

# HJHS SOARS!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Hello, my name is **Lilia Esquivel**. I was born in California and later moved to Oklahoma. Five years ago my family moved to Hillsboro. I run track and play volleyball and basketball. I have also been a cheerleader for two years. I have enjoyed participating in UIL One Act Play this year. Thank you for this awesome honor.



Hello, my name is **Landen Timbes**. I currently am in the eighth grade at Hillsboro Junior High School. I was born in Hillsboro. Some things I enjoy are riding and racing dirt bikes. I also like playing basketball and being a part of Hillsboro FFA. Thank you Rotary Club for giving me this award.

# 7TH GRADE WRITING

Our students did an excellent job of writing narratives about a missing snowman. They also created “Missing” posters and read their narrative to the class. Our narratives were written in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person. It was very interesting to see how a snowman could go missing.



## 7th Grade Reading

After reviewing and learning new information about the Author’s Purpose our students got a chance to discover the purpose for themselves. Students were tasked with reading a passage, identifying the author’s purpose, and explaining the evidence from the passage to support their answer. They did a gallery walk in the hall, stopping to read each passage. Hearing them discuss the reasons and the evidence with their peers was rewarding.



## **ONE ACT PLAY**

### **THE ASH GIRL**

Nineteen junior high students participated in the U.I.L. One Act Play competition. Out of the 8 schools in our district, Hillsboro Junior High School placed 2nd in the competition. Annette Castaneda (8th) won All Star Crew, Herminio Hernandez Jr. (8th) won Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, Jackson Steele (7th) won All-Star Cast, and Madison Bills (8th) took home Best Actress. The students had been rehearsing since the beginning of December and have put hours of hard work in. Their dedication, work ethic, and willingness to challenge themselves made for a fantastic show that we are proud of.



(Top from left. Brylee Tucker, Annette Castaneda, Herminio Hernandez Jr., Jordan Forns, Jayden Lesley, Haven Jordan, Haven Jordan, Madison Bills, Olivia Bauerschlag, Jackson Steele, Francisco Montoya, Larissa Boyd, Kathryn Seely, Jacob Dollar, Jacob Figueroa, Levi Bontke. Down from left. Delta Johnson, Ruth Marcos, Mekena McVean, Lilia Esquivel, and Mallorie Sexton.)

# Egg Drop

8th Grade Science students were challenged with the *Egg Drop Project* as part of their study of force and motion. They were to construct a container that would protect an egg from a drop over the second floor railing in our school. They were not allowed to wrap or submerge the egg in anything and the container had to be built by them- no prefab. The build also had to allow for easy placement and removal of the egg. We had quite a variety of designs come in and the students had a blast dropping them!

Prizes were awarded in five categories:

**Best Design- Luke Bontke**



**Most Durable- Nadhia Abreu**



**Most Creative- Levi Bontke**



**Lightest Surviving - Morgan Gresky**



**Most Spectacular Crash - Abbygail Martinez**



# 6TH GRADE MATH

The 6th grade had an *Order of Operations* snowball fight. All of the students grabbed mock snowballs that contained an expression they had to evaluate using the PEMDAS strategy! Students worked as teams to solve the problems. The team that correctly completed the most problems first, won!



# Life Skills

The life skills class went to Walmart and shopped for groceries in order to make Frito Pie for our amazing staff! We set up a buffet line and served everyone buffet style! During the last round of lunches the students were able to make themselves a plate and eat with the rest of the teachers and staff in the lounge! What a great day to be an Eagle!!

