



The Buzz



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Happy New Year!

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The Happy Scarecrow

Reporter Zoe Koch

On Thursday, January 10 at the Mary Alice Performing Arts Center at Temple College, the Holland Middle School One Act Play received first place for performing their play *The Happy Scarecrow* by I.E. Clark. The competition consisted of Holland in first, Coupland in second, and Granger in third.

“The cast’s performance on contest day was the best performance they’ve had all season. All their lines were spot on, they added so much depth to their characters and they looked like they had fun while doing it! They’ve had good performances during rehearsal, but this one was the best! We practiced at least two days a week for approximately three months, so performance-wise, they were prepared. I had no doubt that they would do well. On contest day, many of them were nervous because it was their first time to ever compete in OAP! We had a few deep breathing exercises, but all of those jitters disappeared once they hit the stage,” said Taylor Karl, the middle school OAP director.

“The Happy Scarecrow and The Great Pandemonium (from last year) both required a large cast with minimum stage pieces and props. This encourages the student to tell both stories with their dialogue and body language rather than rely on extravagant designs. Their true acting and imagination are what brought these stories to life. Both years I’ve had wonderful, hardworking, dedicated students who take risks and learn how to tell stories.. and had a blast doing it!”

Along with receiving the gold-

en prize, Brooke Tubbs, Allie Ruff, and Ryliegh Hand all received Honorable Mentions. KK Mays and Jayla Martinez received the All-Star Cast award and Matthew Woodall received the Best Actor award.

Karl continued, “I participated in OAP in middle school and high schools and had an amazing, memorable time. I enjoy teaching middle schoolers and I enjoy theater, so why not? Helping direct OAP gives me a chance to give students an outlet to express themselves, feel confident, make new friends, and relish the value of hard work.”



Middle School One Act Play cast and crew after performing at Temple college

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Don't Forget:

- ◆ Purchase Valagrams!
- ◆ No school Monday, February 4th

Quote of the Week!

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

-Vern McLellan



High School One Act Play

Reporter Jake Richards

One Act Play practices have begun and take place every Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00. The cast and crew are preparing to perform their rendition of “Dearly Departed”, a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, for District Contest on March 8th, and Bi-District on March 25. The play is directed by Ms. Cassidy Gilly.

When asked about the play, Senior crew member, Macie Carter said, “I feel like One Act Play will have a very successful year; the play we have picked out for us fits the personalities of our cast members, and overall we just have a really good team with our cast and crew.”

The full cast and crew is listed below:

Cast

Bud ... Gus McNally

Raynelle ... Selah Kurtz

Ray Bud ... Ryan Festa

Lucille ... Megan DePew

Junior ... Brett Lange

Suzanne ... Rossy Cipriano

Marguerite ... Neika Daniel

Royce ... Jake Richards

Juanita ... Kaiden Bailey

Rev. Hooker ... Drew

Rendon

Delightful ... Nora Beebe

Alternates

Hailey Ford

Sara Dague

Hayley Ward

Alexia Martinez

Crew

Maycee Anderson

Macie Carter

Jade Crow

Kate Gordon

Savanah Lawrence

Not Given in “Vein”

Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson, Reporters Zoe Koch, Jake Richards

On Thursday, January 10th, Holland’s Leadership class hosted a school and community blood drive. Representatives from Baylor Scott & White were present to collect the draws. Staff members of Scott & White arrived at Holland High School in their mobile blood collection vehicle and began taking donations at 9AM. During the event, 47 donors were registered and 25 units of blood were collected from students and faculty. All contributions benefit the local area blood bank.

“It was a great experience having the opportunity of saving one’s life,” said Senior participant Drew Rendon.

These contributions are used in the event of blood loss including: accidents, surgeries, anemic diseases such as leukemia, and cancer treatments, or any situation requiring a replacement of blood.

Also included in the drive was a sign-up for the “Be The Match” program which locates matches for those in need of bone marrow transfusions. Baylor Scott & White also offers support and resources for patients. A total of ten students signed up to participate in the program.



HHS participants of the recent blood drive.
Photo by Melany Cearley



Taking Down Tobacco

Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson

The usage of tobacco and e-cigarettes of teenagers across America has dramatically increased over the past many years. Due to the growing numbers of these substances, many people are suffering from a number of illnesses, cancers, and some even face death.

Researchers have found that the usage of tobacco use has increased in teens because of products being advertised towards younger audiences. Another major reason as to why teenagers are becoming more fond of tobacco related products is because of friends and family members using and offering tobacco and e-cigarettes. According to the 2016 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 39 percent of teenage participants said they use tobacco because of their family members using these products.

Furthermore, more than 17 percent of the of these teen participants stated that they believed that e-cigarettes are less harmful than

tobacco products. This is believed because of the myth that e-cigarettes do not contain nicotine, but this is not true whatsoever. Many teens also believe that e-cigarettes and vapes are enticing because of the numerous flavors and options available as well as the easy access of the products.

In conclusion, it is clear that teenagers using tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes and vapes is a growing issue that needs to be fixed. Not only is it negatively impacting the health of users, but it is also impacting those who suffer from secondhand smoking. We should all take steps to help educate our peers on the dangers of these products. Let's all work together to be the first tobacco free generation!



Centex Honor Band

Results

Reporter Zoe Koch

Symphonic Band:

Drew Rendon ... 1st chair
 Joshua Wiens ... 1st chair
 Makenna Cospers ... 1st chair
 Joseph Kriczky ... 2nd chair
 Sarah Baggerly ... 3rd chair
 Shane Miller ... 3rd chair
 Kendyll Morris ... 7th chair

Concert Band:

Hayden Martin ... 1st chair
 Kathryn Kriczky ... 1st chair
 Courtney Jackson ... 2nd chair
 Mary Kriczky ... 3rd chair
 Diego Medina ... 3rd chair
 Isaac LeCompte ... 5th chair
 Amaya Montelongo ... 5th chair

Katelynn Modglin ... 6th chair
 Savannah Lawrence ... 7th chair
 Zoe Koch ... 8th chair
 Jocelynn Wiens ... 8th chair
 Samuel Sanchez ... 9th chair
 Mattie Modglin ... 14th chair
 Neika Daniel ... 16th chair

Congratulations to everyone and the following students who participated:

Allison Covey placed 37th, Sara Dague placed 22nd, Kaiden Bailey placed 26th, Emily Brown placed 29th, Jordan Hernandez placed 25th, Seth Jayaprabhu placed 31st, TJ Martinez placed 33rd, Alexia Martinez placed 19th, Elaina Byars placed 25th, Amanda Atzenhoffer placed 28th, Brett Lange placed 19th, Yvonne Partida placed 11th, and Luke Parmer placed 9th.

Joseph Kriczky also placed 3rd in symphonic band for trumpet, Sarah Baggerly placed 4th in symphonic band for trumpet, Samuel Sanchez placed 6th for timpani.



FYI



**Winners of the
HHS Talent Show
are:**

- 1st - Trey Mays**
- 2nd - Molly Taisler**
- 3rd - Selah Kurtz**

Don't forget Valagram orders! Pick up a form at the office and turn it in to Mrs. Cleveland before February 6th!

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Valagrams Order

Valagrams will consist of one Big Red Soda, one box of Smarties candy hearts, one plush Hedgehog, and a bag of 10 Hershey Kisses. The cost will be \$5.00 for the Goodie bag and \$3.00 for the Mylar Helium Balloon.

Orders due February 6th.



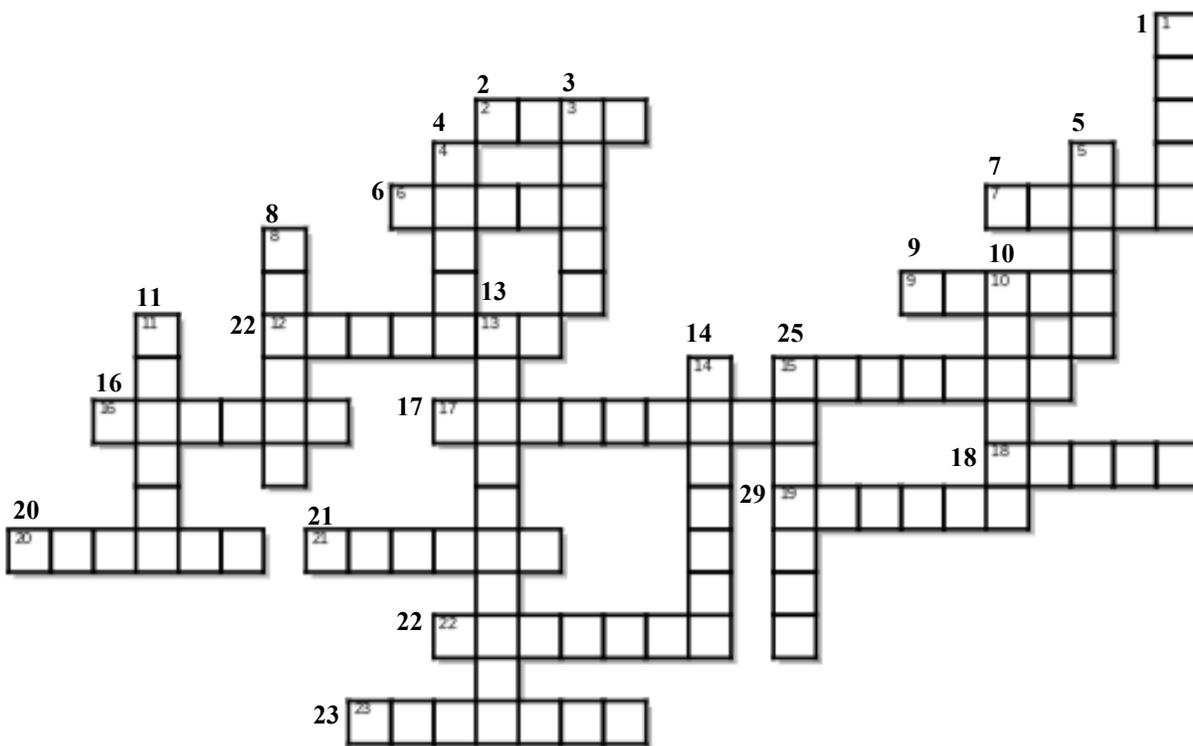


Holland's New Years Resolutions





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Across

- 2. English teacher who cant spel
- 6. Is a hand quilter
- 7. Lived in Japan for a year as a child
- 9. Went to a Five Finger Death Punch concert this past summer
- 12. Former realtor
- 16. Enjoys woodworking
- 17. "I received a one-legged A in Freshman Biology"
- 18. Speaks Spanish, likes Fat Ernie's tacos
- 19. Professional marksman, doesn't use a scope
- 20. Is colorblind
- 21. High school and college Valedictorian
- 22. Voted "Best Personality" in her senior

Down

- 1. Married for 36 years
- 3. Has a teacher's apple tattooed on her ankle
- 4. Lived in Germany
- 5. Makes custom-made boots
- 8. Received an invitation to play volleyball at MIT, first college Trig. Test was a 30.
- 10. Likes old music, collects maps
- 11. Dream job is to coach the Aggies
- 13. Likes heavy metal music
- 14. Used to coach basketball and tore both ACLs playing basketball
- 15. Basketball coach, has a cat named Smokey

Bring your finished crossword to room 10 for a prize!*
(Includes: teachers, staff & admin.)

*in the event that no crosswords are finished, the person who turns it in with the most correct answers will receive the prize.