

★ School Board election

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Peggy Burch, Rosemary Parmley and Kathlene English were appointed as election judges, and Flora Banks as an early vote clerk. Elaine Goode and Elton Caldwell were appointed as agents to represent the board secretary. In addition, the election judge and staff appointed to be responsible for the vote at BJHS will be the early vote ballot board.

Anthony Bruner approached the board to inform them of the State Board of Education's stance regarding the teaching of the Theory of Evolution.

Bruner said, "In November, the state board began holding hearings on text books. For the last 20 years, textbooks have taught the strengths and weaknesses of the Theory of Evolution."

Several organizations campaigned to remove the teaching of weaknesses of evolution and the state board voted 8-7 to have the weaknesses be removed.

"If we remove the critical review of both the strengths and the weaknesses, then our nation is dumbing down the science department," Bruner said.

Teague recommended each board member take time to notify the board of education of their thoughts on this matter; official action might be taken next board meeting. March 25 is when the final vote by the state

board will be made.

Next, the board opened a high school counselor position that had been unoccupied since last year. Board Member Becky Grantham made the motion to approve and Wise seconded.

No action was taken on a Mastercraft Plumbing invoice. There was a large discrepancy between the approximate cost of the work done and the ending bill. In particular, several items were identified to have been charged to the school, but were not used.

The board decided to let the school's lawyer determine what to do with the matter.

Wise and Jeffrey Fulgham, board member, made the motion and seconded, respectively, to approve the 2009-2010 budget calendar.

Rent related to a house located east of the annex building, a school-owned house, was up for consideration.

School Superintendent Elton Caldwell said, "We get \$350 a month from the couple that lives there."

The family experienced what was described as a "runaway electric bill" which turned out far higher than their expectations. The board voted to forgo rent for the month of February while the couple figures out what happened.

Grantham made the motion to waive the rent and Wyatt seconded.

Perry Eaton, parent involvement coordinator with the school, informed the board of a donation from Northland Cable Television: a radio tower in Chandler along with the land.

This tower could be used for Bear Radio to begin broadcasting on a radio frequency.

"The price is right," Eaton said.

Fulgham made the motion to accept the donation so long as a fence is put up around the tower as fast as possible. Grantham seconded. The tower is located at 609 S Fifth St.

Eaton said, "If we can't go ahead then we liquidate the construction permit as well as the tower and land."

Before the board got to evaluations and contracts, they heard a level three grievance from an employee seeking reinstatement of her job.

After meeting in executive session, the board chose to uphold the administration's decision to terminate employment. Wyatt made the motion and Grantham seconded.

The board then extended a host of contracts for a year. Wise made the motion to approve the extensions and Grantham seconded.

The meeting was adjourned following the superintendent's report and news that Chandler Elementary had become a Title I, Part A Recognized Campus.

Lake Palestine U.M.C.

by Barbara Cade

The big event at the church this past weekend was Bill and Joyce Martin's 50th wedding celebration. Their children and families did a great job of decorating the church. One of their sons officiated at their vow renewal and Joyce and Bill even wrote their own poems to share with each other.

On the same day, several members of the church attended the Transforming Church seminar at Lane's Chapel in Tyler. Dr. Stan Copeland did a great job in his preaching. Several Bible studies will be formed from this.

The church is also excited that two performances of the Easter Pas-

sion Play will be performed at the amphitheater on the lake. There will be four performances this year with the other two being at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Chandler. The LPUMC members are already talking about set building and costuming. It should be a lot of fun. Even more cast members are needed.

Several of the ladies of the church are looking forward to the re-start of the Transforming Angels.

The Hitts, the Simons and Kaethe Griffin took a trip to Gladewater last Saturday to listen to the opry. They all had a great time.

It was good to see that Lillian Stegall has returned from her stay in the Caribbean Islands. She does have to make a quick trip to Mississippi in the near future though.

Herb and Dorothy Botts are feeling better, but there are still several people in the church who are home sick.

It was wonderful to have the new church projector installed this past Sunday. Everything is so much clearer now.

Jim and Sherry Morton have donated some beautiful gift baskets to the church. There is currently a silent auction going on for them at the back of the sanctuary. As Jim pointed out, they would make some great Valentine's gifts.

Speaking of Valentine's Day, that's this Saturday, and the Methodist Men are hosting a Valentine's breakfast for the ladies of the church at 9 AM. They seem very excited about it, so ladies, come out and have a lot of fun.

Finally, the church is very grateful for a gift which will allow us to improve and extend some of the roadways around the church and amphitheater. A very big thank you goes to the donor(s).

We won't have to drive over the potholes anymore.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees

Just in time for Spring, the Arbor Day Foundation offers 10 free trees for those who join in February

Now's the time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather warms up.

Every person from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees.

The 10 free Eastern redbud trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will add lasting beauty to homes across Texas," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 65 Tree City USA communities."

For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting tradition.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions.

The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28, 2009, or go to [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

★ Sheriff's report

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This investigation is ongoing and could lead to further arrests.

Alicia Johns, 24, YOA, a passenger in the vehicle was arrested for possession of a controlled substance pg1 <1 gram. Alicia Johns had just been released from Henderson County Justice Center less than twenty-four hours earlier for two counts of abandon/ endangering a child.

Assisting agency/officers were, Henderson County Sheriff's Department; Gun Barrel City Police Department; Henderson County Drug Enforcement Unit; Eustace Police Department; and Mabank Police Department.

2008 All APEC Football Team

All members of this team trained at Accelerate before this season and made a minimum of .90% of the workouts. Accelerate has worked with over a dozen scholarship football players currently playing at BCS schools. We are the best in Athletic Enhancement and we are proud to work with the best. Athletes on this list trained at the highest level leading up to this season. This team is comprised of not only the most talented but the most improved APEC athletes. We selected high character individuals that led their teams with work ethic and a team attitude.

Co Players of the Year : Charlie Moore and Matthew Tucker



**Charlie Moore** - 6'3 200lbs Sr. quarterback/safety- Bullard - Offensively 1,150 yards rushing 19 TDs, 1950 yards passing 20 TDs, Defensively 77 tackles, 2 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles. All State, 1st team All East Texas, Texas High School Player of the Week, District MVP, Committed to Oklahoma State

"When I started training at APEC I had a lot of things I needed to improve on. The Accelerate program delivered! Coming to APEC and working out with the best athletes in the area... I couldn't ask for anything better. I'm looking forward to this season because I know

APEC has definitely helped me with my functional speed and power. The work outs were intense but they were really advanced and all very different. I will give credit of my success to Bobby and the APEC program for the things I plan to do this upcoming season."

- Charlie Moore quote taken in August before his senior year

Charlie Moore can be effective from several different positions at Oklahoma State.



**Matthew Tucker** - 6'2 216lbs Sr. running back Chapel Hill Over 2700 yards and 31 TDs, 2 years All State, All East Texas MVP, District MVP, Committed to TCU. Of his 6000 yard career over 5500 were gained after Tucker started training at APEC.

"Accelerate started working with Matthew after his sophomore year. He was given specific techniques for agility and quickness. APEC turned Matthew's glaring weakness (change of direction) into his greatest strength.

When he reported back before his junior year I knew that Accelerate made a huge impact on Matthew Tucker's abilities. His ability to cut and hit the hole was amazing. He proved us right by quadrupling his rushing total from his sophomore year. His Senior year APEC took those improvements a step

further. Matthew gained a lot of weight and still increased his speed. Accelerate gives our athletes the individual attention and technique instruction that can change a kid, not just get them in shape."

-Phil Castles Head Coach Chapel Hill



Matthew Tucker is an impressive athlete with great character and work ethic

Quarterback

- **Chance Wallace** - 6', 181lbs, Sophomore - Canton - 3128 All Purpose, 32 TDs, All-State, All East Texas
- **Will Allen** - 6' 183lb Senior - Arp- Led his team deep into the playoffs for the second year in a row. Also an All State Kicker
- **Broc January** - 6'1 195lb Senior - Cayuga- All East TX two way star that took his team to the state championship

Running Back

- **Chase Rabe** - 6' 195 Junior - Van- Chase came into the season on the depth chart as a defensive end. He came in and wowed the coaches enough to earn him the starting running back job. Chase was a two way player that recorded 25 tackles in one game. His performance the last 6 games helped take Van deep into the playoffs.

Power Back

- **Luke Molitor** - 5'7 202lb Senior Brookhill- 1st Team All State Bruiser. This kid was dominant in short yardage situations.

Speed Back

- **Cameron Broaderhausen** - 6' 183lb Sophomore Grace- This All East TX runner rushed for over 1000 yards in the spread offense

Offensive Utility Backs

- **Chase Wiley** - Full Back 5'10 184lb Senior Robert E Lee- After a two year hiatus from football he trained hard all summer and had a huge impact on his football team. Chase made game breaking catches, runs, and blocks for the Red Raiders. • **Seth Stroupe** - H Back 5'10 192lb Sophomore Arp- Best blocking back in East Texas. Seth had some big time catches during the Tigers playoff run. • **Zack Cool** - WR/RB 5'9 160lb Sophomore Brookhill- This slasher burst on the scene as a wide receiver in a run oriented offense. Zack quickly made a case to get the ball in his hands and developed into a nice compliment to Luke Molitors bruising style.

**MOST IMPROVED Offensive Lineman (since it is the most important position in football we can never have too many)-** **Jake Martin** (Chapel Hill), **Anthony Gomez** (Canton), **Greg Holston** (Robert E Lee), **Nathan Yost** (Robert E Lee), **Jake Kraus** (Pine Tree), **Chris Dawson** (Brookhill), **Matthew Struble** (Whitehouse), **Kip Picarella** (Brookhill), **Heath Dickey** (Brookhill), **Micha Clark** (Grace), **Jim Gossett** (Henderson)

Wide Receiver

- **Clint Copeland** - 5'10 170lb Junior Arp- Big time player in a big time program. He made acrobatic catches all year long and blocked very well. 1st team All District, All East TX • **Logan Newton** - 5'9 168lb Sophomore Whitehouse- This All District speedster is only going to get better. • **Roy Denbow** - 5'10 155lb Sophomore Canton- All District, All East TX youngster was a mainstay on one of the most prolific passing offenses in the state. • **Trent Termin**- 6' 183lb Sophomore Canton- Tough complete receiver that is going to make an impact in the years to come

Linebacker

- **Seth Cashion**- 6'1 200lb Senior Whitehouse- Seth's leadership has helped turn Whitehouse into a football giant in east Texas. Whitehouse has made the playoffs three straight years with this kid in a big time role. All East TX Wide receiver, All State Linebacker, short yardage back (15 career rushing TD's), he has done it all for the Wildcats. • **Blake Roberts**- 6'3 200 Junior Robert E Lee- 4.5- 40 yard dash. 10 Ft broad jump. Blake Roberts play was as explosive as his test numbers. This athlete had a monster year for an awesome Red Raider defense. • **Ross Nichols**- 6'1 200lb Senior Brookhill- Ross earned All State, All East TX by leading a defense that gave up an average of 5 points a game in district play. Enough said.

Defensive Lineman

- **Kadarrian Reeder**- 5'11 258lb Senior Chapel Hill- District Defensive MVP in arguably the toughest district in the state. All East TX • **Austin Pile**- 6'2 226lb Senior Brookhill- Austin gained 20 lbs this summer and dropped his 40 by .4. his play showed it. He helped anchor a defense that allowed 5 points a game in district play. 1st team All District, All East TX • **Richard Price**- 5'8 185lb Sophomore Grace- Richie road his bike to APEC everyday this summer and is one of the hardest working athletes with have ever worked with. He is very disruptive on the defensive line and you cant block someone with that much heart. • **Ketrich Harmon**- 6'3 246lb Senior Frankston- Ketrich is a beast that is versatile enough to play in the backfield. He will play at the next level as an end or h back.

Defensive Backs

- **Dekarrian Cooper**- 5'8 160lb Senior Chapel Hill- Started at Quarterback and corner for the Bulldogs. Cooper makes up for his size with a unique blend of speed, power, and leadership. The intangibles for this kid are off the charts. 1st Team All District, All East TX • **Tyler Baker**- 5'10 171lb Sophomore - Brookhill - 6 interceptions, 2 defensive touchdowns. Tyler battled both ways for the guard and earned district MVP; 1st Team All State, All East TX. After playing injured the last half of the season the best is yet to come from this young man. • **Andrew Tucker**- 6' 181lb Freshman Chapel Hill- Freshman starter for the bulldogs also got some carries to spell his older brother. Something tells me we will see more from Andrew next year.



Tyler Baker #2 making a leap for an interception

Defensive Utility Backs

- **Logan Taylor**- 6' 185lb Junior Whitehouse LB/DB- Logan was a bright spot on the Wildcat defense. He switched from Safety to linebacker in the middle of the season without missing a beat. 1st team All District, All East TX • **Bryan Blackwell**- 6'2 208lb Senior Frankston LB/DB - Bryan showed his versatility by playing Quarterback, Corner, Safety, and Linebacker. With his size and athleticism he could have played any position on the field. 1st Team All District, All East TX



Chance Wallace doing plyometric work at Speed Camp

Kicker:

K/P Will Allen Arp All State, All East TX

**\*Ferocious Heart Award- Given to the hardest working and most dedicated athlete Skylar Talley-** (5'10 194 Sr., Robert E Lee) - **Skylar Talley** has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches by demonstrating relentless work ethic and character on and off the field. Skylar has gained 63lbs in a little over two calendar years and steadily improved his speed. His bench press has gone up over 100lbs and his power clean has improved by over 100lbs. He has notched 278 workouts (and counting) at APEC since December 2006. He played a big role on a punishing Robert E Lee defense and earned team captain. We are also proud of the fact that Skylar is top 2 percent in his class and scored a 2030 on his SAT. Congratulations on being an inspiration to all of us. Talley is a pure example of dedication and leadership.

The Question is: Are You Here?

Check out the 2007 All APEC team and see two athletes that made starts in the Big 12 as Freshman. Next years team is already in the making.. Training starts now for football. Who will be the next to earn a scholarship? Will you except the challenge and take your game to the next level? APEC has proven itself. It is no longer a question if Accelerate works. The question is: Are you here? Off-season, Preseason, or In season Accelerate can unlock your potential through every phase. Enroll today!