

Mark Blankenship plans new image for Muenster Police Department

By Janet Felderhoff

As of Monday, Aug. 1, Muenster has a new chief of police. Mark Blankenship took the oath of office at the August City Council meeting, taking over that position from retiring Bob Stovall.

Prior to being hired by the City of Muenster, Blankenship worked as an investigator for the Montague County Sheriff's office for the past two years. His first position in law enforcement was here in Muenster in 1973 when he served as a police officer for the City. In 1974 he went to the Hunt County Sheriff's Office in Greenville. While there, he attended East Texas State University. Positions held by Blankenship in Hunt County were deputy, investigator, and then sheriff. Next, he served in the Denton County Sheriff's office and from there Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

Blankenship left Dallas County to run a family business for a time. He then went back into law enforcement with the Montague County Sheriff's Office serving as criminal investigator.

A telephone call brought Blankenship full circle back to the place where he began his career in law enforcement. He was asked if he'd be interested in the position as chief of police at Muenster. "I was because the community is a nice, clean community," he explained. "I was certain that this would be a good place to work." He spoke with the Police Commissioner, City Administrator, and

Mayor, and then agreed to apply. He was later offered the job.

Muenster's new chief of police has many plans for his department. He said that these include, "More visibility, more community relations, a new look, and a new manner."

Already, two of the three Muenster police vehicles are sporting new decals. These pay tribute to Muenster's German heritage.

Asked his philosophy of law enforcement, Chief Blankenship responded, "My main philosophy is to satisfy those that you serve, mainly. In many cases, policemen are their own worst enemies as far as community support. We are going to try to be a community-satisfying entity. We are going to try to keep good records and a good, positive attitude, and of course, we'll enforce the law fairly."

With the start of school Chief Blankenship reminds everyone to be aware that the school zones are active. He said that they will be monitoring those zones for safety reasons.

"We want to invite anybody who needs to come by the Police Department," noted the new chief of police. "They're always welcome there. We encourage people who need law enforcement in emergency situations to always call 9-1-1. In a non-emergency situation during the normal business hours, they can call City Hall (759-2236) or they can call the Sheriff's Office main number (665-3471) for an officer, and they can always reach us."



Muenster's new Chief of Police Mark Blankenship began his duties on Monday, Aug. 1. He is shown with the Police Department's pickup and the new logo with which all the Department's vehicles will soon be marked. Janie Hartman photo

Exemplary new year begins this Monday at Muenster ISD

By Janet Felderhoff

Although the hot days of summer have not come to a close, summer vacation will end on Monday, Aug. 22 for students of Muenster ISD. With another Exemplary campus rating bestowed by TEA, the year kicks off on a positive note.

"Muenster ISD is ready and very excited about the start of a new school year, especially after receiving notification of an 'Exemplary' rating from the Texas Education Agency for Muenster ISD and 'Exemplary' ratings for both the Elementary and Secondary campuses," stated Superintendent Clay Richerson. "I want to congratulate all the faculty, staff, administrators, students, and parents for this accomplishment. An 'Exemplary' rating acknowledges the hard work that teachers put forth and

the response of students to the efforts of the teachers.

"Muenster ISD is one of 61 districts in the state of Texas that received the highest TEA rating. Last year, over 240 school districts received an Exemplary rating. The large drop is due to the commissioner of education, Robert Scott, did away with the progression measure. The progression measure is a statistical tool to measure what or where data will be in the future if the data continues to improve at the rate currently measured. Muenster ISD TAKS scores for 2011 were above the required 90% in all four core areas; English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science. With the transition to the STAAR exam, districts' ratings are assigned through the 2012-13 school year. Again I am extremely proud of our stu-

dents and staff at Muenster ISD.

"The beginning of school is always exciting for students, parents, teachers, and principals. New opportunities for success abound every day. At Muenster ISD, we want to build on the success of last year and the foundation that has been put in place by Hornets of past. We have expectations of 'A Tradition of Success.'

"I am extremely excited about the first day of school on Aug. 22. If anyone has questions concerning Muenster ISD, I encourage you to call the administration office at 759-2282."

Elementary Principal Lou Heers commented, "It is so hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. I hope that everyone has had a fun-filled summer and is excited

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Bret Walterscheid, a 2007 Muenster High School graduate, has joined the teaching staff at Muenster ISD. Janie Hartman photo

Walterscheid hired as MISD teacher

By Janet Felderhoff

Upon the recommendation of Junior High/High School Principal Sharon Browning, Bret Walterscheid was hired as ELA teacher. In a unanimous 7-0 vote, Muenster ISD's Board of Trustees agreed to Walterscheid becoming an employee of the District with a 10 month, one year probationary contract.

Walterscheid will teach 7th grade Math and Junior High English, and serve as the Junior High UIL coordinator. "He has lots of energy," remarked Principal Browning. "It's very unusual to have a man in middle school that's not a coach."

Board President Steve Trubenbach noted that two

evenings before, they had interviewed W.C. Ferrell, Jr. for the position of architect for the buildings Bond project and Charlie Price of Compass Builders for the construction manager agent for that project. After favorable discussion, the Board voted to hire Ferrell and Compass Builders for the two positions under the contingency that each work out a contract favorable to both parties.

Superintendent Clay Richerson informed the Board that two proposals were received for financial auditors. They were Schalk & Smith of Gainesville with an estimated cost of \$11,500 and Freeman, Shappard & Story from Windthorst for \$21,500.

Schalk & Smith have been doing the audits since 2007.

Trustee Ben Bindel commented, "I personally think it's time for a change. It's more money, but I think none of us here felt real good about the audit that we got." With that he made a motion to hire Freeman, Shappard & Story. The Board was unanimous in the decision to hire them.

Richerson reported that the District received insurance checks for wind damage in the amounts of \$105,000 and \$2,500. There are a lot of small things that we need to get done and I'd like to get people in here doing it," said Richerson. The Board requested that they be kept

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Bob Stovall honored



Muenster's retiring Police Chief Bob Stovall was honored with a reception Monday afternoon at City Hall. Refreshments included a cake inscribed with "Thank you for 31 years of service." He put in a total of 41 years in law enforcement beginning his training as a police cadet at Trinidad State College. Bob joined the Muenster Police Department on March 13, 1981 serving as an officer. On Jan. 28, 1998, he became the City's chief of police. Bob is pictured with his wife Linda and their son Alex Stovall. Linda Flusche photo

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department's annual Barbecue and Auction fundraiser brought in enough money to allow the purchase of a much needed rural tank truck. MVFD

Chief Herbie Knabe reported that they served over 1,000 meals, up a little from last year. Pictured below are Volunteer Firemen, from left, Shaw Henscheid, Brent Hess, and Henry Knabe with Ginny Schneider who is a big help in the meal preparation. At left, enjoying good food and fellowship, from left, Nancy Walter, Denis Hofbauer, Norma Jean Hofbauer, Harvey Schmitt, and Ryan Neu. Right, Dale Klement dances with granddaughter Katie Walterscheid.

Janet Felderhoff photos



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

RE: ENRON Oil and Gas (EOG) - SCHOOL CHILDREN
 My concern is **the safety of school children** in relation to the EOG "Sand Mine" facility located in NW Cooke County.
School buses stop in the traffic lane and put out the "STOP" sign at the driver's side of the bus, indicating to **traffic in both directions** that children will be getting on/off the bus and possibly crossing a traffic lane to/from their homes, and that **ALL traffic is required to STOP and WAIT.** If their homes are on the OTHER side of the road, children will be walking across the traffic lane in the morning AND the opposite direction afternoon. It's illegal for traffic to pass a stopped school bus; HOWEVER, **my concern is whether a loaded truck can stop in time for children to safely cross the road.** If EOG is running huge trucks during the time that school buses are running, morning and/or afternoon, there could be an enormous danger to children.
Within the Saint Jo and Muenster city limits, children are walking ACROSS Highway 82 as well as the FM roads both morning and afternoon. That is another concern: **Will children stop and look EVERY time they need to cross the roads?** In my experience with school children, I'd say, **"NO, we can't expect they will do that EVERY TIME!!!"**
 This is a situation that definitely MUST be addressed!!
 Flossie Schoppa
 NW Cooke County

Letter to the Editor

Wow!.. Am I confused! I've been reading this stuff put out by E.O.G. Resources and some of it really doesn't make sense to me. One of their fliers brags about producing "slightly over 2,700 tons per day of washed and dried sand." A friend of mine in the oil and gas business says it takes about 2,500 tons of sand to frac a well. Are they planning to drill a well a day? If not, what are they gonna do with the rest of that sand? We may have "Mount Bulcher" as a new tourist site. Otherwise they will have to haul it somewhere. That doesn't sound too good to me. Maybe I'm missing something.

And, to add to my confusion, is the number of trucks. E.O.G. claims with this local sand mine, the number of truck miles to haul this sand will be reduced by 80%. How does that work? I tried to do some figuring about that. I'm not too good at math, but it seems like this sand mine will result in an increase in truck traffic in Cooke and Montague counties. Based on how much a truck can haul, I think with all that sand, that adds up to something like eight to 10 trucks per hour... one way. It takes at least 20 trucks of sand per well. If they are not going to drill a well a day and it's not going to be stored, seems like there is going to be lots of truck traffic. Maybe they being a Fortune 500 company, they have come up with a design of really big trucks which can pull multiple trailers up those hills to town. (Watch out farmers and ranchers when they start rolling down those hills). When E.O.G. wrote about reducing "its carbon footprint," they might have meant local traffic like tractors and pick-up trucks. Oh yes, and watch out week-end tourists like bikers and car clubs. And what about the Germanfest? Scary!
 Besides being scared to drive on our farm to market roads to town, what about their information concerning using all that water? They will need 3,700 gallons of water per minute. WOW! In just three hours they will be using more than Muenster and Saint Jo does in a day. They say they will be using brackish or salt water. Bet that water will be really great on all their machinery or do you think they might be using water from wells that are the same as our drinking water? E.O.G. also says not to worry, the frac sand they haul off will contain the brackish water. No salt residue around their place. If that is so, how come all the fracked wells around here are pumping artisan water from the aquifer where we get our water? I'm so confused. I had a nightmare the other night. Yep, it was about what happens to our land after E.O.G. sucks all of the water and oil out from under us in a few years. I dreamed my house fell in the giant sink hole.
 Guess we'll just have to go to the public meeting in Muenster on Aug. 23 to find out what's really going on.

Janis Sneed
 Saint Jo, TX

Open letter to the residents of Cooke County and Montague County,

The residents of Cooke County and Montague County need to be aware of what's going on concerning our water and air quality. The proposed sand mine in the Bulcher area is emitting pollution in the air and will eventually damage our air quality. The Barnett Shale oil wells are being drilled and "fraced" and are using a tremendous amount of water. If you think the water restrictions put on now are bothersome, hang on to your hats, you haven't seen anything, yet. The amount of water being used and wasted would have lasted us many, many years to come. It will take years and years to replenish the Trinity Aquifer, once it is depleted.
 How can you as an individual help? Get involved and please attend a meeting planned by EOG Resources that is being held in the Muenster ISD Cafetorium on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. The number of people at this meeting will show how concerned we are about our water and air quality. Please do your part by attending this meeting.

A concerned citizen of Cooke County,
 Johnny Reiter
 Muenster, TX

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Aug. 16, 1946

Early morning fire destroys barn and its contents for Ed Hess. Texas ranks second in 4-H enrollment. After having served Sacred Heart Parish for some 40 years - originally as a barrier to keep livestock out of the church lot and more recently only as a convenient object to lean against - the fence at Sacred Heart Church was removed. Joyce Wiesman has tonsils removed. Weddings: Genevieve Wimmer and Hugh Tarleton; Clara Mae Mosman and Francis Wiese. New Arrivals: Evelyn to Paul and Marcella Fetsch.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 18, 1961

Cooke County Junior College Regents adopt \$222,000 budget. Smallest squad in Muenster High School's history reports for football - 14 are in uniform - hoping for more when school begins. Sister Mary Anita, the former Kay Fette, takes vows in Jonesboro. New Arrivals: Brenda to Carl and Patsy Walterscheid; Stuart to Ernest and Bea Wolf; Carol to Henry and Doris Carow. Seventeen sisters assigned at Sacred Heart for the new school year. Weddings: Patricia Dulock and Alvin Fleitman; Marilyn Horn and Jimmy Doughty. Newest on the staff at the Center Coffee Shop is Miss Margie Vogel. Wedding: Rosemary Bezner and F.J. Schindler. Eugene Luke gets BA degree at North Texas State College.

25 YEARS AGO
Aug. 15, 1986

Muenster Chamber accepts Muenster Kiwanis' challenge to help raise funds for a new fire truck. The search for family history leads sisters Bernice Sicking and Deloris Reiter through seven states. Henry and Frances Zimmerer observe golden anniversary. The Young Children's Learning Center sets open house. John Nasche is treated at Gainesville Memorial Hospital for injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Ninth Holland honored on 88th. Mike Powell passes CPA exam.

Just a Thought

Let not that happen which I wish, but that which is right.

EOG Resources - an economic look

EOG Resources is a leading developer of the Barnett Combo play. The Perryman Group (TPG) measured the economic benefits (including the spillover or multiplier effects) stemming from EOG activity in Montague and Cooke counties as well as potential additional stimulus from the company's sand mine.
 For Montague County, TPG found the total effect of EOG operations in 2011 to include \$261.4 million in annual output (gross product) and 2,158 jobs. The 2011 total effect of EOG operations in Cooke County were estimated to be \$141.5 million in annual output (gross product) and 1,184 jobs.

EOG's sand mine has the potential to generate additional gains in Cooke County business activity of some \$32.8 million in output (gross product) and 412 person-years of employment during construction and development as well as \$13.5 million in output (gross product) each year and 132 jobs once operational.
 Some benefits spill over into other parts of the state, and the benefits for Texas (including the associated county effects) are even larger.
 Oil and gas exploration and production also lead to increased tax receipts to local government entities and school districts. EOG directly paid more than \$2 million in taxes in Montague and Cooke counties in

2010; the company expects taxes paid to double in 2011 due to increased activity and production.

In addition to these taxes paid related to mineral interests, incremental economic activity leads to further gains. TPG estimates that in 2011, direct and indirect taxes paid to taxing authorities in Montague County as a consequence of EOG activity will total \$8.121 million. For Cooke County, the 2011 estimate for direct and indirect taxes is \$3.396 million.

"EOG is currently responsible for about 41.3% of total economic activity in Montague County and 7.4% of total economic activity in Cooke County. These effects are increasing over time along with the level of EOG activity," said Dr. Perryman.

Submitted by The Perryman Group, Dr. Ray Perryman, Waco, Texas

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Sunday, August 21, 2011	Monday, August 22, 2011	Tuesday, August 23, 2011	Wednesday, August 24, 2011	Thursday, August 25, 2011	Friday, August 26, 2011	Saturday, August 27, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	MISD - 1st day of school	Library open 10am-6:30 pm Save the Trinity Aquifer, 7pm MISD Cafetorium	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Co-Ed V'ball M old gym 7:30 R.E. & S.H.Y. formation 7 pm Mass	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Sunday, August 28, 2011	Monday, August 29, 2011	Tuesday, August 30, 2011	Wednesday, August 31, 2011	Thursday, September 1, 2011	Friday, September 2, 2011	Saturday, September 3, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Rite of Confirmation Class 3-5 pm. Comm. Center Mtg. Room		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon. Center Co-ed V.ball 7:30 MISD old gym	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

**Ted Endres
1949 - 2011**

Funeral service for Ted Joseph Endres of Gainesville was held Sunday, Aug. 14 at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Nocona Cemetery in Nocona. A Rosary followed by visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Endres died at the age of 61 on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011 in Denton.

solving and putting together puzzles, and spending time with his family. He was known for playing a joke or pulling a prank every now and then.

Ted is survived by his daughters Elisa Endres Lawson and son-in-law Josh Lawson, Mona Endres, and Megan Endres. Also Suzan Endres; mother Elitha Endres; Godmother Lorene Neu; brothers and sisters-in-law Jerry and Chieko Endres, Ron and Connie Endres, Tim and Debbie Endres, and Pat and Janice Endres; sisters Claudia Taylor, Rachael Graves, and her husband Terry, Susan Metzler and her husband Mark, and Sally Ferguson and her husband Jimmy; and aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Raymond "Tiny" Endres and brother-in-law Dennis Taylor.

**Joseph R. Ingram
1923 - 2011**

Funeral services for Joseph R. Ingram of Gainesville were held Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville.

rean Conflict as a combat engineer.

Survivors are his wife of 49 years, Loyce of Gainesville; sons and their wives Joseph R. Ingram, Jr. and Sarah of Humble, Harold Mower and Laura of Richmond, Jerry Mower and Tina of Jacksonville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brothers and their wives Don Ingram and Ann of Elgin, Oklahoma, Parker Ingram and Mary Ann of Fletcher, Oklahoma, Francis Ingram and Thomasine of Carnegie, Oklahoma; and sister-in-law Pat Ingram of Marlow, Oklahoma.

Joe was preceded in death by his son Bill Ingram; grandchildren Josh Mower and Rachel Ingram; and brothers David Ingram and Frank Ingram.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanford House, 401 E. Garnett St., Gainesville, TX 76240.

**Anita JoAnn Prigmore
1948 - 2011**

Funeral services for Anita JoAnn Prigmore, age 62 of Saint Jo, were held Wednesday, Aug. 17 at First Baptist Church in Muenster with Rev. Ralph Gourley and Rev. Ronnie Hale officiating. Burial was in Coker Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Prigmore died at 12:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Born Dec. 10, 1948 in San Bernardino, California, JoAnn was one of the four children of William Thomas and Fairy Bell Kidwell. She married Delano "Johnny" Prigmore on Feb. 23, 1977 in Fort Worth. They lived in the rural area of Saint Jo since about 1985. Johnny preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 2004. JoAnn and Johnny were the parents of four daughters. JoAnn completed high school and beautician training, and was a hair dresser for 30 years. She was of the Baptist faith.

JoAnn always treated everyone as if they were one of her own. She never had an enemy and expressed her love for everyone. She loved and cared for her family. She also loved the Lord and eagerly spread the word to anyone she had contact with.

Survivors are daughters



Anita JoAnn Prigmore

Sheila Dianne Barnett of Saint Jo, Annme JoAnn and husband Rick Hennigan of Muenster, Linda Michelle Bayer of Saint Jo, and Meredith and husband Brett Stine of McKinney; mother Fairy Bell Kidwell of Haltom City; sister Linda Vaudine Sinclair of Haltom City; brothers and sisters-in-law Tommy and Emily Kidwell of Arizona, and Danny and Monica Kidwell of Burkburnett; grandchildren Amanda Barnett, Johnathan Prigmore-Bayer, Cristina Hennigan, Brett Morris, Skylar Stine, Riley Stine, Theresa Barnett, Christopher Harmon, Anthony Bayer, and Thomas Hennigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by her father.

**Jodi Lacy
1945 - 2011**

On Aug. 11, 2011, after a courageous fight against leukemia, Jodi Lacy passed away surrounded by her loving family.

Jodi was born Aug. 14, 1945, the youngest daughter of Joseph and Helen Nevin of Riverton, Wyoming. Jodi was a skilled horsewoman and loved to compete in fair and rodeo events on her favorite horse "Hondo."

She married her high school sweetheart, Monte Lacy, and they enjoyed 48 of married life together.

Later in life, Monte and Jodi moved to Lake Kiowa

to be close to their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed many happy days playing golf together with their friends. She worked as a pharmacy technician. Jodi loved to travel. Jodi's faith in God was the anchor to her happy life. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Survivors are her husband; daughter Monet Thompson and her husband Jim; sons Loren Lacy and his wife Christie, and Rodney Lacy; four grandchildren; and sisters Marilyn Albright and Karen Auty.

Memorial service was held Aug. 16 at First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Jodi's name be made to the Gainesville chapter of Volunteers In Service To Others (VISTO) www.visto-helps.com

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informed of the repairs and related information via emails.

REPORTS

Superintendent

The Bond money is now available. Superintendent Richerson is seeking the most advantageous methods of investing the money until it is needed in the building process. "The problem with it is on a short term like it is, it's hard for them to do anything with it where they can make some money," explained the Superintendent. "If it doesn't benefit both parties, the bank is not going to take it."

Muenster ISD earned an Exemplary rating from TEA for the 2010-11 year. Richerson reported that they were 100% in Writing; increased in Social Studies from 92% to 97%; Science went from 88% last year to 92% this year. Math was 94% and ELA dropped from 99% to 97%. Due to a transition from TAKs testing to STAAR testing, this rating will be good for two years.

With the purchase of property from Precinct #4, MISD now has a bus barn. They are parking the buses in the old Precinct #4 County Barn area.

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) was included in the Board packet and included activities from the previous year. During the last of four meetings, the SHAC committee made the following recommendations to the Board:

- Improve food services;
- Communicate and educate parents on nutrition guidelines;
- Pursue Rachel's Challenge, a program on bullying.

Rachel's Challenge not only involves the school district, but also the community. Therefore, Sacred Heart School can be a part of Rachel's Challenge, if they choose, and FPL Energy Services will pay the cost as part of their offer to help MISD and the community. The cost is \$5,000.

The program involves

**Hudspeth
dies Aug. 16**

Merle Hudspeth died at the age of 91 on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. Funeral was set for 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19 at Forestburg United Methodist Church. Family received friends at the church from 6-8 p.m. Thursday evening.

meetings with elementary students, assemblies with the secondary students, and then that evening meeting with the parents. Often there are nationally known speakers.

Elementary Principal

Principal Lou Heers noted an increase in enrollment from 259 at the beginning of 2010-11 to 265 for the start of 2011-12.

Administration and a group of elementary and JH/HS teachers visited new schools at Millsap, Chico, and Springtown in preparation for the upcoming building projects. They came back excited and with a floor plan from Millsap that they liked.

JH/HS Principal

Principal Sharon Brown reported little change in the enrollment numbers from last year.

In the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct she noted that students assigned to DAEP or ISS must have separate assignments if there is an additional infraction while they are in the alternative assignment. Rather than adding days, a separate referral and paper trail is required.

Another major change involved the change from TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) to STARR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) and EOCs (End-Of-Course). This year's freshmen will be required to meet EOC's under STAAR guidelines to graduate, while 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will still graduate under TAKS guidelines. This new information is not yet complete, she said.

Due to the new FLEX day program, senior test exemptions have been removed. They would no longer be effective.

New to the dress code is the banning of wearing any form of the plastic stretchy bracelets. "Some of those things have some really inappropriate shapes on them," she said. "Also they are a distraction for the little kids." Feathers and other objects may not be worn in the hair.

**Walterscheid
dies Aug. 13**

Mass of Christian Burial for Mildred Walterscheid of Muenster was held Tuesday, Aug. 16 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She died at the age of 79 on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011. The complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

**Water District
Notice of Public
Hearing on Tax Rate**

The MUESTER WATER will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on 08/30/2011 at 8:00 AM at Muenster City Hall, 400 N. Main, Muenster, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Milton Knauf, Nick Walterscheid, Tim Schneider, Henry Weinzapfel, Eugene Walter

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.328160/\$100 Adopted	\$0.352600/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.024440/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+7.45%
Average appraised value	\$96,545	\$96,209
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$96,545	\$96,209
Tax on average residence homestead	\$316.82	\$339.23
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		+\$22.41 +7.07%

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT
TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

**Muenster
Memorial Hospital
Rehabilitation
Program**



**SciFit
Arm Bike**

The Muenster Memorial Hospital FIT Center has a SciFit Arm bike which provides upper body strengthening and cardiovascular training. This is an equipment option for those unable to use their lower body. Many patients recovering from shoulder injuries and illnesses have been using the arm bike to improve their endurance and upper body strength.

Our Swing Bed Program patients are already benefiting from the new Functional Innovative Therapy (FIT) Center.

Therapists provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy

Contact Adelia Wilson (940) 759-6162

Dangelmayr, Sammon exchange vows

Lauren Elizabeth Dangelmayr and Jonathan Paul Sammon were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at half past five o'clock in the evening at Marysville Baptist Church just north of Muenster. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Pastor Daniel Jones. Scripture readings were given by Brandy Dangelmayr and Jami Flusche Furhmann, cousins of the bride. Friend of the bride, Sarah Edwards, read "The Art of Marriage" by Wilferd A. Peterson. Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Isaac Davis. Following the ceremony, an outdoor reception was held at John and Mary Dangelmayr's ranch in Muenster.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dangelmayr of Muenster. The groom is the son of Mr. Paul Sammon of Long Beach,

California and Ms. Joanne Sammon of Coxsackie, New York.

Presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory silk gown. Lauren carried a hand-tied bouquet of white calla lilies, accented by two linen handkerchiefs, one gifted by the bride's mother and the other gifted by the groom's mother. Her garter was made by her aunt, Judy Flusche, and attached with her great-grandmother's cameo.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Christine Hemmi of Dallas, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ami Graham Pettersen, childhood friend, of McKinney, Kristyn Morgenroth, of Houston, and Amanda Burns of Boulder, Colorado, both college friends of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore

cocktail-length spiced wine colored silk organza dresses of various styles by J. Crew.

Serving as flower girl was Katie Becker of Muenster. The ring bearer was Luke Jameson of Austin.

Serving the groom as best man was his childhood friend, Mathew Wynne of Boston, Massachusetts. Groomsmen included brother of the groom, Dr. Joshua Sammon of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and friends of the groom Dr. Francisco Fraire of Monterrey, Mexico, and Jerry Shoemaker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Joseph Dangelmayr, brother of the bride, served as the usher.

Lauren graduated in 2005 from Texas A&M University

with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business and earned her Master of International Studies in International Economics from the George Bush School of Public Service, affiliated with Texas A&M University in College Station. Lauren is currently employed by Baker Hughes, Inc. as transfer pricing manager working on intercompany pricing.

Jonathan earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. He is employed as a project coordinator with FMC Technologies.

Following a honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the bride and groom will reside in Houston with their dog Zeus.



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Sammon ... nee Lauren Dangelmayr ...



Gilbert and Shirley Hess of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kimberly Gail Hess of Muenster to Braden Turner Fitts of Wichita Falls. Braden is the son of Scott and Sherry Fitts of Wichita Falls. The couple will be married Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Catholic Church with Father Ken Robinson officiating. Kimberly graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 2004 and Midwestern State University in 2011. She is employed by the Arthritis Care Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma as a radiologic technologist. Braden is a 2004 Rider High School graduate. He works at Winstar World Casino. After their marriage, the couple will reside in Muenster.

Meeting Notice

Gainesville Christian Women Connection

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its August luncheon meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The special event time is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the catered lunch is \$12. For reservations, call Carol at (940)368-4950 or e-mail her at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, Aug. 22.

Keynote speaker will be Debbie Monahan. She is an articulate speaker who shares on "Dealing With Clutter in Your Life," for those of you who struggle with organization. See how becoming more organized can be fun. Life can sometimes have clutter, but watch how

GOD can turn the clutter in our lives in to being a blessing. Debbie helps you see some things about yourself that will help you make an almost overnight improvement in your clutter.

The program will be presented by Mandy Davis of the Chamber of Commerce.

Special musical will be performed by Kristie Nelson.

Brown Bag Book Review

A Brown Bag Book Review is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 at noon in the NCTC Library Lyceum - Gainesville Campus.

"Piano Man" by Carolyn McPherson will be reviewed by Carolyn McPherson. All are welcome.



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for school to start! Teachers are back in their rooms gearing up for another exceptional school year! I am so proud of my outstanding staff and wonderful students for earning the 'Exemplary' title for Muenster Elementary!

"As principal of Muenster Elementary, I am excited to be working with an outstanding staff, supportive parents, and a caring community."

Junior High/High School Principal Sharon Browning remarked, "I hope everyone is ready for an exciting new 2011-12 school year. The classrooms have been empty for too long. The building is clean and shiny thanks to our janitorial staff. I am ready to have our awesome young people back. There is great news on the state rating, we are an Exemplary campus for the second year in a row, and we will retain that rating for next year as well, since the state is changing the rating system."

"I am looking forward to a wonderful year. I am proud to say I am the principal of Muenster JH/HS. We have awesome students, tremendous teachers and staff, and extremely supportive parents and community. That is the secret that other schools are looking for to make them successful. Remember if you ever have a concern or issue, please contact me. It is my desire to have Muenster JH/HS continue in its 'Tradition of Success.'"

One new person joins the elementary staff. Terri Barrett is replacing Patsy Bayer in the elementary Learning Lab. Patsy Bayer has retired after 22 years of service.

Muenster JH/HS will have three new faces. Jeff Smiley has joined the coaching staff and he will teach health, PE, economics, and web master-

ing. Dana Klement will teach secondary special education English-Language Arts and help with One Act Play. Bret Walterscheid will teach junior high English and some math as well as assist with junior high UIL. Amy Binder has changed teaching assignments, so she will teach junior high math and continue coaching.

According to Principal Browning, some staff have been relocated in order to keep most of the junior high classes in the junior high building. Coach Blassingame, Ms. Hale, Mr. Walterscheid, and Coach Binder will all be in the junior high. Junior high school resources classes will be in the junior high building, and high school resource classes will be in the high school with those teachers moving between buildings. This will allow for more separation of junior high and high school students. "I am hoping this will also help junior high students use their lockers instead of carrying around 50 pound backpacks," explained Principal Browning.

Students enrolling for the first time at Muenster ISD must have a copy of their social security card, birth certificate, and shot record on file before the first day of school. Students will not be able to start school without these documents on file. If a student's immunizations are not current, he/she will not be able to attend school until the immunizations are up-to-date, said Principal Heers.

For bus information, parents may contact Susie Fleitman, transportation director, at 759-2282 ext. 631 or at (940) 736-0320. Mrs. Fleitman needs to know of any new students riding the bus and if any addresses

have changed from the previous school year.

Superintendent Richerson added, "To inform the community of the building projects from the bond election this last spring, the Board of Trustees has selected W.C. Ferrell, Jr. as architect, and Compass Builders Inc. as construction manager agent. As a team, we are working on contracts, a phase timeline, and building footprints as to where the buildings will be placed. The projection of the first week of December to start turning dirt on phase one is the target."

Faculty and staff for the 2011-12 school year are:

Pre-K - Kenet Richerson and Collin Walker;
 Kindergarten - Amy Huchton and Sabrina Truebenbach;
 1st Grade - Jill Reiter and Beth Saucer;
 2nd Grade - Kim Budish and Lisa Pangel;
 3rd Grade - Amy Anderle and Dianne Endres;
 4th Grade - Deb Klement and Cheryl Presnall;
 5th Grade Language Arts - Debra Sicking;
 6th Grade Language Arts - Jennifer Walterscheid;
 4th through 6th Science - Bernadette Otto;
 5th and 6th Math - 6th PE: Deanna Hellman;
 5th and 6th Social Studies - Cicily Waneck;
 Elementary Special Education - Dyan Huchton;
 Elementary Computer - Kay Hickey;
 Physical Education - Trey Gray and Jeff Smiley;
 5th and 6th Grade Band - Curtis Oakley;
 Elementary Aides - Terri Barrett, Vicki Boaz, Brenda Gann, LeAnn Mollenkopf, and Holly Mullins;
 Jason Atcheson - HS Social Studies/Coach;
 Amy Binder - JH Mathematics/Physical Education;
 Stephen Blassingame - JH Social Studies/Coach;
 Brady Carney - Athletic Director;
 Becky Felderhoff - HS Social Studies/English/GT coordinator;
 Courtney Christenson - HS Science/coach;
 Leigh Hale - JH Science/District UIL coordinator;
 Dana Hess - HS Mathematics/HS TMSCA;
 Katina Johnson - HS English/Speech;
 Dana Klement - Special Ed-

ucation English/UIL OAP
 Martha Koesler - HS English;
 Stephanie Krebs - Special Education Mathematics/Yearbook/Student Council
 Carolyn Lutkenhaus - HS Mathematics;
 Neal Merritt - Special Education;
 Curtis Oakley - Band director;
 Gynell Oppermann - JH/HS Art/JH/HS One Act Play/HS UIL coordinator;
 Nancy Perryman - HS Science;
 Jeff Presnall - Technology Director/Technology;
 Carmen Reiter - Spanish/JH Art;
 Molly Sicking - Science;
 David Skeans - Agriculture Science/FFA;
 Joni Sturm - Family & Consumer Science/FCCLA;
 Jeff Smiley - HS Social Studies/Coach;
 Bret Walterscheid - JH English/Math;
 Lisa Walterscheid - Computer Science/Yearbook/JV Cheerleader sponsor/JH Student Council;
 Daniel Waneck - Agriculture Director/FFA;
 Counselor - Kristi Schneider;
 JH/HS campus secretary/PEIMS Director - Charlotte Klement;
 JH/HS aides - Tina Bindel, Tina Lutkenhaus;
 Librarian - Vicki Eldridge;
 Library Aide - Barbie Barnhill;
 Nurse - Marlene Fisher;
 Elementary campus secretary - Deborah Sanders;
 Custodial/Maintenance - Mark Klement, Jody Felderhoff, Tim Baird, Don Lee Caswell,

Flusche interns for Guadalupe Radio

Jacqueline Flusche, daughter of Phillip and Brenda Flusche, interned at 910 AM, Guadalupe Radio Network (GRN) this past summer. Her internship will count toward her Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from the University of North Texas. She will graduate this December. Jacqueline's various duties included writing, producing, and anchoring news pieces, and public service announcements about Catholic news throughout the Dallas and Fort Worth dioceses. She also conducted inter-

views which aired Saturday afternoons during the GRN Interview of the Week.

Jacqueline enjoyed her internship as well as the experience she gained. She will continue volunteering for the network with hopes of having a career in Catholic media.



Jacqueline Flusche

and Tanya Jones, and elementary campus Mike Hellingner;
 Transportation - Susie Fleitman
 Cafeteria - Anita Luttmer, Glenda Cler, Vickie Hess, Amanda Klement, and Jill Swirczynski;
 Bus drivers - Pat Walterscheid, Barbie Barnhill, Shanna Haverkamp, and Tina Bindel;
 Administrative assistant - Joyce Boydston;
 Administrative assistant - Jeannette Reiter;
 Business manager - Carol Klement;
 Principal Elementary - Lou Heers;
 Principal JH/HS - Sharon Browning;
 Superintendent - Clay Richerson.

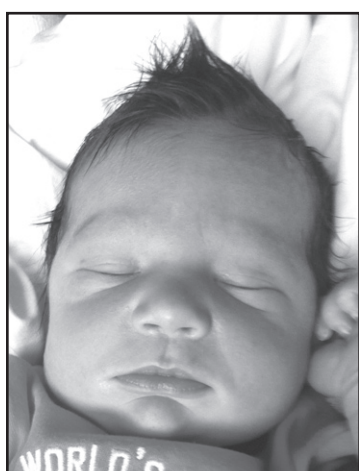
SNAP Menu

WEEK OF AUG. 23 - 25
 Tues. - Porkett, Spanish cabbage, boiled potatoes, wheat bread, blackberry cobbler.
 Wed. - Salisbury steak, Texas potatoes, zucchini, wheat bread, pudding.
 Thurs. - Chicken and dressing casserole, sweet potatoes, green beans w/red peppers, pineapple upside down cake.

New Arrival

Bezner

John and Grace Bezner of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their fourth child, a son. Leo Michael Bezner was born on Friday, July 29, 2011, at 11:45 p.m. at the House of Birth birthing center in Sherman. He weighed 10 lb. 10 oz. and measured 22 inches in length. He joins siblings William, Dominic, and Gianna Bezner. Grandparents are Danny and Debbie Cochran of Muenster and Will and Catherine Bezner of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Diana Bland of Muenster, Michael Miller and Janice Kiraly of Arlington.



Leo Bezner

Save this date!

Family Day in the Park, sponsored by the Unity and Fellowship Committee of Sacred Heart Parish, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18. The event begins at noon in the City Park. More details to follow in coming weeks.

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Muenster VFD BBQ and Auction on Saturday evening was blessed with cooler-than-normal temperatures drawing a sizeable crowd. The firemen achieved their goal and will be able to purchase a water tank truck. Besides the meal the crowd was entertained by Scotty Thurman & the Perfect Trouble Band. Both a live and silent auction and a raffle drawing were held.

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Historical images of Cooke County tickles memories

Native son Lary Kuehn has published a unique book that will interest others with deep ties to the County. "The Dates And Memories Book" is a history of Cooke County from the 1890s to the 1960s, illustrated with postcards that were published, distributed, and mailed.

"The Dates And Memories Book," embellishes this unique format by illustrating each double-page spread with postcard images of what used to be common sights in Cooke County. Both Camp Howze and the Gainesville Community Circus have entire months dedicated to them.

The extensive postcard collection loaned by Lindsay resident Trice Henry was the foundation from which Kuehn scanned and culled to choose the 120 images used in the book; only a few postcards were selected from other sources. Mrs. Henry has collected postcards for a number of years, but even her

four plus scrapbooks filled with postcards left some corners of Cooke County unrecorded for posterity. Anyone having old postcards of Dexter, Burns City, Marysville, Era, Bulcher, Leo, Walnut Bend, or Sivells Bend "back when," please contact Kuehn or Mrs. Henry.

"The Dates And Memories Book" was released in late July. Since, Kuehn has personally delivered donation copies to all Cooke County school districts and parochial schools for their libraries to assist educators in "showing while teaching" Texas history. Fourth, fifth, and seventh grade classes are currently slated for exposure to Texas

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Orientation opens new year for SHCS Primary Montessori

The Primary Montessori program of Sacred Heart Catholic School began the 2011-12 school year with a Parent Orientation meeting on Aug. 9. Dr. Rafael Rondon, principal, welcomed the parents and led everyone in a Prayer For Children.

Faculty members for the 2011-12 school year are Pam Dangelmayr and Barbara Davidson, teachers; Kathy Berres and Sue Yosten, assistants; and Sister Cecelia Nyugen, K Religion. Enrichment teachers are Angela Proto Hess, Spanish; Laura

Marshall, Art; Clint Kelley, Music; Coach Jon LeBrasseur, Recess Supervisor; and Clayton Trubenbach, Computer.

Dr. Rondon shared with the parents that the Montessori School has applied to become American Montessori Society accredited. This will be a three-year process. Also, the addition of the new classroom will be completed in October. The parent handbook and procedures were reviewed and discussed.

Mrs. Dangelmayr introduced the Catechesis of

the Good Shepherd program which is an approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use.

The Montessori Kindergarten students began their first day of school on Aug. 11. The four-year-old and three-year-old students are being phased in.



Sacred Heart Primary Montessori Kindergarten students began school last week excited about the 2011-12 school year and the adventures it promises to bring. SHCS photo



Sacred Heart Catholic Schools students gather on the front steps of the elementary building Wednesday morning. Classes began last Thursday. Janie Hartman photo

Go green and save money on back-to-school supplies

Students and parents on the hunt for school supplies might consider less-expensive, greener alternatives this year. Tips for going green:

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- Tues. - Breakfast pizza.
- Wed. - French toast sticks, turkey sausage.
- Thurs. - Breakfast burritos.
- Fri. - Pancakes or waffles, scrambled eggs.
- Yogurt and assorted cereals, 1% white milk, or non fat chocolate milk served everyday.

Lunch Menu

- Mon. - Corn dogs, carrots,

pinto beans, pineapple, chocolate chip muffin.

- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.
- Wed. - Ham and cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, oranges or apples, animal cookies.
- Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.
- Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oven fries, applesauce or oranges, carrots, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD Breakfast Menu

- (Same each week)
- Mon. - Sausage, biscuits, gravy.
- Tues. - Bacon, eggs, French toast or blueberry muffin.
- Wed. - Sausage links, pancakes.
- Thurs. - Breakfast burritos.
- Fri. - Apple or cherry strudel.
- Milk, juice, and cereal served daily.

Lunch Menu

- Mon. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, pears.
- Tues. - Corn dog, baked beans, fresh carrots, orange,

- oatmeal cookies.
- Wed. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple, bread.
- Thurs. - Fiesta salad w/corn chips, ranch style beans, strawberries, chocolate cake.
- Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.
- ERA ISD
- Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli, fruit mix.
- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, cherry applesauce, roll.
- Wed. - Lasagna, green beans, breadstick, pears.
- Thurs. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, pinto beans, pineapple.
- Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, potato wedges, peaches, ice cream.

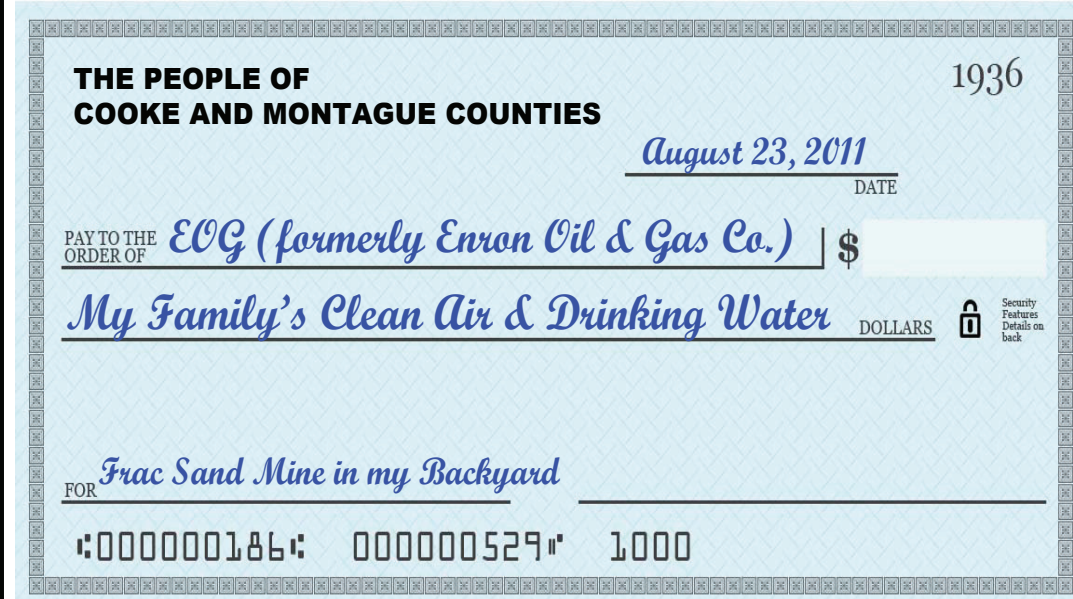
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SPORTS



The Sacred Heart Tigers scrimmaged with Prince of Peace last weekend. Quarterback Bob Bartush, above, sustained an injury that took him out of the game. Below, the Tiger defense at work. Pat Springer photos



The Muenster Hornets (pictured above at practice) had a good scrimmage against Perrin-Whitt last week in Jacksboro as the team continues to prepare for their first game of the season on Aug. 26, hosting the Ponder Lions. Janie Hartman photos



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October 8, 2011
Fall planting day. Volunteers to plant flowers in town. Meet at KMB Haus at 9:00 a.m.

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December 30, 2011 Turn in all photos and hours to KMB for 2011 application.



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Yes that deer looks lonely, but leave it be

Species including birds, deer, and snakes are normally active this time of year, but with water sources drying up, many more animals are on the move and taking their young along as they search for resources. This means folks in rural as well as urban environments may find themselves coming across adolescent animals that may appear to need human kindness and a Disney song.

Gone are the spring days of wobbly fawns and baby birds just out of their shells, yet these and other animals have only grown a few months. Most are still adolescents cared for by their mothers. Young animals often stray and appear to be abandoned, and some may appear listless from the heat or lack of water. This is not the time to help out, wildlife experts say.

The fawning season begins in early to mid-May with fawns' mottled coats hiding them from predators. As fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color causing them to catch the eye. As drought conditions worsen across the state, animals are traveling greater distances and taking greater risks to find food and water. Because of this, many urban dwellers may spot adolescent birds, deer, armadillos, turtles, and other wildlife in their daily walk to the car or office.

"Many people discover apparently lost or abandoned wildlife young and take them

in, thinking they are doing the right thing, and this sometimes does more harm than good," said Mark Klym of the Wildlife Diversity branch at TPWD. "People should leave young animals alone unless they are obviously injured or orphaned. It is best to observe a wild creature from a distance for

a while in order to make that determination."

Staying too close to the baby may keep mamma from returning, Klym said.

The compulsion to aid or investigate an apparently stranded little animal can be overwhelming, but in doing so you could harm its chances of rejoining its caretaker. If

adopted, even for a few days, animals may lose the skills necessary to fend for themselves in the wild.

"It's true, a lot of these deer and other animals do not make it to adulthood," said Alan Cain, TPWD whitetail deer program leader. "With the natural baseline for their natural habitat threatened from drought, many does cannot produce enough milk to support her fawn."

Cain said 95-98% of does reproduce every year, but relatively few of these fawns make it to adulthood. He noted, however, that deer are highly reproductive animals that evolved to weather extreme droughts, and their populations can rebound quickly with the return of normal rainfall.

"It's all a part of being a wild animal, but you cut a baby's chance of survival way down if you interfere," he said.



Lady Knights in Paradise

The varsity Lady Knight volleyball team traveled to Paradise last weekend to play six games. Lindsay finished the first day at the Paradise tournament 0-3. The first loss was to Krum by scores of 24-26, 23-25. Round two saw Bridgeport victorious 16-25, 23-25, and the third game 25-20, 15-25, 22-25 defeat to Chico.

On Saturday, in the continuation of the round robin play, the Lady Knights went 2-1. Their first win was over Boyd by scores of 25-11, 25-12. Stats were: Tara Atkins, 2 digs (D), 17 assists (A); Taylor Atkins, 5 kills (K), 2 D; Nicole Fleitman, 5 aces (AC), 5 K, 2 blocks (B), 2 D; Katie Arendt, 3 D; Jordan Fleitman, 9 K, 4 B, 3 D; Erin Copeland, 3 AC, 5 D; Elizabeth Wallace, 3 K.

In the second game, Lindsay fell to Paradise by scores of 25-22, 12-25, 26-28. The final game, the Lady Knights won over Lake Worth 25-18, 25-12. Stats were: Tara Atkins, 2 AC, 18 A; Taylor Atkins, 2 AC, 3 K, 5 D; N. Fleitman, 9 K, 4 B, 2 D; Arendt, 2 AC, 5 D; J. Fleitman, 6 K, 3 B; Taylor Pelzel, 4 K, 2 B; Copeland, 4 D; Wallace, 3 K.

Two Lady Knights were named to the All-Tournament Team. They were middle blockers Jordan Fleitman and Nicole Fleitman.

Lindsay worked in a game Friday against Commerce, winning by scores of 26-24, 12-25, 25-17, 25-21. Leading Lindsay on the court were: Tara Atkins, 2 AC, 5 D; Taylor Atkins, 12 K, 7 D; N. Fleitman, 2 AC, 5 K, 5 B, 4 D; Arendt, 9 D; J. Fleitman, 4 AC, 15 K, 7 B, 6 D; Taylor Pelzel, 2 K; Wallace, 3 K, 2 B, 3 D.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Lady Knights evened their overall record to 5-5 by beating the Paradise Lady Panthers 25-12, 22-25, 21-25, 25-20, 15-7. Stats were: Tara Atkins, 5 D, 28 A; Taylor Atkins, 6 AC, 16 K, 10 D; N. Fleitman, 2 AC, 2 K, 6 B, 6 D, 2 A; Arendt, 6 D; J. Fleitman, 21 K, 9 B, 2 D; Pelzel, 2 K, 4 B; Copeland, 7 AC, 7 D; Wallace, 3 K, 4 B.

SUB-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Junior Varsity

The JV Lady Knights dropped their first game of the season to Commerce on Friday by scores of 29-27, 22-25, 17-25. Stats for the game were: Hayley Skinner, 2 aces (AC); Briley Fleitman, 3 AC, 2 kills (K); Sydney Ott, 5 K, 2 blocks (B).

On Saturday, they played in the Nocona tournament and won the Consolation division. They dropped the first

game to Graham by scores of 21-25, 18-25.

In the second game against Nocona, the Lady Knights came away with a win by scores of 25-21, 25-18.

In the Consolation match, the Lady Knights beat Henrietta by scores of 25-23, 26-24. Stats for all three games combined are as follows: Kimberly Page, 4 assists (A), 2 AC; Megan Schumacher, 4 AC, 6 K; Madison Green, 3

A; Briley Fleitman, 3 AC, 6 K; Sydney Ott, 4AC, 10 K.

Freshmen

The freshman volleyball team improved to 6-0 on the season with a win over Commerce on Friday night, winning in two games 25-22, 25-8. On Saturday, they won the Nocona tournament with wins over: Graham, 25-13, 25-18; Nocona, 25-15, 25-21; and Holliday, 25-21, 26-24.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lois Mae Pinkston, Deceased, were issued on August 16, 2011, in Cause No. 16781, pending in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, to: Herman W. Carroll.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 c/o: **Chuck Bartush Jr.**
Attorney at Law
 408 North Main Street
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Muenster, Texas 76252
DATED the 16th day of August, 2011.

/s/ Chuck Bartush
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TSCRA opposes overreaching EPA CWA guidance document

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A guidance document is a set of instructions to explain an agency's interpretation of the law. This specific guidance document would give the EPA and Corps field staff a plethora of approaches to support jurisdictional determination over privately owned, self-contained bodies of water. Implementing this guidance would represent a significant rewrite of the current regulations, guidance, and agency policy that have governed jurisdictional determinations since the passage

of the CWA.

"The proposed guidance does not present sufficient legal or scientific evidence to justify the need for such drastic expansion of CWA jurisdiction and it fails to make a valid argument that it will improve public health or water quality," said Joe Parker, Jr., rancher and president of TSCRA. "This represents yet another attempt by the federal government to overreach statutory authority and ignore the private property rights of landowners."

The Clean Water Jurisdiction Guidance would negatively affect ranchers by giving the federal government unprecedented regulatory authority over water bodies such as stock tanks, drainage ditches, ponds, small and intermittent streams, creek beds, playa lakes, and mud holes. Expensive permitting costs, increased time delays associated with acquiring permits, and loss of property value caused by new land use restrictions would impose significant economic burden on cattle producers and Texas landowners.

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- The *Federal Register* stands at an all-time record-high 81,405 pages.
- In 2010, federal agencies issued 3,573 final rules.
- While agencies issued 3,573 final rules, Congress passed and the President signed into law a comparatively "few" 217 bills. Considerable lawmaking power is delegated to unelected bureaucrats at agencies, an abuse addressed recently in proposals such as the REINS Act.
- Alarmingly, proposed rules in the *Federal Register* have surged from 2,044 in 2009 to 2,439 in 2010, a jump of 19.3%.
- Of the 4,225 rules now in the regulatory pipeline, 224 are "economically significant," meaning they wield at least \$100 million in economic impact - this is an increase of 22% over 2009's 184 rules.

Source: AFBF

County Agent's Report

Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Annual Meeting

The Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association is a non-profit organization which works with Texas AgriLife Extension Service by providing service and education to all who are interested. The organization is composed of independent cow/calf producers, stocker operators, and agri-business representatives with a vested interest in the beef industry. The service they provide is relevant to Cooke County, due to the scale of the local cattle industry.

The annual meeting is a time for the group to enjoy friendship, food, and education. This year, the annual meeting will be at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver in Gainesville, beginning at 6 p.m., Aug. 25. Vendors will be present to visit with about products relevant to the industry; a beef fajita meal will be served; Stan Bevers will discuss the future of the cattle industry in light of the economy and the drought; Clay Wright will discuss working through

the drought; and beef cattle facts and trivia and prizes will add entertainment to the evening. A \$10 membership is requested per attendee. 100% of membership dues are used for support of youth projects or education.

One general CEU for TDA Pesticide Applicators and 0.5 BQA credits will be available to those who need them.

Prussic Acid

When stressful growing conditions are present, livestock producers often get worried about prussic acid poisoning. The concern is very well placed, it can be lethal! Prussic acid poisoning is very common and is caused when livestock consume plants that accumulate this toxin.

Prussic acid is a sugar that contains cyanide. Some plants will produce this substance as a defensive mechanism under stressful growth. Johnson grass and sorghums are among the most common forage plants in Cooke County that have this characteristic. Livestock consuming the toxin will have respiratory stress because the affected animal's blood is unable to carry oxygen.

There are several things all livestock owners should know about prussic acid:

1. Horses, hogs, and other non-ruminant animals are less affected by prussic acid because their stomachs convert the prussic acid to less toxic formic acid and ammonium chloride.
2. Hay that is cured properly will not have prussic acid. The toxin will volatilize as the plant dries.
3. There is an antidote for the poisoning. Call a vet immediately if animal is suspected of being poisoned!
4. Many people believe the powder substance on sorghum's leaves is an indicator of prussic acid's presence. THIS NOT TRUE. Usually this powder is caused when aphids feed on the plant, excrete wet 'honeydew', which dries and leaves a solid white 'powder'.
5. Testing for prussic acid is possible; but not always practical. Remember, prussic acid will volatilize when the plant begins to dry. Cutting and harvesting a sample begins this process. The nearest lab that will test the forage for prussic acid is the Texas Vet-

erinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station.

Prussic acid accumulation rarely is noticed in first growth of Johnson grass and sorghum. Instead, it is most often noticed when:

1. Plants develop new growth after a prolonged drought - BEWARE OF GRAZING REGROWTH AFTER A RAIN OR IRRIGATION EVENT!
2. There are poor growing conditions that prevent stems from developing properly.
3. Recent hay harvest or grazing causes slow and stunted growth of new plant tissue (it is usually associated with re-growth).
4. Nitrogen fertilizers are over-used or there are other soil fertility or nutrient imbalances.
5. Plants are injured by herbicides, frost, hail, or other events.

Susceptible, stressed plants will out-grow the toxic problem. Under normal conditions, when actively growing and healthy, they contain low levels of prussic acid, but are not a poisoning concern because the compound breaks down over time.

Many ranchers have been known to graze susceptible plants during times of extreme drought without having toxicity problems. However, it is almost certain that following a rainfall, Johnson grass and other sorghums will resume faster growth and be poisonous for a period of time. How long the poisonous quantities of prussic acid remain with the plant is not quite clear. Generally accepted practices are to wait 10 to 14 days, then to use caution when turning cattle into a pasture with plants known to cause problems (e.g. never send in hungry animals; allow only a few 'test' subjects in the pasture; and/or keep a close watch on animals for several hours).

Dates to remember

Aug. 25 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., Gainesville Civic Center.
Aug. 30 - Drought Management Program, Sanger High School, Details TBA.
Sept. 24 - Fall Fest, "Master Gardener Sponsored Horticulture Program", NCTC Little Theater; 9 to Noon.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Aug. 13, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were uneven, mostly \$1 to \$4 lower per hundredweight, with some locations as much as \$9 lower and some to \$7 higher. High drought-related volatilities at many locations along with hot weather and lack of grazing continue to pressure markets, though higher fed cattle and beef prices were supportive. Fed cattle prices were \$3 higher following solid gains in wholesale beef prices due to moderating temperatures in parts of the country; the upcoming Labor Day holiday; and strong beef exports.

Corn prices were higher following a lower than expected USDA production forecast.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, fed cattle, wheat, corn, and lumber were higher, while cotton was lower.

Corn acreage was 62% mature and 49% of the crop has been harvested, both ahead of normal for this date. Grain sorghum was 85% headed and 51% of the crop has been harvested. Most crops were reported in fair to very poor condition, with ratings well below where they were at this time last year. Pastures improved in areas that have received rain, but 96% remain in mostly very poor to poor condition statewide as supplemental feeding and reductions of livestock herds continue.

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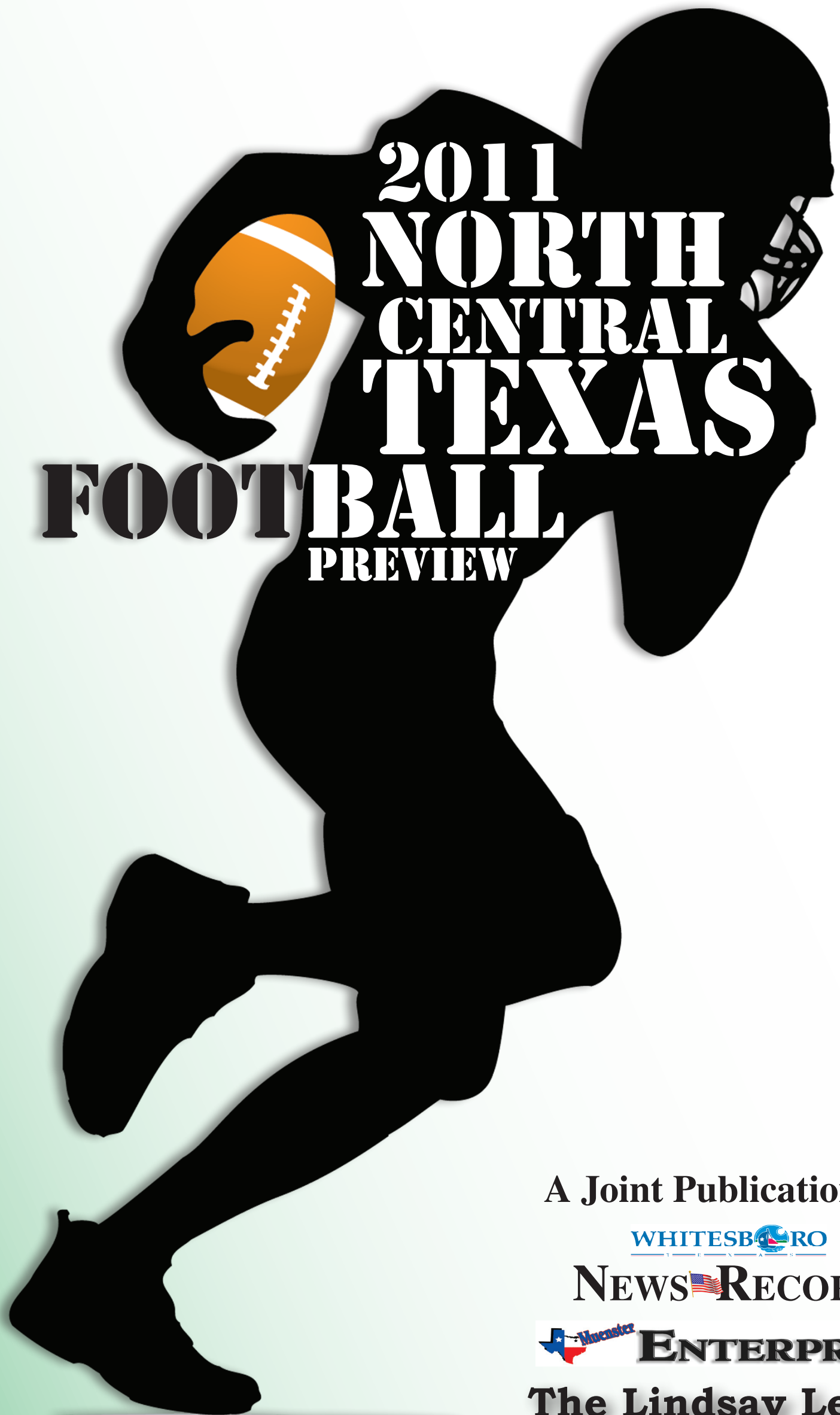
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The Lindsay Letter

Era looks to rebuild with new AD

Pat Springer
Lindsay Letter

New Era athletic director and head coach Matt Fanning knows his Hornet football as well as anyone.

Fanning played for the Hornets before graduating there in 1999. After playing college ball at Hardin Simmons, Fanning joined the Era staff six years ago.

This year is his first as head coach and, although he has only two returning seniors from the 2010 squad, he is optimistic about their chances.

“We have a lot of players in new roles because of losing so many seniors from last season. The players returning have experience due to injuries last year,” Fanning said.

Era will be running a new offensive system in 2011 with the introduction of the Wing-T.

This offense places all three running backs in prime locations for counters, fakes and other misdirection plays that count on the confusion of the defense on every snap.



The system gives the quarterback the chance to run or throw.

Two Era QBs are vying for that starting position, Caleb Comer and Tim Farr.

The snapper who ends up leading the team will be running an offense heavy on the run with the play action pass and bootleg added.

“We have a little more speed than last year, but they’re in a learning curve,” Fanning said.

Era’s defensive front has experience and size.

Avery Fortenberry, a 6’5”, 240 pound junior returns as the biggest on the line.

Senior Derrick Ratliff also returns to the defense as a four-year starter and two-time all-district pick. Fanning says Ratliff is one to watch when looking for leaders.



Staff photo by Pat Springer

“They are a key part of what we do,” Fanning said of his defensive unit.

their work cut out for them.

The Cumby Tojans are also contend-

Detroit will be Era’s toughest opponent this year. With an outstanding rusher and receiver, the Hornets’ defense will have

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From page 2

ers with an outstanding quarterback who could lead the team to the playoffs.

Others in the district include Dallas Gateway and a young Savoy who is just in their second year of varsity play.

There has been a coaching turn over this season with Mark Stevens, who came to Era after leaving the head coaching job in Louise, as the offensive coordinator and Travis Marsh, formerly of Sanger, guiding the specialty teams.

Fanning remains as defensive coordinator.

Last year, Era finished 5-6 as a bi-district finalist with a 4-0 district record.

Era is picked to finish the conference second behind Detroit, but they are a team to watch and just may take the top playoff spot.

"I like our chances. I'm confident we'll be competitive," Fanning said.

The Hornets kick-off their season



Staff photo by Pat Springer

Friday night at home against Blue Ridge before taking to the road in week two against the Collinsville Pirates.

Game time for both is 7:30 p.m.

Era Hornets 2011 Schedule

Aug. 26	Blue Ridge	Here	7:30
Sep. 2	Collinsville	There	7:30
Sep. 9	Celeste	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Sacred Heart	Here	7:30
Sep. 23	Lindsay	Here	7:30
Sep. 30	Petrolia	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Savoy*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	OPEN		
Oct. 21	Detroit*	There	7:30
Oct. 28	Cumby	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Gateway*	Here	7:30

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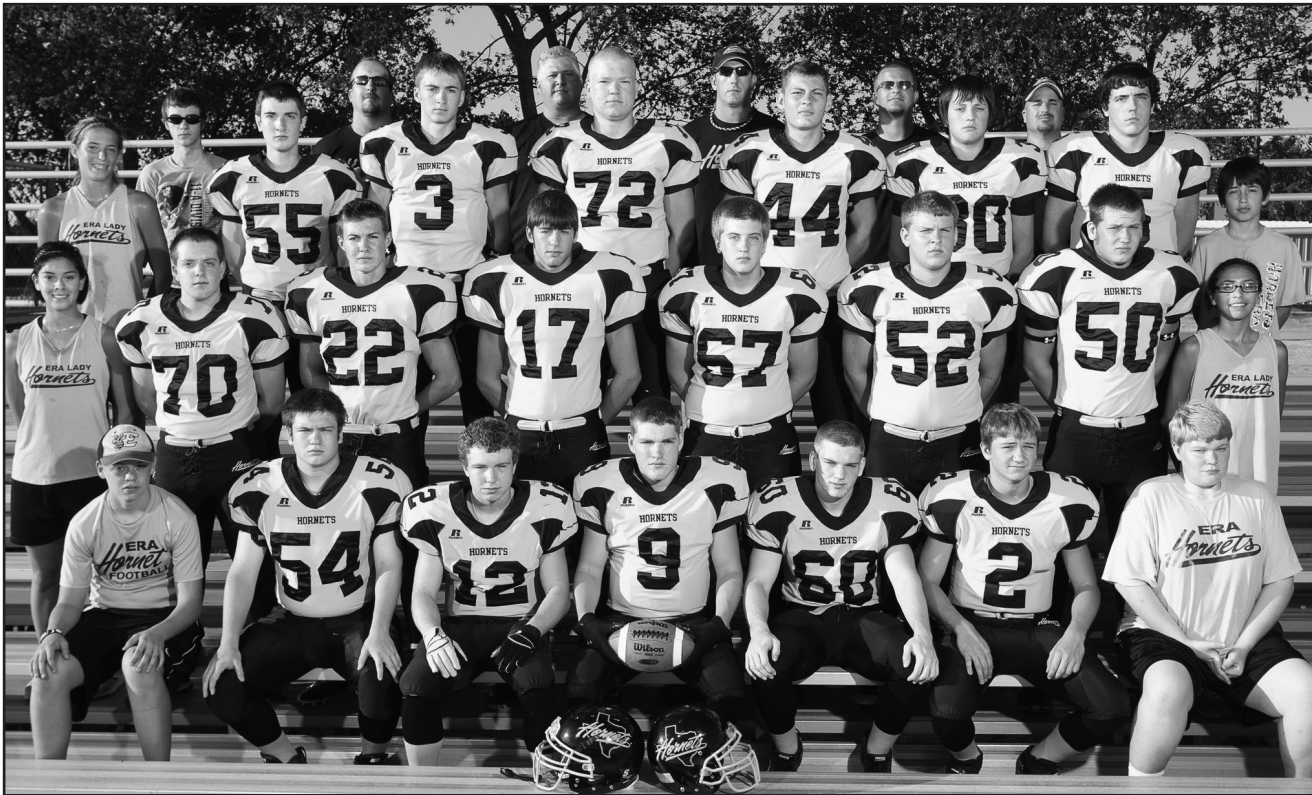
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2	Tye Ward	10
3	Tim Farr	11
5	Caleb Comer	11
7	Jacob Metzler	9
9	Nick Aston	12
11	Ethan Redmon	9
12	Jamie Vincent	11
17	Bobby Riley	11
22	Austin King	11
25	Tevin Hernandez	11
30	Keifer Little	11
44	Andy King	12
50	Derrick Rattliff	12
52	Madison Pearse	11
54	William Huckabee	11
55	Wrangle Walther	11
60	Aaron Krewson	11
67	Collin Beaudine	10
70	Tyler Moore	11
72	Avery Fortenberry	11



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Lindsay Knights to compete in tough district

Pat Springer
Lindsay Letter

Lindsay is coming off regional championship play in 2009 and area championship play in 2011, but losing most of his upperclassmen, Coach Cody Bounds is uncertain how the 2011 season will play out.

"It's a different year for us. The last two years have been a 1A coach's dream. We had unbelievable juniors and seniors who had been in the Lindsay system for a long time," Bounds said. "We have fewer seniors this year, but many of the junior players, although small, are looking good. They come with a different speed and intensity than the last two Lindsay teams."

Bounds faced frustration with pre-season play due to the lack of intensity from his players.

"It's a struggle to get them ready mentally. To teach them to know what to do," Bounds said.

The Knights have decent size on the line, with seven players weighing in over 200 pounds. They have a few backs and



linebackers with some size, but one of the linebackers has never played that position before this season.

The intrasquad scrimmage as well as the scrimmages against Ponder and Paradise showed Bounds and his staff they have a long way to go to be competitive this season.

"We have good kids working their guts out. They're young and it's a long process to get them where we want them to be," Bounds said.

Coach Greg Lane is the Knights defensive coordinator with Russell Glascock serving in the offensive coordinator's job.

"Basically I'm calling the plays," Bounds said.

The team will run offensively in the I formation, normally used in running situations, and therefore perfect for a young



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football team. The quarterback will be under center where he can fake handoffs, throw short downfield passes or throw long on passing downs. The flexibility of the I formation makes it a very challenging offense to defend against, yet it remains simple to run.

Lynn Cook and Blake Crutsinger are also on staff working to get the young

men ready for the challenge ahead.

Players to watch are Connor Fuhrmann, Blake Walker, Hud Harrison, Dean Fleitman and Jace Wann.

The Knights are a young team, and Bounds and his staff will have to rely

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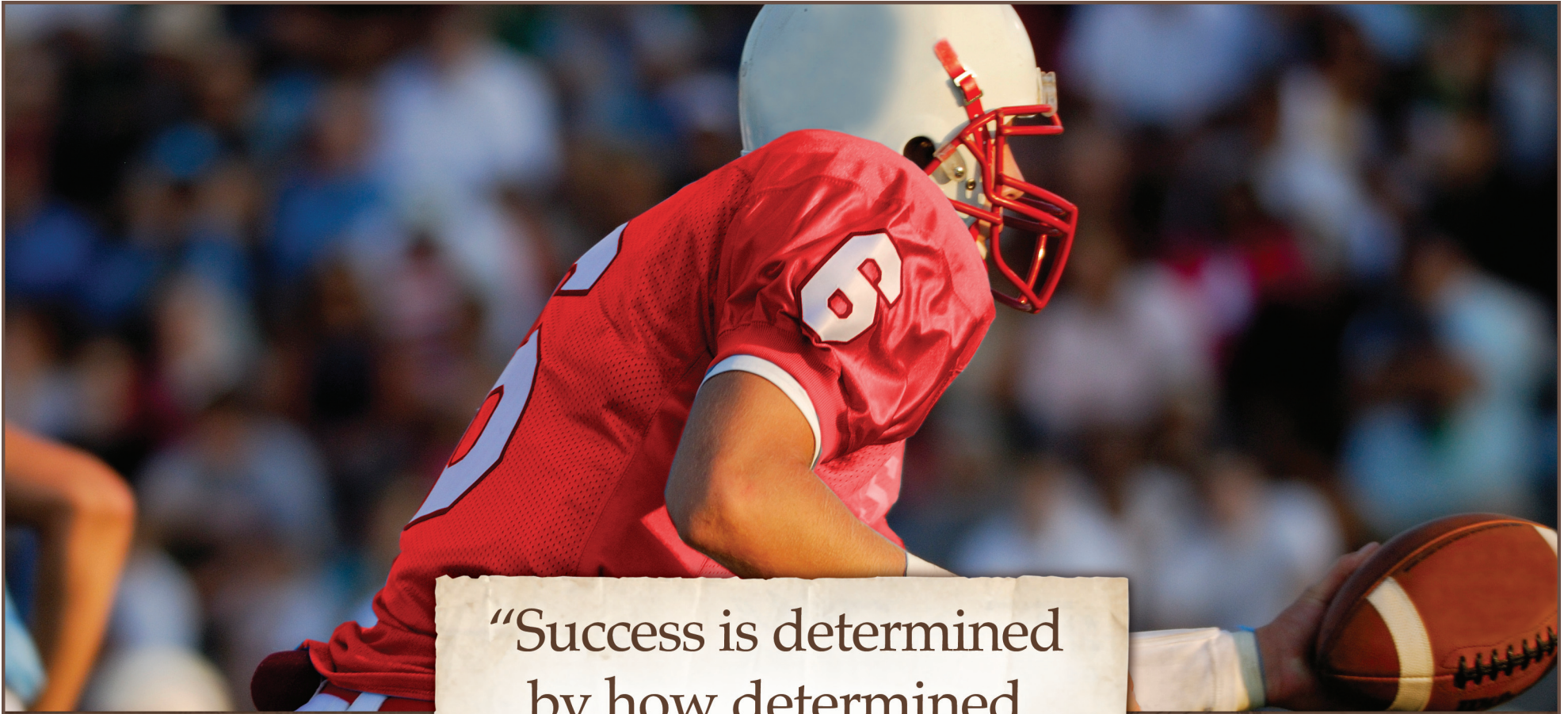


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on some of last year's junior varsity players to fill in the gaps left by last year's seniors.

Lindsay opens their non-conference games against Tom Bean August 26. Other non-district games include matches against Sacred Heart, Whitewright, Leonard and Era. The district opener is Oct. 7, against Chico. It will also be Lindsay's homecoming, a game the Knights don't want to lose.

Muenster is picked to win the district, followed by Collinsville then Lindsay. Although Valley View is ranked fourth in the predicted playoff race, it is a team to watch carefully. The rivalry between the geographically close Muenster and Lindsay teams will be the last home game of the season. The matchup will take place on Lindsay's Senior Night.

"We pride ourselves on hard-nose football," Bounds said.

Bounds remains cautiously optimistic that his young players will meet the challenge.



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Sep. 9	Whitewright	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Leonard	There	7:30
Sep. 23	Era	There	7:30
Sep. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Chico*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Collinsville*	Here	7:30
Oct. 21	Petrolia*	There	7:30
Oct. 28	Muenster	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Valley View*	There	7:30

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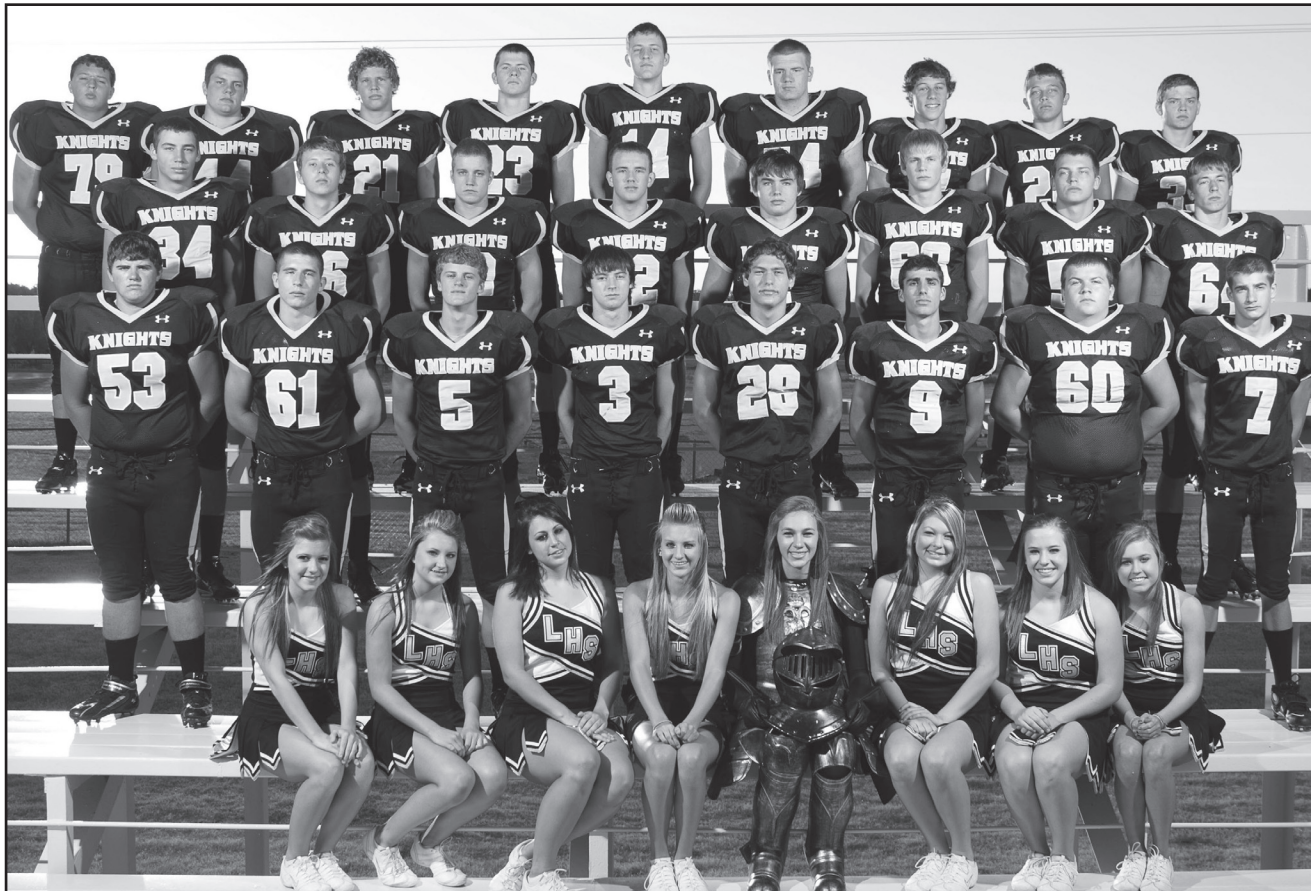


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2011 Lindsay Knights



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Lindsay Knight Varsity Roster

2	Tyler Dennington	11
3	Hud Harrison	11
5	Jace Wann	12
7	Cody Thurman	11
9	Garrett Yancey	12
10	John Haverkamp	10
11	Blake Walker	11
14	Dawson Holt	12
21	Neely Rose	11
22	Dylan Hughes	11
23/66	Drew Cooney	12
28	Elijah Wlaker	10
33	Dakota Ellender	10
34	Dean Fleitman	12
53	Cole Kirk	12
54	Nick Rose	11
56	Tanner Kuhn	11
60	Trevor DeBord	11
61	Cole Hunter	12
64	Darryl Block	11
68	Chisam Reiter	11
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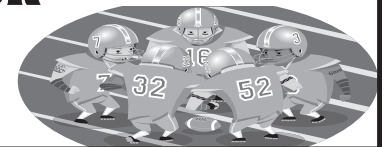
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Pirates rely on speed, experience

Thomas Otto
Whitesboro News-Record

The fight for the final playoff spot will be tougher than ever in District 5-1A this year. Collinsville fields talented players on the Pirates' roster, but it looks as if a three-team race for that final playoff spot may be eminent.

The Muenster Hornets are nearly unchanged from last year, and are currently ranked ahead of Collinsville for 2011, followed closely by the Lindsay Knights in third.

The Valley View Eagles are ranked lower than Lindsay, but have the highest number of students in the district.

So how does Collinsville, with their 12 seniors, stand out above the rest?

Collinsville is coming off a second place finish at the state track meet last spring.

Now those same athletes suit up in shoulder pads... they are fast.

Among the quickest is senior quarterback Cory Ragsdale (6'5", 227 lbs.) who currently holds bragging rights to a 4.5 time on the 40 yard dash.

Ragsdale led the district as a junior with over 3,000 total yards, 1,543 of which was rushing yardage along with 20 rushing touchdowns.

This ranks in him the top 30 quarterbacks overall in the entire state. This is no small feat, as Ragsdale is the only quarterback ranked in the top 30 from a 1A or 2A school in the state of Texas.

Collinsville Head Coach Danny David starts the season with high hopes after a finish of 8-4 as an area finalist, and 4-1 in district last season.

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

momentum this fall. In each of our playoff experiences, the team we were beaten by has either won the state title, or was the state runner-up."

David looks to pick up right where they left off last year, but he has to contend with fewer students in the program with only 35 players signed up for football.

"Collinsville's enrollment of the 159 students signed up for school is misleading because there have been far fewer boys in our program than in years past," David said. "We are lucky enough that other schools in the district also have the same problem."

Muenster has dropped to 152 students... the lowest in the district.

Collinsville is looking to better their rivals this year.

Cody Bounds' Lindsay Knights slide in the district rankings behind Collinsville.

The Pirates will have to look out for ten returning lettermen and two returning linemen from the 9-4 regional semifinalist 2010 Knights. The Knights are sure to be improving as the year continues, but Collinsville's biggest concern will most definitely be the top ranked seed, the 12-1 Muenster Hornets.

Muenster may have all the pieces of their puzzle set for another long post-season with 12 returning lettermen and seven linemen.

Collinsville graduate Brady Carney proved himself in his first year as the Hornets' head coach, and is coming back for his second year of what will be a continuation of an intense rivalry between both schools.

Collinsville can't count out the number four-ranked Valley View Eagles with players who were injured during district last year coming back fresh to play for Coach Chris

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Collinsville Pirate Varsity Roster

2	John Lewis	10
5/62	Chase Medler	12
7	Jacob Lodigiani	12
9	Cole Evans	12
12	Cory Ragsdale	12
20	Dalton Williams	12
21	Dylan Hutchens	12
22	Connor Daley	10
30	Tanner Petska	10
33	Kyle Schindler	11
36	Jesse Carney	11
52	Cody Weaver	11
55	Daniel Grubbs	12
58	Lazaro Aldalco	10
74	Marcus Sides	12
76	Jake Godsey	12
77	Daniel Swindle	11
79	Turner Coulson	12
80	Cameron Snow	12
84	Alec Mohon	11
86	Colton Johson	12

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Donaldson.

The Petrolia Pirates log in at number five in the district and are followed by the Chico Dragons.

“The funny thing 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 and will happen,” David quipped. “Every one of these teams are competitors in this district, and you can’t count anybody out.”

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.

David said, “The running game is big for us, and we will be running a lot of play action. Look to see us running just about a 50-50 balance of passing and running plays this year.”

He will be starting sophomore John Lewis (5’10”, 151 lbs.) at quarterback for the first game or two in the season until Ragsdale is 100 percent recovered from a previous injury.

“Lewis has been taking snaps in Ragsdale’s place right now, and we will lean more towards running the ball until I am more confident in his ability to throw,” David said. “Ragsdale has not been released for play, but remains hopeful to come back in the not so distant future. Cory has been working hard

over the summer and has actually put on more weight with added strength compared to his performance last year.”

The legendary Collinsville speed and quickness will still be prevalent on the field, as always.

David will have plenty of ball runners to choose from, including, but not limited to, senior Jacob Lodigiani (5’8”, 185 lbs.), senior Cole Evans (5’11”, 150 lbs.), senior Dalton Williams (5’9”, 145 lbs.), junior Kyle Schindler (5’10”, 176 lbs.) and junior Jesse Carney (5’10”, 141 lbs.)

As with most 1A ball clubs, the Pirates will work both ways for the duration of the season.

“There will be many players on the team who will play both sides of the ball, and may not ever get a break during the game,” David said.

He will rely heavily on these key players.

“We will have our hands full in this year’s district,” David said. “We are going to have to take some gambles this year and be very aggressive. We have speed and quickness to our advantage and we are going to be running our 10/1 special defense.”

Lodigiani will be playing both sides of

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Collinsville Pirates 2011 Schedule

Aug. 26	Howe	There	7:30
Sep. 2	Era	Here	7:30
Sep. 9	Seymour	Jacksboro	7:30
Sep. 16	Tom Bean	There	7:30
Sep. 23	S&S	Here	7:30
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the ball.

In addition to his halfback duties, he will be playing linebacker.

Williams stands out for Coach David, he will pull double duty as linebacker again this year.

He led the Pirates in tackles last year.

Schindler has gained quickness over the summer and will hold down the middle linebacker position.

Carney will pull his double duty at defensive end.

"Carney will knock your head off," David said with a grin.

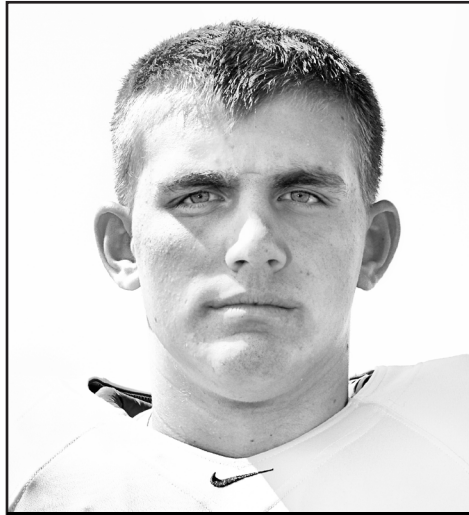
Collinsville is all but starting over with their offensive and defensive linemen this year except for the returning All-District guard, senior Turner Coulson (6'0", 273 lbs.)

Coulson is the only carry-over from last years' linemen.

Senior Jake Godsey (6'2", 258 lbs.) will be snapping the ball at center and according to David, "Has all the talent in the world."

Be sure and look for a newcomer from Georgia, senior Marcus Sides (5'11", 187 lbs.) who has plenty of experience coming from a two-time state championship runner-up team... "He could be one of our best linemen," David added.

Senior Daniel Grubbs (5'7", 169 lbs.) is a quick lineman, "Who will wreak havoc on an opposing offense," according to David.



-Cory Ragsdale-

Sophomore Lazaro Aldalco (5'7", 192 lbs.), better known as "Fonzie" to his teammates, will finish out the linemen for the Pirates.

Other defensive players include; senior Chase Medler (5'10", 170 lbs.)

"Medler will do whatever it takes to win," David said. "He is a very versatile player and can play almost anywhere on the field."

Senior Dylan Hutchens (6'0", 160 lbs.) did not play last year but will start at wide receiver and end.

Coach David said this about Hutchens, "Expect big plays from Dylan. He surprises

us at times with his quickness."

About Sophomore Connor Daley (5'9", 135 lbs.), David said, "Connor is going to play corner and wide receiver for us, he is a small player for us, but he is very smart and has been learning quickly."

This August has been a test of everyone's tolerance for heat. David's coaching staff has been devising ways to get more out of their players.

"Our two-a-days practice was always very early in the morning to try and beat the heat," David added. "We started using a misting system to get the guys cooled off between sessions so the players do not overheat."

If the Pirates have one weakness, it is going to be special teams.

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

"Not to worry though," David reassured.

"We will outwork our rivals, our desire to win is our core strength. We will continue to work very hard through the year, and it all starts with track in the spring... If a kid has the guts to run the 400, then they can turn around and have the guts to play four quarters of football. Everything starts with track, and it has always paid off for us, so we will keep

going with that philosophy."

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 first year," David concluded. "Our desire and willingness to win will give us a better chance to take it to the playoffs again."

Dave Campell's Texas Football stated that the Week 10 game between Muenster and Collinsville was on their list of 1A games on their "Dream Tour."

If money were not an object, and they wanted more than just a small taste of 1A football at its finest, they would make it their final game of the regular season to watch.

This dogfight of a game will settle the district rankings for sure.

The Pirates open their regular season Friday night against the Howe Bulldogs at Howe.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 9-2 season after going 5-0 in their district which includes the likes of Callisburg, Ponder and Pottsboro.

The Bulldogs have a new head coach, Joe Watson, at the helm. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

The Pirates will also face Era, Seymour, Tom Bean, S&S, and one bye week before opening district against Valley View at home on Oct. 7.

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The road to the district championship is predicted to run through Muenster this year. The Hornets made an impressive run in the playoffs last year and are the pre-season favorite in District 5A - Div. I.

"Expectations are high because of the experience being brought back," noted Hornet Coach Brady Carney. "With that said, we'll have the bull on our backs. We'll get the best everyone has to offer. We have to be more prepared and work harder."

Last season, Muenster surprised their district opponents after a pre-season pick of 4th in the conference. This season, *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine rated the Hornets #1, followed by Collinsville, Lindsay, and Valley View. Petrolia and Chico round out the district.

Coach Carney has 43 boys lined up to play on varsity and junior varsity. A dozen starters return this season, which includes Tyler Anderle, Luke Crabtree, Andy Flusche, Chase Hammer, Garrett Haynes, Trevor Hess, Mark Jones, Dalton Koelzer, Paul Mouring, River Stewart, Blake Voth, and Cole Walterscheid.

Team leaders include: rushing, Hammer; passing, Anderle; receiver, Flusche; tackles, Flusche; interceptions, Voth.

Senior Anderle leads the Hornet attack



Staff photos by Janie Hartman

as the starting quarterback. Last year as the main starter, he threw for 1,691 yards and 21 touchdowns. Rotating in the backfield will be Hammer, Hess, and Koelzer. Across the line will be Flusche and Blayne Styles at tight end, wide re-

ceiver Voth, tackles Mouring and Garrett Miller, guards Crabtree and Jones, and



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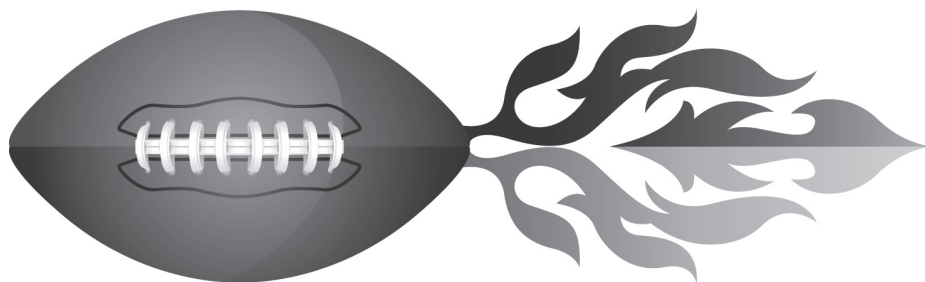
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Haynes snapping the ball at center.

New to varsity are juniors and sophomores Clint Sidwell, Mason Binder, Garrett Miller, Jared Endres, Colton Lane, Trevor Muller, and Austin Hennigan moving up.

On defense, the Hornets return eight starters and look to have a very tough, solid unit. Leading the defense will be Walterscheid and Hess at the end positions. Tackles are Crabtree and Binder, with linebackers Flusche, Hammer, and Steven Flusche creating toughness in the middle. The secondary includes Koelzer, Voth, Stewart, and Sidwell.

The Hornets will run a multiple offense between a 2-1 back formation. "We'll try to be as balanced as we can, but may lean towards running," Coach Carney noted. Muenster is working on a 4-3 defense.



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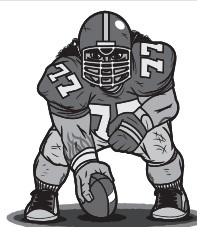


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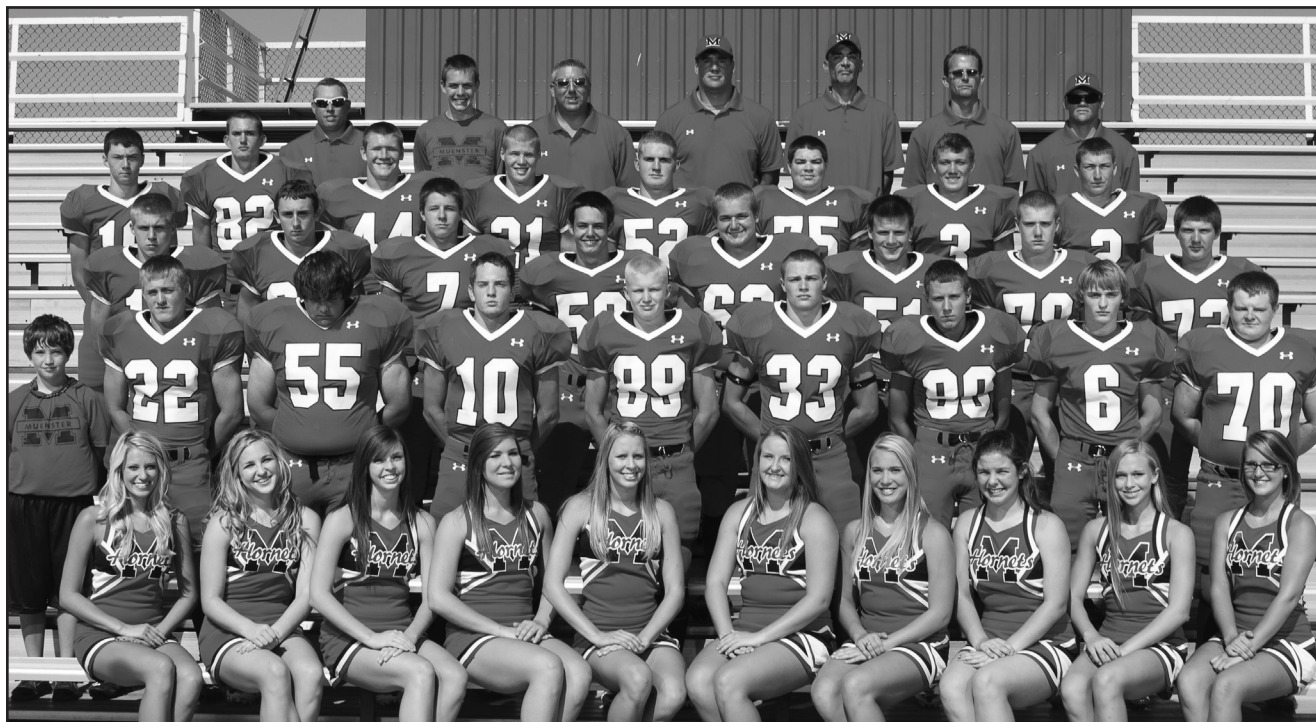
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Muenster Hornets



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Muenster Hornet Varsity Roster

2	Blake Voth	12
3	Tyler Anderle	12
6	Colton Lang	11
7	Trevor Hess	11
10	River Stewart	12
11	Mason Binder	10
16	Hunter Klement	11
21	Dalton Koelzer	12
22	Clint Sidwell	10
25	Chase Hammer	12
33	Steven Flusche	11
44	Andy Flusche	11
50	Blayne Styles	11
51	Mark Jones	12
52	Luke Crabtree	12
55	Paul Mouring	11
62	Garrett Hanes	12
66	Jared Endres	10
75	Corey Ritchey	12
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Pat Springer
Lindsay Letter

Valley View is another North Central Texas team who has a new athletic director/head coach this season. Chris Donaldson came to Valley View from Madisonville where he was offensive coordinator. Madisonville finished with a 6-6 overall season and a 4-1 district record last year.

This is the second year in a row the Eagles have had a head coaching change and are learning a new system. The team will run a Multi-I formation. The objective is to run and pass from a maximum number of sets. The inside zone, outside zone and jab draw can be executed from a one or two back formation.

The greatest advantage of the Multiple-I is probably the variety of headaches it poses for defensive coordinators. Because one receiver can line up six different

places, it is more difficult for defenses to key in on certain players.

The Eagles will mostly run the ball but will mix up the offense with some passes. There is some speed on the team, but as one assistant coach put it, "We're not burners, but we have some kids that can go pretty fast."

The Eagles have average size, with the linemen a bit above average. The skill players are relatively small but may make it up in agility and speed. Six Eagles top six feet, while four players tip the scales at more than 200 pounds.

Two quarterbacks are fighting for the starting position. Either sophomore Ethan McCollum, or junior Scott Prescher will emerge as the starting QB.

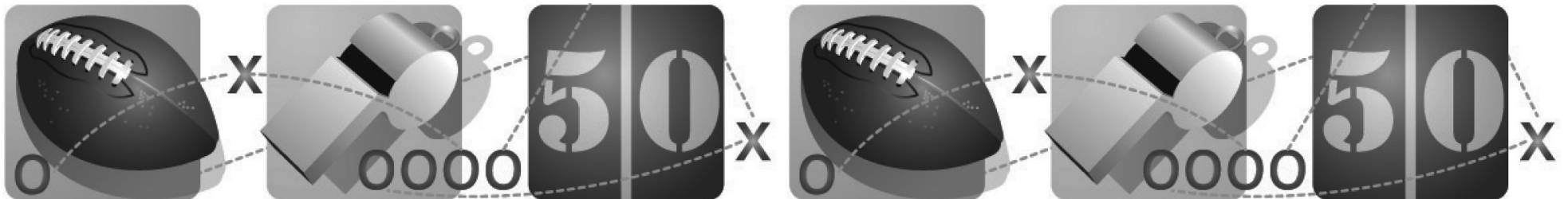
Under Donaldson the football terminology has changed, and players are adjusting



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to the new system. Running back Oscar Luna and wide receiver Landon Boaz are offensive players to watch, along with defensive lineman David Luna. Other Eagles that might soar are Gabe Blank-

nau, Tanner Marcom, Michael Thacker, Sammy Ponce, Quintin Boaz and Scott Bornfield. The team is composed of 13 seniors, six juniors and five sophomores. Kirk Schneiderjan, Caden Ammons,

Casey Calhoun, Hunter French, Jason Kelsey, Ryan Hacker, Brandon Walker, Uriel Aguillon, William Howell, Ryan Scoggin, Tyler Hall, Taylor Ward and Charles King round out the field.

Players out last season with injuries are back, and the Eagles have experienced only one pre-season injury. Taylor Ward broke his pinkie finger and missed the final scrimmage of the season.


Head coach Chris Donaldson will call the offense while the defense will be run by assistant coach Jeff Alexander. Mark Davidson, Kevin Cook and Amos Davidson round out the Eagles' coaching staff.

In pre-district play the Eagles will face Gunter in their away opener Aug. 26 and Tom Bean for their first home stand September 2. Valley View will also play Howe, Nocona and Alvord before taking on their first district game against Collinsville October 7.


The Eagles hope to better last year's record of 5-5 overall and 2-3 in district play. They face tough district opponents. Muenster, Collinsville and Lindsay are all picked to finish ahead of Valley View, but the Eagles may surprise them all. And, you can't count out Petrolia or Chico. It will be a fight week in and week out for the Eagles.

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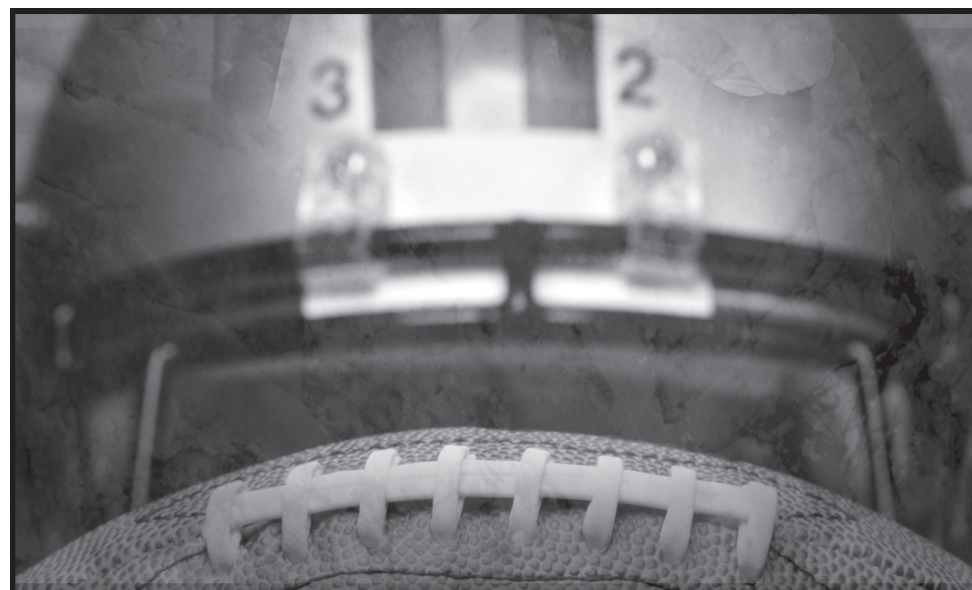
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Sep. 9	Howe	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Nocona	Here	7:30
Sep. 23	Alvord	Here	7:30
Sep. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Collinsville*	There	7:30
Oct. 14	Petrolia*	Here	7:30
Oct. 21	Muenster*	There	7:30
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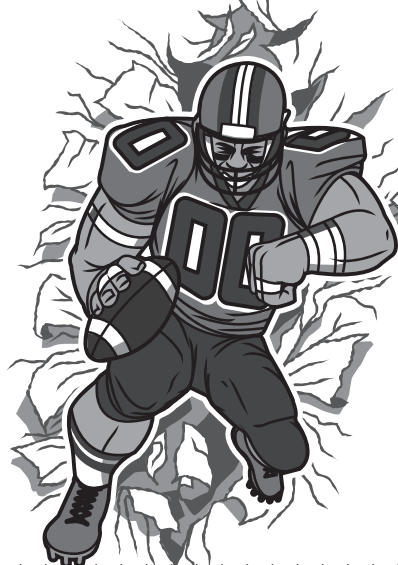
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10	Oscar Luna	12
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15	Tanner Marcom	12
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22	Michael Thacker	12
23	Gabriel Blankenau	11
25	Landon Boaz	10
30	Hunter French	11
33	Jason Kelsey	11
34	Ryan Hacker	12
40	Brandon Walker	10
45	Sammy Ponce	12
54	David Luna	12
55	Uriel Aguillon	11
57	Scott Bornfeld	12
63	William Howell	12
65	Ryan Scoggin	10
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Sacred Heart fares well in early rankings

Janie Hartman
Muenster Enterprise

According to *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine, Sacred Heart Catholic High School sees the Tigers in 2nd place in TAPPS Division IV, District 1 behind the Colleyville Covenant Christian Cougars.

Will the Tigers make the playoffs? Sure, because anything less will be a disappointment for everyone involved. But a district championship may be a little out of reach. "Covenant made it to the state final last year before falling to the undefeated State Champions Cardinals of Shiner St. Paul.

The Tigers have an early thing going against them. They are retooling their offense after quarterback Bob Bartush was injured in a scrimmage against Prince of Peace last Friday.

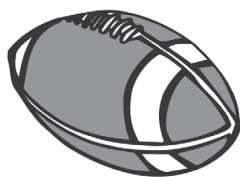
"Our biggest hole is replacing Matt Hesse, a three-year starter at quarterback," commented Tiger Coach Dale Schilling.

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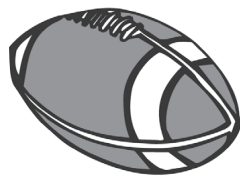


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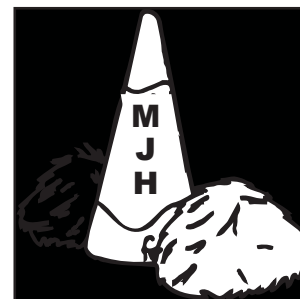
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SACRED HEART

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Bartush was filling the spot, but now Josh Biffle will step in as Sacred Heart's signal caller. "Our strength would be having eight seniors on the team," Schilling added.

Returning for their final year as Sacred Heart Tigers are B. Bartush, Mark Bartush, Biffle, Michael Davis, Austin Miller, Quinn Sicking, Austin Springer, and Benjamin Yosten.

The Tigers will run a one-back-spread, balanced offense, with Biffle as quarterback and M. Bartush, junior Justin Brown, and sophomore Keith Metzler in the backfield.

Biffle rushed for 1,325 yards last season, scoring 102 points. M. Bartush added 377 total yards last season and 38 points, while B. Bartush scored 86.

On defense, all players already named will be playing both sides of the ball. Sicking, Springer, and Yosten will lead the line. Davis, Brown, and Biffle will return to lead in tackles out of the Tigers 5-2 defensive play book.

Newcomer junior Nick Zimmerer joins returners Kevin Flusche, Omar Colmenaro, John Paul Hesse, Tavi Saldana, Austin Aldriedge, Michael Weinzapfel, Hayden Schilling, and Jason Knabe.

Sacred Heart has the talent to upset any team that challenges them. They will have to prove they can play well - a must to get into the playoffs.

A total of 28 suited out for the team.

Coach Schilling will again be assisted by Clayton Truebenbach and Kevin Walterscheid.



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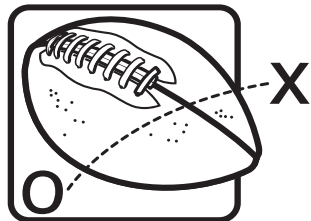
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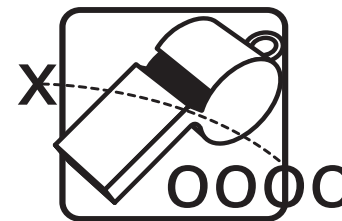
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Sep. 2	Lindsay	Here	7:30
Sep. 9	Calvary	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Era	There	7:30
Sep. 23	W.F. City View	Here	7:30
Sep. 30	Lutheran	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Amarillo*	Here	7:00
Oct. 14	Covenant*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Lake Country*	Here	7:30
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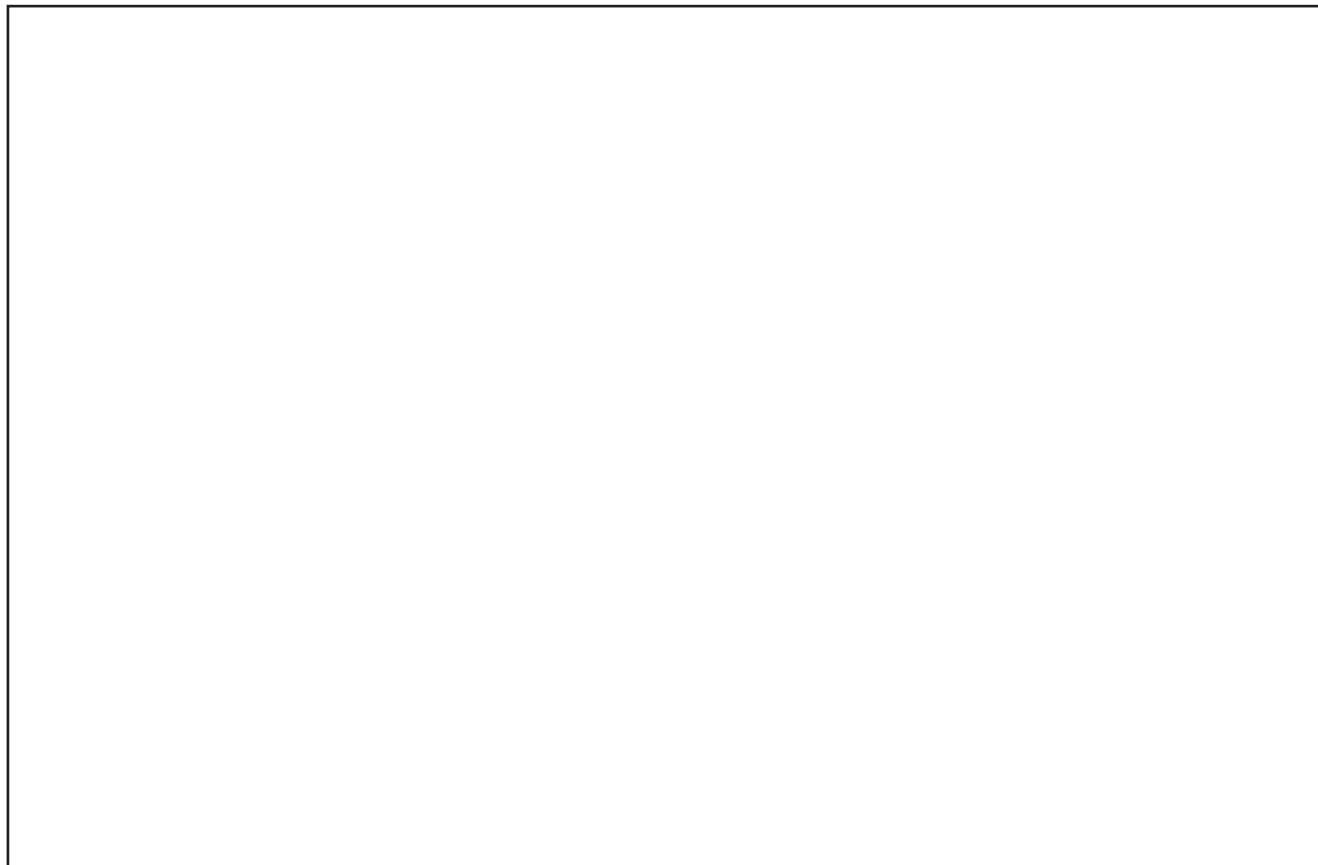
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Sacred Heart Tigers




Sacred Heart Tigers Varsity Roster

- 2 Mark Bartush
- 3 Kevin Flusche
- 4 Omar Colmenero
- 6 Isac Waltersheid
- 7 Justin Brown
- 8 Austin Miller
- 10 Josh Biffle
- 14 John Paul Hesse
- 16 Bob Bartush
- 17 Brady Endres
- 20 Keith Metzler
- 21 Tavi Saldana
- 22 Dylan Clure
- 27 Austin Aldriedge
- 30 Aaron Davis
- 50 Michael Weinzapfel
- 54 Michael Davis
- 55 Nick Zimmerer
- 58 Hayden Schilling
- 60 Darien Peters
- 62 Luke Cochran
- 63 Aaron Colmenero
- 65 Benjamin Yosten
- 66 Juan Oricio
- 71 Garrett Wheeler
- 73 Quinn Sicking
- 74 Austin Springer
- 77 Jason Knabe

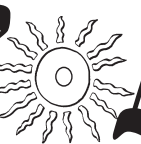


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Hayes hopes to bring winning record to Callisburg

Pat Springer
Lindsay Letter

Athletic Director and Head Coach Kevin Hayes took the reins of the Callisburg football program this season following the resignation of Coach Jerry Bomar. Hayes came to Callisburg following a two-year stint in Athens, where he led the Hornets to an 11-3 regional finalist season with a 3-1 district record. Hayes had 15 years in Teague prior to moving to Athens, guiding the Lions to a number of winning seasons.

Hayes is positive about the 2011 season in Callisburg.

"I'm optimistic because the kids give a great effort every day," Hayes said.

Hayes plans to run a multi-wing offense. The system features multi-threats built within each backfield series, combining the run and the pass. It can attack the defense off-tackle, up the middle with a counter trap, outside with an option or outside with a play-action pass. It utilizes the misdirection theme to its fullest.

This season they will establish the



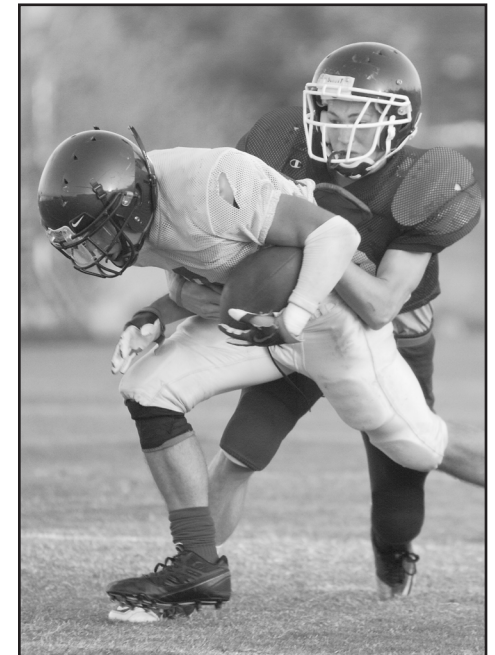
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running game, utilizing the pass to keep the defense off balance. The Wildcats have been working hard to learn Hayes' new game plan, but there is more work to be done.

"It's a slow process. We have to give

coaches and players time to learn the new system. Everyone has to have patience," Hayes said.

Hayes believes both the offense and defense are progressing well. There are some players out with injuries but Hayes



sees the only weakness of the team is having to learn something new.

Hayes will be calling the offense from

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the sidelines with defensive coordinator Craig Brown handling the defensive stands. Hayes' son Jacob, an assistant coach on the Wildcat staff, works with the running backs and outside linebackers.

Callisburg will use a 3-4 defense. It is one of the most widely used defensive schemes and is named for the configuration of defensive linemen and linebackers.

They will use three defensive linemen and four linebackers, hence the name 3-4. The Wildcats will try to generate as much pressure as possible with the front three defensive linemen. They will need to be big, strong and fast. Their job is to pressure the QB and stop the run. The four linebackers help with stopping the run and can bring in blitzes. On any down the linebackers can blitz.

It will be an exciting defense for players and fans.

Players to watch are Jacob Barton, Allen Eugster, Colton Holder, Clay McKenzie and Kyle Rochelle. Other prospects for a good year are Jeff Sanborn, Shawn Paynter, Jeff McClinton, Dakota Covington, Dakota Tinney and Rheyce Childress.

McKenzie totaled 1,065 total yards with 13 touchdowns last season. Rochelle was a defensive leader with 126 tackles.

"Our pre-district schedule is tough," Hayes said.

The Wildcats will be taking on the Bonham Warriors Aug. 26 followed



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by All Saints Episcopal, Goldthwaite, Gunter and Grapevine Faith Christian before beginning district play Oct. 9, against Ponder.

Pottsboro, Paradise and Howe are expected to be the top district finishers.

If Hayes can keep his team healthy and execute multi-wing offense, Callisburg could be a dark horse in the race.



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4	Clay McKenzie	11
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7	Dusty Taylor	11
8	Cole Wescoat	12
9	Michael Kemp	10
10	Austin Caldwell	11
11	John Holder	12
15	Rheyce Childress	10
18	James Eugster	12
20	Jake Skinner	11
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44	Justin Odneal	11
50	Elijah Hallandworth	10
52	Hunter Baucum	11
55	Jacob Barton	11
58	Logan Smithson	11
60	Dakota Covington	12
62	Jeffery McClinton	12
64	Robert Bacon	12
65	Cody Morrison	12
66	Ryan Logue	12
70	Wesley Jenkins	11
73	Shawn Paynter	12
75	Jeffery Sanborn	11
77	Colton Bentley	12



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Callisburg Wildcats 2011 Schedule

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Sep. 9	Goldthwaite	Alvarado	7:30
Sep. 16	Gunter	There	7:30
Sep. 23	Grape Faith	There	7:30
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Oct. 28	Boyd*	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Howe*	There	7:30

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S&S Rams field young team, first year coach

Thomas Otto
Whitesboro News-Record

S&S Head Football Coach Garrett Patterson took over the reins of the Rams this spring. Patterson was able to ease into his job as boys' coordinator and Head Football coach after Ashby Porter left the program. His task this year will be to rebuild a team that lost 17 seniors.

Patterson, who had some success at Pittsburg where his team managed to secure playoffs three years in a row and achieved state semi-finalist during his last year there. Patterson then moved to Howe last year where he assisted his team to an area matchup in the 2010 football season ending the regular season with a 9-1 record.

This year Coach Patterson has three seniors and six returning lettermen at his disposal. Patterson has many young players on the squad who managed to have a winning season last year on JV with a 5-4 record. Patterson said, "The players will have plenty of learning to do but will also get loads of playing time this year."

S&S plans to field a JV and varsity team in District 5-2A D II. The varsity squad will have 21 players on it, four of whom are seniors. Patterson has 13 juniors who will return this year also.

The heat has been an issue with S&S as well as all the other area teams. "It has been a near record breaking summer, so we changed the schedule around a bit and trained from 7a.m.-11 a.m. until the last week of two a days where they had to get acclimated to the heat, so we started practices in the afternoon at 4 p.m."

Scrimmages during the pre-season went well for the Rams, Patterson said, "I wanted to see how the kids responded to adversity, and wanted to see the character of the players as they were met with new challenges."

The district has remained unchanged since the realignment last year, but the rebuilding Rams are still ranked as the sixth place seed just below Tom Bean in fifth, and Leonard in fourth place of the group.

S&S may be able to snag a win from the Tom Bean Tomcats since they graduated several key seniors from last year's 2-3 district team. Tom Bean also has a new coach this year, Torrey Price. Price has 16 lettermen and 4 starters returning from last year's team.

Leonard, who is full of juniors and seniors this year, has jumped ahead of Tom Bean in the rankings. Leonard finally has the speed they have lacked in previous years, and also have a solid crew of linemen at their disposal after finishing 1-4 in district last year.

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Patterson said, "It will be tough for our young players who lack experience and are 16 years-old to compete against their district teams such as top ranked Gunter, Whitewright, and Bells, who are all full 18 year-olds."

The Gunter Tigers have the first place seed in the district after having finished last season 4-1 in district. Gunter Head Coach Jake Fieszel will return off of their linemen and quarterback Richard Young, who threw for 1,161 yards with 16 passing touchdowns a year ago.

The Whitewright Tigers have the second place spot after making a playoff run and finishing 5-0 in district and a record of 10-1 as the area finalist. Whitewright has the district MVP in Tyrone Swoops coming back again this year. Last year, Swoops led the district with 1,400 yards with 15 touchdowns. Patterson said, "Swoops has been eyed up by D1 level college teams, he is a very physically gifted athlete and will be tough to compete with." Whitewright also has Gerron Ballard, who led the district in receiving with 298 yards and 7 touchdowns.

The Bells Panthers dropped down to the third place seed this year. The Panthers have a new head coach, Rayce Guess.



Guess has a solid lineup, but their weak spot will be in the secondary. Bells have the district leading rusher, Kolby Milner coming back for more this year. Milner rushed for 1,923 yards with 26 touchdowns. Bells finished 3-2 in district last year. Patterson said, "The Bells Panthers



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are down on the numbers a little bit but Coach Guess has a team who has seen the playoffs and has a quarterback in Kilby Milner. Once you give a team a taste of the playoffs, they will want it back."

Patterson said about his young team, "The difference in player development and mentality is substantial." Patterson continued, "The kids are working hard,

they are doing the best they can do...that is all you can ask of them."

S&S has only made the playoffs one time ever in school history.

Patterson hopes that last year's strong JV team that was molded by Porter can

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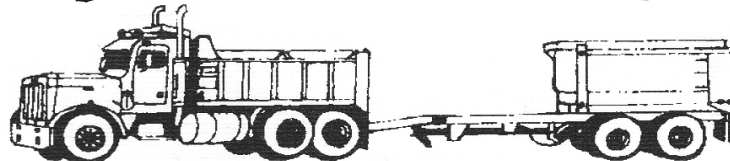
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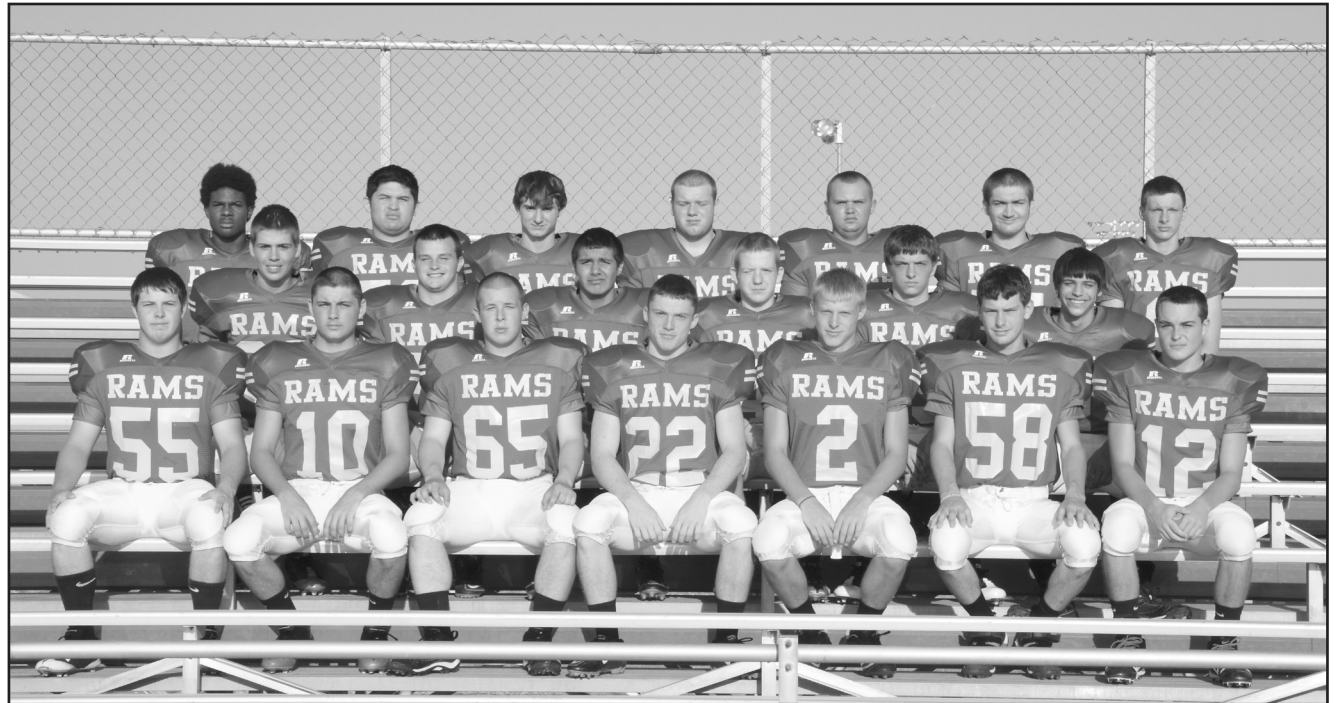


2011 S&S Rams



S&S Rama Varsity Roster

2	Matt Farrell	10
3	Jeremy Franklin	11
4	Brett Harvey	11
8	Mika Jackl	11
10	Tanner Rankin	11
12	Randall Stowers	11
15	Travis Buckner	11
21	Brad Lovick	11
22	Willie Winborne	10
23	Robert Cowden	11
24	Luis Erives	11
50	Chance Bratcher	12
55	Cody Hedges	11
58	Jake Anderson	12
60	Larry Chumley	12
65	Garrett Broderson	12
66	Austin Linn	11
74	Kaleb Stricklin	10
75	Charles Williams	11
78	Heber Hernandez	11
79	Jarrell Orr	10



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S&S Rams 2011 Schedule

Aug. 26	Electra	There	7:30
Sep. 2	Celeste	Here	7:30
Sep. 9	Blue Ridge	Here	7:30
Sep. 16	Muenster	There	7:30
Sep. 23	Collinsville	There	7:30
Sep. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Leonard*	There	7:30
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be successful in the coming years. Patterson hopes that his team can grow and learn more about the game of football this fall.

"We are a very young team. It doesn't matter who our rivals are, as our kids are getting used to the speed of varsity football compared to junior varsity which most of them played on last year," Patterson said.

Patterson said, "I want to see the program flourish, but I first need to change the way that the kids think. They need to know the price that they have to pay to do things the way that I need them to be done."

"We will be running the spread offense this year," Patterson continued, "We look to stay as balanced as possible between the running game and the passing game this year."

Sophomore Matt Farrell (5' 10", 160 lbs.) "He may not always have the best practice, but he has fire in his eyes and is a competitor, it doesn't matter what position he is playing, he can go anywhere for us." Junior Jeremy Franklin (5' 7", 145 lbs.) will lead offense at the quarterback

position. "Franklin has big shoes to fill..." Patterson said. "He will be following in his older brothers' footsteps, and he has high expectations for himself."

Willie Windborne sophomore (5' 8", 155 lbs.) Patterson said, "Out of 100 plays in last week's scrimmage, Windborne was a part of 90 plays. He is a running back and linebacker, and he is an absolute warrior. He will do absolutely everything we need of him."

Patterson had these remarks for the rest of his players on the team.

Receivers for the Rams are junior Brett Harvey, (5' 9", 150 lbs.)..."Has developed well during the summer time, and in the spring he was shy. He is coming out of his shell as a football player." Mikal Jack (5' 10", 150 lbs.)..."Is one of the most athletic kids we have; he just needs to develop into our system better." Junior Tanner Rankin, (5' 9", 160 lbs.)..."Just needs to pick up on the speed of the game on varsity and he will be fine." Junior Randall Stowers (5' 7", 135 lbs.)..."Rounds out our Rams' receivers."

Junior Luis Erives (5' 11", 175 lbs.) will lead the defense this year at the strong



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safety position. Erives holds the claim to a 4.7 second 40-yard dash time. "He is trying to overcome an ankle injury, but is one of our top athletes. He has been at the varsity level since the freshman year. We need him on the football field no matter what, even if it is just for his leadership ability." Robert Cowden will fill in for Erives at safety for the time being. "Cowden did not get any playing time last year because of an injury, but he is going to be worked back in for us now." Patterson said, "Cowden is really a standout on defense for us."

The Rams' linemen are pretty light this year. "It could be to our advantage depending on our scheme, and we are not a one concept team. We can use those different schemes to take advantage of people," Patterson added.

The defense has four seniors on the defensive line. Larry Chumley (6' 2", 250 lbs.), Chance Bratcher (5' 9", 190 lbs.)..."He is a big kid, but is very athletic. He could play linebacker for us, but he is playing on the inside line." Jake Anderson (5' 8", 150 lbs.)..."Is a hard worker on the line, but is undersized, but still a very good player." Garrett Broderson (5' 9", 190 lbs.) rounds out the seniors for the Rams. Patterson said, "We are going to put these players where we see will fit best for us, and we will do what is best for the team no matter what."

Cody Hedges (5' 8", 180 lbs.) is a "yes sir, no sir," kind of player who suits up as a junior this year. "He will do whatever you ask of him. If you tell him to put on full pads and chop down a tree, he will go do it. That is just the kind of kid he is."

Austin Linn (6' 0", 165 lbs.)..." Is a junior who needs a bit more experience and is a little undersized for his stature.

He needs more game reps at speed." Kaleb Stricklin (6' 1" 210 lbs.)..."A good kid and he will do whatever it takes to get the job done." Charles Williams (6' 2", 250 lbs.)..."He has a lot of varsity experience for us. He should be able to finish plays and be very consistent."

Heber Hernandez, junior, (5' 8", 240 lbs.)..."Is one of our bigger kids, he is stocky, like a little baby bear, but very athletic. He is a very strong kid. He has a little trouble with the language barrier, and doesn't know football talk." Jarrell Orr, sophomore, (6' 2", 190 lbs.)..." Could be one of our best players in the years to come. He needs to develop and get more varsity experience. You can't replace experience and that learning valuable time that happens."

Patterson wants these young men to know the expectations from their coaching staff, this is their program, and what they get out of it is what they put into it.

Coach Patterson ended with these thoughts, "Ultimately, we are not concerned about football in the end. We are concerned about teaching these young men to be productive members of society. Football is easy, life is very hard, that is what we want to get these kids prepared for, the real world."

The Rams kick off their season tomorrow night at Electra. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Their pre-district schedule includes playing Celeste and Blue Ridge at home. Then the Rams will travel to Muenster and Collinsville before facing their first district rival at Leonard. Then the Rams will play Gunter at home; play at Tom Bean, then at Whitewright before facing Bells at home for the final game of the regular season.

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Leopards rebuild program with young squad

Thomas Otto

Whitesboro News-Record

Gainesville Leopards Head Coach Lance Gary says that this may be a rebuilding year for his Leopards, after losing 20 seniors last year. Gary has been with the Gainesville program for four years now, and last year after he changed the offense to his liking.

Gary, a 1996 Valley View graduate spent his first years as head coach in East Texas, moved back to Gainesville as the defensive coordinator three years ago under then head coach/AD Rickey Locke, who left for a head coaching position at Gonzales.

The Leopards are ranked fifth again this year in District 9-3A after a 2-3 record in district with an area finalist distinction. They are ranked above the Whitesboro Bearcats, but following the first place Argyle Eagles, second ranked Sanger Indians, Aubrey Chaparrals in third, and fourth place Pilot Point Bearcats.

Gainesville has not seen a playoff berth since their bid for the State Championship in 2005. Before that, they won the State Championship title in 2003.

This year Gary has 15 lettermen coming back with 70 young men who signed up for football this year. Gary lost 20 seniors from last year's team. Gary considers his current team to be in a rebuilding year, with only eight players who have enough previous varsity playing time to be competitive right off the bat.

"We will have to play with the young men we have this year," Gary said. "I know that Sanger and Aubrey are going to be tough to beat, but I think it will be a dogfight this year for third place in the district."

Argyle is the perennial favorite again this year, as they managed a 5-0 district run last year and have been to the Division II regional finals appearance two years running.

Sanger quarterback Dane Evans has been recognized as one of the top quarter-



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backs in the state this year for the district runners-up from last year. Sanger returns with the leading district rusher, passer, and receiver.

Aubrey had a rough and tumble season in their first year in District 9-3A. The Chaparrals went 1-4, but are ranked third this year with Coach G.A. Moore at the helm again. The legendary coach will have much of the same talent from last year. The Leopards might have to accept the fact that not much will get past safety Charlie Radford, who holds the quickest 40 yard dash time in the district at 4.4 seconds.

Gainesville is ranked just below fourth

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place Pilot Point who has a new head coach, Rob Best. Best will try and recover a team that went 2-3 in district play last year. The Pilot Point Bearcats have a strong offensive and defensive line this year, which may be a weakness that Gainesville will need to overcome.

“This year we will have to see which of our young men will step up this year and show that they have what it takes to win in this district”

Gary has the benefit of having some of the same coaches as last year on his staff. Offensive coordinator Jacob Hines promises a multiple Wing T offense which is a Leopards’ staple. The Leopards will base many plays out of the wishbone.

Gary will rely on senior quarterback Denzel Johnson (6’ 2”, 190 lbs. 4.5), who is a rookie at the position and lacks experience, but is similar in performance to last year’s quarterback Kielyn Lewis. Johnson should be able to learn the ins and outs of the position and will bode well during district play.

Junior David Moore (6’ 2”, 190 lbs. 4.5) will handle the running back position for the Leopards. “Moore has great hands and knows exactly what is to be expected of him on the field.” Gary said.

Senior Jack Magee (5’ 7”, 155 lbs.) is a hard-nosed kid that knows how to hit and bring on the hurt for his size. Sophomore running back Jonathan Mendez is a



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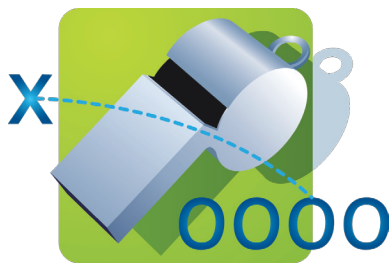
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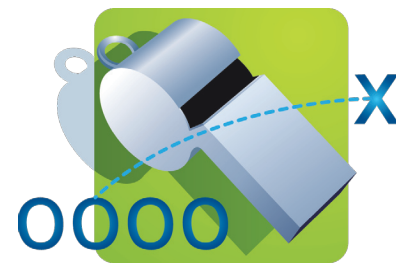
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player to watch for sure, "He has great hands" Gary said, "He will also play both sides of the ball for us."

Junior Chris White is a move in from Vernon, "He has good instincts," Gary said, "He will back us up at running back when needed." Senior P.J. Lane (5'9", 160 lbs.) will round out the offensive playmakers for Gainesville at running back.

Defensive coordinator Gary Damron, a Callisburg transplant will base his scheme out of a 3-4 with a cover 4 option. If the defense has a weakness, it is on the line. "We need to fill voids on the line," he said. "It is a area of deep concern for us."

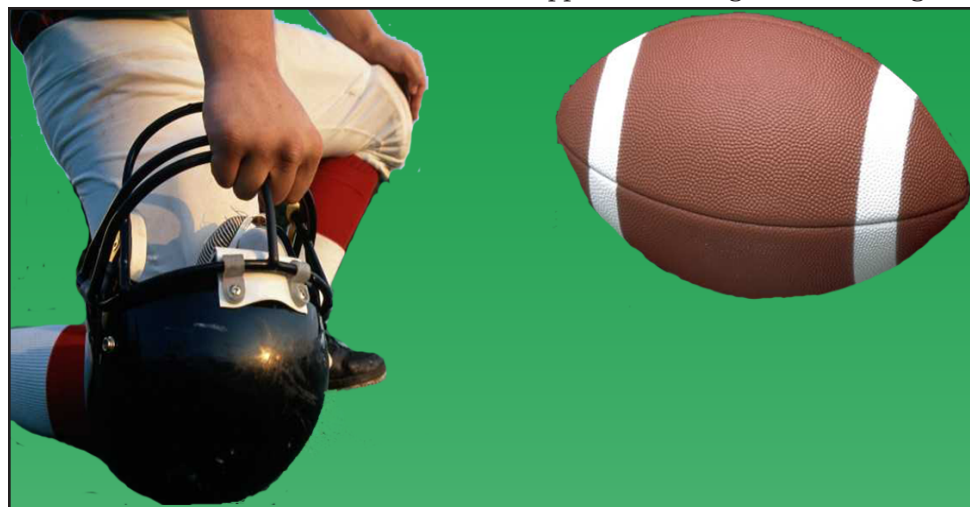
Gainesville has a leader on the offensive and defensive line in senior Zach White, who is one of two linemen with eleven varsity games under their belt from last year. The other big man up front and center is Jordan Hall.

If Gainesville can manage to build up their team mid-season and hone their skill players to execute the plays to perfection, Gary does not see any reason that his team cannot take the third place spot in district. "The regional picture does not get any easier as we would have to play schools like Carthage and Gilmer, all who know



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how to play competitive ball."

The Leopards play at home to open up the season against the second ranked 15-3A Paris Wildcats with their new head coach, Barry Bowman and returning quarterback Corbin Taylor. Game time is at 7:30 p.m.



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Gainesville Leopards



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2	Demetrius Franklin	10
3	Chance Sikes	11
4	Adam Berryman	10
6	John Lewis	12
7	Denzel Johnson	11
8	P.J. Lane	12
9	Juan Hernandez	10
11	Derric Harris	12
12	Jonathan Mendez	11
13	Jack Magee	12
14	Juan Salinas	11
20	David Moore	11
21	Cameron Linn	12
22	Lilton Moore	10
24	Jacob Royal	10
27	Hunter Hall	11
35	Chris White	11
51	Josh Gonzales	12
52	Zach White	12
54	Alex Craven	12
55	Jared Boswell	10
62	Jesse Wolfe	10
63	Trevin Riel	11
71	De'Quan Wilford	11
72	Tyler Thomas	12

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Sep. 9	Castleberry	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Commerce	Here	7:30
Sep. 23	Lake Worth	Here	7:30
Sep. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Whitesboro*	There	7:30
Oct. 14	Pilot Point*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Argyle*	Here	7:30
Oct. 28	Sanger*	There	7:30
Nov. 4	Aubrey*	Here	7:30

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Whitesboro moves forward in tough district

Thomas Otto

Whitesboro News-Record

This year is Whitesboro Head Coach Eddie Gill's sixth with the Bearcats; it could be argued that his squad has had to compete in the toughest Class 3A district in the state of Texas.

On paper, it seems as if there is an unfair advantage to the schools that his Bearcats are playing against, but no matter where the Bearcats go, they will be surrounded by good football.

Gill said, "There is just very good football in North Texas, you can't gripe about it, you just have to get better."

That is exactly what the Bearcats have been doing all summer. During the near record breaking heat wave, Gill's Bearcats stood strong through the "Summer PRIDE" football program with 28 athletes completing the rigor, which was the highest number of athletes they have had to date.

This year, these young men have realized exactly what it takes and have jumped into the program with "both feet first." The Bearcats have shown their level of commitment and dedication to the program.

Whitesboro will have 30 players on the varsity squad, 18 of whom are seniors, and



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30 players on the JV squad this year.

Gill has a new coaching staff to help both squads and welcomes athletic trainer

Ronnie Leidner to program. Brian Shelby is not new to Whitesboro ISD, but this will be his first year on the coaching staff.

If Whitesboro has a weakness this year, it is in the numbers.

They are among the bottom of District 9-3A in terms of total student enrollment.

Pre-season rankings put Argyle first with a 5-0 district run last year. Argyle has 611 students enrolled; second place Sanger has 735 students with a 4-1 district

run last year.

Gill admits, "Those two teams are the big boys, Argyle might even win the state title this year. Sanger has the 'cover boy' in their starting quarterback Dane Evans. We will have to wait and see."

Whitesboro's only win in district play last year came against the Aubrey Chaparrals.

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Gill thinks that his team has a real chance of picking off a much improved Aubrey team who is now ranked third in the district.

The Bearcats managed to snag that win from the winningest coach in the history of Texas football, G.A. Moore, after his Chaparral's came up from 2A to compete in 3A competition.

Moore has 22 returning lettermen on his roster, so they will be ready to compete.

Whitesboro knows that they will have to compete against anybody, and wherever they end up in the future, Gill knows that the competition will not be easy.

"More than likely we will be 2A next year," Gill said. "Right now, the classification is 430 students in the high school to be in the bottom of 3A. This year, we will begin high school with less than 400 kids, but there are no gimmies anywhere. In 2A you still have teams such as Callisburg, and Pottsboro who are playing great football right now. There are plenty of great 2A football teams here in North Texas... From a confidence level, we are about the same size as them [Pottsboro]. We can also look at a school such as Prosper, who the girls played in the playoffs last year. They have 1200 kids. From a confidence stand point, our kids see that Prosper has three times more kids than we do in high school."



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The Bearcats showed improvement all summer, Gill said, "Some people want to mark improvement by wins and losses; we want to look at the way the players are doing on the field. A football has oblong shape, it takes funny bounces sometimes, on some days you play great and win by

ten, other times it doesn't go your way and you lose a game."

Coach Gill was proud of his athletes during two-a-days. "On some days it approached 110 degrees, add a helmet, 20 pounds of pads, then it feels like it is 130 degrees," he said. "That makes it very hard,

but so is life... we talk to the kids about that continuously, if we can get that through to them, then all the other things will fall into place."

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Whitesboro is ranked below fourth place Pilot Point who has a new head coach, Rob Best.

Best will try and recover a team that went 2-3 in district play last year.

Gill said, "Pilot Point is full of tradition and the kids over there will try to impress their coach."

The sixth place Bearcats will open district play against fifth place Gainesville squad led by second year head coach Lance Gary who managed a 2-3 district record last year.

The team is in a rebuilding year and has a rookie quarterback, Denzel Johnson at the helm for the Leopards.

Gill said, "You could put a blanket over these two matchups and ask, who wants it more? My hope is that we beat them all, and we are going to go into every game looking to win."

Gill's goal for his Bearcats as always is to make the playoffs.

"Right now everybody is undefeated. We have a lot of potential, and we want to live up to that. Every play counts and every little detail has to be taken care of."

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 still add in some throwing for good measure. Gill said, "Sometimes you will see us in a two back set, or a one back run and gun with four wide receivers." He added, "We might also run a power wing configuration to throw off a defense."

This year the Bearcats are all stronger, bigger, and just as athletic as last year. "This will open up some scenarios for us." Gill continues, "Our offensive line is much bigger this year, the past two years we have been not very big up front. We are going from 190 pounds from last year to a



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230 pounds average this year on the line."

Gill's son, and third year returning starter, Jordan will be taking the snaps behind this line for the Bearcats in 2011. The senior, 6-1", 182 lbs. threw for 1,636 yards last year along with 13 touchdowns, throwing nearly 200 yards more than the previous year along with 3 more touchdowns. Jordan runs the 40 yard dash in 4.6 seconds. Coach Gill sees

no reason why those figures will not continue an upward trend. "Jordan has done a good job for us so far, this will be his third year to start at quarterback. He is stronger, bigger,

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and more mature than before... his ability to throw the deep pass is better." Gill added, "Our offensive line is going to give Jordan more time to throw the football." Time is what every quarterback needs.

The improved size and strength of the offensive line, allows the team to run the ball more. Coach Gill said, "Once the run game is established, then that opens up the running game." He added, "Last year, we didn't have had a strong running game, we didn't average but 120 yards per game, classically I am a run oriented coach."

The Bearcats will change that this year. At running back, the Bearcats have six guys to carry out the task. Senior Austin Purdom, sophomore Collin Kilcrease, and sophomore Cody Ford will handle the tailback position. Gill said, "All three of them are all fine runners."

The full back position will be filled by senior John Wood (6'0", 221 lbs, 4.7), senior Eddie Ruiz (5'9", 182lbs), and junior Cody Grube. Gill said, "Any of those guys can do the job of full back at any time."

Senior Garrett Hickman (5'9", 155 lbs.) who earned first team all district last year, comes back as wide receiver and linebacker this year. Senior Trey Eleazer (6'2", 209 lbs, 4.6) moves from tailback to wide receiver and will compliment Hickman, along with senior Grayson Ezzell (6'3", 180lbs.) who



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coach Gill says is a "Big target on the outside. We have a lot more options on the outside this year."

On the offensive line the Bearcats have sophomore Kyle Lester, anchoring for them. Lester put on 30 pounds of muscle since last year. Sophomore Adam Stapleton at center, sophomore Brian Townsend, and sophomore Dustin Roberts complement senior Chance Hatchel who played for the Bearcats on the line last year. Senior line-

men Dakota Tishmack (5'11", 230lbs.), and junior Tyler Bensley will round out the young men up front.

Defensively Coach Gill is looking for a much improved year. His defensive line is made up of the same players who hold up the offensive line. However, sometimes downtime is needed. "You can't play both ways all the time," Gill said. "Rotating out defensive players will afford a little down time for everyone"

Wood leads the defense at middle linebacker position; Gill calls it the quarterback of defense, as he makes the calls. Gill said, "In today's football world, we hardly ever huddle up; everyone runs the spread offense, so we do not have time to huddle up. So he (Wood) makes some calls and sets the tempo of the defense. He is not the only guy that has the talent, but he is the one who gets us going. Wood had 112 tackles last year and is a big hitter with a great nose for the ball."

The Bearcats will be using a five linebacker system with Kilcrease, Hickman, Ruiz and senior Kolton Massick rounding out the linebackers. Gill will use these five linebackers to his advantage, on certain plays he will pull one in to rush the quarterback, or drop one into coverage, whichever is needed.

Senior cornerback Matt Hobbs and junior Colt Wooley will help with the deep plays.

Gill said the old cliché of "one game at a time" mentality definitely applies this year as he looks to play a tough pre-district roster schedule before jumping into 9-3A action.

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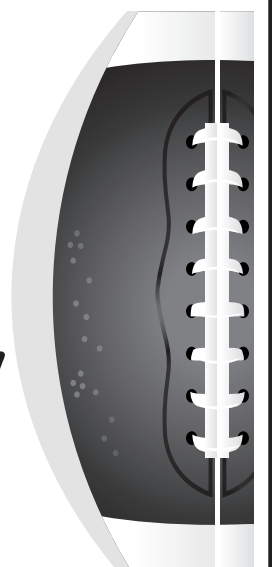
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Sep. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Gainesville*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Argyle*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Sanger*	Here	7:30
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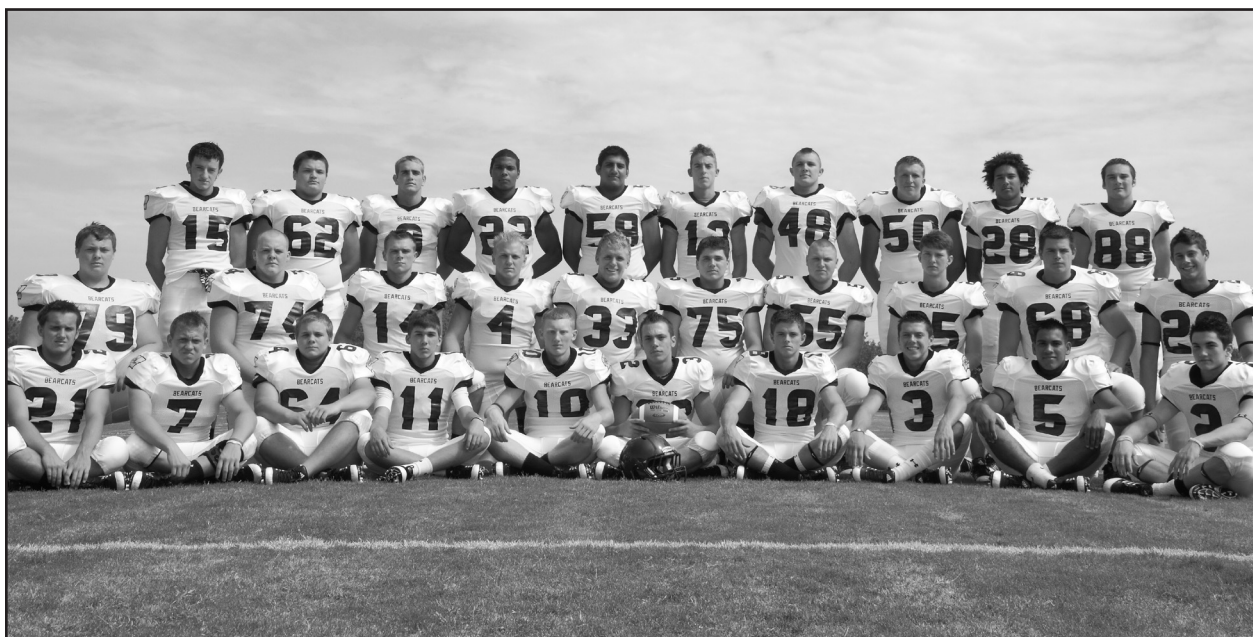
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Whitesboro Bearcats Varsity Roster

2	Cody Ford	10
3	Matt Hobbs	12
4	Kolton Massick	12
5	Eddie Ruiz	12
7	Cody Grube	11
9	Jordan Gill	12
10	Colt Wooley	11
11	Clayton Stringer	10
13	Grayson Ezzell	12
14	Austin Purdom	12
15	Dylan Mitchell	11
18	Garrett Hickman	12
21	Brett Ferguson	11
22	Trey Eleazer	12
25	Dakota Denton	12
26	Derrick Mata	12
28	Collin Kilcrease	10
32	Tyler Cantrell	12
33	John Wood	12
48	Cody Welch	12
50	Chance Hatchell	12
55	Kyle Lester	10
58	Balraj Singh	12
62	Brian Townsend	10
64	Marshall Dyer	12
68	Dakota Tishmack	12
72	Adam Stapleton	10
75	Tyler Bensley	11
79	Dustin Roberts	10
88	Jeremiah Craft	12

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Bearcats this year. "We have six home ball games this year and we want to have to add bleachers. Whitesboro residents have always come out to support any extracurricular event. It is great that the whole town is interested in what their kids and community are doing." Gill said, "Come early, stay, stay late, be loud!" he added, "Be boisterous for a Bearcat!"

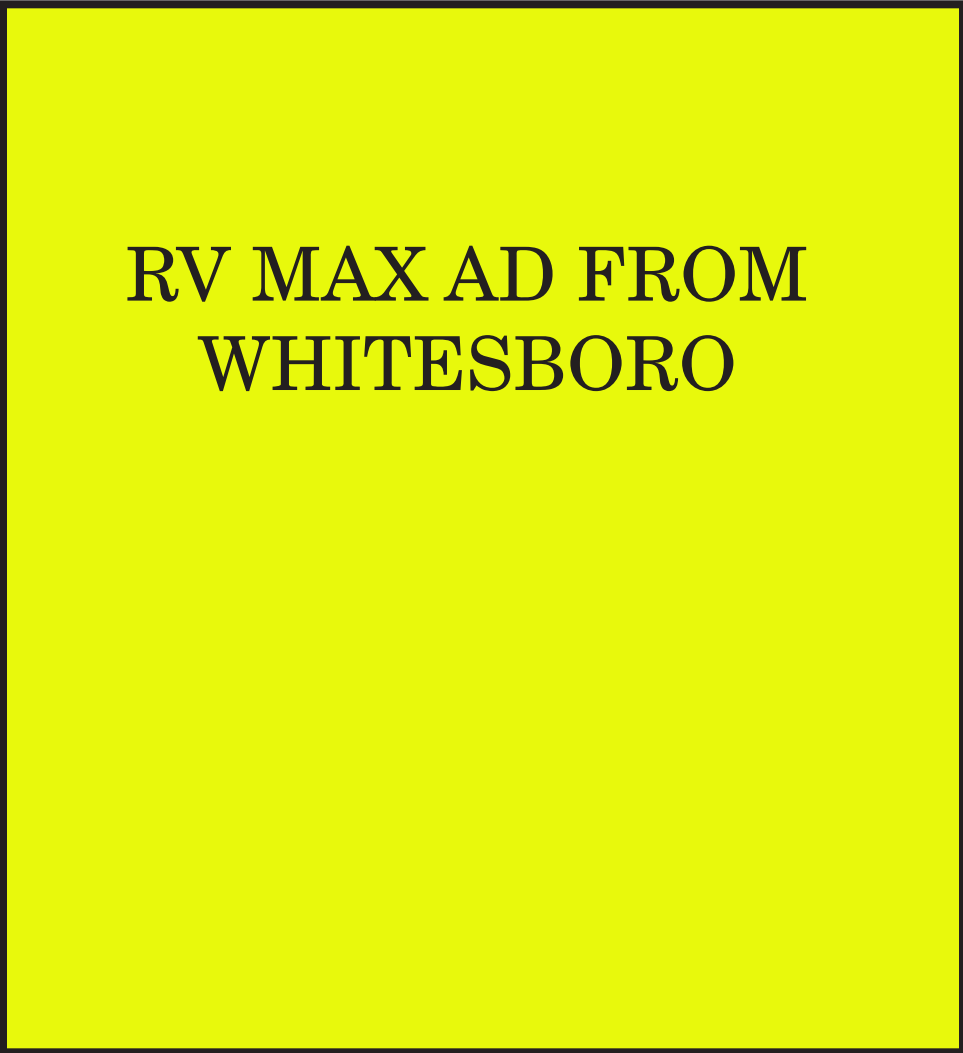
The Bearcats kick-off the season tomorrow night at Decatur. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The team will match up with a much improved Frisco Lone Star team for homecoming, Pottsboro, Bonham, and Bowie before opening district play against Gainesville on Oct. 7, at home.



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