



The Buzz



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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2nd Annual Veteran's Recognition

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On Friday, November 9th, Holland High School held a veterans' assembly to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. Texas State Representative for District 55, Hugh Shine, attended the event and spoke to approximately 375 attendees at the assembly. Re-elected to a second term, Hugh Shine is a retired United States Army Colonel.

Before the assembly began, veterans and their family members were greeted in the gymnasium with refreshments and decorated goody bags made by Elementary students.

When the ceremony began, students and staff members from all Holland campuses entered the gym to show support and thanks to the veterans attending the meeting. The program began with 8th grader Travis Burton leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. When Burton finished, the Holland High School Band played the National Anthem. Following the anthem, Hugh Shine spoke on the importance of veterans and told the story of Jesse L. Brown, the first African-American aviator in the U.S. Navy.

Following Shine's speech, Holland High School Senior, Noah Wilcox spoke, reflecting on his ancestors' roles in military service and acknowledging past and present military sacrifice: "The sloping hills of Arlington National Cemetery, with row after row of simple white markers," are evidence of the price paid by service men and women.

Each veteran was individually recog-

nized when High School Principal Britt Gordon read aloud each name, branch of service, and number of years served. The Holland High School Band closed the ceremony by playing their patriotic contest show, "Visions of World War II." Final remarks were made by Middle School Principal Leah Smith, honoring the family members of service men and women who support their loved ones from afar.

In total, 78 veterans attended the annual event. Veterans in attendance included local community members, Holland Alumni, and student family members, each holding their own story and experience. We thank each for their service and the deeds accomplished for our great nation.



Representative Hugh Shine addresses veterans, families, and students.



Veteran attendees line up to take a picture together.

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Don't Forget:

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday, November 15th**
- ◆ **FFA on Saturday, Nov. 17th**

Quote of the Week!

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."

-Jim Davis, Author of Garfield



Mad Science

Reporter Zoe Koch, Freelance Reporter Noah Wilcox

Halloween day was an exciting adventure for Holland eighth, first, and second grade science classes. The classes combined to create a fun science learning event. First and second graders received the help from upperclassmen and were presented with a series of fun science lab activities. There were several experiments to choose from including the vinegar and baking soda balloon, the bubble straw, the magic gobstoppers, and marshmallow atoms.

Eighth grader, Allie Ruff, said, “It’s an educational experiment for both the first and eighth graders, the first graders can learn what they are going to do in eighth grade and the eighth graders learn how to cooperate with different people of all ages and prepares us for high school.”

Another eighth grader, Alana Martinez, said, “I think it’s a great learning experiences and it’s fun for the younger students because it’s all hands on and it may inspire them to do something important in the future.”

The experiments are a fun, educational way to cele-

brate Halloween.

Mrs. Kelly Gordon, eighth grade science teacher said, “This is one of the best things a small school has to offer, collaboration between different grades, and science is one of those subjects that is fun for all ages.”

First grade science teacher Mrs. Shelley Lum said, “It’s fun and exciting to see the little one engage with the older students, this is something that hopefully they will remember for years to come.”

When the first graders were asked how they felt about working with the older kids, there was a variety of responses:

Lane Karl said, “I think it’s a very good time, I enjoyed it very much.”

Hunter Tracey said, “Working with the big kids makes me happy and it makes me want to be a scientist.”

Door Decór

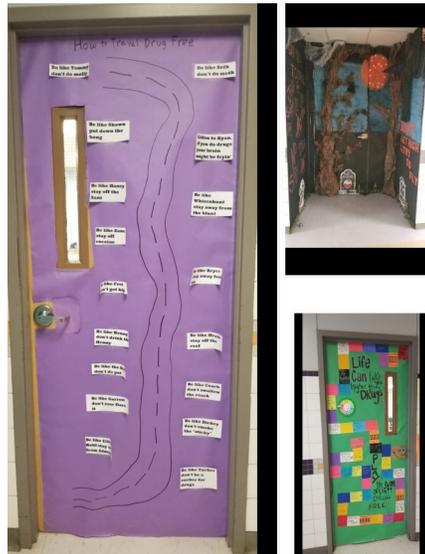
Reporter Jake Richards

The results of the Red Ribbon Door Decoration are in and the winner is... Mr. Samford! His door was decorated in anti-drug related quotes using names of his study hall.

When asked about the win and how his study hall came up with the idea Samford said, “I gave them the part about traveling drug free, and they came up with their own idea and decided to make their own quotes using everyone’s names... I just gave them some leadership and they ran with it.”

In second place was Mrs. Cortez with her “Don’t get high and try to fly” halloween-themed door, and in third place was Mrs. Festa with her “Play the game of life drug free”

board game-themed door. Congratulations to the winning doors!





Walking Into the Future

Freelance Reporter Macie Carter

Holland ISD traditionally hosts an annual Senior pep rally in honor of the senior class before the last home game of the season.

This year, Senior cheerleader Kendyll Morris planned the event and had the senior students create a slide presentation sharing what college they plan to attend, their choice of major, and future career plans. The presentation also contained pictures of the senior from birth to present. Seniors additionally prepared a two-sided poster with on one side representing their choice of college and the other their planned

major.

After a short skit that depicted the seniors' journeys as they aged through elementary, middle school, and finally high school, the senior class then walked around the gym holding their prepared posters.

This traditional Holland ISD celebration is anticipated every year. Senior Brooklyn Balusek said, "It is a very emotional time for us seniors. We have been going to school with each other for years. It doesn't really hit you that you are leaving each other until you are all walking around the gym, watching your classmates smiling. And that's when it hits you: This is our last year together. I would love to relive these last few years with them."

Holland FFA

Reporter Zoe Koch

On Thursday, November 9, Holland FFA competed in their first official district competition. The beginning of their year proved to be challenging, but the group didn't come up empty handed. Various students in different categories held a range of achievements, from first place to seventh. Nonetheless, the students did an amazing job. "We were able to advance one more team out of district to area [compared to last year] and we're just hoping we see some success on Saturday and get a few of those teams to state level contest." Ashlee Tanguay, an FFA coach and Sponsor, continued explaining how they achieved their success, "They have practiced as well as gone to invitational contests. The judges would give them feedback on how well they performed to aid in district [competition]. During study hall, students would come in. We would also meet before school and whatever extracurricular they may have. We just hope that each student gives 100% when they walk into a contest room, that we see them try, and that they are able to place and be successful in all things they compete in. Mr Miles and myself are super proud of all the students who competed and took extra time to study and go to contest and further their skills. We are looking forward to the year ahead with stock show season fast approaching."

Congratulations to the following teams that placed on Thursday; Agriculture Advocacy placed 4th, Junior Creed Speaking placed 1st and advanced to area, Junior Quiz placed 10th, Junior Skills placed 2nd

and advanced to area, Job Interview placed 1st and advanced to area, Radio broadcasting placed 7th, Senior Creed Speaking placed 5th, Senior Quiz placed 7th, and Senior Skills placed 7th.

The following teams consisted of; Agriculture Advocacy: Emily Brown, Haley Wilcox, Jacob Pajestka, Tori Toeppe, and Julianna Felix; Junior Creed: Bryson Pistols; Junior Quiz: Bailey Dickerson, Hope Keaveny, Ethan Deorsam, and Albert Martinez; Junior Skills: Bailey Dickerson, Bryson Pistole, Karley Gomez, and Ethan Deorsam; Job Interviewing: Clara Steglich; Radio Broadcasting: Laila Romero, Kendyll Morris, and Clara Steglich; Senior Creed: Selah Kurtz; Senior Quiz: Laila Romero, Raena Nicholson, Jo Carter, and Selah Kurtz; Senior Skills: Bryson Schneider, Taylor Dickerson, Kara Wolf, and Wyatt Wooley.

The FFA team that advanced to area competes Saturday, November 17. Good luck to everyone and may your season continue on to state contest the first week of December.



FFA
Teams
advancing
to Area



Holland Band Performs for Local Veterans

Freelance Reporter Drew Rendon

On Friday, November 9, the Holland Band travelled to Temple, Texas, to play for the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony held at the Temple VA. The band's selections included: God Bless America, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and My Country Tis' of Thee, just to name a few. The ceremony honored those who have fought to protect the freedoms and liberties which our country values. This particular Veterans' Day was significant because it marks the 100th anniversary of The Armistice signed to end World War I. There was a special section of this celebration dedicated to honoring past and present members of each military branch accompanied by the Holland Band playing the anthems of each. Members were asked to stand, if able, and be recognized once they heard their anthem.

When asked why she takes her students to the honor the veterans each year, Holland Head Band Director Mrs. Elizabeth Krickzy replied, "Freedom isn't free, there is a cost. Students should value the service of the servicemembers of our country who allow us to have all of these freedoms." The Holland Band has performed approximately 9 years out of the past decade for the Veterans' and Memorial Day Ceremonies hosted at the Temple VA location. Senior Drum Major Neika Daniel said of playing for the veterans, "Going to the VA is a

unique experience I have come to treasure in my 5 years of band. I believe it is important to always remember and honor those who fight for me." This year's seniors are the last group to serve 5 years in the band program, from 8th grade to Senior year.

In attendance at the Temple VA celebration was District 55 State Representative Hugh Shine. In his keynote speech at the Holland I.S.D. Veterans' Day Ceremony, Shine complemented the Holland Band, saying "Holland Band stole the show" at their Temple VA performance.



Holland Band plays at Temple VA. Photo by Rhiannon Vaughn

State Cross Country

Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson

On Saturday, November 3rd, Holland Senior Kate Gordon, Junior Tristan Burton, and Freshman Karley Gomez traveled to Old Settlers Park located in Round Rock to compete in the state level of cross country.

After competitions were over, the results showed that Gordon received 63rd place and Gomez received 113th out of 150 female competitors.

Results also showed that Burton received 111th place out of 150 male competi-

tors.

Congratulations Kate Gordon, Karley Gomez, and Tristan Burton

for making it to the state level of Cross Country!



Karley Gomez, Tristan Burton, and Kate Gordon at State Cross Country



FYI



**The Thanksgiving Meal
will take place on
Thursday, November 15th.
Don't miss out!**



Football Stats:

Holland vs. Thrall

63-14

Holland vs. Milano

52-6

**Congratulations to the football team
for becoming District 25-2AA
Champs!**

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**Congratulations to Kate Gordon,
Karley Gomez, and Tristen Burton
for competing in the UIL State XC
Cross Country Meet! Thank you for
representing our school well.**





Fun Page



Hornets Are Grateful For...

Sunsets School Band
 Football Smores Christ
 Books Blessings Beaches
 Smiles People Hope
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 Everything Grace Friends
 Chocolate Home Earth
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