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Smash-and-grab robbery hits Blazin' **Bad store**

NICOLE SMITH

Allen Kannard, the manager of Blazin' Bad, a local vape and smoke products store, received a call from the Luling Police Department early Monday morning at approximately 4:42 am, because the store's alarm had been triggered, prompting law enforcement to respond to the scene situated in the 100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

Video footage captured by the store's internal surveillance cameras revealed three unidentified suspects shattering an exterior glass panel and entering the establishment. They managed to grab approximately \$800 worth of merchandise in a span of 28 seconds before making an exit through the

"I don't own the store, but even as the manager it still feels like a blow," shared Kannard.

A glass company based in Seguin was called to repair the shattered glass and allow the business to open its doors and serve customers. Blazin' Bad is owned by a Houston-based company, which also operates two other stores located in Kyle and Kingwood.

Kannard expressed hope that such incidents would not afflict other businesses within the town. "I hope this doesn't happen to anyone else in this town, because as a small business it's hard to get by."

Anyone with pertinent information is urged to contact the Luling Police Department at 830-875-5407.



Luling PD responded to a robbery in the 100 block of Magnolia Avenue on Monday morning.

The Float-a-Pump, a vital tool in the department's firefighting arsenal, was highlighted during the training. Different water stream techniques were also explored,

Volunteers dedicate time to training

NICOLE SMITH

enabling the volunteers to adapt their approach.

ment remains committed to honing their firefighting skills through rigorous training exercises.

In a recent training session, the department focused on enhancing their water transportation, drafting, and pump operation abilities, with a special emphasis on practicing with

the Float-a-Pump system. The training session saw dedicated

volunteers from the Luling Fire De- combat fires. partment engage in a series of drills Volunteers were given the oppor-The Luling Volunteer Fire Depart- designed to simulate real-world tunity to practice using the Float-ascenarios.

> One of the primary areas of focus was water transport, which is crucial for firefighting operations that require a steady and reliable water supply.

> Volunteers worked on effectively transporting water from natural sources to the firefighting site, ensuring an uninterrupted flow of water to

Pump system, which is designed to facilitate water transport by creating a stable platform for water pumps in aquatic environments.

The volunteers learned the intricate process of setting up and operating the Float-a-Pump, gaining valuable hands-on experience that will undoubtedly prove beneficial in

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'Chipping in'

Community demonstrates

amazing support



NICOLE SMITH

The American Legion Post 177 fulfilled a promise that had been made the previous spring, as Chet Robbins, a dedicated member of the American Legion Post 177 and an avid golfer himself, recognized the financial challenges faced by the Luling golf teams requiring additional funding to participate in tournaments and acquire necessary equipment. Moved by this need, the members organized an August golf tournament that brought in more than five

thousand dollars.

of Duane Otto, an avid sponsor of many youth groups and local non-profit organizations.

The Otto family shared a statement that read, "We would like to sincerely thank you for keeping our dad's memory alive. He was one of a kind. He donated to any organization that asked, especially if it would benefit the kids. We strive to follow in his footsteps and ask others to do the same."

First place winners were Brady Weaver, Robert Rodriguez, Bart Rodriguez, and Mike Spruiell. Second place went to Kenneth Larison, Cory Benoit, Bandy Larison, and Shane Luling community.

The 18 team tournament was held in honor Akin. The third place team was composed of Jim Grogan, Bryce Grogan, Wesley Zumwalt and Jeff Sanderson.

> The Luling Athletic Boosters offered burger deals during the tournament in order to raise additional funding for the LISD athletic programs.

> Special THANK YOU to Bubba Brown of Meatheads in Gonzales for donating all the meat patties, Blake's for donating the buns, Lockhart Subway for the tomatoes and pickles and Rusty Rooster for donating the tea.

> The volunteers created a fantastic event that demonstrated the amazing support within the



lookingahead

8/24 LHS 9th and JV Volleyball @ Flatonia Tournament **LHS Tennis at San Marcos** LHS JV football @ Rice Consolidated Floral arraning class at the Library

8/25 **LHS Var Football hosting** Rice Consolidated PLHS Football @ home vs **NB Calvary Baptist**

8/26 LHS Cross Country @ Medina Valley PLHS Volleyball @ Nordheim Tournament

> Youth Volleyball Games @ 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

Tri-City Food Pantry Prairie Lea Civic Center 9 a.m.

8/28 **Prairie Lea First Day of School Luling Foundation Youth Grill-Off and Tractor Pull registration deadline**

8/29 JK Ranch Wastewater Public Meeting 8/30 Children's Story Hour at the Library

LHS Football @ Victoria St Joe

PLHS Football @ SA Winston LHS Volleyball @ Smithville PLHS Volleyball hosting Matagorda

9/5 LHS Volleyball hosting Natalia **PLHS Volleyball hosting San Marcos** Academy

Public Hearing on proposed tax rate 9/7 5:30 p.m. City Hall GJHS football hosting Randolph

LHS JV football hosting Austin Eastside 9/8 LHS Var football @ Austin Eastside

PLHS Football hosting vs

Hill Country Christian 9/9 **LHS Foundation Youth Grill-Off** and Tractor Pull

> Youth Volleyball Games @ 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

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emergency situations.

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The volunteers tackled challenges related to nozzle obstructions, such as rocks and debris. Dealing with such obstacles is a critical skill, as a blocked nozzle can significantly hinder firefighting efforts.

Through hands-on practice, the volunteers honed their ability to swiftly and efficiently clear nozzle obstructions, ensuring a continuous and effective water stream.

The training also covered the essential task of priming pump to ensure smooth operation, which is crucial for maintaining a consistent water supply during firefighting operations based on the unique requirements of each fire fighting scenario.

The dedication displayed by the Luling Volunteer Fire Department in their training efforts is a testament to their commitment to public safety and their unwavering determination to be well-prepared for any firefighting

As they continue to refine their skills, the community can rest assured knowing that their local firefighters are equipped with the expertise needed to handle emergencies with precision and professionalism.

Thank You Supporters and Contributors for Luling ISD High School Golf tournament:

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Cindy and Robert Martinez Duane Otto family

Golfers of The Luling Golf Association and staff Luling Eagles Booster Club, Laura Murray, President Colby Chamness, Coach of boys and girls Luling high

school golf teams Luling American Legion Color Guard

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obituaries

Alvis Edwards

March 24, 1930 - August 15, 2023

Alvis Edwards, 93, of Luling, Texas went to be with the Lord on August 15, 2023. He was born March 24, 1930 in Harwood, Texas to Lonnie Webster and Georgia Mae Latham Edwards. He married Mary Goates Edwards on January 31, 1952. He worked as a truck driver and in the oil field for Magnolia Oil Company. He served with the US Army during the Korean



Conflict achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his service in Korea, he was captured by enemy forces and held in a POW camp for a year.

Alvis is survived by his wife, daughter, Georgiann Matthews of Luling, Texas, 2 grandchildren, Stephanie and JL Timms of Tilden, Texas, and Stephen and Sarah Matthews of League City, Texas, and 4 great-grandchildren: Brandon and Joseph Timms and Luke and Charlotte Matthews. He is also survived by his sister Dorothy Nell Gilkey of Harwood plus numerous nieces, nephews, and

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Lonnie Burleson Edwards, and sister Neoma Colwell.

Visitation was held starting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20th, 2023 at O'Bannon Funeral Home with services at 2:30 p.m. with Bro. Todd Craven officiating. Graveside services followed at the Luling City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Wayne Edwards, JL Timms, Stephen Matthews, Brandon Timms, Joseph Timms, and Luke Matthews.

Services under the direction of O'Bannon Funeral Home, 210 S. Laurel, Luling, Texas 78648. (830) 875-5713. the Kingsbury Baptist Church.

Wesley Boyd Maxwell

March 2,1956 - August 19, 2023

Wesley Boyd Maxwell, 67 of Luling, passed away in Luling on August 19, 2023. Boyd was born in San Angelo, TX on March 2, 1956 to Eunice and Ed Maxwell. He attended Central High School in San Angelo.

He started working at Southwestern Welding Supply in San Angelo when he was 18 and was there until he was 27. He was with Farm Bureau Insur-



ance from 1986-2000 in Tyler, Pittsburg, Gilmer and Lockhart, TX. In 2000 he went independent starting Boyd Maxwell Insurance in Luling, TX. He retired in 2022.

When their kids were young, he enjoyed coaching softball and baseball. He loved to fish and hunt with his children and grandchildren. His passion was gardening, he loved to see the garden grow and then the enjoyment of sharing his harvest with family and friends.

Boyd is survived by his loving wife Ardis of 47 years, daughter Merritt (Jim) Grogan, son Shane Maxwell (Tiffany Ivey), grandchildren, Bryce, Preslee, Belle Grogan, Hudson and Sophia Ivey, brother Ed Maxwell, niece, Nicole (Jason) Schwertner, nephews Richard (Shannon) Russell and Wesley Russell and other loving family members and friends.

He was predeceased in death by his parents and sister Chris Russell.

Memorial services will be held at Obannon Funeral Home in Luling, TX on Saturday August 26, 2023 from 10-12.

Memorial donations may be made in lieu of flowers to

FIREFIGHTER WATER DRIVE

Luling High School Student Council is coordinating a Firefighter Water Drive to help our first responders dealing with the large number of fires in our county. We are asking for donations of any of 4:00 until August 31. the following:

Cases of water, cases of sports Council is joining LHS's Council **drinks, electrolyte packets, and** in this effort to help our Caldwell pickle juice.

Luling High school between 7:30-

Lockhart High School Student drated, and safe.

County firefighters and other first Items may be dropped off at responders battling the Texas heat, Fire heat, and equipment heat; we want them to stay healthy, hy-

Farmers' Almanac predicting 'unseasonably cold' winter

BY BOBBY HORECKA

"The BRRR Is Back" reads the headline used by the over the last three winters: Farmers' Almanac in its newly posted 2023-24 U.S. winter predicting below-average temperatures across almost the entire continental United States, especially here in Texas.

"Texans will need to bundle up, as unseasonably cold weather is forecast throughout January and February, with a possible major winter storm in mid-January," read their forecast, dated Aug. 4.

If this brings back memories of the brutal cold and power outages from 2021, don't fret just yet. The Farmer's Almanac is hardly gospel, but you be the judge.

According to its website, the Farmers' Almanac uses "a specific and reliable set of rules" developed 205 years ago by astronomer and mathematician David Young.

At least he's not an astrologist, I guess. Still, an astronomer and mathematician does not a meteorologist make.

The website further states that these rules were altered and turned into a formula in 1818, which "takes into consideration things like sunspot activity, tidal action of the Moon, the position of the planets, and a variety of other factors."

Of course, someone who goes by "Caleb Weatherbee," a pseudonym, is the only person who knows the exact

Maybe it's just me, but if I put much stock in my prognostication powers, I'd want to put my real name behind them. But then again...

So, if it works, don't mess with it, right? Farmers' Almanac claims that its forecasts are "amazingly accurate," boasting an "80-85%" accuracy rating. Really?

John Walsh, a professor emeritus in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Illinois, conducted a study testing the accuracy of the almanac's monthly temperature and precipitation forecasts by comparing them to the actual weather data over a five-

The results of Walsh's study found that percentage rating a lot closer to about 51.9% of the monthly precipitation forecasts and 50.7% of the monthly temperature forecasts are accurate. That's about as accurate as a coin toss. Hardly the stuff of "amazingly accurate," but again,

maybe that's just me.

Consider these Farmers' Almanac predictions made

FORECAST—Last winter (2022-23): The almanac called $for ecast, released \ Friday. \ The \ long-running \ publication \ is \quad for \ "chilly, normal \ precip" \ for \ the \ region \ including \ South$

> **ACTUALLY**—Temperatures stayed well above average, making it the 18th-warmest winter on record for San Antonio. Only 2.33 inches of rain fell, which was only 42 percent of normal rainfall.

VERDICT:

FORECAST—Winter of 2021-22: The almanac called for Texas to be "chilled to the bone" and to expect "near normal precipitation."

ACTUALLY—Once again, it was off the mark. Temperatures were slightly above average and precipitation was about half of normal.

VERDICT:

FORECAST—Winter of 2020-21: The called called for heavy snow for Texas in February.

ACTUALLY—We picked up about 6½ inches of snow, making it the third-most ever for one winter.

VERDICT: V

To quote the once wise and whimsical philosopher

Meatloaf: "One out of three ain't bad." Still, Farmers' Almanac may be onto something with its "unseasonable cold" forecast for South Texas this year. An El Niño already has developed in the Pacific Ocean, the weather service reports. During the wintertime, that tends to create a southward shift in the polar jet stream.

As the jet stream moves closer to Texas, cold air will interact with moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and likely provide a cooler and wetter winter than average in South Texas.

Of course, some El Niño events have resulted in warmer

So, basically, your guess is as good as mine, as they say. With luck, we can look forward to some cooler temperatures at very least. I'd settle for anything that's not 108 degrees in the shade. At 8 a.m. on a Saturday...

Would it help if I said please? Hey, a fellow can dream, can't he?

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Eagle runners continue to build a strong culture

MARK LUBE

The Luling Eagles cross-country ing for success with both teams having plenty of returning runners.

Jessica Aguilar and the other returning runners are Meadow Guillen, Zoe over the 3,200-meter distance." Pardo and Wendy Santamaria.That the girls team to have a great season.

"Those returners are the foundation Luling head cross-country coach Jose Campos-Lopez said. "The girls that Miguel Silva-Hernandez. are newcomers will allow us to field a complete team at the district meet."

times and places they desire.

"Our challenge to our goals is takteams are looking to continue build- ing out towards the front pack from traditions and culture alive as they the beginning," he said.

"They are also working on main-The Lady Eagles have one senior, taining their endurance after a short burst of speed to be able to maintain could be mostly mental.

putting in as much as 42 miles a week.

that has grown from the bottom up," runners returning and are led by well given time." seniors Kolton Boyd, Pablo Lara and

have no newcomers this year but much as 55-60 miles a week.

The Lady Eagles will be working on will in the future as the Eagles junior race strategies to help them get the high program has several promising seventh and eighth grade runners.

> "Our seniors will help keep the push each other every day to become better and highly motivated," he said.

The Eagles' challenge to their goals

"We will have to work to keep a Nearly the entire team did work level head and not let adversity get should be a good starting point for over the summer with some runners in our heads," Campos-Lopez said. "These guys are hard workers and For the boys team, they have 10 doers; they get the job done and done

> Like the Lady Eagles, the Eagles trained a lot over the summer with Campos-Lopez said the boys will some of the members running as

LULING EAGLES

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rimmage		

Aug. 11	Poth (Scrimmage	There	
6 p.m.			
Aug. 18	Hempstead (Scrimmage) Here	
6:30			
Aug. 25	Rice Consolidated+	Here	
7:30			
Sept. 1	Victoria St. Joe	There	
7			
Sept. 8	Austin Eastside	There	
7:30			
Sept. 15	Boling	Here	
7:30			
Sept. 22	Blanco •	There	7
Sept. 29	Llano •	Here	7
Oct. 6	Ingram Moore •	There	7
Oct. 13	SA Cole • ++	Here	7
Oct. 20	Bye		
Oct. 27	UCR Randolph •	There	7
Nov. 3	Marion • +++	Here	7
+ Little Eagle			
++ Domestic \	Violence/Breast Cancer Night		

- +++ Senior Night
- District 13-3A Game

JUNIOR VARSITY

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Aug. 11	Poth (Scrimmage)	There	
5 p.m.			
Aug. 18	Hempstead (Scrimma	ige) Here	5
Aug. 24	Rice Consolidated	There	5:3
Aug. 31	Victoria St. Joe	Here	5:3
Sept. 7	Austin Eastside	Here	7:30
Sept. 14	Boling	There	5
Sept. 21	Blanco •	Here	5
Sept. 28	Llano •	There	5
Oct. 5	Ingram Moore •	Here	5
Oct. 12	SA Cole •	There	5
Oct. 19	Bye		
Oct. 26	UCR Randolph •	Here	5
Nov. 2	Marion •	There	5
 District 1 	3-3A Game		

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 7	UCR Randolph	Here	
4:30 pm			
Sept. 14	Boling	Here	4:30
Sept. 21	Blanco •	There	5/6
Sept. 28	Llano •	Here	5/6
Oct. 5	Ingram Moore •	There	5/6
Oct. 12	SA Cole •	Here	5/6
Oct. 19	Bye		
Oct. 26	UCR Randolph •	There	5/6
Nov. 2	Marion •	Here	5/6
 District 1 	3-3A Game		

LULING EAGLES

CROSS COUNTRY 2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 19	Floresville	There
Aug. 26	Medina Valley	Castroville
Sept. 2	Patriot Invit.	Selma
Sept. 9	Moulton	There
Sept. 16	Islander Splash	Corpus Christi
Sept. 23	Apache Invit.	Gonzales
Sept. 30	Sandia City Invit.	Here
Oct. 9-14	District	TBA
Oct. 23	Regionals	Corpus Christi
Nov. 3	UIL State Meet	Round Rock

LULING EAGLES

FALL TENNIS 2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 10	Lockhart	There	9
Aug. 17	Canyon Lake	There	4
Aug. 24	San Marcos	There	4
Sept 13	Seguin	There	4
Sept 21	Austin Akins	There	4
Nov. 14	Bastrop	There	4



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ING EAGLES

2023 Luling Varsity Football team members are, bottom from left, Jimmy Ledsema, Ramiro Castillo, Isaac Pina, David Cruz, James Mondragon, Kiegan Rizer, Juan Amaro, Oscar Castillo. Layla Zamora, and Ileana Rondan; Row 2 from left, Jose Almanza, Gary Cantu,

Vivianna Zamora, Samantha Ordonez, Jonah Hernandez, Humberto Ledsema, Julius Trujillo, Frank Ledsema and Cayden Lopez; Row 3 from left, Addison Key (Head Athletic Trainer), Jay Sulak, Nick Torres, Brayden Palacios, Dylyn Due, Miguel Roman, Nate Langford (Head

Coach), Aaron Bermudez and Montrey Smith; back from lef, Ben Yock, Matthew Moreno, Chris Cole, Gabriel Eusebio, Brandon Emmons, Hunter Boyd, Zamarion Cruz, Jaydus Hanks and Ben Keilman. Not pictured is Alex Martinez and Malik Leblanc. Photo by Mark Lube

AGLES HAVE LESS EXPERIENCE, MORE DE

MARK LUBE

The last couple of years, the Luling Eagles has had a small group of players that essentially carried the load of the team.

For 2023, the Eagles will get contributions from every single Ramiro Castillo. player that steps on the field.

"Every player is cool with playing the role they are asked to. We have less standout guys and more dudes that can pop in and play," third-year head coach Nate Langford said.

The Eagles will have plenty of more positive young players, having graduated about a dozen seniors from last year but have grown comfortable with the coaching staff and each

"We will have to overcome times. our youthfulness," Langford said. "The younger guys have to step up, take their lumps early and learn from them. We have to get these guys acclimated to Friday

The 2023 Eagles team has nine seniors on the roster — James Ledsema, Jimmy Ledsema, Chris Cole, Humberto Mondragon, Hunter Boyd, Isaac Pina, Brandon Emmons, Miguel Roman and

"Our players are giving great effort; they are happy to be here practicing. I think it is because the players know the coaching staff as we are in our third year here," Langford said. "The relationships between the guys are needed.

core of several players including him around," Langford said. "If Treyden Scott, Nehemiah Murry we need Gary Cantu to come in and Kylynn Black that essentially at quarterback and throw Kiegan

This year, Luling has a little more depth at every position.

"This year, we have less players that have to be on the field every play and we have more guys that

can make solid contributions," Langford said. "Team wise, with every opponent, we can put different people at each position that have different strengths."

He said the Eagles had around 24 on varsity last season but about 14 were playing major minutes and with this year's squad of over 25, 22 or 23 are getting significant

Kiegan Rizer will likely start at quarterback but can play other skilled positions on offense if

"I think the team could be Last year, the Eagles had a more explosive if we can move needed to be on the field at all the ball at receiver or put him in the backfield with Gary at the same time, Kiegan can do that too. If Kiegan only plays one position on offense, the other team can start dialing in on him."

At running back, the Eagles

have Cayden Lopez (All District Rizer, Martinez, Leblanc, James Running Back), Isaac Pina (All District Defense), Mondragon or Malik Leblanc. At the tight end spot are Boyd, Jonah Hernandez and Oscar Castillo.

Luling has a ton of options at receiver including Rizer, James Ledsema, Jimmy Ledsema, Frank Ledsema, David Cruz, Cole, Alex Martinez, Gabriel Eusebio, Juan Amaro and Brayden Palacios.

On the offensive line, center is Julius Trujillo, with Dylyn Due and Jose Almanza also options.

At guard are Almanza, Castillo and Roman; Zamarion Cruz and Emmons can play either tackle

ends are Boyd, Nemmons, Trujillo, Roman and Jaydus Hicks.

At linebacker, Mondragon, Hernandez and Pena join Cantu in the pool

In the secondary, Luling has

Ledsema and Amaro at cornerback; safeties are Eusebio, Cole, Jimmy Ledsema and Palacios.

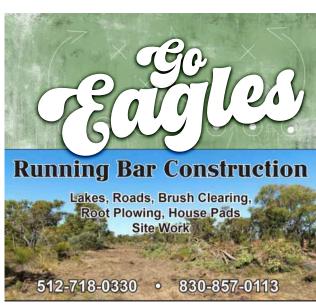
In preseason, Amaro and Pina were competing for both the punter and placekicking duties.

Langford said in non district, Boling has a tough offense to defense.

"They run that Wing-T offense. The players have run it since they were kids and they are good at it,"

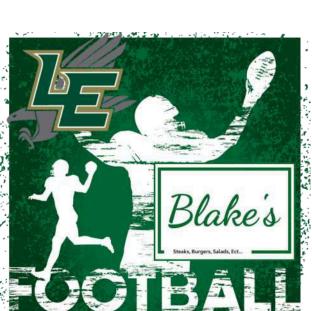
In 13-3ADI, Llano and Blanco will be considered the top dogs of the district this year.

"Randolph has an explosive quarterback; Ingram Moore has a On the defensive side, Castillo solid running game; San Antonio d Cruz will play at tackle; the Cole has two stud brothers that are seniors this year; we had a great, exciting game against Marion last year that helped us get into the playoffs," Langford said. "We are going to have to go compete well in every district game."









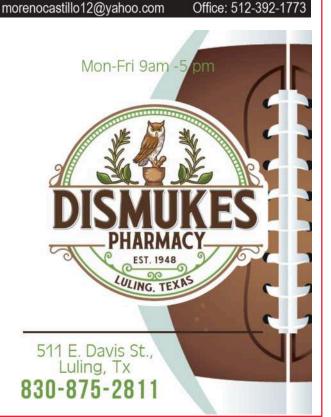


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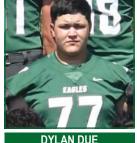




















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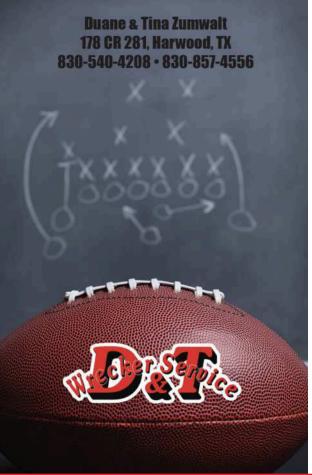


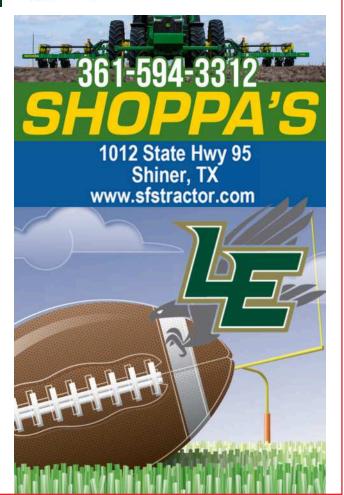
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2023 LULING Lady EAGLES



2023 Lady Eagles Varsity Volleyball team memnbers are, front from left, Emma Reyes, Allyson Taylor, Jasmin Cortez, Ryan Mika, Natalie Gomez and Kaitlyn Garcia; back from left, Colby Chamness, Serenity Nunez, Anabelle Casarez, Skylar Dredla, Evyn Bryant, Lacy Cheatham, Madi Spralding and Peyton Sularek (head coach). **Photo courtesy of Eagle Nation**

2023 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

AUG. 4	@NAVARRO (SCRIMMAGE)	TBA	F/JV/V
AUG. 5	@CUERO (SCRIMMAGE)	TBA	F/JV/V
AUG. 8	@PETTUS	TBA	JV/V
AUG. 10-12	@GANADO TOURNEY	TBA	V
AUG. 15	PRAIRIE LEA	5 P.M.	JV/V
AUG. 18-19	@FLORESVILLE TOURNEY	TBA	V
AUG. 22	WAELDER	5	V
AUG. 24-26	@FLATONIA TOURNEY	TBA	F/JV
AUG. 29	VICTORIA HOME SCHOOL	5	JV/V
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The 2023 Luling volleyball back from last year's squad. team is seeking to create their own identity as a team.

mentality and idea of who we are as a team," first-year head coach Peyton Sulak said. "Having to break through years of assumptions about who Luling volleyball is and what we are capable of accomplishing has been difficult. It makes it more difficult when the team has brought into these beliefs and expectations themselves. Everyday we are slowly breaking down these presumptions we have about ourselves through accomplishing new skills

of getting them to believe it."

Luling has plenty of players

There are seven seniors on the roster: Skylar Dredla, Allyson "We have been working on our Taylor, Jasmin Cortez, Kaitlyn Garcia, Lacy Cheatham, Anabelle Casarez and Emma Reyes.

> Luling also returns Ryan Mika, Natalie Gomez and Serenity Nunez.

"Having seven seniors and almost all returners gives us a significant boost. It not only increase our drive to win as a team but team chemistry is not something we struggle with," Sulak said. "Having a half a team of seniors also helps because they all have the same goal in mind since it raise them." and winning games. This team has is their last year to play in high a lot of potential. They are capable school. Several of the seniors set have a very good serving game of big things, it's just the challenge the standard for the team and it is and need to work on developing

nice to have leaders like Anabelle Casarez who leads on and off the court."

A big thing for the team is that the players are very open to new ideas and very flexible.

"The girls on this team have mold-ability and coach-ability. I have been able to introduce new free-ball plays and new hits that they have never seen before," Sulak said. "The girls execute them very well the next day in a game. They hold an eagerness to learn and elevate their game to the next level which is all you can ask for as a coach. They surprise me everyday and are always meeting my expectations every time I

Sulak said the Lady Eagles

"We have very raw setters on the team who have so much potential," she said. "They just never had any fine tuning of their hands so it's something we are working on. We also need more development in the front row and increasing their volleyball IQ as hitters. We need to work on becoming consistent in all areas."

On the court, Gomez, Serenity Nunez and Reyes are working at setter; Casarez is outside hitter and defensive specialist; Dredla and newcomer Evyn Bryant are middle hitters; Nunez will also play right side; Garcia, Cortez and Taylor are all options at defensive specialist; Mika will play defensive specialist/libero; Spalding and Cheatham will be at outside and right-side hitter.

BE STRONG WHEN YOU ARE WEAK, BRAVE WHEN YOU ARE SCARED, AND **HUMBLE WHEN** YOU ARE VICTORIOUS.

The other teams in the Lady Eagles' district are UC Randolph, Great Hearts Northern Oaks, Marion, San Antonio Cole, Great Hearts Monte Vista and Nixon-Smiley.

Sulak said having lots of returners for Luling while the some of the other teams may not have a lot of experience could be a slight advantage for Luling but nevertheless, the Lady Eagles are expecting a tough district.

"We cannot overlook any team. And I am more concerned about improving our level of play to make sure we are prepared for anything and everything from district into playoffs. We have plans to establish ourselves in our district and build a culture inside our own program," Sulak



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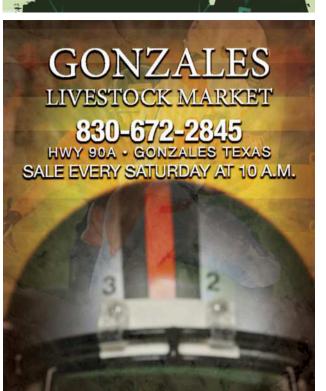
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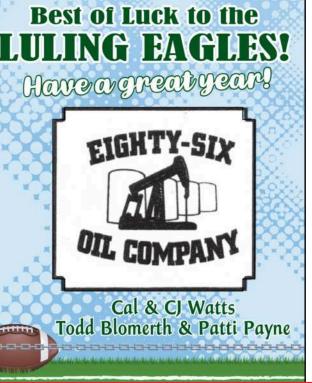
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Next (wo)man up

NICOLE SMITH STAFF WRITER

The beginning of the football season brings excitement for both players and parents. For Kendall's parents, seeing their daughter out on the field scrimmaging in a practice jersey is undoubtedly a proud

"She keeps us busy for sure, but it's so much fun," shared Kendall's mom. "We are so proud of her."

Kendall Nielsen's story is an inspiring example of excelling in a male-dominated sport. Her efforts, speed, and determination on the football field showcase her commitment to athletics as she is the only female on the line of scrimmage.

Teams competing in six-man football often rely more on speed, agility, and quick decision-making to capitalize on open spaces and create scoring opportunities, so Kendall's skills will contribute to the team's strategy for success.

Kedall's involvement in other sports like volleyball, basketball, track, and cross country underscores her versatility and athleticism across different disciplines. This broad range of athletic abilities reflects her commitment and determination, which in turn contributes to her success in Prairie Lea ISD's sports programs.

Coach Brown's encouragement plays a pivotal role in Kendall's journey as she has moved from the middle school team to the high school team. She participates as a cornerback and running back. She was also seen as a servant as she and a few other teammates were seen carrying game equipment off the field and into the storage area at the conclusion of the scrimmage.

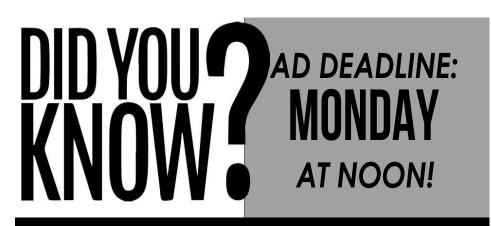


Kendall Nielsen stands out due to her effort, speed, and also being the lone female out on the gridiron.



Learning to cheer

LHS Cheerleaders held their annual Mini-Cheer Camp where more than 70 kids learned chants, cheers and a spirit dance to be performed in the first half of Friday's game.



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Newest Eagle Already Flying

The Cross country season opened in Floresville on Saturday where 7th grader Matthew Cubit placed 1st in his UIL debut after a Top 30 finish in the 3000m at Nationals this summer as a member of the Zion Hill Running Club.





Eagles run with Hempstead, look to contain Rice's skilled positions

The Eagles will host Rice Consolidated at home after scrimmaging Hempstead in the second scrimmage

EAGLES HOST RAIDERS IN 2023 OPENER

The Eagles start the 2023 journey against the Rice Blue Raiders. Rice was 3-7 and went 1-5 in district last year but look for them to make improvements with 20 lettermen, eight offensive and nine defensive starters returning.

They will led by athlete Roger Gradney who can excel at multiple positions, with running back Dyren Johnson and receiver Dneriyan Fuller leading the offense.

"Rice has some talented skilled position players,â€ Luling head coach Nate Langford said. "I feel like our defensive front matches up to their offensive line but we have to make sure we tackle well. On offense, we want to move them upfront and use our quarterback-run game to create some plays.â€

LULING HANGS WITH SPEEDY HEMPSTEAD IN LAST SCRIMMAGE

The Eagles were able to handle the speed of Hempstead last Friday at home in the final scrimmage.

"They have a lot of speed but I felt like we hung with them,†Langford said. "I think we progressed well from the Poth scrimmage and are headed in the right direction.â€

Hempstead scored one touchdown and the Eagles were able to score four times.



This week in sports

a good one. The "Verde" dropped a match on the road to St. Louis City SC, 6-3. With the loss, the "Verde" remained at 32 points on the season and dropped into a tie for 6th place in the Western Conference with the Houston Dynamo FC, 3 points behind the San Jose Earthquakes for 5^{th} place and still 4 points behind the Seattle Sounders FC for 4th place.

road trip to Frisco to battle FC Dallas for the Coke Zero Sugar 400. this Saturday, August 26, before returning home to Q2 Stadium on Wednesday, August 30, to face the aforementioned Sounders FC.

All Austin FC matches are being televised by Apple TV, although you will need a subscription to MLS Season Pass to watch a vast majority of them. The match this Saturday at FC Dallas will be available to all Apple TV subscribers.

In Major League Baseball this week, don't look now, but a third team has joined both the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros in the continuing battle for the American League West Division lead. At press time, the Rangers were 2½ games ahead of the Astros for the division lead, with the Astros currently still in the second wild card position.

However, with their sweep of the Astros over the weekend, the Seattle Mariners are now only 3 games back of the Rangers for the division lead and now ½ game ahead of the Toronto Blue Jays for the 3rd and final American League Wild Card spot. This week, the Astros will host the Boston Red Sox at Minute Maid Park, then head out on the road for a weekend series vs. the Detroit Tigers before moving over to Fenway Park to take on the Red Sox to begin the following week.

The Rangers will head out on the road to face the Arizona Diamondbacks, then move to Minneapolis to take on the Minnesota Twins over the weekend before

Austin FC returned to the pitch this past heading to the "Big Apple" to take on the Sunday, August 20, but the result was not New York Mets to begin the following

> The Rangers are currently 72-52 on the season after going 1-4 this past week, while the Astros are 70-55 after going 2-3.

In NASCAR news, William Byron was the winner of the most recent race, the Go Bowling at the Glen race at Watkins Glen, NY and Watkins Glen International. The drivers will now head to Dayton Beach, FL The "Verde" will head out for a short and the Daytona International Speedway

The race will take place this Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m., with both NBC Sports (KXAN/WOAI) and Peacock providing the television coverage. (Good news for those of you that are DirecTV subscribers still unable to watch anything on NBC/KXAN due to the ongoing channel dispute between Nexstar Communications and DirecTV.)

This weekend's race will be the final one before the start of the NASCAR Playoffs for the 2023 season on Labor Day weekend!

A brief summary of the most recent pre-season games for the 2 Texas National Football League (NFL) teams to round out

The Houston Texans dropped a 28-3 contest against the Miami Dolphins this past Saturday the 19th, while the Dallas Cowboys dropped a 22-14 contest on the road to the Seattle Seahawks, also this past Saturday.

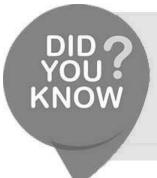
To round out the pre-season schedule, the Cowboys will welcome the Las Vegas Raiders into AT&T Stadium this Saturday the 26th, while the Texans will head just down the road to take on the New Orleans Saints at the Caesars Superdome on Sunday, August 27.

Kickoff for Cowboys-Raiders will be at 7:00 p.m., with kickoff for Texans-Saints also at 7:00 p.m. The Cowboys game will be televised by KXAN, while the Texans game will be televised by FOX Sports. (KTBC/KABB)



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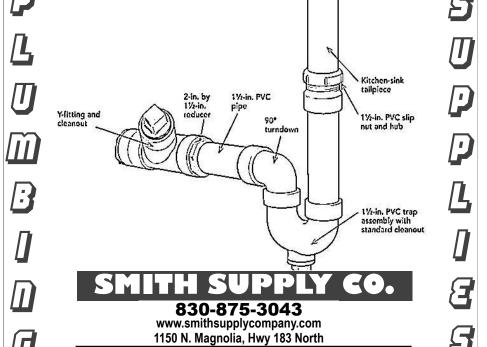
The 2023-2024 Luling 4-H Club officers look forward to greeting members and potential members at the first club meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 5th at the Luling Primary Cafeteria at 6:30 PM. 4-H is a community of young people across the US who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Age for club members is 3rd-12th grade. For more information on 4-H, please follow Caldwell County Extension and 4-H on Facebook or visit texas4-h.tamu.edu. Membership registration can be found at http://4honline.com



The 100 folds in a chef's hat represent 100 ways to cook an egg.

Yes, that tall, pleated white hat that chefs wear — technically called a toque — has 100 folds for a reason! According to Reluctant Gourmet, the pleats used to signify a chef's level of experience, like the number of ways he or she knew how to prepare eggs.





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