



BISON

standing out

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Teamwork. The Lady Bison volleyball team huddles up to hear from their coach, returning graduate Kaila Grissett. The team worked hard to improve on previous seasons. menefee photo



Take the ball and run. Junior Matt Gilliam races toward the end zone during an early-season game. The Bison were under the leadership of AD Gary Grubbs for the second year. matney photo



Everybody was kung-fu fighting. Coach Aaron Snow checks his email during a team-building exercise that had the faculty creating super hero names and masks during in-service. Snow moved to the high school after teaching at the junior high last year. menefee photo



Meet and greet. Varsity football players spend a Friday morning greeting elementary students as they arrive at school. Seniors Logan Freeman, Trey Minter, Bryce Pauler and Clay McGill hold open the cafeteria door for some of the students. Other football players, Belles and cheerleaders helped out elsewhere on campus as well as at the lower junior high. cain photo **Eat it up.** Football players Seth Folsom, Jeremy Whitmire and Clay McGill encourage pie-eating contestant Jesus Garcia at a pep rally. menefee photo **Tune makers.** Bison Brigade members Cristal Reyes and Ashley Thunderhawk play at a football game. The band took a trip to Disney over spring break. menefee photo **School spirit.** Senior Maria Maltos and Ashlynn Woodard sing the school song after Meet the Bison. menefee photo



Activities help students stand out

Whether it's by cheering, acting, dancing, competing or playing, students have always found a way to express their individuality and stand out from the rest of the crowd. With a multitude of organizations and clubs available, students are able to pick the ones that fit their talents and utilize them to their full potential. And in a school this size, many students are involved in multiple activities.

"This year I have really been able to showcase who I am through the different organizations that I am involved in," senior Miryam Zapata said. "Theatre is one of the ways that I am able to show others my abilities and let them see a little bit of the real me."

School activities also provide students with a way to socialize outside of the classroom and be themselves.

"I am so thankful for my team," senior Allison Grissett said. "Throughout the season we have grown so close; they aren't just my friends anymore, they are my family."

It's not just the students who are defined by school activities - community members who attend games and other activities and help support groups through fundraisers help give students a chance to hone their interests. Community support is something that students are grateful for.

"Everybody cares, and that's a great feeling," freshman Tana Cleveland said. "The parents, teachers and students are always there for each other. It made the transition from junior high to high school so much easier knowing that there is always someone to depend on." - by Kendall Morales



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Teamwork and tradition are the first two things I associate with Belles. The routines are not extremely difficult, but the routine is only a success when every girl learns, perfects and executes their part. And how many schools our size have a drill team celebrating its 58th line?"

- Amanda Harter, Director





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"I want my peers telling our stories to their grandchildren one day."
- Tristan Bailey, 12



Come one, come all. Bison cheerleaders pose with football helpers Jacob Fishbeck, Jarrett Fishbeck, Dylan Harris and Bryce Ryder. The boys rode with the cheerleader to all the games to help with equipment. shelton photo





Bison pride. Senior Ally Gaskins and the cheerleaders finish up Meet the Bison by helping to sing the school song. menefee photo

Who, what, where. Senior Makayla Troyer asks a college adviser for some advice while attending a career fair at Navarro College. Troyer works at Brookshire Bros. on the weekends and plans on going to Tyler Junior college after graduation. menefee photo



Making new friends. Junior Maci Smith gets a little help from teacher Katie Villarreal in making friends with a giant lizard. This was Villarreal's first year at BHS. brogden photo



Practice makes perfect. Seniors Logan Freeman and Clay McGill practice for the play *The Boys Next Door*. Freeman and McGill are also involved in other UIL events this year. scott photo



Look alive. Senior Miryam Zapata helps fellow senior Trey Minter prepare for graduation pictures. Zapata has been involved in journalism for two years. menefee photo



- 3 - Start of two-a-days, Belle and band practices
- 17 - Teacher in-service begins
- 24 - First day of school
- 25 - Meet the Bison

AUGUST



It's our turn. The volleyball players take the court for their introduction to the community during Meet the Bison. The team had a new coach this season - Buffalo graduate Kaila Grissett. - menefee photo

All dolled up for Friday night lights. Bucky, played by freshman A'sia Bradley, works her magic to get the crowd on its feet. matney photo



Dance the night away. Senior Miryam Zapata shows off her Belle moves during a halftime performance. This was Miryam's first year to be in Belles. menefee photo



Raise the roof. Cheerleaders Macky Morales, Kendall Morales, Ima Champion and Nadia Garcia work the crowd at an early-season game. The cheerleaders competed in this year's UIL competition, which was the first of its kind. matney photo

- 10 - School Pictures
- 10 - Cap and Gown Pics
- 12- Battle of the Gavel
- 12 - Theatre Workshop
- 17 - Sports Pictures
- 19 - Speech Meet @ Tyler
- 29 - College and Career Fair

SEPTEMBER



Like this? Senior Clay McGill advises freshman Noah Rubel on how to eat crawfish. Both boys were out with the speech and debate team for their first competition of the year. It was Noah's first time to eat crawfish. menefee photo



I think it's this one. Sophomore Sean Haycock works in a group with Tacie Ceron and Tate Slaughter during Spanish teacher Cindy Eppes' class. Students were playing a game in class on how to ask questions in Spanish. Both Tacie and Tate were juniors this year. eppes photo

Look boys - this is how it's done. Coach Robert Rubel demonstrates to players Samuel Cervantes and Jordy Maltos the upcoming play. It was both players' first year on varsity. It was also coach Rubel's first year at Buffalo. menefee photo



Let's go Buffalo. Coaches Jared Grubbs and Gary Grubbs cheer on the Bison from the sideline during the pre-district game against Westwood. The football team made it to the first round of playoffs this year. menefee photo



- 6 - FFA/FCCLA Trip to the State Fair
- 9 - Senior Walk
- 10 - Debate at Godley
- 14 - PSAT
- 14 - District Cross Country
- 19-23 Homecoming Week
- 27 - Blood Drive
- 28 - Career Fair
- 29 - FCS Students Pumpkin Carving
- 30 - *Boys Next Door* performance

OCTOBER



Walk this way. The senior football boys walk strong and proud escorted by their parents at Senior Walk. The annual event is an opportunity for the senior class to be recognized for their accomplishments. Usually held on Homecoming night, the event was moved up this year because of game scheduling. kelly photo

Up, up and away. Senior Logan Freeman is dressed as America's favorite hero, Captain America. Superhero Day was one of the dress-up days for homecoming week. burchfield photo

Band time. The Bison Brigade warms up and prepares for their UIL marching band competition. The band received a three on a scale of one to five with their "Punk Rock's Not Dead" show. gleghorn photo



Howdy y'all. Senior Kendall Morales talks to classmate Jocelyn Trejo about homecoming festivities. Both Morales and sophomore Kaiden Loep embraced their inner Texan and went all-out for Western Day. menefee photo



5 - FFA District LDEs
7 - Speech Meet @ John Tyler
10 - Area FFA
11 - District Congress
17 - NHS Induction
18 - ASVAB
23-24 Shattered Dreams

NOVEMBER



Smile pretty. Freshman Yomele Almeida keeps her smile shining as she performs with the Bison Belles at halftime. The Bison's trip to the playoffs gave all of the groups an extra chance to perform. menefee photo

Check my jersey out. Junior Justin Foley shows off his jersey at the football playoff game. Justin is one of the team's managers. a garcia photo



Music man. Junior Zach White plays his trombone during the halftime show at the November playoff game. This was Zach's first year at Buffalo, where he is also involved in theatre. menefee photo

- 5 - Speech meet in Buffalo
- 6 - Belles in Christmas Parade
- 8 - ACT Boot Camp
- 17 - Christmas Extravaganza
- 19 - Boys Basketball at the Tyler Food Bank
- 29-31 - Bison Shootout/Tournament

DECEMBER



Ho-ho-ho. FCCLA students help Santa out on a trip to the elementary campus. The group traveled to the campus for several projects this year, including working as Santa's helpers at Christmas. The group's community service projects helped them in regional and state competition. neyland photo

Special treatment. Santa, played by senior Logan Freeman for the Christmas Extravaganza, gets a visit from his mom. They pose for the camera with "elf" Clay McGill. scott photo



Can't get past me. Junior Matt Gilliam works defense on the court during the holiday basketball tournament. The boys went on to make the playoffs. menefee photo

8 - 4-H Omelet Supper
11-13 - State Congress
13 - UIL Cheer Competition
19 - Spring Sports Pictures
22 - PSAT
22 - ProGrad Potato Dinner
27 - TSTC Rep Visit

JANUARY



My ball. Senior Bryce Pauler keeps the ball to himself in a game against Westwood. The boys went on to make the playoffs and become Bi-District Champs. gleghorn photo

Radio celebrity. Senior Dylan Harris talks with announcer Monty McGill after a Bison game. The games were all broadcast over the radio. gleghorn photo



Follow directions. Head Coach Jozette Jenkins talks with her girls during a time-out while assistant coach JJ Guidry listens in. The girls finished the season as regional finalists. menefee photo

- 1 - District CX Debate
- 4 - FFA teams @ Katy
- 9 - Junior Class Cake Auction
- 9 - Sophomore Class Chili Supper
- 10-13 - NSDA National Qualifier Speech Tourney
- 18-20 - Regional FCCLA Convention
- 22 - FAFSA Workshop
- 22-26 - FFA Week
- 24 - NHS Blood Drive

FEBRUARY



Top dogs. Seniors Maci Hoffman and Allison Grissett share a hug mid-court after winning the first game of the regional tournament. The girls lost the next day, one game shy of making it to the state tournament. dujay photo

Go Bison. The cheerleaders spent hours on a bus the weekend of the girls' regional tournament - they made the trip to Waco two days in a row, and on the second day traveled to the boys' game in Livingston as soon as the girls' game was over. dujay photo



Say cheese. Speech students headed to the NSDA national qualifying tournament line up with coaches Jill Henson and Melonie Menefee for a selfie. Evan Grisham and Kendall Morales advanced to nationals at the event. gleghorn photo



- 1 - Senior Cap and Gown Delivery
- 2 - OAP Clinic @ Leon
- 2 - FFA Horse Judging @ SHSU
- 4 - Cheerleader Tryouts
- 4-9 - Band Trip to Disney
- 11 - Bison play @ Minute Maid
- 18 - OAP Lock-In
- 19 - OAP Community Performance
- 21 - District UIL Writing
- 23 - District OAP
- 24 - District UIL Academics
- 29 - English 1 EOC
- 31 - English 2 EOC

MARCH



Ready to go. Junior Jacob Fishbeck takes the mound at the Bison game at Minute Maid Park. The team earned the chance to play there by selling tickets to Astros baseball games. fishbeck photo



Warming up. Freshman Macky Morales gets ready to pitch during a spring softball game. Many of the softball girls were involved in multiple spring events. menefee photo



Stop. Sophomore Gracie Davis freezes in her role as a Mongal invader during *Rivers of Ink*, this year's OAP. The play was written by director Jill Henson and assistant Melonie Menefee. It advanced to Area competition. menefee photo



- 1 - District Golf
- 1 - Bi-District OAP
- 1 - FFA @ San Marcos
- 2 - FFA @ TAMU
- 6 - FFA @ MCC
- 7-9 - State FCCLA Convention
- 7-12 - Leon Co. Livestock Show
- 9 - Area OAP
- 11 - FFA @ Leon
- 12 - FFA @ SHSU
- 13 - FFA @ Tarleton
- 16 - FFA @ TAMU
- 20 - Letter Jacket Orders
- 21 - State Milk Judging
- 21-23 - Belles @ Showtime
- 22-23 - Regional UIL
- 23 - State Entomology
- 27 - Scholarship Interviews
- 29 - State Floral Contest
- 29-30 - Regional Track
- 30 - State Meats, Livestock, Poultry & Vet Judging

APRIL



Giggle it up. Seniors Rachael Sullivan and Miryam Zapata laugh as they take a spin around the dance floor together at prom. The event was held at Depot X again this year. pate photo

Grand old flag. Aide Percillar Reed and junior Justin Foley are presented with a new US flag. The two raise and lower the flag each day as part of their daily routine. scott photo



Follow me. Senior Jacie Jones shows at the Leon County Livestock Show for her last time. pate photo



- 2-6 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 - FFA & FCCLA Banquet
- 10 - UIL Banquet
- 11-13 Belle Kiddie Camp
- 13, 15 - *The Sound of Music*
- 13 - Belle Spring Show
- 17 - Sports Banquet
- 18 - UIL Reward Trip
- 23-25 - UIL State Meet
- 24 - Scholarship and Academic Ceremony
- 25 - Senior Walk
- 25 - Baccalaureate
- 26 - Senior Trip
- 28 - Graduation

MAY



Remembering the past. The Class of 2016 does the first-ever Senior Walk, visiting the elementary and lower junior high campuses to greet the students and encourage them to stay in school to graduate. Principal Tracy Gleghorn hopes to make this an annual tradition. gleghorn photo

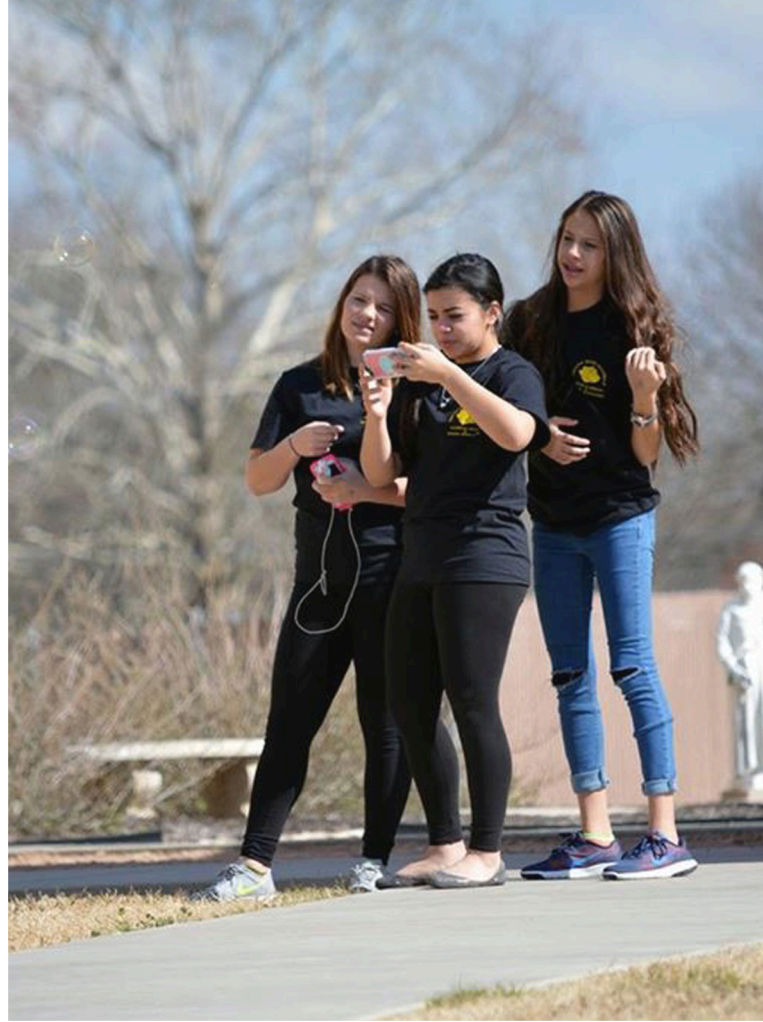
Beach time! The senior class decided to pull a prank by setting up a redneck water park for themselves and their dogs on the Wednesday before graduation. Their trip to an actual waterpark was cancelled due to weather, with the seniors opting for a movie and lunch out instead. gleghorn photo



Baseball ready. Junior Jacob Fishbeck gets ready to bat during the final game of the Bison baseball playoff run. The team made it to the Area games. menefee photo

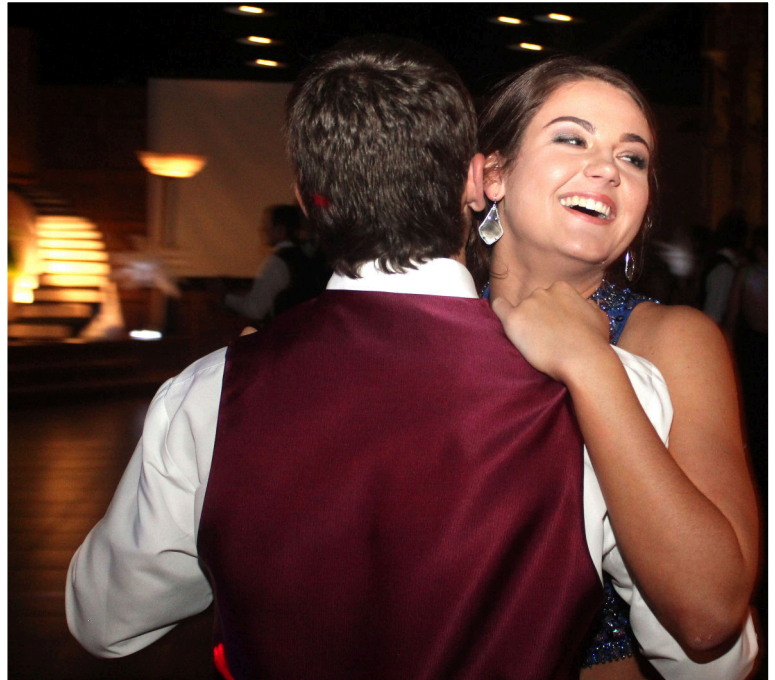


PEOPLE



How do we look? Speech team members Taylor Lack, Andrea Garcia and Sheri Donaldson spend some of their downtime at a tournament checking out selfies of themselves. contributed photo

Dance the night away. Juniors and cousins Lauren Pate and Shelley Pate take a spin on the dance floor at prom. pate photo



Rocking the facial hair. Science teacher Patrice Cox and senior Miryam Zapata show of their Duck Dynasty costumes during Homecoming Week. Each day had a different theme. contributed photo



**ELEMENTARY
& JUNIOR HIGH**



Hanging out. Senior Clay McGill chats with elementary students during breakfast. The football players and spirit teams visited the lower campuses on several Friday mornings to see the younger students. grissett photo

Back the blue. During the fall, students at the lower junior high wrote letters to police officers to show their support. A group of students deliver their letters to Chief Lance Pavelka. morris photo



Whatever it takes. Junior high principal Susan Shelton works the floor cleaner on her campus. morris photo

COMMUNITY



Paying their respects. The lower junior high students take part in a Veteran's Day program. The elementary campus had a program honoring veterans as well. shelton photo

Purple pride. The stands were packed for basketball playoff games this winter, as well as other sporting events throughout the year. No matter the occasion, there were always Bison fans there to support. dujay photo



Most popular guy in town. Ronald McDonald himself visited McDonald's on the day the elementary campus held their fundraiser. cain photo



Game face. On. Senior Kyle Simpson watches from the dugout during the Bison's final game in the playoffs. The last two games had to be moved to Madisonville due to lightning. menefee photo



Good job, team. UIL competitors Ally Gaskins, Sarah Burchfield, Jordan Jenkins, Evan Grisham, Natalie Freeman, Kendall Morales, Lilah Adams, Ally Smith and Andrea Garcia all sit together enjoying each others company and enjoying some Blue Bell before competition day. Regionals was held in Brenham. menefee photo



Sing your hearts out. Senior David McAlpine, sophomores Gracie Davis, Madison Rowan and Lilah Adams, freshman Kayleigh Rhodes, Wes Henson, Abby Henson and Heather Morales join together onstage to perform *The Sound of Music*. The musical was the final performance for the theatre group this year. menefee photo



1. Peace. We outta' here, y'all. Seniors Chris Yates, Ally Patterson and Zackary Boettcher participate in the first Senior Walk. The graduating class visited the younger campuses hoping to inspire the students to stay in school. gleghorn photo **2. That was radical man.** Seniors Trey Minter and Tristan Bailey slide down the slip and slide at the senior prank. gleghorn photo **3. I got you!** Seniors Taylor Shelton and Jacie Jones hang out on the elementary field day slides. High school students volunteered at multiple elementary events this year. cain photo **4. That's interesting.** Sophomore Ima Champion and freshmen Riley Webb and Cheyenne Eitson share with eighth graders about FFA at orientation. The incoming freshmen come over to hear about extracurricular events and special classes. menefee photo

All together. The senior class, along with much of the audience, showed their support of classmate Clay McGill and the finger he cut off less than two weeks before graduation during the school song, when they all modified their "Bison number one" sign during the school song. Clay missed the last two weeks of school but made graduation and most special events. menefee photo



Bison wrap up the year while reaching new goals

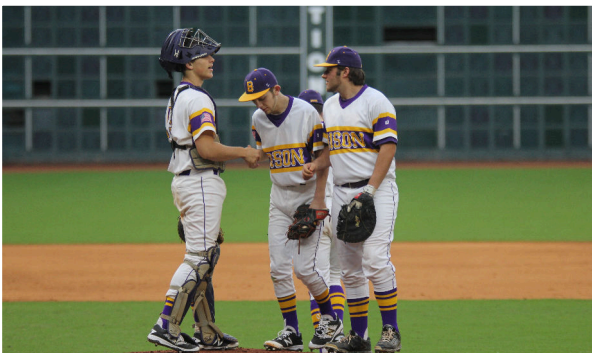
The 2015-16 school year was an outstanding school year for organizations from academics to sports. The football team's huge win in a downpour over Leon at homecoming. The Lady Bison entering playoffs after a "Perfect Season" of 25-0 and advancing to Regional finals ending their season as one of the Final 8 in the state. Bryce Ryder's nailing a 3-pointer sending the Bison further into playoffs by clinching a win over state-ranked Central Heights. Natalie Freeman, Brianna Johnston and Kynlee Driskill advancing to Nationals this summer in San Diego, California for FCCLA. The UIL academic team placing first at the district meet for the third year in a row and sending three competitors to state, with Kendall Morales placing fifth in Editorial Writing. Evan Grisham and Kendall Morales advancing to national debate

competition in Salt Lake City. The Bison baseball team making it to the Area round. Stephanie Bradley making it to state in track. The golf teams making it to regionals - a first for BHS - and Noel Rubel making it to state. The band and Belles keeping up and improving on their rankings for yet another year.

It's a story that never really ends. One group graduates and moves on while another moves up and fills in the gaps. Students work, set goals, improve. Years will pass and all of this will be just one part of a lifelong story, but a part it will be, and this book will serve as a reminder of all of the great things accomplished, the hilarious moments and the long-lasting friendships. This book holds one chapter and a reminder of the times we shared. As Superintendent Lacy Freeman said at graduation: "Once a Bison, always a Bison."
- by Jordan Jenkins

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"This band works hard, plays harder. Never gives up, and is there for each other and laugh often. They are more than a band ... they are a tribe"
-Jeff Villarreal, director





1. Walk this way. Senior Evan Grisham, sophomore Lilah Adams and freshman Ally Smith head back to the school van after competing at state UIL. Grisham and Adams both placed fourth in their rooms, narrowly missing finals. henson photo **2. Victory hug.** Seniors Maci Hoffman and Allison Grissett greet each other after winning the first game in their regional tournament. The Lady Bison were undefeated in district play. dujay photo **3. Good job dude!** Senior Clay McGill and junior Bryce Pauler show their excitement for their team with a hug after beating state-ranked Central Heights in the playoffs. menefee photo **4. Hangin' around.** Seniors Clint Guyton and Clay McGill and junior Bryce Ryder hang out on the pitcher's mound at their game at Reliant Stadium over spring break. fishbeck photo **5. Around the world graduates.** Seniors Jocelyn Trejo, Brittany Scott, Ally Gaskins and Sarah Burchfield gather around the Global Nomads TV to take a group selfie with fellow graduates from Saudi Arabia. Many of girls have become friends outside of their conferences. menefee photo

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