-Kildare — 5 p.m.

Nov. 15
HS Girls' Basketball @Harmony — 4:30 p.m.
HS Boys' Basketball v. Sabine — 5 p.m.
FFA Alumni Meeting — 6 p.m.

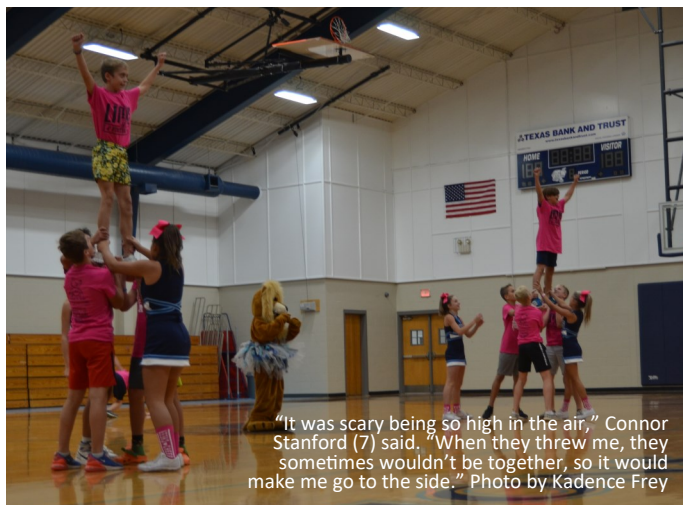
Nov. 16
FFA Area VI LDE Contest @Marshall

Nov. 17-19
HS Girls' Basketball @UG Tournament

Nov. 17
Rocketry Presentation @NASA

Nov. 19
Fishing Team @Lake O' The Pines

Nov. 20
HS Theater Performance of "Footloose" — 2 p.m.



"It was scary being so high in the air," Connor Stanford (7) said. "When they threw me, they sometimes wouldn't be together, so it would make me go to the side." Photo by Kadence Frey

Nov. 22
HS Boys' Basketball v. Avery — 11:30 a.m.
HS Boys' Basketball @Clarksville — Noon

Nov. 28
Graduate Sales — Letter Jackets — Noon
JH Girls' Basketball @Hawkins — 5 p.m.
JH Boys' Basketball v. Hawkins — 5 p.m.

Nov. 29
HS Girls' Basketball v. New Diana — 5 p.m.
HS Boys' Basketball v. Spring Hill — 6 p.m.

Nov. 30
ASVAB Testing
This exam allows students to explore career options without obligation to talk with military recruiters or commit to a military career. However, it can be used for military enlistment and qualify participants for certain jobs and training within the armed forces.
JH OAP Performance