Students Compete Place in UIL Events

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Susanna Rojas, Matthew Childers Win Prom Queen, King

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The switch to UIL, Riley Foster placed 6th in feature writing and 6th in editorial writing. Senior Amanda Willis placed 3rd in headline writing. The journalism team placed 1st for the first time in the district competition.

The journalism team coached by Alisha Mc-

At state I was only three points away from the gold seal that qualifies you for the national level,” Okerson said. “State itself was honestly lots of fun walking around San Antonio.”

Riley Foster, Mia Hay and Amanda Willis competed at the state UIL journalism com-

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High School Day Should Begin Later to Accomodate Students

Priya Pai | Staff Reporter

Early mornings for a young mind are rarely easy to withstand. In school, dazed children and teenagers alike struggle to stay awake throughout early classes, yet they are still expected to understand and keep up with rigorous courses. High school is supposed to be a school that provides credits for completion of the class, while typically requiring the same if not more work than dual-credit classes. Dual credit classes provide college credit for completion of the class, while credit for AP is earned through taking the AP test. Neither credit is questioned, however, as a single semester of a dual credit class can cost over $200 in tuition and books, and each AP test costs approximately $80. Both options can be paid over periods of time in payment plans. Due to dual-credit classes being located off campus, transportation might be an issue for students who do not have a license or a car, but there is the option of carpooling with others who have the same class. Dual credit, while more expensive than advanced placement, makes up for it by providing a more in-depth understanding of the course material and experience and better understanding of how courses will work when they plan on attending. The credits from a dual credit class may not transfer or will only count as elective credits. Even so, many colleges will look at students who have taken dual credit classes with a higher level of rigor than those who don’t, but this should not be the only reason to take a dual credit class.

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Baseball Boys End Season

Amanda Willis | Staff Reporter
The Varsity Lions Baseball team competed May 5 against Bullard and lost the best-of-3 bi-district game. The Lions finished second in district.

“(The team has done) very well,” varsity baseball coach Wesley Colley said. “We’ve worked very hard to overcome adversity this season.”

The baseball team includes seniors Lanson Simmons, Nick Parker, Dalton Simmons, Matthew Childers, Bryce Johnson, Brennan Henderson, Kaine Campbell and Max Pryor, juniors Drew Galyean, Levi McGee, Ethan Endley, Collin Daugherty, sophomores Drew Galyean, Clin Lockridge and Tanner Vianagon and freshman Collin Everitt. The team won five games and lost five games during district, throughout the season, the team won 10 games and lost 10 games.

“We really came together as a team this season, and we accomplished our goal of qualifying for the playoffs,” Lockridge said. “Overall, I feel like we had a very successful season.”

Softball Advances to Play-offs

Jack Kent | Staff Reporter
The varsity softball team ended the district with a record of 5-3, earning them third in district play, and qualifying for the playoffs.

“We are in a very tough and competitive district,” Coach Kamryn Jones said. “I am pleased at how the girls fought and competed throughout district play.”

The softball team practices every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and are competing in playoff games on Fridays and Saturdays.

“When I first found out I was going to be a part of the varsity team, I was extremely excited,” freshman varsity pitcher Maggi Dickerson said. “I think the biggest influence sports and softball has had on me is encouragement. Everybody makes mistakes. But if you are working as a true team, you encourage your teammates and build them up both in good and bad times.”

On senior night April 13, senior pitcher Brianna Robinson threw a no-hitter against state-ranked Carthage with a final score of 4-0.

“I enjoy being able to represent Henderson and being one of the many girls that proudly do so,” Robinson said. “I feel confident in the team around me and hope we can go far into the playoffs this year.”

In the first set of games in the play-offs against Gladeview, the Lady Lions beat them with a final score of 16-2 the first game and 7-4 in the second, advancing them. On May 5 they played their second round game against North Lamar and lost with a score of 0-11.
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