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Dr. Kevin Spiller,
Superintendent SISD

It is great to have everyone back for another school year at Seagraves ISD. We are coming off of a very successful 2014-2015 campaign where as a school district we met or exceeded our goals. I am confident that the 2015-2016 school year will be even better.

We need the support of parents, family, and community in all of our endeavors. In an attempt to keep you apprised of all that is going on at our campuses, we have various means by which to communicate with you.

Our new school website is located at www.seagravesisd.net. We will try and be extremely diligent about updating this site. Also, you can keep up with us on Facebook by liking our page "Seagraves Independent School District." As was the case last year, you will also receive phone texts from SchoolReach with important announcements such as school delays, closures, and other significant information.

We have an outstanding school district full of wonderful kids, exceptional staff, and an extremely supportive community. It is a great time to be a Seagraves Eagle!

2015 Homecoming Court



Braygen Lehnert (Frshaman Princess), Brittany Martin (Junior Princess), Esmeralda Castro (Senior Queen), & Myrah Miranda (Sophomore Princess)

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by Gabriela Valles

The 2015 Seagraves Eagle Homecoming Queen is Esmeralda Castro. She will be escorted by Senior Eagle Football Players Israel Rosalez, Cory Kyle, and Skyler Clark. Her sisters are Stephanie Castillo and Angie Negrete. She is involved in Softball, Tennis, and Golf.

"I think I was chosen because I'm cool and because I'm Lala," said Castro. "Just kidding, because I'm nice and Lala. I feel very blessed and honored."

This year's Junior Princess is Brittany Martin. She will be escorted by Senior Eagle Football Players Jonah Garcia, Dillon Hibbits, and Case Clark.

Martin is the granddaughter of longtime Seagraves resident Marsha Martin. She is involved in FFA, FTA, FCA, Talon Media, Tennis, Softball, Golf, and Student Council. Martin also films games for the Seagraves Eagle football team.

"I'm happy that I got homecoming princess," said Martin. "I'm beyond blessed to be able to receive this opportunity."



Myrah Miranda is Sophomore Princess. She will be escorted by Senior Eagle Football Players Alex Quinones, Jesus Galaviz, and Uriel Martinez.

Miranda's parents are Juan Miranda Sr. and Michele Miranda. Her stepfather is Bobby Robinson.. She is involved in Color Guard, Powerlifting, Softball, and Student Council.

"I feel honored and excited to be able to experience this in high school," said Miranda. "I think I was chosen because I'm very fun person to be around and outgoing. I get along with everyone and can have fun."

The Freshmen Princess is Braygen Lehnert. She will be escorted by Robby Pinon, Justin Longoria, and Pedro Hernandez.

Lehnert is the daughter of Andrea Patterson. She is involved in Softball and Theatre Arts. "I am very excited to be the freshmen princess," said Lehnert.



Wednesday,
September 23rd:
Hamburger Dinner
@ 6:00pm
(HS North parking lot)

Thursday,
September 24th:
Letter Burning
@ Dark
(HS North parking lot)

Friday,
September 25th:
Pep Rally @
1:00pm (HS gym)

Parade @
3:00pm (downtown)

Meal @
5:00pm-7:00pm
(HS cafeteria)

Coronation @
7:00pm
(Eagle Field)

Football game vs
Stanton @ 7:30pm
(Eagle Field)



I'm Just *talon staff editorial*

Sayin'...

by
Nikki Wilson,
Journalism Advisor/
Newspaper Editor

There is a meme floating around the internet that says something to the effect of, “Another day passed by, and I didn’t use Algebra.” As an English teacher, I can laugh at that, but the truth is my students often question the merit of what we do in class as well. From “why are we doing this?” to “when will we ever use this?”, questioning the value of required curriculum is not a bad thing. It’s good to ask questions and even better to wonder about the whys behind the whats of life.

The problem with the meme is it presupposes that Algebra’s value arrives at some end result of using it in the future, when the truth is the value is in the journey, not the destination. This applies to Algebra and so many other things in life as well.

While algebraic skills are actually useful in everyday life, the skills of working through problems when you’re frustrated, not letting what is foreign intimidate you, powering through when you have no idea how you’re going to get the answer are important every day of life. The “lesson” is not always in the material, but in the process of mastering the material.

And besides, you never know what you might end up using in the future. In 1994, I began my college education at South Plains College in Levelland. I joined the staff of the *Plainsman Press*, and I worked as a reporter for the paper for the two years while I was at college. At the time, I thought I might be a broadcast journalist – I worked with the local college tv station, too.

I also had not completely given up on the idea of being a teacher. It’s just that I had wanted that since I was a child, and at 18, I thought being a broadcast journalist sounded cooler. I knew one thing for sure. I would never work on a newspaper again. I didn’t really need it, and it was only for fun. I didn’t know then that the things you believe you “know” at 18 are often proven false with time and wisdom.

What you do today matters. It may not matter for the obvious reasons. It may not even matter for your future job or income, but every experience you have is valuable and offers you something you can take with you. It is up to you to decide to take and use the gift, or ignore and discard something that you may one day find precious.

And if you find yourself going through your days without using Algebra, it might be time to brush up on those skills because someday, you’ll probably have kids who will want your “expertise” when they do their homework.

Happy Homecoming students, teachers, and exes. It’s a good time for reflection, for thinking back on the most valuable lessons you learned in school, for thinking about and remembering what you have today that you found way back when.

A Pink, Blue, and Red Hot Issue



Hair color has become an issue in Seagraves ISD. Students want to dye their hair, even though it’s against the dress code.

When frustrated students ask why they can’t have red hair or have a couple of blue streaks, they are usually told that it is too much of a distraction to have in the classroom.

From a student point of view, that argument is illogical. If a student had rainbow colored hair and came and sat down in front of me, it would distract me for *maybe* five seconds, but then I would continue working on whatever it was that I was supposed to be working on. If someone’s hair is that distracting to you, you are too worried about them instead of your own classes. If administration wants to say that having unnatural hair is against the rules, fine. Great. However, the excuse that it is distracting is a little farfetched.

Administrators have also said that the real reason that unnatural hair is banned is because when students look for a job, a well-paying job; the kind of job that school is preparing them for, (so not McDonald’s) most of those jobs won’t let you have unnatural hair. That’s just how it is. It is viewed as unprofessional, unless you are going into a career in the arts.

Since most students aren’t going to grow up to be dancers, singers, or painters, it’s fair to say that their job won’t let them have blue hair - FOR NOW.

Ten years ago, someone with tattoos couldn’t have been anything more than a waiter or a person with some other low end job, or an artist of some kind. Now you can find superintendents, CEO’s, and people in many other professions who have at least one tattoo.

With unnatural hair color, the same thing is happening. Some schools allow it already. It is becoming more mainstream, and one day, it may even be the norm. It’s not going to be frowned upon for long, and we the Talon staff are anxiously awaiting and encouraging the arrival of that day at Seagraves High School.

Counselor's Corner

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

“Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In the U.S., 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease. A diagnosis turns the lives of the entire family upside down. The objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivorship issues, and – importantly – to help raise funds for research and family support.” ~ American Childhood Cancer Organization



Paulina Carrillo



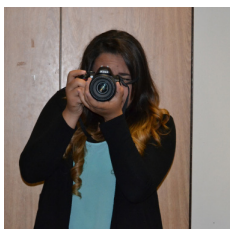
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New K9 on the Case

By Taylor Spiller

The Seagraves Police Department has a new addition to their team. A new K-9 named Ex will be joining the team soon. Ex is a one-year old male German Shepherd from the Czech Republic.

Ex is a mix between a tan sable and a silver sable. His color may change as he gets older to darker or lighter. He weighs about 80 pounds, and is very tall.

“Like K9 Niki, Ex can bite on command and is trained in handler protection. I have trained Ex in the Czech and German language,” said Ex’s Handler Officer Cory Johnson.

“Ex is very playful and friendly and a welcome addition to our department,” said Officer Wright.

“Both Ex and Niki are people and animal friendly and they are great around children,” said Chief McAuley.

“Ex is very much a puppy and doesn’t realize his own strength. He has a strong drive, which is excellent for narcotics detection work. He has a strong will to please his handler and be a ‘good dog.’ He has a habit of nudging you with his ball in his mouth, almost like he’s saying, ‘I’ve got the toy, what are you going to do about it?’” said Officer Cory Johnson.

When a new K9 is added to a department, the dog and the handler have to undergo training as a unit.

“Training is for both the handler and the dog as a team,” said Chief McAuley. “Ex is being trained daily on the odor of drugs by me and Officer Cory Johnson who is Ex’s handler. Officer Johnson will also attend a 14 day training at Alpine K9 in Arizona.

To train Ex and other K9’s, trainers first teach the dogs train them to be in love with a certain toy - a rubber ball. They will take the ball and put it in a box with a glass front so that the dog will see it, and put narcotics in the box with it. When the K9 scratches at the ball a sufficient amount of time, they open the box and the dog gets the ball. When he retrieves the ball, he smells the narcotics in the box, and the dog associates the smell with finding the ball.

There is a process to getting a new dog for the K9 unit. There are certain traits that a dog has to have beforehand.

“All dogs that are selected for Police K9 have to have certain drives. They need ‘Toy Drive’ and ‘Hunt drive.’ Not all dogs have these drives. These dogs can be found anywhere, but both Niki and Ex are from the Czech Republic,” said Chief McAuley.

There are high standards in place for these dogs in order for them to do their jobs correctly.

“Each K9 will be used primarily in the detection of narcotics; however, these dogs are able to take the place of additional officers when one officer is handling many suspects at one time by watching and being ready to go into action should an altercation happen,” said Chief McAuley.



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY: “VOCA GRANT APPROVED SECOND YEAR RUNNING”

By Michael Munk, District Attorney

The Office of District Attorney employs seven full-time employees besides the elected District Attorney and is responsible for prosecuting adult felony offenders in Gaines, Dawson, Lynn, and Garza Counties. Those seven employees include a receptionist, two assistant district attorneys, two investigators, a para-legal, and one victim advocate.

Although the victim advocate position is mandated by law, to my surprise, there was no such position in the office when I first took office in 2013. Besides being a legally mandated position, I realized the importance of this position after getting my start in the office as the victim advocate in 2006. Since then, I have also had the honor of working alongside several talented victim advocates in our district, who considerably help our prosecutors do their jobs more effectively.

The victim advocate is the liaison between office activities and the victim. Keeping victims abreast of court dates, plea agreements, and all court developments are an essential part of the pursuit of justice.

I am proud to report that the State has approved our victim advocate grant for our second year running. This essential position has been filled at a cost of only 20% to the district taxpayers. The other 80% is funded courtesy of the State through a grant. This comes as a savings to the district taxpayers of over \$42,000 per year.

The effective administration of justice does cost money, but it does not hurt to find funding through grants whenever possible. I would like to thank the commissioner’s courts and county judges that have supported this endeavor. I would also like to thank the citizens who have graciously donated toys, games, and books to our victim advocate program. Thank you and God Bless.

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Enrollment Numbers Up at the High School

By Brittany Martin

Enrollment numbers for Seagraves High School are up this year from 142 in 2014 to a current enrollment of 157, according to High School Secretary Valerie Bueno.

High School Principal Art Ontiveros said although he can’t say he came up with the phrase himself, that Seagraves offers “big school opportunities in a small school setting.”

Ontiveros said there are many reasons why students come to Seagraves High School, including the fact that as a school, Seagraves ISD met state accountability standards.

“When a school meets standards,” said Ontiveros, “it shows we’re doing the right thing for students and doing what we need to achieve for our students and community. We offer a vast array of extra-curricular opportunities, dual credit classes, and a lot of other things.”

Students who find themselves in situations that don’t allow finishing school the typical way can go to Choices, the alternative school program offered to students who are approved.

Junior Anthony Holguin is one of those students. He moved to Seagraves this summer from Lubbock, Texas. Holguin appreciates what he has found at Seagraves High School.

“The teachers are very kind and very helpful,” said Holguin. “I’m not really in classes. I’m in Choices to graduate early. I’m not going to just drop out and not finish school. I’m going to do it the right way.”

Freshman Ever Beltran moved to Seagraves this summer from Denver, Colorado. “Well, I like the new people, food, and computers in school but outside is a new place to visit.”

Junior Will Wilkin’s moved to Seagraves this summer from Plains Texas. “Something I like about Seagraves is that school starts at 9 on Fridays.”

Freshman Chris Cavazos and his brother, Matthew Cavazos came to Seagraves from Seminole. Matthew said he likes going to school in Seagraves because “my girl lives here.” Chris said he likes it because it is small.

Freshman Irene Vela came to Seagraves from Denver City and said that so far, everyone is treating her well.

Sophomore Fabian Davila is from Lubbock. He said Seagraves is treating him well and he likes his classes.



By Toni Polyak,
Gaines County Library - Seagraves Branch

Chapter 1: Hello All!... The Summer break is over, and while it was great, it’s nice to get back to writing this column and in a comfortable routine. I hope everyone had a lovely summer vacation! Please come by the Seagraves Branch Library! We have public accessible computers, audio books, magazines, movies and of course BOOKS! Let us help you get a Library Card! We are open M-F, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, closed for lunch 12:00 pm-1:00 pm. Call us at 806-546-2480. We also offer faxing and copy-ing.

Chapter 2: Congratulations Readers!...The annual Texas Summer Reading Program (TSRP) was a huge success! Overall, 835 young people in Gaines County participated in the program. This total includes those signed up at the Seagraves and Seminole libraries. The total number of books read between both libraries was 20,238. The total number of pages read by the older readers was 561,175. And the younger readers read 15,939. That is what I consider a ‘success’! We encouraged the readers to keep their reading logs and show their teachers how hard they worked this summer. They have something to be proud of, and we are extremely proud of all of them. And may I add a “Whew”...it was busy, but so worthwhile! We hope to see everyone who participated in this past summer’s reading program, and new readers as well, again next summer.

Chapter 3: This Brings Me to...’-“Thank You” to all who donated to the TSRP. Without your help, we could not be as successful. It takes the community and beyond to get this going. It takes parents to bring their children to sign up to read and to keep reading, donators to enable us to get our wonderful incentive prizes, and businesses to agree to bring a weekly program to Seagraves. I could name names, but I know some of you don’t like the lime-light...you know who you are and we appreciate you!

Chapter 4: Talk the Talk or Walk the Plank!...September 19 is ‘International Talk Like a Pirate Day’. This is a day when people everywhere can swash their buckles and add a touch of larceny to their dialogue by talking like pirates. “Arr, matey, it be a fine day” is a good way to begin. While many think this is a ‘guy’ thing, many a female have been known to enjoy the day because they have to be addressed as “me beauty”. It’s great fun! While you are at it, why not watch the ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ series of movies and really get immerse yourselves in the world of Pirates!

Chapter 5: Tolkien Week...September 20-26. This week promotes the appreciation and enjoyment of the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. Celebrated annually, this week includes Hobbit Day (Sept 22). There are many who try and succeed in reading Tolkien’s works of art, and they should be commended. Tolkien’s books are not light reading, but they are satisfying.

Chapter 6: Hobbit Day, September 22...Celebrate the birthdays of Frodo and Bilbo Baggins and their creator J.R.R. Tolkien

Chapter 7: Two Scoops or Three?...September 22 is the anniversary of the Ice Cream Cone. Italo Marchiony was an Italian immigrant in the late 1800’s. He began what was to become a successful pushcart business, selling lemon ice, in New York. This inspired him to develop the cone, first made of paper, later of pastry, to hold the tasty delicacy. On September 22, 1903, his application for a patent for his new mold was filed and the rest is delicious history!

Chapter 8: Autumn Begins...The season of Autumn begins Sept 23 and ends Dec 21. In the Northern Hemisphere, it begins with the autumnal equinox, at 4:21 am, EDT. It is a lovely time of year, the changing of colors in the trees, the flowers last efforts to bloom and then fade to seed. The air smells different, and the light takes on a more subdued hue.

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Obituaries

SEAGRAVES, TEXAS



Martha “Leticia” Cruz, age 53, passed from this life into heaven on Friday, September 4, 2015 in Seminole.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Seagraves Junior High Auditorium at 10:00 A.M., with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial will followed at Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves. Personal services were entrusted to Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors of Seagraves.

She was born on January 13, 1962 in Piedras Negras, Mexico; she met and married Jose Cruz JR. on June 10, 1989. Together they had two children - daughter Dessiree Lynn Godinez, son Jose Cruz, and one grandchild Janessa Renee Cruz.

She was a dedicated wife and mother. Martha loved her children deeply, along with her grandchild; her home was always open to everyone. Martha could be found working at her hair salon at Martha’s Hair Creations. In her spare time she loved to work on arts and crafts,

Martha Cruz. Passed away following a vehicle accident. She is survived by her mother Josephina Briones; six sisters: Felipa Briones, Juanita Garcia, Irene Alarcon, Blanca Alcalá, Josie Trinidad, Mary Valenzuela, Rosalinda Alarcon, Lupita Padilla and Five brothers: Guadalupe Briones, Tony Briones, Manuel Alarcon, Raul SR. Alarcon, and Luis Alarcon. She is preceded in death by her father Antonio Brionez. Viewing was held at Mark A Jones funeral home 510 11th St in Seagraves.

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Standing (left to right): Uriel Martinez, Eric Granillo, Robby Pinon, Jonah Garcia, Coach Bryant, Joseph Gurrero, & Daniel Pinon
Knealing: Coach Heryford & Israel Rosales

Teamwork at the Top of Texas

By Taylor Spiller

Climbing a mountain requires endurance, mental toughness, and a lot of water. This is the general consensus from the group of Eagles that took on Guadalupe peak this summer.

The climbers included: Coach Bo Bryant, Coach Jamie Humphries, Coach Steve Heryford, Coach Jim Dougherty, Israel Rosalez, Uriel Martinez, Joseph Guerrero, Eric Granillo, Daniel Pinon, Robby Pinon, and Jonah Garcia.

Guadalupe Peak is located in Guadalupe National Park and is the highest peak in Texas at 8,751 feet. The hike itself is rated “strenuous,” which means that hikers need to be well prepared.

The elevation gain is 3,000 feet over only 8.4 miles. It’s straight uphill with almost no respite until hikers begin the long, steep trek down with slippery footing that sometimes is right over a cliff.

“I remember my feet hurting!,” said Junior Erik Granillo. “Going down was the worst because I was tired and was stepping on rocks all day. I slipped a few times trying to take some shortcuts.”

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Steve Heryford said, “The first three to the top, that practically sprinted up the mountain were Robby Pinon, Daniel Pinon, and Joseph Guerrero. Some of them I would never have guessed that they would be the first to the top.”

Coach Bo Bryant found the hike especially difficult. “The thing I remember most about it is just how hard it was. I got sick and had a bad headache. On the way down, my head was pounding with every step.”

“I think Coach Bryant got altitude sickness and dehydrated,” said Heryford. “When you’re climbing, you need to stay hydrated. Dehydration at altitudes is very bad. On another hike, Coach Humphries got sick, too. I don’t think he hydrated enough, either. It is very important to hydrate when you are climbing or hiking, especially in high altitudes.”

The mountain climb had a few bright spots, though, including the amazing view at the top.

“I remember when we were on top, everything looked so fake,” said Senior Israel Rosalez.

“The view was great, very different,” said Granillo.

Climbing up the tallest peak in Texas was about more than just making people sick, and taking away their joy in hiking. It impacted how the boys look at football and life in general.

“Going as a team and being able to complete something like that was pretty cool, and going away from it, I thought that when they’re in practice and they are thinking that it’s really hard, they can just remember the hike,” said Bryant.

Rosalez said he took away a greater lesson. “I learned that I’m never going to quit. If I get tired of something, I’m never going to give up too easy. I’m going to keep going,” he said.

Heryford said, “I think during the hike, you don’t enjoy it too much. You enjoy being at the top, the VIEW, but then you realize that you have to go down. That’s tough, but I think when you survive something tough it gives you a new barometer on what tough is and it makes you tougher for it.”



JV SCORES

Sundown – 0-6 (L)
Floydada – 20-12 (W)
Muleshoe – 41-20 (L)
Lamesa – 14-6 (L)

JUNIOR HIGH SCORES

Muleshoe – 46-0 (L)
Lamesa - 32-0 (L)



Kyle’s 100th Touchdown

By Zharia Childers

“Of course it’s a big deal to make 100 touchdowns, but to me it’s just another blessing to have under my name,” said senior Cory Kyle.

On September 4, 2015 the Seagraves Eagles took on the Floydada Whirlwinds in Seagraves. The Eagles walloped the Whirlwinds with a score of 49-7, and Cory Kyle made his 100th touchdown.

This was a monumental game for Kyle, as he scored the first touchdown of the game. Kyle doesn’t feel he did it alone. “I feel truly blessed to have scored my 100th touchdown, I feel pride in my team and in myself,” said Kyle.

“I believe that I would be just another average Joe without my teammates and coaching staff. All I do is run the ball but my big men up front make sure I’m able to play the way I do,” said Kyle.

“This is a very uncommon thing,” said Coach Steve Heryford, “but with an exceptional player and an exceptional team, you get exceptional stats,”

With 11 games, Kyle scored 7 touchdowns his freshmen year. With 14 games, Kyle scored 43 touchdowns his sophomore year, and with 14 games he scored 48 touchdowns his junior year.

This was never a goal for Kyle. It just played itself out. He said he never really paid attention to it. He has not set a goal of how many touchdowns he hopes to make by the end of the season.

“It’s not about how many touchdowns I make at the end of the game, but how much I love to run the ball,” said Kyle.





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Student Writing

SIGHT WORDS

&

SUPER HEROES

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY,
Bryan Hernandez

CRASH!

CRASH!


CRASH!

CRASH!

CRASH!


CRASH!

BOOM!



Electro Smashed shock boy through six windows then a train made of metal of course.

SUPER KID




YOU'LL all pay

a kid named shock boy is strong and has tons of enemys but one of his similer enemys came back.

BOOM!

POW!

CRASH!



then shock boy came and Kicked Electro in the face 'na not another one' said Ele+ro. Erro I dont have time for this

Student Writing

My Favorite Place

By Ger'Brail Norris

2nd Grader, Seagraves Elementary

My favorite place to go is Lubbock.

I like Lubbock because it is so much fun.

We goto the stor.

I get to see dog catfish and homsters.

I love to see all the pets.

We also go eat cicis.


Ther pizza is good.

I like the pepperoni pizza.

the buffalo wings are also deicious.

Lubbock is my favorite place because I love.

going to the pet store and cicis pizza.





Scores & Stats

Trinity Christian Cedar Hill

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
TCCCH	7	9	0	0	16
Seagraves	6	13	0	7	26

R. Longoria- 4 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 4 rush for -1 yds
Granillo- 5 tackles, 1 catch for 33 yds
Anderson- 1 tackle, 1 run for 5 yds
Guerrero- 1 tackle, 16 runs for 91 yds, 2 TDs, 11/18 pass completion for 151 yds
Martinez- 3 tackles, 1 assist, 1 catch for 37 yds
J. Longoria- 1 tackle
Pinon- 2 tackles, 2 assists, 1 sack, 7 runs for 35 yds, 1 catch for 17 yds
Aranda- 2 tackles, 2 runs for 17 yds
Qua Williams- 2 tackles, 1 sack
Quest Williams- 7 tackles
Kyle- 21 runs for 187 yds, 2 TDs, 1 catch for 8 yds
Quinonez- 3 tackles, 1 sack
Galavis- 5 tackles, 2 assists
Nicolas- 3 tackles, 1 forced fumble
Wilkins- 1 tackle
Lott- 5 tackles, 1 assist
S. Clark- 6 tackles, 1 assist



Floydada

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
Floydada	0	0	7	0	7
Seagraves	14	21	7	7	49

R. Longoria – 2 assists, 2 runs for a total of 11 yards, and 2 catches for 5 yards
Granillo – 3 tackles, 3 assists, 1 interception, and 2 catches for 23 yards
Anderson – 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 run for a total of 4 yards, and 1 catch for 15 yards
Guerrero – 1 tackle, 6 assists, 7runs for a total of 62 yards for a TD, and 7/12 passes for 56 yards
Martinez – 1 tackle, 5 assists, and 1 catch for 1 yard
J. Longoria – 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 interception for 60 yards for a TD
Pinon – 3 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble recovery for 21 yards for a TD, 3 runs for a total of 52 yards for a TD
Aranda – 3 tackles, 4 assists, 2 runs for a total of 16 yards
Quest Williams – 9 tackles, 2 assists, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble, 1 run for a total of 7 yards
Kyle – 1 tackle, 5 assists, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery, 14 runs for a total of 198 yards, and 3 TD's
Hibbitts – 2 assists, 1 fumble recovery
Quinonez – 8 tackles, 5 assists
Galaviz – 6 tackles, 11 assists, and 1 forced fumble
Garcia – 3 tackles, 3 assists
Blanco – 3 tackles, 2 assists
Nicolas – 1 tackle, 3 assists
Wilkins – 2 tackles
Lott – 14 tackles, 8 assists, and 2 sacks
S. Clark – 4 tackles, 2 assists, and 1 catch for 12 yards

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The two dogs are also a lot alike.
“Ex is much younger than Niki, but he is a little bigger in size. They are more alike than different though,” said Officer Wright.
“Ex is more excitable and “puppy-isd” compared to Niki. Ex hardly barks when you have his toy. Niki will bark a lot for his toy,” said Officer Cory Johnson.
These dogs start training at a young age, and the training is quite extensive.
“Police K-9 training normally begins between the ages of one year old and may go as old as 3 years. Once training has begun, it is an ongoing process throughout the entire career of the K9,” said Chief McAuley.
The chief said that the reason for getting another dog is so that they can run one K-9 at night and one during the day.
Right now, Niki and Ex are busy trying to figure out who's boss. “ Niki and Ex are having to learn to get along. Both dogs are alpha males, so one dog will eventually be in charge,” said Chief McAuley.
“Niki and Ex do not get along very well. They are both the top dog and want to be the boss. We will continue to allow them to be around each other, while supervised and restrained, with the hopes of them being able to tolerate each other at some point. We can't force animals to like each other; however, they are indeed on the same team,” said Officer Cory Johnson.
Having a dog as your partner is very different from having a human partner, and Officer Cory Johnson loves having Ex as his partner.
“At one point, having a K9 partner was a dream, something I thought would take many years to happen. Now, I would do anything for Ex and he would do anything for me. I believe he has and will continue to make me a better officer than I was the day before. I believe that Ex is a great asset to not only this department and community, but to the entire surrounding area. I am extremely indebted, appreciative, and feel supremely blessed that I have been given a K9 partner.”

Iron Sharpens Iron

By: Coach Heryford

We all need people in our lives to inspire us, challenge us, and hold us accountable to standards that will lead to success in the present and in the future. Like many students today, I grew up in a broken, dysfunctional home where drug and alcohol abuse were pervasive. Many of my high school friends grew up in similar environments.

Growing up in poverty and in a dysfunctional home, odds were against us avoiding the pitfalls of our families and finding success in life. The challenge and accountability of being part of a High School Sports Team changed my life. My high school coaches used our love of the game to challenge us to set high standards and strive for excellence in all that we did. Most of our players took ownership of their commitment to excellence and started challenging one another. The accountability to coaches and teammates helped me stay away from many of the pitfalls of adolescence.

Even today, I try to surround myself with people who are willing to step on my toes and challenge me to stay on the path of excellence in life. I am accountable to this community, to our school leadership, to our faculty and staff, and even to our students and student athletes to be the man (husband, father, teacher, coach, ...) that God has called me to be. While temptations are always around, none of them are worth the cost of disappointing those I am accountable to (children, wife, admin., team, ...). While I still make plenty of mistakes, being accountable to so many good people keeps me from making the big mistakes.

Proverbs 27:17 is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. It reads: “As Iron Sharpens so One Man Sharpens Another.”

While winning is fun, my ultimate career goal is to create an environment and a culture in our school and athletic program that challenges our young people to strive for excellence in all they do by holding each other accountable to avoid the negative choices and paths in life that lead to destruction. I appreciate the opportunity to work at Seagraves ISD where everyone from our school board and admin to the teachers and staff are all passionate about creating a learning environment that facilitates student growth and achievement.

We have a staff full of difference makers who are passionate about meeting our young people where they are and helping them improve one lesson/step/ day at a time. I love my job and can’t imagine a more worthwhile way to invest my life than in helping our young people get on the path to a successful life.



Cory Kyle (#44) and Quest Williams (#32)

Eagles Fall to Muleshoe 39-36 Team Says Loss Will Pave the Way to Victory

By Paulina Carrillo

“There is no better teacher than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance next time.” This Malcom X quote was what the Seagraves Eagle football team saw on the cover page of their study guide for this week’s game plan.

The mighty Seagraves Eagles played against the Muleshoe Mules on Friday September 11th and came up short losing 39-36.

This game was destined to be one of the hardest games of the season for the Eagles. Muleshoe is a 3A, Division 1 football team. In addition to winning the state game for Division 1-3A in 2008, Muleshoe has consistently make playoff appearances for the last few years.

“It was a great game, a hard fought game,” said Head Football Coach Steve Heryford. “We stuck together and battled back, and we were tied. At the end, we had the chance to take the lead, had a chance to get turnovers, but we didn’t. There was a bad call at the end which gave them an opportunity for a field goal and Muleshoe ended up winning 39-36,” said Heryford. “We didn’t play good, but we played hard,” said Junior Wide Receiver Eric Granillo. “That’s why it was such an intense game because we played hard. We could’ve played better and executed better,” said Granillo.

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Varsity Cheerleaders
Back Row: Tyler Carmichael & Froilan Beltran
Front Row: Bry Minjarez, Zharia Childers, Shiann Corentt, Kaitlyn Lively, & Paulina Carillo



JVCheerleaders
Brooke Garza, Tavey Kyle, Kaylee Mueller, and Cami Harper



Uriel Martinez

Skyler Clark

Martinez, Clark, Named Soaring Athletes - Overall and Offensive MVP’s

by Gabriela Valles

Head Coach Steve Heryford has chosen Senior Uriel Martinez and Senior Skyler Clark to be this month’s MVP’s.

Offensive Wide Receiver/Defensive Corner Uriel Martinez (#11) said he can’t get enough football. “I like everything about football. The feeling, the emotion, everything,” said Martinez.

Martinez said his family inspires him because they are always there for him for anything and everything.

Heryford chose Skyler Clark (#85) as Defensive MVP. Just like Martinez, Skyler is a wide receiver on offense and corner on defense.

“I like the hype of the football players and the fans,” said Clark. “I also like to tackle and intercept the ball.”

Arizona Cardinal Tyrann Mathieu inspires Clark because Mathieu is the best corner in the NFL. Mathieu is the smallest player in the NFL. Clark and Mathieu are the same height - 5’9”.

Both Martinez and Clark keep themselves motivated through the fans who go support them and the rest of the team. They also listen to music, watch post-game films, and have very supportive families.

Clark and Martinez both agree that this season will be great. “Our team has really stepped it up, and we are already a better team than last year,” said Clark.

Clark wants to win state, get All-State Defensive Team again, and have a great senior year. Clark’s ultimate achievement is to be able to win state his senior year with all of his friends and teammates. Martinez wants to win state, graduate, and receive an offer to play as a receiver.

Martinez prepares himself by eating food, drinking big red, listening to music, praying, and sleeping. Clark prepares himself by listening to music from a playlist that he made which makes him think of what he’s going to do in a game.

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So what goes on in the player’s mind while they are either at practice or playing in a game? “I’m always thinking about the ball and where it’s going to be next. I also think about the quarterback,” said Clark. “Play like you practice and food.” said Martinez.

Martinez said his favorite bible verse is, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” (Philippians 4:13).

Clark’s favorite quote is, “They measured my height, they measured my weight, but they never measured my heart,” (Tyrann Mathieus).

Martinez and Clark perform well in classroom, too. Offensive Coach Billy Wilson said, “Uriel has become a lot more physical. He will have a great year and his speed makes him stand out. His work habits and personality are what I like most.”

English teacher Judy Odom said, “ Uriel has wonderful manners and is a leader in the class. He is a kind person and meets the classroom challenge with a happy, interested mindset.”

Teammate Israel Rosalez said, “I think Uriel will do good as long as he keeps working hard and doesn’t give up. His speed and vertical make him stand out. He is a really motivational person.”

Secondary Coach Blake Tittle said, “Skylar’s confidence, aggression, and technique has improved. He has become a leader on defense and his energy is contagious. I’m expecting a huge year from him. I wouldn’t be surprised if teams start avoiding his side of the field. He has so much energy. That’s what makes him stand out. He is always excited to play football. He is confident in his ability yet still open to coaching so that he can improve. I love the excitement he brings to the table.”

History teacher Tiffany Sellers said, “ Skylar is very funny and clever. He is a model student and works very hard in class.”

Teammate Case Clark said, “I always expect big things from the “Energizer.” With a big year ahead of us, it gives Sky an opportunity to rack up the stats. He’s the kind of guy to get everybody pumped. I like his attitude.”

“The Seagraves Eagles are a bunch of great young men and have a great coaching staff,” said Brian Valles, a citizen from Seagraves, “which is going to make a big run in the playoffs. They play with all their hearts and push till the end.”



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Granillo said he wasn’t impressed with the Muleshoe team’s sportsmanship. “They played dirty, they did, but that’s just the way it is. Playing bigger schools is definitely helping us become better players. It doesn’t feel good to lose, so we want to give it all we have out on the field,” said Granillo.

Senior Center Israel Rosalez said the loss helped him see the improvements he needs to make. “I feel bad because we didn’t put our best out on the field. We could’ve played better. We’re going to work harder and stop slacking in practice. We came out too confident, and we weren’t really prepared for this game,” said Rosalez

Heryford believes that ultimately, the team can use the loss to its advantage. “Overall it was a great game, and being in those kinds of games is good for you. It makes you raise your game to a different level and learn how to compete against really great people. It’s really good to play higher and bigger teams. It makes us better...They say adversity reveals character or lack of character, but it also can develop character if you’ll deal with it the right way. Hopefully we’ll have that attitude. The team still has a lot of work to do. We’re playing to win, not to lose,” said Heryford.

Junior Tight End and Linebacker Quashus Williams said the game taught him a lot. “This game taught us that we have to work harder during practice and don’t give up during the game because there are always 4 quarters,”Williams.

Granillo agreed. He believes the Muleshoe game was an important early season assessment of where the team is, so they can focus on where they want to be. “The team will definitely try harder and work harder in practice and on the field. We will focus more on playing better and executing better. We got the playing hard part down. We just need the playing better. A loss like the one against Muleshoe will definitely help us improve. Playing better teams makes you better yourself. This game really helped us because it will be our biggest test before playoffs,” said Granillo.

“We have goals of playing in December, but no one who plays in December is playing at that level right now. It’s a continuous process of improvement. Every practice and every game is an opportunity for us to improve as individuals and as a team,” said Heryford.

Smile....You’re on Camera



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Chapter 9: Don’t Forget...September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! This is the time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Children ages 9 and older may have a card, with parental permission. Please contact us if you are interested, and let us introduce your children and you to the Wonderful World of Reading!

Chapter 10: R.E.A.D. in America Day, September 26...R.E.A.D. stands for “Reading helps Everyone Accomplish Dreams”. The day’s motto is “Anything is possible if you read.” It is through the power of reading that goals are set and dreams are realized. The day’s purpose is to raise awareness about youth literacy and to encourage the power of daily reading for our youths.

Chapter 11: Banned Books Week, Sept 27 – October 3, Celebrating the Freedom to Read...This annual event celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment.

Chapter 12: Happy September Birthday Authors and Illustrators! ...Arthur Koestler, Billy Rose, Kiran Desai, Allison Lurie, Mort Walker, Cathy Lee Guisewite, Nicanor Parra, Jennifer Egan, Leo Tolstoy, Mario Batali, Stephen Gould, Franz Werfel, David H. Lawrence, Sherwood Anderson, Roald Dahl, Alighieri Dante, Robert McCloskey, James Fenimore Cooper, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Sir William Golding, Mike Royko, Maxwell Perkins, George R.R. Martin, Fannie Flag, Stphen King, Kay Ryan, Walter Lippmann, William H. McGuffey, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Alan Colmes, William C. Faulkner, Shel Silverstein, Thomas S. Eliot, Thomas Nast, Al Capp, Truman Capote, W.S. Mervin, Tea Obrecht, Elie Wiesel

Chapter 13: “Autumn is the hush before winter.” ~ French Proverb



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Muleshoe

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
Muleshoe	8	22	6	3	39
Seagraves	8	14	0	14	36

R. Longoria – 6 tackles, 1 assist, and 1 run for a total of 3 yards
Granillo – 5 tackles, 1 assist, 1 forced fumble, and 1 fumble recovery
Anderson – 7 tackles, 1 catch for 9 yards
Guerrero – 2 tackles, 3 assists, 16 runs for a total of 51 yards and a TD, 8/15 passes for 2TD’s for 133 yards
Martinez – 5 tackles, 1 assist
Pinon – 10 tackles, 4 assists, 5 runs for a total of 5 yards, and 2 catches for 36 yards
Aranda – 1 assist
Qua Williams – 4 tackles, 2 assist, 2 catches for 22 yards and a TD
Quest Williams – 3 tackles, 1 sack, and 1 forced fumble
Kyle – 9 tackles, 4 assists, 28 runs for a total of 184 yards and 2 TD’s, 3 catches for 66 yards and a TD
Hibbitts – 3 tackles, 2 assists
Quinonez – 1 tackle
Galaviz – 4 tackles, 3 assists
Nicolas – 6 tackles, 1 forced fumble
Lott – 4 tackles, 5 assists
S. Clark – 13 tackles, 1 interception

Lamesa

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
Lamesa	8	6	6	0	20
Seagraves	21	20	21	0	62

R. Longoria- 3 tackles, 1 fumble recovery, 5 runs for 90 yards
Granillo- 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 catch for 39 yards
Anderson- 3 tackles, 1 catch for 19 yards
Guerrero- 3 tackles, 8 runs for 155 yards and 2 TDs, 4 or 8 completed passes for 56 yards
J. Longoria- 2 tackles, 1 assist
Pinon- 8 tackles, 1 sack, 6 runs for 90 yards and 2 TDs, 1 catch for 0 yards
Aranda- 1 tackle, 3 runs for 43 yards
Qua Williams- 6 tackles
Quest Williams- 8 tackles, 1 assist, 1 sack
Kyle- 3 tackles, 2 assist, 12 runs for 183 yards and 4 TDs, 1 catch for -2 yards
Hibbitts- 1 tackle
Quinonez- 6 tackles, 2 assist
Galaviz- 6 tackles, 3 assist
Nicolas- 9 tackleesm 2 assists, 1 sack
Wilkins- 2 tackles, 1 assist, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble
Lott- 6 tackles, 2 assists
S. Clark- 3 tackles
Hernandez- 8/8 PAT’s