



The Buzz



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A New Year, A New Beginning

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Noises Off!

Reporter Patience Anderson

As we head into this year's One Act Play season, we are welcoming our new director, Alexis Festa. Alexis is a former One Act Play participant and has recently completed her major in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Film. Although this is her first year as a director, she has had years of experience in the acting world. The play being performed this year is named "Noises Off".

"Having the opportunity to look at the program from a different perspective, being in One Act Play in high school, and being the director when you're an adult is a completely different take," said Alexis, referring to her past theater experiences. I'm excited to get to work with a fresh set of people, to tap into their true potential for the future theater program."

When asked what he was most excited about for this year's One Act Play, Junior Brett Lange replied, "I'm definitely excited for this new direction we are taking with our new director, Alexis Festa. We're practicing more this year than we ever have for One Act Play and it has a more serious aspect while also being fun to practice. I can definitely look forward to being better competition towards other schools this year as I feel we most certainly have a chance with the way our director is leading us."

This year's first One Act Play competition (district) is on Monday, March 16th. Following competition, we will have a community performance.

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Don't Forget!

- Valagram order forms in the office. Return to office by 02/05/2020

Quote of the Week:

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

-C.S. Lewis





Blood Drive

Reporter –in-Chief Maycee Anderson, Reporter Jake Richards

Holland's Leadership class will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 29th. Baylor Scott & White employees will be present at the blood drive to assess and collect the necessary amount of blood from each patient. A mobile collection bus will be present on campus while the event is occurring. To be an eligible candidate to give blood, you must be age 17 or above, be in good health, and weigh more than 115 pounds.

Currently, Holland's Leadership class

is attempting to beat their best record of 31 donations. As of January 21st, the Leadership class has more than 50 potential candidates who will be assessed during their visit to the mobile collection bus.

The donation of blood is vital and, in a lot of cases, needed in order to save a person's life -- which is why Holland's Leadership class has hosted this event for over 15 years. Because donations are needed and are very appreciated, a gift will be given to those who qualify to give blood.

Agricultural Mechanics

Reporter Emily Dague

On Friday the 17th at 6:30 a.m., the agricultural mechanic students departed for Fort Worth to compete in the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Ag. Mechanics. Four Holland students entered the show this year: JonCaleb Cearley, who made a river table, Haley Ward, who made a hay feeder, and Bryson Pistle and J.C Chaney, who made a barbecue pit. The Ag. Mech show lasted from Friday to Sunday, with awards being Sunday afternoon. Haley received a red ribbon, Bryson and J.C. received a blue ribbon, and JonCaleb also received a blue ribbon. JonCaleb received 1st place in his class, as well as the Texas M.A.D.E. scholarship. This is a competition that requires senior students to have shown at least

two years at the Fort Worth Ag Mechanics Show, along with doing a test. These students have just started the show season and will have the opportunity to compete at other major shows, including the Bell County Youth Fair. We wish them the best in their upcoming ag mechanic competitions.





“I just want the students of Holland Middle School and High School to know how much I have enjoyed being in classroom with you guys.

I’m sure I learned a lot more from you guys than you did from me but maybe we learned a little from each other. Age spares no one and after the 1st of the year, I am going to limit my time to just a few days per month and to do that I will be subbing only at the Bell County Alternative School. Again, good luck and God’s grace to you all.”

-Mr. Darrell Street





The Value of Education

Two major events have occurred in Holland ISD recently; Career Day and the selling of Yuda Bands to support Juana Angelica Coj Ajquejay, a Guatemalan student in need of funding for college. This page is a focus on these two important events and how they help to shape students.

Taking Education for Granted

Freelance Reporters Savannah Lawrence, Alexia Martinez

The Holland FCCLA would like to thank everyone at Holland ISD for their support with helping to raise money for Juana Angelica Coj Ajquejay, a future college student living in Guatemala. After selling the Yuda Band bracelets around the Holland ISD campus, we raised nearly \$1100 for Juana. Because of the willingness of students and staff members, we were able to give back to the less fortunate.

Due to the number of Yuda Bands sold, we were able to directly help a student attend college and have the opportunity for her to live out her dream; to attend college. By partnering with the Yuda Band company, we sold 152 leather and coconut bracelets that were handcrafted in Guatemala in just two short weeks. With the help of Holland community members, we achieved our goal by selling 140 bands.

The non-profit Yuda Band company has helped over 1000 underprivileged high school students living in developing countries. They are continuously achieving their goal by providing students who are less fortunate by providing them an opportunity to live a healthy, fulfilling, and more successful life by getting a good, affordable education. This is an outstanding accomplishment and we thank you for your efforts in making Juana's dream to attend college become a reality.

Career Day

Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson, Reporters Emily Dague, Alana Martinez, Jake Richards

Because of the hard work and determination of Holland High School's Melany Cearley, another successful Career Day occurred recently. Mrs. Cearley was able to gather a numerous amount of guest speakers from all branches of the military and other jobs areas such as nursing, law enforcement, forensic studies, and much more. Below are a few examples of those who presented at this year's Career Day.

"A presentation that really stood out to me was CTC Aviation, presented by Carson Pearce. The idea of being a pilot has never really crossed my mind, but hearing that presentation really made me consider it. Mr. Pearce put on a short presentation about the qualifications of being an airline pilot and then discussed how to become a pilot, the benefits pilots receive, and the salaries of different types of pilots.

According to Mr. Pearce, a commercial airline pilot needs 1500 flight hours while a private pilot needs 1250. The requirement to be a pilot at all is 600 hours. He reported that those who wish to be pilots need to attend flight school and get all 600 hours and then become an instructor to rack up the needed flight hours. While gaining the necessary flight hours, applicants can attend a university's flight program, which greatly increases the person's chances of being hired by a commercial airline. He then discussed the salary and benefits of becoming a pilot. The benefits included working only 3 days a week, living anywhere in the country, and free travel.

Overall, his presentation was interesting, entertaining, very compelling and made me consider a brand new career opportunity."

-Jake Richards

"Wayne Cleveland came and not only talked about his job, being a CEO and Executive Director at Texas Grain and Sorghum Producers Association, but also advice for anyone thinking about their future career. He attributed getting this job from his hard work and dedication and encouraged everyone else to give the same amount of passion into their job. With his work, Mr. Cleveland travels to many different locations, to do lobby work, mostly in D.C. and Austin, but not limited to these locations. He has been to around 30 countries and the opportunity to go through many new experiences at these countries.

Mr. Cleveland ended his speech by telling us there things we should carry with us through life. These were to always work hard, surround yourself with good people, and to follow what you're passionate about."

-Emily Dague

"Steve Phelps was one of the funniest and interesting presenters, his occupation to talk about was Criminal Justice. He talked about how important it is to go to graduate high school and go to college. He showed us how much money you can make without graduating high school, how much you would make from graduating high school, how much just with at least a class of college, how much with an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, masters degree, and professional at everything. Steve Phelps told us many stories, he told us what we needed to do to be in anything that dealt with Criminal Justice, and he made everything interesting. He really engaged with his audience and made us laugh a lot. He also told us about how drinking affects your mind, what can happen when you drink, and at the end of his presentation he picked some people to try catching a ball or walking on a line while wearing drunk goggles."

-Alana Martinez



Fun Page



Fishin'

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