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Teary eyes with pride



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Canned food drive a huge success at SH

SHHS collected approximately 1,900 cans and over \$1,400 in annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive.

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Blue Brigade makes history at State Marching Band Contest

by Sophie Buckelew

Unless you've been living under a rock, I'm sure you've heard that our very own band, The Blue Brigade, made history.

The weekend of November 5th kick started the wins for us. The Blue Brigade competed in the NAAMB competition. Which of course they placed first in. Then, on Sunday, it was off to San Antonio to compete at state.

The band competed at 11 a.m. and performed flawlessly. Then, they just had to wait for the rest of the 25 bands to perform.

The Blue Brigade was one of the only military marching bands there. It was nerve racking and unsettling knowing that they were so different from the rest of the bands, who were corps.

When they started announcing the 10 schools who were advancing to the finals, you could hear a pen drop. Everyone was on the edge of their seats. "When they announced Spring Hill High School, there wasn't a dry eye," Junior Lannah Peeler said, "We'd been waiting for that moment for so long." Everyone was going wild. The Blue Brigade had made history. Now it was off to rehearse and get ready for finals!

"Knowing that we just made it to finals was an honor enough," freshman Jake Buckelew said, "we were happy enough with that alone."

While the band was doing their last march of the season everyone was extremely proud of The Blue Brigade no matter what the outcome is. "Taking the field one last time with all the seniors that I've grown so close to was very emotional," Junior Mallory Wallace said, "and knowing as a junior it was my last time marching in the Alamo Dome was one of the proudest moments of my high school career."

After the band took the field one last time all eyes were on them. Their lines were perfectly straight and their turns were sharp and clean keeping the traditional style we hold so near and dear to our hearts.

Once all the bands were done performing all the schools gathered together on the field to get the results. It was such an honor for me personally getting to be able to see so many students who were so passionate about music and what they do. No matter what we placed everyone was so proud of The Blue Brigade for working so hard all year and putting their heart and soul into their drill.

Before we knew it, they were announcing the top 3. Everyone was living in the moment and were just happy and honored to be among the top 10 bands in Texas. Knowing that our band moved from 9th place to 5th place was such an accomplishment alone.

Speaking for the whole Spring Hill School District, I couldn't be more proud of The Blue Brigade. This was a huge accomplishment and something that you will remember forever. Knowing that we are fans of the 5th ranked Marching band in the state and the NUMBER ONE military marching band, is such an honor. Everyone is unbelievably proud of you guys. Blue Brigade, you made history.



Band making their turn during the trio of St. Julien March. Photo by: Sophie Buckelew

Canned Food Drive, cont.

By: Mallory Wallace

Spring Hill High School hosted a can food drive throughout the month of November to help feed families during the holidays.

"Our class was determined to win," junior Sarah Puckett said, "We made it our mission to show that we were a force to reckon with."

Throughout the drive classes began to really make an effort to help contribute with not only the goal of winning but the goal of making a difference.

"I really encouraged my class to bring cans but I also reminded them of the real reason and the genuine

need for some of these families in our community," math teacher Anne Herman said. "In our society it is easy to find yourself taking things for granted. I wanted to show my students that giving doesn't always have to be boring but it is always needed and encouraged."

Once the drive was done the totals were in and the results were one for the books, with Mrs. Dees class scoring the victory.

"We raised around 1900 cans and over \$1400 total," teacher Holly Whittington said, "I am very impressed with all of our classes and

with our district as a whole, classes and with our district as a whole, I know these cans are truly going to make someone's Thanksgiving Holiday memorable."



Canned food drive winners enjoy ice cream. Photo by: Carson Fruge

Thanksgiving traditions

by Rebecca Heaton

As the Blue Brigade has proven year after year, tradition doesn't have to be boring; this idea, however, extends beyond the military marching world.

While most Thanksgivings consist of the basic, some students' families have other rites and rituals in place besides eating a turkey and watching a football game.

Some are a little more solitary. Payton Jones, a junior, says, "I usually just go eat Waffle House by myself." Hearing this, his friend and fellow junior, Seth Bilnoski, chimes in, "No way, me too!" For others, the holidays are a fun time to commune with family and nature.

Freshman Austin Jones goes camping every year in Oklahoma with his family. "We've been doing it for ten, twelve years," he says. "It's fun being outdoors."

Meanwhile, a student who would rather remain anonymous, revs up the competition every year with her family. "Every year we eat and then we all race our four wheelers," she admits. "We have this huge pasture and race them around and stuff and try not to flip them. I actually ran into a barbed wire fence trying not to flip it, and so I have polka dot scars." She confesses she was the one who started the tradition. "I think one time we were just like, 'Hey, do you guys wanna go race?' Now it's really competitive, we place bets and there's some trash-talking at the table, it's so funny."



How to give back during the Thanksgiving season

By: Mallory Wallace

Most people consider thanksgiving the season for giving thanks. But this holiday season reverse the roles and let people say thanks for your giving! Here are some fun local nonprofit organizations that you can volunteer this holiday season!

1. You can always help with the Highway 80 rescue mission they always need smiling faces helping to serve meals to the local homeless people.
2. You can also donate some of your own clothes to local Goodwill's or salvation armies in Longview, there are so many families who need to be able to provide clothes for their families in the winter.
3. You can also volunteer at the Longview Food Pantry especially since our can food drive this past week. You can volunteer to help sort and distribute the cans to families in need.

So when you are sitting around the thanksgiving table or rooting on the Cowboys this Thanksgiving, by helping out your community and local non-profit organizations someone will be able to show their thanks for your giving.

Spice up your meal with something a little different

Stuffed with stuffing? Here are some unique sides to put a spin on your classic meal while maintaining that home-cooked feel, courtesy of Food & Wine.

- Creamy Cheese Grits

Replace standard mashed potatoes with these luscious grits.

- Cauliflower steaks with Herb Salsa Verde

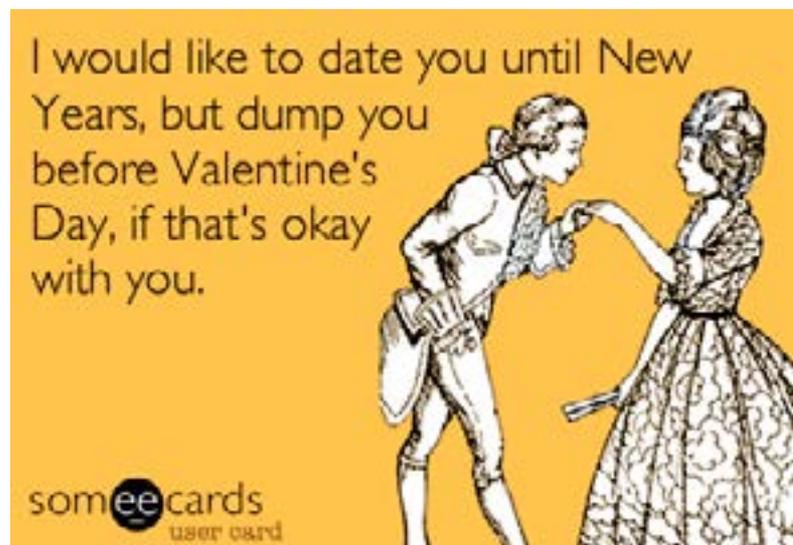
Swap Brussels sprouts for these meaty, cauliflower wedges.

- Roasted Sweet Potato and Okra Salad

African staples like yams and okra inspired Marcus Samuelsson's delicious salad.

The time for cuffing season is upon us

As the holiday season hits, so does the desire to be in love



by Rebecca Heaton

I've never been much of a relationship person. Monotony and monogamy have always sounded a little too alike (though throughout high school I have experienced those half-hearted "I love you even though we've only been together three months" kinds of relationships, trust me), and Snapchat/social media PDA just seemed like an open invitation for awkward questions post-inevitable-breakup ("What happened? You guys were (read: looked, with the help of a clever caption and filters galore) so happy/cute/perfect!"), but I do get it.

It's nice to have someone to cuddle with and hold the door and buy you food, especially as "cuffing season" hits its highest point here at the holidays.

If you're unfamiliar with the term, Urban Dictionary defines "cuffing season" as the time, typically in the fall/winter, when "people who would normally rather be single find themselves, along with the rest of the world, wanting to be "cuffed" or tied down by a serious relationship."

It's difficult to remain immune to this phenomenon when everywhere you look, new couples seem to be sprouting up... but, fortunately, being single doesn't necessarily mean being lonely.

You can go to Santa Land and Starbucks with your friends. Spend an afternoon decorating the Christmas tree or discussing Thanksgiving recipes with your mom (she'll appreciate the chance to catch up with you too).

Snuggle with your pets and watch as many Hallmark movies as you want - and I promise your cat won't beg you 30 minutes in to let him/her play Call of Duty.

Relationships are great during the holidays, but don't be upset if yours are platonic.

Those are just as important.

Maybe I'm cynical (and maybe there's no "maybe" about that) and maybe I'm letting my personal preference to keep the people I'll be leaving behind in Longview after graduation at arms' length (okay, there's definitely not a "maybe" about that), and maybe I have slight commitment issues (no comment) but the fact still stands: you don't have to be "cuffed" this season.

You don't need a significant other to complete you when you're a whole entire person on your own. Find strength in solitude, and don't let your happiness depend on someone else.

After all, Beyonce didn't write "Single Ladies" for nothing.

Have You Tried This?

by Carson Fruge

Taking a bite of a juicy and warm taco as if I'd never tried a taco such as the one I was munching on, Fuzzy Taco made this thought and sense of taste so real. Just this past weekend I decided to go try out the new taco restaurant in Longview, Fuzzy taco is a pretty famous Mexican restaurant that is known of and I now know why that is true.

Trying this restaurant I decided to get the beef taco just because it is called "Fuzzy Tacos" so I was expecting these tacos to be very tasty, but I didn't have my hopes very high just knowing that there have been many Mexican restaurants that have disappointed me. The tacos were delicious, I loved the atmosphere and the interior design inside the restaurant. It was a very warm and welcoming place to go grab a bite with friends or family or just anyone.

Also to go along with my tacos I got chips and queso and salsa, the chips they make there are super awesome and their salsa is now my favorite salsa in town it was so tasty and flavorful with a nice kick of spiciness, the queso was very good too, it wasn't cold it was really warm and fresh and also very tasty.

Fuzzy taco caught my attention very easily and is a very nice and delicious place to go too. I would recommend going there to anyone. It was definitely a 9 out of 10 for me, I also give it a 9 because of the service. The service was very good and they were very kind and I didn't wait on anything long and they were there anytime I needed them.

Movie Review

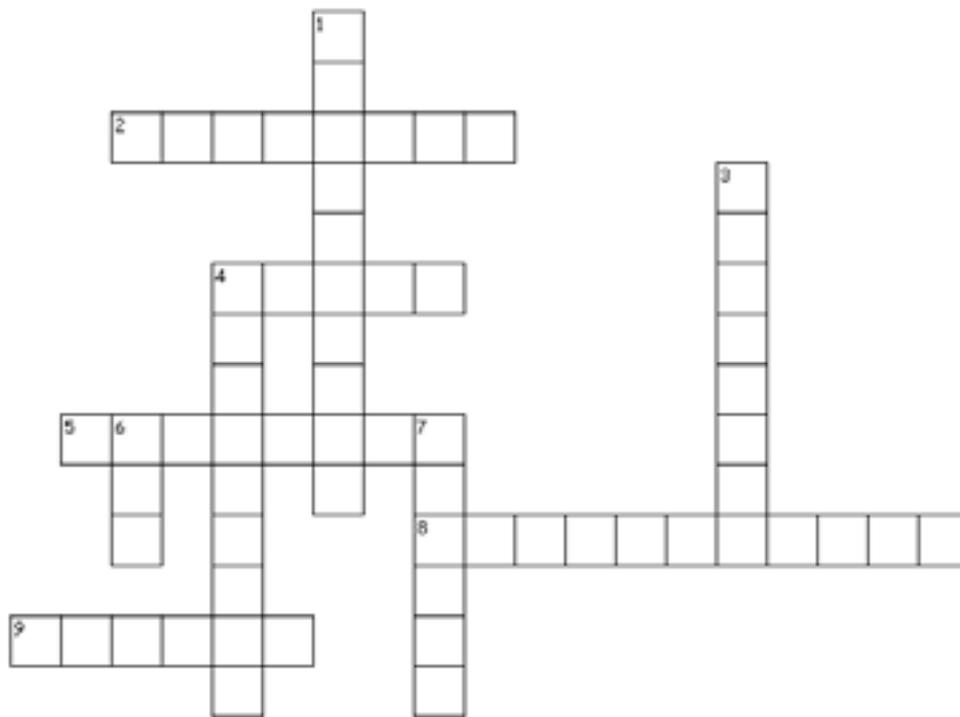
Doctor Strange

After a dangerous car crash , a brilliant neurosurgeon, Doctor Stephen Strange embarks on journey to find the use healing his hands only to find out that healing his hands is not enough. He later becomes sorcerer of magic and uses his power for good.

By Ben Harold



Thanksgiving Crossword



Across

- 2. People the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by
- 4. Top Thanksgiving parade
- 5. Filling that can be put inside the turkey
- 8. The day after Thanksgiving
- 9. Large bird eaten on Thanksgiving

Down

- 1. Horn-shaped ornament containing food
- 3. The month we celebrate Thanksgiving
- 4. The ship the pilgrims came in on

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Colorful cornucopia



Panthers face King's Academy Friday

by Keaton Hicks



Coach Tim Ender takes advantage of a time-out in the game against Atlanta.

With a 33-30 win against the Atlanta Rabbits the Spring Hill boys varsity basketball team get ready to put on a show for their home audience when they face off against Tyler King's Academy. The game will take place today 5:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

"We did really well and opened up shots that where we needed Them," junior small forward Christian Rodgers said. "The only things that could have helped us is putting in more work in at getting rebounds and limiting the turnovers to a minimum."

Moving forward into next game it is apparent what the team needs to work on.

"I think the team could box out and rebound better that way when we transition we can score a lot easier," sophomore point guard Kyren Miller said. "I'm excited to get better as a team and hopefully come out on top."

Although there have been some bumps on the road everyone is excited for this game .

"The team could use some work defensively but besides that they were great." varsity basketball coach Tim Ender. "I expect the team to come out work hard and do a great job and make it a battle."

Boys schedule

Nov. 18	Wills Point	Home	F/JV/V	5:00
Nov. 21	Sabine	Home	F/JV/V	5:00
Nov. 22	White Oak	Away	F/JV/V	5:00
Nov. 25	Canton @	Away	V	2:00
	(Whitehouse Classic)			
Nov. 29	Tatum	Home	F/JV/V	5:00
Dec. 1-3	Grand Saline	Away	V	TBA
	Tournament			
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Dec. 6	TBA			
Dec. 8-10	Wills Point	Away	F/JV/V	TBA
	Tournament			
Dec. 13	Van	Away	F/JV/V	5:00
Dec. 16	Grace	Away	JV/V	5:00
	Community/Harmony(F)			
Dec. 27-29	Spring Hill	Home	V	TBA
	Harmony(F)			
Jan. 3	Alto/White Oak (F)	Home	JV/V	5:00

Lady Panthers are putting in the time as District play approaches

Between workouts and scrimmages, the Lady Panthers are preparing for the season ahead.

District

Jan.13	Bullard	Away	JV/F/V	5:00
Jan. 17	Gladewater	Away	JV/F/V	5:00
Jan. 20	Chapel Hill	Home	JV/F/V	5:00
	Military Appreciation)			
Jan. 24	Kilgore	Away	JV/F/V	5:00
Jan. 27	Gilmer	Home	JV/F/V	5:00
	(JH Night Blue Out)			
Jan. 31	Bullard	Home	JV/F/V	5:00
Feb. 3	Gladewater	Home	JV/F/V	5:00
	(Senior Night B&G)			
Feb. 7	Chapel Hill	Away	JV/F/V	5:00
Feb. 10	Kilgore	Home	F/JV/V	5:00
Feb. 14	Gilmer	Away	F/JV/V	5:00



BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING

by Maddie Malloy

As the holidays are approaching and Christmas nears, many people scamper around to fulfill the wishes of family and friends. With that, Black Friday shopping offers these shoppers a once-a-year chance to snag their must-get items for a deeply discounted price. It has even become a Thanksgiving tradition for many.

It is useful because it offers many discounts to the shoppers, and may allow them to purchase something that they normally couldn't have. Also, black Friday is a valuable time to get out and express the gift of giving to others for the holiday season.

Some possibly will feel remorseful for the public working in the stores, but you should consider they may be working to earn more cash for spending! So instead of sitting around all day and eating leftover turkey and pie, try something new and go Black Friday Shopping.

Macy's rings in the holiday season

by Stacia Viator

The 90th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade begins at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. It takes approximately 90 minutes for the parade to travel the 2.5-mile stretch. The annual display of floats, dancers, giant balloons, marching band, performances and celebrities is one of the best New York City events of the year. This year's balloons will include new ones like Tony the Tiger, Ice Age's Scrat and acorn, Star Wars' R2-D2 and Lightning McQueen, as well as classics like Snoopy, SpongeBob SquarePants, Spiderman, and more. New floats will showcase the Justice League, Hershey's Chocolate World, and the Girl Scouts, and classics return such as Sesame Street, and, of course, the Christmas float with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Twelve marching bands will join the parade, too; many are high school bands from all over the country, joined by the West Point Band, the New York Police Department's Marching Band, and Macy's Great American Marching Band. Cheer and dance teams from around the country will also march in the parade, as will the Radio City Rockettes, as they do every year. Before you get stuffed with food and settled to watch football, turn your attention to the parade November 24th, 2016.

Fall fashion: SHHS edition

by Brandt Varnell, Keyra Bowe & Tayler Lane

As the leaves begin to fall and cooler weather makes its way to East Texas, students ditch their t-shirts and shorts for their favorite Fall fashions.

Whether intentional or not, casual or dressy, these students have got it going on.



Chance Crane - senior

"I just said forget it and threw something on. It turns out, a lot of people like it because it's fashionable."



Fancy Slaton - freshman

"It's weather-appropriate and very comfortable. It could be worn in the Fall or Spring!"



Cameron Graham - sophomore

"I'm not big into fashion, honestly."



Angelique Villamor - junior

"I like dressing cute, while staying very affordable!"

Weighing in on the 'Mandela Effect'

By: Mallory Wallace

We live in an ever-changing world, with ever-changing ideas. One, however, that is grabbing everyone's attention is the Mandela Effect.

If you have been living under a rock or an alternate universe, you might not know about this conspiracy theory, of sorts.

The easiest way to describe this theory is: the mis-remembering of fact or event within a large portion of society.

Many examples of the Mandela effect are now coming up into the spotlight, changing and challenging your judgement and memory on everyday items and iconic catch phrases.

Example 1:

How we know it: The Berenstein Bears

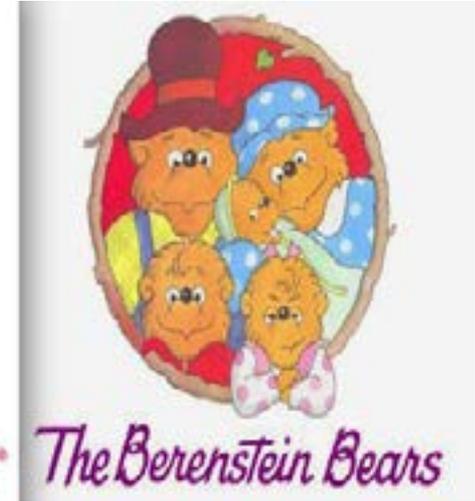
How it really is: The Berenstain

Example 2:

How we know it: Chic-fil-a

How it really is: Chick-fil-a

There are many other examples of the Mandela Effect out there! If you want to learn more about this theory Shane Dawson has made multiple videos over the Mandela effect that are definitely worth checking out.



Spring Hill gets hairy for Highway 80

by Mallory Wallace

Student Council during the month of November allowed an opportunity for the guys to go the entire month of November. While it is only half way through November so the beards haven't been able to grow out to their fullest potential, for seniors Corben McNeese and Rambod Eskandani this is an opportunity to show the school the school their beards fullest potential.

So how did you guys like no shave November?

"It's pretty sweet", McNeese said, "You don't have to worry about it in the mornings."

Do you think \$20 as a fair payment for not having to shave the entire month of November?

"I think it's too much," Eskandani said. But both agreed it was worth it because it was for a good cause.

The money raised for No Shave November was donated to the Highway 80 Rescue Mission to help buy razors and other hygiene products for the homeless people of Longview.

Do you guys think you will grow a beard out when you are in college or just life in general?

"I probably will keep one once I get out of high school," Eskandani said, "I definitely will maintain it though."

"I probably won't," McNeese said, "It can get kind of itchy."

Overall No Shave November is a win-win situation not only for the high school guys to have the convenience of not shaving.

But to also raise money and awareness to those who might not have to tools or product to have the luxury of shaving.