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Spiro Homecoming 2026

By Serenity Duvall

Spiro had its Homecoming football game on September 11th, 2026. They played against the Wilburton Diggers. Rylee Darneal was elected Homecoming queen by a vote of the high school student body. Shoutout to our dedicated band members Genesis Ambriz, Sarah England, Robyn Gregory, and Ember Mitchell for playing their stand tunes on the homecoming float, and marching the halftime show in their dresses. Even though they lost the game, our Bulldogs still held their heads high, and didn't give up.



Pictured left: Homecoming band members playing their stand tunes while on the float.

Thank you to Mrs. Rashel Maynard and Mrs. Jordan Jones for their leadership in planning and organizing homecoming. Sometimes people don't realize how much work goes into an event like this. Contact with each participant must be made, and a script is typed that includes each participants' information. Decorations are ordered and handmade. There is planning for the float Added all together, over 120 hours total were spent in the months, weeks, and days before homecoming. Also, thank you to the Spiro H.S. student senate for their work in making homecoming look beautiful.

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“November Rain” by Guns N’ Roses

By Katherine Woolley

“November Rain” is a song written by Axl Rose and released on September 17, 1991, on the Guns N’ Roses album “Use Your Illusion 1”. This song touches on fears of unrequited love, probably written by Rose with a woman named Erin Everly on his mind. Everly and Rose were together for around 4-5 years, as they began to date in 1986, got married in 1990, and divorced in 1991 (aligning with the year this song was released). Rose and Everly had a tumultuous relationship- filled with love and war- that ended with their marriage being annulled and Everly alleging abuse from Rose. Minus the obvious public talk about who the lyrics of “November Rain” are written for, there is also another shock that came from this song: its length. Usually, rock songs would only be about 2-4 minutes long, so for a popular rock band to come out with an epic rock ballad with a whopping length of nine minutes was to everyone’s surprise! As a song, “November Rain” has quite a bit to look into, from a terrific romance to a shocking length, plus just being an amazing song; it has something for everyone! If you like a bit of gossip, or just want to listen to some good ol’ rock n roll, listen to “November Rain”; *I’m* not the only one who could enjoy it.

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Fire Hydrants

By Serenity Duvall

Have you ever wondered why some fire hydrants aren’t red? There’s a reason! You may have seen one with a blue, green, orange, or red top. Each color means a different water flow rate in gallons per minute. Blue tops represent very high flow, with 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM) or more. Green tops represent high flow, with 1,000 to 1,499 GPM. Orange tops represent medium flow, with 500 to 999 GPM. Red tops represent low flow, with less than 500 GPM. The body color also has meaning. Chrome yellow is the most common body color for public hydrants because it is highly visible. Red bodies are used most often for private hydrants on private properties. Purple is the rarest body color. It represents non-potable or recycled/reclaimed water that is not safe to drink. So, next time you see a fire hydrant, try to remember these fun facts!

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Serenity’s Slice of Advice

“Before you tell fun facts to your friend to make you look cool, make sure you’re right.”



–Serenity Duvall

How the Newspaper Inspires Me

By Daisy Phillips

Most people probably think newspapers are boring, especially teenagers. When you think of a newspaper, you might just picture a bunch of old people sitting around reading it. But honestly, newspapers can actually be pretty interesting and inspiring if you take the time to read them. As a student, I think newspapers are a good way to learn about what is happening in the world. In school, we mostly learn from textbooks and teachers, but newspapers show us what is actually going on right now. You can read about sports, new technology, famous people, science, school news, and even problems happening around the world. One thing that really inspires me is reading about people who worked hard to become successful. Some people in the news started with almost nothing but still managed to accomplish big things. Reading stories like that makes me think that I can also achieve my goals if I put in the effort and don't give up. Newspapers also help me learn new words and improve my writing. Sometimes I see words that I've never heard before, and I have to figure out what they mean. It might not seem like a big deal, but over time it helps me become a better reader and writer. Another thing I like about newspapers is that they make me think about real-life problems. When I read about things like pollution, climate change, poverty, or problems in schools, it makes me realize that there is a lot more going on in the world than just what happens in my everyday life. It makes me want to learn more and maybe even help make a difference someday. Overall, I think newspapers can be pretty inspiring. They help me learn about the world, improve my skills, and see what other people are accomplishing. Even though newspapers might seem old-fashioned, they can still teach teenagers a lot. You never know one article could actually motivate you to do something great.

The Importance of School

By Isabella Perry

School is more than a place where students learn math, science, and history; it is a place where young people discover who they are, make friends, and prepare for their future. Every day at school gives students a chance to learn something and become a better version of themselves. One important part of school is the opportunity to learn from teachers. A good teacher can encourage students when they are struggling and help them believe in themselves. As educator Rita Pierson said, "Every kid needs a champion." This shows how important teachers can be in a student’s life. School also teaches students skills such as teamwork, responsibility, communication, and problem-solving. However, school is not always easy. Students may face assignments, stressful tests, or problems with friends. These challenges can teach lessons about perseverance. One student might say, "School can be difficult, but it teaches me not to give up when things get hard." Learning how to overcome challenges can help students long after they graduate. In the end, school is not about getting good grades; it is about gaining knowledge, building relationships, and preparing for life. As Nelson Mandela famously said, "Education is the powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." School can help students become the people who make that change possible.





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Are You More Religious Than Your Parents?

By Baylee West

Faith has become one of the most meaningful parts of my life, and I have realized that my relationship with God looks different from my parents' relationship with Him. My parents believe in Jesus and consider themselves Christians, but they are not always consistent about attending church or actively practicing their faith. I do not see this as a reason to judge them, because I understand that every person's spiritual journey is personal. However, their inconsistency has encouraged me to take a closer look at my own beliefs and decide what kind of relationship I want to build with God. As I have grown older, I have learned that faith is more than simply believing in Jesus; it also requires commitment, reflection, and a willingness to continue growing. Attending church, praying, and learning more about the Bible have helped strengthen my faith and give me a sense of direction. Even when my parents do not always share the same level of consistency, I still respect their beliefs and the values they have taught me. My faith is my own, and I want to continue developing it throughout my life. I hope to remain committed to God while understanding that everyone grows spiritually in their own time and in their own way.

The Nicknames I've Had And The Ones I've Given

By Adrianna Carr

I don't know where to start because I've had so many nicknames, and given so many in my 18 years of life. I'll just start where I remember. The first nickname I remember getting was Anna bonna. My whole family used to call me that when I was little; until I got older, it was my nickname. The first nickname I remember giving someone was one I gave my best friend I grew up with: the nickname Fruity Totty because everyone else called her Totty, so I decided to make my own version of it. The next nickname I remember having growing up was Anna Banana. I don't know where it came from or who started it, but it was one of the names just a few people in my family called me. The next nickname I remember giving someone was Kins. I gave it to another one of my childhood friends, her name is Kinsley, so it was just a short version of her actual name. The last nickname I remember having growing up was Adri. My mother still calls me that to this day; it's the nickname she's always called me. It might just be a short version of my actual name, but it's the only one that has called me that, so it's unique. The last nickname I remember giving someone growing up was Jos. I gave it to another one of my childhood friends. Again, it's just a short version of her actual name, Josalynn, but that is the fun of nicknames.

Band

By Zayden Carlile

If you like music, then consider joining Band. There, you'll learn many things, like how to play different instruments from sections such as woodwinds, brass, strings, or percussion. Percussion includes keyboards and drums. Woodwinds include flute, clarinet, and saxophone. Brass includes trumpets, mellophones, and sousaphones. The band has all of the instruments listed! The current high school band director is Amy Cumpton, and the current high school assistant band director is James Estrada. The high school band marches a show at every home game. They plan to march at Eufaula and host a show. Their current leadership is Kaeleigh Davis as drum major; band captain Sarah England; field captains Robyn Gregory, Ember Mitchell, Trey Hogan, and Aby Roam; logistics chief Jackie Lewis; band librarians Anahy Martinez & Christiana McKesson; uniform managers Karma McHargue & Helayna Bennett. The Band motto is: "Driven by effort, we face the challenge head-on. United by determination, we set the benchmark, raise the bar, and pave the way for a brighter future."





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Senior Spotlight
By Adrianna Carr



Adrianna Lannett Carr was born on July 7th of 2008. She was in the Newspaper class for 1 year, FCCLA class for 1 year and FFA class at Bokoshe for 2 years. Her hobbies/interests are art and playing video games. When she was a child, she wanted to be a singer. Her plans after high school are to go to work; she said most likely at Walmart. Her favorite piece of media is Tiktok or Instagram. Her favorite school field trip was going to plays/musicals with one of her favorite teachers, Mrs. Lovell. Her favorite memory of high school was laughing with friends in class. The quote she likes is, "The happiness of your life depends on your thoughts." Her favorite colors are purple and sage green. My favorite foods are pizza, steak and chicken tenders. Her TV choice was "Family Feud." Her favorite musician is Jessie Murphy and favorite song is "About You" by Jessie Murphy. She said she would be Bashful out of all the seven dwarves, because she is very quiet. Her why is to push past her own limits and her advice for underclassmen is to, "Just be yourself and be nice to everyone, and you will make it through life just fine."

Teach The World

By Robyn Gregory

If you could make one video to teach the world anything, what would it be? Would it be a talent or something ethical? Personally, I think I would teach the world about music. Everyone listens to music, hears music, all the time, but do people understand it? Do people know how much effort goes into it? I have played the alto saxophone for almost four years. When I was in eighth grade, I thought that I didn't have to practice or put in extra effort to be good. I thought that I was naturally going to make it and be chosen for things. Now, I'm a junior; I've made it into jazz band, I'm in leadership, and I'm trying out for honor bands. Even though I've done and am doing all of these things, I've had to work at it. I've had to put in the effort. I still do. And that's the way it is with anything. Anything worth doing takes hard work. No matter what it is. So, maybe it's really not about the music, but the principles and effort it takes to make and play it. Maybe it's about the lesson you go through and learning that if you really want something, you're going to have to put effort into it, but it's going to be worth it.

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The Power of Music for Teens



By Isabella Perry

Music is a part of life for teenagers. We listen to music on our way to school in the car. While we do our homework. Music can change the way we feel and help us say things that are hard to explain. For a lot of teenagers, music is not something we listen to for fun. It is a way to calm down after a day or a way to connect with our friends who like the same music as us. Some songs can remind us of times, make us feel better, or give us the energy to do things. Taylor Swift once said, "Music is a language that does not use words." This is why people from different places can like the same song. Music can also make us want to be creative. When we listen to music, we might want to sing, dance, play an instrument, or write our own songs. Even listening to our music while we study can make it more fun. Ed Sheeran said, "Music is a thing." Music for teens is really important because it helps us express ourselves, deal with our emotions, and connect with people. Music for teens is something that can help us grow up. It helps teenagers express themselves, handle their emotions, and connect with other teenagers. Everyone likes different kinds of music, but music has one thing that is the same for everyone: it can make us feel like someone understands us. Music for teens like Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran can be a part of our lives. We can listen to music for teens when we are happy, sad, or just need something to listen to. Music for teens is a way to express ourselves and connect with other people who like the same music as us.

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"Too bad there's not such a thing as a golden skunk, because you'd probably be proud to be sprayed by one."
-Jack Handey, Deep Thoughts.

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Allie Christine Ford

Senior Spotlight
By Katherine Woolley

Allie Ford was born November 13th, 2008. Growing up, she always wanted to be a nurse, and that is exactly her plan for the future! Allie will go to Carl Albert for her prerequisites, and then enter a two year RN program, fulfilling her childhood dream! She has done many extracurricular activities; FCCLA for 5 years, NHS for 3 years, Academic All Star for 3 years, FFA for 2 years, Boys Basketball Manager for 2 years, Newspaper for 1 year, Bulldog Media for 1 year, GT, and Junior and Senior Class president for 1 year. On top of all of this, her hobbies include cooking, baking, babysitting, and rollerblading. Her favorite piece of media are tv shows, and her favorite tv shows are "Shameless," "Yellowjackets," and "Off Campus." Her favorite movie is "Guardians of the Galaxy," and her favorite musicians are Morgan Wade, Olivia Rodrigo, and Taylor Swift. Her favorite song is "Black Prada Dress" by Ellie Goulding. Allie's favorite color is dark green, and her favorite foods are steak and pasta. Of the seven Snow White dwarves, she would be Sleepy! Her why is: "To get to a point where I don't need anyone for anything so I can help people." Finally, her advice to underclassmen is: "Say yes to more opportunities and do things scared instead of not doing them."

Jackson James Spears

Senior Spotlight
By Serenity Duvall

Jackson James Spears was born on July 28th, 2009. He was involved in Baseball (4 years), Basketball (4 years), FFA (2 years), Film Media (1 year), FCCLA (1 year), NHS, Academic All Stars, Junior Vice President, and Senior Vice President. His hobbies include hunting and sports. As a child, he wanted to be a vet. His plans after high school are to go to college to pursue his education. His favorite piece of media is TV shows. His favorite high school field trip was going to the fair, and his favorite memory of high school was Coach Gist yelling at Shane in practice. A quote he likes is, "Home is where you make it" - Guy from Joe Dirt. His favorites include the color blue and the foods pasta and steak. His favorite TV show is "Street Outlaws" and his favorite movie is "Ridiculous 6". His favorite band is Alice in Chains and his favorite song is "Sea of Sorrow" by Alice in Chains. Of the seven dwarves, he would be Happy. His why is that life needs more sunshine and rainbows. His advice for underclassmen is don't be dumb.

Katherine's Advice for Life

"When studying, listen to your favorite upbeat music to energize you."



-Katherine Woolley

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Gemma Hawes

Senior Spotlight
By Baylee West

Gemma was born on April 23, 2009. She has been in art for 12+ years and ASL for 2 years. Gemma's hobby is learning about languages and cultures She likes to learn about how other people might have grown up. She wants to be able to communicate with them and not struggle to understand. When she grows up she wants to be a librarian and a teacher. Gemma wants to learn new languages, attend the Job Corps, and adopt a cat. Her favorite piece of media is Five Nights At Freddy's. Her favorite memory of high school is her friends. “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”- Dr. Seuss is her favorite quote. She likes the color red, and she likes cheese and cream sauce pastas. She likes the Monk 2,000’s detective show. Her musician or musician group is Steam Powered Giraffe. Gemma likes “Malfunction” by Steam Powered Giraffe. Gemma’s favorite movie is “Box Trolls.” If she had to choose one of the seven dwarfs she would choose Dopey or Happy. Her reason is because her family made it to pave a clear path for her. Emma's advice for underclassmen is “Grades Matter!!! Get at least a C, so if you fail the finals, you’ll still (hopefully) pass.”

Bulldogs, have a fun, safe, and successful year!

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Potassium's Potentials

By Zayden Carlile

Potassium is the 19th element in the periodic table that does many things inside and outside the human body. Inside the human body, potassium does things such as regulating blood flow or signalling the body not to use as much sodium. Outside of the human body, potassium can react with water, generating enough heat to produce hydrogen gas, or be used in the agricultural industry as fertilizers. It is also used in fireworks as potassium nitrate. It could be used in submarines to remove carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. Potassium violently reacts with acids, releasing heat and flammable hydrogen gas. It also detonates in halogens like bromine. Medically, potassium is used for multiple things, like treating hypokalemia or protecting heart rhythm, although too much potassium can cause cardiac arrest. Pure element potassium and its compounds and mixtures can be highly dangerous, or potassium can help in multiple ways; potassium is an interesting element in the periodic table.

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X-rays



By Adrianna Carr

What is your opinion on X-rays? My opinion is that they are a very good invention. In the olden days, there weren't any X-rays, so when someone broke a bone, no one could see what happened exactly to the bone. They had to do other things to see if it was broken instead of doing an X-ray, since they didn't have them back then. It took until November 8th, 1895, when German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen made the remarkable discovery. Due to this, Wilhelm won the first ever Nobel Prize in Physics! Now, thanks to him, when someone breaks a bone, they can go to any hospital and see how broken their bone is easily with this technological advancement. X-rays have saved many lives, allowing doctors to get the to root of a problem, without having to actually open up the body to get there. I think X-rays are a very good invention because it makes doctors' lives a lot easier.

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The Colorful Insects That Help Nature Bring Beauty to The Places Around Us



By Whitney Ambriz

Butterflies are some of the most colorful and interesting insects in the world. They can be found in many different places, like gardens, forests, fields, and even around some people's homes. Thousands of butterfly species exist, and each has its own unique colors and patterns. Did you know butterflies play an important role in the food chain because they provide food for animals like birds, frogs, and other insects? Butterflies also have a pretty amazing life cycle! At first, they start as eggs, and then they become caterpillars. After growing, the caterpillar forms into a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, it changes into an adult butterfly. When it comes out, it has wings and can fly around looking for food and a place to lay its eggs. One of the most important things butterflies do is help plants. When butterflies land on flowers to drink their nectar, the pollen can stick to their little bodies and be carried to other flowers. This helps plants multiply and keeps ecosystems alive. Unfortunately, butterflies can be affected by pollution, habitat loss, and changes in the environment. Planting flowers and protecting natural areas can help give butterflies places to live and find food. Even though butterflies are very small, they play a big role in nature.

Dolly Parton

By Serenity Duvall



Photo courtesy of [Dolly Parton.com/decades/1980s]

When country music is mentioned, who's your first thought? Mine is Dolly Parton. Dolly was born on January 19th, 1946 in Sevier County, Tennessee. She died on August 25th, 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee. Dolly Parton was a musician, actress, businesswoman, author, and philanthropist. She began her career very early with her writing her first song, "Little Tiny Tassel Drop", at the age of six. After receiving a guitar at the age of eight, her music career really took off. She was singing and playing her guitar on the local radio station and television from 10 years old, and when she was 13 years old, she performed at the Grand Ole Opry for the first time. After graduating in 1964, she moved to Nashville to start her career as a musician. The first day she was in Nashville, she met Carl Dean and it was love at first sight. They grew close, and eventually got married on May 30th, 1966. She made it clear that she would focus on her music, and not become a housewife. Porter Wagoner recognized her talent, and she appeared on his television show which aired all over the United States, and that helped her land her first record deal with RCA Records, releasing songs with Porter. Dolly started her solo career in 1974, and quickly produced some hit songs like "Jolene" and "I Will Always Love You." She famously wrote those songs on the same day. She earned Female Vocalist of the year in 1975 and 1976 by the Country Music Association. In 1977, she made the crossover to pop music, and wrote "Here You Come Again" which reached number three on the pop music charts. She won her first Grammy that same year for Best Female Country Vocal Performance. She made her Hollywood debut in 1980, starring in the movie *9 to 5*, a comedy about three working women who dream about revenge on their awful boss. Alongside acting in the movie, she wrote music for the soundtrack. The title song reached the top on pop and country music charts, and she was nominated for an Academy Award for it. She also received a Golden Globe for Best Actress in her movie she starred in which was released in 1982. In 1984, she was diagnosed with endometriosis, and underwent a partial hysterectomy. This made her unable to have kids, and really devastated Dolly, and caused her to fall into depression and even contemplate suicide. She decided to focus her energy on a new business opportunity. She opened a theme park named Dollywood in rural Tennessee that would provide jobs and bring in tourists. With her earnings through her music, she spent between $40-50 million on rebranding the park as Dollywood. Today, there are around 4,000 employees at the park. Dolly's music gained renewed popularity in 1992 when Whitney Houston did a cover of Dolly's song "I Will Always Love You" for the soundtrack of the movie *The Bodyguard.* It became one of the best-selling songs of all time and introduced Dolly's music to a new generation. Dolly's work as a musician has been recognized by many awards, such as being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999, being awarded the Living Legend medal in 2004, the National Medal of the Arts in 2005, and the Kennedy Center Honors in 2006. In addition to providing jobs at Dollywood, she founded Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in 1995. The Imagination Library is a charity that distributes free books to children, and it was so successful that it went national in 2000 and expanded abroad in 2006. By 2020, over 150 million children's books were distributed. During Covid-19, she donated $1 million to the development of the vaccine. Dolly spent the rest of her life devoting to music and charity. After 60 years of marriage, Carl Dean passed away in March 2025, and Dolly passed away the following year on August 25th, 2026.

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The Story of “Rashōmon” by Ryuunosuke Akutagawa

By Katherine Woolley

“Rashōmon” is a famous short story written by Ryuunosuke Akutagawa in 1915. The story itself is set in the 12th century Kyoto during a time of mass famine, social decay and dysfunction, and many natural disasters. It is one of my favorite subject pieces on morality and homelessness. Following an unnamed servant of a samurai, who stands under a Rashōmon in the rain, having just been discharged by his master. The servant is hungry, and in the crumbling city of Kyoto, he could easily steal food and medicine or squat in a person’s household for shelter, but this servant has a strong sense of morality and scoffs upon the idea. While in the storm, he sees a light coming from the Rashōmon. He follows a lizard up the stairs to see multiple corpses strewn about, which was about how he expected to find the place- as that was how the popular rumors of the inside went. What this servant did not expect to find was an elderly woman pulling the long hair out of the scalp of a deceased woman. The servant, obviously appalled, screams at and attacks the woman. They have a scuffle until the woman justifies her actions by saying she was using the hair to make wigs to sell, to get money to survive. The woman even added that the woman whose hair she was stealing used to do something similar with the flesh of snakes, claiming it was dried up fish meat and selling it. This causes the servant to rethink his own morals, his strong moral code that he never once thought he would betray. The elderly woman claims that the woman surely would not mind if she were doing this, and she also did seemingly evil things in the name of survival. The servant is just as desperate as this old woman, and he believes this justifies his next actions. He steals the elderly woman’s clothes and runs off, abandoning her among the corpses with his morality. This story highlights how the horrors and strife of being poor, and the crumbling of society around a person, can lead them to abandoning themselves in order for survival. It puts forth the sight of someone so quickly shifting their conscience once seeing someone else do the same. Akutagawa makes you sit in that thought of the things homelessness, hunger, poorness, and struggle can make people do. This story, and many of Akutagawa’s other stories, were among the first explorations of morality in this light of Japanese literature. Akutagawa has gone on to be celebrated as the father of the Japanese short story, and there is even a literary prize named after him; the Akutagawa Prize. This is a story of moral fragility and the twisting and mind logic you must do to decide evil is necessary to survive.

Your Future



By Robyn Gregory

College. It’s a thing that you are told again and again to think about and think about throughout your life. You are told that your grades, extracurriculars, and achievements are important because they determine if you get into college or not, and that you have to score high on the ACT or SAT to get into college. And for the most part, that’s correct. Academics do play a huge part in whether or not you get accepted into college. If colleges can’t see that you are putting in the effort with your high school grades, they won’t want to admit you, nor will they think that you will put effort into your college grades. Other things like extracurriculars and what you do in your community also play big parts in this. If colleges see that you are active in extracurriculars and in your community, they will want to admit you. They want students who are active and willing to put in the work. College is not the only route, but whether you choose college, trade school, or just going straight into the workforce, it’s important to do something with your life. It’s important to get up in the morning and know why you do.

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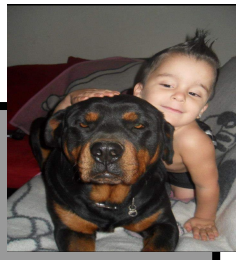
School AGAIN

By Irma Guerrero

School has started again and, honestly, it feels like summer went by way too fast. It feels like just yesterday we were getting out for summer, and now we have to wake up early again and go to class. Some people are probably excited to see their friends again, but some people are probably not ready to get up early every morning, like me. The first few days of school are always kind of weird; you have to find your classes and get used to being at school again. It is nice seeing some of the same teachers from last year. You might not realize it, but you can actually miss your teachers when you don't see them all summer. School can be stressful sometimes, but it can also be fun on a good day. You get to see your friends, go to games, and make new memories. This year we have to try to make the best of it even if we don't always want to be here. But anyway, “Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!” like a person once said.

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Kaleb James Bell

Senior Spotlight

By Whitney Ambriz

As the Class of 2027 gets closer to graduation, Kaleb James Bell is looking back on the experiences and memories that have made high school an important part of his life. During his high school years, Kaleb has been involved in band for five years, archery for two years, and E-Sports for one year. These activities have given him different experiences and opportunities throughout his time in school. Outside of activities, Kaleb’s main hobby is playing video games. He has always had a variety of interests, and when he was younger, he dreamed of becoming an astronaut. As his plans have changed over the years, Kaleb now hopes to become an optometrist after high school. One of Kaleb’s favorite school memories is leaving for home, showing that sometimes the simplest moments can become memorable. His favorite school field trip was to Colorado, which gave him an experience he will remember beyond his high school years. Kaleb’s favorite color is purple, his favorite food is ramen, and his favorite TV show is “SpongeBob.” He also enjoys music from Megan Thee Stallion, and with “I Like It” by Cardi B being one of his favorite songs. His favorite movie is “The Birdcage,” and his favorite piece of literature is “One of Us Is Lying.” If Kaleb could give one piece of advice to underclassmen, it would be “not to worry about other people’s opinions and to focus on your own opinion of yourself.” As graduation approaches, Kaleb is ready to move forward and begin working toward his future goals.

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Hayden Panettiere: A Talented Movie Star



By Isabella Perry

One of my movie stars is Hayden Panettiere. She was an actress and singer who had been in the entertainment industry since she was a child. I chose Hayden because she was an actress who has played many different kinds of characters throughout her career. Hayden Panettiere was born on August 21 1989 in Palisades, New York. She began acting at an age and appeared in commercials and television shows before becoming well known. One of her famous roles was Claire Bennet in the television series “Heroes.” Her character was a teenager with the ability to heal from injuries and Hayden's performance helped make the character memorable. She also became known for playing Juliette Barnes in the television series “Nashville,” where she showed both her acting and singing abilities. Hayden has also appeared in movies such as “Remember the Titans,” “Raising Helen,” “Bring It On: All or Nothing,” and “Scream 4.” She had demonstrated that she can play types of characters from dramatic roles, to more entertaining and exciting ones. What I admire most about Hayden Panettiere was her versatility and determination. She had worked in the entertainment industry for years and had continued to take on challenging roles. Her career showed how hard work and talent can help someone succeed. For these reasons Hayden Panettiere was a movie star I enjoy learning about and watching on screen.

Daniel Glen Shepherd

Senior Spotlight

By Zayden Carlile

Daniel was born on January 20th, 2009. His extracurricular activities are Football- 3 years, FFA- 3 years, and Baseball- 1 year. His favorite school trip was to the OSU football game. Daniel’s plans after high school are to go to work as a floorhand. His favorite song is called “All My Rowdy Friends” and his favorite musician is Hank Williams Jr. He likes a movie called “Tombstone”. Daniel's favorite hobby is playing pool. His favorite piece of media is “The Sopranos”. Some of his other favorite things include: the color red, steak, a TV show called “PD”. When he was a child, he wanted to be a college football player. His favorite quote: “Home is where you make it.” His why is his future. His advice for underclassmen, “Just get it done.”

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The Zombies of “Left 4 Dead”

By Irma Guerrero

Left 4 Dead” is a game about surviving a zombie outbreak, but these zombies are not all the same. Most of them are called the Common Infected. They are fast, aggressive, and usually show up in huge groups. One zombie is manageable. Just pray that you aren't surrounded by more than 20. Then there are the Special Infected, which are way more dangerous. The Boomer is a gross, bloated zombie that can cover survivors in vomit, attracting even more infected. The Hunter can jump from far away and pin someone to the ground. The Smoker uses its long tongue to grab survivors from a distance, which is honestly just unfair. There is also the Charger, who rushes forward and grabs players, and the Jockey, who jumps onto survivors and forces them around. The Spitter attacks from a distance by covering areas in damaging acid. And then there is the Tank. Basically, the Tank is a massive zombie with way too much health and strength. When its music starts playing, everyone knows things are about to get serious. Overall, “*Left 4 Dead”* makes zombies scary by giving each type its own ability and personality.

Why Space is So Interesting

By Whitney Ambriz

Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered to yourself what it's actually like out there? Space is one of the most mysterious and interesting things to learn about. There are around billions of stars, planets, moons, and galaxies out there, and scientists are still discovering new things about them. One of the most amazing moments in space history happened in 1969, when Apollo 11 astronauts traveled to the Moon. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon. When he stepped onto the lunar surface, he famously said, “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” His words showed how important that very moment was for people around the world. Space exploration has also inspired many people to become scientists and astronauts. Like Mae Jemison, the very first African American woman in space, she worked as a doctor and an engineer before becoming an astronaut. She spent more than 190 hours in space during her very first mission. Space is very important because there is still so much we do not know about it. Scientists still continue to study planets, stars, black holes, and the possibility of life beyond Earth. Maybe someday, people will travel farther into space than ever before. But for me, space is interesting because it makes me curious about what could be beyond our planet. The universe is very huge, and there are still countless mysteries waiting to be discovered out there.

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Archery

By Robyn Gregory



Archery is one of the many organizations that we have here on campus. Last year, the Spiro High School Archery team qualified for nationals and went to Louisville, Kentucky, for the national NASP competition. This was only their second year of being a program. The archery team went on a three day trip and took the school activity bus. NASP stands for National Archery in-the Schools Program. NASP helps schools and coaches teach archery nationwide in grades four through twelve. Our school's archery coach is Kenny Pierce. He is a first grade teacher here in Spiro. Many students participate in archery, from freshmen to seniors. Despite being relatively new, the archery program has had much success, and we hope it will continue.

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