

It's a different kind of job, another way of life

This is a different kind of job, working at a newspaper.

Most folks go to work, Monday through Friday, home in the evenings and off on the weekends.

Not in this business.

It's Monday through Friday (at a weekly that is ... a daily is a different kettle of fish) with an occasional evening or Saturday (or Saturday evening) thrown in. And there's just not a lot of folks that make their living by writing. The very phrase "making a living by writing" should be considered an oxymoron, in my opinion, because I'm beginning to believe that the only ones making a living are guys like Tom Clancy, Stephen King, John Grisham, W.E.B. Griffin and the like.

The rest of us make just enough to get by ... most weeks.

There are perks, though. Much of your work product comes from

inside of your head. Granted, much of that work product is because of our young athletes and their games. That's another difference in this job. Not many people have the job duty of watching a football, basketball or basketball listed in their job description.

So, I can't complain too much. It just wouldn't be fair.

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For example, the Bears playoff football game in the new Corsicana stadium. Now that was fun.

I know that Brownsboro fans had a good time, too. It's a nice stadium. It has a big league feel to it. And it was a fairly easy trip to make. Granted, the outcome wasn't what we wanted, but it was still an enjoyable evening of high school football.

It was really fun on the sidelines.

And that's another privilege of

the job. You not only get a good view of the game (most of the time ... sometimes you can't see

because all the athletes are way taller than you are), but you get to see how everyone reacts to the ups and downs of a game. When Austin Adair finished off that long scoring play in that playoff game by diving over the goal line, the entire sideline got really pumped. That's a cool thing to be around.

And, hey, I got a great picture out of the deal, too.



Cook

I'm not sure sometimes about being on a baseball or softball diamond. The possibility of a line drive off the noggin seems to cross my mind from time to time.

Hey, I could get clobbered on the sideline when a running back goes out of bounds at the end of a sweep, but you usually can see that coming. In baseball or softball, glance away for just a second and you might just find yourself stretched out on the ground with a knot raising up on your head courtesy of a Brad McDonald or Chelsea Holcomb foul ball.

So far, I've seen the football play coming my way in time to do a little "running backwards" move while taking photos and not gotten hit. I've had to skip out of the way of some rocket line drives and that's much harder.

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Sometimes, covering sports

feels like it must be similar to being a teacher in a school district ... at least as far as the schedule goes.

Think about it. A lot of teachers not only have the Monday through Friday schedule, but have some night and Saturday work in association with student clubs or as activity sponsors. That's a bit "over and beyond" a regular day.

And, as a sports guy, I find myself noting when the school year ends ... which quickly brings along with it, the end of school sports, shortly thereafter, depending on playoff situations.

So I find myself, at the first of the summer, like many of the teachers ... with nothing much going on. I guess the only difference between my summer and the summer of many teachers is that I have to show up at the office.

But the paycheck still shows up. Thanks, boss.

JR. HIGH 'A' TEAMS

Jan. 21, 2010

8th A 48, Palestine 38

The eighth grade "A" team ran its record to 4-6 with a win over the Palestine Wildcats.

After being down at half-time, the Bears outscored the Wildcats by 12 in the second half to notch the 10-point win, 48-38.

Tyler Thomison led the Bears with 15 points, Deandre Cook had 12 points and Swade Houston had eight points.

Jared Bragdon had five points, Quinton McKenzie had four points and Ryan Covington and Mitchell Penny had two points each.

Jan. 21, 2010

7th A 41, Palestine 31

A 10-point win over the Palestine Wildcats by the seventh grade "A" team Bears moved their record to 9-1, 6-0 in district play.

Chris Givins led the way with 14 points for the Bears. Landon Mason added six points in the win.

Steven Thompson had five points, while Cody Renfro, Clay McCoy and Ryan Wellman had four points each. Logan Compton added a bucket for the Bears.

Jan. 11, 2010

Fairfield 49, 8th A 12

The Brownsboro offense was cold throughout its contest against the Fairfield Eagles, scoring a single basket in each of the first three quarters, as the Bears fell by 37 points, 49-12.

Deandre Cook had four points and Swade Houston had three points. Jared Bragdon and Jake Boyd scored two points each. Quinton McKenzie added a free throw.

Fairfield was undefeated for the season coming into this game.

Jan. 11, 2010

7th A 25, Fairfield 24

The Bears held off a furious, fourth quarter comeback by the Fairfield Eagles to post a one-point win in district play.

Up 19-8 after three periods of play, the Bears were outscored 16-6 in the final period.

Will Bailey hit his only bucket of the game, the game-winner, with 1.6 seconds left in the game after a timeout.

Chris Givins and Landon Mason scored eight points each to lead the Bears. Clay McCoy had three points and Samuel Odom and Landon Compton joined Bailey in scoring two points each.

Dec. 14, 2009

Athens 49, 8th A 29

After matching the Athens Hornets in the first quarter, the Bears saw their opponents steadily pull away the rest of the game, as Athens posted a 20-point win.

Swade Houston led the Bears with seven points, while Jared Bragdon, Ryan Covington and Quinton McKenzie each scored four points.

Deandre Cook and Tanner Wilson scored three points each and Mitchell Penny added two.

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Settle said. "It's balanced and it's competitive."

As for the scheduling, the AD said it will get handled.

"But, we'll get it worked out," Settle said. "We have to play somebody."

With a five-team district, the schools in the new District 17-3A will have only four district contests for football in the 2010 season.

"Two wins and you're in (the playoffs)," Settle noted. In Texas, three teams

from each district advance to the playoffs.

But a five-team district with four district contests means Settle will have to schedule six games before district play commences in order to fill out a normal, 10-game schedule. In a six-team district, non-district games usually number five, while an eight-team district (seven district games) sees only three scheduled games not in district play.

At the moment, Settle said he is in talks with the Van Alstyne Panthers for a Week 6 game to fill out his pre-district schedule. Van Alstyne went 10-1 last year, but notched its only loss in the first round of the playoffs.

Formal contracts to finalize games on a team's schedule can't be completed until Feb. 19 or later, according to information on the Texas UIL Web site.

Dec. 14, 2009

7th A 43, Athens 26

The Bears exploded offensively in the first quarter, outscoring the Athens Hornets 20-2 on their way to a 17-point victory.

Landon Mason led the way with 11 points and Chris Givins added nine. Landon Compton and Trey Volentine had six points each.

Will Bailey had four points, Samuel Odom added three, and Steven Thompson and Ryan Wellman had two points each.

Dec. 12, 2009

Van 'A' Tournament Consolation game

Mineola 36, 8th A 35

The Bears led by five points going into the fourth quarter, but were unable to hold onto the lead as Mineola nipped them at the wire, 36-35.

Ryan Covington led the way with 11 points for the Bears, while Deandre Cook had 10 points.

Jared Bragdon had seven points. Swade Houston had three points, while Quinton McKenzie and Tyler Thomison had two points each.

Dec. 12, 2009

Van 'A' Tournament Consolation game

7th A 46, Mineola 22

A 22-point half-time lead put the Bears in the driver's seat of the Van tournament consolation game and a 46-22 win over Mineola.

Landon Mason led the way with 10 points while Steven Thompson had eight points.

Chris Givins and Will Bailey scored six points each and Toby Scurlock and Matt Welmon scored each had four points. Trent Volentine, Johnathan Harris, Clay McCoy and Landon Compton each added two points.

Dec. 12th, 2009

Van 'A' Tournament Van 59, 8th A 48

Brownsboro was down by nine points at half-time, a deficit it was unable to overcome in a 59-48 loss to the Van Vandals.

Swade Hosuton had 12 points to lead the Bears while Deandre Cook and Tyler Thompson scored eight points each. Ryan Covington had seven points.

Quinton McKenzie had five points, Jared Bragdon had three points and Jake Boyd and Mitchell Penny each had two points. Tanner Wilson added a point.

Dec. 12th, 2009

Van 'A' Tournament Van 39, 7th A 28

The seventh grade "A" Bears posted their only loss of the season to date in this game, falling by 11 to the host Van Vandals.

Brownsboro was led by Landon Mason with eight points, while Will Bailey and Tent Volentine had seven points each.

Chris Givins had four points and Steven Thompson had two points.

JR. HIGH 'B' TEAMS

Jan. 23, 2010

Van 'B' Tournament Championship Game

7th B 39, Van 25

The Bears outscored the Van Vandals in every quarter of the seventh grade championship game of the host's "B" tournament, taking the title with a 39-25 win.

Toby Scurlock led all Bears with 17 points and Isaac Riddle had 10 points.

Colby Scott had seven points and Ernest Egleberger and Chase Evilsizer had two points each. Jerry Don Satterfield had one point.

Jan. 23, 2010

Van 'B' Tournament Championship Game

8th B 34, Van 23

The 8th grade "B" team Bears took home a tournament title with a 34-23 win over tourney host Van Vandals.

The Bears posted a seven-point half-time lead and expanded it to 10 points after three periods of play.

The scoring was spread out among the Bears. Dusty Osborn and Dylan Hall had six points each to lead the way.

Tavarius Jackson and Deon Parker scored four points each. Ricky Davis, Kaleb Mandeville, Landon Compton, Tannery Essery, and George Black each scored two points.

Jan. 23, 2010

Van 'B' Tournament

8th B 40, Mineola 23

The Bears used an 11-2 third quarter to propel their team to a 40-23 win over Mineola.

Dusty Osborn led the way with 10 points. Tanner Essery had seven points, Deon Parker had six, and Kaleb Mandeville had five points.

Brendon Woods, Matt Smiley, Logan Compton, Dylan Hall, Matthew Toole, and Tavarius Jackson each had two points.

Jan. 23, 2010

Van 'B' Tournament

7th B 42, Mineola 14

The Bears were up by 17 at half-time, then by 21 after three periods of play, before coasting to a 42-14 win over Mineola.

Toby Scurlock had 13 points while Chase Evilsizer had eight points and Isaac Riddle had six.

Braylon Whereman and Coby Scott had four points each. Cody Cade, Jerry Don Satterfield, Ernest Eglebiger and Johnny Clakley had two points each.

Jan. 21, 2010

8th B 41, Palestine 33

Tied after three periods of play, the 8th "B" Bears team outscored the Palestine Wildcats 14-6 in the final period to take an eight-point

win.

Dean Parker had 16 points to lead the way. Dusty Osborn had seven points in the win.

Luke McLemore, Tavarius Jackson, and Brendon Woods each had four points. Kaleb Mandeville had three points, Tanner Essery had two, and Matt Smiley had one point.

Jan. 21, 2010

7th B 42, Palestine 34

Brownsboro built up an eight-point lead by half-time, then held on to it throughout the second half in posting a 42-34 win.

Isaac Riddle led the way with 14 points and Toby Scurlock added 11. Ernest Eglebiger had five points.

Romero Brown and Colby Scott each had four points. Jerry Don Satterfield and Deandre Taylor both scored two points.

Jan. 14, 2010

Fairfield 38, 8th B 21

A 19-9 third quarter in favor of their opponents was too much to overcome for the Bears, who fell by 17 points to the Fairfield Eagles.

Tavarius Jackson had eight points while Ricky Davis and Dylan Hall had four points each. Luke McLemore and George Black each scored two points and Kaleb Mandeville had one point.

Jan. 14, 2010

7th B 35, Fairfield 3

The Bears defense allowed three points in the third quarter, the only points the team allowed in the game en route to a 32-point win.

Isaac Riddle had 11 points to lead the bears and Cameron Milligan had six points. Romero Brown had five points.

Colby Scott had four points, Cody Cade had three points, and Toby Scurlock and Braylon and Whereman had two points each.

Jan. 9, 2010

Grace 42, 8th B 11

Brownsboro scored all 11 of its points by the end of the third quarter, before being shut out in the final period of a 42-11 loss to Grace Community.

Dusty Osborn had six points for the Bears. Deon Parker had three points. Dylan Hall had two points.

Jan. 9, 2010

7th B 24, Grace 23

The Bears were down by four after three periods, but ran off an 11-6 fourth quarter to nip Grace Community, 24-23.

Toby Scurlock had 10 points, while Jerry Don Satterfield and Romero Brown each had four points.

Cameron Milligan, Colby Scott and Isaac Riddle each had two points.

Public Bid Notice

Brownsboro Independent School District will be accepting sealed bids on the following items:

7 - Cassette Tape Recorders
7 - Overhead Projectors
3 - Commercial deep Fryers
1 - Golf Cart
2 - Drill Presses
1 - Reel Mower
1 - Metal Lathe
1 - 4000' Cable Spool
2 - Gym Scoreboards
60-70 Stainless multi-fold



paper towel dispensers
44 3/4" x 2' long Turn buckles
Student Desks
Lockers
40+ computer/cases
80+ monitors
10+ printers
30+ keyboards
50+ speakers



Bids will be accepted until 12:00 Noon, February 15, 2010 and can be submitted for items listed. The opening of bids will be a 2:00 pm on February 15, 2010 at the Administration Building.

Items will be sold as is.

For information or to schedule a time and date to inspect equipment listed contact Kevin McCarthy, Director of Operations at Brownsboro ISD, 903-852-7121 or email: mccarthyk@brownsboro.k12.tx.us

Brownsboro ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.