

# The Panther's Paw

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## Panther Pride

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Pictures from the Back to School pep rally fill up the center: pages 4 & 5, capturing the essence of the communities supports for all organizations in the Spring Hill ISD.

# Lady Panthers Sweep the Court

by Kyle McCaim

The Lady Panther's volleyball team played against Pine Tree and Paris ISD Tuesday evening the Lady Panthers walked away with a win against both teams. In the picture to the left, Senior Jenna Hampton spikes the ball while Senior Bethany Bell prepares for a volley. The team has rallied under Coach Brundrett's return. See more on pages 6 & 7.



## Meet your 2016 Presidential candidates

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## Brundrett is Back

After the almost devastating lost of Coach Brundrett last season, the team has felt closer and stronger than ever before; they admire Coach Brundrett and everything she does for the team.



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# Ali Wilstead

Age: 17 Grade: Senior



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## Student Spotlight

Spring Hill has twenty-five new students this year and one of them is senior, Ali Wilstead. Ali is the only new member of the senior class. She and her family, her brother is a freshman and her sister is an 8th grader, moved here this summer.

"My dad's a dentist and he just got a new job here. We moved here from San Antonio, but we only lived there for about 6 months," Senior Ali Wilstead. San Antonio is far larger than Longview, so there is much adjusting to be done.

"I like Longview, but it's really different. I went to a really big high school, so Spring Hill is a big change. I still can't get over how small the cafeteria is!"

While the school is small, that comes with benefits. "I really like that there are microwaves in the

cafeteria," Wilstead said.

Ali can be seen around the halls at school. She is an extremely sweet and funny girl, definitely one to befriend. However, she can also be seen on the volleyball court. She plays on our varsity team.

The team won both games this past Tuesday night. They are also competing in Robinson Tournament yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

## Getting to know your candidates



Hillary Clinton

**Democratic**  
Wife of former president Bill Clinton. Hillary was the United States Senator from New York. Wants to focus on middle class, wants to strengthen Obamacare wants better education, and an Iraq war solution.



Bernie Sanders

**Democratic**  
Junior United States Senator from Vermont. He wants to charge companies for carbon emissions, a two year free tuition at state colleges and reform student loans, ban assault weapons, and wants to raise taxes for the wealthy and lower taxes for middle class.



Ben Carson

**Republican**  
A retired neurosurgeon with no political background. After his highly popular speech at the 2013 National Prayer Breakfast he became popular in the political world. He wants new gun laws for those who are mentally ill or convicted a violent crime and better health care.



Mark Rubio

**Republican**  
Junior United States Senator from Florida. He wants, to balance out the budget, wants to eliminate climate change caused by man, get rid of Obamacare, and to cut corporate taxes to 25%.



Donald Trump

**Republican**  
Cultural phenomenon and television showman. He wants to control how much money the government spends, limit restrictions on guns, limit Obamacare, and does not want to cut social security or Medicare benefits.

### Dear Darcy, "How can I get socially involved with other students?"

Going to sporting events is a great way to meet and socialize with other students. You could join The Pack at football, volleyball, and basketball games. There are also many clubs available for you to be a part of. Simply try to get out of your comfort zone and interact with people in your classes!

### Dear Darcy, "What do I do when a senior is mean to me?"

It's not unheard of for seniors to pick on underclassmen. It's actually pretty normal, and usually just fun, silly games. But if a senior is really bullying you, try asking them to stop or get a trusted adult to help you if problems continue. But if it's all in fun, joke back and maybe make a new senior friend, which would be cool.

### Dear Darcy, "How should I prepare for life after senior year?"

Make sure you really work hard this year to make good grades and study for the SAT/ACT. Getting into the college of your choice depends on doing well in high school. Being in organizations such as StuCo, NHS, Leader's Core, YBA, and community service groups look great on college applications. Internships are also a great way to prepare for life after high school. Most college students complain about how tight money is, so starting to save up money for college funds is a great idea.

**\*If you have any Dear Darcy questions, come by either Mrs. Tucker's classroom or the staff room and submit questions. Check the next issue and your questions could be selected by Darcy!\***



## Senior Suggest

- "Listen to your Seniors."  
-Bethany Bell
- "Don't stand in the middle of the hallway."  
-Jackson Ross
- "High school is the first step towards college and your future."  
-Talia Schell
- "Don't procrastinate."  
-Kyra Hamilton
- "Surround yourself with people who will make you better."  
-Olivia Hughes
- "Underclassmen, take your classes seriously; it matters later."  
-Hannah Murray
- "Freshman GPA is more important than you think."  
-Thomas Utzman
- "Start now and do all of your work."  
-Kyrie Brown
- "Don't get with seniors, freshman."  
-Julia Lozano

## As i was saying...

Alli's words of wisdom

Here we go again. The school year is starting once more, whether we like it or not. Now, I'm not one to make



New Year's resolutions, but I am firm believer in back to school resolutions. This year my rules are to be uninhibited, unre-served and true. This year will not be the year I pretend. One thing I've learned in high school is you don't have to be friends with everyone. You don't even have to be friends with a lot of people. Find *your* people. Find the people you love and who love you. Don't, don't, DON'T fake it. There's no need. I'm going to sound like a parent here, but if you don't like a situation, don't continue doing it. Seriously.

To my freshmen, high school is short, so enjoy it but also know that high school isn't everything. It's not your whole world. No one "wins" at high school. Work hard, because it counts from the moment you get here. Find your true friends, no matter who they are or what they're involved in.

To my sophomores, enjoy this year, because it's about to get real. Settle in, learn time management, get comfortable, and get involved. Binge-watching Netflix is fun and all, but try to leave the house some. You don't have to do school stuff, but go places! Have adventures!

To my juniors, this year is crazy, but it's only stressful if you make it that way. You're going to start looking at colleges, so LOOK! Don't let anyone tell you where you should go or what you should do. YOU decide, and set your mind to it. Get to know your teachers. Let them help you. They're actually okay people.

To my seniors, here we finally are. It's insane, right? Maybe some of you are like me, and you're getting to know yourself better and realizing that you didn't spend all of high school like you should have. That's cool, it's okay. We're here now, and it's almost over, so why not be real? Why not be ourselves and just let go? It's our turn, and we should do it our way.

So here's to a great year, everybody. See you around.

# Panther Pride; One time



Sophomore Sidney Johnson whistles for Spring Hill, While classmate Zoe Mayfield cheers on beside her. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



Coach Mercer address the Varsity football team, giving each player recognition. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



High School principal Denny Lind address the crowd at the Back-to-School pep rally. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW

The Spring Hill community joined together last Friday night, to celebrate the annual back to school pep rally. Almost every fall organization, ranging from band, twirlers and flags, to cheerleaders, pacesetters, the football team and many more. Season for Cross country, fall tennis, and volleyball have already begun. All teams got recognized in front of a large crowd. The organization was completely filled. Parents and community members lined the sides by the doors. With football season about to kick off, the community is definitely supporting their team. Another crowd is expected at the Panther Stadium tonight, with kick off at 7:30 p.m.



Pacesetter director Anne Herman announces the Pacesetter officers at the Back-to-School pep rally. (Left) Stacia Viator First Lieutenant, (middle) Julia Lozano Captain, (right) Savannah Howell second lieutenant. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



Tennis coach Holly Ford presents State Champion Dawson Penn with his championship ring. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



The Spring Hill Blue Brigade awaits their turn to play, while other groups are performing. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



Seniors Mabry Nichols, Julie Hodges and Kase White introduce the Cross Country fundraiser Miles That Matter. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW



JV and Varsity cheerleaders join forces in a spirit-building chant. Laura Gibson photo / THE PANTHER'S PAW

# Miles that matter: XC puts in the time

by Laura Gibson

Spring Hill's Cross Country team has already made strong strides to start their season by running 2,197 miles over the summer for Miles that Matter.

All pledges up to \$2,000 go to Savannah Wulbrecht, and the remaining goes to the Cross Country activity fund.

With the goal set at \$2,000, they have established they are ready to go above and beyond what is asked of them, which is seen when these students give up their Saturdays to compete in meets.

"Our goal is to win district and advance to regionals," senior Julie Hodges said.



The cross country team has already put in many hours of work and are continuing to do so as the season progresses. While they work hard, they also have fun participating in the first annual Cross Country scavenger hunt. Photos courtesy coach Jordan Alford.

# Coach Brundrett is back

by Kayla Miller

Spring Hill Volleyball was anticipating growing pains at the start of the season, due to the retirement of long-time coach Karen Brundrett in May.

With a new coach on board, the girls had begun Summer workouts and practices preparing for August, when they heard the news: Coach Brundrett is coming back!

"It was the greatest thing," senior Camie Copeland said. "I started crying."

This surprise came after the newly-appointed coach, Kristen Grimes, was offered and accepted a job elsewhere.

"She keeps us organized, disciplines us and keeps us motivated," senior teammates said. "We were clueless with Coach Grimes, and everything came together when Coach Brundrett came back."

Coach Brundrett has been coaching at Spring Hill for 6 seasons and has won 6 district championships and has challenged the girls to go to the state championship.



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# Beyond The Lights

by A'Kia Larke

In sports this week, we have our first official "Friday Night Lights" football game, revving up the 2015-2016 season.

We asked 60 people what they predicted the outcome would be, and 62% said the Panthers will pull out a victory, where 38% said Winnsboro would win.

The Spring Hill Lady Panthers volleyball kicked off their season with a tri-match between Pine Tree and Paris.

The girls started the night off with the Lady Wildcats; with a close first match we managed to secure a victory by using teamwork, which ultimately led to a sweep over the Paris.

The Pack showed up and showed out against the Lady Pirates. The match was far from boring with both student sections cheering for their team.

The Pirate's student section gave us a run for our money, but the Lady Panthers, as well as The Pack, didn't waiver under pressure.

By the end of the night, the Lady Panthers added another broom to our collection by sweeping the Pine Tree.

# Varsity volleyball sweeps the court

by Kyle McCain

The Lady Panthers volleyball team played last night with wins against Paris and Pine Tree high school, before the game the girls looked very motivated and determined to take out the adverse opponents who are only in the way of their dream of state.

The first game was with Paris, and The Lady Panthers struck as fast as they could keeping staying ahead the main focus. The girls show an obvious love for each other and the game, which justifies a valid determination for their very high goals as a team and a family. The first few matches of the Paris game were recurring moments of beautiful sets from senior Keeley McCain and fiery spikes from senior Ann Hollis, to conceive an almost magical thing to see on that court.

During their first few breaks it's as if Coach Brundrett has them under a spell, because nothing can distract them from one goal, to win! Spring Hill takes the first game against Paris with a final score of 25-15. During the break I spoke with Kase White, leader of The Spring Hill Pack to ask how far he thought The Lady Panthers would go this season and he replied with, "State all the way!"

This team has an unbelievable fan base, with parents as exhilarated to watch as the girls are to play. The second game begins against Pine Tree and right off the bat I

notice an over achieving amount of energy in Senior Camie Copeland whom makes each moment thrilling and as loud as possible which makes anyone notice her sheer determination towards the game.

From the start to the end of the Pine Tree game it was constant flow of energy and chemistry which led the Lady Panthers to a 25-12 win. After the game I spoke with Coach Brundrett to ask how she felt about being back and she replied with "Love it, I missed my family, missed working with these girls, and exited for the season." Then I asked what she thought about the team so far and she said "We are going in the right direction." And to top of the interview I asked what were her plans for the season, and she openly spoke out "We are headed for the regional championship that has eluded in this past and go right to state."

The varsity volleyball team won both games last night and are participating in the Robinson Tournament yesterday, today and tomorrow.



Junior Payton White sets the ball during volleyball's tri match last night. Teammates, Seniors, Camie Copeland, Keeley McCain, Anne Hollas, Jenna Hampton, and Ali Wilstead prepare to execute the play White set up.

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**Drug Emporium**

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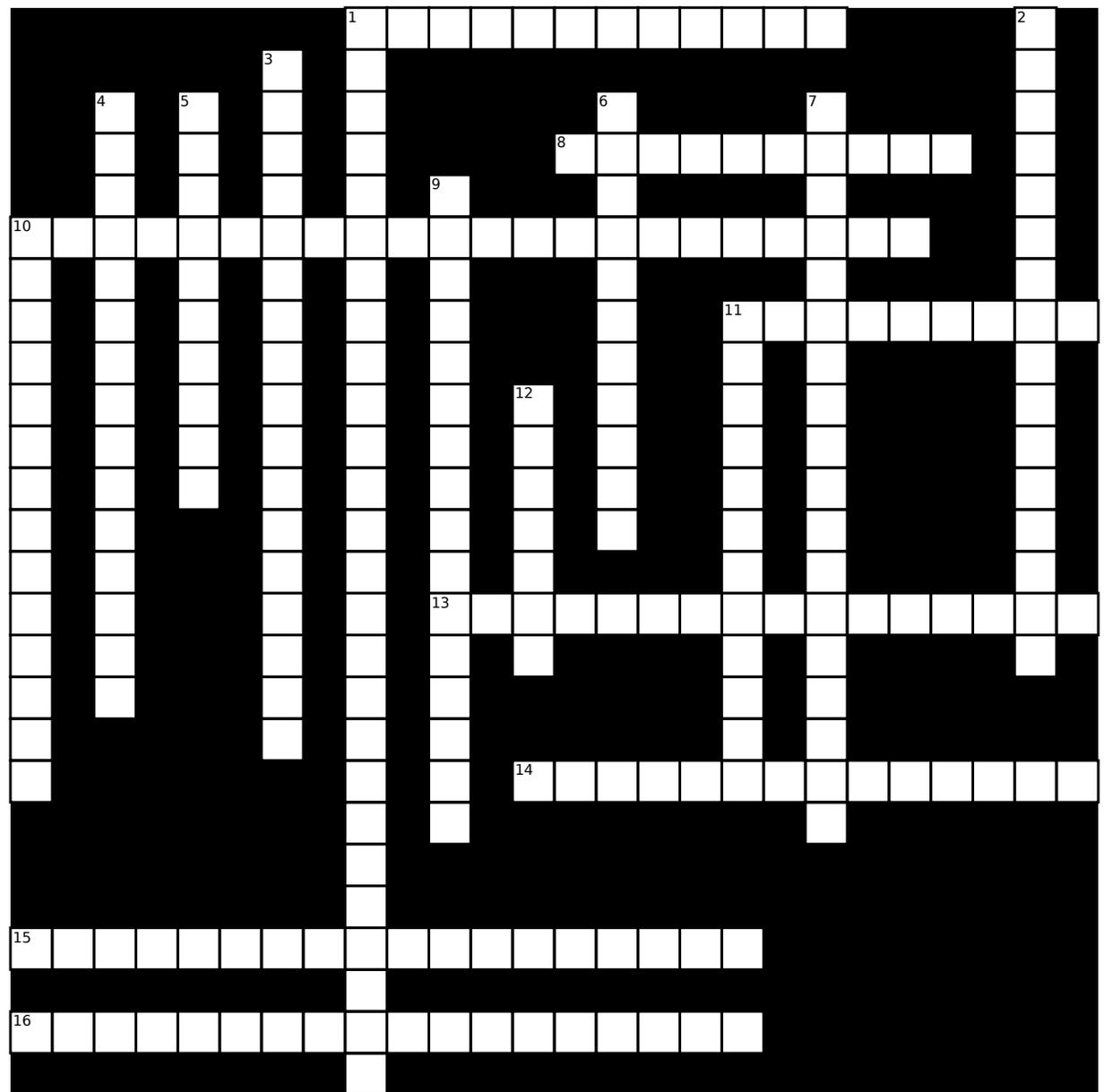
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# Know Your Novels

Rebecca Heaton



- Across
- 1 Stay golden, ponyboy.
  - 8 The temperature at which books burn: \_\_\_\_\_ 451
  - 10 The \_\_\_\_\_ of Dorian Gray.
  - 11 A Series of (Jurgis's) Unfortunate Events.
  - 13 A Tale of Two Towns.
  - 14 "My precioussss."/ the film trilogy with hobbits, dwarves, and elves.
  - 15 Bird-killing, but not really.
  - 16 Holden Caulfield was banned was banned from a lot of places for a long time.

- Down
- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of being a wallflower.
  - 2 Inspired and is often mentioned in the film Easy A, starring Emma Stone.
  - 3 An opera about an opera that's about a phantom.
  - 4 I do not like \_\_\_\_\_. I do not like them, Sam I Am.
  - 5 Lennie's mistakes are literally tragic.
  - 6 "You're a wizard Harry."
  - 7 Greater than twelve, but less than fourteen reasons why.
  - 9 Looking for \_\_\_\_\_. (A map of the United States might help.)
  - 10 Roaring 20s, love, and death
  - 11 Stealing books in Nazi Germany.
  - 12 If I \_\_\_\_.

**\*If you finish the crossword puzzle and turn it into Mrs. Tucker first, you will receive a ten dollar gift card to The Spill. However, The Spill will not be open after until after Labor Day weekend.\***