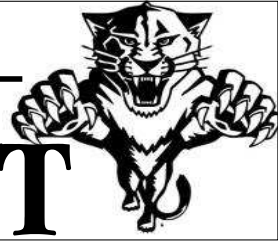


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Panthers Maul Bulldogs



Picture Above: Sean Frost making a run for it as CG shuts out Claiborne 28-0.

Picture by Ursula Manning

by Cory Cheek and Lake Evans, Staff Writers

In Cumberland Gap's huge win Friday against Claiborne Ryan Shipley had two rushing touchdowns for 3 and 8 yards. Shipley also had two touchdown passes:

one to Jeremy Jones for 22 yards and one to Byron Johnson for 11 yards. Ryan Warren had two interceptions, and Seth Sharp had one interception that lead Cumberland Gap's defense to a shut out. This puts the rival series at 5 and 1 in Cumberland Gap

The Write Stuff

by Staci Bolton, NEHS Student Contributor

The Write Stuff Chapter of the National English Honors Society is a fairly new club to Cumberland Gap High School. This is only its second year of activity. The induction ceremony for the new members and officers was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2008 in the Cumberland

Gap High School auditorium. It already appears to be a great year for this club, with multiple fundraisers in the planning stage. The NEHS is hoping to take a trip to London, England either this spring or summer with permission from the school and school board. Any donations to the National English Honors Society would be greatly appreciated.

Gasping For Breath

by Lake Evans, Staff Writer

Believe it or not in 1999 gas was 90 cents a gallon. In 2004 gas, for the first time, was over two dollars. And its been on the incline ever since. I remember when gas went up to \$2.25 everyone was outraged, but I would be pretty happy with that price now. I cannot stand paying this much for gas, but I have to have it so I can go places, such as school and church. And as much as I wish they did, cars don't run on hopes and wishes.

most people, that keep them, have focused their budget around gasoline. Forcing people to have to cut out certain hobbies and trips because they have to save what gas they have to get to work on Monday. And the people that make minimum wage is especially feeling it, because it takes their paycheck to get them back and forth to work. These prices are definitely taking the wind out of us all. We can't lay down and expect someone to give us pity. It is our job to take deep breaths, think, and come up with a solution to this problem.

favor. The final score was 28-0. The Panthers are at home again this Friday taking on the Happy Valley Warriors on Homecoming night.

Litter Here, Litter There

by Danielle Bailey, Staff Writer

Recently, there has been a large amount of trash in our school parking lot. I believe that we, as CGHS students, should take better care of our school than what we are currently doing. One of our own students received a flat tire due to a glass bottle. This is not taking the privilege of driving seriously. There are other places to throw your trash besides the parking lot. So students please be respectful enough to put your trash in the garbage cans. Just think of all good you will be doing. Not only will your parking lot be clean, but you are doing something good for the environment, as well.

Random Questions for the Week

by Gaven Sizemore, Humorist

1. If a picture is worth a thousand words, can I draw my Senior research paper?
2. Would Vol fans vote for Barack if they knew that adding a "G" would make the phrase "Go-Bama"?

Do not forget to pre-order your 2009 yearbook. You can pay the full amount of \$60 or pay a deposit of \$35.

Ask The Panther

We are proud to announce the beginning of the "Ask The Panther" Advice Column for our student body. If you have an issue that you need to discuss or a question you need to ask, feel free to drop your questions into the box in the library. We will try to answer them in our paper.

Dear Panther, I'm a Freshman boy, and I like a Senior girl. I really want to talk to her, but I don't know how. I'm afraid she'll think I'm dumb. What should I need to do? -In Desperate Need of Help

Dear In Desperate Need of Help, When you're young, four years is a big age gap, but when you get older it really doesn't matter. However, because you are a freshman, and she is a senior, you probably won't see her that much after graduation. So you owe it to yourself to talk to her before it's too late. Start with casual conversation like "Hey, What's your name? How's your day?" Ask her what kind of music she's into.

That's a good conversation starter, and you might find that you have something in common. Do this with confidence, and she will see you as a confident person. Don't worry about her thinking you're dumb. If she does, she is not worth it. If it doesn't work, you will find someone who likes you for who you are. If you have any more questions, just ask. -The Panther

Confused Girl, I'm sorry about your problem, and if it is any consolation, I have had a problem along the same lines as yours. You can't hide your feelings about who you like. I think the best advice I can give you is maybe you should talk to your ex-boyfriend about it. Tell him that you're ready to move on, and that you like his best friend, and hope he does not mind. If he does mind, maybe give it time. Things will always work out for the best.

-The Panther

Dear Panther, I have this problem. I like my ex-boyfriend's best friend a lot. I don't really talk to my ex-boyfriend anymore, but I know he would have a problem with it. I don't want to cause a fight, so what should I do? -Confused Girl

Spirit Week
September 30-October 2
Tuesday-Hat Day
Wednesday-Wacky Day
Thursday-Western/Camo Day
Friday-School Colors Day
Sr.Black, Jr. Grey/Silver, So.White, Fr. Carolina Blue



Picture above Emmette Thompson, Executive Director of The Mission of Hope, talking to CGHS students about the importance of graduating high school.

A Little Ray of Hope At CGHS

Picture and story by Ursula Manning, Staff Writer

On Thursday, September 25, The Mission of Hope visited Cumberland Gap High School. The Mission of Hope is an Appalachian relief ministry based in Knoxville. It was started in 1996 in a response to WBIR's broadcast of "Hunger for Hope." In the broadcast, anchor Bill Williams brought attention to the destitution and poverty in rural Appalachia by showing examples of children and families in southeastern Kentucky that had suffered from physical hunger. Their mission is to bring hope to the people of Appalachia through evangelical Christian charitable ministries, and for the past twelve years, they have been helping the less fortunate people throughout Northeast Tennessee, Southeast Kentucky, and Southwestern Virginia. Thursday morning, Emmette Thompson, Executive Director of Mission of Hope, and Knox County Circuit Court Judge, Dale Workman, visited our school. Thompson briefly spoke about their program and what their mission was. After that, he began to tell us about a rising issue in schools today that was brought to his attention, high school drop outs. He continued to tell us that there is reason to graduate and we should hang in there. Judge Workman also continued to talk about this issue. It was a much needed motivational boost to our students. After the speech was over, I was able to talk to Thompson. He was a very caring, inspirational person and was happy to be

able to try to bring hope to our students. He went into greater detail about how this was becoming a more serious issue for kids. A lot of kids have a mindset that if their parents didn't graduate why they should; they don't really see the importance of an education. Fortunately, there are groups such as the Mission of Hope, which care enough to take their time to encourage us and bring us the hope we need. We would like to thank Emmette Thompson and Judge Workman for their concern and time they gave to us and we welcome them back any time.

If you would like to learn more about Mission of Hope or learn how to volunteer visit their

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