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Beta Club Induction at CGHS



Pictured above: New Beta Club Members as they are recognized for their academic achievement.

Photo by Patty Russell

By Mahala Bolton, Staff Writer

"Believing that creditable student effort and achievement should be encouraged and rewarded and seeking to cultivate the ideas of service and leadership in our citizens of tomorrow the government body of the National Honorary Beta Club has instituted this organization for promotion of these ideas and these stated in the Beta Club among elementary and secondary school students to follow the articles of the National Beta Club Constitution" is the preamble to the Constitution of the National Beta Club. The National Beta Club is an organization that came to be in Landrum, South Carolina in 1934. The organization was founded by a professor at Wofford

College, Dr. John W. Harris. It has become one of largest youth organizations in the nation. It finds ways to "develop students by providing opportunities and experiences that enable them to demonstrate the ideas of character, achievement, service, and leadership" This organization gives over \$250,000 in scholarships each year to students who are in their senior year of high school. There are many functions that let the students mingle with students just like them, who are striving hard every day to succeed. The Cumberland Gap High School's National Beta Club recently had their initiation for the new members to the club on October 7th 2008. They are already taking up donations for Manna House, and they have many more fundraisers and charitable worked planned.

Veteran's Day Celebration

School Contribution

On Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 1:00 pm, Cumberland Gap High School will recognize and express our gratitude to our local heroes who are either currently in a branch of the US military or have served in any branch of the military in the past. There will be freshemnts served prior to the ceremony at 12 noon. If you are interested in attending or know of a veteran you would like to recognize, please contact Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Little at 869-9964.

NEHS Rummage Sale

School Contribution

On Saturday, October 18, The Write Staff Chapter of the National English Honors Society will have a rummage sale to help raise money for their trip. The sale will begin at 8 am and end at 3 pm in front of Dr. Ellis's office. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the rummage sale, please contact Ms. Cox or Mrs. Manning at 869-9964.

The requirements for membership are as follows: no less than 3.33 GPA, Honors Path, minimal absences, no discipline or behavior problems, good character, and community service participation. This year the National Beta Club at Cumberland Gap High School will be doing their best to succeed in all they do the 2008-2009 school year.

The new members of the CGHS Chapter of the National Beta Club are Teri Anthua, Jared Asher, Tia Barnett, Rebecca Beitz, Jordan Billingsley, Andrea Bisceglia, Haley Blocker, Mahala Bolton, Johnna Carney, Caitlyn Cline, Maggie Colyer, Mindi Daniels, Amber Daniels, Meggan Dunn, Caitlin Edwards, Emily Ely, Elizabeth Evans, Dustin Fowler, Samantha Goins, Laura Hatmaker, Olivia Hoskins, Amber Jackson, Gabriella LaBounty, Kayla Lewis, Trae Minton, Daniel Pace, Jenna Satterfield, Ember Sutton, Taylor Thacker, Courtney Walker, Megan Welch, Katelin Welch, and Nina Williamson.

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By Aly Gulley and Blake Hopper, Staff Writers

Teen Read Week was started in 1998 as an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association. Last year, more than 4,800 public and school libraries participated

in Teen Read Week. This program was started as a way to remind teens to spend time reading for pleasure. It's free fun and can be productive. Research proves that teens who read for fun have better tests scores and are more likely to succeed.

In recognition of Teen Read Week, favorite books of some teachers are on the school's website, as well as several popular titles. If you are interested in checking out any of these books, please see Mrs. Yonts in the library.

Sports Highlight: Boys' Cross Country Team

By Chelsea Suttles, Staff Writer

The CGHS boys cross country team continues to perform well in the 2008 season. Their best performance to date was a 7th place finish at the Victor Ashe Park two weeks ago against 20 other teams from the Knoxville area. "We have lofty goals this year. We are aiming for an opportunity to compete at the state boel. We would need to finish in the top three teams of one region to accomplish that. We finished fifth last year. Right now I would say we are sixth based on our races. But we still have several weeks to go. One thing for sure I know this group wont five up. We have had our best practices with only to weeks to go. The race at Daniel Boone will tell us if

we have made any improvement and stand a chance," said Coach Noel. The team is led by senior Nick Smith the record holder. "Nick has been coming on strong the past couple of races. His time is still not what I would like to see it but I think he breaks his own record by the end of the season." Coach Noel stated. The surprise this year is sophomore Lucas Miracle and junior Mason Goad. "Lucas and Mason joined the team primarily to get ready for the basketball season but they have found they are very good at cross country," Lucas has actually been our leading runner in several races. Mason was slowed a bit by a broken hand. Now that he has recovered I expect that he will continue to move up the ladder according to Coach Noel. Other players doing well

include top five performances by Cody Douglas, Robert Caldwell, Ricky Earls, and Tyler Compton. "Cody dropped 60 pounds in one year and has lowered his time enough that he has a shot at finishing in the top 20 in the region. Robert has been very consistent and is getting better every meet. Ricky is new to the team and finished in our top five his first race which is very hard to do. Tyler is having some leg problems but I expect in the end he may be the one that helps to carry his team," added Noel. "One player I expect to help in the end is Conner Bush. He has worked extremely hard lately and I think he is much better than he even knows right now!" Noel said. Other members of the team are Isaac Ward, Brandon Head, Devan Fehr, Jon Slaven and Thomas Schooler.

Ask The Panther

Ask The Panther is an advice column for CGHS students. It is designed to be helpful and informative.

Dear Panther, I have a friend who has recently expressed an interest in me as a boyfriend. I do not want to date her, but I don't want to lose her as a friend. How can I let "Becky" down easily and keep her as a friend?
-A Confused Student

Dear Confused Student, As far as I understand you don't have any love interest in Becky. So you want to let her know that. That's fair, it is better for her to find out sooner than later. This way she can

move on, and find someone else. Being confrontational and trying to tell her face to face would be too hurtful for Becky. In this case the best way to let her down gently is to write her a note. Be careful to choose your words wisely! You shouldn't be harsh or cold. Word your note in a nice way that will still get your message across. Hope this helps.
-The Panther

Wishing you a 'Happy Fall, Y'all!'



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