

MISD concerns aired at meeting

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Wednesday's meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees drew an audience that overflowed the meeting room in the Administration building. Some came in support of teachers or coaches, others just to see what all the talk was about.

Board President Steve Trubenbach opened the session by reading from the Open Meeting Act's segment regarding public comments. He said the Board encourages people to speak and invited those who wished to speak to do so. Total public comment is held to 15 minutes. He said that they would give each person wishing to speak in public comments three minutes of time.

Herbie Fisher spoke in praise of the teachers. He said, "I think they are the ones that get the awards through their instruction. Sometimes, I think that is overlooked when it comes to pay scales here." He speculated that the teachers are probably some of the lower paid people in this area. "As a truck driver, I make more than the average school teacher here and that's not right," he continued. "I'm not educated enough to be a higher scale. When I make more money than the average teacher here, it's just not fair."

Iva Walterscheid said her son began attending school at Muenster ISD last year as a 5th grader and he had a difficult beginning because he was not happy to be changing schools. She credited Principal Lou Heers

and the communication she had with her teachers, and the teachers' and principal's communication with herself; it was an exceptional year.

Walterscheid noted that they are exceptional teachers, have been Exemplary 13 of the last 17 years, but are barely paid above the State minimum. She said that they could go to another district such as Lindsay or Ponder and make more money, but they stay because they want to stay in their community. She believes that the Board knows that they won't quit and that is why they won't give them a raise.

Trubenbach noted that the Board is not allowed to respond to the comments made about non agenda items.

The Board then showed a slide with the pay scales of several school districts and what they averaged above the State base salary. (Requests for the information were sent to 10 districts and seven responded.) He said that two of them had changed recently. Era had just increased theirs by \$1,000 each and Lindsay increased in the last month. The chart was an average over 20 years. It included additional monies paid for Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, continuing education, longevity, and health insurance. Some districts did not pay additional money in all of those areas.

Trubenbach said that Muenster appeared to be on the low end of pay above the State base until the additional pay of Bachelor's, longevity, etc. were added into the mix. **See chart for comparisons.**

Superintendent Clay Richerson reported that due to changes in the law, employee handbooks will have to be changed somewhat. Areas of change include leaves and absences, standards of conduct, and clarification in reporting suspected child abuse to CPS.

MISD's paperwork on Chapter 41 was not accepted this year. Richerson was notified that in 2010 when MISD first went into Chapter 41, there should have been an election to allow voters to

choose how the District is going to pay back recapture. He said there are only two options for Muenster. One is to pay the TEA back directly or to get an agreement to set up a technology consortium. A special Board meeting will be held before Aug. 26 to call the special election.

The Superintendent noted that in the 20 something categories of the Financial Rating Integrity System of Texas (FIRST), MISD scored the highest possible in all areas

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County's split vote sets budget, tax rate

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Cooke County Commissioners Court approved a \$20,032,881 budget for 2013-14. Their vote was three for and two against that budget. Commissioners Gary Hollowell and B.C. Lemons cast the nay votes. Yes votes from County Judge John Roane and Commissioners Leon Klement and Al Smith gave approval to the budget.

Public hearings for the proposed budget and proposed tax rate drew no public input.

At the request of County Attorney Ed Zielinski, Commissioners Court unanimously approved signing the contract for the BCOG grant. The grant funds will be substituted for the salary of CA office employee Callie Paxton. She will now serve as the victim's assistance coordinator for Cooke County.

Acceptance of the grant salary required some amendments to the proposed 2013-14 budget. Line item changes for this included additions of \$7,500; \$11,686; \$1,468; and \$1,910, and salary adjustments for the assistant county attorney of \$75,233 and the investigator of \$54,978. The salary changes were due to dividing Paxton's share of state supplement money between the assistant county attorney and investigator. These changes were approved.

Elected officials' salaries and expenses were set with a unanimous 5-0 vote. This included a 3% raise. The budget includes a 3% raise for all county employees.

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Brightening the City streets



Linda Flusche photo

The antique light posts on Main Street received a fresh coat of primer and paint as part of C.T. Beecham's Eagle Scout project. City employees Donnie Bateman, right, and Billy Hennigan put in new light bulbs to finish the job.

Regents set tax rate, add degree

Darin Allred
NCTC Public Relations Specialist

North Central Texas College regents voted to approve a new Fire Science degree and certificate at their regular meeting Monday.

The Fire Academy certificate and Associate's degree is proposed to be added to the technical program offerings beginning Spring 2014.

Lecture classes will meet on the NCTC Flower Mound campus with other hands-on training being held at one of the Flower Mound fire stations, as well as other locations in Denton County.

Flower Mound Fire Department Chief Fred Calhoun spoke to the regents about the need for the program and the demand for qualified firefighters in North Texas.

In other items, Regents approved the 2013-14 NCTC budget in the amount of just less than \$51 million. They also adopted the ad valorem effective tax rate of 0.0668 cents per \$100 valuation for 2013. This effective tax rate was calculated by the Cooke County Appraisal District.

The Board also approved an agreement between the College and Cooke County for a joint election on Nov. 5. The County will print the ballots, employ election judges and clerks, conduct early voting and regular voting, tabulate votes electronically, and report the results to the College. NCTC's estimated share of the cost is around \$7,000, a savings to the college of about \$2,000.

Regents then approved Martindale Feed Mill as the vendor for grain feed for the Beef Evaluation Center for the period of Sept. 1, 2013 through Aug. 31, 2014.

They then voted to participate in the Texas Community College Purchasing Network and approved scholastic standing changes in the 2013-14 catalog. In the past, students were placed on scholastic probation based on a semester GPA below 2.0. Now, students will be placed on academic

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Empty halls ready for one last school year



Janie Hartman photo

This empty Muenster ISD hallway will soon be filled with students for the beginning of the 2013-14 school year. This may be the last year the 1950 "High School" building will be used, as it is to be torn down and replaced with a new junior high building. The trophies and senior panel pictures from 1950 to 1998 that line the halls will be moved into the present high school and displayed in the halls and foyer there.

Time for new beginnings at MISD

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Class bells ring at 7:55 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 26 signaling the commencement of the 2013-14 school year. Teachers reported for staff development on Monday, Aug. 19.

School begins at 7:55 a.m. Monday through Friday. School dismisses at 3 p.m. on Mondays and at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Muenster ISD Superintendent Clay Richerson remarked, "The start of a new school year is very exciting. We are looking forward to many events and activities that will showcase MISD's students' skills. The new elementary construction is moving along with an expected move-in during the Christmas break that we anxiously wait for its completion."

"I have very good news concerning our students' performance on State exams. STAAR and End of Course exams this last year were implemented in full force. MISD received the results

the first week of August with what I consider excellent results. The overall Accountability Rating Index Reports for the District and both campuses was 'Met Standard.' That doesn't say very much, but the scores do."

"The State has four Indexes: Student Achievement, Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps, and Post-Secondary Readiness.

(Student Achievement (State Target Score = 50) - Muenster ISD scored 92

Student Progress (State Target Score = 21) - Muenster ISD scored 31

Closing Performance Gaps (State Target Score = 55) - Muenster ISD scored 96

Post-Secondary Readiness (State Target Score = 75) - Muenster ISD scored 91

Indicators Met, Performance Rates, Participation Rates, Graduation Rates, and Met Federal Limits on Alternative Assessments, MISD totaled 24 out of 25 for 96%

"Excellent performance achieved by our students. "Muenster ISD has great

academic students, but much of MISD's success can be attributed to our faculty and staff. Muenster ISD teachers take great pride in preparing your children and young adults academically.

Teachers spend many hours preparing for the rigors of State testing. Not many educators agree with high stakes testing, but this is the hand dealt to us by the

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Shooting headed to Grand Jury

On Sunday, July 28, the Cooke County Sheriff's Office was called to a shooting in the 600 block of East Cross Street in Muenster. When deputies arrived, they discovered Lonnie James Reasor, a white male, 41 years of age, lying on the front porch of a residence with a gunshot wound. Cooke County EMS transported Reasor to Muenster Hospital where Reasor was transported by CareFlite to a Plano hospital. The Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Muenster Police Department, searched the residence and crime scene and interviewed witnesses.

As a result of the investigation, Alex Paul Sicking, a white male, 26 years of age of Muenster, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Sicking was arraigned and released on \$50,000 bond.

On Friday, Aug. 9, Reasor died at the Plano hospital as a result of the injury sustained in the assault. The Cooke County Sheriff's Office will present the results of the criminal investigation to the Cooke County District Attorney's Office for referral to the Cooke County Grand Jury.

NCTC orders bond election for Nov. 5

Darin Allred
NCTC Public Relations Specialist

Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District unanimously approved a resolution to order and hold a bond election in November that will focus on two key projects for the Gainesville campus.

The resolution orders a bond election not to exceed \$14.8 million. According to North Central Texas College administration, the bond would pay for a new Health Sciences Center, expansion of the Career and Technology Center, and additional parking.

Just under \$12 million has been earmarked for a new Health Sciences Center that would consolidate all the health sciences programs on the Gainesville campus under one roof. The new building would be constructed on the site of the current 300 building, which is set for demolition in the coming months.

Additional space for health sciences programs including nursing and radiology, among others, has been needed for some time as more and more students apply for NCTC's programs. Additional space for simulation labs is also a critical need. This new building would address these problems.

Also under this proposal, an additional 10,000 square feet would be added to the Career and Technology Center (CTC) at an estimated cost of \$2.125 million. The expansion is needed for the growing number of vocational training programs offered at the CTC. Another \$750,000 is set aside to add parking near the CTC for both cars and buses.

The approved resolution would call for a bond election to be held on Nov. 5, 2013.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Aug. 20, 1948

Parish hall remodeling will not interfere with school lunch program. Cooke County Commissioners set new bounty on wolves - from \$3 on all wolves to \$15 for grown females, \$10 for grown males, and \$5 for pups; they decided the \$3 fee was not adequate to rid the county of wolves. Wedding: Frank Stoffels and Rose Fuhrmann. New Arrivals: Clinton to the Clinton Mitchells; Dwayne to Maurice and Geneva Pagel; a son to the Arthur Hellingers. Roger and Mitchell Wolf are spending this week with the Gainesville National Guard unit on maneuvers at Camp Hood. Wedding: Nelda Duncan and Marion Ray Hott; Lillian Wimmer and Ray Otto; Bernadine Sicking and

Leo Mosman. Rosalie Beyer has appendectomy.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 23, 1963

Ola Roberg, manager at the local dress factory, reports the business has grown steadily and they anticipate expansion in near future. Fr. Sylvester Schad observes Silver Jubilee. Obituary: Leo J. Wiese, 67. New Arrivals: Chuck to Doug and Chubby Reiter; Kay Lynn to Julius and Marcella Metzler. Alan Miller, age 8, sustains compound fracture of left arm while playing football in his back yard. Mrs. Jos. F. Neu surprised with party for her 92nd birthday. Fisher's advertises cantaloupes for 7.5¢ per lb.; Pagel's advertises Campbell's tomato soup 10¢; Hofbauer's advertises giant Tide 75¢.

25 YEARS AGO
Aug. 19, 1988

Special article highlights Uniflex Seating, Inc. owned by Elmo Self and Phil Russell. Jan Cain receives top Mary Kay award - named to the Director Court of Personal Sales. Obituaries: Al Moosburger, 83; Lenora Moore, 89. Sacred Heart Parish gets new phone system. Wedding: Denise Shepherd and Timothy Wolf. New Arrival: Casey to Jeff and Connie McAden. Yard of the Month honors go to Larry and Susan Apple. Duane Knabe earns UNT Accounting degree.

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Four arrested by Sheriff's Office DEU

Cooke County Sheriff Terry Gilbert reported that on Thursday, Aug. 15, the Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU), assisted by Cooke County patrol deputies, and Gainesville Police Department Narcotics and Patrol, executed a search and arrest warrant in the 700 block of S. Weaver Street, Gainesville. Deputies and officers arrested the following persons: Leslie Dawn Branch, a 43-year-old white

female; Christopher Antonio Blackshaw, a 29-year-old black male; Donald Leroy Cosgrove, a 42-year-old white male; and Bryson Dale Nance, a 25-year-old white male. All four were charged with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and were transported to and placed in the Cooke County Jail. Deputies recovered approximately 5.7 grams methamphetamine, baggies, and electronic scales.

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but one. That area will never be met due to the Chapter 41 status, he said. The District received a Superior rating. Last year two areas were missed compared to one this year.

Ted Heers, principal of Ponder Junior High School, said that he's been in the education business for 30 years. His three daughters attended school at MISD and he had only praise for the school district.

"I can't look at this Board and think that they wouldn't give a pay raise to teachers if they could," speculated Heers. "There's a lot of variables involved in school finance. It's just absurd."

He said that anyone complaining about teacher pay should familiarize themselves with recapture Chapter 41, equalization, WADA, and summary of finance. They are on the TEA website, but are very complicated to comprehend.

He commended the Board for not having to cut staff after going Chapter 41. That reduction in force (RIF) is what happened at Ponder and many other schools. Heers told of Ponder's Chapter 41 experiences. There were several years that they could not give raises and had to cut staff.

On the topic of coaches, Heers noted that there is a lot of competition to hire good coaches. The amount of work expected of them and the salary offered make a difference. He commented that a coach getting a \$10,000 coaching stipend who is coaching three sports is probably putting in at least 350 hours with trips, practices, scouting, Regionals, State, etc.; the coach is probably making less than \$5 an hour.

Heers urged those present to work as a team for the

good of the school and the students. Justin Bell, Band teacher at MISD, said, "Muenster is an incredible school district. We have incredible students, incredible teachers, incredible coaches, incredible administrators, and incredible Board members."

Bell stated that he feels the Board and Administration are doing a good job. "Our school budget situation is a symptom of a State problem. Chapter 41, also called property rich schools, are required to send money back to the State...A State law is causing a local problem. Therefore, I strongly encourage those who are upset about the budget to seek the appropriate channels to express their concern. Those he said are the State representatives and senators and the governor.

Rudy Koesler inquired about Chapter 41. He then asked about the District's reserve money which he was told is now \$2.4 million. He asked how much surplus is generated out of the current tax rate and was told none. "The budget this year is going to be about \$480,000 in the red," the Board told Koesler. That means using some of the reserve funds. Koesler queried, "So, in five years we'll be broke?" He was told that is a possibility unless something changes.

Koesler addressed the \$172,000 pay raise that they said the teachers got this year. He noted, "A pay raise is getting more this year than you did last year. That money those teachers are getting through stipends and longevity and all that other stuff was put in place in 1996." He went on to explain that they lost merit pay from the State. At that time a forwarding looking school board put in stipends and

Social Security benefits program to be held Aug. 27

Jerry Bailey, a Social Security specialist, will be hosting a Social Security benefits program Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Cooke County Library. Bailey's presentation will cover how to maximize your Social Security benefits. Bailey has over 26 years of experience in the Social Security field. He has spent the majority of his career informing the public of different strategies for attaining maximum Social Security benefits. The program will cover all aspects of Social Security, including death benefits. Even if you are already drawing Social Security, you are encouraged to attend, as you may be able to increase your benefits. Anyone is welcome to attend this free meeting. The program should last about an hour and will be in the meeting room at the Cooke County Library. The Library is located at 200 South Weaver Street in Gainesville. Bailey will also be available for questions after the program.

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longevity pay, not tied to the State salary scale. He said putting in the paper that that is a pay raise makes it look like the teachers are making a killing, which he said they are not.

"We are not athletics," noted Koesler. "We're not against sports. I just don't want another dime of my tax money being spent on eight coaches. We've got 35 kids going out for football, we do not need eight coaches."

In conclusion, Koesler wondered why a meeting was not called at the end of the school year when everybody was upset to try to find a solution to the problem. He cited more concerns and said, "Why isn't there an open discussion? We need new thinking. We need new direction. We need more involvement with the teachers."

Superintendent Richerson responded, "That \$172,000 was the pay increases from the step salaries from all our employees from custodians all the way to teachers. That was an increase from last year to this year, what it is going to cost the District to do those step salary raises. Teachers did get a raise."

Reports

Charlie Price and W.C. Farrell updated the Board on construction progress. In the elementary building, painting is being done inside. AC duct work is in and electrical work underway. Paving of streets is expected to be complete before the start of school. The Ag building is almost complete and ready for move in.

Elementary Principal Lou Heers indicated an enrollment of 284. Last year at this time, the enrollment was 282. She said that the majority of her staff have completed their 10 hours of continuing education this summer. Many have spent much time preparing their classrooms for the upcoming school year. "Their dedication is immeasurable," she praised.

On Friday, Aug. 23, a four-person scramble/teacher so-

cial will be held at Turtle Hill for the teachers. At 7 p.m., a catered meal will be served for all of the staff in the City park. She invited the Board to attend.

JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning said that scheduling is complete. Teachers have been in and out over the summer preparing for the upcoming year. Band, cross country, and football practice are under way.

Athletic Director Brady Carney reported that on the first day of cross country, 12 girls and three boys reported. He said, "Coach Fields got into town and strongly recommended that all girls participate in cross country workouts. So, it's jumped up to 30 or 35 every morning at 7 a.m." Football numbers are down. There are 35 kids participating. The freshman class is small.

The Board approved an increase of 25¢ for lunch prices. That makes the cost of PK-6 lunches \$2.25 and JH/HS lunches \$2.50 per lunch.

Delinquent taxes collected in July totaled \$18,281.25.

Also approved were the employee handbooks as presented and the appraisal calendar as presented. Board members present were Trubensbach, Ben Bindel, Mel Walterscheid, Richard Dangelmayr, Neal Flusche, and Doug Hermes. Kimberly Walterscheid was absent.

You can do nothing with children unless you win their confidence and love by bringing them into touch with yourself, by breaking through all the hindrances that keep them at a distance. We must accommodate ourselves to their tastes, we must make ourselves like them. St. John Bosco

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Sunday, September 1, 2013	Monday, September 2, 2013	Tuesday, September 3, 2013	Wednesday, September 4, 2013	Thursday, September 5, 2013	Friday, September 6, 2013	Saturday, September 7, 2013
Museum open 1-4 pm	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg, noon Rel. Ed 6:45 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:00-2:30

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**Billy Smith
1933 - 2013**

Billy Eugene Smith, age 80 of Gainesville, finally lost his battle with complications from diabetes. He died Aug. 13, 2013. The funeral service was Friday, Aug. 16. Billy was born to Arthur L. "Ott" Smith and Lovey Christine Head on April 26, 1933, living in Gainesville all his life, except for two years in the Army during the Korean war. He worked as a painter with his dad until he joined the Sante Fe Railroad. He retired from Sante Fe Railroad after working "39 years, 7 months and 3 days!" Survivors are daughter Carla Smith of Gainesville; sons Gregory Smith, and Jeffery Smith and wife Katy, all of Gainesville; sister Dortha

Leach and husband Lloyd; brothers David Smith and wife Virginia of Fort Worth, Teddy Smith and wife Martha of Garland, and Roy Allen Gray and wife Tammy of Gainesville; sister-in-law Jane Voyles; brother-in-law James Briley; three granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by wives Geraldine and Carolyn; his parents; brothers John and A.D. Smith and Chris Gray; and sisters Elsie Smith, Joyce Briley, and Neita Hall. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Tommy Beaty
1933 - 2013**

Tommy Dan Beaty of Lake Kiowa was carried on angel's wings into the presence of the Lord on Aug. 16, 2013. He was 79. Tom was born Aug. 27, 1933 in Gorman, Texas to Daniel Monroe and Dona Mae Lindsay Beaty. He is survived by his loving wife Jimmie C. McElroy Holt Beaty; daughter Suzan Beaty Hendrickson and her husband Chuck; son Dan Beaty and wife Charla; sister Dorothy Beaty Burks; and five grandchildren and two spouses; and many nephews and nieces. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Alton Beaty, and sister Allene Beaty Bausell. After Tom graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Geology, he married Jimmie on Dec. 28, 1957 in Lockney,

Texas. After serving as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry, Tom began his career in the oil patch. He began in the oil field service industry with many promotions and ended his distinguished career with Mobil Oil drilling/environmental management. Memorial service was held Aug. 21, 2013 at First Christian Church, Gainesville. Interment will be at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Tom's family requests donations be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research at the Mayo Clinic (<https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC> or call 1-800-297-1185) or the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org), PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or to the First Christian Church of Gainesville.

**Barry Britain
1948 - 2013**

Graveside services for Barry Birt Britain, 64, of Gainesville, were held Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Callisburg Cemetery. He peacefully passed from this life on Aug. 16, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He fought a brief, but very courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born Dec. 29, 1948 in Ranger to William Birt and Billie June Smith Britain. He graduated from Gainesville High School in 1968 and Grayson County College in 1992. On Sept. 5, 1969, he married Paula Ann Meyer in Gainesville. A member of the Callisburg Church of Christ, he was a Journeyman Plumber and worked for Britain Plumbing from 1968 to 1978. He was a maintenance technician for Weber Aircraft from 1978 to 1988. He then worked in maintenance for Peterbilt Motors from 1988 to 1989. He was employed by Poly

Pipe, working in inside sales and customer relations from 1989 until his death. First and foremost, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. His legacy to his family was researching and organizing a detailed genealogy on the Britain family, which took over four years. Survivors include his wife Paula of Gainesville; sons and daughters-in-law Blaine and Heather Britain and Clint and Tiffany Britain of Gainesville; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law Tommy and Mary Jo Britain of Whitesboro and Mark and Devone Britain of Gainesville; several nieces and nephews and a great-niece. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, 316 S. Chestnut, Gainesville, TX 76240.

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County Auditor Shelly Atteberry noted that the approved budget amendments brought the total of the General Fund to \$20,032,881. The proposed tax rate of .4795 was considered. Judge Roane noted that it is also this year's effective tax rate. Commissioner Klement asked how much additional revenue the effective tax rate would generate over last year. Atteberry said another \$127,873 from new construction. Klement then asked for the rate that would draw about the same amount of revenue as last year. Commissioner Smith motioned for a maintenance and operation (M&O) rate of .4545. Judge Roane made a second. Roane, Smith, and Klement voted for that rate and Lemons and Hollowell against. The M&O taxes are divided as follows: General Fund .3344; Road & Bridge .1050; Permanent Improvement .0150; and Lateral Road .0001. An Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate of .0205 was unanimously approved 5-0. Following the meeting, Commissioners Lemons and Hollowell explained their nay votes. Lemons commented, "I always thought we ought to do the same for this year as we did last year." Hollowell said, "I'd like to see us reduce the expenses on the budget side." He noted that if they could have reduced expenses, they could also have reduced the tax rate. "I would have probably taken significant cuts out of the law enforcement side. It was the largest impact this year. I want to support the law enforcement, but at the same time a million dollar increase in one year is substantial. The fact that basically our cap improvement monies have been transitioned to salaries concerns me. That was my logic this year." The \$1,050,120 increase in the Sheriff's budget allows for the hiring of four additional people in the Sheriff's Office, one additional person in the Jail, and a security guard for the Courthouse. It also includes funds for a new communication system.

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probation at the end of the first semester the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Students on probation who complete the subsequent long semester with a cumulative GPA less than 2.0 but with a semester GPA of 2.0 or greater will continue on a probation status. Also currently, students are placed on scholastic suspension after earning a semester GPA of less than 2.0 when already on scholastic probation. The new policy states that a student on probation who completes the subsequent long semester with a cumulative GPA less than 2.0 and semester GPA less than 2.0 will be placed on academic suspension. Regents then voted to meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the evaluation and possible contract extension of NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock. They also approved several new and revised local board policies as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards. The Board also heard several reports including updated numbers on summer enrollment. System-wide, enrollment for summer classes was up 2.5% to 4,216. More than 2,000 of those students took classes online. There was also a 2.8% increase in contact hours in the summer. Regents also received an update on NCTC's external funding. It was reported that this coming fall, 569 scholarships totaling more than \$198,000 will be awarded to students. There are now 128 endowed scholarships worth \$4.1 million. Board members also got an update from representatives of EIKON Group, Inc., on repairs to the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts, as well as the demolition of the 300 building on the Gainesville campus. Both projects are expected to be completed before classes start next spring. It was also reported that NCTC has now completed reaffirmation proceedings with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). All Board members were present for Monday's meeting.

NTMC "Paces" for United Way with several fun events

North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) in Gainesville is known for its unique fundraisers and activities in support of Cooke County United Way. From 'Kiss the Pig' competitions to head shaving to sno-cones, NTMC employees have gone above and beyond to support the local agencies funded by United Way. A Gourmet Burger Lunch is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23. This year, guests will be offered delicious gourmet burgers, featuring eight ounces of beef, a selection of five different types of cheeses, and buns, sauces, and veggies. Your choice of onion rings or French fries, drink, and dessert round out your plate for \$8. All proceeds to United Way. Call-in orders will be accepted until 10 a.m. Call 940.612.8611. The "Taste of NTMC" is scheduled Friday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the NTMC Board Room. This year, the public is invited to lead their lunch plates with dishes from some of the region's most recognizable restaurants,

as the NTMC staff takes inspiration from restaurants including Abuela's, Lady and Sons, Rohmer's, Cheesecake Factory, McAlister's Deli, Olive Garden, Cracker Barrel, Maya Del Sol, and Chili's. Diners will help choose the winning Taste team through their donations in "tip jars." Stations will be judged on presentation and quality of food. For more information on any of North Texas Medical Center's United Way events, please call Teresa Westover at 940.612.8611, or Ann Marie Harp at 940.668.2094.

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Schmitt achieves honor of Eagle Scout

Timothy Schmitt, 17, was awarded his Eagle Scout rank on May 9. Tim began his scouting career as a Cub Scout in 2002 with the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Pack #333 in Tyler. As a Cub Scout, he enjoyed building Pinewood Derby cars with his dad every year and was able to place 1st or 2nd for five straight years. After advancing to the Boy Scout Troop #369, Tim earned 36 merit badges and attended camps in Texas, New Mexico, and North Carolina. Tim was also nominated into the Tejas

Lodge Chapter of the Order of Arrow where he achieved Brotherhood status. As a Boy Scout, Tim served as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and quartermaster. He also served two years as den chief to his younger brother's Cub Scout den.

Tim is a senior at Bishop Gorman Regional Catholic High School in Tyler, and is the son of Stephen and Michelle Schmitt, and brother to Daniel Schmitt. Grandparents are Dianne Bonczynski, Baytown, Texas, and Harvey Schmitt, Muenster.

VFW Auxiliary members discuss 65th anniversary

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting in the Post Home on Monday, Aug. 19 with President Frances Bayer presiding. Opening ritual was given by Conductress Sandra Hennigan pro tem, Chaplain Rose Hudspeth pro tem, and Hilda Sicking, patriotic instructor. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Ida Mae Bindel. Lucille Hesse gave her treasurer's report.

One topic of discussion was the Auxiliary's 65th anniversary. The ladies talked about ways to celebrate.

The District I meeting will be Aug. 25 at Lake Texoma.

Frances read highlights from 2 Cents magazine. Department president is Melanie McConaghy. District I president is Vickie Johnson.

Armella Cler, program participation chairman, suggested giving a donation to the August project, Veterans Hospital. Next month, members can bring their items for the Bonham VA Hospital.

Frances reported on the Aug. 4 called meeting she attended in McKinney.

Rosemary Dankesreiter served refreshments to members.

The next meeting will be in the Post Home on Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters slates open house

Cooke County Area Toasters invites everyone to its open house on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at North Central Texas College in the Library Lyceum. Join them to meet members, hear a special guest speaker, and enjoy pizza donated by local pizzerias. Other area businesses have donated door prizes, so you won't want to miss a chance to win!

Sign in, networking, and refreshments begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a short meeting starting at 6 p.m. with Keith Boepple. Keith is a professional public speaker and communications teacher. For over 25 years, he has traveled the world helping others improve their abilities in speaking and writing.

Cooke County Area Toasters is a diverse and lively club and welcomes everyone over the age of 18 to join.

Guests are always welcome. The Toastmasters program helps members build self-confidence in a welcoming environment as they develop communication and leadership skills. The club was chartered in June 2011, and has earned the highest level of club achievement, President's Distinguished, two years in a row.

For more information, contact President Kay Kinser at 469-757-4343 or Vice President Membership Pauline Lesch at 214-212-9417.

They meet each Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Library Lyceum at NCTC except for the third Tuesday of every month this year when they will meet at a local restaurant. Check out website www.catoasters.org or Facebook page www.facebook.com/CookeCountyAreaToasters for the most up-to-date information.

Beside each believer stands an Angel as protector and shepherd, leading him to life. St. Basil the Great



Dr. Jessica Bezner, O.D., left, and Dr. Margie York, O.D.

Bezner graduates from optometry school

Dr. Jessica Marie Bezner, O.D. recently graduated with distinction, and clinical letters of excellence, from the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO) with her degree as a Doctor of Optometry. The graduation ceremony was held May 11 at the University of Houston Cullen Performance Hall.

Dr. Bezner's Godmother, and 1977 UHCO graduate, Dr. Margie York, O.D. participated in the ceremonial "hooding" of the graduation gown, signifying a doctorate level of education.

While at UHCO, Jessica was an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists & Student Texas Optometric Association where she served in a variety of roles. In 2009, Jessica received her Bachelor's degree in Biology with honors and with a minor in Business from Texas A&M.

Attending the ceremony were Dr. Bezner's parents Andy and Susie Bezner of Lindsay; brother Nick Bezner of Lindsay; grandparents Tommy and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster; aunt, uncle, and cousins Ed and Margie York and Matthew and Alex of Muenster; aunt Lisa Bezner of Lindsay; and friends Jonathan Mannas of Lexington, Kentucky, Cheryl Knabe of Lindsay, Katie Novak of Dallas, and Ashley and Luke Korem of Austin.

Dr. Bezner is board certified in Texas and Kentucky. She is currently a resident, working in Lexington, Kentucky at the Koffler Vision Group, which specializes in corneal and external disease.

Felderhoff is Texas Tech grad

Justin Walter Felderhoff graduated from Texas Tech University on May 18 during the commencement ceremony held at United Spirit Arena on the campus of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Justin received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree with a minor in Mathematics from the Edward E. Whitaker Jr. College of Engineering. Justin's father Floyd Felderhoff also graduated from the Engineering College of Texas Tech in December 1985.

Attending the graduation ceremony were Justin's parents Floyd and Marcy Felderhoff of Montgomery, Texas, his sister Chelsea Felderhoff of Lubbock, and Anthony Vernuccio of Nacogdoches.

A celebration dinner party was held at Blue Mesa in Lubbock with fellow graduate friends and their families including Raul Garcia, Sean Michael Gibbons, and Casie Elbacher, as well as fellow Tech graduates Sean Johnson and Navroz Kwatra. Special guests were Anthony Vernuccio and Kinsey Steinberger.

The group continued the celebration that evening at Roof Top Bar. Both parties were hosted by the students' parents.

His parents' hosted a graduation celebration party of family and close friends at their home on May 25. Dinner, prepared by his parents,

Blood Drive set for Aug. 29 at Muenster ISD

Texoma Regional Blood Center will conduct a blood drive on Thursday, Aug. 29. They will be set up in the Muenster ISD cafeteria from 1-7 p.m.

Each donor will receive a free "Give a PEACE of Yourself Give Blood" t-shirt.

A few of the rules of donation are:

- Must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit. Must be in good general health and meet all blood donor guidelines.

- Must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.
- Hemoglobin: 12.5 g/dl or above.
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- Temperature must not exceed 99.5
- Medications: If taking prescription medications, please bring a list of your meds. OK to donate if taking aspirin, antihistamines, birth control pills, blood pressure meds, vitamins, and many other medications. Must not be taking Accutane, Proscar, Propecia, Avodart, Tegison, Soriatane, or Bovine (beef) insulin. Must have completed antibiotics three days before donating.
- OK to donate after allergy shots, influenza vaccine, Hepatitis A or B vaccine, and Tetanus shots.
- Diabetes: OK if controlled by insulin, medication, or diet.

Eat a full meal within four hours of donation. Drink lots of water or juice before and after donating. Avoid alcoholic beverages for 12 hours before and after donation. Individuals with hazardous or strenuous jobs should donate at the end of their work shift.



Justin Felderhoff

Brandon Vernuccio, Karl, Cindy, Katherine, Simon, and Issac Waitz, James and Ronnie Bachat, and Kenneth and Laura Balazekas.

Many sent good wishes including grandparents Celine and Walter Bartel, Jessica Bartel, and grandparents Betty and Henry Felderhoff, all of Muenster.

Justin successfully completed and passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam certification, allowing him to sit for the Professional Engineering Exam in five years as a working engineer.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He also attended and participated in Chi Roe at St. Elizabeth's Church in Lubbock.

Justin worked as an intern for Baker and Hughes the past five years. He worked in the Drilling Research Lab in The Woodlands, assisted field engineers and staff at stock paints and office in the Midland/West Texas/ New Mexico area, Fort Worth office stock paint, The Woodlands Baker-Hughes (World Wide Headquarters) office developing and processing new tools, designing with engineers. Also the Oklahoma City area assisting area engineers and staff for the Oklahoma area and Panhandle of Texas.

Justin has accepted and is working as a field engineer in Oklahoma City for the Baker/Hughes Corporation.

Events

Bleu Edmondson and Mike Ryan Concert will perform in a Texas Country Music Concert at the City of Bowie Community Center on Aug. 24. Call 940-872-3785 or 940-531-8573 or log on to levans@cityofbowietx.com for more info.

Home Hospice in need of more volunteers

Home Hospice of Cooke County has dedicated volunteers who assist patients and their families with tasks much like a good friend or neighbor would. As a companion, a volunteer may watch TV or read a book with the patient, run errands or even take the patient out and about, they may play games, listen as the patient shares life stories, or just be a quiet presence. Home Hospice is in need of more people who have a passion for this kind of service, and will be offering training to get new vol-

unteers ready for this role.

"As a volunteer, I receive so much more than I give," said Jane Dudley, volunteer for Home Hospice. "The patients are always so appreciative and love the organization. Even those patients who don't always know you are there seem to react to touch or a rub. I've been a volunteer for over 10 years and wouldn't change a thing about the job."

The four-part Patient and Family Support Volunteer Training is scheduled for Mondays in September (9, 16, 23, and 30) from 1-4 p.m.

at the Home Hospice office in Gainesville.

Register by Sept. 2 so that adequate materials can be provided. Volunteers for the Patient and Family Support Volunteer program are asked to be a minimum of one year out from any loss experience of an immediate family member or loved one. This allows time to heal.

Contact Cathy Kinsella at 940-665-9891 or at cathy.kinsella@homehospice.org to register. To learn about other ways you can volunteer with Home Hospice visit www.homehospice.org.

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2013 Muenster Volunteer Fire Department BBQ fundraiser



Bounce houses, a train, and face painting provided entertainment for children at the Muenster VFD's annual BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 10.



Janet Felderhoff photos



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department's Annual BBQ was held in the spacious Heritage Park facility. Many enjoyed trying to guess the number of round hay bales that it would take to fill the building. The number was 365,000. Dave Flusche, Sr. had the winning guess with 361,000 bales. He won \$60.



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Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 26 - 30

**MUENSTER ISD
Breakfast Menu**

Mon. - Pork sausage biscuit, toast w/jelly, mixed fruit, apple juice, milk. Alternate meal (AM) - Fruit Loops cereal, toast w/jelly, mixed fruit.
 Tues. - Baked biscuit, sausage w/gravy, peach slices. AM - Lucky Charms cereal, toast w/gravy, peach slices.
 Wed. - Breakfast pocket, sour green applesauce. AM - Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, sour green applesauce.
 Thurs. - Mrs. Butterworth's waffles w/syrup, toast w/jelly, pears. AM - Assorted cereal, toast w/jelly, pears.
 Fri. - Breakfast pizza, toast w/jelly, pineapple tidbits. AM - Trix cereal, toast w/jelly, pineapple tidbits.

Lunch Menu

Mon. - Rib sandwich, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, 100% fruit juice slushy, milk. Alternate Meal (AM) - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.
 Tues. - Frito chili pie, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, fresh honeydew. AM - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.
 Wed. - Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce. AM - Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.
 Thurs. - Steak fingers, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe. AM - Tuna salad, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.
 Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits. AM - Po-boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

**LINDSAY ISD
Breakfast Menu**

(Same each week)

Mon. - Sausage, biscuits, gravy.
 Tues. - French toast or blueberry muffin.
 Wed. - Sausage links, pancakes.
 Thurs. - Wheat bagel, cream cheese, jelly.
 Fri. - Cinnamon roll.

Lunch Menu

Mon. - Roasted chicken, cheesy new red potatoes, green beans, fruit, wheat bread.
 Tues. - cheese pizza, corn, fruit, carrots, lettuce salad.
 Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fruit, wheat bread.
 Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, celery sticks, wheat bread, fruit.
 Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, oven baked fries, fruit, ice cream.

MISD

State. Muenster ISD teachers do a phenomenal job for this District that is greatly appreciated by the administration and Board of Trustees."

Junior High/High School Principal Sharon Browning looks forward to the coming year. She commented, "An exciting new year is about to begin and I would like to welcome back all secondary students to Muenster JH/HS. We have some staff changes that have occurred this summer. Coach Jason Atcheson will be assistant principal for the coming year. I am happy to have his help as we move through the anticipated successes for the 2013-14 school year.

"I also look forward to working with the new staff members who will help continue the tradition of success. Michelle Stevens will be JH English and reading teacher as well as JH UIL coordinator. Griffin Fields will be JH social studies and head girls basketball coach. Lyn Cook will be HS so-



Janie Hartman photo

Construction is almost complete on the new Ag building at Muenster ISD. Finishing details are being done in anticipation of its use this year. The spacious facility offers many features not offered in the old building and has the potential for more uses and learning experiences. Ag instructor Daniel Waneck said he's excited about teaching in the new Ag building.

cial studies and head boys basketball coach. Amy Veith will teach HS chemistry, physics, and IPC. Amy Osteen will be a learning lab paraprofessional at the JH.

"There are no visible changes to the curriculum at this time; however, with the legislative changes there will be changes in the curriculum in the 2014-15 school year that will accommodate the new graduation plans which will include endorsements that will allow students to obtain vocational certificates which should help them be better prepared for the work force. We will develop the plans this year to make a smooth transition next year.

"We will allow secondary students to wear long, loose shorts through Sept. 27. This is a reward for their great accomplishments on standardized tests and to accommodate for the hot weather.

"Students new to the district who have not registered need to come to the high school office to enroll with Mrs. Klement. If parents have a question or concern, please call the office or come by the office to talk.

"I am proud to be the principal of Muenster JH/HS and I think this will be another outstanding school year with our winning formula of outstanding students and awesome staff."

Elementary Principal Lou Heers said, "I hope that everyone has enjoyed a fun and restful summer. It is hard to believe that another school year is just around the corner! I am very excited to start another year with such an awesome staff and amazing students! Teachers are back in their rooms gearing up for another exceptional school year; their dedication is immeasurable! We have had a few personnel changes. Kara Richerson will be teaching elementary Special Education. She will be joining Dyan Huchton in this area. Tanya Jones will be assisting in our Pre-K classrooms."

Principal Heers reminds parents that breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.25 for students in Pre-K through 6th grade. Breakfast is served every morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the MISD Cafeteria.

Also, Elementary "bus students" will exit through the north door of the Pre-K/2 building at the end of each school day.

Elementary students, who are picked up by parents at the end of the day, will exit through the west door of the Pre-K/2 building. Principal Heers noted, "We encourage parents to stand beside their car. We will walk their child to them."

The MISD 2013-14 Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct will be available on-line at www.muensterisd.net or if preferred, a "hard copy" will be sent home.

Dress Code "high-lights": Pre-K through 6th grade students may wear shorts to school. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be close to the "knee" (they will not exceed more than a dollar bill width from the top of the knee). Shorts, jeans, and skirts cannot be excessively frayed and must be without "holes." For girls, tank tops must have straps at least three inches wide.

"As principal of Muenster Elementary, I am truly blessed and honored to be working with an outstanding staff, supportive parents, and a caring community," added Heers.

Muenster ISD announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request. Parents may pick up an application at any MISD school office.

Muenster Junior & High School Faculty and Staff

- Superintendent - Clay Richerson;
- JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning;
- Assistant Principal - Jason Atcheson;
- Justin Bell - Band Director;
- Amy Binder - JH Mathematics/Coach;
- Brady Carney - Athletic Director;
- Lyn Cook - HS Social Studies/Coach;
- Becky Felderhoff - HS Social Studies/English/JH Coordinator;
- Griffin Fields - JH Social Studies/Coach;
- Danna Hess - HS Mathematics/HS TMSCA;
- Dana Klement - Special Education English/Theatre Arts/JH & HS One Act Play;
- Donny Knightstep - Health/Physical Education/Coach;
- Martha Koesler - HS English;
- Stephanie Krebs - Special, Education Mathematics/UIL Co-Coordinator;
- Carolyn Lutkenhaus - HS Mathematics/HS Student Council District UIL Co-Coordinator;
- Neal Merritt - Special Education;
- Gynell Oppermann - HS Art/Theatre Arts/JH & HS One Act Play;
- Jeff Presnall - Technology Direc-
- tor/Coach;
- Carmen Reiter - Spanish/JH Art;
- Kristi Schneider - Counselor/Honor Society/HS Student Council;
- Molly Sicking - HS Science;
- David Skeans - Agriculture Science/FFA;
- Jeff Smiley - HS Social Studies/Coach;
- Mark Stevens - JH Science/Coach;
- Michelle Stevens - JH English/JH UIL Coordinator;
- Joni Sturm - Family & Consumer Science/FCCLA;
- Afton Veith - HS Science;
- Lisa Walterscheid - Computer Science/Yearbook;
- Daniel Waneck - Agriculture Director/FFA;
- Charlotte Klement - JH & HS PEIMS Director/Secretary;
- Joyce Boydston - JH & HS Receptionist;
- Carol Klement - Business Manager;
- Tina Lutkenhaus - Learning Lab Aide;
- Amy Osteen - Learning Lab Aide;
- Faye Stewart - Life Skills Aide;
- Wendy Lindenborn - Life Skills Aide;
- Tim Bear - Custodian;
- Kelly Fields - Custodian;
- Bill Laws - HS Custodian;
- Bobbi Jo Felt - JH Custodian;
- Smoke Koelzer - Maintenance Director;
- Jody Felderhoff - Grounds;
- Susie Fleitman - Transportation Director.

Elementary Faculty and Staff

- Pre-K - Kenet Richerson and TBD;
- Kindergarten - Amy Huchton and Collin Walker;
- First Grade - Jill Reiter and Beth Saucer;
- Second Grade - Kim Budish and Lisa Pagel;
- Third Grade - Amy Anderle and Dianne Endres;
- Fourth Grade - Deb Klement and Cheryl Presnall;
- Fifth Grade Language Arts - Debora Sicking;
- Sixth Grade Language Arts - Jennifer Walterscheid
- Fourth through Sixth Science - Bernadette Otto;
- Fifth and Sixth Math; 6th PE - Deanna Hellman;
- Fifth and Sixth Social Studies - Cicily Waneck;
- Elementary Special Education - Dyan Huchton and Kara Richerson;
- Elementary Computer - Kay Hickey;
- Physical Education - Trey Gray and Donny Knightstep;
- Fifth and Sixth Grade Band - Justin Bell;
- Elementary Aides - Terri Barrett, Vicki Boaz, Brenda Gann, Tanya Jones, LeAnn Mollenkopf, and Holly Mullins;
- Elementary Secretary - Deborah Sanders;
- Librarian - Vicki Eldridge
- Library Aide - Barbie Barnhill;
- Nurse - Marlene Fisher;
- Counselor - Kristi Schneider;
- Elementary Custodian - Mike Hellinger;
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My passion has always been my students and my school. However, as I do love working at Muenster Independent School, I felt it was in my best interest to resign as their kindergarten teacher. The outpour of love from our locals of the community has been remarkable. I want to thank all the parents of MISD for letting me love & teach their children. I want to thank you all again for this amazing experience of being your MS. T.

Sincerely, Sabrina Truebenbach "MS. T"

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SPORTS



Thomas Otto photos

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The Tigers traveled to Petrolia Thursday evening for a practice session with the Pirates.



Thomas Otto photos

The Muenster Hornets got in a tough practice with the S&S Rams last Friday night, allowing the Hornet coaching staff to observe the team in action.

Muenster got in another scrimmage Thursday with a road trip to Gunt-er.



TPWD: Dove season should be above average

There's good news for Texas dove hunters. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is predicting an above average season, thanks to increased precipitation, ample food supplies, and an increase in breeding doves.

Dove season for the north and central zones, which includes all areas north of I-10, begins Sept. 1 and will continue through Oct. 23. The season will reopen from Dec. 20 through Jan. 5.

Hunters in the south zone and special white-winged dove area, which are both south of I-10, may begin dove hunting in their area Sept. 20. The season will continue through Oct. 27 and then reopen from Dec. 20 through Jan. 20.

According to TPWD, new rules from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) go into effect this year for Texas hunters. The rules allow dove hunters to possess up to 45 birds. That's three times the daily bag limit in Texas. Despite the change in possession rules, daily bag limits still apply.



dividuals who were decidedly ill-prepared or significantly out of shape.

Fatigue and bad shape were cited in 892 of the 2,876 missions, followed closely by "insufficient information or error in judgment," which comprised 735 of the incidents. The next biggest contributing factor was insufficient equipment, clothing, or experience (524 instances).

Not surprisingly, about a third of the missions took place on weekends, with 506 missions launched on Saturdays and 469 on Sundays. The safest day of the week was Tuesday, with just 278 missions on those days in 2012.

Other interesting Search and Rescue (SAR) factoids:

- Men were more likely to need rescue than women (2,240 to 1,329).

- SAR subjects in 19% of the missions were between the ages of 20 and 29.

- A total of 1,817 SARs involved day hikers, or 43.3% of the total. While 1,127 of those incidents ended without injury to the hiker, there were 26 hiking-related fatalities.

- A total of 28 people attempted to commit suicide in a National Park in 2012, and 16 succeeded.

- Missions related to motorized boating incidents totaled 401, and 385 incidents involved swimmers. Swimming incidents accounted for 34 of the 148 reported fatalities.

- \$2.8 million of the \$5.2 million was attributed to personnel costs, with 92,732 man-hours spent.

By region, the most SAR missions took place at National Parks located in the Intermountain Region, which includes Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Glacier, Grand Canyon, Big Bend, and Rocky Mountain National parks.

- J.R. Absher *The Outdoor Wire*

Most needing rescue at national parks in 2012 were ill-prepared

When it comes to bird watching on public lands, the country's system of National Wildlife Refuges easily draws more birders than other state and federal properties, most notably for their proximity to wetlands and habitat that's conducive to waterfowl, shorebirds, and myriad other species.

Certainly state wildlife management areas (WMAs), national forests, and national parks draw great numbers of birding enthusiasts as well, and a new report from the National Park Service (NPS) serves as a reminder to those hiking or trekking off the beaten path not to do so without preparation, or if they suffer from physical limitations.

According to the Agency's 2012 Search and Rescue Report, by far the greatest contributing factor to people getting in trouble in National Parks last year was fatigue or poor physical condition.

As a result, the NPS spent \$5.2 million in 2012 in search and rescue missions, with most of the cases involving in-

Catastrophic Sports Injury Research, at least 40 players have died since 1992 from heat stroke. In addition, the total number of heat stroke deaths has doubled since 1975. The majority of those cases occurred in the Southwest and Southeast, where high temperatures and humidity can produce heat indices of 110 or higher.

"The number one priority is to make sure players get plenty of fluids, either sports drinks or water, during their workouts," Lightfoot says.

"We know so much more than we did 50 years ago. In the old days, many coaches tried to toughen up their players in the heat. If Bear Bryant were alive today and did some of the things that he did during the famous 'Junction Boys' era, he would probably be run out of coaching and most likely be sued."

Many coaches are trying to beat the heat today by holding workouts at night, but in many cases, it is still in the 90s until 10 p.m. or later. And working out as long as possible without wearing football pads is another popular trend.

As for those fluids players take, Lightfoot says there is still some debate about what is best.

"The best rule of thumb appears to be if the workout is an hour or less, water is the best fluid. Anything an hour or longer, sports drinks appear to work the best, but it is a good idea to dilute them with water for best results.

"Using common sense goes a long way," he adds. "In extremely hot weather, players need plenty of breaks and shade time, and always plenty of fluids. There are ways to beat the heat."

No reason for football players to suffer heat strokes, says TAMU expert

In the past 20 years, at least 40 football players nationwide have died from heat-related conditions, which should serve as a sober reminder to the thousands of high school and college players who are now reporting for preseason workouts — and for their coaches — says a Texas A&M University health professor. He notes that, sadly, some players will likely succumb this fall from heat stroke and says most such deaths could be prevented.

Tim Lightfoot, director of the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance at Texas A&M, says preventing heat stroke should be a primary concern for coaches and school administrators at all levels.

"In almost all cases, heat stroke is something that can be prevented," explains Lightfoot, himself an avid runner even in the Texas heat.

"If coaches take the proper breaks from workouts and make sure their players have plenty of fluids, heat stroke issues can be greatly diminished. In today's environment, taking such steps is not only sensible, but it's required by many school districts."

He notes that in recent years, with more players suffering from heat stroke, most school districts have firm policies that require coaches to take certain steps regarding workouts.

"It has become a legal necessity because of liability issues," Lightfoot says. "To avoid potential lawsuits, many schools are forcing coaches to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent heat stroke."

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Crop & weather report

Thanks to recent rains, South Plains corn is in good shape, as is grain sorghum, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"The rains we've had since mid-June have been a tremendous benefit," said Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist specializing in corn and sorghum, Lubbock. "Certainly, producers are pushing corn as best they can with irrigation and close attention to spider mite and corn earworm control."

Producers planted more grain sorghum in West Texas because of earlier projected high prices, but then there was considerably more planted on fields after failed dryland cotton, according to Trostle.

"We have the prospects for a very decent dryland grain sorghum crop in West Texas," he said. "The rains have pushed the crop to a point where we may be able to finish out the crop with just a little more rainfall. There's certainly cause for optimism."

Though numbers of acres actually replanted to grain sorghum after failed cotton are not available, they are substantial, Trostle said. One factor was most of the failed cotton due to drought was on dryland, and grain sorghum was a good option as it can be planted relatively late in the season.

"There are certainly areas that make you say, 'Wow! There's a lot of sorghum here,'" he said. "South Lubbock County, Lynn County would be examples. I think I can name seven or eight farmers I know that replanted at least 3,000 acres themselves."

There's been a substantial amount of haygrazer—sor-

ghum Sudan—that's been planted this year as well, according to Trostle.

"The nice thing about haygrazer is that even though it's mid-July, and the opportunity to plant presents itself, we encourage people to go ahead and plant because you don't have to rely upon physiological seed maturity to have a successful crop," he said.

In the Lubbock area, about July 5 to 10 is the latest grain sorghum should be planted, Trostle said.

"But we've got another couple of weeks with the sorghum forages and be confident we can make a crop," he said.

Even though the U.S. Drought Monitor map still

shows most of the Panhandle and South Plains region in severe to exceptional drought, the maps don't tell the whole story, Trostle noted.

"The maps can't show a little spot four miles wide by 10 miles long that has had 10 inches of rain since mid-June," he said. "There are some spots here and there that have had 8, 9, and 10 inches, and most of that rain has come slow, so there's minimal runoff."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.



Wheat production is down

A new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reveals that U.S. wheat growers will produce approximately 6.8% less wheat this season, which could cause stocks to fall over 20%. According to USDA Radio, wheat growers in the U.S. will likely produce 2.1 billion bushels this season.

USDA Outlook Board Committee Chair Gerry Bange reported on USDA Radio that growers will see prices going down to about \$7 in the next marketing year. He said that number is lower than it has been, but is stronger than in years past.

World wheat outlook is also slated to be down this growing season, but Bange said demand for wheat across the globe is expected to be higher.

Texas Ag market summary

For the week ending Aug. 17, feeder cattle prices reported by Texas auctions were steady to \$7 higher per hundredweight (cwt). Texas direct feeder cattle sales were steady to \$3 higher, and the Oklahoma City National Stockyards were \$3 to \$5 higher. The likelihood of lower grain prices this fall, along with higher fed cattle and beef prices supported the market. Fed cattle cash prices were \$2 higher per cwt, and wholesale beef prices were higher.

Beef export sales were up 43% from the previous week and 1% higher than the prior four-week average. Weekly shipments were the highest for any one week so far this year, but cumulative shipments are still down 17.5% from the same period a year ago.

Corn prices were higher following a lower than expected USDA production forecast and lower-projected ending supplies. Corn export sales were a negative 59,100 metric tons as cancellations outweighed new sales. Wheat prices followed other grains higher, but the increase was limited by large production in Europe and strong export competition from lower-cost suppliers. Weekly wheat export sales were down 33% from the previous week and 34% lower than the prior four-week average.

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Some rock hill homes didn't have root cellars, so a hole was dug near the garden to bury apples, carrots, and potatoes, covering them with lots of straw and some soil. When needed, a bushel basket could be filled and taken to the house.

Some farms had root cellars to store canned and fresh fruit, vegetables, and dairy products. A cellar dug four to five feet below the earth's surface then domed with brick or lumber and covered with dirt, or cement cellars, kept a year-round cool temperature.

Some women would raise extra chickens and made a little spending cash; this was their personal income to be spent for a new hat or something nice for the house.

Wash day

People used to put one day a week aside as a wash day. The clothes were separated into piles - overalls, colored clothes, and a white pile. After washing, the cloths were carried out to the yard and hung on the line to dry. In the cold winter, the clothes would freeze stiff on the line. During rainy days, clothes were hung inside the house.

The next day was ironing day. Ironing was done with the old flat sad irons. Irons were set on a fire until hot. The iron was used until it cooled, then set back on the stove and another was used. In the summer, this was a real hot job.

Aprons

Most farm women had large aprons they slipped on during cooking, dish washing, and chores. The apron had other uses besides just keeping the dress clean. It was a handy basket for gathering eggs, vegetables, and other farm products. The apron also dried many a tear and wiped many a runny nose. When one saw it waving at the back porch, it was known to be dinner time.

Saturday night baths

Baths before the days of running water was an ordeal. Saturday night baths were very common. The water was heated on top of the cook stove and the reservoir on the side of the stove. Washtubs were used. They were about 30 inches in diameter. Small children sat in the washtub, but mothers did the bathing. Larger kids stood up and splashed water all over the kitchen floor.

Pork producers will yield the most pork on record

Hog prices surging to a 20-year seasonal high and lower feed costs have led to what may be a record-breaking year for the U.S. pork supply.

According to Bloomberg, 5.88 million sows were withheld from breeding by June 1. That's the most that have been withheld in four years. There were also a record number of pigs born per litter this year at 10.31.

A 32% drop in the price of corn, which is fed to hogs, helped hog farmers who were looking to expand their operations, as did higher prices for pork.

The USDA predicts that pork output will increase 3.1% in 2014, which would set a record.

According to the article, these factors combined will lead to more hogs in the second part of the year than anticipated. The trend is expected to drag on into 2014.



TDA awards \$55,000 in grants for feral hog abatement

Seven Texas counties will benefit from \$55,000 in feral hog abatement grants recently awarded by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

According to the TDA, \$25,000 was awarded to Bell County in partnership with Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, and Milam counties. The counties will reportedly use the funding to invest in public education workshops discussing feral hog abatement. A portion of the grant money, with matching funds from the counties, will be used to supplement trapping and hunting initiatives.

The remaining funding from TDA, \$30,000, was awarded to Caldwell and Hays counties for their feral hog abatement programs.

The TDA awards the grants to low-cost, high-return projects that are designed to combat the growing feral hog population in the state.

Childhood obesity rates decline in many states

For the first time in decades, childhood obesity rates for low-income preschoolers are on the decline. A new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveals that the obesity rates for preschoolers in 19 U.S. states and territories modestly declined between 2008 and 2011.

"The declining rates show that our collective efforts are helping to gain ground on childhood obesity, particularly among some of the more vulnerable populations in our country," said Dr. Janey Thornton, deputy under secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services at the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture (USDA). "Low-income children are often at a disadvantage when it comes to getting the food they need to grow up healthy, which is why USDA's nutrition programs and resources are so vital."

The CDC studied the weight and height for approximately 12 million two- to four-year-olds in maternal and child nutrition programs funded by the government. Forty states, Washington, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico were included in the study. Texas was not.

Of the states studied, the obesity rate held steady in 20 and declined in 19.

Drought monitor shows some improvement

Recent rains in the Mid-South and Southern Plains have led to a reduction in drought-like conditions in those areas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Brad Rippey, meteorologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), told USDA Radio that despite the excessive rains in some areas, the overall drought condition in the U.S. remains steady.

Close to half, 45.26%, of the continental United States currently is experiencing drought-like conditions. However, that is more than 20 percentage points below September 2012.

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2013 Callisburg Wildcats

Wildcats intend to build on success of '12

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

What a difference a simple re-district makes. Second-year Callisburg Head Coach Ritchie Pinckard proved to any Callisburg doubters that he knew how to turn a program around...which is exactly what he did with Callisburg last year.

Pinckard's Wildcats took district 5-2A DI by storm and ended up earning a first round bye in the playoffs after beating out Whitesboro in a wild overtime matchup on the Bearcat's home turf.

The Wildcat's 9-2 season last year was a tremendous effort after a dismal 2-9 season in 2011 with the second best upward swing in all of 2A Football, far exceeding expectations.

Pinckard isn't satisfied with an Area playoff appearance, but if it is any consolation the Daingerfield team who beat them 32-21 in Area went on to play in the state finals matchup.

Pinckard is hungry for more with his eight returning starters from last year.

"I came here because I have every confidence we can do and build something great," Pinckard said. "We are determined to make this the best little spot in the area."

The Arkansas native most recently logged time at the helm of the Dekalb Bears in Northeast Texas where he turned the Bears from a 0-10 team to a 10-2 team in two years. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Pinckard has proven himself in one year for the Wildcat fans. "I want to see what we can grow in Callisburg," he said. "If the players and parents will buy into the excitement that myself and my other coaches can bring to the game we can go a long way!"

He says converting a program is all about winning "a little battle every day..."

Callisburg Senior leadership



Pinckard says the key to their defensive game is to, "be simple and read your keys."

The Key to the Callisburg success this season will be to fill the shoes of the multi-talented and athletic Clay McKenzie to Central Oklahoma.

The new man under center is Rheyce Childress who will be stepping in after he earned 417 yards rushing, 280 yards passing, and six total touchdowns in the shadow of the departing McKenzie. Coach Pinckard praises his athleticism and versatility, much like McKenzie...a good fit for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats will be held down on the line by Shawn Shuggart, Zach Larue, and Jacob Jones.

Upperclassman stand outs include: OLB Eli Hollandsworth who brought home 46 tackles and four sacks in his all-district effort last year. Hollandsworth can also drop back to safety when needed.

Linebacker and running back Bryce Berryman pulled double duty with 76 tackles and 154 yards rushing. Rounding out the

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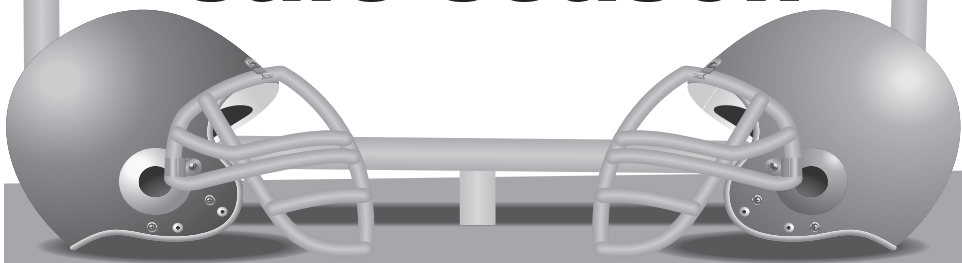
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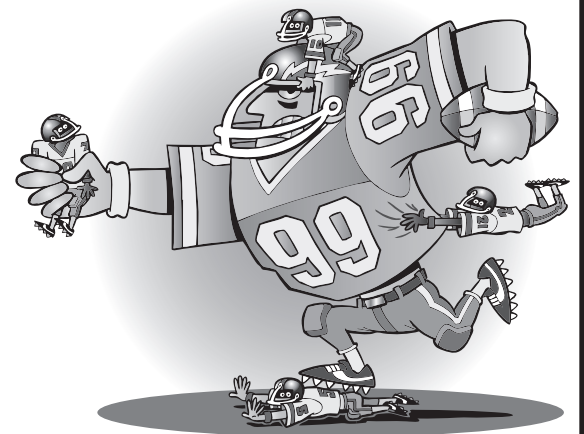
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Wildcats

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short list includes: running back Jake Parker, and top sophomore at backup quarterback is Morgan Rigsby.

Other notables include running back Neal Shaffer, defensive back Cody Ford, wide receiver Derek Serna and LB Mike Kemp.

The Wildcats are again anchored by an offensive line that is not small but could be hampered by having to play both ways again this year.

Pinckard said, "We are in a tough district and can't afford to have an off night... We are definitely the underdog and that is never okay. It is up to us to determine other people's perception of the Callisburg Wildcats and I want other teams to know, when they have to play us, they are going to have their hands full."

Callisburg is again joined in a 2A district that includes Whitesboro and Pilot Point, both of whom are down from 3A. Pilot Point has a winning tradition as legendary as the game itself, and Whitesboro might still be riding off their second consecutive play-off appearance.

Boyd clenched the other playoff spot with Whitesboro last year. The Boyd team overshot pre-season rankings last year along with Whitesboro and Callisburg.

This year, Whitesboro tops the 5-2A I charts with senior running back Collin Kilcrease looking to forge ahead with another standout year. Kilcrease was hard to slow down as he led all of 2A with 2,333 yards and 28 touchdowns last year.

Pilot Point is ranked second this year and barely missed out on the playoffs last year due to a tie break. They are determined more than ever to get back to their winning ways with the District's best passer in Travis Garrett back under the center.

Boyd takes third in pre-season rankings and returns running back Fino Cardona who rushed for 1,901 yards and 30 TD's last season.

The Bowie Jackrabbits hope to quell any offensive effort by other teams with Linebacker Gage Robinson who had 58 tackles last season.

It is curious to see the Wildcats ranked fifth in the league just ahead of the Paradise Panthers and Ponder Lions.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine sees the Callisburg Wildcats being left out of the postseason this year. Graduation hit the Wildcats hard as they return only four players on each side of the ball. Callisburg can put a feather in its cap for being listed as one of the teams with the biggest turnaround after winning seven more games than the previous season.

Let us see if Pinckard can come up with something "Wild" with his Cats this season.

Callisburg Wildcats 2013 Schedule

Aug. 30	Henrietta	There	7:30
Sep. 6	Valley View	Here	7:30
Sep. 13	Tom Bean	There	7:30
Sep. 20	Whitewright	Here	7:30
Sep. 27	Pilot Point*	Here	7:30
Oct. 4	OPEN		
Oct. 11	Boyd*	There	7:30
Oct. 18	Ponder*	Here	7:30
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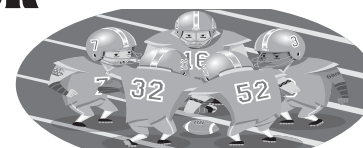


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2013 Collinsville Pirates

Pirates intend to build on playoff run

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

The Collinsville Pirates find themselves nestled in a third place ranking for 2013 in district 7-1A with close rivals Lindsay Knights at the top of the heap. The Valley View Eagles are claiming a second place slot in preseason ranks and look to be a strong contender this season.

The young Pirates are led by Collinsville head Coach Danny David. David is returning seven starters on offense and six on defense. The Pirates managed to become a 7-4 bi-district finalist last year and had a 3-2 district record.

David looks to maintain his tried and true spread offense that could include three backs, one back, or no backs.... Depending on how the game is folding out.

Coach David is concerned about his lack of depth this year, but senior frontline multi-tasking player John Lewis who had 1,547 yards and 18 touchdowns rushing last year. Lewis also threw for 750 yards passing and seven touchdown completions. Lewis is the highlight from what is left from last year.

David said this about Lewis, "John will lead the way for us again this year. He will be our quarterback this year, but as always it will take all 11 players on the field to make it happen. He is a great athlete and a good football player. He is going to have to make things happen for us just like last year."

Top rated junior Hayden Smith will be one to watch in the upcoming year. Smith knows the game through and through. Top sophomore is lineman Austin Kaye.

Other players to watch this year are defensive back Connor Daley and tight end Tanner Petska who overcame adversity last season and scored two touchdowns last season.

"Tanner [Petska] has brought the whole community closer, especially the school." David continued, "His work ethic after the things that happened to him, and the way he has overcome them to get where he is at again, is amazing. He is still a top notch player."

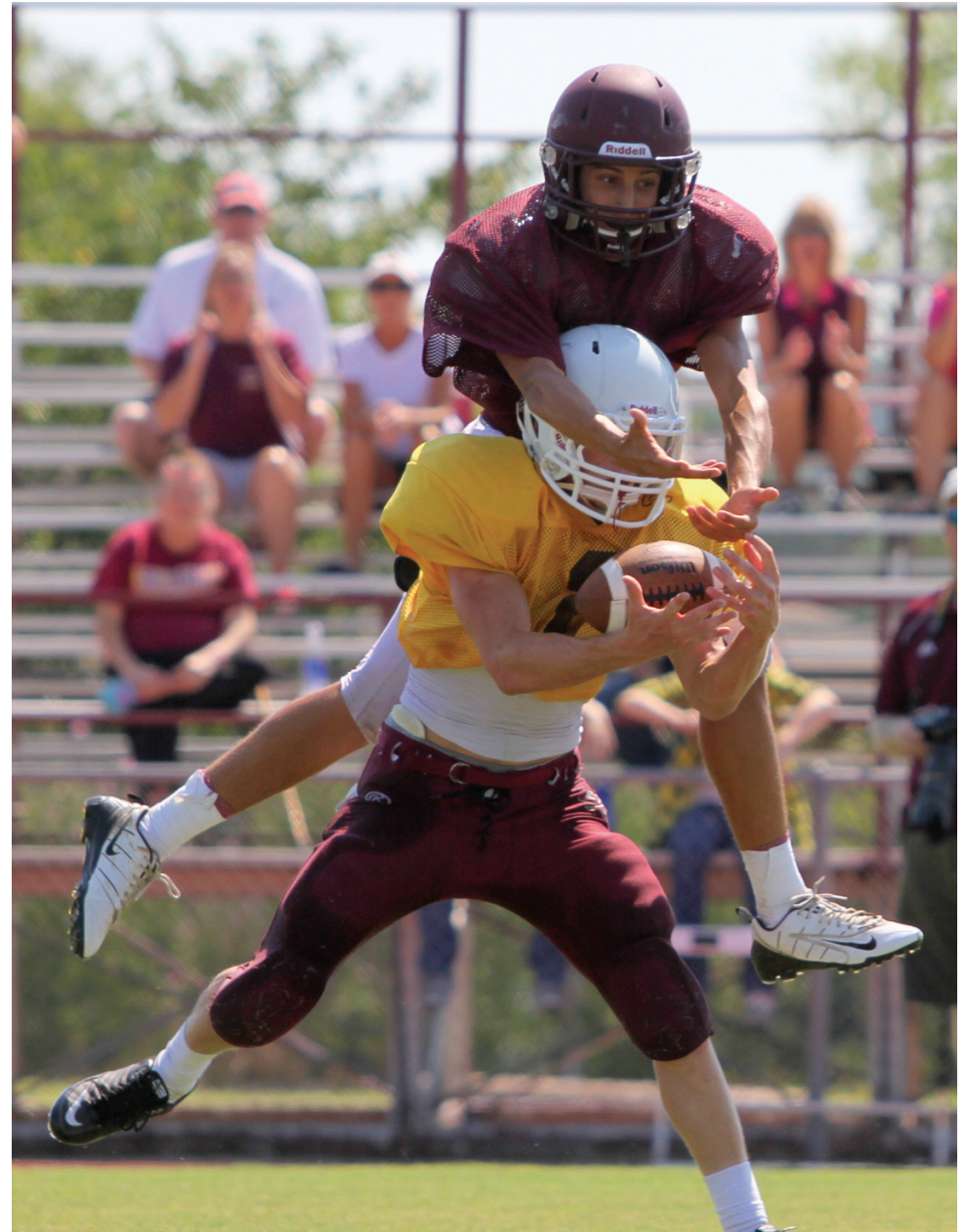
Linebacker Andrew Harris held up opposing teams with 43 tackles last year along with defensive lineman Cole Bennett, and offensive lineman Lazaro Aldaco.

Senior Lazaro Aldalco, (5' 7", 190 lbs.) better known as "Fonzie" to his teammates, will finish out the lineman for the Pirates. The "Fonze" an offensive tackle, plays defensive line as well as backup for others.

"We have managed this team to a playoff run in each of the past seven seasons." David said. "We look to continue with the same momentum this fall.

"Collinsville's enrollment of the 168 students sign up for school is misleading because there have been far fewer boys in our program than in years past," David said.

David continued, "We are lucky enough that other schools in our



district also have the same problem."

The top ranked Knights are down on returning starters this season, but Valley View looks pretty stout with Landon Boaz returning for the Eagles as running back after a 1,816 yard rushing effort and 17 touchdowns. Boaz earned the nod to the preseason district offensive MVP title by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2013*.

Chris Donaldson's Eagles swapped places in district rankings with Collinsville, and Coach David remains weary of the flying Eagles and personally ranks them first in the list. "Valley View is head and shoulders above the rest," he said.

The funny thing is about this district is that you never know what is going to happen on any given night with 16, 17, 18 year olds playing for you. Anything can happen," David quipped. "Every one of these teams are competitors in this district, and you

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Sep. 20	OPEN		
Sep. 27	Bells	There	7:30
Oct. 4	Wolfe City	There	7:30
Oct. 11	Blue Ridge*	Here	7:30
Oct. 18	Trenton*	There	7:30
Oct. 25	Chico*	Here	7:30
Nov. 1	Lindsay*	There	7:30
Nov. 8	Valley View*	Here	7:30

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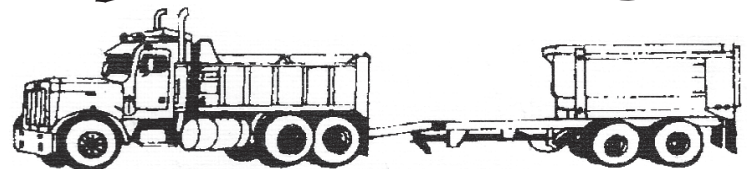
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"There are a lot of people that have realized that we are going to be down [on experienced players]. But at the same time if we weren't two rounds deep in the playoffs, others will surely ask, what was wrong."

When asked about if throwing the ball or running will be the call from the sidelines, David said, "Whatever the game dictates," David likes to run the ball. "We like to keep that clock going, which makes it a short game." David continued, "If it calls for us to throw, by all means I'm not scared to throw the ball; we can get some play action going, and get him [Lewis] on the run...which could then turn into a running play. Lewis has a good enough arm; I think they are going to have to honor him throwing the ball."

The Pirates lost two key players through graduation last year in MVP pick from last year in Kyle Schindler and Jake Vella, and remain a young team overall.

"We have many of the same players this year and they are all a year older, with a year more experience, but we are still not going to get over and overpower a team like in the past. This time, we are going to have to be a little more finesse. The game has to change with the talent that you have year in year out."

David said, "As with most 1A ball clubs, the players will work both sides of the ball. There will be many players on the team who will play both sides of the game, and may not ever get a break during key matchups."

"Our special teams are up in the air right now, and we lack the depth of players on the sidelines that we really need to give the offensive and defensive players

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a break,” David said. “This is very worrisome when any players do not have a chance to get off the field between drives.

“Being at a small school, you have classes like that ... we just have to weather the storm. We have pretty well the same players minus two than last year, and have a good base, so we should be one of the better Class A teams around.”

The Pirates have always had the same goal ...to win the state championship.

“Since I have been here we have made it to the playoffs in all but my very first year,” David concluded. “Our desire and willingness to win will give us a better chance to take it to the playoffs again.

The Pirates open their regular season at home this Friday night against Sacred Heart School of Muenster at 7:30 p.m.

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2013 Era Hornets

Hornets look to improve in tough district

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

Third year Era Head Coach Matt Fanning improved his 2012 Hornet team to a 3-7 campaign last year compared to 2-8 from 2011. Fanning has the same daunting task ahead of them through the likes of Muenster and top ranked district 8-1A DII Munday to contend with.

Era is picked fifth in District 8-1A Division II with players to watch being Jacob Metzler and Jose De Los Santos. The Hornets return four players on offense and seven on defense.

“This district could very well be the toughest in the state,” Fanning said.

Fanning is a hometown product, a 1999 graduate of Era High School and graduate of Hardin Simmons University where he played college football. He served as an assistant at Era for seven years before being dumped to the top and was heavily involved with a 2010 Era team who won the district championship for the first time in 12 years.

“Era knows how to win,” Fanning said. “We just have to get back there again.”

The Era Hornets are ranked ahead of the Petrolia Pirates who also went 1-4 last year.

Fanning will field a multiple wing offense that he predicts will run the ball 70% of the time.

Junior Metzler (6'-0", 165) will start in the quarterback spot and will be protected by offensive lineman Tate Beuthien.

As is par for the 1A course, Fanning will only have a couple of players able to specialize and plans to field the majority of his roster on both sides of the ball. “That is just the nature of small school football,” Fanning said.

He will chart a 4-3 defense scheme led by Junior De Los Santos (5'9"-170. Santos will be helped out by linebackers Caleb Thompson and Ruger Pease.

Era is paired with nearby Cooke County rival, in the second 8-1A DII Muenster Hornets. Muenster is ranked highly among the state ranks and as always returns several strong seniors looking for more as regional semifinalists in 2012.

They are also nestled in district play with Munday, who was ranked first in the state last year, and came away with an as predicted, un-blemished record.

District leading Munday finished undefeated with a 15-0 perfect stroke in 2012. The Moguls however will not be running on all eight cylinders as they lost 18 big producers on offense and defense, nine starters both ways including Dee Paul who now plays at Texas Tech.

The Moguls are already under the rebuild of their offensive and defensive engines. Munday will have title game defensive MVP DE L.J. Collier back in the saddle to pressure the young Era line-



men.

Also in the district are the Electra Tigers, who sit comfortably in the top 15. The fourth ranked Perrin-Whitt Pirates pose to improve on their season too.

“We have to take one game at a time,” Fanning said. “Our district is going to be tough as always, but we aren’t going to lie down either...we have to execute and stay smart.”

Era’s pre-district schedule isn’t a cake walk either playing 2A teams as a warm up to district competition. The Blue Ridge Tigers and Celeste Blue Devils should be welcome adversaries.

The Hornets will also square off against the neighboring TAPPS Sacred Heart Tigers.

Era will travel to FM 922 neighbors; the Valley View Eagles for a 7:30 pm kick off this Friday.

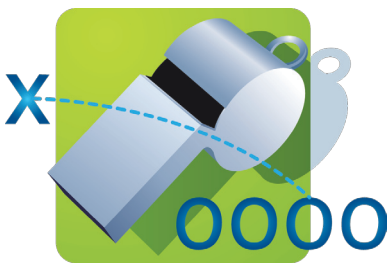
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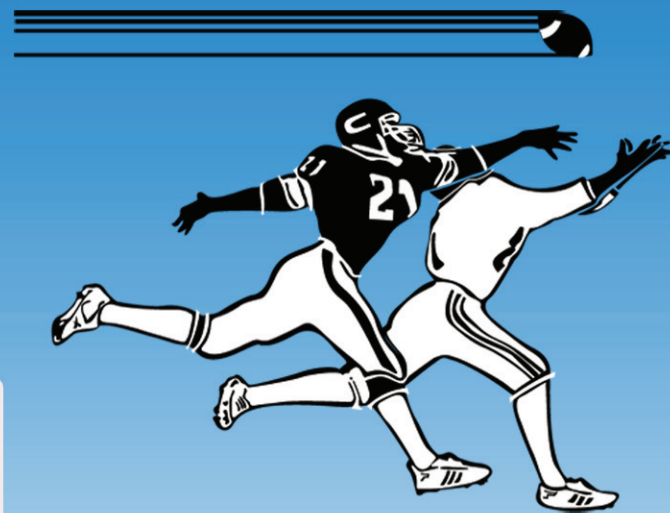


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2013 Gainesville Leopards

Leopards prepare for another playoff run

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Unfinished business. That's how the Gainesville Leopards are approaching the 2013 football season.

After going 12-1 and reaching the Class 3A Quarterfinals last year, the Leopards want to see if they can go even further this season.

"Just from talking to them, I think their first goal would be to run the table again, which is very hard to do," Gainesville Head Coach Keith Hall said. "They want to run the table, they want to win the district championship again for the second year, and they would love to have a chance again in the quarterfinals. They want to get back to where we were, or a step further. So I guess it is like unfinished business. That's kind of how they are approaching practice. It's real business-like."

But going undefeated in the regular season and going at least three rounds deep in the playoffs won't be easy.

The Leopards will need to replace some key players including four who are playing college football now.

But they do return a lot of starters from last year, plus several key reserves from last year who will step into starting roles. They also had several players move in including two who are penciled in as starters on offense.

Mason Copeland, the son of former Leopard Head Coach Mark Copeland, returns to Gainesville after starting at quarterback in Kingsville last year. The junior has stepped right in and should be the starter at quarterback when the Leopards begin the season on Aug. 30.

"He has done a real good job of learning the offense and what I want him to do," Hall said. "He is a good runner and a good passer. I just tell him to not try and do too much right now. Just get the ball to them and let them go."

Another transfer, T.J. Beal, should be the starter at strong tackle on the offensive line.

But the two offensive newcomers will have plenty of returning talent around them. The rest of the offensive line is back from last year including Cory Neill at quick tackle, Jared Boswell at quick guard, Dillon Schroeder, at center and Jordan Hall at strong guard.

"The big thing is those are one-way kids," Hall said of his linemen. "They don't play on defense and I think that's huge."

Leading rusher Adam Berryman is back at fullback. Berryman rushed for 1,705 yards and 25 touchdowns last year. Also returning in the backfield will be wingback Jonathan Mendez and tailback Jacob Royal.

The tight-end position is up for grabs with Tag Sparks, Zukari Long, and Anthony White all looking impressive in pre-season practices.

At receiver, Devin Mims and Lilton Moore have both impressed the coaches early on.

Hall says the offensive philosophy hasn't changed from last year.



He still wants his team to be balanced.

"We want to be 50-50. That's a big deal to me because we're going to get in a game where we need to run, and we're going to get in a game where we need to pass. When you are 50-50, you can do both," he said. "I told the kids that I want to be able to throw the ball because we want to throw. I want to be able to run the ball because we want to run it. Not because of something (an opponent) is doing to us. We still believe that we have to be able to run the football. If you can run the football, the other team will lose control of the game. Hopefully this year, we will work on spreading the ball around. We do that when we run, but even passing. We've got to be able to throw it, not just to one person."

On the defensive side of the ball, Gainesville returns seven starters including Farr at linebacker. The junior had 93 tackles last year. He will be joined at linebacker by Zukari Long, who can also play defensive tackle if needed.

Up front, Jesse Wolfe and Ruben Hernandez have impressed coaches early on. Also in the mix will be Joseph Romans and Manny Rodriguez. Other linebackers to watch include Anthony White, Rocky Salazar, Joseph Sanders, Dillon Aston, Sparks, and Hall.

At corner, Royal returns after picking off three passes last year. Mims is expected to start at the other corner. The strong safety should be Mendez, with Moore the expected starter at free safety.

On special teams, Hector Sagrero returns as placekicker, with Copeland expected to handle the punting duties.

But even with so much talent returning, going undefeated in the regular season won't be easy. The non-district schedule includes Burkburnett, Iowa Park, Vernon, Springtown, and Lake Worth.

"I really think Springtown will be our toughest opponent all year," Hall said.

Then once District 9-3A play

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Leopards

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rolls around in October, Decatur, Sanger, Krum, and Bridgeport will test the Leopards.

“The one I don’t know about is Decatur,” Hall said. “They have the quarterback that verballed (to TCU), but he just didn’t have a very good game against us. So they are kind of a question mark. I know Sanger has some good kids that moved in. But I still think for us, Krum will be the team to beat, then Decatur, then Bridgeport, then Sanger. I hope I’m right, but I still think the district championship comes through Gainesville.”

This year’s schedule will feature two open dates and just nine regular-season games after Ardmore cancelled their game with Gainesville on Sept. 13 due to a scheduling error.

But Hall says his team will work around the two open dates.

“I’m going to tell the kids that this is a good way for us to see what it’s going to be like in district,” he said. “We’re going to play two games and then we’re going to be open, then we will play two more, just like in district. So let’s see how we play (after that open week). We want to do well in non-district, but district is the most important. I think it’s all about how you approach it, and that’s the best way for me to approach it. This is what it’s going to be like, so let’s learn to deal with (the open week) and get ready to play the next week.”

Gainesville will open the season at home on Aug. 30 against Burkburnett.

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2013 Lindsay Knights

Knights look for continued excellence

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

The Lindsay Knights are again at the top of the District 7-1A Division I rankings ahead of Valley View and Collinsville. The Knights return five offensive players and three defensive to their 2013 roster.

Last year, the Knights enjoyed a 5-0 District run and look to continue to do so, and look to improve on their regional semi-finalist status and a 9-3 overall record. The Knights are looking for a repeat as district champs after going undefeated in district last season.

Second year returning Head Coach Charles Boles looks for continued excellence this year. Boles said, "Starting out at the top is nothing but a positive. Now we just have to take it to another level."

Boles surely is hungry for another deep playoff run. He began his coaching career at Lindsay before making stops at Tom Bean, Sacred Heart where he enjoyed a 2003 TAPPS state championship, and most recently Holy Trinity in Temple.

The Knights have now gone three deep in the post season the past four years running and lost out last year to Goldthwaite which ended their hopes of December football last season.

Boles said, "We had a great season, we won the district championship, won a playoff game. Of course, we would have liked to have kept on winning last year, so we have a little bit of a sour taste in our mouth."

Returning starter quarterback John Haverkamp is listed as a player to watch after throwing for more than 900 yards as a sophomore last season.

Haverkamp will be leading at quarterback for Boles, and will run the Boles Multiple Spread Offense for the second year now. "John played the quarterback for us the past two seasons as a

sophomore and junior," Boles said. "He is a great talent for us and has grown to know his position under the center extremely well."

Haverkamp will be backed up by Mark Krahl who had 450 yards running under the shadow of outgoing 2012 running backs Blake Walker and Hud Harrison.

Junior offensive lineman Connor Pelzel looks to clear the way for Krahl (6-3, 260 lbs) along with Travis Krahl, and Matt Huston.

Opponents will have to watch out for a formidable air attack. Haverkamp will have plenty of returning wide receivers to choose from with the likes of juniors Caleb Anderle, Justin Bird, Justin Ott, and Kedrick Boaz.

The top-ranked Knights may have been hit hard by graduation last year, but playoff tested veterans will return to play under the lights at Henry B. Schroeder stadium in Lindsay.

Lindsay will depend on their tight defensive efforts again this season. The Knights will depend on linebacker Elijah Walker whom absolutely smashed district opponents last year and earns the honor of pre-season district defensive MVP by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2013*.

Walker said, "We would have liked to finish better last season, especially in that last playoff game. Now that we have adapted to all the changes and all the coaches, we will do some good this year."

The Knights will face the same district rivals as last year, but now the Valley View Eagles lead the district stats with Landon Boaz and Ethan McCollum totaling over 3500 yards of production.

Going undefeated in district seems like a tough task, but it could happen with the district not as strong as it has been in recent years.

"It is going to be a tough race in district this season." Boles continued, "I can promise you we are going to play hard, our kids are going to be well prepared. We are going to give it everything we have got!"

The Knights hope to quell the Eagles with a five man front on defense led by Pelzel and company. Many players will play double duty again this year. Anderle and Dakota Ellender will help Walker at the other linebacker positions, Ott



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Knights

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will provide the speed on defense along with Bird to hold together the secondary.

The Knights are a confident bunch this season, and the talk of some players is that they are looking forward to the Kraut bowl this year. The Hornets get the honor of hosting the Knights this year, which just so happens to be the date of their homecoming. Which team will come out on top for Cooke County 1A honors? This pre-district battle will be the game to watch for football lovers in the area, as Muenster Sacred Heart has opted to leave that particular Friday night open on their current schedule.

“Our district is a stout group,” Boles said. “We are going to have to play well every down of every game.” The Knights will jump into 2013 Friday night against the Howe Bulldogs at home at 7:30 p.m.



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2013 Muenster Hornets

Hornets to push Moguls for district dominance

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

The Hornets' district may be one of the toughest in 1A football. This small Division II ranks the Hornets second behind the state-winning Munday Moguls of 2012. The Hornet coaching staff never expected that they would have to travel three hours for a district game, last year, much less the team that made it to the state game in the previous 2011 year.

This year, the fourth-ranked Moguls will try and defend from the seventh state-ranked Hornets as defending state champions.

If the Hornets can stay healthy this year, they will have a fighting chance at the district title, maybe more. Head Coach Brady Carney said, "Last year, we played 2 out of 13 games 100% healthy." Carney continued, "We have our fingers crossed, if we can do that, then I think we have a chance to play for a while."

The Moguls were ranked first in the state last year, and came away with an as predicted, un-blemished record. Munday takes first place in the district after going undefeated with a 15-0 perfect stroke in 2012.

How can the Hornets spread their wings and fly past the Munday team?

The answer lies within the opponents themselves. The Moguls will not be running on all eight cylinders as they lost 18 big producers on offense and defense, nine starters both ways including Dee Paul who now plays at Texas Tech.

It will be a rebuilding year, but the Moguls are already in reconstruction of their offensive and defensive engines. Munday will have four starters returning including title game defensive MVP DE L.J. Collier back in the saddle to pressure the Hornets' tried and true defense.

The other district contenders will do well to keep up with these two powerhouses. Muenster's only district loss came to the Moguls. The Electra Tigers are ranked third, with Perrin Whitt, Era, and Petrolia quite a ways off in terms of contention in the district.

So how do the Hornets stack up?

Muenster is picked to finish second to the Munday Moguls in District 8-1A Division II for a second consecutive year. Defensive end and recent Oklahoma State commit Cole Walterscheid has been picked as a preseason all-state defensive end.

Carney has sustained a winning tradition at Muenster, a Collinsville Pirate import, notching a 33-6 record over the past three seasons with a 4-1 district record last season, despite being injury-plagued.

This year, Carney has 11 returning lettermen at his disposal and several on-field leaders.



Carney says, "We have a team that can be just as successful as the last two years for sure." Carney continued, "We lack a little bit of depth, but overall we feel like we can go as far if not further than last year."

Defensive end Walterscheid has 53 tackles, 24 TFL, eight sacks, 357 yards, and five touchdown receptions to his name. Walterscheid will continue to be an impact player on defense, while his 4.6 speed will give him the chance to be a force on offense.

Returning quarterback Mason Binder will take the snaps for the Hornets. Binder also has the advantage of the previous year's stat leader board for returning starters at the quarterback position. Binder's passing effort tops the charts with 450 yards and three touchdowns last season.

Top juniors include offensive lineman Collin Pagel (6'2"-190), defensive end Brandon Hennigan (6'4"-205), and top sophomore linebacker Dalton Bartel.

Returning running back Clint Sidwell takes the cake for the returning stat leaders in 8-1A DII. Sidwell, who rushed for 683 yards and eight touchdowns last season will carry the brunt of the offensive load this year. He also carries the honor of preseason offensive MVP by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2013*.

Other prospects for the Hornets include: linebacker Binder, offensive lineman Jared Endres, and offensive lineman Garrett Miller.

Hornet players Walterscheid and Endres are both hungry for a district championship this season. Walterscheid said, "I would like to win a district championship, with Munday losing a lot, we can go get 'em this year."

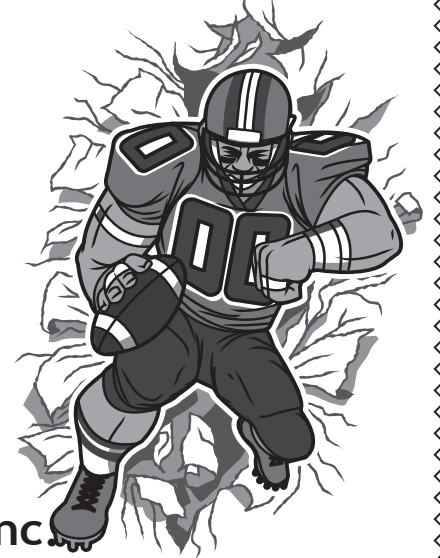


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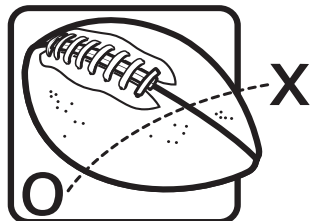
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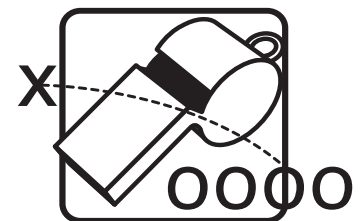
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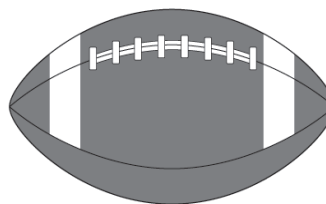
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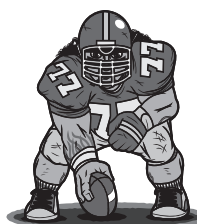
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Inexperience on the line is Muenster's weakness. The line was depleted by graduation in the previous years. Carney said, "Our numbers are lower than last year, we have a small freshman class this year."

Muenster is in a tough region even if they clear the district play unscathed; they still have to worry about the other big regional opponent after district, Albany.

The Hornets will rely on the coaching staff led by Carney and company. Trey Gray will take care of the wide receivers and corners. Jeff Smiley will take care of the defensive coordination as well as running backs. Jeff Presnall and Mark Stephens will lead the line and Donnie Knightstep will take double duty as the quarterback and linebacker coach.

Carney finished with this, "Expectations are the same every year, our goal is to hopefully play on into December, and that is what our goal is going to be. We will take it one game at a time, one practice at a time. Hopefully we can do that."

The Hornets are also a confident bunch this season, and the talk of some players is that they are looking forward to the Kraut bowl this year. The Hornets get the honor of hosting the Knights this year, which just so happens to be the date of their homecoming. Which team will come out on top for Cooke County 1A honors? This pre-district battle will be the game to watch for football lovers in the area, as Muenster Sacred Heart has opted to leave that particular Friday night open on their current schedule.

In the mean time, the Swarmin' Hornets will begin the season at home against Ponder this Friday night at 7:30 p.m., but the "tell all" of the season for the Hornets' hopefuls will be that away game against the Moguls.

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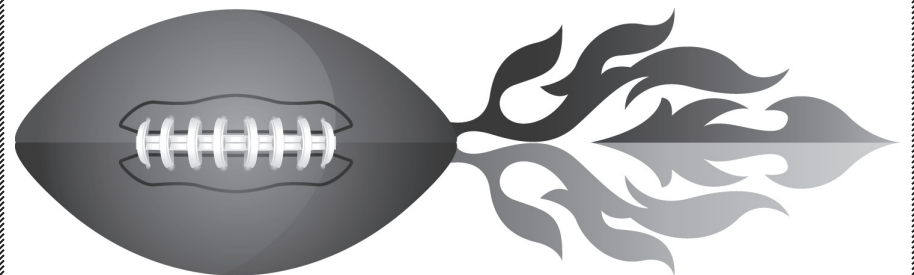
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2013 Sacred Heart Tigers

Tigers bring speed and quickness to the race

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart Tigers were in their usual position the past two years as they once again earned a spot on the TAPPS playoff bracket. This year appears to be no different, as the Tigers are ranked in first ahead of Fort Worth Lake Country and Fort Worth Calvary Academy.

Tigers Head Coach Dale Schilling noted that their toughest opponent this year would be Fort Worth Lake Country. They finished 7-0 in district last year.

Both Fort Worth schools are on the high side of enrollment numbers, with Sacred Heart on the low side. The Tigers are used to this problem, but do field 29 players on the roster, compared to 31 last year.

Other district contenders for the Tigers ranked in order include Lubbock Christian, Fort Worth Temple Christian, Amarillo San Jacinto, and Kennedale Fellowship.

Sacred Heart is picked to win TAPPS Division III-1 after a 7-4 season last year. The Tigers return a good amount of experience, and most importantly speed on either side of the ball. Schilling's Tigers are coming off of gold medal victory at state track last spring and proved to be the quickest track team in Cooke County. It shouldn't be a secret by now that quickness during track season leads to a stout football team in the fall.

Coach Schilling believes the Tigers' speed will be their strength as was the past two years.

The Tigers lost some of that speed to graduation last year but have five seniors leading the way to carry on the tradition for the upcoming 2013 season.

The Tigers may be slightly down on numbers this year, but with 12 returning starters and also returning with quarterback Kason Reeves (6'3", 170) leading the way under center, the Sacred Heart team will play to win.

The Tigers should expect another winning season and a deep playoff run with the smart and savvy Reeves taking snaps as a sophomore this year. Last year, Reeves had 1,699 yards and 17 TDs passing as a freshman. With a year under his belt at quarterback now, Reeves should be a calm and cool head at the helm of the Tiger offense.

Reeves will be on the lookout for other Tiger returning wide receivers such as senior Keith Metzler, junior Brady Endres, and junior Isac Walterscheid. Walterscheid finished with 48 receptions and 685 rushing yards last year and will continue to see a lot of passes thrown his way from Reeves.

Another option for Reeves would certainly be senior wide receiver Kevin Flusche. Junior wide receivers include Aaron Davis and Hayden Schilling.

When the Tigers aren't taking to the sky, the Sacred Heart running backs will surely carry the ball well. Junior running back Will Boyd (5'8", 160) and sophomore standout running back Tyler Spruill (5'9", 200) will share duties when the ball is on the ground.

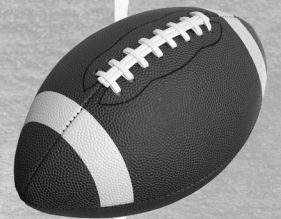
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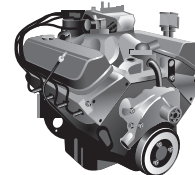
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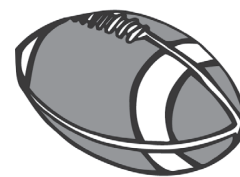
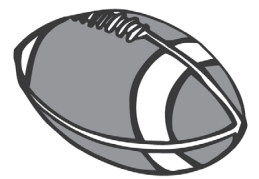
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Tigers

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The other Tiger assets that opponents should watch out for are offensive lineman Garrett Wheeler (6'2", 260), defensive lineman Dylan Clure, and top junior linebacker Schilling.

These young men will be strong forces to contend with for opposing teams. Linebacker Schilling is the Tigers' defensive leader after proving himself as a sophomore, as told by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2013*.

Schilling is looking forward to a more stout offensive line this year. The Tigers field plenty of junior offensive linemen this year led by Jason Knabe (6'3", 325).

Other juniors include Aaron Colmenero, Darian Peters, and James Cochran as standouts. Senior Juan Orocio will certainly teach younger brother Rogelio Orocio on the line.

Schilling said, "We have a balanced offensive team, but you'll see us pass

the ball just as much or more than last year."

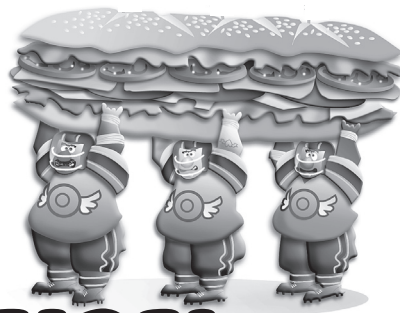
The Tigers showed this right off the bat in their first scrimmage against the Prince of Peace Eagles at home on Friday, Aug. 16. The Tigers were able to score two touchdowns starting from the 30 yard line within 14 plays to start the scrimmage off. Much to the fans' delight, the mighty Tigers offensive attack kept the steam on boil and put together 270 yards via air attack alone.

Dale Schilling will lead the coaching staff again this year and will be calling all offensive plays. Kevin Walterscheid continues as the special teams coach and Kristopher Creed joins the staff this year to help out on defense.

The Tigers will open their regular season Friday, Aug. 30 to play in Collinsville against the Pirates. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

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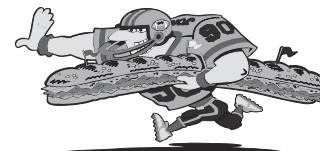
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2013 S&S Rams

Rams return 15 lettermen to start '13 season

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

S&S ranked third in district with playoff hopes.

S&S Head Football Coach Garrett Patterson enters his third year as the leader of the Rams. Patterson has two full years under his belt now and had 15 returning letterman on his squad.

The Rams football team wowed their fans last season coming right out of the gate with a huge home win to start the season. The proverbial monkey was officially off the Rams back.

The Rams did not stop there. They yielded two wins last season in district play, a first in a long time for a comparatively successful 2-3 campaign.

They improved from 0-10 in 2011 to 3-7 last year ... a great accomplishment for the Rams nation. This year, Coach Patterson expects to gain even more depth, athleticism, and experience he is looking for to keep things headed in the right direction.

"I am proud of our Rams from last year; of course we are always looking for more." Patterson continued, "We will be running the spread offense again this year. We look to stay as balanced 50/50 as we can get, but if it is called for one or the other more for the game, then that is fine."

The Rams are looking to have senior quarterback Reed Collum take outgoing Jeremy Franklin's spot from last year. Collum is a six foot senior who has played on varsity the past three years for the Rams and will play both sides of the ball.

Running back Willie Winborne and wide receiver, Drew Dutton (5'8", 150) highlight the Rams playmakers for a possible postseason run this year.

Patterson said, "We are looking forward for Winborne to have another good year with us, he is an absolute warrior. He will do absolutely everything we need of him."

Winborne led the Rams and tops the preseason stat leader board in 7-2A II after a wonderful 1,437 yards and 21 touchdown extravaganza last season. Dutton is the top returning receiver in the district with 399 yards and, one touchdown.

The Rams line is looking tough this year, overall weight is up for the third year in a row for the line, so the more experienced Rams' line should be able to make some headway and open holes up for the running backs this year.

Junior Ethan Lawson (5'10", 245 lbs.) is starting left guard for the Rams right now. Garret said, "Senior Jarrell Orr (6'3", 215 lbs) starts on defense and offense. We are expecting big things from him. He could be one of our best players this year."

Orr will make sure the Rams defense is in good hands this year after he had 60 tackles, four sacks, three forced fumbles, and two fumble returns last year.



Other players on the line include: junior Dillion Chambers (6'0", 270 lbs.) starting offensively and defensively. "We are expecting a lot out of this kid again this year," Patterson said. Last year, Chambers (graded out at 90%) was an athletic road grader for the Rams. Chambers gained 15 pounds over the break and will be even more of a force for the Rams this season.

Junior Casey Welch (5'11", 215 lbs.) has plenty of potential for the Rams. "We will see how he grows again this year," Patterson said. Welch will start out on the defensive line for the Rams this season. Junior Micah Cummings (5'8", 205 lbs.) will play on the line also.

Senior Marcus Drew (5'9", 160 lbs.) will see time as defensive back this year. Look out for ATH Trenton Nolan (5'8", 150) to assist the Rams in their efforts also.

Linebacker Clark Sulivant had a breakout year last year after he proved to be the end all for opposing offensives last year with 115 tackles.

The Rams looked good against the Muenster Hornets in a pre-season scrimmage this year. The Rams were able to put together successful drives and stop the Hornets' defense on a regular occasion.

Patterson said, "The goal this year is to try and play everybody close." Patterson continued, "Ultimately, we are not concerned about football in the end. We are concerned about teaching these young men to be productive mem-



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If the Rams can get to the playoffs, it will be the cherry on top for Patterson who has put in the effort and time to bring this program to fruition.

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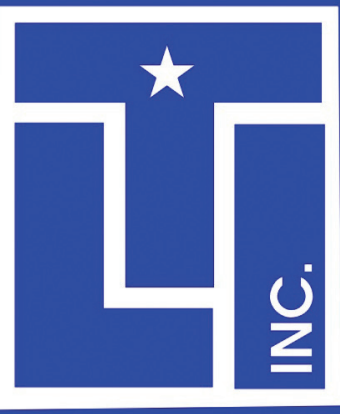
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2013 Tioga Bulldogs

Bulldogs head into second season of football

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

Bulldogs are ready for their second season at Tioga under first year Bulldog Coach Cody Patton.

Six man football differs from 11 man football only on a few rules, otherwise, it is still the same game overall. The game rules differ with 15 yards for a first down, 80 yards long and 40 yards wide. "The field is larger in proportion; it is harder to defend the field compared to 11 man football," Head Coach Cody Patton said.

"It is interesting because running plays are actually easier than passing plays, even though every player is eligible for a pass. Defensive ends are coming with nobody blocking them when you choose to pass the ball so, the ball has to leave in a hurry!"

Extra point scoring is also a little backwards; two points for kicking the extra point and one point for running in the extra point.

Coach Patton has planned to start off slow and steady. "We have our ninth graders from last year coming back as sophomores this year. They should now be somewhat acclimated and more used to being in that routine of two-a-days now.

"We are expecting 16 total for the team with six in the ninth grade and our sophomores filling out the rest of the team.

"We are trying to find good matchups for us right now. At this point, we have eight games for the season.

Patton went on to talk about the differences of 11 man and six man football. "Six man is unique because Jr. High and JV are not played on the same night. It is very hard for us to find a suitable day to play as they have scheduling conflicts." Patton continued, "Our games will be held mostly on Thursdays, but we will start out in Jayton against Garden City on Saturday, Aug. 31."

Tioga has 10 sophomore players at the moment, Austin Sprabary, Isaac Sloane, Will Young, William Mota, Cade Gibson, Garrett Self, Micah Villa, Wills Bollin, Josh Scalf, and Donovan Young.

The Bulldogs field five freshmen this year. Blake Piece, A.J. Shipman, J.P. Hoffman, and Bryan Mota fill out the fish for this year.

Patton is assisted by Roy Mejia and Erik McNairy.

Granbury Cornerstone, Savoy, Forestburg, Carrolton Harmony, Saint Jo, and Wise County Home School are set to play against the Bulldogs.

"Dr. Charles Holloway has done a tremendous job to get us started with the football program. We have everything we need to get the program going; the grass, field, new stands, lights... Everybody is excited and the town is rallying around this project," Patton added.

Patton summed up, "Tioga is a proud city, everybody is pulling for us. We felt like this is important for our school as we continue to grow. This is a sport that is important to offer at this point. We hope to get a good response."



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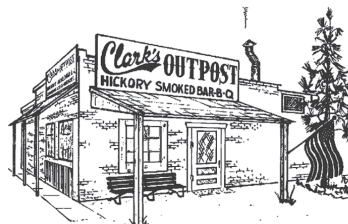


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2013 Valley View Eagles

Eagles expect to go places with 16 returning starters

Thomas Otto
Sports Editor

Third year Valley View Head Football Coach Chris Donaldson looks for big strides out of this second place ranked Eagle squad which improved to 7-5 in 2012. Donaldson's Eagles were an area finalist in district and look to keep the success coming in the season ahead.

The Eagles' playoff effort last season won't be forgotten and are returning 16 starters total, eight on offense and eight on defense.

The Eagles are hopeful for a long playoff run this year. Valley View only graduated three players last year and has a talented crop of seniors on the roster this year that saw ample playing time the past two seasons.

Donaldson will base out of the I and says the Eagles will probably be very balanced between running and passing in 2013.

The Eagles' potent offense could strike at any moment with returning stat leaders.

Donaldson has two key players at his disposal. He will start district senior stat leader Ethan McCollum under center who has a much better arm than anyone else in District 7-1A I. Quarterback McCollum is the league's top returning passer from last year with 1,741 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Valley View's Landon Boaz is the league's top returning rusher after a 1,816 yard rushing effort and 17 touchdowns. Boaz earned the nod to the preseason offensive MVP title by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2013*.

"Boaz was newcomer of the year as a freshman and continued his success last season, now taking MVP status," Donaldson said. Boaz is considered one of the most dynamic running backs in the state right now. He logged over 2,500 all-purpose yards last year, 20 total touchdowns, and three interceptions on defense.

As is the case in most 1A ball clubs across the state, a majority of the Valley View Eagles will log in time on both sides of the ball.

Donaldson will start eight players from last year on either side of the ball.

He will base out of a 4-3 defense that he says is "linebacker rich." "We preach the importance of defense here," Donaldson said. "This threw some folks for a loop when I arrived two years ago and started offering the defensive gospel."

Donaldson was formerly the offensive coordinator at Madisonville in south East Texas.

His linebacker corps this year includes Austin French, Jimmie Jones, and Kaleb Moses. French led the defense with 76 tackles, three sacks, and FRs. Moses wrecked the opponents with 108 tackles on defense.

"Our linebackers are a tight bunch," Donaldson said. "Kaleb is always where he is supposed to be."

The Eagle fans could be in for a long playoff run again this year with the likes of these defensive and offensive weapons.

Donaldson is looking forward to coaching other top contributors on the line from last year including offensive linemen Taylor Ward, Colton Bryant, and Ryan Scoggin. Defensive lineman Tyler Dial and tight end Josh Bridges round out the front row for the Eagles.

Free safety Michael Ponce, who earned 38 tackles for the Eagles, rounded up the opponents when they were outside the hash marks.

The Valley View district placement keeps Lindsay who is ranked first as was last year and Collinsville ranked third.

Also in the mix: Chico, Blue Ridge, and Trenton as welcome adversaries in the bottom three in the district. Trenton had a rough time which played varsity ball for the first time last year and had a 0-5 record in the district.

"Most polls have us picked second in the district," Donaldson said. "But this isn't going to be that easy. Chico is dangerous and can't be forgotten about, Blue Ridge is liable to put up a good team, Collinsville is always a contender, and Lindsay is as tough as everyone says they are ... we are not taking anything or anyone for granted ... our big message to the kids is how you finish. From day one, that has been our mantra ... to finish."

Valley View kicks off regular season play Friday night against Era at home. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 30	Era	Here	7:30
Sep. 6	Callisburg	There	7:30
Sep. 13	Muenster	Here	7:30
Sep. 20	S&S	Here	7:30
Sep. 27	Nocona	There	7:30
Oct. 4	OPEN		
Oct. 11	Chico*	There	7:30
Oct. 18	Blue Ridge*	Here	7:30
Oct. 25	Lindsay*	There	7:30
Nov. 1	Trenton*	Here	7:30
Nov. 8	Collinsville*	There	7:30

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2013 Whitesboro Bearcats

Bearcats set to build on success of past two seasons

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

Whitesboro is back in action with Athletic Director Eddie Gill at the helm again this year after their first playoff berth ever in 2011 and a second appearance last year. Gill feels that his team will be similar talent-wise to the one that broke the school's 100-year playoff drought two years ago.

Coach Eddie Gill is excited about his team's first place preseason ranking with his 16 returning starters. This is not a slouch of a district though. Gill said, "It is a strong district. We finally have schools that are the same size as us which was unlike the 2011 campaign competing in 3A.

Gill's Bearcats have an enrollment of 394 students this year and are ranked first ahead of Pilot Point (428), Boyd (386), and Bowie (429 students). Fifth place Callisburg (347) is the wildcard with a second year coach Ritchie Pinckard in the mix. Paradise (344) is ranked sixth. Ponder (370) is ranked seventh.

Gill already has an eye on the playoffs again this year. "Boyd won three state championships in 2A...this district is as competitive as you can get. We should be able to really get in there and take charge, but nobody is going to fold. In the playoffs, we would face District 6 to start out...which includes Pottsboro, Van Alstyne, and Commerce, all of which are good clubs."

Gill continued, "The list of quality clubs continues with Dangerfield, New Boston, Winnsboro...When you start going into that stuff, Dangerfield has won more games than Celina has. At least now we are going to play teams that are the same size."

As in all of Gill's other years here, he plans to base his offense out of the I and says he hopes to run the ball more this year, but add in some throwing for good measure.

Again this year, the improved size and strength of the line allows the team to run the ball more. Coach Gill said, "Once the run game is established, then that opens up the passing game."

Senior Devin Schares (6' 0", 167 lbs.) will be the starting quarterback for Whitesboro again this year. "Devin is wiry and has taken some pretty good hits...he gets right back up. He should be more comfortable doing things for us this year...As he grows as a quarterback, with all the responsibilities that it comes with, as another coach on the field."

Senior Collin Kilcrease (6-0, 192) will be the starting tailback for the third year running and starting free safety. Coach Gill said, "He is the real deal. Good speed, good strength. Collin showed us the past two years that he is a fierce competitor. For example, on the mile relays, he can go get somebody. Collin is a great kid that shows respect, which is more important for us. Everybody will enjoy watching him for the rest of the year.

Kilcrease had a breakout junior year and Gill looks to expect the



same from him with the "ground and pound" operation that happened last year. As long as the huge offensive line can open gaps for Kilcrease, the plays will always work for the Bearcats...even if the opposing team knows what play is coming.

Kilcrease had an astounding 2,333 yard effort rushing for the Bearcats last year. His 28 touchdowns and yardage combined for the most of ANY 2A player in the state of Texas last year. He naturally gets the preseason MVP for 5-2A I and comes back as the leading rusher for the Bearcats.

Senior Cody Ford (5'8", 155 lbs.) As we all saw from 2011, Ford will take up return duties and serve as kicking team leader.

"Senior Bryan Townsend (6'1", 274 lbs.) may be our most dominate offensive lineman, strong as an ox, he is going to be like Collin, he is freakish, and you just don't know how good he can be. We are excited about him," Gill said.

Gill had this to say about Senior Clayton Stringer (5'11", 164 lbs.) "Clayton is a great cover guy, one of our two starting corners. He will start as wingback for us." Last year, Stringer earned 191 yards receiving and had three interceptions on defense. Stringer will help disrupt offenses with punishing hits and potent pass coverage kills.


Gill said, "Junior Josh Durrett (5'8", 179 lbs.) has a lot of potential, very fast, and looking for good things to play. He is going to play linebacker and backup running back for us."

Senior Tristan Lewis (5'10", 181 lbs.) is a starting defensive lineman for Whitesboro. Gill said, "Tristan is not real big but has a knack for causing things to happen in the middle of the defensive line. He is a wrecking ball. He will also do a lot of special teams."


Senior Dale Bailey (5'9", 148 lbs.) is not real big, but is very elusive, good hands, and runs good

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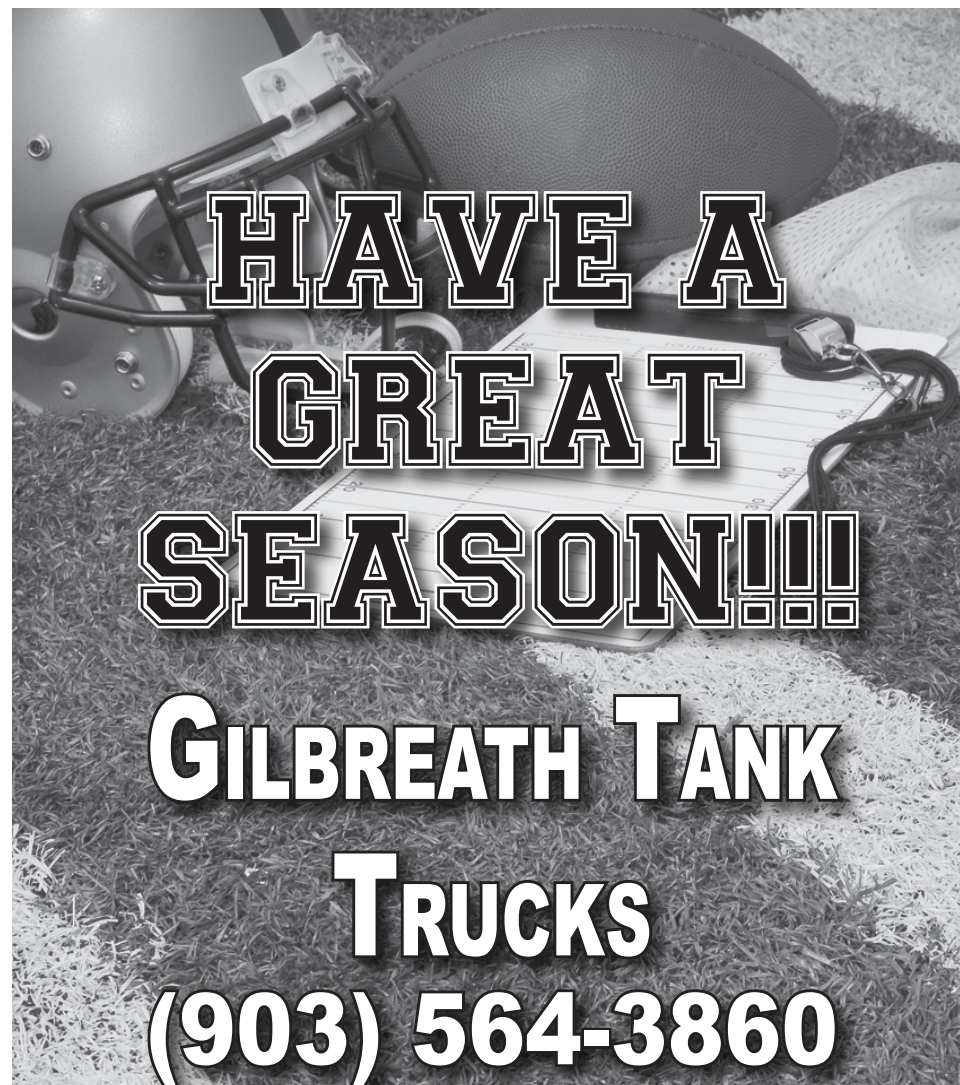
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Sep. 27	Ponder*	There	7:30
Oct. 4	Paradise*	Here	7:30
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routes. "He is a good cover guy; he may be the one that takes the place of Cody Ford on the return team," Gill added.

"Senior Atticus Kilcrease (5'10", 179 lbs.) will be our kicker. Atticus was a 30-35 yard range last year. Now at around 40 yards he is comfortable from that range. He has worked hard on his form and strength over the summer and is shaping up well."

With a grin, Gill talked about "Little D" Junior Dustin Roberds. (5'11", 193 lbs.) "Dustin will be our starting inside middle linebacker and proved to be a good tackler last year and is very aggressive on the field."

Then Whitesboro also has a "Big D." Gill said, "Big D (Dustin Roberts) has trimmed down, and he lost some more weight over the summer, comes in at 5'11" 271 pounds. Roberts has better strength in his core, and moving around much better, will be switching at right guard.

Junior Thomas Morales (5'8", 227 lbs.) proves that dynamite comes in small packages. He will play on the offensive and defensive line. Good leverage, high motor, lots of excitement.

Senior Ryan Willis (6', 188 lbs.) will be on his second year on varsity. Willis will get playing time at defensive end and tight end. Willis will contribute big on special teams. Senior Payson West (6'0" 189 lbs.) jokingly called twins with Willis as they seem inseparable together, almost the same as Ryan. Payson will get onboard at defensive end and tackle.

Expect strong upperclassman leaders to emerge this year and carry Whitesboro to new heights.

Gill concluded with the statements, "Looking forward to it, it is going to be fun, and remember, be boisterous for a Bearcat!"

Catch the Bearcats at Fort Worth Christian on Friday, Aug. 30. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

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