

# SHS Express

## Puppy rescue is a hit - Cloe McCullough & Ana Ramirez

Bella Bobcat Lee, a puppy, was rescued from an abusive home. The owner of Bella is an abusive person that feeds little puppies to pit bulls. Unfortunately, Bella was a victim of this tragic scheme.

The owner's nephew, who brought them to his school, Dunbar ISD, rescued Bella and her siblings. A few teachers decided to find the puppies homes. One of those teachers was Mrs. Royal. She brought the puppy to Smyer, who later became a hero to the Smyer third grade

class. Mrs. Lee asked Mr. Igo if Bella could be the third grade mascot and, of course, he said yes. She was named Bella Bobcat Lee after a class vote.

Mrs. Lee uses Bella to persuade students to work harder in class. They earn a chance to be in charge of Bella when they do their job well. Rylee Riedel said, "Bella is really cute." The students also take charge of Bella when they win a game. Elijah Jourden said, "She's a nice dog."

Mrs. Lee said, "Bella is magical! She reads with

the kids and welcomes them. She watches them do their best thinking. Kids that do their best job gets to be in charge of her. Very



motivating!!! Besides that, she just makes us happy!! We love puppy kisses."

## Tooting all the way to All Region - Kenzie Day

The Smyer band traveled to Abernathy for All Region competition on Friday, January 27th.

Three members made All Region: Colby Casas, Austin Escamilla and Lauren Taylor. Colby placed 5th chair Symphonic Band clarinet, Austin Escamilla 16th chair Concert Band clarinet and Lauren 5th chair Concert Band saxophone.

"I had fun at the con-

cert working with our director because he's written so many well-known pieces of music. The High School Honor Band sounded amazing, and I was honored to work with other talented musicians my age." -Aryiah Stith

Seniors: Alexis DeLeon & Colby Casas

Juniors: Ryan Cantu, Aryiah Stith, Lauren Taylor

Sophomores: Austin Escamilla

8th grade: Jenna Lee, Gilbert Gil, Zachary De Leon, Autumn Stith, Logan Villegas, Luis Bascues, Christine Cisneros, Ethaniel Villegas, Jaden Fuentes, Will Overstreet, Anna Garcia, Andres Pizano, Karime Prieto

7th grade: Merrill Hernandez, Conner Brock, Jayden Pearce, Daniel Norman,

6th grade: Kenzie Bradley, Dionna Basnight

### Staff

Elayna Ainsworth

Kelsey Day

Kenzie Day

Marissa Ellis

Britney Evans

Jazmine Lee

Cloe McCullough

Ana Ramirez

Katelyn Ramirez

## Smyer Stock Show - Katelyn Ramirez

The Smyer Stock Show was on January 7th at the Smyer Ag farm. Many students brought their projects and did very well.

Rabbits:

Jaden Lee: 1<sup>st</sup> Buck, 4<sup>th</sup> Buck, 1<sup>st</sup> Doe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Buck, 3<sup>rd</sup> Doe

Kenzie Bradley: 2<sup>nd</sup> Buck

Kayden Gillit: 1<sup>st</sup> Buck, 4<sup>th</sup> Doe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Buck, Junior Champion, Jr. Showmanship

Kamrin Varnell: 3<sup>rd</sup> Doe

Sladen Varnell: 5<sup>th</sup> Doe

Tori Bradley: 2<sup>nd</sup> Doe

Kennlee Tate: Reserve Jr. Champion, Senior Champion

Ally Riedel: Reserve Jr. Champion

Chloe Horn: 1<sup>st</sup> Buck, 4<sup>th</sup> Doe

Rylie Horn: 5<sup>th</sup> Doe

Lambs:

Calvin Neal: Grand Champion, Showmanship

Judson Locke: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, 4<sup>th</sup>

Kayden Gillit: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kade Steward: 5<sup>th</sup>

Reese Bolen: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Goats:

Reese Bolen: 1<sup>st</sup>

Michaela Gaught: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pigs:

Jayden Pearce: Breed Champion Berk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross

Jaden Lee: Reserve Champion Berk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chester

Kaden Smith: Breed Champion Chester

Kayden Gillit: Reserve Grand Champion, Jr. Showmanship

Brandon Carpenter: 3<sup>rd</sup> Duroc, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross

Kolton Smith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Duroc

Caleb Pearce: 4<sup>th</sup> Duroc, 5<sup>th</sup> Cross

Reese Bolen: Grand Champion Duroc

Kaily Murphy; reserve Champion Duroc

Katelyn Ramirez: Reserve Champion Hamp, Sr. Showmanship

Rylan Smith: Breed Champion Spot, Reserve Spot

Adley Smith: Grand Champion

Lexi Brown: Reserve Spot

Austin Brown: h4t York



## Performing and celebrating 100 days of School

Ana Ramirez

Mrs. Norman's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class performed a play called "Pushing Up the Sky" for Mrs. Eade's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. The play is about the sky being too low and everyone being too tall with their head up in the clouds. The 3<sup>th</sup> grade students use sticks to push the clouds up higher so they can have more room. After each time they push, the



clouds get higher and higher. Finally, the students pushed the clouds way up in the sky and shout "yahoo!" The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class gave a round of applause for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student's great performance. Elementary celebrates the one-

hundred days of school with many activities and crafts for the 100th day of school, kindergarten brought collections of 100 items, first grade did 100 day lanterns, second grade made 100 crowns and did a sum of 100 math problems, and finally third grade asked 100 wishes and found 100 nouns.



## Hockley County Stock Show - Katelyn Ramirez

The Hockley County Stock Show was held January 18th-20th. Students from all over the county brought their projects. Our Smyer Students hard work definitely payed off.

Pigs:

Kaden Smith: Reserve Breed  
Champion Chester

Jaden Lee: 5<sup>th</sup> Chester, 1<sup>st</sup> Berk

Rylan Smith: 7<sup>th</sup> Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> York,  
2<sup>nd</sup> York

Kaily Murphy: 8<sup>th</sup> Cross, 8<sup>th</sup> Duroc

Brandon Carpenter: 1<sup>st</sup> Cross, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Duroc

Kayden Gillit: 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, 5<sup>th</sup> Du-  
roc, Grand Champion Poland

Ethan Ramirez: 8<sup>th</sup> Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> Du-  
roc, 7<sup>th</sup> Hamp, 5<sup>th</sup> York

Adley Smith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, 6<sup>th</sup> Duroc,  
4<sup>th</sup> Spot

Reese Bolen: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross, 9<sup>th</sup> Duroc,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hamp

Jayden Pearce: 6<sup>th</sup> Cross, 3<sup>rd</sup> Berk

Caleb Pearce: 3<sup>rd</sup> Duroc

Kolton Smith: 4<sup>th</sup> Duroc

Judson Locke: 4<sup>th</sup> Duroc

Katelyn Ramirez: 4<sup>th</sup> Hamp, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Cross, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duroc

Carson Moore: 2<sup>nd</sup> Poland

Kaila Albus: 4<sup>th</sup> Poland

Lexi Brown: 2<sup>nd</sup> Spot

Austin Brown: 6<sup>th</sup> York

Rabbits:

Ethan Ramirez: Supreme Grand  
Doe, Grand & Reserve Doe, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Buck, 5<sup>th</sup> Buck, Grand Pen of 3

Kayden Gillit: 2<sup>nd</sup> Doe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Buck,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Buck, 6<sup>th</sup> Buck

Ally Riedel: 3<sup>rd</sup> Doe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fancy  
Buck

Kennlee Tate: Champion Commer-  
cial Buck, Reserve Fancy Buck

Jaden Lee: Champion Fancy Doe

Hannah Nichols: 4<sup>th</sup> Fancy Buck,  
4<sup>th</sup> Fancy Buck

Chloe Horn: 9<sup>th</sup> Fancy Buck

Rylie Horn: 10<sup>th</sup> Fancy Buck

Ag Mechanics:

Brian Drake: Grand Project

Randy Juarez: Grand Project

Ethan Ramirez & Jayden Pearce:  
Reserve Wood Project



## Standing is honorable - Kelsey Day

Early this year it was brought to the attention of the whole nation that Colin Kaepernick had started kneeling during the National Anthem, to support police brutality. I believe that no matter what an individual should stand for the National Anthem. The flag is known for honoring soldiers that are fighting for our right of freedom. Since the flag was made, we have always stood to honor something. In everything that is done to be honored everyone stands. To do otherwise is considered rude. Standing is honorable, tradition, and most of all it represents the nation that has been built.

When there is something to be hon-

ored, you stand. Say for instance, a school has made it to state in basketball. You would see people standing, clapping, and shouting. You would not see a group of people sitting down just staring at the team as they walk down. They would feel awkward and feel like what they had done was not important. When standing you honor them. They feel honored. It goes both ways. To give honored and to feel honored and standing for someone that has accomplished something is a symbol of honor.

Ever since September 8, 1892, the pledge of allegiance has been in place. It is now 2017 and we still recite it, we still stand. Tradition is

the moral of America. Still today, you will see old traditions still in play and if someone comes in and tries to change it, there will be a problem. American people do not like when someone from the outside comes in and tries to change up the system. The nation that has been built is the greatest. No one can change it. And it all starts with honor, which came from standing and it began with the pledge.

Standing for the pledges or the National Anthem is something has always been done and will always be done. It represents honor and it shows what kind of nation has been built.

## Ballin' to success - Britney Evans

As basketball season ends, the junior high boys and girls finished the season off strong. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys had a memorable year finishing 10-0. Ethan Ramirez said, "I am proud of my team this season. We have come far from little dribblers. I'm ready for next year!"

Although the freshman team was very small, they had a decent season finishing 6-2, and the JV boys, they finished 8-1. Their only loss coming from Sundown. Kolton said he was very impressed with this season and quoted one of Michael Jordan's quotes, "You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

The varsity girls had a rough season with a record of 1-9. They had injuries throughout the season. Kelsey missed a game due to a sprained ankle. Katelyn only played three district games after receiving a season-ending injury curing the Morton district game. She said, "Even though I got hurt and couldn't play most of district, I'm very proud of my teams and I love them tons."

Tuesday, February 14, the Bob-

cats played their last home game against Seagraves. Cake and gifts were given out to the boys after the game. Jerrod Fowler and Brandon Gomez were fortunate to play their last game at home, and were pleased with their season for their senior year. The varsity boys finished second in district with a record of 8-2 and advanced to playoffs. The demolished Wink in their first playoff game in Seminole, but ran into stiff competition against Albany losing in the second round.



Jerrod and Brandon quoted MJ as their approach to the season,

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying"



Matthew Lozano going in strong for an easy layup in Sundown.

## Band members play for a rating - Elayna Ainsworth

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Smyer hosted its annual Solo Contest. Texas Tech music students judged the students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The students could earn a rating of 1-5, 1 being the highest. All the students earned a rating of the 1 and 2. The judges not only rated the elementary band students, they also named Outstanding Soloists: 4<sup>th</sup> graders: Meagan

Smith, Kurt Royal, Shelbi Albert, 5<sup>th</sup> graders: Valeria Juarez, Jack Griffin, Deacon Trevino, Jayden Johnson, 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Drew Overstreet, Mollie Norman, Ben Steele, Sydney Sumrow, Kenzie Bradley, Kayla Medrano, Deliyah Lemer, Autumn Escamilla, 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Caris Brown, Kagen Haywood, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Andres Pizano.

4<sup>th</sup> grader, Kurt Royal says, "I was nervous coming in; I thought I was going to do bad. I ended up doing pretty well and I'm thankful my teacher could lead me to that success."



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## Running out fast! - Marissa Ellis

With two six weeks left in the school year, the 2016-2017 yearbooks are selling out fast! The 70<sup>th</sup> edition of the 2016-2017 The Pride is printed by Balfour Printing Company in Dallas, Texas. The theme for the yearbook is "Be You". The theme represents Smyer Schools through the personalities of each individual. The book captures the individualism of the students and staff but yet how we are all still one Smyer ISD.

Our local sales representative is Jerry Clark and our plant representative is Janey Garrison. Senior portraits, class pictures and class individuals were taken by Life Touch Photography.

The cover is a custom design with a lithocote cover and in gloss. The cover was designed in cooperation

with the Smyer yearbook staff and the Balfour graphic designers.

The book is an 8-1/2" x 11" format and is printed on 80# gloss. The yearbook staff used Dell Optiplex 9020 computers throughout the entire book. Photos were captured using a Cannon 7D and a Cannon 50D. The book is bound together with a total of 120 pages. The pages are ordered chronologically by seasons. The pages were created using Adobe Photoshop CS6 and Balfour's StudioWorks. The font families were Ballardvale, Checkpoint, Cinderella, Cochise, CrayonHand, Emmy Family, Felt That, Hudson, Kaledioskop, Lifetime, Musascript, Nexa Rust Family, Olympia family, Say Cheese family, Sunflower, Tabasco Twin, Times, TTMarks family, and Valencia. There will be 120 copies of the

books produced at the Balfour yearbook plant.

The staff is led by yearbook adviser Belinda Maye. The staff consists of 9 members, Marissa Ellis, Kelsey Day, Kenzie Day, Elayna Ainsworth, Britney Evans, Cloe McCullough, Jazmine Lee, Ana Ramirez, and Katelyn Ramirez.

The cost of the book was \$30 for the early birds and then rose to \$35 after Dec. 16 with all names and icons \$5 each.

## Honor Roll

### A Honor Roll

#### 1st Grade

Titus Carr

Layla Evans

Isaiah Lopez

Amelia Martinez

Serenity McNabb

Makayla Pittman

Evie Fuente

#### 2nd Grade

John Drachenberg

Adelynn Grisham

Alexandra Martinez

Tessa Perez

Paige Smith

Zoe Swint

Scarlett Winegeart

#### 3rd Grade

Alejandro bascules

Mariana Lara

#### 4th Grade

Shelbi Albert

Jaylen Basnight

Ronaldo Corral

Devyn Crouch

Jaxon Fetsch

William Grisham

Chloe Horn

Mariposa Juarez

Ella Kirkland

Berenicce Lara

Aaliyah Lopez

Izabella Ramirez

Kurt Royal

Maegan Smith

Rylan Smith

Mattie St Clair

Katherine Steele

#### 5th Grade

Madelyne Brown

Valeria Juarez

William Medart

Ally Riedel

Rebecca Rocha

Jaelynn Shaw

Gavin St Clair

#### 6th Grade

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# Honor Roll

Xavier Avitia  
Dionna Basnight]  
Mackenzie Bradley  
Cameron Gutierrez  
Mollie Norman  
Allyson Rodriguez  
Benjamin Steele

## **7th Grade**

Victoria Bradley  
Merrill Hernandez  
Brock Royal

## **8th Grade**

Jaden Fuentes  
Gilberto Gil  
Frank Hernandez  
Autumn Stith

## **9th Grade**

Brody Childers  
Brendon Johnson  
Levi Sinclair  
Timothy Steele  
Kade Steward

## **10th Grade**

Judson Locke

## **11th Grade**

Aryiah Stith  
Cloe McCullough  
Shanna Tate  
Lauren Taylor

## **12th Grade**

Kassidy Armes  
Kaitlin Franklin  
Mykayla Ortiz  
Kaily Murphy

## **AB Honor Roll**

### **1st Grade**

Joaquin Bascues  
Jaelyn Blackwell-Hayes

Cole Braker  
Madilyn Chavez  
Daxton Garner  
Logan Jones  
Braylee Mawson  
Daniel Paredes  
Heaven Sifuentes  
Jackson Stone

Korbyn Trejo

### **2nd Grade**

Katelyn Albus  
Carson Bradberry  
Carmen Castro  
Damien Gonzalez  
Jada Hernandez  
Lokin Holland  
Blakely McMurry  
Mason Medart  
Kingston Medrano  
Nathaniel Sargent  
Marshall Schaap  
Mykal Self  
Skylar Wiseman

### **3rd Grade**

Madason Diaz  
Lily Garcia  
Kayden Gillit  
Noah Gonzales  
Malakai Johnson  
Savannah Jourden  
Kelley Martinez  
Ismael Pizano  
Kira Posadas  
Rylee Riedel  
Sebastian Rodriguez  
Alexis Swint

### **4th Grade**

Nicholas Baker

Keeth Brister  
Blakeley Cage  
Matheu Corder  
Ethan Deleon  
Tiffany Diaz  
Ryley Herrin  
Heather Huffman  
Jose Paredes  
Jakob Riedel  
Erin Rossiter  
Nathaniel Sifuentes  
Preston Vasquez

### **5th Grade**

Cody Armes  
Ava Avitia  
Dyiamond Baker  
Gavin Carr  
Ryleigh Childers  
Mersaydes Corder  
Giovann Garcia  
Juan Gil  
Jackson Griffin  
Daisy Hernandez  
Jadyn Johnson  
Jayden Martinez  
Eliah Orosco  
Katelyn Womack

### **6th Grade**

Lexie Ainsworth  
Jordan Bartlett  
Gabriela Bascues  
Landon Benevedes  
Madison Bridgeman  
Brandon Carpenter  
Isaiah Chapa  
Victoria Diaz  
Faith Dominguez  
Autumn Escamilla

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## Honor Roll Cont.

Kristen Gonzales  
Makenzie Howard  
Deliyah Lemer  
Francesca Martinez  
Kayla Medrano  
Andrew Overstreet  
Landon Polk  
Dessaria Ramirez  
Nehemiah Rodriguez  
Kaden Smith  
Sydney Sumrown  
Tessa Thomas  
Alex Torrez

Sladen Varnell

### **7th Grade**

Mandy Caton  
Desirae Chapa  
Meiah Dominguez  
Kagen Haywood  
Alyssa Hernandez  
Haili Herrin  
Jazlyn Lee  
Cadence Marquez  
Noah Norman  
Caleb Northcutt  
Jayden Pearce  
Adley Smith  
Estevan Trevino

### **8th Grade**

Luis Bascues  
Zachary Deleon  
Adriana Garcia  
Marcus Garcia  
Tate Kitchens  
Jaden Lee  
Jenna Lee  
William Overstreet  
Andres Pizano

Ethan Ramirez  
Amariah Ramos  
Logan Villegas

### **9th Grade**

Reilly Casillas  
Luke Martin  
Calvin Neal  
Adamary Prieo  
Cole Royal  
Hunter Smith  
Jonathan Tate

### **10th Grade**

Elayna Ainsworth  
Mackenzie Day  
Britney Evans  
Jshua Fuentes  
Kaylee Garner  
Nathan Gomez  
Cayden Hayes  
Jusiah Lee  
Nico Lee  
Braxton Lozano  
Mashelle Ramos  
Nathan Rocha  
Kolton Smith  
Kennlee Tate  
Mathew Torezz

### **11th Grade**

Deana Castillo  
Haley Crawford  
Hayden Franklin  
Michaela Gaught  
Edgar Gonzalez  
Randy Juarez  
Jazmine Lee  
Kyle Sumner

### **12th Grade**

Kaila Albus

Rebecca Carroll  
Hailey Casias  
Colby Casas  
Allison Chandler  
Aaliyah Chavera  
Kelsey Day  
Alexis Deleon  
Brian Drake  
Marissa Ellis  
Jerrod Fowler  
Adrian Mojica  
Lindsey Myers  
Veronique Ponce

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## Perfect Attendance

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Shelbi Albert

Cody Armes

Nicholas Baker

Jordan Bartlett

Alejandro Bascues

Gabriela Bascues

Joaquin Bascues

Dionna Basnight

Jaylen Basnight

Anihka Benevedes

Landon Benevedes

Teiara Benevedes

Cole Braker

Eden Braker

Madelyne Brown

Brandon Carpenter

Kimberly Carpenter

Gavin Carr

Titus Carr

Michael Castillo

Carmen Castro

Isaiah Chapa

Madilyn Chavez

Ryleigh Childers

Addison Corder

Matheu Cordor

Mersaydes Cordor

Caiden Dailey

Levi Dewbre

Madason Diaz

Tiffany Diaz

Victoria Diaz

Dontae Evans

Layla Evans

Paris France

Bella Garcia

William Grisham

Cameron Gutierrez

Christian Hernandez

Daisy Hernandez

Logan Jones

Jaycee Jourden

Jonathan Jourden

Jesus Juarez

Mariposa Juarez

Ethan Langford

Djay Lee

Deliyah Lemer

Mason Marolejo

Jayden Martinez

Kelly Martinez

Braylee Mawson

Serenity McNabb

Mason Medart

William Medart

Taylor Newsom

Mollie Norman

Andrew Overstreet

Daniel Paredes

Caleb Pearce

Mykenzie Pittman

Morgan Pittman

Dessaria Ramirez

Izabella Ramirez

Jakob Riedel

Rebecca Rocha

Nehemiah Rodriguez

Sebastian Rodriguez

Ashley Rossiter

Erin Rossiter

Kurt Royal

Marshall Schaap

Angel Sifuentes

Heaven Sifuentes

Jeremiah Sifuentes

Rylan Smith

Braydon Solis

Aubrii Soto

Ava Soto

Mattie St Clair

Kaherine Steele

Sydney Sumrow

Tessa Thomas

Alex Torrez

Korbyn Trejo

Andrew Upchurch

Scarlett Winegeart

Katelyn Womack

Kassidy Armes

Mikaela Baker

Shaun Baker

Luic Bascues

Reese Bolen

Hailey Casias

Mandy Caton

Desirae Chapa

Aaliyah Chavera

Mackenzie Day

Mercedes Deleon

Obadiah Escamilla

Hayden Franklin

Kaitlin Franklin

Joshua Fuentes

Kaylie Garcia

Patricia Garcia

Kaylee Garner

Maria Gonzales

Jazlynn Harris

Frank Hernandez

Brendon Johnson

Angel Juarez

Jaden Lee

Jusiah Lee



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## Perfect Attendance Cont.

Judson Locke	Chance Sturgeon
Braxton Lozano	Nathaniel Sumrow
Matthew Lozano	Jonathan Tate
Connor Marmolijo	Kennlee Tate
Cadence Marquez	Sarah Tate
Luke Martin	Matthew Torrez
Damien Martinez	Ethaniel Villegas
Mercy Martinez	Darcy Wood
Rebecca Mayo	
Cloe McCullough	
Bobby Mckandles	
Triston Mock	
Melodye Morgan	
Kaily Murphy	
McKinle Murphy	
Noah Norman	
Caleb Northvutt	
Aaron Orosco	
William Overstreet	
Jayden Pearce	
John Quintilla	
Anastacia Ramirez	
Ethan Ramirez	
Katelyn Ramirez	
Matilda Ramirez	
Myranda Ramirez	
Mashelle Ramos	
Trevor Riley	
Dezarae Roberts	
Matthew Rocha	
Nathan Rocha	
Bobby Rossiter	
Cole Royal	
Gilbert Sanchez	
Levi Sinclair	
Adley Smith	
Timothy Steele	
Autumn Sitht	