



The Dog Caller

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The Spiro High School BPA hosted the third annual Gold Out Cupcake war with the cupcake competition raising over \$2,800. Proceeds from the event along with tshirt sales, will go to St. Baldrick's Cancer Foundation where they focus on curing childhood cancer. Childhood cancer survivors and families were recognized at half time of the girls' basketball game.



Gold Out Cupcake War a Success



Mrs. Jennifer Brooks and Caleb Dolan help sell Cupcake War tshirts to raise money for childhood cancer research.



Brilee Gass, Sadie Bridges, Taryn Ridenour, and Raelyn Delt created entire outfits including gold tutus to support the Gold Out Cupcake War.



Dog Caller staff members Skyler Antill, Kellie Lacy, Stephanie Fisher and Caleb Dolan pose for a picture during their "Friend Pics" picture day.



Man braid...Yay or Nay??

Jacob Pendergrass: Yay. It looks like dreads and I like dreads.
 Alex Sebo: No, A dude shouldn't have a braid in his hair.
 Effie Hutchinson: Nay. I can see multiple braids but a single braid seems like more of a girl thing.
 Inspiration Blaine: No. I kinda like guys with a fade.
 Jade Cossey: Honestly, I don't really like guys to have long hair.
 Jessica Roeder: I haven't seen one.

Brandy Strain: No. Nooo. Noooo. No.
 Trulie Oudomparamy: Yes, it's interesting.
 Jaden Ross: Man, I'd totally wear that!!
 Destiny Ridenour: I LOVVVVVE the man bun and braid!!
 Stephanie Fisher: Well, some people can pull it off. It depends on who it is for me.
 Skyler Antill: Man bun, yes...man braid...no. Only Harry Styles can pull it off.
 Caleb Dolan: I say...No. It doesn't give a good first impression.
 Kellie Lacy: Nay. I don't like it.
 Mae Couvignou: Nay. I sometimes like the bun...
 Jan Sprekeler: Noooo....(as he made a puzzled face)
 Sky Williams: No.
 Jayden Potter.: No
 Sierra Perdue: No.

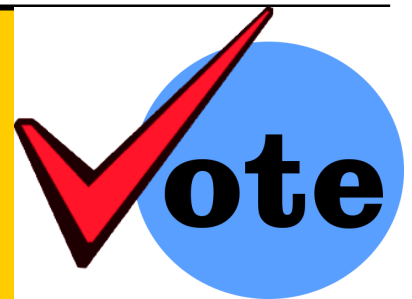
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To me, it's always a good idea to always carry two sacks of something when you walk around. That way, if anybody says, "Hey, can you give me a hand?," you can say, "Sorry, got these sacks."

-- Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey

Register to Vote



By Caleb Dolan

As you all know 2016 is a Presidential Election year. Have you been paying attention to all of the candidates and their issues? If not, I encourage you to research each of the candidates and what they stand for. It doesn't matter if you're a Republican, a Democrat, or even an Independent, you should find out more about those who are running. Did you know that in 2012 only 45% of ages 18-29 voted in the Presidential Election. I encourage all of you who are of voting age to go and exercise your right to vote! The deadline to register to vote for the November 8th General Election is October 14th. Don't wait until the last minute to register, go out and register today.



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What It's Like To Be A Senior..

By Kellie Lacy

My final year. It's scary knowing what lies ahead after high school. We're raised in school, with the comfort of our parents' safety nets for our first 18 years. It makes it even more frightening, considering that's all we know, so when it is time to start our lives after graduation, we're stuck with, "What am I going to do?" We're thrown out into this world with no idea of where to begin our journey into adulthood. Being a senior is fun until you realize that you have to grow up so much in just 10 months! It isn't all bad, however. You start to socialize more with people that you never even spoke to, before your final year. Your classmates tend to be more outgoing with one another and more laid back. Everyone becomes friends again, just like in elementary school. Then the activities are a big bonus! Senior trip, you get to choose your prom theme, etc. Another bonus is the freedom. You have so much more free time, and you get to take more of elective classes versus core classes, which is fun because you have a lot less studying to do! And somehow we always manage to get each other out of class- A LOT. Every day of my senior year has been wonderful. I never really appreciated who my classmates were until my senior year.



Annoying Things Parents Say About Love to Teens

One day, you'll look back on this and laugh!
 There are plenty of other fish in the sea!
 What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!
 You are too good for them.
 Someday, you'll find the one.
 Just enjoy being a kid.

Freshmen Advice

By Hailey Mendoza

- 1.) Although freshmen year seems like it's hard or doesn't matter, you should actually try. This gets your footing set up for the upcoming years of high school. Which I can promise, (will be harder).
- 2.) You should probably take the ACT or SAT this year, and every year after. Sure you probably won't know all the material, but I bet you could nail the reading comprehension sections. This also lets you get a feel of what's to come.
- 3.) The hall is a highway. No joke, you can get in a crash if you're not careful. Stay in your lane, the RIGHT lane. (Pun intended.)
- 4.) Join groups, you don't want to be someone that doesn't get involved in the school. Colleges like the fact that kids do things with their school to try to make the community better! FCCLA, FFA, Art Club, Spanish Club, and BPA are some to look into.
- 5.) Last thing, don't focus on dating this year, I promise whoever you have your eye on will change. Your grades need to be the most important thing to you this year. (Not trying to sound like your mom, but..)

How to
Survive
Your
Freshman Year

Is **No-Poo** For You?

By Breckin Horton

Hold your horses! I'm not referring to your bowels, but instead your hair follicles. Have you noticed increased breakage, static, or dryness? Then maybe ditching your trusty shampoo and conditioner is the solution. Researchers have found that the chemicals and harsh soaps found in shampoo rid your hair of its natural oils and hydration. No-Poo advocates argue that simply rinsing hair with water, baking soda, or vinegar will allow your hair to bounce back from the years of damage done. You may wonder how to control grease production without using soap. The trick is breaking the oil production cycle. After two to six weeks of reduced washings, your scalp will decrease sebaceous oil production and better distribute oil down the shaft. Followers of the trend report bouncier, fuller, softer hair. Personally, I would love to never have to buy expensive salon quality shampoo again. Does the no-poo method sound reasonable to you?



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Why Every American Should Support Donald Trump

By Aaron Capes

In case you did not know, it's election season. Next November a new President of the United States will be elected into office, and while most teenagers are so oblivious to politics they couldn't tell George Bush from Hillary Clinton, it's important for everyone to know who they or their parents are voting for. I'm here to tell you there is a perfect candidate out there, and that is billionaire businessman Donald Trump. You may wonder why since he isn't even technically a politician, but what have all these politicians done for us over the years? Absolutely nothing if you ask me or pretty much any American. I don't know if Trump is the answer to all of our problems, but he has some great ideas if you're a true conservative. His plans to combat immigration, his plan to defeat ISIS, and his lack of fear to say or do anything he wants makes me believe he is the best suited to be our next president.

If you have followed the presidential race at all, you have probably heard about Trump's plan to build a wall across the U.S./Mexico border. Many will criticize him for this "outlandish" idea, but I think it is a great idea, and here's why. For one, a wall is a lot harder to get over than a chain link fence. And if our border patrol is expanded and allowed to patrol the *entire* length of the border, our immigration problem will be all but extinguished. But what about the ones already here? Trump has a plan for them too. He wants to deport all of the estimated 11 million illegals here in the country. It may sound harsh, but our borders must be respected.

What about his plan for ISIS, who is a threat to the United States whether Barack Obama wants to admit it or not? Well, for starters he wants to bomb the heck out of them. And how does he plan to deal with all of the Syrian "refugees" who want to come to America to "get away" from ISIS? Trump proposes that we ban all non-American Muslim immigration. Once again, it sounds harsh doesn't it? But realistically, it is the only way to prevent ISIS combatants from sneaking into the U.S. If we can't catch the ones who are American citizens, how can the government hope to keep up with a bunch of refugees? The answer is that they simply can't. Banning all Muslim immigration may hurt some feelings, but it is in the best interest of the American people, even if the American people don't agree.

The biggest reason I support Trump is his willingness to say what he thinks without worrying about being "politically correct." The country has become so obsessed about not hurting anyone's feelings that we citizens are criticized for anything and everything we say that might be deemed "offensive." Trump is not at all afraid to say what he believes, and he does not succumb to media pressure to apologize. We need someone in the White House who is not afraid to stand up for our country and to say and do whatever it takes to help out America. It is because of Trump's willingness to do this and his policies mentioned above that I believe Trump is that man who can *Make America Great Again!*



The Benefits of an After School Job

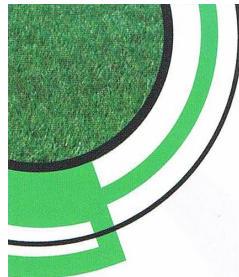
By Aaron Capes

Work. Many of you don't think that word applies to you until after you have graduated high school, or for those with higher aspirations, college. But the reality is that many of your fellow high school students have a job they go to after school. For those of you without a job, you probably think one of these three things: I don't have time for a job, a job isn't worth my time, or an after school job is only for poor kids. I'm here to tell you that none of those three things are true. You can make time for a job, a job is most definitely worth your time, and an after school job has many benefits for kids from all walks of life.

Let's start with the most obvious benefit, *money*. All of us like to have extra money lying around. Even those of us who have parents who will buy you anything you need and some things you don't need get tired of asking for money all the time. So let's think about it. Even if you had a job where you only worked five hours after school three days a week at minimum wage, that's \$110 before taxes, so probably around \$70 a week for you to spend on whatever you need. If you are a crafty spender, you can make that stretch, and if you are saver, that \$70 a week can add up quickly. Just think, \$70 a week is almost \$300 a month!

Let's move on to the next benefit, which is the dreaded word *responsibility*. While most of us have had it drilled into our heads about being responsible all our lives, it is a great learning experience to get a job where you truly have to be responsible in order to keep it and earn the respect of your boss. School can teach you responsibility to an extent, but at the end of the day you will still have the same day to day routine whether you make straight A's or straight F's. There is no real punishment for failing a class other than "oh, you can take it again" or if you fail to get enough credits "I'm sorry, you can't graduate," in which case you can get your GED. But at a job, if you mess up too many times, you will be fired and you cannot get that job back, and then when you go to get hired somewhere else and they contact your previous employer, your credibility as a potential employee will take a big hit.

The final benefit I want to discuss is *experience*. I've heard many people I work with say "Dude, you're just working at Marvin's. Why are you taking it so seriously?" Well, here's why. However trivial working at Marvin's or Sonic or whatever it may be may seem, I believe it is the closest thing to a real world experience that you can get while in high school. At a job like the ones I mentioned you learn how to work with the public, with others who may or may not be your own age, and with a boss that often times couldn't care less whether you succeeded in life or not. It is the best real world simulation you're going to get and I would recommend everybody take advantage of it before they *have* to go out and try to make a living and realize "Gee, this is harder than I thought."



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To The Class of 2016

By Brianna Brooks



To the class of 2016, it's been a crazy ride, guys! I can't believe it is so close to being over. When you're younger, you hear those that are older than you tell you it's going to go by so fast. But, like everything else in this world you will never fully understand until you get there. Our class is a special class. We're the one hundredth graduating class of Spiro High School! How cool is that?! There are so many significant things going on in our graduating year. Who will take over Obama's position as Commander and Chief? Donald Trump? Hilary Clinton? The 2016 presidential election will certainly be an interesting one! Queen Elizabeth will turn 90 years old in April. Adele, taking over the music world one step at a time, starts her world tour on Leap Day. Batman vs. Superman hits theaters in March. It is High School Musical's ten year anniversary. Even with all these new things being thrown at us in the year of 2016 nothing could be more exciting than graduating and finally saying goodbye to dear ole, Spiro High.


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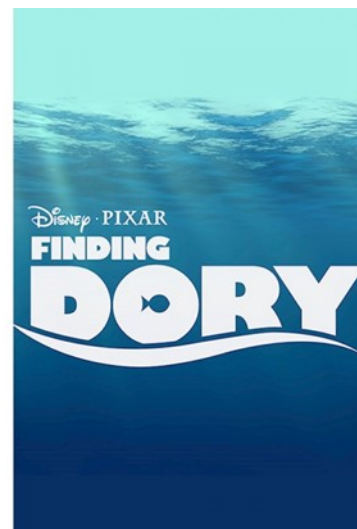
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We all know her, and we all love her. She is quite forgetful but she always does whatever is necessary to help a friend. She likes to use the saying, “Just Keep Swimming”. Yeah, you guessed it, Dory! 2016 is finally here and with it comes a whole new year of movies! But the one I am most excited about is *Finding Dory!* Pixar stole all of our hearts with *Finding Nemo* and now our favorite characters are back again ready for another round of finding a lost fish. Dory goes on an adventure to find her long lost family whom she just recently remembered exists. The new movie hits theaters in June. Hope you all go and enjoy it just as much as I will! Oh and remember, “Just Keep Swimming, Just Keep Swimming, Swimming, Swimming!”
 By Brianna Brooks





Rough, but spirited season!



A season of 0-10 isn't something you would necessarily brag about. However this season has been one of the most spirited seasons Spiro High School has seen in a number of years. If you would have joined us for one of our spirited pep rallies, or a lively run through, you would have noticed the spirit of SHS students and staff. Students showed their spirit by decking the hallways with spirit decorations, as well as dressing up during spirit week. Whatever your opinion might be about the 2015 season, the students of Spiro High School will tell you this season has been one for the books!



By: Caleb Dolan



FCCLA

The Spiro FCCLA chapter was the host of the Southeast District 1 leadership meeting. With over 20 schools present. The theme of this years meeting was finding your voice of leadership! The guest speaker at the meeting was a group of guys who call themselves Project Elevate. Their main message is anti bullying.

The group mixed in fun and upbeat music with their routine.

Spiro's own Caleb Dolan who is serving as district President lead the meeting.

Aunika Anderson district Vice-President introduced several guests during the meeting, including our own Principal Mr. Larry Greenwood who spoke about making a difference in our schools! Mr. Don Atkinson spoke about finding your voice.

By: Caleb Dolan



70%

percent of an adult's body is made up of water.

Evolution of Humanity

By Wyatt Milliken

When I say evolution, I don't mean the slow changing of a fish to a human, but rather a faster, more... emotional process.

Humankind, as a whole, I believe has changed drastically in just the past few generations. In terms of intelligence, equality, acceptance, and taste.

Think, just half a century ago, racism was the norm in America, with people of color being forced to take the social leftovers. Now, however, racism is practically nonexistent, and is very much frowned upon.

Though it still exists, bullying in schools is seen as intolerable. We stand up for each other, not allowing anyone to be bullied if we can stop it. I can never help but notice when I see people on the football team talking and laughing with a straight-A kid in glasses, instead of picking on them. Even our government is changing at a rapid pace. Homosexuals are being allowed to marry in more and more states; our president is African American; and so forth.

Today, we can speak to someone a world away just by pressing a few buttons on a smart phone. Technological advances have connected the world in an intimate, outstanding way. As kids, our grandparents would have scoffed at the ideas like the Internet and cell phones.

I will not deny that these changes haven't been one hundred percent positive. We have terrible weapons of mass destruction, capable of killing entire cities of people. We can be stalked through the Internet. Crime rates all over the world are still terrible.

I find it ironic that the only true constant in this world is change. No matter what happens, things will change. Nothing is set in stone, not even the stars. Some day in the hopefully distant future, our own Sun will burn out and die. But who knows, maybe before then our planet will be a single power, unmaimed by the violence of wars. Maybe we will have spread our reach to worlds beyond.

But maybe not. Only time will tell how humanity will evolve.

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Book Titles I Would So Read:



Kellie Lacy: Anything with food in the title
Caleb Dolan: Something that sounds scary!
Courtney Dodson: Like Hush Huh or City of Bones
kind of books
Jessica Roeder: Lady Midnight Shadow Hunter Series

Stuff Teachers Really Think

"Do my shoes match? I think one is navy blue and one is black."
"30 minutes is not enough time for lunch. Where did all that time go??"
"If I assign this paper to my students, I will have 100 to grade. YIKES!"

Children need encouragement. So if a kid gets an answer right, tell him it was a lucky guess. That way, he develops a good, lucky feeling.

-- *Deep Thoughts*, by Jack Handey



Did You Know?

With Wyatt Milliken

Okay, there are some facts that are simple, pure common sense things that do not need to be told. We need to breathe because we need oxygen, do not touch fire, that stuff hurts, and don't even look at the sun, it's made of fire. Then, there are facts that we're told so often, or that are just plain accepted, that no one doubts them whatsoever. Sometimes, however, these so-called facts are mere rumors or myths, but they have been told by so many people, no one knows the difference. My purpose here is to enlighten you, my readers (If you're out there, if not, then I suppose this is my insane rambling to non-existent people.) to some of these falsehoods with my masterfully-written articles.

Did you know--There is no such thing as a wolf alpha. Every one of you knows what an alpha is; they fight ruthlessly to get to the top of the pack, they're the big boys, the baddest of the big bad wolves. They eat first, they get all the lady wolves, and they control all the others in their pack. Well, at least they WOULD if they existed.

But the thing is, they don't. Wolf packs are made up of, in general, a mother and a father and their pups. The parents do control who eats what, but only to make sure each pup will get an even amount of food. Once the pups reach a certain age, they will typically break off away from their parents in order to find a mate, and the cycle repeats itself. Occasionally, siblings will stick together and form a kind of multi-pack pack, if that makes any sense, but even then, there is no 'alpha'.

You see, the theory of alpha wolves was made popular in the 1960s by the scientist L. David Mech. He based his research off a group of captive wolves, all of which were *complete strangers*. (Imagine basing your understanding of human social dynamics off of *Big Brother* or *Jersey Shore*, and you will understand how big of a goof-up this was.) As with any kind of predatory animal, when forced to merge a group with other unknown animals of the same species, they form a very strict pecking order. But, as I said before, wild wolf packs are little more than simple family units.

Also, wolves don't howl at the moon. They're nocturnal, and they howl to communicate, and they only raise their heads to let the noise travel further.

Well, I do truly hope I have given you hopefully-real people a new factoid about life, or else this typing all would've been for naught, and trust me, that would truly be heartbreaking.

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of dogs in the United
States sleep in a family
member's bed. - **The
Week Magazine,**
8/10/07

7 Things We Actually Wanted for Christmas

By Breckin Horton

1 A full ride scholarship to the college of our choice

The gift of all gifts.

2 A hover board

Because, catching on fire sounds appealing. ???

3 Starbucks to start delivering

Can you imagine? Caffeine without limits!

4 An extra five hours of sleep at night

...or during the day.

“5 It’s no secret,” that we want Adele concert tickets

6 A cryptic text message decoder.

Buy one for bae and maybe he/she will take the hint.

7 For sweatpants to be considered “dressy”

“Fat” chance, but we can dream.

ACT V. SAT

By Hailey Mendoza

Which test suits you?

Wondering or trying to debate on which test to take? Well, here are a few comparisons for you to help you make up your mind.

The ACT is a content-based test, consisting of a 45 minute English section; a 60 minute Math section; a 35 minute Reading section, and an optional 40 minute essay for the writing section.

Whereas the SAT is a reasoning-based test, consisting of 2, 25 minute Critical reading sections and 1, 20-min section; Math: 2, 25-min sections and 1, 20-min section; Writing: 1, 25-min essay, 1, 25-min section, and 1, 10-min section. The ACT questions are often easier to understand on a first read. On the SAT, you may need to spend time figuring out what you’re being asked before you can start solving problems.

The SAT has a stronger emphasis on vocabulary.

If you’re a word-genius then you’ll love the SAT, if words aren’t your thing, maybe you’ll do better on the ACT.

The ACT has a science section, whereas the SAT does not.

You don’t have to really know much about how chemical bonds work; it’s more of just logical reasoning.

The ACT tests more advanced math concepts.

The SAT is broken up into more sections.

The writing test for the ACT is optional but required at most colleges.

The ACT is more of a “big picture” test.

Colleges don’t look at your separate scores for each section on the ACT, but they sure do on the SAT.



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