

Panther review

Seniors Suggest

"If you're in band, all region is a good idea." -Kelli Hickerson

"Try to study as much as possible"
-Samantha Morris

"Look both ways, and don't stand in the middle of the hallway" -Spencer Myers

"Use common sense and follow instructions the first time" -Austin Carter

"Don't worry about the small stuff, because in 10 years it won't matter." -Tanner Orman

Skills, setters and scores

Volleyball team's attitude towards the game

by Sommer Harkins

The volleyball girls are really in the right mindset this season.

Spring Hill varsity volleyball took down Chapel Hill in a 3-0 sweep Tuesday night.

The girls have been improving all season and Head Coach Karen Brundrett is expecting great things to come.

"I think the kids are progressing. At the first of the season, they set goals and now they are working on them. The ultimate goal is to make it one step further than last year and go to state," said Brundrett.

While this is the main goal, the team is focusing on the moment and keeping their head in the game.

"I can see everyone is working toward a higher goal and I think we played really well Tuesday night. We kept our composure and still kept our energy high. We always have each other's back and that really helps out on the court," said senior Audrey Collier.

The team holds each other accountable for their progression, helping them develop a better skill set.

"I feel like over all we won because we had more skill," said sophomore Katherine Spurrier.

Spurrier isn't the only one noticing the skill her team possesses.

"Our younger girls are doing a great job and are following in our seniors' footsteps. Last year we had an all state setter who had been on varsity for four years. This year, we have three setters with little experience setting at the varsity level: Ann Hollas, Keeley McCain, and Payton White. They are doing a great job keeping up with the quick varsity pace. We want to be able to rebuild our teams, not reload," said Brundrett.

The girls are pumped and ready to battle the Gilmer Buckeyes September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buckeye's gym.

Technology Gone Too Far? People may rely too heavily on their phones

editorial by Brooke Williams

Over the past few years, people have become more and more dependent on their phones.

We use them for almost everything: our watch, our computer, our camera, and the list goes on.

If they were to disappear for some reason, we probably wouldn't know what to do with ourselves.

They've become our lifelines, and we almost can't live without them.

Kids are getting phones at younger ages these days, so instead of going outside and playing like we did when we were younger, they're sitting inside staring at a screen.

They're missing out on years of precious memories, and they don't even know it.

Making new friends in the neighborhood becomes a challenge when you don't leave your house.

These same kids won't be able to develop the necessary social skills, because depending on technology for communication is all they know.

Our generation has begun to depend on our phones for entertainment when we're bored.

Even when we're trying to do homework, we get distracted and start to browse social media, going from one site to another.

This has become a huge problem, because instead of getting our schoolwork done in a timely manner, we spend our time on the internet.

Then, we have to do our homework late at night or during school the next day, resulting in sub-par work.

Phones, iPads, etc., although beneficial, can be detrimental to our education, our sleep schedules and our growth as it relates to all things social.

Student

Spotlight



Junior Blane Benson Musician

by Alli Hall

What is your hobby?

"I play a lot of instruments (21 different kinds) and like to record music."

Who got you into music?

"Definitely my dad. He's a really good musician and growing up I wanted to play guitar like him."

What's the most unexpected instrument you can play?

"I play the cello and the stand up bass."

What is your favorite instrument?

"I love them all equally."

Dear Darcy

Dear Darcy,

I really like someone, but I don't think they like me back. What can I do to get them to like me?

Feelings are inevitable, and you can't choose who you like and don't like. If they don't have feelings for you, it isn't their fault.

You shouldn't try to convince them to like you, but you could try to become better friends with them and maybe even spend some time together.

This could lead to you realizing you don't have any feelings deeper than friendship for that person, or they might even form new feelings for you.

Dear Darcy,

I'm really stressed out about school. My classes are really difficult for me and I don't feel like I have any time for myself. What should I do?

Stress is not a good thing. It can take a huge toll on you not only mentally, but also physically.

First of all, you should make sure you're managing your time well.

If you aren't being productive in the hours between school and other activities, that will lead to more stress.

Try to plan out your study times and keep up with test dates and homework due dates in a planner.

Also, you should make sure you really want to take the classes.

Don't take them just because your parents want you to.

Dear Darcy,

Why are girls so complicated?

People in general, guys and girls, are all complicated; some more than others.

Usually, girls tend to look more into things and really analyze what guys are trying to say.

There isn't always an explanation for why girls do things. Sometimes it's simply, "because I felt like it."

However, think of things from a different perspective. Maybe you're the one being complicated, and the girls are simple.



New Teacher Spotlight

by Trystan Deck

Scott Brown is the new high school physics teacher here at Spring Hill High School.

He went to college at Mary Hardin Baylor, after which he has worked at many diverse school districts, such as Grand Saline, Liberty-Eylau and Bowie.

He has had 16 years of experience, but he has come to Spring Hill because of our good reputation.

"My favorite thing about my job is interacting with the students, and my least favorite thing is the paperwork," Brown stated.

However, even with the paperwork, he has enjoyed Spring Hill so far and believes he would like to stay until the day comes he retires.

He believes physics should be fun and that students should only have to learn the necessary lessons needed later in life.

Through his jokes, sarcasm and previous experiences, Brown puts a new spin on physics that intrigues many students.

Besides teaching, Brown has two daughters, one of which is a junior at Spring Hill name Kyriè.

He also enjoys jokes and pulling pranks on people, so be on the lookout for the hilarious Mr. Brown.



Homecoming royalty L to R: Princess Londyn Bull, Princess Audrey Collier, Princess Vanessa Robbins, Homecoming Queen Elyse Woods, Princess Sofia Hadley and Princess Carlee Campbell. The girls were presented at last Friday's homecoming celebration. Photo courtesy Josh Moore & Hannah Murray.

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