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CALICO SCORES BIG ON STATE EXAMS

Story by: Sunny Vickery and Sarah Davis

The 2017-18 testing window is over, and Calico scored BIG across the state! Sometime in late 2017, administrators discovered that the state department had ranked our school as a "C" average. That was unacceptable.

Because of our leadership in administration and with Mrs. King's help, we started targeting specific learning areas with an emphasis on complex reading and writing. That led to HUGE increases across the entire campus!

When we begin to compare the same student scores from 2017 spring to 2018 spring testing, we had something to be proud of.

7th grade increased 64% from 2017 to 2018
 8th grade increased 69% from 2017 to 2018
 9th grade increased 58% from 2017 to 2018
 10th grade increased 53% from 2017 to 2018

As a district, we are now rated with a "B" average, and we have increased our exposure across the state of Arkansas. According to US News and World Report, Calico School District ranks 70 out of 269 schools—that makes us a BRONZE leveled school! All teachers at the high school have two common goals for the school year:

- Use a deeper understanding of questioning/answering methods for evaluation...fewer yes and no answers.
- Read and/or respond to at least one non-fiction passage per week.

Further interim testing is scheduled for December 6 and March 1. Summative Aspire testing will be April 29-May 1

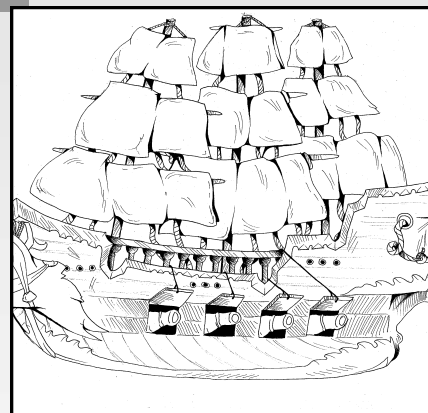
Band and Choir Students Make Changes

Story by: Christine Williamson

"Band students are the best students because they're good-humored, hard-working, and motivated. For the most part, they act like a family," states Ms. Katie Brown, Director.

Big plans are in the works for band and choir students this school year. The Calico Rock Alma Mater is now being sung at the home games, and Macy James and Sarah Colbert are also leading the students and visitors in their rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Along with those changes, the 8th-12th graders are learning All-Region music, which is a competition to learn and practice prepared audition music and scales. The competitions are divided up between junior and senior high, and they will be judged on how well they perform. If any student advances, he/she will participate in a clinic at Jonesboro, AR.



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FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

On October 3, 27 students attended the District VI Fall FBLA Conference on the campus of Arkansas State University—Mountain Home.

This is not a competition conference; but rather, a recognition conference in which members and officers are acknowledged for the work they do in their community. The keynote speaker was NBA player, Vince Hunter.

Robotics Team

For nearly six weeks, members of the Calico Rock Robotics Team have been building not only a robot, but also a course that fits the standards set by B.E.S.T. Robotics (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology).

This year, the theme is Current Events, which includes a 32'x12' field representing gyres of the different oceans that have pollution. The robot must be able to remove the pollution of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and rubber bounce balls. The robot must also try to save the wildlife, which includes rubber ducks and sea turtles.

The most impressive aspect of this project is knowing that the robot must travel up and down an unstable rail while testing the driver's communication skills with the rest of his / her team as they direct the engineering, analysis, and problem solving skills needed to complete the course.

The first competition is on Saturday, October 20 in Harrison. If our school scores high enough in our core areas, we will advance to semi-finals in Fort Smith, AR.



PIRATE PRIDE Story by: Matthew Dore and Kelli McIlvain

School spirit is what makes Calico Rock what it is. Try out some of the

clubs, get into sports, invest yourself within the school because you will find that it's one of the best in our area.

The fact that we are a small school is awesome because students get closer to their teachers and peers. We get one-on-one attention. , "The best part about our school is that we are family," stated Mrs. Nordrum, principal.

One of the most anticipated experiences here at Calico is the beginning of our basketball season.—that's where you'll find some amazing school spirit. The

chants and cheers from our home section are indicative of our school pride.

Our school's history is also something to be really proud of. Our current high school gymnasium was built in 1999. Each year during the Black and Orange game, Calico Rock introduces the new inductees into the Hall of Fame. This honor is for community members who have shown great support to our school and our organizations.

Our school crest design is based on the idea that Calico represents all facets of school life from academics, organizations, art and music programs as well as athletics.

CRHS ATHLETICS by Kyle Traversie

The Golf season is the first to kick off the school year in August, and Coach Skidmore was the one who took charge and led our boys to competition. The team consisted of Logan Dickerson, Cade Whiteaker, and Cole Whiteaker. By October 2, Cole Whiteaker ended his second year with an All State win and an honor of being only 1 in 8 players for the 1A division of golf.

The Black and Orange game kicked off basketball season on Friday, October 12, with its annual fish fry along with a sneak peak of what our boys and girls team have to offer in the scrimmage game that evening. According to ticket sales, there was a minimum of 650 fish fry tickets that were included in the pre-sale and another estimated 100 tickets sold at the door.

Senior high team captain, Cole Whiteaker, led his team to victory at the first official game hosted at ICC with 61-43 win against Sloan Hendrix as part of the Bad Boy Classic.

Kenlee Killian, captain of the girls team, led them into an overtime with an ultimate loss 66-60.



FFA/AGRI by Sarah Davis

Have you ever thought of showing an animal? Show season is still happening at Calico Rock with many different animals including cattle, goats, and pigs; there are many aspects about showing that people don't know about.

How are the animals trained? Before even showing an animal, it must be trained. The animals can be trained by "driving" and "leading." In order to drive a pig, one must use a tool to guide the animal in any direction. To lead a goat or cow, one must use a halter or collar. When it's time to show, the animal should be easy to lead around the arena.

How do you pay for everything? Some people get sponsors and others pay for it themselves. When someone gets a sponsor, the sponsor will purchase the animal once it's butchered. If you pay for the animal yourself, the cost would be in excess of \$1000.00, and while it does cost a lot on the front end, the animal gains its worth during its lifetime.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Story by: Kelli McIlvain

- Name
- Age
- Favorite Color(s)
- Favorite Song
- Favorite TV Show
- Favorite People
- Favorite Teacher/Class
- Favorite Foods
- Words to Live By
- Favorite Fashion
- Favorite Pastimes

**Graduation: May 17,
7:00 pm**

Krestun Clark...17...Baby Blue...
Living Hope...Criminal
Minds...Phlebotomy...Arozz..
Mi Pueblito...Kindness...
Sweatpants...Go to work and get a
job

Chase Cottrell...17...Purple and
Blue...Eastside...Grey's
Anatomy...My Mom, Dad, and
Brother...Miss Stacy...All
Foods...Never Regret Anything
That Makes You Smile...Shorts and
T-Shirt...Work, Sports, and Love on
My Dog

Logan Dickerson... 17...Maroon
and Gray...We Get By...
Hawaii 5-0...Michael Jordan...Mrs.
Brannon...Chinese...If Ya Ain't First,
You're Last...Jeans and
T-Shirts...Sleep and Work

Matthew David Dore...17...Dark
Red, White, and Gray...Burning
Man...The 100...Mrs.
Hiers...Sandwiches...
I Am Legend...Jeans, T-Shirts,
Boots...Mess With Truck and Drive



AMI Days

Calico Rock School District has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for **Alternative Methods of Instruction** in the case of inclement weather. Teachers will have 5 day's worth of assignments ready to turn in by the end of October.

This is **GREAT** news because it means that those emergency snow days can be made up at home rather than using our make-up days that are already on our school calendar.

Andruw Slade Hale...17...Green...
Rod Zombie...Curious George...
Jaxon May...Mrs. Moser...Pizza...
Live Blood...T-Shirts, Hat, Jeans,
Boots...Push Down Trees with My
Bare Hands

Baylee Lynn Hicks...17...Turquoise...Perfect..
Grey's Anatomy...My Momma, My
Brother, and Riley...Mrs. Brannon
and Mrs. Newcomb...Tacos...All
Things Work Together for Good for
Those That Love God...Jeans,
T-Shirts, and Twisted X
Shoes...Show Cows, Hang Out with
Friends

Justin Lee Hicks...17...Blue...Justified...My
Whole Family...Mr.
Bryan...Pizza...I'm Going to Die One
Day—Just Not from Bore-
dom...Shirt, Boots, and
Jeans...Work on Vehicles

Lane Frost Jason...18...Blue...Longmire..Mr.
Bryan...Tacos...Just Weld It...Jeans
and T-Shirts...Rodeo

Laken Abbigail Jones...17...Pale Blue and Yellow...Blackbird...How I Met Your Mother...John Mulaney...Mrs. Killian, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Woods...Anything Mrs. Woods makes...Hoodie and Jeans...Read, Work, and Listen to Music



Connor Ruel Sanders...17...Red...Simple...Hawaii 5-0...My Sister...Mrs. Brannon...Basketball...Seafood...Hoodies and Shorts...Travel and Play Basketball

Kenlee Killian...17...Purple and Blue...Stand In Your Love...MLB Network—The Cardinals...God and My Family...My Mom, Mrs. Newcomb, and Mrs. Brannon...All Foods...Never Let Anyone Tell You Can't Do Something! God Loves You!...Jeans and Nice Shirt...Play Basketball and Softball...Play the Piano and Work on K2 Farms



Xzaviera MyKenzie Leigh Shaw...17...Gray...Shameless...My Momma, Gracie, and Joseph...Mrs. Hiers...Chicken...Leggings and a T-Shirt...Sleep and Work

Holly Richelle Lovan...18...Purple and Black...Talking Body...NCIS...Krestun Clark...Mechanics...Cashew Chicken...Caring and Loving...Pullover with Skinny Jeans...Spend Time With My Family



Gracie Golden Stamper...17...Black and Gold...Hopeless Romantic...Shameless...My Nana, Cheri, and My Best Friend...Mrs. Newcomb...Chicken...Jeans and T-Shirts...Work, Hang Out, and Listen to Music

Ryan Lee Johnson McCoy...17...Red, White, and Blue...Time Marches On...The Ranch...My Uncle Danny...Mr. Bryan—Ag and Welding Class...Jeans, Button Up Shirt, and Boots...Work Hard, Play Hard



Kyle Anthony Traversie...17...Black...If You Want Love...The Office, Family Guy...My Mom and Dad...Basketball...Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream...Patient and Faithful...Hoodie and Jeans...Write and Make Music

Julisa Marie Mendez...17...Green and Blue...She Got the Best of Me...Heartland and The 100...My Mom and Dad...Mrs. Brannon...Animal Science...Steak...You Are A Great Champion... Jeans and Twisted X Shoes...Work



Cade Whiteaker...17...Orange...With You I Am...The Ranch...My Dad...Coach Skidmore...Ice Cream...Basketball...Hunt and Fish

Brianna Leann Ritter...18...Turquoise...My Daughter, My Dad, and My Best Friend...Mrs. Woods...Chicken and Bacon...Leggings, Sweats, and T-Shirts..Work, Sleep, Friends, and Family



Cole Anderson Whiteaker...17...Blue...Make My Way...The Ranch...Family and Friends...Coach Whit...Basketball Practice...Turkey Meat...Always Try Your Hardest...Gym Shorts and Hoodie...Play Basketball