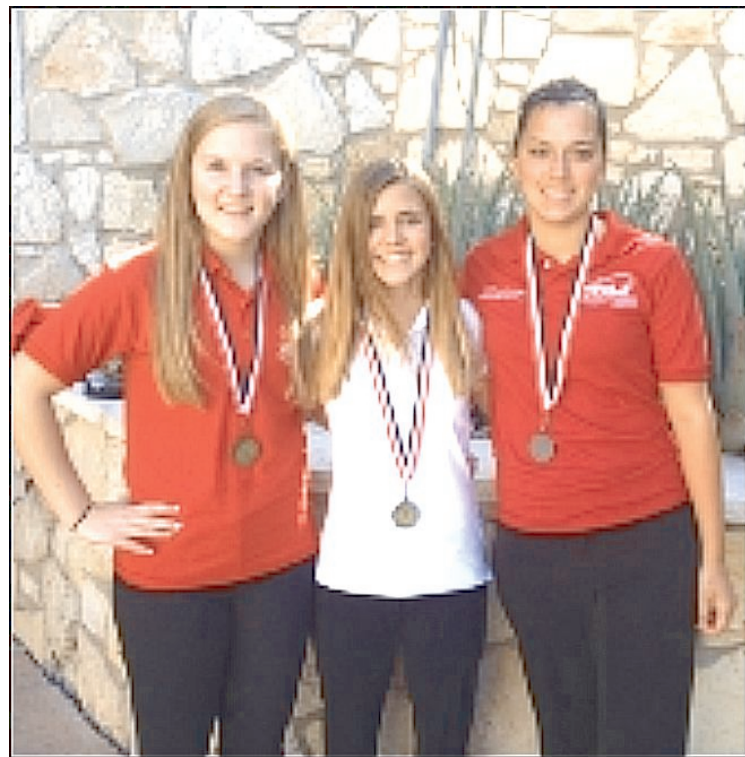


BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



School Spirit! Blackwell Junior High and Varsity cheer teams attended camp together at Angelo State University in July where they earned a combined total of four small school division trophies in Extreme Routine dance (both squads), Championship cheer (junior high) and Championship chant (varsity). Additionally six girls were selected for All-American honors, and two girls were chosen to receive leadership pins. Shown are (from left) 7th grader Jacie Fields, junior Shianne Solis, junior Hailey Bennett (All-American), 7th grader Madison Solis, 7th grader Emilee Sanderson (All-American), freshman Shelby Panzer (All-American), sophomore Halee Sanderson (All-American and leadership pin), 7th grader Jordan Jones (All-American and leadership pin), sophomore Abigail Sorrells, sophomore Krista Clower (All-American), sophomore twirler Audrey Mink, 8th grader Tori Scott, and 8th grader Victoria Davis. Not pictured is Junior High mascot Carli Powers.



FCCLA National Medalists! Earning medals at the 2014 FCCLA National Competition in San Antonio were Shelby Panzer, Tori Scott and Cambrey Lange. Cambrey earned a Silver medal in Junior Entrepreneurship. Shelby earned a Gold medal in Junior Food Innovations and Tori earned a Gold medal in Junior Career Investigation.

School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, September 1**
Pancakes and bacon or cereal w/toast, juice, milk
- Tuesday, September 2**
Sunrise sandwich or cereal w/toast, juice, milk
- Wednesday, September 3**
Biscuits w/gravy, scrambled eggs or cereal w/toast, juice, milk
- Thursday, September 4**
Oatmeal & cinnamon toast or cereal w/toast, juice, milk
- Friday, September 5**
Breakfast burrito or cereal w/toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, September 1**
2 pizza sticks with spaghetti sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk
- Tuesday, September 2**
Beefy queso, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk
- Wednesday, September 3**
Grilled chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk
- Thursday, September 4**
Meaty macaroni, garden salad, mashed potatoes, fresh grapes, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie, milk
- Friday, September 5**
Ultimate taco salad, Spanish rice, salsa, tomato and cucumber cup, baby carrots w/ranch, mandarin oranges, milk

Mini Cheer Camp set for September 15-19

A Mini Cheer Camp will be held from September 15 to September 19. All those interested need to contact Mrs. Powers for more information at (325) 282-2311 or email at cpowers@blackwellcisid.org.

2014 Homecoming activities announced

The 2014 Homecoming activities for Blackwell CISD have been announced.

The Dress Up Day schedule begins Monday, August 31, 2014, with America Day. Tuesday is Disney Day with Pajama Day on Wednesday. The week will conclude with College Day on Thursday and Green Day on Friday.

A Bon Fire will be held at dusk on Friday if there is no burn ban in effect.

Saturday's activities begin at 10 am with visitation, registration and refreshments in the cafeteria. A Homecoming Parade will be held at 1:30 pm with the Pep Rally at 3 pm. A Meal will begin at 4:30 pm.

Introduction of players and the flag ceremony will be held at 7 pm with the game at 7:30 pm. This year, the Blackwell Hornets will take on the Jayton Jaybirds. At half time, all reunion classes will be recognized.

If you have a nominee for Distinguished Alumni, send name and reasons for nomination to Heather Sanderson, c/o Blackwell Ex-Students Association, Blackwell, Texas 79506. For Mum orders, call the school at 325-282-2311.

A dance, sponsored by the Blackwell Fire Department, will follow the game.

Analysis Now = Savings Later

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent

Now that August is almost over and we are reaching the end of the growing season, approximately 90 percent of the warm season grass growth has been completed. This time of year it can be beneficial to take an analysis of the forage we have produced in the past growing season. Analysis of forage can be done a number of ways by walking through the pastures and estimating forage production, establishing photo points and comparing yearly pictures to estimate this year's production compared to past years production or you can do the most accurate method which is by taking clip samples to estimate pounds of forage per acre (most time consuming).

As the old saying goes you cannot manage what you cannot measure is ever true when it comes to managing rangeland. By gaining a rough measurement of production in your pasture you will be better able to manage it. Once you have an ideal on the amount of forage that has been produced you can make plans that will affect the next seven months (September-March). This will allow you to make management decisions on how many head you can run and how much feed you will need to supplement with in the coming winter.

On a final note extra forage left standing through the winter time can be used as forage for livestock or fuel for a prescribed burn. Depending on the condition of you pasture, your location and how comfortable

you are with a prescribed burn are all factors that play into this decision.

21st Annual Mesquite Show coming to Fredericksburg

The 2014 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg, Texas on October 10, 11, and 12.

Juried artists from around Texas and beyond will gather in Fredericksburg Marktplatz for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best selection of mesquite, visitors will enjoy the largest mesquite show in the world," show organizer Al Carr said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first event in 1992. Fourteen mesquite woodworkers gathered then for a seminar. According to Carr, they weren't the only ones showing interest in mesquite.

"So many local people dropped in to see what we were doing and to try to buy our work, we realized Fredericksburg was the best place on earth to have a Texas Mesquite Arts Festival," Carr said.

The Mesquite Arts Festival has become one of the top events in


Fredericksburg. Organizers expect over 10,000 visitors during the weekend.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, and sculpted vases, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered from this festival, according to Carr. Additional articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as AAA's Texas Journey, Texas Highways, Veranda, and Fine Woodworking.

"Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Carr said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in

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