

# Panther review

## Seniors Suggest

“Watch where you’re going. Don’t screw up.”

-Jacob Tomme

“Involve yourself in everything! It’ll be the best and worst thing you’ll ever do.”

-Lacey Boyte

“Don’t be afraid to talk to people and make new friends.”

-Hunter Collins

“Don’t blame your teachers for your inability to pass a class.”

-Sherry Bogue

## Panthers go 1-1 into rivalry game with White Oak

by Justin Hix

Panthers start the season off right with a win at Winnsboro.

The Spring Hill Panthers fought out a 19-18 win over the Winnsboro Red Raiders August 29 in Winnsboro.

After struggling the whole game, it came down to the last couple of seconds to determine the fate of the game.

The task of defeating the Raiders fell upon senior kicker Troy Duran; the outcome of the game rested on his shoulders.

With multiple time outs for the coaches to discuss their strategies, it was time.

Everyone in the audience held their breath as they waited to see what would become of the game. With the last of his strength, Troy gave it everything he had and scored the game winning field goal.

After coming off the high of their first win, the team went into the Van game with hopes of reliving their victory.

“The games differed, because in the Winnsboro game it came down to last second, and there was a lot more pressure on me in that game than in the Van game,” Duran said.

The team tried their hardest, but couldn’t produce the same outcome as the first game, with a 44-7 loss against the Vandals.

The White Oak Roughnecks are next on schedule, as the Panthers face their long-time rivals in the first home game of the season.

“Our goals for the White Oak are to just come out with a win over the Panthers’ rivals,” Duran said.

Kick-off is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Panther Stadium.

## ‘State’ of mind Volleyball sets goals for the year

by: Taylor Gee

Volleyball is off to a great start this season, with the varsity went into the 2014 season with determination. Hollas says, “that even though we have more losses then we had last year, we have more experience and motivation to go further than we did last year.” Over half of the team this year is made up of returning varsity players. This makes their chances for going past the regional tournament greater. Ann says that every year she’s been on the team, the team has advanced one step further, so this year they are hoping to do the same, and make it to the State tournament. This has been a goal for many years for the Varsity Lady Panthers, Ann and other returning players feel like their chance to finally make it is

much better this year than before. The team has competed in many tournaments, and so far, their record for this year is 11-1. The team still has a long ways to go before making it to State, but they are putting in all the work it takes to come out on top and reach their goal. Junior Bethany Bell says that attitude is key. “When we get in a funk on the court we won’t do as well as we can, so i always try to stay positive and help everybody’s mood.” Its a group effort that the girls have put many hours in, starting from two-a-days in August to daily practices, and weekend tournaments, these girls are dedicated as ever to reach their common goal of finally passing the Regional tournament and going to their goal of the State Tournament in November.



### Senior Parker and Sophomore Payton White Sibling Two-Steppers from Big Sandy

by Brooke Williams

*What made you want to start dancing?*

**Parker:** My parents and the Aggie Wranglers.

**Payton:** I’ve always liked dancing, so going to Big Sandy just built on that passion and made me want to dance more.

*How long have you been dancing at Big Sandy?*

**Parker:** 7-8 months.

**Payton:** same as Parker :)

*What do you enjoy most about it?*

**Parker:** Teaching other people how to dance and do the fancier moves like the flips or the pretzel.

**Payton:** I love that it’s something that I can do with my family and friends.

**Dear Darcy**

Dear Darcy,

**My girlfriend and I have been dating four months, but I don't feel the same connection that we used to have; what can I do to fix this? Thanks for the help.**

One of the best ways to fix this problem is to just talk it out with her, and if y'all decide there is nothing you can do, it would be better for everyone if you part ways.

Let her know it's not her fault, but you don't want to waste any more time in a relationship with someone you don't see in your future.

It's a painful situation for everyone, but it's like taking a Band-aid off; just get it over with, and you will feel better.

Dear Darcy,

**I want to steal my friend's girlfriend, what do I do to accomplish this?**

If this person is really your friend, you should get over these feelings for this girl.

This will only lead to trouble and ruin your friendship.

Move on to another girl, because your friend's girlfriend will not go for you, because she's already in a relationship, and no girl goes for an Ex's friend.

Just. Move. On. This will be better for your relationship with your friend and will help you avoid all the drama of a love triangle you clearly shouldn't want.

Dear Darcy,

**There's this guy I really like, and we have dated before, but I think my best friend has a crush on him now. I want to date this guy again, but I don't want to lose my friend. What should I do?**

Guys are the main cause for girls to fight and end friendships, but let me tell you something... HE'S NOT WORTH IT.

Sure, he may seem like he's perfect for you, and he could even be 'the one', but most high school romances won't last, but a true friendship with your girls can last a lifetime.

You don't want to throw that away. Just let that friend know you pick her over him, and your friendship will strengthen. It will be worth it.

Have a question for Darcy?

Submit all questions to the box outside of Mrs. Tucker's room, and check the next issue. Your question could be selected!



**New teacher spotlight**

by Taylor Gee

One of the many new additions to the Spring Hill High School faculty is Donna Allen, teaching English 2, Pre-AP English 2 and AP English 4.

Allen has been a teacher for 32 years, during which time she worked for several districts including, Hallsville, Diana and Kilgore, as well as at Kilgore College.

This has afforded her to opportunity to work with a wide variety of students at different campuses and different levels.

"One of my favorite things about teaching is the students," Allen said.

However, with that comes great responsibility.

"My least favorite thing is grading all of the work," she said.

Allen values each of her students and wants to impart on them more than just the subject of English.

"I want to remind them their education is their own responsibility," she said.

Mrs. Allen looks forward to a great year with her new students, and has already decided Spring Hill is her favorite place of employment.

She intends to walk the Panther halls for many years to come.

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