Students Handle Oldest Surviving Species

When the day began, Jefferson High School’s Conservation Leadership Team didn’t know it would be encountering the oldest surviving species in North America, but it did just that and much more on September 18, 2019.

Alma Rivera’s Honors Chemistry Class started the day by utilizing electronic probes to collect water quality data at Jefferson’s public boat ramp. As part of their monthly look at habitat health in Big Cypress Bayou, the young scientists found conditions to be much improved over findings the month before.

Once dam structure and function discovery was completed, our Army Corps of Engineers hosts led the group to student habitat remediation sites at Brushy Creek and Lakeview campground where previous groups had scattered native wildflower seeds and installed wetland hardturf trees. While at the pollinator habitat, students and Corps personnel scattered additional wildflower seeds as efforts proceed to make the area more useful for wildlife.

Preparing for the Marion County Fair

Since the first day of school, Jefferson High School’s art classes have been busy planning different projects for the Marion County Fair by painting and drawing which will be displayed.

This Thursday the National Honor Society will set up the displays and games for the children.

On Friday, the fair will welcome kids during their annual kids day (4 to 7p.m) and kindness day at the fair and the advanced art students will be joining NHS students to paint the children’s faces for a day of fun festivities.

Each child will receive a choice of a fall-themed necklace or headband created by the Floral Design class at JHS.

Junior Historians Begin Research

The Jefferson Junior Historian Club began by welcoming student Denise Jones with basic research for a rewrite of her recent publication, The River Man, at their initial meeting for the 2019-2020 school year recently in the Team Room at Jefferson Junior High School.

Fourteen members from last year’s group attended with new members and their new sponsor, Virginia Jones, were present to meet the author, listen to her statements and her signature.

Junior Historians examine satellite images of the study area looking for historic bridge, levy, and modifications associated with navigation, supporting levee construction on Big Cypress Bayou.

Dawgs Kicking For a Cure

Landon Fuquay (#18) is one of the senior captains and is the Varsity kicker for the Jefferson Dawgs.

This year he decided to participate in a fundraiser titled “Kicking for a Cure” where every completed PAT (point after touchdown) he scores will be money donated towards finding a cure for pediatric cancer.

Both Fuquay and his mother, Melissa Fuquay, both have already pledged for the year. The public is still able to pledge or make a one time donation until the end of the regular district season.

Landon wants to make a difference in people’s lives, so this cause means a lot to him. It is hard for him to imagine a kid going through this struggle because his sister has had friends who have suffered from pediatric cancer.

To explain how the process works, every PAT is multiplied by the amount that the person has pledged. At the end of the year, they will be billed the amount of PATs they pledged per PAT’s.

For example if you pledge $2 and Fuquay makes 40 PAT’s over the season, you will be billed $80 and all of the funds raised will go towards pediatric cancer.

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