

# The Catawampus

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Bringing you the news from around the HHS campus and beyond.



## Veterans celebrated by PAL class



photos by Kendra Bennett

(Above) Zane Allen, Law Mitchell, Luke Alexander, and Klein Essler act out a scene from the song "Letters From Home" during the Veterans Day program November 11.

(Left) Bailey Newberry represents the women who served during the Vietnam conflict during a scene from the Veterans Day program. The annual recognition is presented by the PAL students to honor those in the community who have served.

### Looking Ahead

12/16 V Gurls Bball @ Wichita Christian 5:00  
JV Girls @Nocona, 5:00  
V Boys bball @ Howe 5:45, 7:30

12/17 9th/JV Henrietta tournament

12/19 Finals 1st, 2nd, 8th periods

12/20 Finals 3rd, 4th, 5th periods

12/21 Finals 6th, 7th, 0 hour

12/22-1/5/23 Christmas Break

12/29-31 Boys & Girls Bball @Caprock Tournament

1/3 Bball @Vernon 12:00

1/4-7 Clay County Junior Livestock Show

1/6 Staff development day

1/6 Wrestling @ Azle

1/9 Students return to school, start of 4th 6 weeks

1/10 Bball @ Holiday 4:30

1/13 Bball @home

1/14 Wrestling @ The Colony

1/14-23 Fort Worth Stock Show

1/16 Staff development day

1/17 Bball @home, 4:30

1/20-21 Wrestling @ Vernon

1/20 Bball @home, 4:30

1/24 Bball @ CV, 4:30

1/27 Bball @home, 4:30

1/31 Bball @ Bowie, 4:30

#### By Mandy Story

PAL students honored veterans and their families with their annual Veterans Day community program, held in the new gym November 11.

The program, which always begins at 11 AM on the school day closest to Veterans Day, was a little different this year due to the change in location, but the purpose and message were the same: the pay tribute to those men and women who serve or have served in the military.

Evan Evangelista and Delaney McDonald, Executive President and Vice-President of the student body, welcomed students and guests before leading the audience in the pledges.

The flags were presented by Eagle Scouts and PAL students Luke Alexander and Logan Taylor. McDonald sang the national

anthem, and Law Mitchell and Brooke Campbell introduced the program.

Jacob Story and Ryane Dickey read a tribute to the nation that was originally published as a promotional article in the 1950s, but has remained as relevant today as then.

Jacob Fletcher and Grace Corley presented the meanings behind each fold in a flag ceremony that is conducted at a military funeral. While explaining, Story and Eagle Scout Cannon Cody performed the flag-folding ritual, which concluded with a rendition of "Taps" as the audience stood in respect for those who have passed on.

A group of PAL students acted out John Michael Montgomery's song "Letters From Home", which recounted the joy for soldiers receiving letters from

friends and family back home while they were deployed.

Cody and Hannah Hutchins led the presentation of women in the military, describing the roles women have played during times of war since the American Revolution to today. Many of those jobs ranged taking over their husband's cannon duties on the front lines to piloting fighter jets in the Air Force.

Kylee Seward explained the significance of the next skit, which was a dramatization of Merle Haggard's "Fightin' Side of Me", a song written in response to anti-war protestors during the Vietnam era who were disrespectful of the American soldiers fighting.

To honor the families of soldiers serving around the world who keep things running at home, the PAL students

acted out the song "Come Home Soon", a tribute to a soldier from his wife who is telling him how much he is missed.

For a lighter change in pace, Luke Alexander and Dayan Miranda read humorous letters written by soldiers to their overbearing families as well as to soldiers from schoolchildren around the country through the years.

To honor one of the most popular forms of entertainment for soldiers during previous wars-dances- the PALs performed an Evolution of Dance, a mashup of songs from each decade since 1920 with popular dances of the time. Ranging from the Charleston to the Wobble, the students worked very hard to get their parts down and entertain the audience.

The final scene was the tra-

ditional "Salute to the Armed Forces". As each branch's song played, veterans from that branch stood to accept the applause of appreciation for their service.

The PALS thank the students and teachers for their support and help to make the program a success.

## Final exams schedule and exemption guidelines



Exemption from finals is making a comeback for the fall for the first time since COVID. Finals will run the last week of school, December 19-21, with each day ending at 1:00 for HHS students. This will allow for fewer tests each day and more study time.

Students are required to attend each class even if they are exempt from the final. Exempt students will have another activity to do while nonexempt students are taking their final.

All STAAR-tested subjects will have exams, though, There will be no exemptions from

English I and II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History finals.

Exemptions will be determined by the teacher of each course.

Students are eligible for exemption if they have no more than 4 absences, no more than 4 tardies, and have at least an 80

average for the semester in the course. Special circumstances can be addressed with Mr. Holbert and Mr. Smith.

If a student fails to report to class as scheduled, he or she will be required to take the exam when they return regardless of exemption status.

In addition, no exams will be

given early without authorization. Students will stay in their classes for the entire scheduled class time.

After lunch, students will be required to leave campus unless they are waiting for the buses, which will run at their normal times December 19th and 20th, but will run at 1:00 on December 21.

#### December 19

7:50-9:05 1st period final  
9:10-10:25 2nd period final  
10:30-11:45 8th period final  
11:55-12:25 tutorials  
12:30-1:00 lunch

#### December 20

7:50-9:05 3rd period final  
9:10-10:25 4th period final  
10:30-11:45 5th period final  
11:55-12:25 tutorials  
12:30-1:00 lunch

#### December 21

7:50-9:05 6th period final  
9:10-10:25 7th period final  
10:30-11:45 0 hour, makeup tests, student activities  
11:55-12:25 tutorials  
12:30-1:00 lunch

# Band returns to area

*Return of the Samurai earns 1 at regional contest, advancement to next level*



photo by Kendra Bennett

**Emma Reaves performs during Homecoming's halftime show. The band earned a 1 rating, which is the highest score, at the region marching contest and advanced to the area marching contest.**

The marching band used the hours of practice during the summer and in the fall evenings to build a very successful marching program that earned the group a return trip to the area marching contest. Beginning in the heat of day in August, band members learned the program, "Return of the Samurai", from the ground up. It meant afternoons learning and perfecting the songs for their program as well as music they would perform in the stands and at pep rallies. In the evenings, members would learn and work on the choreography and movement on the field to make their program flow smoothly. For many students, this re-

hearsal was the final part of the day that was already filled with athletics and extracurriculars even before school started. The band kicked off their season with a performance at the H Town Takeover before they spent their Friday nights in the football stands. Each game was more practice for the marching contests in which they participated. In addition to several contests around the area, the band also was honored with the chance to perform at AT&T stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. HHS band members competed at the Region 7 contest at Memorial Stadium on October 15. A rating of 1 would mean advancing to the area contest,

which would be the final contest of the season since this is not a state marching year for 3A schools. Henrietta was only one of two 3A bands that received a 1 and their ticket to the area contest. Competing in Denton, the band performed well but did not qualify for the finals. Even though marching season is complete, band members still have a busy schedule. They will have their Christmas concert December 11 and individual members have been auditioning for spots in the district, area, and region bands, as well as preparing pieces for the solo and ensemble contests coming next semester.

photo courtesy of Henrietta FFA



# Threat on Tik Tok causes disruption to school day

**By Mandy Story**

Students and staff received a rude welcome back to school on October 17 when a TikTok video went viral with an implied threat to the campuses. Superintendent Scot Clayton posted a message Monday morning informing the public that a TikTok video set to the song "Pumped Up Kicks" had the message "Get ready Henrietta schools" and a specific time of day included. The song playing in the background is about a kids playing with guns. The HISD and local law

enforcement showed up in full force upon receiving the video at each of the three campuses and provided additional security throughout the day. Nonetheless, there was a steady stream of students being checked out for the day by parents out of an abundance of concern. By lunch, officials tracked the account used to two juveniles, who were placed in custody. The school day went on as normal, with the exception of more security patrolling the inside and outside of each school.

Much appreciation goes out to the HISD safety and security teams, the Clay County Sheriff's Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety for their work in the investigation. TikTok is a short-form, video-sharing app that allows users to create and share 15-second videos on any topic.

# Senior pep rally fun



photo by Summer Matthews

**Emma McDaniel and Noah Hendrix pose for a picture after winning the Best Hair title during the senior pep rally.**

The tradition of the senior pep rally is a special one for students, an event they look forward to beginning their freshmen year. Due to some last-minute changes to the football schedule and their early release from school, this year's pep rally was held in the late morning instead of the end of the day. Although the time was different, it didn't lessen the meaning for students and parents alike. The senior moms put together a fun dance then had their seniors join them on the floor to show off their freestyle dance moves to the delight of the audi-

ence. Another highlight was the senior awards, voted on by the class itself. The following students were honored: *Best Smile*- Evan Evangelista and Grace Corley *Best Dressed*- Cole Scribner and Dayan Miranda *Class Flirt*- Rylie Taylor and Ty Deaton *Most Talented*- Logan Taylor and Delaney McDonald *Best Hair*- Noah Hendrix and Emma McDaniel *Class Clown*- Bailey Newberry and Kayden Ryder *Best Glo-Up*- Jacob Fletcher and Braylie Patterson

*Most likely to Be Late for Graduation*- Ashton Roderick and Bailey Taylor *Best Laugh*- Brady Lyde and Mae Cason *Loudest*- Jakob Reed and Karissa Nixon *Quietest*- Damon Rogers-Young and Brook Hodges *Most Clumsy*- Blake Craddock and Danielle Bradley *Best Bromance*- Logan King and Camden Burleson *Class Beauty and Beau*- McKenna Murphy and Connor Ulbig

# FFA LDE results

**By Jacob Story**

The Henrietta FFA competed in their yearly District LDE (Leader Development Events) Contest on November 14th. District Champions included Kylee Seward in Job Interview, Leighton Baker, Grace Corley, Jacob Story, and Hannah Hutchins in Public Relations, Kaitlyn Bryant in Senior Creed Speaking, and Allison Bowles, Jonathan Halburg, Kate Moore, and Jalee Tiller in Senior Quiz.

All the district champions competed in the area contest on the 21st, as well as the Greenhand Radio Team consisting of Lyndee Brown, Ella Klyn, Ruby Truette, and Marie Bader, who accomplished a second-place finish at district. Other teams that competed at district were the Senior and Greenhand Ag Advocacy teams (3rd place), Senior Radio (4th place), Greenhand Creed Speaking (8th place), and senior Radio

2 (eleventh). At the area contest November 21, in Abilene, Seward placed 10th while the Public Relations team finished 9th. Bryant also earned 9th in Senior Creed Speaking, as did the Senior Quiz team and Greenhand Radio team.

# Laptops for all



Students received a valuable tool for learning this semester with the purchase of laptops for every student on campus.

After delays due to global shortages and shipping issues, every student was issued a laptop to use in class and for homework from the school district, joining many area schools in adopting a 1:1 computer policy.

Most students have utilized their laptops a great deal, and the plan is also use them for state testing instead of the traditional computer labs and laptop carts as used in the past.

The addition is teaching many students a lesson in responsibility, as they must charge their laptops nightly and bring them to class. If they damage or break

their computers, a fine is issued.

As with any new equipment, there have been some missteps and learning curves, but overall the laptops have become an integral part of the class supply list.

# Homecoming 2022



photo by Mandy Story

The 2022 Homecoming court and their escorts surround Queen Delaney McDonald after the coronation ceremony.

By Jacob Story

Homecoming kicked off Tuesday, September 6th with a week of dress-up days and ended with a big win over Bowie in football, 29-26.

The special week was held much earlier than normal, on the second game of the season.

The traditional Cats Ignite took place on Wednesday night at the football stadium. Homecoming queen nominees and class princesses were officially

introduced for the first time.

The homecoming court consisted of Freshmen Class Princess Macey Hutchins, Sophomore Class Princess Kaitlyn Bryant, and Junior Class Princess Brooke Campbell.

The senior homecoming queen nominees were Delaney McDonald, Dayan Miranda, McKenna Murphy, Karissa Nixon, Grace Corley, and Ryane Dickey.

Prior to the game, the Home-

coming pep rally was held in the new gym. The court was introduced again to the student body and the athletes played Ships and Sailors.

The coronation was held prior to the football game. Delaney McDonald was crowned homecoming queen.

McDonald is the STUCO Executive Vice-President and FFA Vice-President. She was escorted by her father.

# Sophomores win PR parade float contest

By Mandy Story

Henrietta once again showed off their winning parade styles with another overall school contest winner during Pioneer Reunion.

The parade theme was “Festivals of America”, and Clay County outdid themselves representing the wide variety of celebrations around the United States.

The sophomore class won the overall school float contest with their float depicting Cheyenne, Wyoming’s Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Deemed the “Daddy of ‘em All”, Cheyenne has been hosting one of the largest rodeos in the world since 1897.

To represent the event, the class displayed a working mechanical bull getting ready to bust out of his pen and buck off the cowboy riding him.

Class favorites Justin Frie and Kaitlyn Bryant rode on the float

as a cowboy and a rodeo queen. Brynna and Laney Johnson followed behind the float showing off their exceptional roping skills to the delight of the spectators. Magee Fain and Taylor Allen also walked alongside the float as a rodeo clown and a cowgirl.

The float made a victory lap Saturday night around the rodeo arena to a sold-out audience.

Every high school class in Clay County craves and presents a float. Each school also has a contest among its own classes for bragging rights.

The senior class and their State Fair of Texas float placed second among the HHS classes. The float also had a large number of seniors walking and representing the various food and people of the fair.

The junior class went back a few decades to the music festival Woodstock, an event in 1969 that took place at a farm

in New York featuring some of rock music’s leading performers at the time. The festival was attended by close to 400,000 people.

The freshmen rounded out the class contest with their depiction of the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. The event, held in New Mexico, is a 9-day event with hundreds of beautiful hot air balloons taking to the skies.

In addition to the parade, the FFA participated in the calf scramble each night of the rodeo. Three different teams competed, and their combined performances led to a second-place finish for the chapter.



The sophomore class float, “Cheyenne Frontier Days” won the overall school float contest for the Pioneer Reunion parade. Class favorites Justin Frie and Kaitlyn Bryant rode on the float which featured a mechanical bull, trick ropers, and a rodeo clown.



The senior class float, “The State Fair of Texas”, finished second for the HHS schools. On the float were favorites Dayan Miranda and Blake Craddock.



Eric Sikes and Brooke Campbell entertain the parade spectators as they represent the famous Woodstock concert. The class placed third for HHS.



Lyndee Brown and George Slagle wear their tourist gear on the freshmen float, The Albuquerque Balloon Festival.



photos by Mandy Story

# Volleyball continues winning tradition

By Mandy Story

Going three rounds deep into the playoffs last year left the Lady Cats with high expectations for this season. Despite losses due to graduation (with three players moving on to play at the collegiate level), the team bounced back with a new determination to regroup while maintaining their standard of excellence.

The girls welcomed August 1 as the official start of the season, but most of the players spent their summers playing in summer and travel leagues to get even more experience and not lose momentum. By the beginning of the second week, the season began with the rush of tournaments and several pre-district games against tough opponents who made the Lady Cats work for each win.

One of the highlights of the season was winning the Gold Bracket championship of the Burkburnett Cool in Boomtown tournament. The team was defeated by Boyd in the first round of pool play, but wins against Windthorst and Vernon led to a rematch in the championship game with Boyd. This time, the Lady Cats took control and avenged their earlier loss, defeating Boyd 25-22, 25-18.

Leading up to district, the girls saw a huge amount of success, coming in undefeated except for tournament play. District 7-3A looked a little different than previous years, with longtime rival Nocona moving down to 2A and Breckenridge

being moved. In their places, Iowa Park and Vernon brought a new level of experience, with both previously 4A schools.

The Lady Cats' first district contest was against Iowa Park. The team gave the Lady Hawks their own welcome to the district, soundly beating them in four sets.

Their next matchup against Bowie proved much tougher, as they lost three sets to one at Bowie. The Lady Cats took a break from district to play Wichita Falls High School, where they rebounded with a thrilling game that extended to 5 sets.

The next game was against Jacksboro. Henrietta soundly routed them in three sets, 25-10, 25-19, 25-14. That high was followed by a couple of tough losses to City View and Holliday. To round out the first half of district, the Lady Cats won handily against new district opponent Vernon.

The second half of district was all about redemption, and the ladies put it all on the court each game. They opened with a second win against Iowa Park, and continued their winning streak with a four-set thrilling win against Bowie, to whom they had previously lost.

The team enjoyed a bye week before beating Jacksboro again in three sets. Next up was City View, who had upset the Lady Cats in their prior matchup. The Lady Cats made up for their previous loss with a three-set trouncing of the Lady Mus-

tangs.

Unfortunately, the winning streak ended with a loss to Holliday, the eventual district champion, but the ladies ended their regular season on a high note with a win against Vernon and a spot in the playoffs.

Henrietta and City View were forced into a seeding game to determine who would end up finishing third and fourth in the district. The Lady Cats again dominated City View to walk away with the third place in district and a date with Brock in bi-district action.

Brock was quite surprised when the Lady Cats showed up ready with an upset, which they accomplished in four sets to the excitement of players and fans alike.

Leading the attack was Kenzli Allen with 25 kills and Jocelyn Turner with 36 assists. As bi-district champs, the Lady Cats advanced to the area round to take on Blanco.

They once again came away with a gold ball and anew Area Champion title as they defeated Blanco three sets to one.

Next up was the regional quarterfinal. Their opponent was Wall, who previously finished Bowie's season in the area round.

The Lady Cats hit a brick wall with this opponent, who defeated them in 3 sets and brought an outstanding season to a close.



photo by Kendra Bennett

(Top) Magee Fain keeps her eye on the incoming ball as she prepares to rake up another kill for the Lady cats during the bi-district matchup against Brock at Decatur High School. The Lady Cats won the match and made their way to the regional quarterfinals before falling to Wall.

(Left) The Lady Cats celebrate a bi-district title after defeating Brock in four sets at Decatur High School.



# Football makes 10th straight playoff run



By Mandy Story

The varsity football team had many positions to fill with a large and talented senior class graduating; however, the team took that challenge on and continued the program's playoff appearance history.

The Bearcats made a splash with a 4-0 record to start the season, defeating Windthorst, Millsap, Bowie, and Archer City handily to come out with one of the area's best records heading into district play and earning a ranking of 8th in 3A standings.

That winning streak ended with a rout by Jacksboro to tame the Bearcats before they opened up their tough district season.

Henrietta started out with tough opponent City View. Although favored to win, the Bearcats ultimately struggled with the strong Mustang defense who kept Henrietta to only gaining one yard in the second half and quarterback Garrett Blevins under pressure. Klein Essler scored the Bearcats' lone TD of the night.

The team did not catch a break in the first half of their schedule as second-ranked Holliday was the next opponent. Although Holliday never lost the lead, the Bearcats stayed within 1-2 scores for the majority of the game, making the powerhouse team work for their victory.

Blevins threw for 260 yards, including an early touchdown pass to Ty Deaton and a second pass to Logan Taylor.

The third game of district was also against one of the toughest opponents. Callisburg and Henrietta had been predicted to fight it out for 3rd place in district all season long, so the matchup was highly anticipated.

Neither team disappointed, but Henrietta ended up on the short side of the shootout, 34-23. For every Bearcat touchdown, Callisburg had a quick response. Henrietta came back from a scoreless first quarter to add 14 to the board with touchdowns by Blevins and Essler to bring the Bearcats within one point of Callisburg headed into halftime.

A field goal and touchdown by Blevins in the fourth quarter brought them close to Callisburg, but they fell short and now faced the predicament of needing to win the next two games to make the playoffs.

The Bearcats took the challenge, however, and walked away with solid wins to earn the fourth place and final playoff spot. Facing S&S away, the Bearcats routed them 44-13. Blevins rushed for 278 yards and three touchdowns. Ty Deaton added a touchdown in a 22-point 2nd quarter for Henrietta.

They didn't stop there, though. Deaton added another touchdown in the third quarter while Essler also scored, and Blevins added the nail to the coffin with a 57-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

The team kept up the momentum heading into their final regular season game against Valley View. They handily defeated the team 34-7 behind Blevins' 223 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also completed touchdown passes to Jacob Fletcher and Cody McMillion.

With this win, the Bearcats secured 4th place, but would face the challenge of playing district champions Comanche for their bidistrict matchup.

Comanche put up the points quickly and never looked back as they beat Henrietta 69-27 to end the Bearcats' season. Blevins again shouldered most of the load offensively, rushing for 237 yards and 2 touchdowns. Blaze Deaton and Essler also added touchdowns to the score.

Ethan Harris looks back as he gets open for an incoming pass. The Bearcats had one of the most successful starts for area teams, but they struggled with a tough district schedule before pulling out a 4th place finish and claiming a playoff spot. They were defeated by Comanche in the bi-district round.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# Cross country makes great strides in fall



photos by Mandy Story

(Above) Shane Chitwood clears a curve as he competes in the Nocona Invitational, the first meet of the season. Chitwood and Jacob Story were in the top 10 at the district meet and led the boy's team to their third straight regional meet.

(Left) Freshman Ruby Truette makes her way to the end of the district cross country route at Holliday. She placed in the top 10 and advances with Natalie Romines to the regional meet in Lubbock.

**By Jacob Story**

The cross country team built on their successful program this year with the addition of several new runners.

Practices began bright and early in August, but most runners had been preparing all summer long.

The first meet of the season was held at Nocona. For the girls 2 mile, Natalie Romines placed 16th and Karissa Nixon finished 25th. On the boys side, Jacob Story finished the 3 mile race 4th and Shane Chitwood placed 20th to round out the medalists.

Next up was the Endurance House Race at Wichita Falls. Out of 119 runners, Romines finished 5th with a time of 14:06 in the 2 mile while Ruby Truette placed 12th and Nixon finished 15th.

For the boys, Story won the 5K race with a time of 17:58, Chitwood finished 12th, Parker Rosenberger finished 40th, and Aiden Davis came in 43rd out of 104 runners.

The next meet was the Lubbock ISD Invitational, a meet that is comprised of the previous year's regional meet qualifiers. Story placed 13th and Chitwood

finished 47th.

The next two meets were the lead up to the district race. At Alvord, Story placed 11th and Nixon finished 40th for the top times for Henrietta.

To kick off October, the teams competed in Decatur. Story won the varsity boys 5K (17:47) while Chitwood rounded out the top 20 in 18th place. Nixon took 18th in the varsity girls 2 mile, followed by Truette in 20th.

At district the girls cross country team narrowly missed qualifying for regionals, but competed with a full team including Romines (7 th-12:59.63),

Truette (9 th-13:07.26), Nixon (14:23.15), Ella Klyn (14:42.15), Kate Farnsworth (15:01.02), Jayde Fettkether (16:34.6), and Madelyn Logan (16:47.63).

For the first time, in many years, the boys and girls team both competed with full teams, and the boys qualified for regionals for the third time in a row.

Story finished 5th and Chitwood 7th to qualify individually, while Rosenberger, Davis, and Wyatt Mayfield placed in the top 25. Kaden Childs and Max Smith also added points to the team's score and advance-

ment.

At the regional meet in Lubbock, the boys team placed 19th overall, with Chitwood placing 24th with a time of 17:47.7 and Story placing 29th with a time of 17:55.

Rounding out the boys was Rosenburger with a time of 20:47, Aiden Davis (20:51.7), Wyatt Mayfield (20:55), Kaden Childs (23:10.3) and Max Smith (23:50.9).

On the girls' side, Romines placed 22nd with a time of 13:19.4 and Ruby Truette placed 41st with a time of 13:46.7.

Several runners will continue

to track season while others will focus on the long-distance prep work for next season's cross country season.

## Football awards

## Volleyball honors



**Garrett Blevins**  
1st team QB

Several Bearcat football players earned all-district honors for their performance on the football field and in the classroom.

**1st Team**

Garrett Blevins, Quarterback  
Ty Deaton, Wide Receiver,  
Punter  
Connor Ulbig, Offensive Line

**2nd team**

Jacob Fletcher, Wide Receiver  
Klein Essler, Tight End  
Barrett Thonton, Offensive Line  
Logan Taylor, Ty Deaton, Defensive Line  
Will Jetton, Inside Linebacker  
Klein Essler, Luke Alexander, Outside Linebackers  
Garrett Blevins, Kicker



**Ty Deaton**  
1st team punter, Wide receiver

**Honorable mention**  
Logan King, Aiden Fugett- Of- fensive Line  
Cannon Cody, Defensive Line  
Brysen Washington, Safety

**Academic All-District**

Luke Alexander, Camdon Burleson, Hunter Campbell, Cannon Cody, Klein Essler, Evan Evangelista, Jacob Fletcher, Noah Hendrix, Jace Jennings, Logan King, Miguel Longoria, Brady Lyde, Jakob Reed, Kayden Ryder, Cole Scribner, Logan Taylor, Brysen Washington, MD Williams.

In addition, 8 seniors earned Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. Evan



**Connor Ulbig**  
1st team Offensive line

Evangelista was named to the 1st team, while Brady Lyde, Logan Taylor, and MD Williams made the 2nd team.

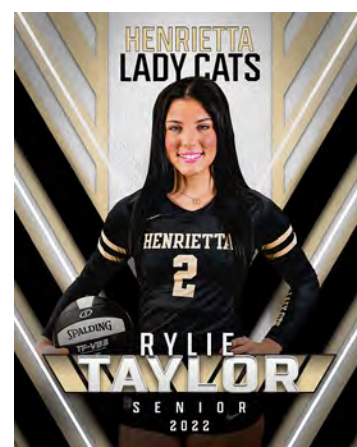
Jacob Fletcher, Cole Scribner, Noah Hendrix, and Jakob Reed rounded out selections with honorable mention nods.



**Kenzli Allen**  
District Most Valuable Server, TGCA All-State team

Kenzli Allen made the most of her senior year, earning the Most Valuable Server for the district as well as being selected for the Texas Girls Coaches Association 3A All-State volleyball team as both a player and for her academics.

Teammates Rylie Taylor and Jocelyn Turner joined Allen on the 7-3A First Team All-District



**Rylie Taylor**  
1st team All-District

list.

Kaitlyn Bryant and Berkley Roberts, both sophomores, were named to the 2nd team. Magee Fain, Karissa Nixon, Kylee Seward, and Trenitie Abila were awarded honorable mention honors.

In addition, the entire team met the requirements for inclusion on the Academic All-District



**Jocelyn Turner**  
1st team All-District

honor list.

Seniors Mae Cason, McKenna Murphy, Karissa Nixon, and Kennedy Stolarczyk were also named Academic All-State by the Texas Girls Coaches Association for 3A schools.

# Winter sports in full swing at HHS



Logan Taylor fights off the Seyour defense as he works to get open for an incoming pass during varsity boys' home basketball action.



Kaitlyn Bryant pushes past the Quannah defense as she drives her way into the lane for a basket.



Wyatt Mayfield gets a three-pointer attempt in over Seymour during a JV home game in November.



Sadie Longley takes the open shot during the Henrietta JV tournament.

## Wrestling makes debut



**By Mandy Story**  
Wrestling for both boys and girls made its debut this year in the Henrietta athletic program at both the junior high and high school levels. Since this is a sport that is not offered at many area schools, the teams had to compete primarily in the Metroplex area against 5A and 6A schools. For most wrestlers, this was their first time to ever compete in this sport, and their results were outstanding. Their first competition was at the Mike McCready Memorial Tournament in Colleyville. Thirteen high school students competed for Henrietta. Divisions in classes are not made by school size as with most other sports; instead, wrestlers compete in weight classes. Sophomore Preslee Branch

won her weight division while freshman Aiden Davis placed second in this class. Freshman Ella Klyn ended up in 3rd place after her first match while Chris Hines, Eric Sikes, Johnny Applegate, and Cole Cassaday placed 4th in their respective weight classes. Since it was the first time in history the school has competed in this sport, the results from the meet were very exciting and left Coaches Ty House and Luke Shelby optimistic about their program's future. The team competed next at Saginaw in the EMS-ISD JV tournament, where they finished 9th overall. Hunter Campbell, Davis, and Austin Lyons each finished 2nd in their respective weight classes. Eric Sikes and Cole

Cassaday both won bronze medals for their classes. On the girls' side, Branch again captured 1st in her division while Cambri Heuring placed 2nd. They will compete two more times before Christmas. **Kate Farnsworth gets ready to rebound the missed shot by Petrolia during the first game of the Henrietta JV tournament.**





photo by Kendra Bennett

Dayan Miranda, Zane Allen, Halle Houck, and Leighton Baker take a picture break while working on the senior class float for the Clay County Pioneer Reunion.



Seniors Logan Taylor and Melody Oswald were named the 2022 Band Beau and Sweetheart at the last home football game. The honor is voted on by the band members and announced at the conclusion of their final halftime performance on the home field.



photo by Summer Matthews

Senior moms and their kids show off their best dance moves during the senior pep rally. For several years, it has been a tradition for the senior moms to put some sort of dance or skit together to perform at the senior pep rally, to the delight (and sometimes embarrassment) of their seniors.



photo by Kendra Bennett

Cross Country member Parker Rosenberger leaves the crowd laughing as he delivers a speech in support of the team as they prepared to go to the cross country regional meet. Throughout the year, the volleyball team, band, and cross country were celebrated for their accomplishments during the pep rallies.



photo by Summer Matthews

Sarah Chitwood competes for the freshmen in an obstacle course during a pep rally.



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Jacob Story and Hannah Hutchins dance the twist at the PAL Veterans Day program as Cannon Cody looks on.

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The goal of the 2022-2023 newspaper staff is to encourage the student body to be involved with and have knowledge of school happening. Additionally, we want to give the students a voice throughout the year. We hope each edition of *The Catawampus* is better than the last

and that inspires Henrietta High School to continue a tradition of excellency.

# Fun Facts and Trivia

1. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar
2. The Grand Theft Auto franchise has lawsuits that total over \$1 billion.
3. The eyes of an ostrich are bigger than its brain.
4. The largest pair of eyes in the world are on a giant squid.
5. Japan has 23 vending machines per person.
6. Putting sugar on a cut will make it heal faster.
7. The continental plates move as fast as fingernails grow.
8. Among all the days of the week, more children are born on a Thursday.
9. 75 burgers are sold at McDonalds every second.
10. You are most likely to have

11. Male bees can only mate once in their life.
12. A snail has 2500 teeth.
13. Because of high temperatures during the race, a NASCAR driver will lose up to 10 pounds per race.
14. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
15. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
16. A typical cough is about 60 mph while a sneeze is around 100 mph.
17. Your feet typically produce about a pint of sweat each day.
18. When you look up at the bright sky and see white dots, you are looking at your own

19. Baby koalas are fed poop by their parents after they are born because it helps them digest eucalyptus leaves later in life.
20. Goats have rectangular pupils in their eyes.
21. The Nobel Peace Prize is named after Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.
22. The average person spends two weeks of their life waiting at traffic lights.
23. Before 1913, parents could mail their kids to Grandma's through the postal system.
24. A blue whale's tongue is heavier than an elephant.
25. Golf is the only sport to be played on the moon.

# YOUR HEALTH



## Swift makes history



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Singer Taylor Swift dropped a new album in October and claimed the top 10 songs of the Top 100 Hot Singles for the first time in history. Her tour plans, however, created chaos when 14 million users flooded the ticket site and created a shutdown.

By Jacob Story

Singer Taylor Swift dropped her newest album, "Midnights," on October 21. Swifties flooded music streaming platforms to hear, as Taylor put, "the story of 13 sleepless nights scattered throughout my life", and in the process caused the singer to make history by claiming all spots in the Top 10 of the Hot 100.

Swift built anticipation for the album by releasing several TikTok videos exposing the names of each song on a ping-pong ball.

Swift released the album on an abundance of listening options including four vinyl and CD variants.

The vinyl albums hide a small easter egg, all having the num-

ber twelve on the back cover, that when arranged with the other three albums' back covers form a clock.

The marketing and teasers paid off in a big, if chaotic, way when Swift announced tour dates and ticket sales.

Many fans were met with complete chaos when Ticketmaster opened up sales on November 15.

Fans had issues such as being locked out of the Ticketmaster website even with verified Fan Codes securing tickets or getting kicked out of the system before sales were completed.

Blaming unpreented demands (14 million users hit the site instead of the 1.5 million planned) and bot attacks, Ticketmaster canceled their general

sale of Swift's tour tickets on November 18, prompting outrage from both fans and Taylor Swift herself.

The fallout prompted the U.S. Justice department to open an investigation as to whether Live Nation, the owner of Ticketmaster, abused its power in the music industry and violated antitrust laws.

In early December, over twenty fans joined in filing lawsuits against Live Nation.

Swift fans were surprised on December 12, when selected fans received emails informing them they would be getting a second chance at purchasing tickets to a concert.

## Cell phone ruining sleep?

By Jacob Story

Most nights, do you find yourself wrapped up in covers watching TikTok on your phone? Do you find yourself scrolling through YouTube videos of the most random topics?

If you can relate, you may experience some poor sleep. The blue light emitted from your phone hurts the secretion of the hormone melatonin that causes you to feel drowsy and throws your circadian rhythm off.

The blue light emitted from your phone is a wavelength light

that reduces the release of melatonin in your body at night.

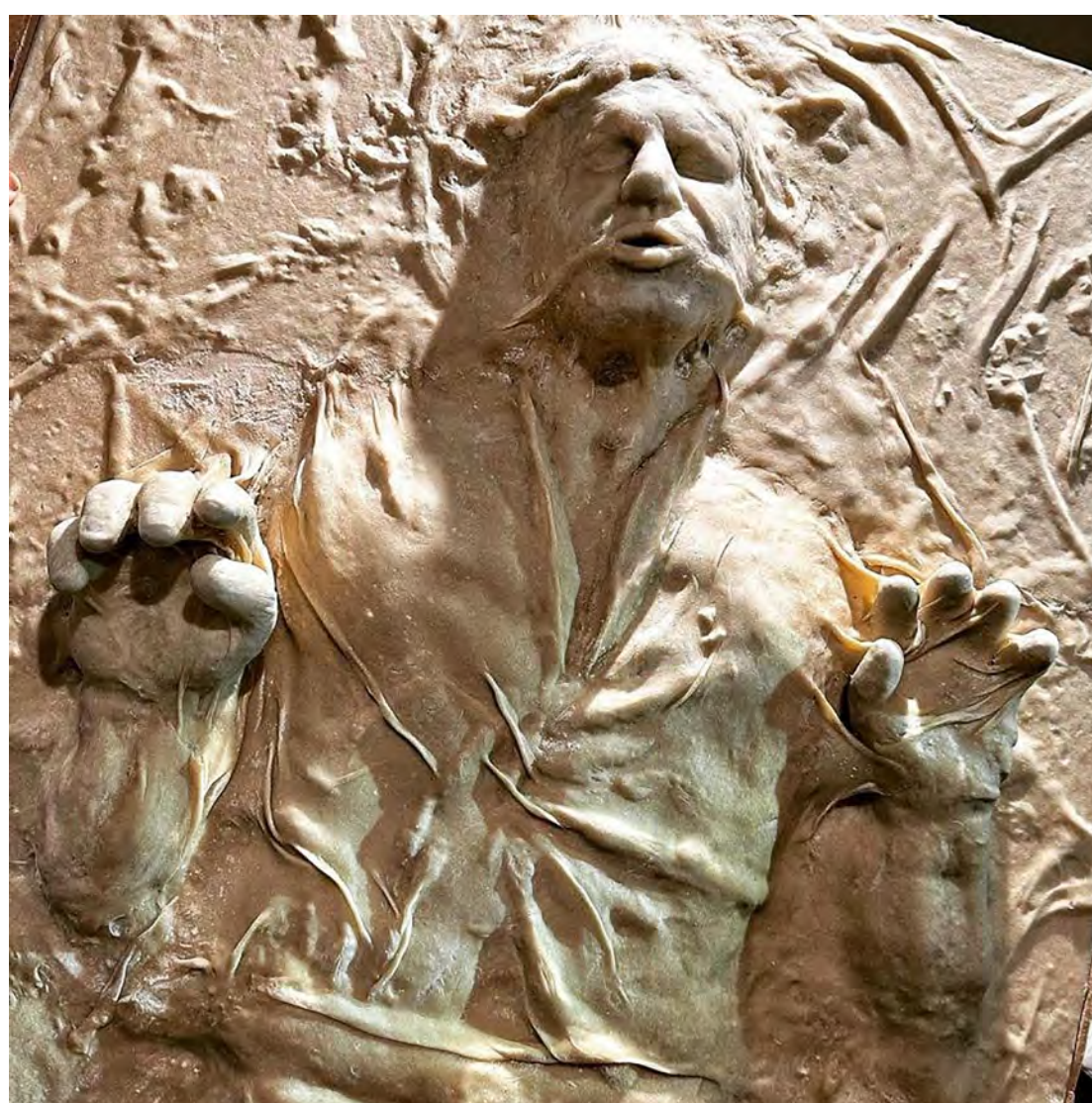
The blue light keeps the brain focused on the screen, when put in comparison to the dark room around it. Blue light also reduces the bodies' ability to enter rapid-eye movement (REM) sleep which is necessary for the brain to function properly during consciousness.

The circadian rhythm is the bodies' "internal clock" that is carried out over a twenty-four-hour cycle. The most important circadian rhythm is the sleep

and wake cycle, which is why doctors preach the importance of an eight hour sleep each night. Concentrating on the phone when trying to go to sleep, hinders the bodies' ability to stay in its circadian rhythm.

Keep in mind when you go to sleep tonight, that its important to take a break from the phone when trying to go to sleep. A good tip is to be off the phone thirty minutes before going to sleep.

## Pan Solo draws fans



"Pan Solo" may be the newest and most unusual character in the Star Wars galaxy.

Mother and daughter bakers Catherine and Hannalee Pervan in Benicia, California, created a 6-foot sculpture of Hans Solo recreating the moment in which he was frozen in carbonite from the movie *The Empire Strikes Back*; however, this sculpture was created with bread instead.

The carb-packed artwork took

weeks of molding, baking, and designing using wood and two types of dough.

The team spent countless hours after their bakery closed each day focusing on making the creation as accurate as possible.

The sculpture is the bakery's entry into the Downtown Benicia Main Street Scarecrow contest. The winner is decided based on popular vote.

Ironically, Hannalee developed COVID-19 and lost her sense of smell and taste, so she especially pleased to find a different way to express her love of food and fantasy.

Pan Solo did not last forever, though. He was eventually turned into compost material.

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## Weird News



## Hole in One? Someone "Nose"

By Ethan Boucher

In Bay St. Louis Mississippi, two golfers fought due to the result of a game of golf. In the scuffle, one golfer bit his competitor's nose clean off in a casino parking lot, police said.

Mark Wells, 55, fled the scene after biting his fellow golfer before turning himself in to Bay St. Louis Police Chief Toby Schwartz said in a news release.

The nose of the victim was not found as the victim was taken to the hospital.

According to the statement, when police arrived at the

Hollywood Casino to investigate a report of an attack, they discovered the victim had sustained a disfiguring face injury. According to the inquiry, the culprit, Mark Curtis Wells, bit the victim's nose off, according to Schwartz.

Officers were informed that the victim and Wells were arguing about the game they played earlier.

Wells was charged with felony mayhem and was incarcerated in the Hancock County Jail, where he paid 10% of his \$50,000 bond and walked out

with an hour.

If found guilty of the felony, which state law defines as a premeditated "crime committed with the intent to kill in which the suspect mutilates, disfigures, disables, or destroys someone's tongue, eye, lip, nose, limb, or another body part," Wells could spend up to seven years in prison, according to the *Biloxi Sun Herald*.

If Wells had a lawyer who could speak on his behalf, the jail official wouldn't tell.