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School Board delves into breakdown of new state accountability system

By John Callarman

The Krum Independent School District Board of Trustees spent much of its time at its Sept. 12 meeting analyzing the A-F Rating Report, the new accountability system instituted this year by the Texas Education Association, trying to work through the complicated guidelines for scoring the test on which the state makes its ratings. One school board member, at the end of the discussion,

summed it up, saying “It’s as clear as mud.”

Superintendent Cody Carroll said the system established by the state appears to be locked in for the next five years, noting that the diversity of the students in the five schools in the system makes it hard to compare Krum’s scores with those of other districts, and that the conclusion has been drawn that reading skills must improve because reading comprehension is

important in understanding all test categories.

Action items — The board adopted the ordinance setting the 2018-19 tax rate, and approved membership lists for the School Health Advisory Committee, the Campus Attendance Committee and the Instructional Materials Selection Committee.

The tax rate remains the

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KHS HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Krum High School seniors Adam Harlow and Madeline Murray were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during Homecoming festivities at Bobcat Stadium in Krum on Friday night, Sept. 28. See the Homecoming Court plus photos of KHS fall sports teams inside this issue.

City Council holds public hearing on 2018-2019 tax rate

By John Callarman

Krum residents with accumulated tree limbs and other brush too large to bundle up for regular garbage collection runs will now have one day a month set aside for limb and brush pickup, resulting from an ordinance passed by the City Council at its Sept. 5 meeting. The new ordinance tacks on a \$1.25 per month fee for the city’s garbage collection fee bill.

It was a wide-ranging meeting, during which a 0.884-acre tract of land was annexed into the city to become a part of the Brisa Meadows subdivision on South Second Street that, with an additional 1.32 acres already inside the city limits, was rezoned to single family residential to enable construction of 24 new homes on the property.

The council held a public hearing on the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 that will remain the same as the present rate but because of increased assessed valuation will raise the total property tax income by 9.29 percent, and discussed the budget that was finalized at a special meeting Sept. 19 after a public hearing Sept. 11.

The council also increased the permit fee for single-family and two-family residential units and the bulk water rate for heavy water customers.

During consent agenda, the council accepted a \$150,806 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to enable the Krum Fire Department to buy protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus for city firefighters, renewed its contract with the North Texas Library Consortium, including an increase in the membership cost, and granted permission for a temporary closure of the intersection of Cheyenne Trail and Feathercrest Drive for a block party scheduled from 4 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Limb and Brush fee — Under the new plan, one date each month will be established, and residents needing the service would call City Hall in advance to arrange for it.

Brisa Meadows — Land-owner Bradley J. Carrell submitted the application for voluntary annexation of the property, and also for the zoning change, Development Service Di-

rector Tom Elgin told the council. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the zoning change be granted at its Aug. 20 meeting.

The two required public hearings on the annexation petition were held during the Aug. 6 council meeting.

A preliminary plat, previously submitted to the city, showed the minimum lot size is 7,500 square feet and the average lot size is about 12,900 square feet. No variances were requested by the developer, who also is a principal in the C&G Electric Inc. facility located just south of Brisa Meadows.

Tax rate — When the council began its public hearing on the tax rate, one citizen — former Mayor Larry Lamonica — had questions to put before the council. He asked if anyone on the council could tell him what the outstanding debt is on the purchase agreements for new vehicles.

“I’m not talking about bonded indebtedness,” he said, referring to a request he’d made at City Hall. “I’ve tried to fish this out and I got a stack about (gestured)

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Featured speakers this year are Dr. Dotty Woodson and Steven Chamblee. Jay White, editor of Texas Gardener Magazine, will also be at the event.

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There will also be free wildflower seeds given away free to the first 100 visitors, provided by Justin Seeds, as well as hourly door prizes.

One-hour educational presentations will be held throughout the event. Shopping opportunities will include Angee and Teresa’s hand-crafted gardening stones, North Texas Com-

post with assorted compost products, Sky Homes Texas handcrafted bird houses made of recycled fence, Painted Flower Farm native plants, Pottery and Plants for Home and Garden, Perennial Favorites Art Glass, Scarlett Penny’s handmade home and garden treasures, Basket Jacket & Books colorful plant container covers, Unique Yard Art’s one-of-a-kind garden objects, Earth Kind Services for lawns and gardens and DL Building Solutions’ bird feeders.

Other merchandise being offered is Harris Whole Food Works’s Tower Garden, Living Earth’s sustainable products, Denton Farmers’ Cooperative foods, Usborne books, Expressive Creations’ wine bottle crafts, DK Creations’ hand-made decorative items, fragrance-free products from Busia’s Balm, doTERRA Essential Oils, Salted Sanctuary Soaps and Outdoor Wooden Furniture from Stan Poole.

For details, visit dcma.com or look for the Denton County Master Gardener Association on Facebook.

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KRUM GIRL
SCOUTS
AND
BROWNIE
TROOPS

By Kathryn Dodd

Girl Scouts of Krum
Aid Dime Drive
January 1951
Denton Record Chronicle

Krum Girl Scouts will present a radio skit over KDNT Friday at 4 p.m. as a service project to aid the March of Dimes drive in Denton County.

The skit, entitled “A Place For Patsy,” concerns a girl scout who is a polio victim and the assistance given her by the Infantile Paralysis Foundation for physical recovery. Patsy’s Girl Scout Troop offers the opportunity for spiritual and social recovery.

Girls taking part in the broadcast will be Susan Barthold, Dorothy Bartlett, Janice Cole, Geneva Givens, Marilyn Givens, Melba Hicks, Glada Fern Harris, Nancy Knox and Marilyn Watterbarger. Mrs. Jack Parkey and Mrs. Fred Hopkins are leaders of the troop.

Krum Girl Scouts,
Brownies Learn
To Be Good Citizens
Denton Record Chronicle
Dec. 11, 1955

Krum, Dec. 10 – Thirty-five girls between the ages of 7 and 14 are learning today to make contribution as citizens, as future homemakers and business women. They are learning this through their work in the Girl Scouts and Brownies. There are 11 members of Brownie Troop 55 who range in ages from, 7 to 9 and 24 members of Girl Scout Troop 54 who are between the ages of 10 and 14.

Starting them on the road to better homemakers, Brownie leader Mrs. Bernys Shifflett and Mrs. Ralph Miller have recently been guiding their troop in a Christmas project – making pot holders as presents. Mrs. Miller said the Brownies are planning a project to make Kleenex covers but this will probably be after Christmas.

Since the Girl Scouts were organized in Krum, in April of this year, they have been conducting a program of advancement with hikes, cook-outs, and classes in varied subjects in addition to a well rounded recreational program under the guidance of their leaders Mrs. Jack Parkey, scout mistress, and Mrs. W.W. Davis, assistant.

Shortly after organizing, the troop went on a hike to Mrs. Parkey’s where they received instructions in fire safety and the art of cooking out. Their menu consist-



GIRL SCOUTS
Back row: Mrs. Jack Parkey, Patricia Martin, Sharon Chism, Judy Enis, Martha Lamm, Jayne Knight, and Mrs. Davis. Second row: Sandra Fowler, Linnie McFarlin, Betty Boyd, Sherry Culver, Linda Copp, Barbara Parkey, Carol Cofer, Betty Davis, and Donna Schluter. First row: Juanita Smith, Phyllis Davis, Charlotte Cearley, and Rheta Barry.

Above: Krum Girl Scouts in 1956. Below: Krum Brownies in 1956.



BROWNIES
Back row: Mrs. Ralph Miller, Linda Wells, Deann Wilkins, Patricia Lamonica, Phyllis Smith, Sally Cole, Patsy Wiley, and Mrs. Shifflett. Front row: Betty Miller, Donna Gourley, Rebecca Bartlett, Kathy Dodd, and Carol Stice.

ed of bacon, potatoes, and “smores” – a graham cracker sandwich with chocolate and toasted marshmallow inside. Then, this past summer, they camped out overnight and again cooked their meals.

They have received instructions on first aid and bandages making from Edgar McReynolds. And Mrs. J.R. McFarland gave them lessons in ceramic making and glazing.

As part of their personal hygiene program, Mrs. Alta Wilkins of Denton, a beauty operator in Krum, gave a talk on good grooming to the 24 scouts.

As for recreation, troop 54 had a Halloween masquerade party and wiener roast at the home of Mrs. Davis, and at present they are planning a Christmas party.

Officers in the troop are elected every three months are elected every three months and those serving presently are Betty Davis as president, Jane Barthold, vice-president; Barbara Parkey, secretary; Linda Copp, treasurer; Judy Enis, song leader, and Phyllis Davis, council representative. The four leaders of the two

troops in Krum recently attended the 15-hour leader’s instruction course in Denton so they could “do a better job,” Mrs. Davis says.

Both troops meet in the Krum School on Monday afternoons so the girls can work today to be better citizens tomorrow.

Brownies, Scouts
Organize at Krum
Denton Record Chronicle
Sept. 27, 1957

The Krum Brownie and Girl Scout troops held organizational meetings this week and officers for the coming year were elected.

Leaders of the Krum Girl Scout Troop today announced officers for the coming year are Barbara Parkey, president; Sandra Fowler, vice-president; Linda Copp, Treasurer; Rheta Barry, secretary; Judy Enis, reporter; Jayne Knight and Carol Cofer, social chairmen; Donna Schluter, song leader.

The Krum Brownie troop No. 55 will make bandeaux during its next meeting. The troop held its first meeting this week under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph Miller and Bernys Shifflett. Judy Tindle presided during

the meeting and Linda Briscoe called the roll. Sally Cole read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Weldon Cole served refreshments to the 12.

Regional Report
Denton Record Chronicle
Dec. 15, 1971

The Junior Troop 134 Girl Scouts will have their troop party at the home of Mrs. Susan Porter. The girls will be picked up at school at 2:45 and the parents are to pick up the girls at Mrs. Porter’s home at the close of the party. Each girl is asked to bring on can of food to be given to the needy. Dec 17- The Cadette Girl Scouts of Krum will have their Christmas party at the Crocker home at 2:45 pm Dec 21. Gifts will be exchanged. Refreshments will be served.

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School Board delves into breakdown of new state accountability system

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same as the previous fiscal year, \$1.17 for the Maintenance and Operations fund and \$0.37 for the Interest and Sinking fund. After no one from the public came to speak during the required public hearing, the tax rate was passed.
Routine items passed without discussion under the consent agenda included minutes of the Aug. 8 board meeting, August bills, budget amendment and a resolution regarding extracurricular status of the Denton County 4-H organization.

Reports presented — In addition to the Accountability Ratings presentation, Carroll reported that enrollment in the district has decreased slightly, a surprise. Brad Curtis, chosen as chief of KISD’s new police department, reported on its status, slowly developing to comply with the state’s regulations involving the establishment of the department.
Krum ISD Education Foundation representatives reported that, after five years in operation, a monument sign listing donors to the foundation has been completed and will be installed soon near the entrance to the Krum High School auditorium. The names of Platinum, Gold, Silver, and

Bronze donors plus Partners, Sponsors and Friends have been etched in stone for the monument sign.

Authors at the meeting — The board honored seven second-grade pupils who, while in the first grade last school year, had written and published a book as a writing project, completing the book, and entering it in a national contest. Of 800,000 entries nationally, the Krum book was among the Top 50. Teachers Jennifer Newcombe and Elizabeth Zepeda introduced the seven author/illustrators of the book.

Another author with an interest in KISD’s Early Education Center also appeared before the school board, one who at first was angry at the EEC but who summed up his presentation with this statement:

“What the team here at Krum EEC did and continues to do for us is nothing short of miraculous and has opened so many doors for my son. I am forever grateful for what they did and continue to do.”

But on March 7, 2017, Kerry Romine told the board, “I was angry at all the people that had assessed my son and told us no, no, and no again.”

As he explained it, he

and his wife were sitting in the office in the EEC “and in an instant, our lives change. When I entered the building, I was a parent and when I left, I was the parent of a special needs child. The team here had done an incredible job of assessing my son and they concluded, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that my son did indeed have Autism Spectrum Disorder.”

Romine said he “was in a dark place for a while,” but “after a few days of reflection and anger, I decided to do something about it. Writing has always been a coping mechanism for me, so I sat down and started writing. Six months later, I had written 42,000 words, and published my book.

“The title says everything you need to know — ‘Totally Lost: A Brutally Honest Assessment of Raising a Child on the Autism Spectrum.’”

The book is on back-order, he told the board, “and I have heard from so many who have a similar story. Getting to a diagnosis was hard for us and has been hard for so many people I have met.”

Romine, Director of Finance in the UNT System Administration, said his son “struggles to this day with communication and social

settings” but he believes his son “can be a successful man some day.”

New York City-based Page Publishing says the book, under the pen name John D. Richmond, “can be purchased at bookstores

everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play or Barnes and Noble.”

In his presentation to the KISD board, Romine left a message for everyone. “I know resources are

tight. But when and where you can, I ask that you invest in these kids and the programs that support them. These kids will not be kids forever, they will one day be joining our workforce. Many already are.”



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By John Callarman

Military Service Revisited

The topic on the Facebook “Jefferson County [Ill.] Political Activist Group” page began when one of the Krumudgeon’s Facebook friends in Mt. Vernon, Ill., posted a picture of the Zugspitze, the highest point in Germany, overlooking Garmisch-Partenkirchen, one of the most often visited spots places in Europe.

I commented that I was there on an Army Public Information Office assignment to do a story for the 10th Division News about a soldier in my unit who had been named Regimental Soldier of the Month and was rewarded with a 3-day pass to tour that part of Bavaria, including Christmas day, 1957. My tag-along duty included an all-expenses-paid three-day pass as well.

The Krumudgeon’s note prompted a response from Mt. Vernon City Councilman Jim Rippy, another active octogenarian, who had been head man at Southern Illinois’ largest employer, a General Tire plant that was built in Mt. Vernon a year or so after 1970, the year I arrived there. Rippy’s managerial skills led to his becoming a G-T vice president, moving to G-T headquarters (that had moved from Akron, Ohio to Charlotte, N.C.), and then moving back to Mt. Vernon upon his retirement.

Rippy noted that the 10th had been “part of ‘Operation Gyroscope,’ where entire divisions were swapped between stateside and Germany. Commanding General was a wannabe jock who put all athletes in one regiment, 87th, and won all regimental sports contests, football, basketball, baseball, etc.”

Well, it was to the 87th Infantry PIO that I was assigned in January 1957 and among my duties was to write the stories about the 87th’s athletic accomplishments 61 years ago. Rippy’s comment came less than a week after I had received a phone call from Joe Arenivar, who was a baseball star on the 87th

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team that lost the European championship game to a team headed by pitcher Paul Giel, who later pitched for the Giants, Pirates, Twins and Athletics, and even later became athletic director at his alma mater, the University of Minnesota.

Rippy’s note also brought back a vague memory that other regiments in the division had been envious of the talent that had been assigned to my unit. The Krumudgeon hopes to find out more about Rippy’s apparent service in Germany, since there aren’t that many people alive today who would remember that the 10th Division included the 87th Infantry Regiment, which later in 1957 became the 87th Battle Group.

The Krumudgeon did not immediately remember the label “Operation Gyroscope,” but assumed from Rippy’s description that it included the trip most of the soldiers with whom I did my basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., were transported by sea from San Francisco to Bremerhaven, Germany via the Panama Canal. The assumption was correct, as I’ll share a bit down the page.

First, though, I had to correct Rippy’s assertion that the 87th won all the sports contests. In addition to writing the stories for the 10th Division News, the Krumudgeon also was the public address announcer for the home games played in Aschaffenburg. First-baseman Arenivar and catcher Jim Pagliaroni had gone the farthest in the pro ranks before and after their service with the 87th. Pag was a “bonus baby”, paid \$50,000 to sign at age 18 (which was a big deal in ‘55, and players who got that big money were required to be on the major league roster for the first two years). He decided to get a bit more experience before sitting on the Red Sox bench and volunteered for the draft so he could play at AA or AAA level on a service team.

Two outfielders on the baseball team were star running backs on the 87th football team, Duke Washington, who played at Washington State, and Sam “First Down” Brown, a UCLA star, but football didn’t quite go as far as baseball. The basketball team could be described only as average. But he sports trips enabled me to explore Bamberg, Schweinfurth, Stuttgart and Berlin, including the Soviet sector in East Berlin, where the contrast between East Berlin and West Berlin was startling. I did not get to travel to see the championship game against Giel’s team, but actually broadcast the game to the barracks in Aschaffenburg, getting pitch-by-pitch descriptions by telephone

and using a microphone attached to a transmitter in a jeep simulate the game. Not quite Gordon McLendon.

Somehow, though, American Forces Network in Frankfurt had heard about my work and offered the future Krumudgeon a job doing play-by-play sports, but our commanding officer, Col. Purdy, vetoed the transfer, apologizing to me because, he said, “I was too valuable to the Battle Group.”

AFN’s second choice, Shelby Whitfield, later became the play-by-play announcer for the Washington Senators in 1969 and 1970, before that team moved to Arlington and became the Texas Rangers. He later became Sports Director for Associated Press Radio, then ABC Radio. Ironically, the Frost, Texas native worked at KPAN in Hereford prior to joining the Army a year before I did. When the Krumudgeon came home from Germany, he became news director and chief announcer at KPAN, as well as the play-by-play sportscaster. As a further ironic coincidence, the news director/chief announcer whose place I took at KPAN, Terry McRight, had moved to KSLM in Salem, Ore., where the advertising salesman and play-by-play announcer at KCOV in Corvallis, Ted Carlson, for whom I did half-time and game statistics, and who opened the door for my first full-time radio job, at KCOV, had moved.

Of the athletes whom I covered, I had post-service contacts with two, the aforementioned Arenivar, and Pagliaroni, who was the Red Sox starting catcher in 1961 when the Krumudgeon briefly became a bureaucrat-in-training, spending three weeks at Social Security HQ in Baltimore. Pag left two tickets at the will-call gate for me one night when the Red Sox and the Orioles were playing a two-night doubleheader, and we’d planned to meet after the games. But Pagliaroni was injured in that game, and our encounter didn’t happen.

A year earlier, Arenivar had been moved up by the Yankees from their Class A farm team in Binghampton, N.Y., to their AA team in the Texas League, the Amarillo Gold Sox. I was working the night DJ shift at KIXZ in Amarillo while finishing my college education at what was then West Texas State, and contacted Joe. When he told me that, at age 26 and still playing at the AA level, he was considering retiring and, hopefully, becoming a teacher in his home town, Pittsburg, Calif., even though he had the best batting average in the league. He was three credit hours short, though, of earning his master’s degree.

I suggested that he meet my father, who was the first Dean of the School of Business at WT, and this meeting led to a course for which Joe could fulfill the requirements while on the road and earn the needed three hours credit. Joe passed the course, earned the masters, and retired from baseball in time to move to Pittsburg. He was hired that fall to teach typing classes and to coach the baseball team, the first Latino, he told me, to become a teacher in the Pittsburgh school system.

Thanks to the Internet, Joe found the Krumudgeon just past the turn of the century, told me he had become an assistant principal, a principal, and eventually superintendent of the school district, and wanted us to know how grateful he was.

It had been several years since we had direct contact, and we’re both at an age where we don’t know how many of our contemporaries are still alive and kicking. I had thought of Joe often, to

the point of asking my friend, Barney Google, to update me, and I did learn from my Google search that in his retirement, he had been elected to the school board in Pittsburg.

When I picked up the phone earlier this month and there he was, it made my day. We updated our stories, relived a couple of 60-year-old memories, and it was good to know that both of us still are ambulatory, coherent and happy. It was good to learn that this past spring, Joe had helped christen the new Pittsburg High School baseball diamond, named for him.

Proudly, I share a paragraph from a Pittsburg area newspaper, “The Press,” that reads, “Discussing the decision of whether to continue to pursue a professional baseball career or return to Pittsburg, he said, ‘I made the right choice ... I have a beautiful wife, wonderful children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild, and I live in a great town and have friends that I love.’”

When I first met Joe Arenivar, though, I knew nothing about his sports career at the University of San Francisco nor with the Yankee chain. The future Krumudgeon wrote many feature stories for the weekly 10th Division News, and I had access to all the personnel files in the regiment. I thumbed through them, looking for people of varying accomplishments, either after joining the Army or in their earlier civilian life. The first story I wrote about Joe dealt with when he, during the second eight weeks of basic training, was the No. 1 graduate in the Company Clerk training class.

Regarding that what I learned this past week was a part of “Operation Gyroscope,” I replied to Rippy’s note that there were a couple of experiments that had been done with the 10th Division, of which the 87th was a part. The 10th Division had been moved from Fort Riley, Kansas to Germany in 1955, spread out among several cities. I was in a second wave of transfers, called a “packet,” with all of us undergoing basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., in the summer of ‘56, then whatever second-eight-weeks assignment we had in the fall. The plan was that we’d be shipped to Germany from San Francisco through the Panama Canal to the port at Bremerhaven.

I was excited about that journey, looking forward to seeing the Panama Canal. But I didn’t get to take that cruise, as my second-eight-weeks didn’t start, and, obviously, didn’t finish, in time. My second eight weeks was spent at the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, New York, 30 minutes from Times Square. Getting to see Judy Garland live, in concert, Sammy Davis Jr. in the Broadway Musical “Mr. Wonderful,” and the Old Vic company perform “Romeo and Juliet” made up for missing the boat. I and two other “holdovers” made it to Germany via MATS, the Military Air Transport Service,” but with the flight to Frankfurt beginning Jan. 2, 1957, we ran into some nasty weather and were held over two nights on Isla Terceira, Azores. Frankfurt to do play-by-play but Col. Purdy vetoed the transfer, apologizing to me because I was “too valuable to the battle group.”

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There were a couple of experiments that had been done with the 87th, which had moved from Fort Riley, Kansas, to HQ Wurzburg, with the 87th in Aschaffenburg, the 85th in Bamberg and the 86th in Schweinfurth. I was in the second wave of transfers ... everybody doing basic training at Fort Ord, CA, in the summer of 1956 was to be shipped to Germany via the Panama Canal, to determine if that function might work. I, however, did not get to take that cruise, as my second eight weeks didn’t start in time. I was sent to the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, NY, and flew to Germany on Jan. 2, 1957, with a two-day weather stopover on Isla Terceira, Azores.

There was a lot of to-do about the program that shipped the entire 10th Division to Camp Gordon, GA. I was recruited by 10th Division HQ in Wurzburg to be part of the PR team to deal with news people who would cover the transfer. I was a small part of the group that entertained, among others, the editor of the independent newspaper American-owned newspaper in Germany that did a lot of “investigative reporting,” including identifying the General who ordered that the Birch Blue Book be taught to the troops. Google refreshes my memory that the newspaper was the “Overseas Weekly.” The Columbus, GA newspaper, which had won a Pulitzer for its govt corruption coverage in Phenix City, Alabama, across the river from Columbus, in 1955.

Because I and quite a few others of us draftees from the Fort Ord experience were due for discharge in June, we were not considered part of the new operation, and when the move was made in mid-April, we were discharged early. (I, like Pagliaroni, had volunteered for the draft, but my goal was to get service over with so future employers wouldn’t worry about my draft status).

Now that I’ve told my story of why I was in Germany in 1957, you can tell us yours!

In 1958, I wrote Rippy, there was a lot of to-do about the deployment that shipped the entire 10th Division to Fort Benning, Ga., which my memory mistakenly identified as Camp Gordon, Ga.

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Who knows? George Herbert Walker Bush won the nomination then, but maybe Edwin Walker might have won if he’d been alive to run half a century later.

Also among the media covering the divisional transfer was the Columbus, Ga. Ledger-Enquirer, that won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of government corruption in Phenix City, Ala., across the river from Fort Benning, where the 10th was to be sent.

The 10th Division, in its trip from Fort Riley to Germany in 1955 and from Germany to Fort Benning in 1958, wasn’t the only Army unit involved in Operation Gyroscope, I learned from a Google search. I also learned that the San Francisco-Panama Canal-Bremerhaven route was believed to cost less than a direct route from New York.

“Operation Gyroscope planners envisioned three areas — morale, military efficiency, and monetary savings — in which the program would be of particular value. Since the system has been in operation for two years, some conclusion may be drawn about its effectiveness in Europe and whether it has, or has not, lived up to expectations.”

The official report gave the program high marks, but did note that one snafu relating to the part of the program with which the future Krumudgeon was involved.

“In December 1956 operational requirements unexpectedly forced the Department of the Army to plan the return of the 10th Infantry Division to Fort Benning, Georgia, instead of to Fort Riley, Kansas, its original station,” the report suggested.

But it was determined that only 15 families had bought property near Fort Riley, and “It was discovered that a high percentage of enlisted men with family ties in the East would prefer serving at Fort Benning. Thus, it appeared that inability to return a Gyroscope unit to its scheduled home station would have little or no adverse effect upon morale.”

Because I and quite a few others of us draftees from the Fort Ord packet were due for discharge in June, we were not considered part of the Fort Benning operation, and when the move was made in mid-April, we were discharged early.

Somehow, because my time in the service came during the Eisenhower presidency, in which no American lives were taken in combat, the Krumudgeon has the tendency to downgrade his own service. It is my hope that America will reassess the idea of sending troops to combat in what are, in essence, civil wars that really don’t involve us, and there might be another presidency in which no American dies in battle.

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and #1 Bryson Lightfoot.

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City Council holds public hearing on 2018-2019 tax rate

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that high, all the forms and so forth. I just want the bottom line.”

He also asked how much was set in the budget for infrastructure, as in street repair.

“There are streets that haven’t been touched in over 20 years,” he said. “The money ought to be going yearly – a high percentage of it – for upkeep of all the streets.”

Citing budget items for two new employees in the Department of Public Works, he said, “It would appear to me that an inappropriate amount of money is going into creating a bureaucracy at the very time that people across the country are asking Washington, D.C. to drain the swamp. It looks like you guys have created a swamp and are preparing to feed the alligators.”

“I take offense to that,” Councilmember Rhonda Harrison responded. “We’re creating a swamp? No, we’re not.”

She didn’t have the exact figures but explained that “the voters did vote to approve a sales tax” to establish the Crime Prevention Control District, “so the debt is covered by those funds.”

“Rhonda’s on the ball,” Lamonica responded. “That’s what I was asking. You’ve done your homework and I’m appreciative about that.”

“You cannot function with the same number of staff members that we have for so many years,” Harrison continued, explaining the additional personnel. “It’s just not feasible.”

The former mayor chided the council on another topic. “You’re all counting on income based on these developments,” he referred to several residential projects now underway. “Let me caution you. That should be windfall money. It’s a one-time deal that ought to be committed to infrastructure rebuilding, which is in a really abysmal state.

Harrison and Councilmember Mike Strand re-

minded Lamonica that the council had established a Capital Improvements Fund that would be used for infrastructure.

Strand added that the council had done a study and passed ordinances establishing impact fees.

Lamonica argued impact fees are hard to enforce.

“The developers may challenge that,” he suggested.

“No. They can’t,” Councilmember Toby Lawrence asserted.

At this point, Mayor Ron Harris demanded Lamonica “stay on point.”

“This is a public hearing about the tax rate,” he said. “It wasn’t to talk about other issues.”

“We can’t fix everything at once,” Harrison said.

“When are you going to start?” Lamonica shot back.

“There are plans in place,” said Harrison.

Lamonica got the last word, citing an example: “A rut about 30 feet long and about yay deep in front of the outside mail collection box at the Post Office. That’s not very complicated. I turned in a complaint about three months ago. Good Lord, I could hobble across the street, fall in the hole and break a leg or something. You don’t have to have 18-thousand studies and 10-thousand bureaucrats to tell you to fix that curb.”

When Mayor Harris asked if anyone else wanted to speak about the tax rate, no one responded, and the hearing was closed.

The second public hearing on the tax rate occurred on Sept. 11, at which Lamonica, and no one else spoke. Lamonica complained again about infrastructure and new employees added in the budget, and expressed concern about the rising cost of the Krum Fire Department.

Action on the budget was completed on Sept. 19. No changes were made in the figures that were OK’d by the council in late August.

Home building fee —

The new fee for single-family and two-family building permit fees will be \$500 base fee plus 70 cents per square foot for new construction. The ordinance passed by the council also sets a 70-cent per square foot fee for residential additions/expansions, with a minimum fee of \$75. For remodel/alteration residential projects, the fee will be 50 cents per square foot, a minimum fee of \$75. Elgin told the council the result is a \$500 increase in the cost of a permit.

Water rate hike —

“For customers who purchase bulk water,” the new ordinance reads, a \$1,850 deposit for the meter will be required, with a \$70 minimum monthly base charge plus an additional \$7.65 per 1,000 gallons for zero to 2,000 gallons, base plus \$11.15 per 1,000 gallons for 2,001 to 15,000 gallons, and base plus \$15.15 per 1,000 gallons for 15,001 gallons and above.

KFD grant —

The grant comes from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, via Homeland Security, a memo to the council from Fire Chief Ken Swindle reports. A 10-percent match — \$15,080, will come from the KFD’s budget Minor Equipment line item.

NTLC —

The Fiscal Fiduciary Agreement enables Krum Public Library patrons to have access to materials at all 14 libraries in the consortium, Library Director Donna Pierce reported in a memo to the council. From its on-line catalog, library users have “the ability to place holds and renew items” and the library has “the ability to send out e-mail notices regarding items that have come in for patrons or reminders that items are due or overdue,” she wrote.

Krum’s fee, based on seven population tiers, is \$1,500 a year. Fees range from \$1,000 for Haslet, Pon-

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der and Westworth Village to \$10,000 for North Richland Hills. Other libraries in the consortium are Alvarado, Justin, Roanoke, Sanger, Lake Dallas, Aubrey, Bridgeport, Decatur, and Saginaw.

Citizens’ Agenda — At

the beginning of the meeting, Lamonica spoke on Citizens’ Agenda, urging councilmembers to study the Texas Open Meetings Law about executive sessions. He accused the council of violating the law by talking about the generic matter of how to establish a new job,

instead of discussing a situation involving a specific individual, and considering disposal of city government owned property behind closed doors, noting the difference between considering purchase of new property.

SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS - AUGUST 2018 - DENTON COUNTY

City	This Month	Prior Year	% Change	2018 YTD Total	2017 YTD Total	% Change
Argyle	109,402.34	95,637.07	14.40%	785,338.07	733,685.60	7.04%
Aubrey	66,811.84	50,701.79	31.77%	473,121.87	398,994.61	18.57%
Bartonville	103,522.85	90,126.98	14.86%	502,856.41	422,546.52	19.00%
Copper Canyon	4,272.50	7,020.49	-39.14%	40,327.71	51,244.91	-21.30%
Corinth	268,577.22	257,155.47	4.44%	1,804,055.70	1,710,553.90	5.46%
Cross Roads	186,788.51	146,063.93	27.01%	1,355,631.59	1,235,867.79	9.69%
Denton	3,348,805.48	3,351,192.22	-0.07%	24,374,122.63	23,270,327.44	4.74%
Dish	3,829.49	3,941.38	-2.83%	38,056.86	31,849.27	19.49%
Double Oak	31,139.60	28,117.10	10.74%	227,602.45	167,248.49	36.08%
Draper	7,437.09	10,215.63	-27.19%	53,911.73	65,713.33	-17.95%
Flower Mound	1,816,596.54	1,648,476.00	10.19%	12,083,333.82	11,724,077.94	3.06%
Hackberry	13,177.72	8,608.57	53.07%	77,169.72	75,586.79	2.09%
Hebron	4,954.13	4,467.03	10.90%	117,233.05	31,072.62	277.28%
Hickory Creek	151,772.32	159,324.35	-4.74%	1,035,928.11	1,032,025.65	0.37%
Highland Village	356,642.69	373,100.81	-4.41%	2,626,239.42	2,511,336.37	4.57%
Justin	106,725.20	142,054.79	-24.87%	753,084.99	783,815.18	-3.92%
Krugerville	39,091.58	73,712.60	-46.96%	319,012.08	325,661.87	-2.04%
Krum	47,800.20	44,927.41	6.39%	345,655.04	313,307.70	10.32%
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Lakewood Vlg	2,434.34	3,141.89	-22.51%	18,597.75	32,723.16	-43.16%
Lewisville	3,759,538.78	3,568,239.41	5.36%	26,166,691.06	25,204,114.74	3.81%
Little Elm	786,944.31	692,708.05	13.60%	5,212,931.42	4,822,022.65	8.10%
Northlake	113,458.59	103,000.20	10.15%	825,514.16	846,645.87	-2.49%
Oak Point	34,409.46	29,230.64	17.71%	238,868.66	199,664.18	19.63%
Pilot Point	109,890.84	99,274.57	10.69%	701,410.98	655,729.04	6.96%
Ponder	37,258.95	20,847.70	78.71%	167,988.75	217,549.07	-22.78%
Providence Vlg	17,151.91	14,135.10	21.34%	122,610.53	104,881.48	16.90%
Roanoke	1,377,967.48	1,330,415.06	3.57%	10,861,108.75	9,712,132.44	11.83%
Sanger	143,335.30	158,068.48	-9.32%	1,064,401.03	1,067,613.60	-0.30%
Shady Shores	9,030.55	9,051.96	-0.23%	62,743.19	55,861.70	12.31%
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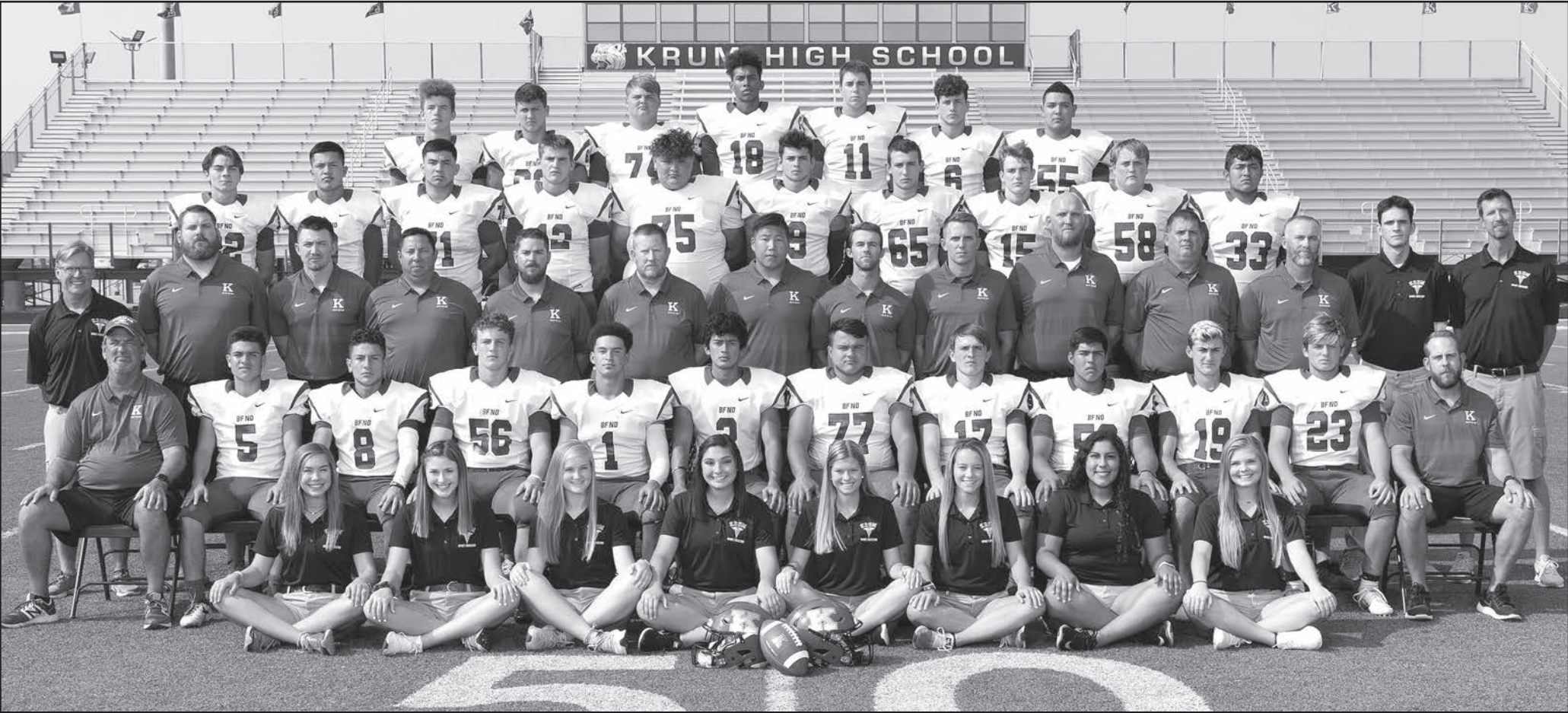
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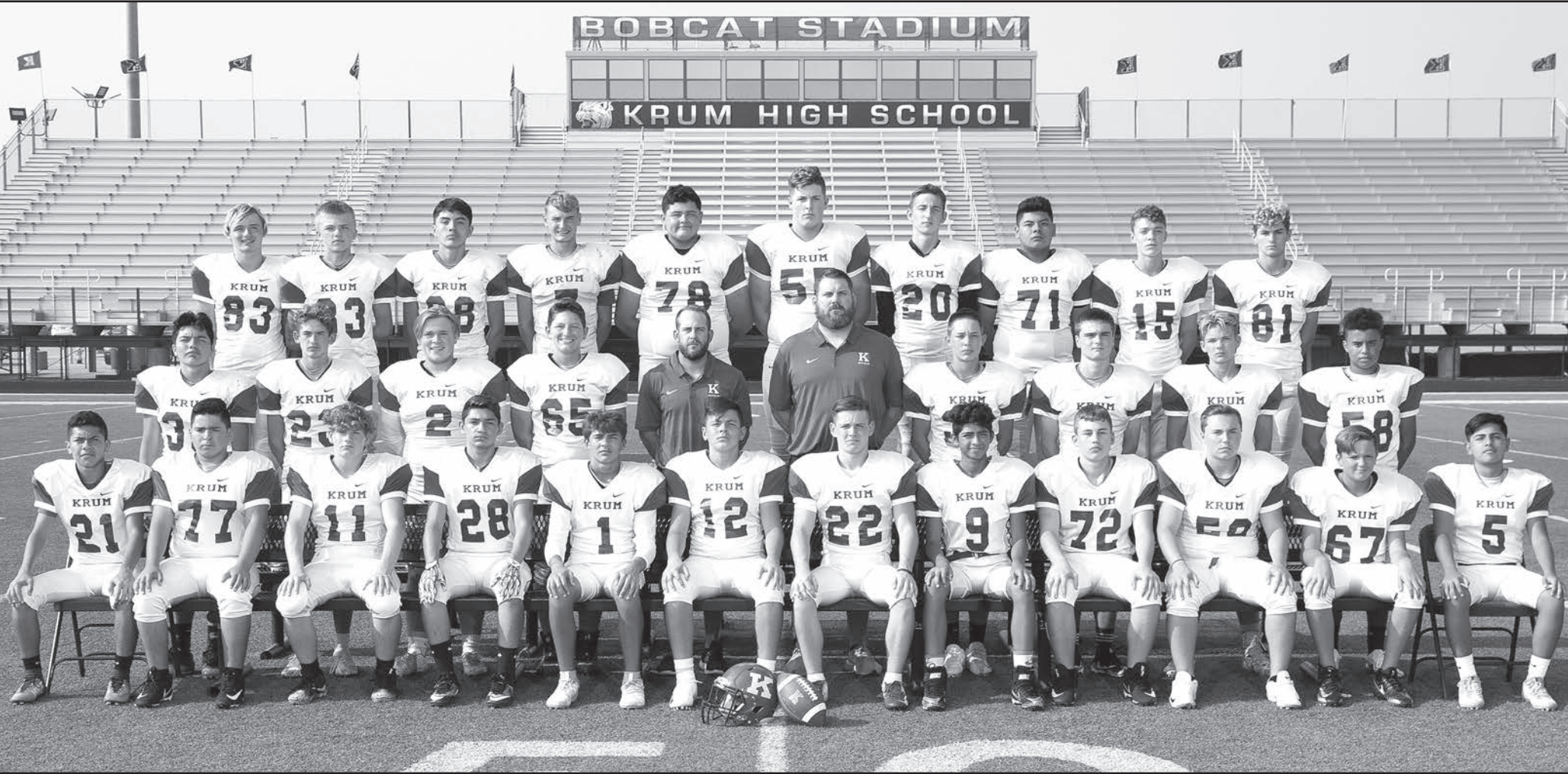
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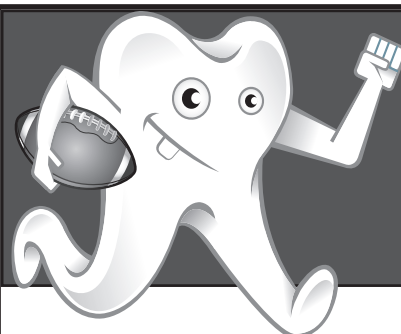
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Dr. McBride is an active member in the Denton County Dental Society, where she has served as an officer since 2008 and served as President in 2012. She is also a member of the DFW Study Club, American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, and the Academy of General Dentistry.

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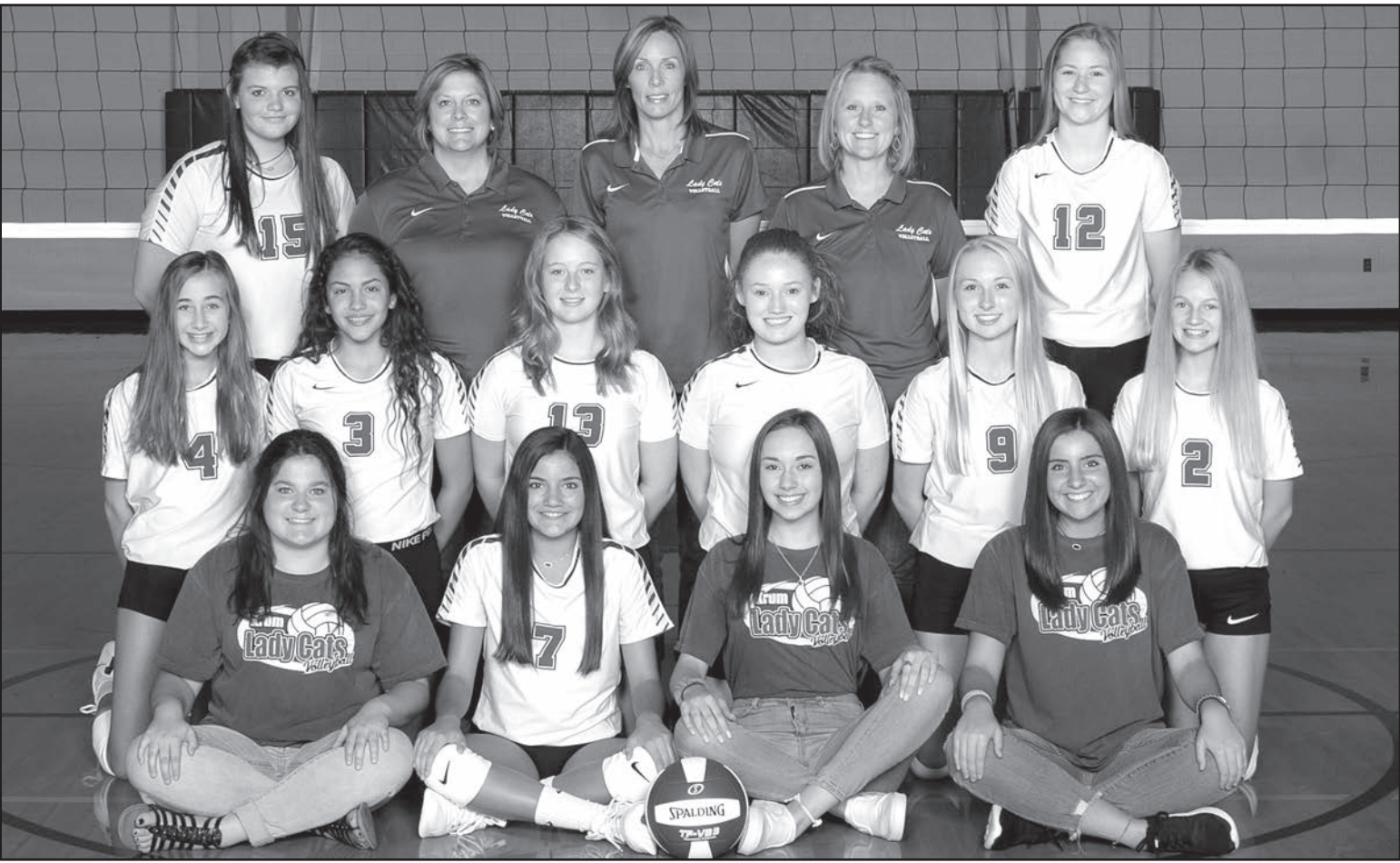
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Danielle Duncan
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Grace Hawkins
Cheyenne Cox (Captain)
Haley Day



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Schools Previously Coached: Owasso High School, Oklahoma
Subjects Teaching: PE
College Attended: Oklahoma State University
Hobbies: Video games, hunting
Years At Krum ISD: 9
Why I Do This: To give valuable lessons to athletes that will make them have a successful future.



CHAD LONGLEY
Coaching Positions: Varsity Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach, Head Boys Track Coach
Family: Wife - Kristi; children - Dexter, 24; Derek, 19, Dwight, 13
Schools Previously Coached: Andrews Paradise, Lampasas, Kermit, Seminole
Subjects Teaching: Biology
College Attended: Angelo State University
Hobbies: Movies, family, hiking, Jeeping
Years At Krum ISD: 6
Why I Do This: I love what athletics can teach kids.



BRIAN PENRY
Coaching Positions: Varsity Football Outside Linebackers Coach, Strength and Conditioning, Powerlifting, Softball Coach
Family: Wife - Heather; children – son Bricen, 5
Schools Previously Coached: Haltom High School
Subjects Teaching: World Geography, Psychology / Sociology, World History
College Attended: University of North Texas
Hobbies: BBQ, woodworking, family time
Years At Krum ISD: 5
Why I Do This: Seeing the “light bulb” come on for a student. Watching a student do more than they thought previously possible.



JIM HAYES
Coaching Positions: Varsity Asst. OL Coach, JV Baseball Coach, Middle School Football
Family: Wife - Sue; children - Spence, 40; Ashley, 38
Subjects Teaching: Health, Speech
College Attended: University of Texas at Arlington
Hobbies: Golf
Years At Krum ISD: 9
Why I Do This: I like building relationships and molding athletes into well-rounded young men.



MATT MCBRAYER
Coaching Positions: Defensive Line Coach, Head Baseball Coach
Family: Wife - Ashley; children - Piper, 12; Paxton, 7
Schools Previously Coached: Burleson
Subjects Teaching: Physical Education
College Attended: Sul Ross State University
Hobbies: Watching sports, hanging out with family and friends
Years At Krum ISD: 11
Why I Do This: To have a lasting impact on young men.



AUSTIN HONEYCUTT
Coaching Positions: Varsity Receivers, JV Offensive Coordinator, Assistant Baseball Coach
Family: Wife - Emily
Schools Previously Coached: Kilgore
Subjects Teaching: PE at the EEC
College Attended: TCU
Hobbies: Chilling out, maxing, relaxing – all cool, while sometimes shooting some basketball outside of the school.
Years At Krum ISD: 2
Why I Do This: Because there is no greater job than being an educator or coach. Having the opportunity to positively influence the futures of so many students is something you can't put a price on.



COLE COX
Coaching Positions: Varsity Running Backs Coach, Middle School Offensive Coordinator (8th grade), Track
Family: Fiancé - Sescelli Redd
Subjects Teaching: 8th Grade U.S. History
College Attended: Texas A&M University
Hobbies: Kayaking, gardening/mowing, collecting memorabilia
Years At Krum ISD: 2
Why I Do This: To instill the life lessons that were taught to me through sports into these young men. (And to be involved in the winning process.)



MASON PIERCE
Coaching Positions: Offensive Line Coach, Track
Family: Wife - Jordan; children - Max, 8; Major, 6; Madden, 3
Schools Previously Coached: Patton Springs, Crowell, Abilene Cooper, Jim Ned, Braswell
Subjects Teaching: Government and Economics
College Attended: Abilene Christian University
Hobbies: Hunting and fishing
Years At Krum ISD: 1
Why I Do This: To win.



MATTHEW NICHOLS
Coaching Positions: Cornerbacks Coach, Freshman Defensive Coordinator, Freshman Basketball, Track
Schools Previously Coached: Sanford Fritch
Subjects Teaching: World Geography
College Attended: Midwestern State University
Hobbies: Sports, working out, camping
Years At Krum ISD: 1
Why I Do This: Love for the kids and love of sports.



BRIAN JOHNSON
Coaching Positions: Asst. Defensive Line Coach, Middle School Coach, Basketball, Track
Family: Wife - Angie; children - Kaela, 30; Danielle, 27; Craig, 24
Schools Previously Coached: Tidwell Middle School
Subjects Teaching: Texas and U.S. History
College Attended: West Texas A&M University
Hobbies: Traveling
Years At Krum ISD: 1
Why I Do This: I enjoy working with young people and helping them with their dreams.

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City Council to implement Parks and Open Space Master Plan

By John Callarman

The Krum City Council took the first step toward implementing a Parks and Open Space Master Plan at its Sept. 5 meeting by voting to approve an agreement with Valley Quest Design, the firm that’s been in the process of developing the master plan, to apply to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a \$75,000 grant from the Small Community Grant Program to fund half the development of the northernmost portion of Krum’s City Park East.

Valley Quest would produce the grant application for an amount not to exceed \$2,000. The expenditure had been approved by the Krum Park Development Corp., the body responsible for expenditures funded by the KPDC sales tax, at its meeting on Aug. 16. KPDC will provide the \$75,000 in matching funds if the TP&WD awards a grant to Krum.

At the public hearing on the park project program, Councilmember Toby Lawrence, also a member of the KPDC board, defined the corporation’s motivation to get something done on the land with these words: “We need to do something with it because, for one thing, I just got sick of seeing that sign there, ‘Future Eastside Park,’ for years and years and years.”

The grant would cover a parking lot on the south side of FM 1173, walking and biking trails and a restroom, Lawrence said.

Because nearly all the land in the 26.664-acre park is in the flood plain of the Dry Fork Hickory Creek, the city is limited on what can be built in the park.

“Do they plan to put playgrounds and stuff in there?” Joe Martin, the first of three Krum residents to speak at the public hearing, asked.

“Not at this time, no,” Lawrence replied.

“This park is really seen as what we refer to as passive recreation,” Valley Quest spokesman Jeremy Blad explained, “so no sports, no playgrounds, no organized activities. It’ll be hiking, biking, nature trails, things like that.”

Blad had displayed an aerial photo showing what is envisioned for the entire East Side Park project, which the city hopes to implement in several steps, as one part of the proposed Open Space Master Plan that Valley Quest unveiled at the KPDC meeting on Sept. 13. Already existing in the Park land are a 10-foot-wide concrete trail, built under a Safe Walk to Schools program funded by the federal government and the steel truss footbridge that had been the bridge on Plainview Road over North Hickory Creek. Eventually, if all the elements proposed by Valley Quest are built, there’ll be a new 12-foot-wide concrete trail, two parking lots (40 spaces off FM 1173, 18 spaces at the east end of Meadowcreek Drive), a new 8-foot-wide soft surface trail, a new boardwalk, a constructed wetland and a constructed pond, Disc Golf, a new boardwalk, a new observation deck, a new restroom, designated natural areas and new trail connections.

Estimated cost of the total project is \$1,817,991.

Also asking questions at the public hearing were former Mayor Larry Lamonica and former Park Advisory Board member Janice Callarman.

Lamonica, calling the proposed park project a “wish list,” said he had a wish list for the park, a hummingbird garden, a butterfly garden, and more trees and shrubs. But a problem with that list, he said, is that “These are the very things that were pledged for the matching grant at the Westside Park.”

He urged the council “to go and study this situation and, as quickly as you can, get into compliance with what was promised to Texas Parks and Wildlife in the beginning” of the \$39,000 grant in 2011.

Lamonica referred to what he called “an abandoned soccer field/football field that’s grown in up weeds, that hasn’t been finished,” along with the horseshoe sand pit and the volleyball sand court that are filled with weeds.

He suggested that if Texas Parks & Wildlife came to Krum and examined “what was pledged” by Krum and what actually happened at the Westside Park, “the odds are you won’t get another [grant] because there are too many cities that make erstwhile efforts to maintain [their parks]”

“It’s not all doom and gloom with the city park,” Lawrence responded. “The parks department and [the Krum Parks Development Corp.] have spent thousands of dollars on the baseball fields and softball fields out there. We had to attack that first and get those into a playable position.”

Lawrence added that the city has employed a full-time dedicated parks person who devotes all his time to the parks.

“We are working on it,” Lawrence continued. “It ain’t going to happen overnight. But to say that we’re doing absolutely nothing is false.”

He cited added flood lights and added parking lights at the park as recent accomplishments.

Callarman (whose husband writes City Council stories, including this one, for the Krum News) identified herself as a native of Krum and told the council the Westside Parkland “originally was part of my father’s pastureland when I was a child.”

In addition to her service on the Park Board with Rodney Barthold and others, she was a founding member of the Krum Bright and Beautiful group and still “takes care of your plants down here at City Hall.”

A decade or so ago, the Public Works Department had built and Bright and Beautiful had maintained “a flower bed structure on the south end of the park,” she said. “We had it full of things to attract butterflies and hummingbirds.”

But that flower bed structure no longer exists.

KB&B also bought wildflower seed from a “very special wildflower agency near Austin” and planted it on a slope in the park “where you curve to start to go up the hill,” she told the council.

“To keep wildflowers growing, you have to let them go to seed, and then you pray for fall rain,” Callarman said. “For a couple of years, when we trained the fellows who mowed down there, to leave them alone – don’t cut them down, they’ll stop blooming and they would re-seed.” But one year, the slope was mowed too soon and “they are no longer there.”



An aerial full picture of Krum’s East Side Park, located across FM 1173 from Sonic.

She recalled that a dozen or more trees that had been planted as part of the \$39,000 grant in 2011 but many of those trees died because they were not watered regularly during drought season.

The previous mayor had applied for two grants that year, including a considerably larger grant request for City Park East. Callarman told the council she had escorted someone from Texas Parks & Wildlife for a tour of the City Park East land, but the larger Krum proposal was rejected.

Callarman expressed support for developing City Park East, saying “we’ve waited a long, long time. I wish you good luck, but let’s take care of what we have, please.”

“That’s one reason why we’re doing this Parks Master Plan,” Lawrence responded. “It’s to have some consistency with flowers, with foliage, with all of that type of stuff. That’s the reason we have this dedicated parks person. We didn’t have that person until recently.”

“Also,” Callarman added, “in the original grant, somewhere in the late ’90s, when they first built the park before I got back to Krum, they ran the water and sewer lines, remember, up the hill –”

“Yeah, to the end of the football field, and the parks guy found them the other day,” Lawrence said.

“Under that last grant, if somebody had studied what the first one covered, perhaps that restroom could have been built on the north end,” Callarman suggested. “A lot of people would probably use that pavilion and that play equipment. Some mornings, there are mothers there with little children, but there’s no restroom.”

“That is the No. 1 thing with the Parks Board that’s got to happen,” Lawrence agreed, “a bathroom up there on that north side. The way we view that park right now is that it’s two separate parks. The south side, which is the baseball parks, that gets used. It’s the north side that is kind of like “annh” so ... we’ve been working on that for quite some time. We had to get this master plan done so we had consistency, and the worst thing we can keep on doing is building something over there, then building something [else] over there, and it looks completely different.”

Councilmember Mike

Strand expressed hope that if Callarman “or somebody from the Park Board at that time have a set of drawings for it, it will save the city 20 grand from getting it surveyed and drawn again. We found the plans and the drawings for the first one, the original one, but we’ve never found it for the second one, where we did the sidewalks on the north side.”

When the discussion ended and the public hearing was closed, the council passed a resolution authorizing application for the grant.

Eight days later, at the meeting of the Krum Park Development Corp. and the Krum Park Advisory Board, Valley Quest Designs presented its master plan for Krum City Parks.

Extensive renovation of the north and south sides of City Park West, with the existing football/soccer field in the middle, are proposed. Valley Quest is suggesting a new picnic grove, a new plaza with restrooms and shade structures, new playgrounds for ages 6-12 and 2-5, a new sprayground, horseshoe pits, bocce court, washer toss pits, pickleball courts, a new pavilion and an improved parking lot with 68 spaces be built north of the football/soccer field.

South of the football/soccer field, these new items are proposed: pedestrian entry with rain garden landscaping, enclosed maintenance yard, maintenance road, pedestrian sidewalk crossings, upgraded expanded parking lot (192 spaces), improved 5th Street entry/exit alignment, parking perimeter sidewalk, a 1,050 square foot pergola, upgraded bleachers with shade covers, additional concrete paving and a replanted pollinator/wildflower garden.

The estimated cost of all the proposals is \$3,934,887.

Also included in the Parks and Open Space Master Plan is a new city park on West Sixth Street where the former Krum Public Works Department building is located. Included are a new pavilion on the existing concrete slab, a double zipline including accessible assisted bucket seat, a rope climbing play structure, double friendship swing, play structures for ages 6-12 and 2-5, textured colored paving, and a 10-space parking lot.

Estimated cost to establish the new park is \$648,237.

City Council: Homes within city limits will be covered by storm warning sirens

By John Callarman

All Krum properties within the city limits will be covered by storm early warning sirens following action by the City Council at its October monthly meeting Monday night, at which councilmembers established a fee that will be assessed for all new homes and commercial buildings to be constructed in the city to pay for the sirens.

The council also scheduled two public hearings on an annexation request for property on FM 1173 owned by Access Bank Texas, both to be held at the council’s November monthly meeting.

An ordinance to cover the council’s budget appropriation of funds for an increase in the city’s share of its Municipal Retirement System payment for city employees was passed.

And a revised Application for Business Incentive and Mission Statement for the Krum Economic Development Corp. also receive a thumbs-up from the council. All actions were passed on 4-0 votes, with Councilmember Toby Lawrence absent.

• **Storm warning sirens** — The ordinance had been on the council’s Sept. 5 agenda, but no action was taken because the City Engineer from Freese and Nichols had not been given time to review the ordinance to make sure it complied with Texas Local Government law. F&N prepared a review that “concurs that the ordinance is in compliance with Section 213.904,” Elgin said.

The fee will be \$21.08 per acre, Elgin said, derived by dividing the total costs for one early warning siren by the effective coverage area of the siren. The cost for each siren will be \$28,000 to buy and install it, \$5,000 for surveying and right-of-way purchase, and \$5,000 to provide electrical and communication services for each siren.

• **Access Bank annexation** — The 1.079-acre tract of land on which Access Bank Texas is located is one of two properties just north of City Park East that are not currently within the city limits. Texas law requires two public hearings, with legal notice made in advance, for annexation to occur. Both public hearings can be conducted at the same council meeting, and were so scheduled for the Nov. 5 meeting. Adoption of the annexation ordinance will be considered at the Dec. 3 council meeting.

Sean Neal of TGS Architects filed the application for voluntary annexation of the property at 1020 E. McCart St.

• **Municipal Retirement benefit** — “With the approval of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget,” Finance Director Shelly Neckar explained in a memo to the council, “funding was included to adopt a 7-percent Employee Deposit Rate,” up from 6-percent. The ordinance passed Monday night formalizes the change in the city’s Texas Municipal Retirement System plan, effective Jan. 1.

• **KEDC application changes** — The new form for Business Incentives available through KEDC from the economic development sales tax revenue “asks for significantly more information” from an applicant, Mayor Ron Harris said.

Council members had complained that several Business Incentive Grant applications sought after the previous form was established in June 2016 had not contained enough information for the council to make a final judgment on the validity of the proposal. The KEDC board had been working on the form for several months.

“I think we got what we asked for,” Councilmember Mike Strand said.

• **Consent agenda** — The council OK’d without discussion seven items on the consent agenda, including approval of three council meeting minutes in September.

Kelly Ring and Donna Arnold O’Dania were re-appointed to the Krum Library Advisory Board, the council approved a promotional expenditure not to exceed \$200 for each business entity to reimburse purchase of candy to be distributed during the annual Safe Spook Halloween program from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31, the Denton Record-Chronicle was once again designated the official newspaper for fiscal 2018-19, and an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County for library services to the Krum Public Library was approved.

Under the library services plan, Denton County will allocate \$3,400 to the Krum library, matched by \$10,000 from the city, for the program. Other libraries participating in the program are Aubrey, Carrollton, Flower Mound, Justin, Lewisville, Little Elm, Pilot Point, Ponder, Sanger and The Colony, allocations based on the population of the community served by the library.

The library is required to provide library cards to anyone in the county without charge, among other required services such as Summer Reading and Children’s Hour, literacy and tutoring program materials for adults, job training and career development materials for all ages, outreach services to eliminate barriers to library service and educational programs designed to enhance the quality of life for adults, such as Medicare information, life skills and healthy eating programs.

• **Mayor’s report** — Harris told the council the heavy rains in September were a good test for retention ponds that have been built in a couple of developments that are under construction.

“No flooding,” he said.

He noted that the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was presented in September at a joint meeting of the Krum Park Development Corp. and the Krum Park Advisory Board include new logos for park signs that will “rebrand our scene.” The park sign drawings, distributed at the council meeting Monday, will be on the agenda for the Nov. 5 meeting, he said.

Harris also reported that discussions with the Texas Department of Transportation about future construction plans for FM 1173 from Krum to I-35 have been delayed, but that the project “has gone to the State Rep level,” and there may be something to report at the November meeting.

Councilmember Melynda Rivers asked about the status of the entry signs at the east city limits on FM 1173. Harris said he and Councilmember Strand will look at alternative locations soon.

“It’ll be on the agenda for next time,” he said.

Krum Early Education Center Students Named as Finalists in the 2017-2018 National Book Challenge

Krum Students Among Top 50 Student-Published Authors in Annual National Book Challenge Contest out of 800,000 Entries from Across the Country

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Local educators, Jennifer Newcomb and Elizabeth Zepeda, and the first-grade class at Krum Early Education Center have been announced as finalists in the 2017-2018 National Book Challenge hosted by Studenttreasures Publishing. For this honor, the class will receive a \$50 gift card, plus a published author certificate for each student. Each of the 29, first-grade authors were recognized for their contributions to their book, “ I Am Thankful,” which was published earlier this year through Studenttreasures’ free publishing program.

Mrs. Newcomb’s class came up with the idea for “I Am Thankful,” when thinking about things they are thankful for. The first-grade authors put forth their best effort, researching, writing about, and illustrating their how to book, from being thankful for family to friends, before they sent their completed pages to be published.

Mrs. Newcomb explained how this was the first time publishing a book with their first graders, and it was an amazing overall experience. “This project gave our students a way to express themselves and learn about writing in a way

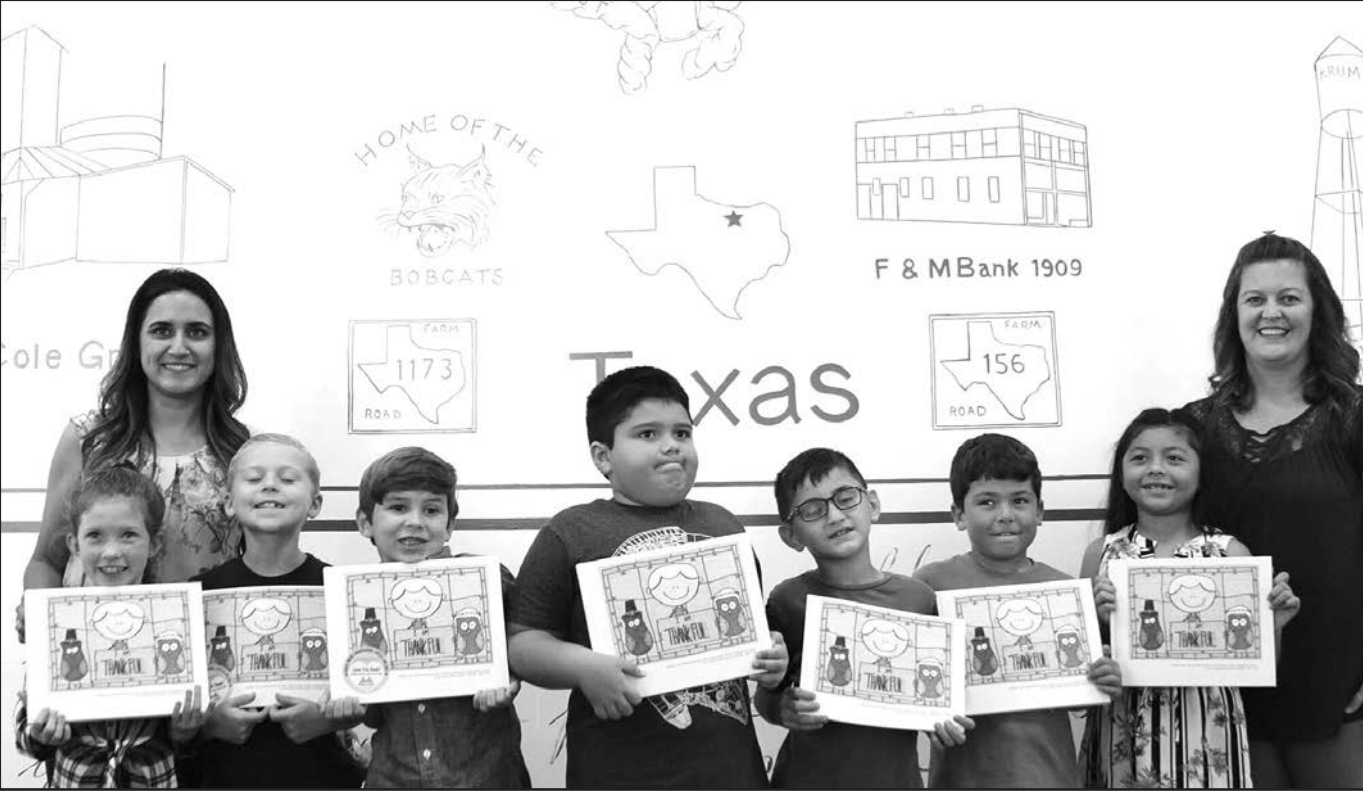
that allowed them to experience the writing process from start to finish. It was amazing to see our students take ownership in their work and to see how much pride they had in the finished project,” she says.

Mrs. Zepeda said that the class even took it a step further, “actively brainstorming ways to share the book with our school and community, which was extremely rewarding for us as teachers. We hope this experience will have instilled a love for literacy that will carry on into their future.”

As a finalist in the one-and-only National Book Challenge, Mrs. Newcomb and Mrs. Zepeda’s class-book was selected from entries across the country and awarded as a Top 50 book based on its originality, creative storyline, and colorful illustrations. This nationwide contest was open to more than 800,000 books that were submitted to Studenttreasures for free publishing this school year.

“At Studenttreasures, we are fortunate to witness tremendous creativity and talent from classrooms around the country and all students who publish their own books. We especially congratulate Mrs. Newcomb and Mrs. Zepeda and their students for earning this unique achievement and completing a project that provides lasting memories and a one-of-a-kind keepsake,” said Chad Zimmerman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Studenttreasures .

“Educators share that creating their own books through our fun and easy publishing program motivates students to write, in-



spires learning, and instills pride. Additionally, these students now have the honor of being recognized for creating one of the top student-published books in the country as part of our National Book Challenge.”

Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Zepeda, and the published author students were recognized for their accomplishment at the September School Board Meeting. A copy of the book is available at the Krum Public Library.

About Krum Early Education Center

The Krum EEC is a Pre-k through 1st grade campus, offering top notch education while instilling values through the 8 Keys of Excellence- Integrity, failure leading to success, speaking with good purpose, making the most of every moment, commitment, ownership, flexibility, and balance.

The National Book Challenge is part of Studenttreasures’ free publishing program, which incorporates fun lesson plans, and is easy to enter. The contest provides an opportunity to win classroom grants, shine a spotlight on students, create proud, published authors, and is open to any classroom that publishes a book through Studenttreasures.

KHS Volleyball begins district play

Krum’s outstanding volleyball season began September with the championship in the Buckle Up for Lane’s Sake tournament at Nocona, boosting the Lady Cats’ statewide Class 4A rank to No. 5 in the Texas Girls Coaches’ Association poll — but the last play of the championship game has had an effect on the latter part of the season.

While Miranda Guffy was scoring the winning point in a 26-24 victory over Class 2A power, Windthorst, ace hitter Reese Robinson was tumbling to the floor. She fractured an ankle and has been unable to play in the remaining September schedule.

Krum scored four easy wins in the first day of the Nocona tournament, beating Petrolia, 25-14, 25-19; Whitewright, 25-7, 25-6; Iowa Park, 25-14, 25-13; and Vernon, 25-14, 25-12. On Sept. 1, Krum scored four more victories, 25-12, 25-15 over Henrietta; 25-21, 25-22 for their second win over Melissa; 25-12, 25-20 over 3A power Callisburg; and 25-15, 26-24 over Windthorst.

Callisburg, who had beaten the Lady Cats at Krum in August, is

ranked No. 4 in Class 3A, Windthorst No. 7 in Class 2A, and Melissa No. 15 in Class 4A.

The second set in the Windthorst match was a thriller. Windthorst led, 24-21, but Krum came back when Robinson tallied two kills to pull within a point, Paige Orsi added another to tie it at 24, then Robinson and Miranda Guffy combined for a block and Miranda iced the set and the match with an over-the-shoulder left-handed hook shot that fell to the floor on the Windthorst side of the net.

Krum’s record was 23-3 after the Nocona tourney win, but injuries have led to misfortune in the next eight matches.

In addition to Robinson’s injury, Orsi was lost to the team for the next two matches. At Lake Dallas, Krum won, 25-22, 26-24 and 26-24 against a team that’s lost more games than they’ve won. Krum then traveled to Melissa to play the Lady Cardinals a third time. This time, Krum lost, 25-18, 16-25, 22-25, 22-25. At Celina, the Lady Bobcats in orange blanked the Lady Bobcats in blue, 25-18, 25-16 and 25-17.

Wichita Falls was next on the schedule, but the Lady Coyotes decided to forego the 96-mile trip to Bennie Enis Gym, recalling their 25-6, 25-10 loss to Krum in the Bev Belle Classic tournament at Abilene.

Last week, Krum beat Sanger, 25-21, 25-22 and 25-23, then faced Class 4A No. 2 Decatur in the District 8-4A opener at Decatur. The Lady Eagles proved their merit with a 25-13, 25-14, 25-17 win.

In the last non-district regular season game Tuesday night at The Colony, the Lady Cougars won, 3 sets to 1. The teams battled back and forth in Set 1 before The Colony prevailed, 30-28. The Lady Cats faltered in the second set, dropping behind, 23-13 before closing the gap to 6 points in the 25-19 loss. In Set 3, Krum broke away from a 9-9 tie with a 13-4 run for a 22-13 lead on their way to a 25-15 win. But The Colony was able to stave off the Lady Cats in Set 4, winning 25-20.

TGCA No. 13-ranked Argyle toppled the Lady Cats, 25-20, 19-25, 25-17 and 25-18, Krum’s 7th loss after winning 25 matches. The Lady Cats will travel to Bridgeport Tuesday then play Springtown Friday at Krum.



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After a false start penalty, Wills Point's running game ate up yardage and the clock, moving to the Tiger 32, where it was 4th-and-3. Tiger Coach Greg Cranfill, apparently thinking ball

Wills Point scored twice to take a 20-7 lead, but the

The Benbrook Bobcats were next for the Krum Bobcats, who again led, 6-0, at the end of the first quarter. But Benbrook overwhelmed Krum in the second quarter, scoring 35 points, answered only by a field goal. Krum was unable to score in the second half as Benbrook coasted to a 57-9 victory.


District 3-4A Division II play begins with two home games, Oct. 12 against Bridgeport and Oct. 19 against Aubrey. Other district rivals are Graham, Vernon and Iowa Park.

The Krum Middle School Bobcats played the Springtown Porcupines on Sept. 18 and came away with two victories and two de-

The 8th grade A-team continued their outstanding play posting a 42-22 victory in the nightcap. The offense was once again led by the excellent running of Justin Wooten and Devrin Brown. These two young men were responsible for most of the scoring, while Joe Carranza scored a touchdown on a scoop and score. The defense had a good night against a talented Springtown team. Kyle Carter and Conner Green led the defense with several hard tackles.

The 8A team is a very talented group on both sides of the ball. Justin Wooten and Devrin Brown put on an offensive display while the defense was led by the hard-hittin Kyle Carter.


The 8th grade cruised to a victory with a final score of 44-14. The offense was once again by Devrin Brown and Justin Wooten with Chris Montes and Joe Carranza having strong games as well. The defense was led by Damarques Kemp and Jonathan Valdez.




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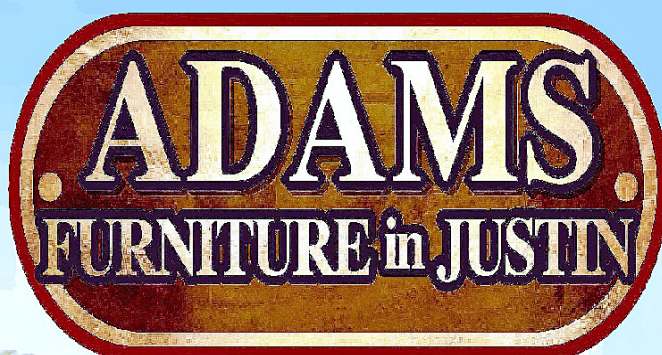
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