

THE HOOK

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INGREDIENTS

Elephant Toothpaste

ALEXA GOEBEL
COOL SCIENCE

Do you love science? If you do, you have probably heard of Elephant Toothpaste. Here is how you make it!

Ingredients

- ½ Cup Water
- 2 TBS Baking Soda
- 3 TBS White Vinegar
- Water Bottle
- Tray
- Food Dye

Instructions

Measure your water and vinegar and add it to an empty water bottle. A mini water bottle would be perfect. You can now add some food coloring if you'd like to. Now, add the baking soda and watch the chemical reaction. Be sure to share it with your friends!

Alexa Goebel



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Photos by Julie Campos

Make Your Own Christmas Ornament

KHYLIE KERR

Everyone enjoys Christmas ornaments, right? Did you know that you can make really cool ones in just one hour? Thanks to Mrs. Royal, I know how to make them. Read on to learn how you can too!

Supplies

- Glass ornaments
- Glitter (any color)
- Clear glue
- Paint
- Sharpie marker

Step 1: Set a glass ornament on a smooth surface.

Step 2: Squeeze clear glue into the clear ornament.

Step 3: Turn the ornament around and around to spread the glue.

Step 4: Sprinkle glitter into the ornament! Be sure to use plenty.

Step 5: Let set for 30 minutes.

Step 6: Decorate the outside to your own liking.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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WHAT IT TAKES

TAGG MCCLENDON

Football is a team sport and the main goal is to win a championship. It's also great to see hard working high school players get an individual award. In George West there are four high school players who received the first team all-district offense award. I decided to interview these players to find out what it takes to make first team all-district offense.

First, I figured out my questions, then I scheduled my interviews. I interviewed Jake Snider, quarterback/wide receiver first.

According to Jake, "it feels great to be able to hang with the big guys and also make first team all-district offense." While talking to Jake, I could tell he valued teamwork. After I interviewed Jake, I went on to interview the seniors.

When asked what kind of work it takes, quarterback/wide receiver Devon Jackson says, "it takes hard work, endless dedication, and focus." Right guard, Ryan Thomisee and senior running back, Michael Upton, both agree. If you're wondering how you can achieve this, Ryan has some good advice. Ryan says, "to play for the dude next to you."

Overall, you can tell it takes a lot of heart to make first team all-district offense. An award like this is not given away, but is earned. These boys earned it.



SOPHOMORE WR/QB-JAKE SNIDER



SENIOR QB/WR-DEVON JACKSON



SENIOR GUARD-RYAN THOMISEE



SENIOR RB-MICHAEL UPTON

THE HISTORY OF GEORGE WEST

I was inspired to write about George West because I love learning about the history of Texas. I was born a George West Longhorn and I felt it was important to know the story behind the county I live in. My ancestors owned a large cattle ranch in South Texas that continues to be in our family, and I enjoy listening to my mom and grandpa talk about it. To discover more, I decided to interview Patrick Burns, a relative of George West.

George West was the son of Washington and Mary West. He along with his brothers

Ike and Sol left Tennessee to move to Texas so they could raise cattle. They settled in an area that is now known as Lavaca County. George West was the youngest and first person to lead cattle all the way up to Montana past the Plat River. During one of his trips to Montana, he made a deal with the government to take cattle up there to help feed the Indians who were starving. Their main source of food was bison and they were hard to find.

In 1874, George married a lady named Kittie Searcy. She traveled with him when he would

lead cattle to different areas of the U.S. In 1913, George bought approximately 140,000 acres of land for \$14 an acre. This land took over most of Live Oak County, including the town of George West. He was a successful businessman and considered one of the wealthiest cattlemen in Texas. He had a home located on the corner of Travis and Navarro Street. In the winter of 1926, Mr. West became ill and passed away at the age of 74.

By Avery Day

Why Sports Are Great

BRODY ANDERSON

I think sports are fun because you can be active. Another reason they are great is because winning and fun are the only things on your mind.

For football, you need strength. For track and basketball, you need speed.

Bleachers.com says rivalries are one of the most intense parts of sports. When you compete and win, you get a proud feeling.

Some people play sports for fun, but I do it to win!

Would You Rather...

TAGG MCCLENDON

- Would you rather have a slide for stairs or trampolines for floors?
- Would you rather live in a treehouse or a boat?
- Would you rather be able to change colors like a chameleon or be able to run as fast as a cheetah?
- Would you rather be able to fly or teleport?
- Would you rather wear a swimsuit in the snow or a wool coat on the hottest day?
- Would you rather swim in a pool of chocolate or a pool of Jell-O?

Dear George

Do you have a problem you need help solving? Need advice for a certain situation? Write a letter to George and deliver it to Mrs. McClendon's room by January 15 and you could see your letter along with advice in next month's issue.

SCHOOL CAREERS

A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE OFFICE

CARLEE JOHNSON

We know a lot about teachers, the principal, and even the aids. Though we don't think of our most valuable players. Here in this article you'll find out that Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Arciba don't just take attendance and take your temperature. Here is a behind the scenes look into the office.

At 7:20 to 7:40 Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Arciba get to the school. Their job is to not just deliver messages, but to help parents and students. They have to answer phones. Mrs. Arciba takes care of attendance. Mrs. Rhodes takes care of our report cards with the help of Mrs. Arciba of course.

While they are in the office, they have to make sure that the budgeting gets done. Meaning they approve or provide a certain amount of money. Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Arciba say, "Our most favorite part about working in the office is getting to see the kids and interact with everyone in the school." After a long day, Mrs. Arciba will leave at 3:45 while Mrs. Rhodes will stay until 5:00 so she can have some quiet time to get some work done.

So to my fellow readers, I hope you enjoyed this behind the scenes look. Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Arciba also say, "We wanted this amazing job because we get to be a part of the school and interact with the students. We also get to have a change of pace." So to Mrs. Arciba and Mrs. Rhodes, our MVPs, thank you for everything you do for us.



Our school recently had our annual UIL meet. As a school, we placed 1st! These are the results...

4th Grade

Ready Writing

- 1st Place-Zac Huie
- 2nd Place-Cadence Younts
- 6th Place-Abbie Racicot

Oral Reading

- 2nd Place-Heidi Liska

Spelling

- 1st Place-Zac Huie
- 3rd Place Team-Zac Huie, Alexa Goebel, Brayden Lane

Music Memory

- 1st Place-Julizza Gonzalez
- 2nd Place Team-Julizza Gonzalez, Chloe Summerville, Eden Kelsey, Lucynda Sanchez, Kara Valadez

ART MEMORY

- 6th Place-Ainslee Bowen
- 2nd Place Team-Ainslee Bowen, Lexi Stump, Orlando Lira

Number Sense-

- 4th Place Cayson White
- 5th Place-Hunter Wilson
- 6th Place-Zac Huie
- 2nd Place Team

5th Grade

Ready Writing

- 6th Place-Avery Goebel

Oral Reading

- 2nd Place-Avery Goebel
- 3rd Place-Dylan Thomisee
- 6th Place-Lyla Wasicek

Spelling

- 2nd Place-Tagg McClendon
- 5th Place-Olivia Huey

Dictionary Skills

- 1st Place-Avery Goebel
- 2nd Place-Cason Campos
- 1st Place Team

Listening Skills

- 3rd Place-Brody Shaw
- 6th Place Elizabeth Monroe

Music Memory

- 4th Place-John Jostes
- 2nd Place Team

Art Memory

- 1st Place-Avery Day
- 1st Place-Mallory Gutierrez
- 3rd Place-Lyla Wasicek

Number Sense

- 6th Place-Lucia Lewenski
- 3rd Place Team

Maps, Graphs, & Charts

- 1st Place-Cason Campos
- 3rd Place-Elijah Abernathy
- 2nd Place Team

CAMPUS INSIGHT

WHAT KIDS WANT

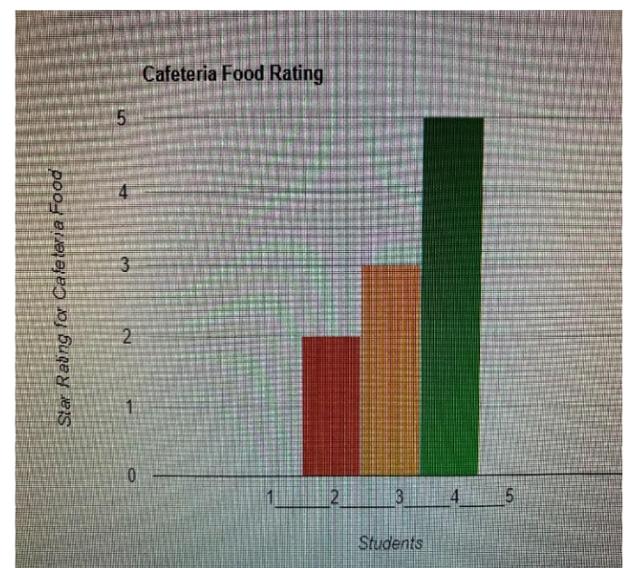
CADENCE YOUNTS

Kids all over the United States go to school every day. Most of them eat cafeteria food for lunch. I decided to conduct a survey at our school to see how students feel about our cafeteria. You may be surprised by my results.

I began the survey by asking the question, "What is your favorite cafeteria food?" To no one's surprise it was pizza, followed closely by hamburgers. What may surprise you though, is the answer to my next question. I asked, "What is your least favorite cafeteria food?" Overall, the answer was pizza, followed closely by tacos and chicken strips.

When asked if there was enough food on the cafeteria trays, the answers were tied. I guess just depends on how much you eat. Then I asked, "If you could add one thing to the cafeteria menu, what would it be?" The answers were so broad there are too many to list here. People really like their food!

Finally, I asked the students to rate the cafeteria food from one to five stars. Here are my results: 5-0, 4-5, 3-3, 2-2, 1-0. The results show that most students enjoy the food. It seems like the cafeteria is doing something right!



STUDENTS RATE THE CAFETERIA FOOD

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

EVERY GOEBEL

Do you ever think about where buildings come from? Buildings like gyms, livestock barns, and hay barns to name a few. I interviewed my dad, Booky Goebel who is the co-owner and general manager of Goebel Welding and Construction LLC. “What does he do” you might ask. I asked him many of questions and got great answers that I will now share with you!

Buildings are useful to people in many ways. According to my dad the most popular thing buildings are useful for is storage. “You can build a \$200,000 building and store more than 1 million dollars’ worth of supplies” my dad said. However, there are some unusual things building are used for. “I once built a gym for the retired New York Yankee baseball player Andy Petite in Encinal Texas,” my dad added, “I have also built an airplane hangar in Alpine Texas for Buena Vista Aviation.” I asked him how long an average sized building takes to build, and he responded “12 days.” The most popular building color he builds is a tie between light stone and saddle tan.

When I asked him why he joined this business he answered, “my dad had worked hard to build this business and I wanted to someday take it over” he answered. “The company has been in business for 38 years,” he explained, “I’ve personally have been in it for 16 years. I questioned how many buildings he has built. “over 1,000” he answered, “but the company has built over 3,000”

After talking about these questions with my dad I asked him what his favorite part or parts was.

“the best part is when you complete a project and have a satisfied customer who is proud of their building. The second best part is the end of the year when you had a successful year and kept your employees safe and busy.” I asked what advice he had for any “future builders”. “Don’t bid it cheap just to get it. There will always be competition out there that is going to bid it cheaper and the lack of quality will show. At the end of the day, you get what you paid for” he quoted.

Booky Goebel is my father and a metal building owner and operator at Goebel Welding and Construction LLC. I am proud of how he helps people in our community every single day.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT-GOEBEL WELDING AND CONSTRUCTION



OPPORTUNITIES

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