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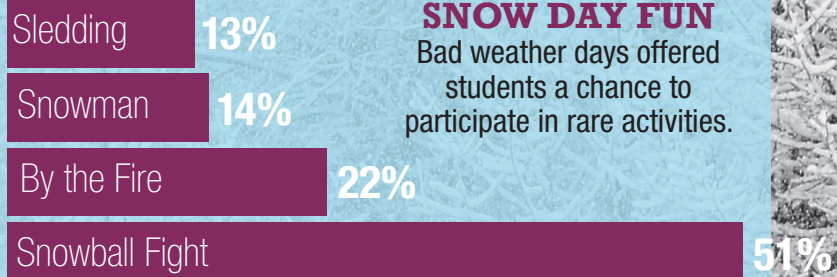
Spontaneous snow days provide students with small breaks in school week, new setting to hang out with friends

Contrary to normal February weather in Texas, snow replaced sunshine at sporadic intervals. While the weather would fluctuate from 70 to 30 degrees in a single week, Texarkana area students wished for (and received three) snow days.

"I was so glad that we got to have a snow day because I knew that meant I would get to sleep in and hangout with friends," freshmen Houston Hart said. "My whole neighborhood came to my house and went sledding on the hill that we made."

However, upon a closer look, many students began to dread inclement weather because of the make-up days that would be added back during Memorial Day weekend and Good Friday before Easter.

"I really enjoyed playing with friends in the snow," sophomore Roslyn Griffin said. "I just wish we did not have to make up the bad weather days because now we will have to be at school even more than we thought."



SNOW DAY FUN

Bad weather days offered students a chance to participate in rare activities.

Even though Texas occasionally received snowy weather, many students from other warmer countries had never experienced snow before this year.



FAMILY BONDING "My favorite part of the snow was when I got up and saw the snow. Since I had never played in the snow before, I was really excited to get to go outside and have an amazing time building a snowman. I was glad that I got to spend my first snow day with my awesome family."

-Blanca Garcia, 10



A WONDERFUL SIGHT "It was my first snow time, so I thought it was beautiful as I saw the snow falling. Since I have never seen snow fall in my life, I had so much fun getting in snowball fights with my friends and cousins. I definitely made this first experience a great memory."

-Abraham Olvera, 10



GREAT WHILE IT LASTED "The snow is very pretty, like a picture of the sky. I played with my sister and my family in the snow. We had snowball fights and made a snowman. It was very pretty with the white. It was kinda ugly when it started to melt."

-Jaspreet Singh Sohi, 11



"TigerVision has helped me explore my options for future careers with what I want to do when I get out of school. It's just another thing to look at, and I really enjoy it."
- Connor Williams, 11

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Broadcast students expand knowledge of live productions, get to see work on stadium's jumbotron



ALEXANDER IVEROTH, 11

What do you want to be in the future?

I want to be a concept artist.

What is the most rewarding part of TigerVision?

I've always had stage fright, but TigerVision has helped me get over that. It's boosting my confidence in being able to talk to people. Even though I'm not talking in front of them, I still know I'm talking to 2,000 kids. Being able to work with friends, on projects, definitely makes it better.

How is TigerVision preparing you for your career choice?

We do storyboards for short films, and in those I design the whole composition, the different types of characters, landscapes, and it goes into huge categories. It gives me early practice, it's going to be something I do in college, but now I get to practice in high school, like an early start.

From videoing sporting events to covering service projects, TigerVision students seem to cover everything that happened on and off campus. This year, however, their videos projected onto a bigger screen.

"[The jumbotron] gives us a chance to be a part of what Texas High represents, such as football games on Friday nights," junior Stormy Roberts said, "and it certainly helped us out during the season by getting better close ups for the audience to see."

The jumbotron also made the student

section more enthusiastic.

"[The jumbotron] gave the students a chance to see themselves on the screen and get more pumped up, which I think really helped this season," senior Jessi Chapman said.

Besides filming football games and hyping students up, the jumbotron gave students a chance to expand their knowledge on live productions.

"[Getting the jumbotron] certainly added more work," junior Connor Williams said, "But it gave us more potential ways to learn new skills since

now we're doing live productions, which is a very useful ability in our field."

The jumbotron also gave students the chance to use their mobile production unit and expand their equipment's uses.

"The truck allows us to actually use the jumbotron because it has a lot of the equipment that we need; we also have the drone we can use for aerial footage," senior Jake Boyles said. "If someone wants us to come shoot something, we usually use the truck. We can use [the truck] pretty much anywhere because we can stream live from it."



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GET BEHIND the lens

Whether on the field, like senior Jessi Chapman, or in the press box, like senior Ashwani Patel, Friday nights gave students hands-on training filming football games and operating advanced camera equipment. "[Filming events] helps me gain experience by learning how major sport stations operate with huge amounts of people watching them," Ashwani said. "It also gives me the opportunity to learn how to work with different types of equipment."

Team grows stronger despite loss of centennial game, ending 13-year winning streak

UNDEFEATED

No one thought it would ever happen.

It seemed impossible, as if a 13-year winning streak guaranteed another year of success.

But all things must come to an end, the good and the bad alike, and the Texas Tigers fell short to the Arkansas Hogs in the third round of overtime during the 100th game of the rivalry, 14-20.

"Leading up to the game, I felt like we were prepared, but at the same time our team as a whole was a little too comfortable in thinking we would beat Arkansas," senior KJ Reid said. "I was really excited for the game and had a lot of anticipation because it was my last, but in the end I don't think we played to the best of our ability."

Though many hours of dedication and planning had been poured into this single game, players admitted they didn't give Arkansas enough credit.

"We didn't work as hard in practice because we expected to win," junior Jacorien Walker said. "Afterward, we realized that no matter who our opponent is we have to practice like we're playing a state championship. It definitely taught us not to underestimate someone."

The loss shook up more than just the

football team, according to drill team member junior Elizabeth Tullis.

"Although every loss is disappointing in some way, this one really seemed to hit home for me," Elizabeth said.

"The Texas vs. Arkansas game is what you think of when you here Texas High football, so losing such a big rivalry game, especially on the anniversary, was unexpected and devastating for more than just the football players."

Even though the loss was devastating, students still enjoyed showing their school pride through the many festivities of the week.

"Particularly, I enjoyed the bacon fry being that it is a senior year tradition," senior Mackenzie Nixon said. "Since it is my last year, it was very memorable because I was able to spend it with my drill team friends."

Through this defeat, the Tigers learned how to recover from loss and learn from their mistakes. The juniors in particular learned to approach every game with humble confidence.

"We learned to take the game more seriously," junior Alyass Spiller said. "As a team we need to be more consistent, just like we're always told to do. We could have done better offensively but also could have stopped the defensive line more as well."



k. brinkmeyer

After everything was said and done and the initial shock wore off, students and football players realized that this loss only gave the Tigers a chance to come back stronger than ever before.

"You can't go into a game thinking you're just going to dominate. You have to work hard for everything," junior Chaz Davis said. "Next year against Arkansas we are not going to slack at practice anymore that week, and it'll hopefully just be a whole different mentality. Our loss this year made us stronger and brought us together as a team."

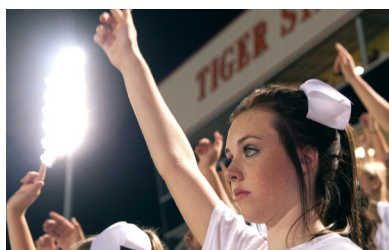
game changer

Arkansas High player Andrew Bishop scores the game-winning touchdown during overtime at the 100th anniversary game of the crosstown rivals. The Arkansas win broke the Tiger's 13-year winning streak. "I was trying to catch him, but it was already too late; he was too close to the end zone," senior Marquan Tucker said. "I just broke down after that. I felt sad inside. I felt like we shouldn't have lost."

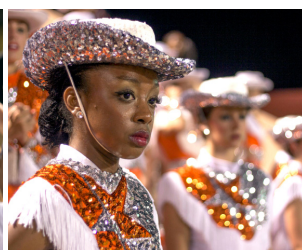
failure does not define us

Comforting his friend on the field, senior Gage Martin gives encouraging words to junior Jaylen Rhone. "Jaylen was a teammate of mine last year during the basketball season," Gage said. "He's a good person and didn't need to be down. He has a lot of things to look forward to in the future." Gage tried to inspire Jaylen not focus on the loss, but what he could learn from it instead. "I told him to keep his head up and that it's just one game," Gage said. "He knew when he walked out that someone is going to win and someone is going to lose. You don't always win. He has to look forward to the next game because I know he's going to do better."

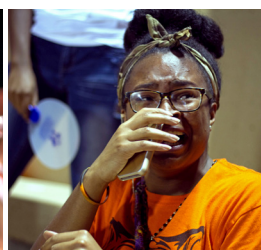
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Aliyah Epps, 12/s. rogers

50 years a tiger

Al Hanna receives recognition for being longtime football radio announcer



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Given a commemorative football from the centennial game, longtime radio announcer Al Hanna exits the field with school board member Paul Miller, Trochia and senior Caroline Purtle after being recognized for his 50 years of service. Hanna died a few months later on Nov. 6. "He was truly a great man and loved the Tigers," Principal Brad Bailey said. "If you didn't get a chance to meet Mr. Hanna, you could always be his friend on the radio as he provided information to you on sports in the community and would make you feel part of the game as the voice of Texas High."

Taylor Post, 11



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Emily Evans, 12



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Jessi Chapman, 12



r. lewis

cupid's little helpers Rosebuds members prepare for Valentine's Day by decorating carnations. Three hundred and fifty ribbons tied in neat little bows called for a lot of help. "I was one of the many people who added the ribbon to the carnations to make them look more desirable," senior Emily Evans said. "I mean, who doesn't want a pretty flower from a sweet someone on Valentine's day?"

love me TENDER

Garden club brings back old tradition

Ribbons, flowers and dedication added up to a successful Valentine's Day event sponsored by Rosebuds. As the day of love approached, anticipation filled students as they waited patiently to light up their friends' days with carnations and smiles.

"Even though tying what seemed like a million strands of ribbon to carnations was time consuming, it really paid off," senior Chandler Thomas said. "I enjoyed seeing a hall full of flowers on Friday."

Love continued to be passed among the student body as smiles were brightened and days were made. Rosebuds dispersed the carnations throughout the school to help fill the recipients with joy.

"Girls and guys reacted differently when receiving their carnations," senior Jessi Chapman said. "When people realized the carnation that was for them, they were relieved to hear their name called, and their face would light up as they accepted it graciously."



l. gibbert

pick ME

Rosebuds initiation dinner causes new friendships to take root, old ones to continue to blossom

Rose in hand. Name in mind. The anticipation to reveal who they had chosen as their little sister had them hyped. Finally, it was the returning members' chance to hand out their rose and hope their little sister was just as excited as they were.

"When Anna [Graves] picked me to be her little sister, I was very excited," sophomore Marjorie Slimer said. "I knew she would be a great big sister because she is one of my really good friends, and she is also one of my favorite juniors."

Big and little sisters shared the same amount of love for one another as real siblings would. Big sisters

were beyond ecstatic to welcome another member in their Rosebuds family.

"I picked Marjorie because she's always been one of my great friends," junior Anna Graves said. "I see her as my little sister already, so I couldn't have picked anyone better."

As the year continued and friendships kept flourishing, sisters continued to become best buddies through any weather that may have brewed.

"I can't wait to spend more time with my big sister," Marjorie said. "I can already tell that we're going to grow closer throughout the year."

"It's great knowing I have someone like Marjorie as my little sister in my growing Rosebuds family."
-Anna Graves, 11



Luke Robertson
Passionnetta Robinson
Julian Rodriguez
Esther Roeder
Nicholas Rommel
Anet Rosas Labrada
Rigoberto Rosas Rodriguez

Latauvia Ruffin
Colleen Russell
Colton Russell
Hannah Russell
John Sanchez
Jose Sanchez
Courtney Sanders

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PICK YOUR STRATEGY

Board games blend skills with fun in friendly competitions

He examines the game board carefully to determine his next move. His mind quickly evaluates every possible option. For junior Luke Robertson, his strategy will determine if he's able to conquer the world.

"It's all about strategy, the placement of every little piece in a certain place to help strengthen defenses in certain areas and help to strengthen attack forces," Luke said. "[Risk] is a war game. It helps with war strategies because you never know which way war is going to go, no matter how many people you have or what strategy [you use]."

Luke, along with other members of Risk Club, tested different strategies on a variety of board games, from Mahjong to Twilight Imperium.

"Each game requires a different strategy because every game is not like Risk," Luke said. "A lot of games deal with strategy and are based on finite numbers. Like in chess, your strategy is everything."

Even though the main purpose was to have fun, members of Risk Club learned a little about geography along the way.

"You'd be surprised how many countries I got right in geography freshman year just because I played Risk," senior Alex McBay said. "It was quite helpful, and I think other people could use that."

Strategy and geography weren't the only things students learned from playing games.

"There are some games I have played that depend a lot on deception, and that teaches you and the people you play with, how good of a liar you are. Sometimes, that's not the best of things between friends, because if you can lie really well playing a game, you can lie really well anywhere."

While the competitions tended to be friendly, the battlegrounds can sometimes get tense.

"I can't afford to fight Mr. [Lance] Kyles because I am too important," Alex said. "So me and Mr. Kyles have this everlasting truce. But recently, in the last Risk game we played, Mr. Kyles vowed to attack me because we have a truce every game. The next time we play something, he's going to attack me, so I am kind of afraid."

In the end, it was all about winning.

"Some people don't like losing. Not me. I win all the time," Alex said. "There's no losing in there."

territory take-over A desire to conquer the world pits sophomore Carson Dial, junior Luke Robertson, senior Alex McBay and sophomore Austin Crane against one another as they play Risk. Even though the members play several board games, the first and last game of the year was always Risk. "The point of Risk Club is to have fun and to play games. Generally and originally, we play Risk," Alex said. "But I personally don't like Risk because it's too simple; it's too straightforward, so we play all the other games. We may play a World War II game. I played chess once. We may play Mahjong. I still don't know what it is; it's like dominos, like Chinese dominos. We may play some game in Rome, whatever we have, we will play it. And we do that all year."



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