Cooperative effort

Dunlap asks Beckville parents for support in restructuring

Beckville parents had good things to say Monday after hearing plans that will affect their children's educational experience. The parents, teachers, and students gathered Monday night at Beckville Middle School to learn more about Beckville Independent Schools' "pathways for success." After hearing from school District Superintendent E. Hope Dunlap, many were pleased with the proposed changes.

"I like that they're going to be giving the students more choices," said a parent who said he had been "just pushed through" school without knowing his options. Another parent, who said he had been "pushed in high school," liked the idea of being able to choose different educational paths.

The "pathways" concept is designed to help students choose their own educational journeys, Dunlap said. The high school would be divided into three "pathways" based on the students' interests: technical, academic, and career-oriented.

"If you're going to go to college, you'll be able to go from high school to college," Dunlap said. "If you're going to go into the workforce, you'll be able to go right into the workforce after high school." The high school would also have an option for students who want to pursue both academic and technical skills.

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Juvenile punishment plan revealed

26,000 high school seniors failed TAAS tests

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has announced a new juvenile punishment plan that will be implemented in the state's schools. The plan is designed to address the high failure rate of TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) tests among high school seniors. According to TEA data, 26,000 high school seniors failed the TAAS tests in 1994.

The new plan includes increasing the focus on basic skills and reducing the emphasis on standardized testing. The TEA will work with schools to develop individualized learning plans for students who are struggling. The plan also includes providing more support for teachers and increasing the use of technology in the classroom.

The TEA has been criticized for its focus on standardized testing, particularly the TAAS, which many educators believe is not an effective measure of student achievement. The new plan is seen as a step towards addressing these concerns.

Additional information from the TEA:

- The TAAS test is required for graduation and college admission.
- The test measures students' knowledge in reading, writing, math, and science.
- The TEA recommends that schools develop comprehensive plans to help students succeed on the TAAS.

The plan is expected to be implemented in the fall of 1995.
Lady Dogs nipped, 61-57, in showdown

Carthage just five of 20 at charity stripe

Carthage played out thirty seconds worth of basketball against the Lady Bulldogs of Lindale Tuesday night. The Lady Bulldogs, playing their first night game of the year, were able to nip Carthage, 61-57, in the Carthage Community Center in Carthage.

Carthage struggled through the first half as the Lady Bulldogs led, 35-24, at half time. Carthage outscored the Lady Bulldogs, 27-16, in the second half, but it was not enough to overcome the early deficit.

"It was a tough game," said Carthage Coach Todd Hill. "The Lady Bulldogs are a very good team. They played hard and we didn't play very well ourselves. We couldn't get it going in the first half and it carried over into the second half."

Lindale Coach Rick Smith praised his team after the game. "The Lady Bulldogs played well and we did a good job of controlling the game. We're off to a good start this season."

The Lady Bulldogs will play again on Friday night against the Lady Eagles of Midway. Carthage will play against the Lady Eagles on Saturday night. The Lady Bulldogs are currently 3-0 on the season while Carthage is 2-1.

Football

Dawgs play sloppy, Eagles soar by 87-53

Lindale flies to win in 15-AAA opener

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Glaucoma Specialist

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Westmoreland named MVP

Cross receives 12th Man Award by booster club

Clarke Westmoreland was named Westmoreland County "12th Man" by the<br>
 Compass Booster Club on Tuesday night at the American Legion.<br>
 Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Westmoreland of Westmoreland, was<br>
 presented with his award by Mr. and Mrs. Will Protas, secretary and<br>
 treasurer of the club.<br>
 Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Williams, Jr., President of the club, presented<br>
 the award to the student athlete.<br>

Crosby Cross, center, received the annual "12th Man" Award from the<br>
 Booster Club of Westmoreland County. He was presented with the<br>
 Award by Mr. and Mrs. Will Protas, secretary and Treasurer of the<br>
 Booster Club.

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Westmoreland named MVP

Lloyd overshadows all in San Jac's 86-71 win

Bill Purtis, coach of the San Jacinto College basketball team, is proud of the performance of his team in the game against Lufkin College.

"We played well," he said. "Lufkin has a good team, but we were able to dominate them in the end." The score was 86-71 in favor of San Jac.

The game was marked by several impressive plays from both teams, but San Jac's defense proved too much for Lufkin.

The game started with a strong performance by San Jac's guard, who scored 15 points in the first half. Lufkin's defense was able to hold them back in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome San Jac's powerful offense.

San Jac's forward, who scored 20 points, was the key player in the game. His ability to get to the basket and score was instrumental in the team's victory.

PONIES STATISTICS

Beckville 3-0 in district

Lady Bearcats win, keep lead in 21-AA

The Lady Bearcats of Beckville, under new head coach, have started off the season with three consecutive wins in the 21-AA district.

Their most recent victory was against the Lady Eagles of Jacksonville, 49-35. The Lady Bearcats, led by their senior point guard, scored 22 points in the game.

The Lady Bearcats have been consistent in their play, with no losses so far. Their next game is against the Lady Mustangs of Nacogdoches, who are currently in second place in the district.

TEAC Standings

Lindale in loop play

The Lindale Lady Eagles have been playing strong in their district games, currently sitting in second place with a 2-0 record.

Their latest victory was against the Lady Mustangs of Nacogdoches, 57-42. The key player in the game was their senior forward, who scored 18 points.

Lindale's next game is against the Lady Eagles of East Texas, who are currently in first place with a 3-0 record.

DAWGS STATISTICS

Youth basketball scheduled for sign up

The Port Neches DAWGS are scheduling sign-ups for their youth basketball program. The program will be held Monday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Port Neches Gymnasium.

Players will be divided into age groups based on their age at the beginning of the season. The program will feature instruction in both offense and defense.

For more information, call Coach Jones at 409-898-7728 or visit the Port Neches Recreation Department website.
Fillies win at horn in TEAC opener, 55-53

Wilson’s assist, Burgess’ goal nets second win in row

Fillies' Wendy Cruz when a jumper from the box

Foreign students need Cartaghen families to share homes, cultures

Arrest report

Wanda Hall retired on January 2, 1994 after 25 years of employment. She served as Branch Manager of the Drive-In Bank and will be missed by customers and fellow employees alike. Congratulations Wanda on your retirement.

BETTY CHERRY
Betty Cherry retired on January 1, 1994 following 25 years of dedicated service and loyalty to First State Bank & Trust. Best wishes Betty on a well done and hopes for a happy retirement.

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